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London, Dec. 29.—Miserable rain, fog and dirt made Christmas week of evil memory for England. Depressing gloom, in thorough harmony with the weather, settled over the country. The streets were strewn with wrecks, commerce was out of joint and the public was bitterly digesting the criticism of the British army.

The demand for Major General Sir Henry E. Colville's resignation, thrown as a sop, only served to whet the ravenous appetites of those who are howling for the responsibility of the reverses in South Africa being brought home to individuals. More heads are demanded. Where so many must be blameable it is felt that the selection of General Colville is woefully inadequate if not unfair. Indeed, it is already said that had not the yeomanry force at Lindley, which Colville failed to relieve, included some of the nobility and other influential persons, Colville would never have been recalled. The bitterness felt by these yeomanry at being compelled to surrender because, as they allege, Colville refused to render the aid within his power, has never died out, and it will probably result in one of the most interesting court martial in the annals of the British army, upon the result of which will depend the fate of several other high officers who have proved unequal to the occasion.

OBJECT TO MAORI SOLDIERS.

The liberal papers comment severely on the alleged parades of the war office of a contingent of Maoris from New Zealand. The Star says:

"The effect of this stupid blunder on the Dutch will be terrible. After declining to employ Indian troops, we are taking a paltry hundred Maoris. This will not only infuriate the Dutch, but it will insult the Indian people, who will regard it as a declaration of their inferiority to an inferior colored race. Go on, government of mediocrity."

SIGNS OF SENSE.

However, there are signs of the dawn of that common sense, the lack of which the English critics so deplore in the military system, for the cavalry now going out to South Africa is discarding the lance and carbine and substituting for these weapons rifles and sabres. After over a year's fighting the authorities have woken up to the utter uselessness of lances and carbines, considering that thousands of British soldiers have never seen a Boer during the many engagements.

BRITISH NAVY INCREASING.

While Great Britain is tied hand and foot to South Africa, the navy, which is not escaping the wave of criticism, is quietly increasing its strength and morale. For months both men and ships have been kept in an unusual state of readiness and there are now building in the yards no fewer than eleven battleships, nineteen cruisers, and fourteen smaller vessels, totaling nearly 400,000 tons. These exclude vessels which have been tried but are unfinished.

REMOVAL OF SOCIAL BARRIERS.

The gradual removal of the social barriers which formerly restricted English political and educational life, was never better instanced than by the appointment this week of Mr. Joseph Owen to a fellowship at Oxford. Six years ago Mr. Owen lectured at the University of London, where he was a member of the staff of the university extension lectures and so much ability did he show that the lecturers got up a fund and sent him to the great university, where, with his wife, he settled down in a humble cottage. He knew no Greek and little Latin. His first success came when he won the Brackenbury history scholarship, to the surprise of many learned, aristocratic competitors. Four years of determined, uphill work passed and the final examinations drew near. On a position in these depended Mr. Owen's whole future. A few weeks before the ordeal his young wife died suddenly. Mr. Owen's friends thought it impossible for him to accomplish anything, but the mill hand's grit stood the strain, and Mr. Owen gained the coveted first class with the degree. His appointment as extension lecturer upon his return to the university was a reward for his services. He had learned the lesson of his career came this week when Pembroke College elected Mr. Owen, out of all the Oxonians, to the lucrative and honored post of fellowship.

PICTURE OF WASHINGTON.

There are few original pictures of Gen. Washington in England, hence the discovery of one of miniature size is interesting. It is by Samuel Folwell, and is dated 1791. Another by the same artist is now in the possession of the historical society of Philadelphia, dated 1786. The new find is supposed to be an excellent likeness. It represents Washington wearing a pig tail.

GLASGOW'S DRUNKARDS.

Glasgow, which the Christmas and New Year season has made notorious for the drunkenness exhibited in its streets by its residents, Good descriptions of the thieves were obtained, and the police have now in custody three men believed to be prominent eastern crooks. They are Eugene Changino and Fred Ranquet of New York city, and Chas. Lowell of Washington, D. C. Changino and Lowell have confessed to one of the recent burglaries.

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CONFIGURATION
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New Arrangement of the Greatest
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FINE HAND OF GERMANY.

Offensive and Defensive Alliance on Behalf of Turkey-Russo-Austrian Compact Weakened.

