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There would have been

a base for future operations, trade

"America in particular is looking ahead. First she got a share of Sa-moa, cne week's journey from our colonies; then, second, Honolulu, s

week from Samoa and one week from

America-a good place for coaling, apart from the value of the land."

HIS PLAN FOR PRESIDENT M'KIN-

LEY.

On passing through America in 1897

Mr. Seddon had a talk with President McKinley with respect to the Hawaiian

Islands. This was before the annex ation. He proposed a joint protectorate

-Great Britain and America-but Mc-Kinley did not see it. He maintained that Joint protectorates did not work well, and instanced the case of Samoa, John Sherman, secretary of state, was



#### THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF POLAND. General Tachertkoff, Who by Wholesale Tyranny and Corruption Has Won

the Relentless Hatred of the Polish Nation.

is more commonly known as governorgeneral of Poland. This position is perhaps the highest dignity in the service of the czar. Poland differs from the various governments in Russia proper, as it is still ruled more as a contuered province. The governor-gen-ral has committed to him the des-unles of 10,000,000 people, 7,000,000 of m are peasants for the most part unable to read or write.

### BIG SALARY AND FINE CASTLE.

General Tschertkoff has an official alary of 50,000 roubles a year (\$25,000). B palace in Warsaw, a castle in the tounity as a summer residence, horses and carriages, an army of servants and ges. He has also at his disposal an immense secret service fund for the expenditure of which he has not to give any account. any account. All these dignities and emoluments, however, will soon pass from his grasp, for the general is 76 years of age, suffering from an incur-able disease—diabetes—and it is said that his successor has already been selected, and, in fact, may come here at any time. The successor parameters All these dignitles and will go away "unwept, unhonored and unsung." The Poles hate him with a bitter hatred for his oppressions, his corruption, and his evil influence upon their beloved country. The new man may be infinitely better-much worse, they say, he cannot possibly be.

#### WHO GOVERNOR IS.

Michael Ivanovitsch Tachertkoff, govand the removing a man of the Cos-mor of Warsaw, ataman of the Cos-tacks of the Don, general of cavalry, ade-de-camp to the czar, and member of the imperial council of the empire, was born in 1829. He was educated in the school for imperial pages at Peterswas born in 1822. He was educated in the school for imperial pages at Peters-burg and entered the army in 1848. He took part in the defense of Sveaborg. Fhiand, against the Franco-English feet in 1864, and fought in the Caucasus in 1858. In 1864 he was appointed governor of Volhinia, and five years later was made a Heutenant-general. He also became ataman of the Cos-facks of Don, ataman meaning gen-val of Cossacks. In 1877 he was nom-mated governor-general of Kieff, when he first came into notorlety. His ad-ministration is said to have been in-famously corrupt and had, even for a heutry like Russia, where official cor-uption prevals generally and, in fact, uption prevails generally and, in fact, s almost expected. But Tschertkoff ixceeded the usual limits of transgres-He abused his authority in eveion. He abused his authority in eve-y way and there were no bounds to his hupidity and extortions. He speedily massed wealth, and purchased an normous estate at Kahorilk In fouthern Russia, out of the pro-seds of his Ul-gotten gains. Fin-ly his maladministration of the province became a public scan-ial, which attracted the at-lention of the authorities in Pe-ersburg, who found it was even to cope with the situation. Its full strength is barely 1,000 men, and War-saw has over 4,000 known criminals and thugs of the most desperate class. Four "hooligans" to every policeman, and all armed with revolvers infinitely superior to the police patterns war-ranted not to hit at 10 paces. which attracted the at-ention of the authorities in Pe-tensors, who found it was even pers than they could stand and Gen. Schertkoff was removed from his post. As is common in Russia when officials if such exalted civil and military rank is exampled from office, the general wich exalted civil and military rank is "removed from office, the general wich exalted civil and military rank is "raised" to the rank of an im-stal councilor. This was in 1881, and he remained out of office for near-by gars. General Tachertkoff was he faithful and devoted servant of the late Czar Alaxander II, and acted Russian story now being told in War-saw about these revolvers. During the disturbances in January the police found them perfectly useless, and re-ported that a bullet fired from them wouldn't penetrate the skin of a person three paces away. Orders were,

