

THE WEATHER STATE FORECAST FOR FEBRUARY 17, 1906. San Francisco and vicinity - Showers. Saturday, fresh south wind. A. G. MCADIE, District Forecaster.



ALHAMBRA - "The Black and White." CALIFORNIA - "Bohemian Burlesques." CENTRAL - "Monte Cristo." CHUTES - Vaudeville. COLUMBIA - "The County Chairman." GRAND - West's Minstrels. MAJESTIC - "Sweet Nell of Old Drury." ORPHEUM - Vaudeville. TWOLV - "The Geisha." Matinee at all theaters.

DR. FRYER LEARNS THAT CHINA IS MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR WAR

Dr. Fryer of the University of California has learned from a Chinese newspaper that the Peking Government has placed a large order for small arms and cannon in Germany. He takes this as conclusive evidence that the empire is preparing for possible conflict.

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SAYS EMPIRE IS IN GREAT UNREST
Boycott but a Phase of Anti-Foreign Feeling.
EMPRESS LIKELY TO TRIM SAILS
Self-Advantage Her Guide, Declares Scholar.



DISTINGUISHED ORIENTAL SCHOLAR WHO SAYS THAT CHINA IS MAKING EXPENSIVE PREPARATIONS FOR WAR WITH FOREIGN POWERS, ORDERING VAST QUANTITY OF ARMS FROM GERMAN MANUFACTURERS.

BERKELEY, Feb. 16.—Professor John Fryer, head of the department of Oriental languages of the State University, this morning announced that in perusing a copy of a Chinese newspaper which had just come to him he learned startling news of the preparations the empire is making for the conflict believed to be impending. He informed the university students that this paper states that the Chinese Government has ordered a million small arms and 100 cannon from manufacturers in Germany in preparation for the threatened war with foreign powers. Professor Fryer spent twenty years in China. He is intimately acquainted with Chinese officials of high rank and himself holds the rank of mandarin of the third class, conferred by the Chinese Government. He has been decorated with the Order of the Dragon, the highest honor for a foreigner from the Chinese Government. The present trouble in China, according to Professor Fryer, is undoubtedly the most serious that the nations have had to deal with since relations with the Chinese kingdom were established. Discussing the conditions and the prospects of war in the Orient, Professor Fryer says: "The present unrest in China is to be regarded as the cumulative wrath of the Chinese against all Western powers. The uprising that is threatened is not a local matter to be put down by a handful of marines and a cruiser or two. It is an expression of Chinese national feeling, an assertion of Chinese regard for the nation's dignity, affronted as it has been many times by the powers during the last decade. The boycott may be regarded as but incidental to the larger movement of general antipathy against all foreigners. The boycott has supplied a spark to kindle the general rage against the foreigners." When asked his opinion of the stand the Empress Dowager of China may be expected to take at this crisis, Professor Fryer said: "The Empress Dowager is a very clever woman, smart enough to trim her sails to every wind. If she believes that a war with foreign powers would endanger her status as Empress she would of course oppose any war. If, on the other hand, by supporting, secretly, a revolutionary movement among her own people she might strengthen her dynasty that would be her natural course. I do not think, however, that under any circumstances will she be able to act effectively against armed invasion, even if she desired to do so. "Minister Conger is said to have expressed the belief that the Manchus are playing a part in the present complications, and that this, rather than aversion to foreigners, is at the root of the trouble. I do not think that dynastic complications are to be regarded as so potent. The Manchus are, in a way, a dynasty of ruling conquerors. The two parties in China oppose this dynasty. One such party would sweep away the Manchus, who have ruled China for 250 years. A second party seeks reform by the reorganization of a government on modern lines and is willing to secure such reform through the Manchus or any other Chinese form of royalty. Tuan Shi Kai, Viceroy of Chihli province, the power behind the throne and the commander of the best army in China, is really the master of the situation and he is perhaps the one man who can stem the tide of the revolution that seems to be coming. His attitude will have much to do with determining the trend that events will take in China."

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NO ALARM IN ENGLAND.
Little Attention Being Paid to the Situation in China.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—No news has reached the missionary societies in London of the reported disturbance at Nanking, and therefore it is considered that nothing serious could have occurred. There are some American students at Nanking. Since the mission opened there thirty years ago there never has been any trouble. The London newspapers do not pay much attention to the Chinese question. The Morning Post believes the advice and influence of Japan upon China will suffice to prevent any serious outbreak, and that in any case Japan's army in

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KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 16.—Jerome K. Jerome, who is here, made some comparisons to-day. "It seems to me," he said, "that the American people have been surfeited with humor. So many brilliant men have written and joked for so long that they have become jaded. I thought at first that the American sense of humor was radically less subtle than ours in England. But now I know better. It is simply overfed. Mark Twain is, I believe, the only living humorist of the old American school, and he is fast becoming a growing old. But the subtle touch that England likes still, and America liked once, is still his. You laugh with him now, I think, more from a sense of duty than a sense of the ridiculous. You have grown tired and need coarser fare to stimulate your appetite. And I've discovered the cause of it, too. It is the comic supplement of the Sunday papers. The Sunday comic is appalling, isn't it—the effort to reduce humor to the terms of the meanest intelligence. Is that one result of democracy, I wonder? "Do you know, this country has disappointed me in one way. I expected something different. I'm radical in politics. Had I been in England instead of America during the last British campaign I should have been in Parliament. And I thought when I came here that you had gone ahead of us in some things. We are dominated by the aristocracy and you are ruled by the capitalists. Instead of the people owning the wealth of the country it is all held by a few men. One man owns all the oil. Another one man makes all the railway rates. Some other man owns some other thing that is in-