New York, Dec. 29.—A special to the Herald from Vienna says:

Reports which have arrived here from Bucharest give an account of a new configuration of the Balkans of the greatest political interest, which, if it should turn out to be true, will throw a curious light on the relations of Germany and Austria to Russia.

It is stated in the Bucharest press that, at the suggestion of Count von Buelow, an offensive and defensive alliance has been made between Turkey and Rumania, which was directed against any power which would try to disturb the peace in the Balkans.

This is perhaps only designed to distract Russia's attention to a certain degree from the Chinese problem.

With a view to paralyzing this alliance an entente has been arrived at between Servia and Bulgaria, under the patronage of Russia.

In well informed circles in Vienna the news was at first registered, without comment, but the fact that the information has been circulated allows of the conclusion being drawn that the convention between Russia and Austria regarding the Balkans is no longer as solid as it formerly was.

SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATION.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 29.—The American Shipmasters' association has been organized here, its object being to work for the enactment of such legislation as may be needed to protect the master of a vessel in the discharge of his duties. One hundred licensed shipmasters have signed the roll. Branches will be established at San Pedro, Seattle and New York.

COLORADO WANTS EDUCATIONAL CHANGE.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 29.—The Colorado State Teachers association, which has been in session here for several days, adopted resolutions requesting the Colorado representatives in Congress to employ their best endeavors to urge Congress to reorganize the bureau of education upon broader lines, erecting it into an independent department on a plane with the bureau of labor, and provide for proper compensation for the commissioner of education.

"NO LOOT!" CRIES CHAFFEE



Gen. Adna R. Chaffee, commanding the American forces in China, is successful after several attempts, in compelling Field Marshal Count von Waldersee, commander-in-chief of the allied armies, to check the looting of the imperial observatory and other governmental buildings at Peking. He is determined that the whites shall show themselves to be more civilized than their yellow enemies.

BUYING DANISH WEST INDIES.

London, Dec. 29.—"The American and Danish governments are engaged in direct negotiations for the sale of the Danish West Indies," says the Copenhagen correspondent of the Daily Mail, "and the Danish minister in Washington will shortly submit a proposal for the consideration of the American Senate."

Berlin, Dec. 28.—The Frankfurter Zeitung prints a letter from Copenhagen in which the writer says Germany intends buying the island of St. John for a coaling station if Denmark's negotiations with the United States should miscarry. The letter refers to the organization of a German syndicate for the purpose of acquiring land on the island of St. John.

A representative of the Associated Press showed a foreign office official the letter referred to. In reply the official said Germany had never even remotely thought of acquiring a West Indian island. He added that she recognizes the United States would have good ground for objections thereto, as Germany would have to negotiate with the United States for the purchase of the island of Bornholm. The official admitted that it may be true that German capitalists are trying to purchase land on the island of St. John, but he reiterated that the German government has absolutely nothing to do with the project. The foreign office regards the letter as intended to bring pressure to bear on the United States in hastening the purchase of the Danish Antilles.

NOT MARQUETTE'S STATUE.

Wisconsin Had the Wrong Picture to Make a Figure From.

New York, Dec. 29.—According to the Washington correspondent of the Herald the statue of Pere Marquette, in the statutory hall in the Capitol, about which there was almost a religious war

BETHLEHEM
BY
Margherita Arlin & Mann

How many feet
Have trod each street
And road of ancient Bethlehem!
The Akhad, Elamite, Chaldee,
The Babylonian, Mede, Parsee,
Assyria, Egypt, Greece and Rome,
Phoenicians from across the foam—
All nations hither came to meet
And armies paused in their retreat
Beneath the walls of Bethlehem.

Forgotten fires
Lit Moloch's pyres
Within the walls of Bethlehem.
Here ruled Bel-Merodach alone,
Osiris sat upon a throne;
The Moon-god rolled lascivious eyes,
Astarte's incense reached the skies;
Apaktar to Jehovah faced
The temples by fair vestals graced
Beside the walls of Bethlehem.

And countless dead
Have stained each red
With blood the soil of Bethlehem.
Mongolian and Turanian hordes,
Semitic kings, Hamitic lords,
From Indo-European hosts
And lambs from the India coast
With Negro warriors of might
Have fought by day and brawled by night
Around the walls of Bethlehem.