one and madame is very popular in Warsaw society much more so than the general. ANOTHER WIFE TO SELL. Some few years after his marriage

the general was told one day that a stranger wished to see him alone on important business. He was shown

marriage turned out to be a very happy

age by years; yet the young man who picked a quarrel with him would prob-ably be "looking for trouble" of a live-ly kind and would find it, too, despite into the room and addressing the gov ernor, said: "Your excellency will re ly kind and w the premier's member me n. doubt, as you did me the honor to Like my wife some time ago. I come now to inform your exgraceful drawing room manners. WHERE THE DEVIL TAKES THE HINDMOST. cellency that I have another wife, who is younger and handsomer, and much better altogether than my first wife and if your excellency wishes I will let you have her at the same price." What his excellency answered is not reported but the visitor left the palace of anything that a less determined rid-er could have reached. New Zealand's history during the last decade stands very hastily. Gen. Tschertkoff was ap very hashiy. Gen. ischertkon was ap-pointed governor-general of Warsaw in 1900. It is said that when offered the position he told his majesty that he feared he was too old (he was then

71), but the czar replied that made no difference, he need do nothing, his subordinate would do all the work.

HATRED FOR POLAND.

Gen. Tschertkoff took the po-sition, and inspired by an im-mense hatred of the Poles, en-tered upon his new duties with great zest, in spite of his advanced age. He has missed no opportunity of dis-He has missed no opportunity of dis-playing his animosity to Poland, and everything connected therewith. The always obnoxious press censorship has become doubly severe under his rule. The Catholic clergy has been persecuted to the last degree, and he has thwarted every attempt of the Poles to obtain any concessions from the imperial gov-ernment at Petersbirg. Even the Rus-sians detest him, and his departure from Warsaw, which is expected to take place within a month, will be the occasion of much private rejoicing. When in his prime Gen. Tschertkoff was a handsome man of dignified presence, but his age and infirmities render him now a somewhat pitlable figure.

USELESS REVOLVERS.

There is an interesting and typically

A WORTHY PAIR. If Gen. Tschertkoff is the best hated man in all Poland, then Baron Carl Nolken, chief of the Warsaw police, can claim the same distinction as re-gards the ancient capital of Poland, And this is no libel on the chief, as he And this is no libel on the chief, as he has frankly admitted that he knows that he is the most execrated man in Warsaw. He has no easy task to main-tain public order in a city of \$00,000 people, nearly all of whom may be re-garded as a hostile population. And the police force is ridiculously inadequate to come with the stimation. Its full

mighty race, to Mother Earth. In such a community the man who rules is not the scholarly schon of some political family that has borne its scores of statesmen, but the plain and simple tamer of men, with an extra convolution or two of brain; the typi-cal fighting man, bred in camps; not courts, with the steel eyes of a leader set in the score heaven free of a play set in the rough-hewn face of a plo-neer; one learned more in men than in books, and "blooded to the open and the Such is Mr. Seddon, once a saloon

transaction

yet recognized.

the Union Jack is planted.

It was in Warner's hotel, then, and the man who plays least of all men in New Zealand, the Right Honorable R.

J. Seddon, premier-was resting after the work of an exceptionally busy ses-

sion. The dainty drawing room, with its pastel shades of silk and brocade

and its delicate furniture, looked sud

denly small and trashy when Mr. Sed don came in. Mr. Seddon has a way o

making things and people look smal and foolishly breakable in his presence It is not only his exceptional size and