MAYOR'S WIFE NURSES DYING NEGRO CHILD

Tom Johnson Opens His Home to Little Sufferer.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 16.—The body of James, the 12-year-old son of James and Marian Tyler, negro servants employed by Mayor Tom L. Johnson, lies surrounded by palms and flowers in the music room of the Mayor's magnificent Euclid-avenue house. The child died yesterday and funeral services were held in the Johnson mansion this afternoon. The Tylers lived in a house in the rear of the Mayor's home. When the child became seriously ill Mrs. Johnson brought him to her house, where she gave him her personal attention. All of the ministrations which a woman can give a patient, all the cravings which a child can have and money can satisfy were his. The whole family attended the funeral services. "Gibson Girl" to Marry a Lord. LONDON, Feb. 16.—Lord de Clifford will be married on February 19 at St. Margaret's Church to Eva Carrington, who is now playing a small part in "Blue Bell in Fairyland" at the Aldwych Theater, this city. She is 21 years old and formerly was one of the "Gibson girls" in "The Catch of the Season." The engagement has been kept a profound secret.

CUSTODIAN OF LIBRARY IS THRIFTY

Federal Official Is Drawing Pay as Architect.

Receives Large Fees for Services Rendered Outsiders.

House Committee "Rounding Up" Derelict Employees of Government.

Special Dispatch to The Call. WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—In its preparation of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, the House Committee on Appropriations is making a close canvass of the necessity for practically every item asked for by the various departments of the Government. In this connection an estimate made by the Library of Congress for \$50,000 to erect a separate building in the court of the Library for the storage of newspapers has caused some interest. The librarian has explained that the rapid advancement in the making of books and newspapers is filling the mammoth buildings very rapidly. The committee, under the lead of Chairman Tawney, endeavored to ascertain from Leonard R. Green, its custodian, the necessity for what was characterized as the "large expenditure for the care of the library." To ascertain just how much time Green gives to the work at the library Tawney asked the direct question. "I cannot answer this except to say that I am employed at the time," answered Green. In answer to further questions Green admitted that, in addition, he got \$3000 a year as the architect employed in the construction of the National Museum building, and that sometimes he did work for outside parties, "when his friends wanted him to help them." Just now he was engaged in that capacity with regard to the construction of an addition to the Raleigh Hotel in this city. "Did you not also superintend the construction of the New Willard Hotel?" asked Tawney. "I did look after it for the owners. They are friends of mine. I have not time to do business that sort regularly to make a business of it, but—" "Are you employed as superintendent of construction for the State Capitol at Harrisburg, Pa.?" interjected Tawney. "No, sir. I simply acted as general adviser to the committee for which they are ordered and apply appropriations for purposes other than those for which they were made, that there had been a considerable number of such instances. "People come to me once in a while to ask a question professionally," he added. That there is a constant tendency on the part of the Government departments to divert appropriations made by Congress for one purpose to some other end was testified to before the committee by Comptroller Tracewell of the Treasury Department. Tracewell said, in answer to questions by Chairman Tawney as to whether or not the officers in the departments were disposed to divert the appropriations to purposes for which they are ordered and apply appropriations for purposes other than those for which they were made, that there had been a considerable number of such instances.

MISS ALICE ROOSEVELT TO BE MARRIED TO-DAY

BRIDAL PARTY'S REHEARSAL AT WHITE HOUSE



EJECTED FROM DINING-ROOM OF WALDORF

Men Thrown Out Because Not in Full Dress Will Sue.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Because they were not in evening clothing, De Courcy Forbes and Frederick O. Beach, both well known socially in this city, were requested to leave the palm room in the Waldorf-Astoria. They protested against the action of the management and went away. It was learned to-night that they intend to bring suit against the proprietor of the hotel and have already consulted counsel. Forbes and Beach had intended to go to the theater and stopped at about 6 o'clock in the evening at the Waldorf-Astoria. Their attire was such as is suitable for afternoon wear. Both had been accustomed to going to the hotel ever since it was built and were among its regular patrons. No sooner had they entered the palm room, which is in the Waldorf part of the building, than they were accosted by the head waiter, who informed them that, in accordance with a new rule, they could not dine there, as they were not in evening dress. Forbes and Beach then left the place, saying that they would not again visit it.

Longworth's Mother Sends Handsome Presents.

Nearly a Thousand Persons Asked to Wedding. Precautions Taken to Avert Crush at Gates.

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ROCKEFELLER NOW SAID TO BE IN NAPLES

Correspondent Reports the Billionaire's Arrival.

ROME, Feb. 16.—William Rockefeller, who left Rome on Tuesday of this week for Naples, is expected to return to Rome Saturday evening. A correspondent at Naples asserts that John D. Rockefeller arrived at that place on Thursday on board the Hamburg-American line steamship Deutschland. The report has not been verified. No Federal Aid for Alaskan Roads. WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The Senate Committee on Territories to-day authorized a favorable report upon the bill to aid the construction of Alaskan railroads, but amended it by striking out the provision for a bond issue secured by the United States Government. As the bill now stands no direct financial assistance is to be given by the Government to the project. Jarvis to Govern Alaska. WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The President has offered the Governorship of Alaska to D. H. Jarvis, formerly of the revenue cutter service, but now engaged in business in Alaska.

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