From lifeless clay
The Lord of Day
Brought bud and rose to Bethlehem;
And from the mould of millions slain,
From hero's heart and poet's brain,
From perished empire, hostile god,
From races sleeping 'neath the sod,
He brought at last when time was ripe
Humanity's sole archetype
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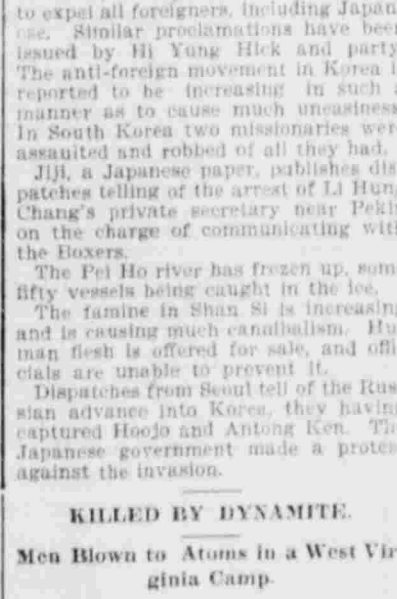
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FIVE POINTED INQUIRIES.

Heavenly Diplomats Do Not Want Uncertainty About What is Required of Them.

New York, Dec. 29.—A dispatch to the Herald from Peking:

A note was received last evening from the imperial court at Si Ngan Fu, acknowledging the receipt of the demands of the powers.

It further contained five questions, or requests, namely:

First—Might not the Taku forts remain standing, though dismantled?

Second—Is it proposed to behead princes same as other offenders?

Third—If the demands are accepted, would the allies cease sending out expeditions?

Fourth—What places do the allies propose to occupy?

Fifth—How long do they propose to occupy them?

Suit Against Whitecappers.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 28.—D. A. Jennings of Columbus, O., has filed suit in the United States court against about twenty citizens, men and women, of Washington county, Indiana, for \$200,000 damages. He claims they white-washed him on January 20, 1900, and persecuted him and his family until they were forced to leave the State. Jennings ran a newspaper at Salem, and he claims the people of the county are so intimidated that they control the social, religious and political institutions of that vicinity, and when they undertook to control the policy of his paper he opposed them.

SUCCESSOR TO PETTIGREW.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 29.—Congressman Robert J. Gamble, of Yankton, S. D., has been practically the unanimous choice of the Republican members of the legislature for the office of United States senator to succeed Senator Pettigrew, whose term expires March 4th. This is the result of the compromise now being effected by the Republicans of the State, including the leaders who for several weeks have been opposing the election of Mr. Gamble. The basis of the compromise is that Congressman Gamble shall be given the senatorship, while those leaders of the so-called machine who have been opposing him, are to dictate the federal appointments of South Dakota.

COL. MILLS IS UNDER FIRE.

Is Wireless Telegraphy System Said to be Superior to Marconi's.

New York, Dec. 29.—A special to the Herald from Washington says:

Nicola Tesla has been invited by Rear Admiral R. B. Bradford, chief of the bureau of equipment, to submit for trial a system of wireless telegraph which he has developed.

Mr. Tesla says that he will be able to provide the navy with a system which will be equal, if not superior, to that invented by Signor Marconi.

Before finally adopting any special system for the naval service, Rear Admiral Bradford proposes to make a thorough investigation of the various wireless telegraph systems in operation. No official proposition has been received recently from Signor Marconi, and the department is not inclined to accept his first proposal to furnish his apparatus to the American navy for \$20,000 cash and \$10,000 per year.

CALIFORNIA RUFFIANS.

They Brutally Maltreated Eight Chinese Laborers.

Riverside, Cal., Dec. 29.—At Casa Blanca, five miles south of here, an infuriated mob of fifteen laborers, composed of white men and Mexicans, violated the Chinese camp and commanded eight occupants of a tent to throw up their hands. The request was promptly obeyed, and immediately the frightened Celestials were placed in a farm wagon and hauled to the Santa Ana river bottom, several miles distant, where they were subjected to most brutal treatment. After they had succeeded in beating their helpless victims almost into insensibility, the ruffians turned on the Chinese and, with the exception of one, who was severely wounded, the origin of the trouble is due to the discharge from a packing house of several Mexican girls, and the substitution of Chinese help. George Dunham and Andrew and Adolph Selvas have been arrested.

POLICE BREAK UP TEMPERANCE TAVERN.

New York, Dec. 29.—Last night, the Tivoli, closed its doors—The resort, after an attempt had been made for two weeks to close it, was broken up. The police watched the place to arrest women who left it without male escorts. This secured patrons away, and the proprietor reached the conclusion that his efforts were unprofitable.