It is not only his exceptional size and massive figure that produces this ef-greet; it is the suggestion of "all out of doors" that follows his colossal frame like a whiff of mountain breezes —the polse of a head that has no office-bred stoop, the hang of a hand that has never lost the outdoor readiness to head to ergsm to strike. Mr. Saddon

hold, to grasp, to strike. Mr. Seddon is gray-haired, almost old, as men count

This is the type of man to tame an

unbroken young colony, to ride it with an armed heel and an iron hand, to sit

out its kicks and buck jumps unmoved and finally to drive it forward in the race of nations to a place far ahead

as proof of Mr. Seddon's horsemanship The south is not as the north. That

ast and west are different worlds was discovered by many persons before Rudyard Kipling. But that the South-ern Cross rules yet another world, un-like in most essentials and many de-

tails, to that half of the globe lying north of the equator not many have

Under the Southern Cross life is com-paratively cheap. Each man's hand is for himself, and the devil may, and

does, take the hindmost with the most lurid promptitude. Moreover, there is

a space and time for every man's pe-cultarities to develop; the varnish of civilization is thinner than in the re-

gions north of the equator: the next-door neighbor is less of a permanent nightmare, and all the world is younger.

and so nearer, by half the life of a mighty race, to Mother Earth.

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today under the Southern Cross,

"AMERICA IS LOOKING AHEAD."

keeper, but now the "uncrowned king" of New Zealand, and the greatest man

Concerning the South Sea islands I

therefore, given for new revolvers to be purchased, and the commission was entrusted to a dashing cavalry colonel of aristocratif lineage and one of the foremost figures in Warsaw official soclety. The colonel bought the revolvers at 12 roubles (\$6) each and they were handed out to the men. But they speed-lly proved to be of less service than the discarded ones. An investigation was made and it was found that the aristocratic colonal had bounds to the where he was one of the police chiefs, and had command of the mounted di-vision. In Warsaw he receives a sal-ary of 9,000 roubles (\$4,500), and has a handsome suite of apartments in the aristocratic colonel had bought 1,000 at three roubles (\$1.50) each and charged the city 12 roubles (\$5), pocketing nine roubles (\$4.50) on each gun for his trou-ble, a net gain of \$4,500 on the little city hall, and all ki EVERYTHING HE WANTS.

France.

worth thing, are they not?

"Certainly they are. I can show you reports that show quite an astonishing amount of trade between New Zealand and her islands-mostly recent, Both sides benefit. The islands get a market for their products and we export our goods to them." "What about Tonga? Is it prosper-

telegraphic dispatch came from Down-ing street, and the annexation was stopped. Now Germany has one portion and America has the other, while Great Britain has cleared out and left New ing under the present protectorate rangement?" Zealand to labor under a great disad-vantage for all time to come. Not only that, they have secured good harbors

"The islands have not progressed as well as they should, but I think the hur-ricanes have done more to keep them back than King George and his minis ters, although more could have been done if European advice and control had been followed. The islands were never better governed than under the late Rev. Shirley Baker."

THOUGHT IT WAS A WARSHIP.

Some years ago, Mr. Seddon said, he visited the group in the government steamer Tutanekai, arriving there on the morning of the queen's birthday in 1900. On arrival he learned that the king had been notified to holst the British flag in honor of our sovereign, and in acknowledgment of the protec-torate. The Tongan flag had been hoisted with the British flag under-neath, and to a good Britisher this was neath, and to a good Britisher this not considered orthodox. As the tanekal came up the harbor with Was As the Tuyellow funnel, she was taken for a Brilish man-o'-war, and much to the delight of the English consul, this had a material influence on King George, at the last moment hoisted the Br flag mast high, and the queen's birth-

agreement for the protectorate was scarcely dry the king in his speech re-frained from admitting that such a protectorate existed. He, however, made a point of publicly thanking Heaven that the premier of New Zealand had favored Tonga with a visit. Whether his majesty altered his opinion when he found that the Tutanekal was merely a have purchased large areas of land from the natives. There is shortly to be a commission of inquiry to look into pleasure boat is difficult to ascertain. Suffice it to say that every hospitality and kindness was shown to Mr. Seddon and the Tutanekal party. It may be mentioned here that the

Tongan group has only about 200 white inhabitants and about 20,000 natives of an extremely warlike disposition, al-though nominally civilized and Christianized

Asked the question whether Tonga would finally become a British possession, Mr. Seddon replied, "Taihoa"-"Time will determine. A great number of natives are not satisfied, and a pelition to bring a portion of the islands from under the king's dominion has been signed. There has also been a complaint made about the treatment of New Zcaland shipping. Occasionally their finances go wrong, and large sums money do not pass the orthodox

"The royal party would be very strongly opposed to any change, and an evidence of this was given in the treatment of the high commissioner recently. Measles in Fiji was given as the excuse for the discourtesy shown

The chief lives in grand style, and is said to spend at least three times his official salary. There are many ways in which a Russian chief of police can add to his income, and report says that a certain Jewish resident in Warsaw, who is looked on as a sort of interme-diary of the baron, knows most if not all of them.

