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THE MENACE IN ASIA.

According to a cable from Mukden to the New York Times, the great powers of the world must come to the rescue of China, or Manchuria will be cut off from the empire and divided between Russia and Japan. The author of the cablegram claims that the two late combatants have agreed to support each other's demands upon the Pekin government, so that Russla shall become established in the north and Japan in the south of the province.

There is no doubt that Russia before the war intended to wrest a great part of Manchuria from China, Japan objected, because she wanted that part herself. And so war was declared. The aggression of Russia was checked. It is not improbable that the two rivals have finally agreed to take a slice each, hoping that no other power will dare to enforce a protest against their joint program. It is claimed that the "open door" policy is not respected. Japan's opposition to the building of a railroad to Fakumen, which would parallel her Manchurian rallway on the west, Indicates her intention to monopolize railway development, and thus to eliminate trade competition. Japan also refuses to abandon her control of the posts and telegraphs and other local administrative functions, and thus retains her grip on all the municipalities. The Chinese are opposed to all these measures of assimilation, but they are intimidated in the presence of the huge military forces of Russia and Japan. And so the situation demands international action.

Students of oriental conditions, who have had exceptional opportunities for observation, agree in the conclusion that a struggle for the mastery of the Pacific is inevitable. It must come sooner or later. A recent writer on this subject points out that Korea has already been lost to the world's trade, and Southern Manchuria is about lost, and China is being menaced. When the time comes, this writer thinks, Japan will turn her eyes toward the Philippines and Indo-China from which come her food supplies; and on the valley of the Yangtsze whence she obtains her coal. Japan's army and navy are being augmented with remarkable rapidity. Behind the creation of this great milltary establishment, he says, lies "some deliberate purpose. If the Panama canal is not completed by 1915 and the American fleet returns home to the Atlantic as scheduled, Japan will command the Pacific."

idently, the support of the Western world, until her own resources and military strength are so well developed that both Russia and Japan will be glad to respect her integrity and the existing treaties. When China becomes a world power, the situation in Asia will be entirely different from what it is new.

alleged injustice in the courts of Venefluela, there should be no talk of a resort to arms unless the injustice were on a vast scale and amounted to such a defiance of the usual processes of law as to shock the sense of civilized nations.

To discipline Venezuela over an alleged wrongful decision of her highest courts regularly constituted and in peaceful operation, would be a blunder in which this country is not likely to fall.

### WHAT IT STANDS FOR.

In a reply to the Tooele Transcript the Tribune says: "The members of the Mormon Church are not in the least abused in Salt Lake City. No one oppresses them; no one says a word against them." As will be seen, that sheet assumes the role of a hypocrite, as a slight variation from its usual part.

The Tribune has done its utmost to represent the "Mormons" as a treasonable, priest-ridden organization. It

has demanded the exclusion of Senator Smoot from the Senate, alleging that his membership in that organization barred him. If has urged the Mayor to oust every "Mormon" from office or position in the public service. It has defended the conspiracy of the Dubois crowd to disfranchise every "Mormon' in Idaho. It has defamed the leaders of the Church from the Prophet Joseph to the present incumbent of the office of President. It has defended the assassination of the Prophet and Patriarch, and kept the fires of hatred and strife burning to the best of its ability. The material damage it has done the City is great, For, through its defamation it has policy of caused home-seekers to pass us by and capital to seek other places. And yet, the sheet, like a hypocrite, tells its readers that no one ever said a word against the "Mormons." The entire crusade is against the "Mormon" people. Its ultimate aim is to deprive them of every right as citizens, except the right to sing hymns and pay taxes. That is the essence of the anti-"Mormonism" for which the Tribune stands. It sees with pleasure the money of the "Mormons" at conference time turned into the usual channels of trade, and in return for this pleasure it gives vilification, slander, falsehood, misrepresentations and ha-

n times of financial depression is strikingly illustrated in a statement made by a gentleman connected with a New York business firm, Mr. Albert Oliver, and published in the Manufacturers' Record. Mr. Oliver says that when the volume of general business commenced to fall off last year, his house decided to increase their advertising expenses, believing that in a period of general inactivity engineers and others would give more attention to the study of improved methods as presented through the advertising columns of leading publications than they had been able to do on account of the press of business for the las eight or ten years. "We have found this true," says Mr. Oliver. He claims that, as a result of judicious advertising, though the general decrease in business has been estimated at 50 per cent, his house is doing a larger