FAMOUS DWARF DEAD.

New York, Dec. 29.—Major Mite, the dwarf, died at the New York hospital last night of a complication of diseases. He had been ill for some time. He was born in New Zealand and had been exhibited in circuses for fourteen years.

ACTOR COLLIER DEAD.

New York, Dec. 29.—Edmund Collier, the actor, is dead here. Consumption, from which he had suffered some years, was the cause. Mr. Collier was 48 years old. He went upon the stage when quite young. He supported John McCullough, Edwin Booth, and other actors, and Wilson Barrett. Later he was himself a star.

He was the stepfather of Willie and Helena Collier, quite well known in theatrical circles.

CONSTITUTION FOR
REPUBLIC OF CUBA

Document Will be Adopted by the Convention at an Early Date.

GOMEZ, FIRST PRESIDENT.

Special Provision Therefor in the Constitution—Document to be Submitted to Congress.

New York, Dec. 29.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Havana says:

A constitution for the new republic of Cuba will be adopted by the constitutional convention within the next four weeks. This is the general opinion among delegates to the convention and is generally understood in official circles.

The five sections of the convention have been meeting together and have been discussing the projects carefully. All of the delegates say that the constitution is agreed upon all of the principal features of the final project which is being prepared by the central committee, and that there is no doubt that, so far as the constitution for Cuba is concerned, they will complete their work within the next few days.

The center of interest here at present is the character of the constitution this body will prepare and in what light it will be viewed by the Congress of the United States.

When the convention first received projects from the delegates for consideration, there were three presented. The one presented by General Rivaury, in naming the qualifications for president of the proposed republic, had this provision:

"Any male citizen of Cuba, over forty years of age, and who was born in Cuba, will be eligible to the presidency."

Gen. Maura, in his project, incorporated the provision which has been accepted. It is that any male citizen over forty years of age who was a citizen of Cuba at the signing of the constitution will be eligible to the presidency. This provision has been made to include Gen. Gomez among those who will be eligible to the presidency. It means that Gen. Maximiliano Gomez will be the first president of the Cuban republic if the constitution is adopted with this provision and if it is sanctioned by the Congress of the United States.

BUYS ANOTHER ISLAND.

New York, Dec. 29.—Secretary Long has purchased for the United States government another Pacific Island, across from Washington correspondent of the Herald.

This island is under the American flag and lies in the harbor of San Luis D'Apra, Guam. It is proposed to use it as the site for a coaling station. The price paid for the island was \$900 in American gold. It is 130 acres in extent, is healthy and, it is believed, will make an admirable site for the projected station.

The island was owned by several prominent natives of Guam, who, the officials say, will live in influence as a result of the sale.

TESLA IS THE CHIEF.

His Wireless Telegraphy System Said to be Superior to Marconi's.

New York, Dec. 29.—A special to the Herald from Washington says:

Nicola Tesla has been invited by Rear Admiral R. B. Bradford, chief of the bureau of equipment, to submit for trial a system of wireless telegraph which he has developed.

Mr. Tesla says that he will be able to provide the navy with a system which will be equal, if not superior, to that invented by Signor Marconi.

Before finally adopting any special system for the naval service, Rear Admiral Bradford proposes to make a thorough investigation of the various wireless telegraph systems in operation. No official proposition has been received recently from Signor Marconi, and the department is not inclined to accept his first proposal to furnish his apparatus to the American navy for \$20,000 cash and \$10,000 per year.

CALIFORNIA RUFFIANS.

They Brutally Maltreated Eight Chinese Laborers.

Riverside, Cal., Dec. 29.—At Casa Blanca, five miles south of here, an infuriated mob of fifteen laborers, composed of white men and Mexicans, violated the Chinese camp and commanded eight occupants of a tent to throw up their hands. The request was promptly obeyed, and immediately the frightened Celestials were placed in a farm wagon and hauled to the Santa Ana river bottom, several miles distant, where they were subjected to most brutal treatment. After they had succeeded in beating their helpless victims almost into insensibility, the ruffians turned on the Chinese and, with the exception of one, who was severely wounded, the origin of the trouble is due to the discharge from a packing house of several Mexican girls, and the substitution of Chinese help. George Dunham and Andrew and Adolph Selvas have been arrested.

POLICE BREAK UP TEMPERANCE TAVERN.

New York, Dec. 29.—Last night, the Tivoli, closed its doors—The