

THE WAR CLOUDS THICKEN.

THE STORM MAY BURST BEFORE THE SUMMER FASSES.

Many Signs Which Indicate an Armed Conflict - England Abandons Her Policy of Retrenchment to be Prepared for the Struggle.

LONDON, Jan. 31.-Ever since the recent speech of M. Tlaza the European war clouds have been thickening, in spite of the peaceful assurances of Russia and the apparent apathy of Germany.

Already the uncertain state of continental affairs has had great effect upon the fiscal policy of the English government.

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A private inquiry is being pushed by a section of the Irish cabinet force at Woodstock with the object of ferreting out a conspiracy against one Patrick O'Brien, to compel him to refrain from occupying a farm near the residence of the Earl of Salisbury.

Addresses were made by the Duke of Abercorn and other unionists at a meeting in Dublin this evening.

Charles Herbert James is about to resign his seat in parliament, which he has held since 1876.

Mr. D. Sullivan will be released from Tullamore jail to-morrow. His wife and children and a number of friends will accompany the prisoner.

The death sentences of seven Russians, convicted of the murder of the Emperor, have been commuted to life imprisonment.

At a public meeting at London this evening the opinions of the members of parliament were listened and heated, and the meeting broke up in disorder.

The committee of the House of Commons, appointed to inquire into the charges against the late Lord Salisbury, have reported that the late Lord Salisbury was guilty of the charges.

The Russian contractors on the frontier have been ordered to report what quantities of arms and munitions they can supply in an emergency.

St. Louis has an infirmity, and is returning to Bucharest, and will support efforts to preserve peace.

The Albanian Arrest. Paris, Jan. 31.-The papers profess to say that the action in the French consulate is without political significance.

The Albanian Divorce Case. A Victory for the Woman, But the Alimony Reduced.

San Francisco, Jan. 31.-The supreme court today in its decision in the celebrated Sharon divorce case, in which the lower court granted to Sarah Alina Sharon a divorce from the late United States Senator William Sharon and allowed alimony and a large amount of money as counsel fees.

MAKING IT HOT FOR HARBURY. Ex-Letter Carriers of Philadelphia Want a Senatorial Investigation.

Philadelphia, Jan. 31.-Forty-three ex-letter carriers met this evening and resolved to petition the United States senate to appoint a special committee to investigate the violation of the civil service laws in the case of the letter carriers of Philadelphia.

Three Men Killed. Urbana, Ohio, Jan. 31.-The limited express on the Hamilton ran into an open cut this afternoon, and collided with a switch-engine.

The Female Banker Arrested. Middlebury, Pa., Jan. 31.-Mrs. Kendrick, who duped a number of female friends with her banking scheme, was arrested yesterday and gave bail for a hearing.

McAFFEY DONE UP.

His Fight With Dempsey at Jersey City Last Night.

New York, Jan. 31.-Fully 3,000 spectators, amounting to the largest crowd ever witnessed in the arena, witnessed the fight between Jack Dempsey and Dominic McCaffrey, of Philadelphia.

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RICHMOND'S PRISON FIRE.

THE WORKSHOPS OF THE PENITENTIARY BURNED.

A Loss of \$32,000 to the State and \$175,000 to the Contractor-The Military Called Out to Prevent any Attempts to Escape by the Prisoners.

[Special to the REPUBLICAN.] RICHMOND, Jan. 31.-All Richmond was aroused at 5 o'clock this morning by an alarm of fire turned in from the penitentiary, which is almost in the center of the city since the recent growth towards what is called the West End.

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THE KENTUCKY VENDETTA.

A Bloody Family War Which May Break Out Soon Again.

CHARLESTON, W. VA., Jan. 31.-Col. W. L. McCreary, of Boone county, who has been reported to Logan county a week ago, is reported to report upon the now famous Hatfield-McCreary vendetta.

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MAKING SOCIETY CALLS.

Good Attendance at the Receptions, Teas, and Luncheons.

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A "DEMOCRATIZED" SERVICE.

THE SENATE DISCUSSES INFIDEL MAIL FACILITIES.

Complaints From the West and Southwest-The Logan and Blair Pension Bills Placed on the House Calendar-Public Buildings to Have Their Day.

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FRANCIS TILLOU NICHOLES.

The Louisiana Democratic gubernatorial Candidate.

The nomination, without opposition, of Francis Tilou Nichols as governor of Louisiana, is regarded as a triumph in the cause of good government.

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REVISION OF THE WORK.

WHICH FALLS TO THE BOARD OF DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS.

Lessening the Labor of Mayor Raymond-Changes in the Interest of Citizens-The New Post Beneficial to the People.

There was an air of business about the District building yesterday, and every one seems to be occupied. There was also an impression prevailing that a very important matter was to be considered by the commission and after diligent inquiry it was learned that they would at the board meeting discuss and act upon the proposition of a revision of the various departments of the District government.

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