he, for the development of the country and the prosperity that depends on railroad development. The public are also apt to forget, when agitation runs high, that railroads and railroad managers and presidents depend on the prosperity of the people for their own prosperity. But prosperity is not pro-

moted by strife and dissension. It thrives only where there is unity of purpose; where all pull together for the benefit of all. Only a few days ago Mr. Harriman's

manipulation of the affairs of the Erie railroad, by which bankruptcy was averted, was reported in the daily papers. "It must be plain," says the New York Evening Post, "to the simplest mind that the only person who comes out creditably from the Erie railroad episode is Mr. E. H. Harriman." The road was drifting toward bankruptcy. To avert receivership, not only must payment of \$5,500,000 one-year notes be provided for or deferred, but \$5,000,000 more money must be procured. A syndicate was to look after this sec ond requirement, but "upon the express condition, and not otherwise that all of the said \$5,500,000 unsecured notes maturing April 8 should be exchanged, deposited, and extended in the form of a three-year obligation His proposal was made when assenting notes held by foreign investors, or by distant home investors, could not possibly arrive in time. When it was evident that this belated plan had failed, Mr. Harriman intervened with his offer to care for all of the obligations. "We must confess ourselves not greatly concerned," our New York contemporary says, "over ulterior motives in a situation of this sort. The plain fact is that somebody did not do his duty at a critical juncture, and that somebody else did. When a ship is laboring heavily, and the officers are preparing to leave it to founder with its passengers, any one who comes on board to stop the leak and keep the vessel affoat is likely to get proper

credit. If he gets his salvage also, he will be recognized as having earned it." To make trusts popular-bust 'em. There are said to be two coffin trusts

Will "crow" be served in the jim crow dining cars?

The floods in Montana show that that state has not gone "dry." It is hinted that Mr. Bryan thinks there is "too much Johnson.

The man who robbed Father Cushnahan of silver candlesticks was no Jean Vallean. To Captain-Representative Hobson

every cloud that appears in the sky is a war cloud.

years later, Edward Harriman arrived, and since then has been recognized as one of the master spirits and master railway wizards of our age." In class struggies truth is often treated with scant courtesy and facts are overlooked. Men may deserve well of their fellow-beings, but when the passions rage neither virtue nor merit counts against the human weaknesses and imperfections that are exaggerat-ed, distorted, and given the first con-sideration. Mr. Harriman has, lately, been a prominent figure in this unceas-ing struggle, and the public are apt to forget that few men, whatever his faults may be, have done more than he, for the development of the country

BALANCE TO A PENNY.

#### Kansas City Times.

Kansas City Times. A remarkable condition arose in the Muskogee (Okla.) clearing house the other day. When the members of the association met at 11 o'clock to make their bank clearings it was found that there was \$40,000 in checks in the day's business, and that when settlement was made the accounts of each bank against all other banks balanced to a penny. No bank had to pay a cent to any other bank. The clearing house clerks were amazed. Such a thing does not occur once in a lifetime.

#### RELIGION NO OBSTACLE. Springfield Republican.

Now that a certain international mar-riage, is making rapid progress toward consummation, it is stated in the press, doubliess on the best authority, that the question of religion will present no obstrates. "Mission of the state of the st obstacles. "Miss will embrace the Shinto faith when the time comes," is the laconic announcement, it is not really Shintoism she will embrace, but really Shintoism she will embrace, but that will serve to illustrate the situa-tion. For the point is that it doesn't matter much in these days what the religion may be. The young woman usually accepts it as a logical part of her wedding outfit. Within the con-fines of Christendom the old religious prejudices, so far as marriages are con-cerned, have largely disappeared, and it is very possible that the cause of Christian unity will be notably ad-vanced by the ease with which theol-ogrical and religious interitances are vanced by the ease with which theol-ogical and religious interitances are being cast off in favor of something "equally good" and more convenient in the particular matrimonial and so-cial state to which some of our daugh-ters aspire. In time, perhaps, the ten-dency will be equally strong between Christians and the members of the great non-Christian sects of the world.