Baron Nolken is a handsome man, in the prime of life, with very courtiy manners, which he probably acquired during some time spent in the consular and diplomatic services. When in full uniform his breast is covered with an array of orders and decorations, Rus-sian and foreign, which few Russian officials of his age can display. He will probably go much higher

JOSEF ZINOVIEFT



BARON CARL NOLKEN.

He is Chief of the Warsaw Police Force and the Best Hated Man In Polane After Its Governor-General.

## King's Expert Praises American Titled Motorist.

Special Correspondence. ONDON March 22 .-- Cora, Countess

of Strafford, is among the latest of American grand dames here to join the motor brigade. She rath-

er hesitated about adopting the fashionable pastime, but has made such rapid progress that although she began taking lessons only a few weeks ago, she is no longer regarded as a novice. So good a judge as King Edward's motor expert, Stanton, has spoken highly of her skill. I caught a glimpse of her the other day steering her carthrough Piccadilly and I can vouch for it that his encomiums were well de-

served. "Moting" through a crowded street requires nerve and it is just that quality which enables American women to acquire such ready mastery of their machines. On an average they learn twice as quickly as do the more phleg-matic English women. They enter into the sport with more enthusiasm and find a great stimulus in that national pride which aims at occupying first place in everything. American women are now numbered among the best motorists in England. To mention only a few of them, there are the Countes of Craven, Mrs. Bradley Martin, Lad, Lady Curzon and the Duchess of Maribor-ough. The Duchess of Manchester is not now in England, but before she departed to America she had developed such a mania for speed that her more timid husband, who is said to suffer

timid husband, who is said to suffer from a weak heart, used to beg off when she went a-moting. In an interview on the Olympia Motor show Henry Norman, A. P., says com-placently, "America, so long supposed to be the home of enterprise and in-genuity, is years behind us in motor-building." But further on in the same interview he rather demolishes his ar-gument for the superiority of the Brit-ish product by putting forward the Adams-Hewitt car as the ideal, com-pact, reliable, easy running, cheap, pact, reliable, easy running, cheap small car. "It takes its name," he small car. "It takes its name," he adds, "from two American friends of mine who have designed and perfect-ed it." It would hardly seem from that that America is "years behir 1.

# A NEW CHAPTER IN IRELAND.

The resignation of the chief secretary for Ireland from the British cabinet has a special bearing upon the political situation in the united kingdom, since it appears to be designed to save the government from an early overthrow as the result of the threatened defection of the Ulster Unionists. But now that Mr. Wyndham has retired, bringing his brilliant career in Irish affaris to a somewhat lamentable conclusion, the entire chapter of the so-called Macdonnell episode assumes increased importance in the political hitory of Ireland. The story has lately been worried out of the ministry 

his eldest son's wedding to the Duchess Cecilie of Mecklenburg-Schwerin. which is now set for Monday, May 22, the kaiser is giving full rein to his love of imperial splendor and display.

On the marriage ceremony itself. which will take place in the magnificent new cathedral in Berlin in the presence of an exalted company whose like never has gathered under one roof, \$50,-000 will be spent. The presents which will be given to the young couple by municipalities and public corporations will amount to a total of at least \$250,-000, while a similar sum is being spent on the bride's trousseau. On her wed-ding day the Duchess Cecilie of Meck-lenburg-Schwerin will be 19, all but four months, while her young husband will have attained the age of 23 years and two weeks.

No part of the eleborate ceremonial in connection with her wedding will be more impressive than the Duchess Cemore impressive than the Duchess Ce-cilie's journey from her home in Sch-werin to Berlin, which will take place a few days before her marriage. From the palace of her brother, the Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, with whom she has lived up to now, to the Schwerin rallway station the duchess will be escorted by the grand duke him-self, by the ministers of state of the self, by the ministers of state of the grand duchy, by the high officers of the grand duchy, by the high officers of the garrison at Schwerin, and by a deputa-tion of noblemen and noblewomen rep-resonting the leading families of the Mecklenburg aristocracy. Surrounded by a magnificent company Duchess Ce-cilie will drive in an open carriage from her home to the railway, where a special train will be waiting to convey her to Berlin. This train will consist of cars painted in blue and gold. The lo-comotive will be gayly decorated with cars painted in blue and gold. The lo-comotive will be gayly decorated with flowers and a wreath of myrtle will be hung around the stack.

A TRULY ROYAL PROCESSION.

The Grand Duke and the Grand Duchess of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, as well as a magnificent suite consisting of over 50 persons, will escort Duchess Cecilie to Berlin, a journey of about three hours. A guard of honor will be drawn up on the platform of the sta-tion at Schwerin, and at the moment the train begins to glide away on its journey these troops will present arms, a roll will be beaten on the drums, and a blast of trumpets will proclaim the departure of the crown prince's bride. At the same moment the guns of the fortress of Schwerin will boom out a salute of 35 guns, and there will be cheers from the children of the public schools of the little cupital, drawn up on the platform. The Grand Duke and the Grand

schools of the little capital, drawn up on the platform. There are 10 stations between Berlin and Schwerin, and although the spe-cial train will not stop at any one of them steps will be taken to show re-spect to Duchess Cacille at every place on the route. On the platform of each station there will be a guard of honor, consisting of a detachment of troops from the nearest garrison, and as the special train passes through each staspecial train passes through each sta-tion the men will present arms to the accompaniment of a roll of drums and the sound of bugies. On the platform of each station there will also be assem-bled the mayors, the principal adminis-trative officials, the chiefs of police, and other local dignitaries arrayed in their uniforms and wearing their swords of office. As the special train goes by they

and passed through the general staff scademy. He is said to be the first of-fleer having this distinction, who has entsred the police service. But the bar-on enjoys living well, and he probably saw that there was a better opportu-nity of gralifying his desires in this di-rection in the noise service theor is for rection in the police service than in fol-lowing a military career. He came to Warsaw from Petersburg a year ago, where he was one of the police chiefs, and had command of the molice chiefs.

hall, carriages, horses, servants all kinds of extra allowances. He has also a large secret service fund at his disposal, regarding the expenditure

Baron Nolken is an ex-army officer of which no questions are asked,

be better for the territory to be shared, island by island, between France and England, and thus avoid perpetual fric tion. Each country would by this means know where it was, and the

course would be similar to that taken in respect to Samoa, when Germany and America each retained respective audit. islands. MR. SEDDON'S LITTLE ANNEXA-I asked Mr. Seddon whether he was

these matters; but there will always be trouble under existing conditions. Both nations may do their best and work together; yet there will be dis-satisfaction probably resulting in the end, as was the case with Samoa, in Great Britain-for the sake of peace and for concessions elsewhere with drawing its protectorate in favor of Mr. Seddon had suggested, if it were impossible for Britain to arrange with France for English control over the whole of these islands, that it would

opposed to annexation, as being con-trary to the Monroe doctrine, but Mr McKinley was for it, and so Americ got the islands. Mr. Seddon said that as a rule he did not approve of joint protectorates, but they were a step in the direction of better things. day was kept amid great rejoicing. The opening of the Tongan parlia-ment took place during the premier's visit, and although the ink on the With regard to the New Hebrides, with regard to the New Hebrides, said the premier, "at one time these islands were held to be within the boundaries of New Zealand. Instead of insitence, a passive course was tak-en. The result is that the islands are now under a joint protectorate with France. British settlers, it is alleged, are being elbowed out. French com-panies and French settlers claim to