Mr. Asquith was recently speaking in Welsh town, when he was somewhat "That," Mr. Asquith replied, bland-ly, "is a subject I prefer to discuss when ladies are not present."-Youth's Companion.



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#### COERCION OF VENEZUELA

Those papers that are suggesting the coercion of Venezuela in the interests of the American asphalt company that has been operating in that country, know either more or less of the casa than we do,

One of the things accepted as a fact about the former company, of which the present one is a successor, was that it contributed to a revolutionary movement directed against the present Venezuelan government,

If that is correct, then the standing of the present company, which takes only the rights and privileges that helonged to the former one, must be very precarlous. Certainly a war to enforce the rights of such a company against a sovereign state, is not at all probable

Certain claims of American citizens against Venezuela have been pronounced invalid by the courts of that country. Our diplomatic service has taken the matter up, but the Venezuelan government refuses to reopen the case. The American litigants have had their day in court and they have lost. The case is precisely as if a Venezuelan had had a claim against the United States government, prosecuted it in the court of claims, carried it to the Supreme court of the United-States and lost.

We dislike the common assumption that if a controversy arises between American citizens and the Venezuelan government, the American citizen is necessarily in the right. There seem to be quite a number of these claims, but the only one which has been much discussed is that of the asphalt company to certain asphalt beds. To be sure, the government of Venezuela has for many years had the reputation of being corrupt and unstable to a 4agree sufficient to put any one upon Inquiry, and justify the United States in declaring that if any of our citizens went into the country they should do so at Pheir own risk Moreover, all the claims seem to be founded on "con cessions" made by the Venezuelan govcomment to American individuals or companies. If we assume that the Venezuelan government is corrupt, we must almost necessarily assume that the concessions were obtained by bribery, and are therefore without equity, Venezuela has been recognized as one of the family of nations. It is a sovcreign state. We are bound to pay the same respect to the decisions of its operation in its regeneration largely courts that we expect other nations to pay to those of our own.

this country must live every day. They consume something every day, and something must be produced every day. A great deal of business is transacted every day, and those who go after it persistently and intelligently will get the lion's share of it. When the fire is low you put on more coal and increase the draught. Something similar is the remedy when business is not so

TWO PRESIDENTS.

brisk as it used to be,

The recent anniversary of the birthday of Mr. E. H. Harriman prompts a contributor to the current number of Opportunities of Today to make a comparison between "Two Presidents"-President Roosevelt and Mr. Harriman, The article is very interesting for the information it contains, though the comparison is somewhat misleading, owing to the widely different meanings. of the word "president," when applied to the Chief Executive of the Nation, or the head of a railroad corporation. A comparison between the chief characteristics of the occupants of the two positions is legitimate enough, but the

positions themselves should not be represented as of equal importance. even by indirection. Still, the career of Mr. Harriman is wonderful,

Harriman is the third son of an Episcopal clergyman. His early educational facilities were very limited. While still a youth he became a clerk in a small brokerage office in Wall street. Here he quickly mastered the details of the game, and In a few years he had enough money to buy a seat on 'change. At the age of 30 he was a millionaire, and at the age of 34, in 1882, he was elected to the direc torate of the Illinois Central. Five years later he became the vice presi-

dent and moved to Chicago.

The article goes on to show how Harriman, after the financial crisis of 1893 and the following five years, took hold of the railroads that had been wrecked by the financial cyclone, and affected a rehabilitation. "The Union Pacific and its Pacific connections, the Oregon Short Line and the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company, were bankrupt properties. They had been constructed at great expense and managed without foresight or conscience. In the stress of hard times they had become little more than the proverbial 'trails of rust across the plains and through the mountains,' From the data of its construction, as a political necessity, little had been done to develop the Union Pacific and less to preserve it. In the very extremity of its decrepitude, so to speak, Mr. Harriman saw visions of possibilities in the Union Pacific which no person else did, but was able to secure their co-

upon the faith that was in him. With the rehabilitation of the Union Pacific It Vanezuela were one of the greater and the acquirement of control of the owers, there would be less tail about | Southern Pacific, which followed two

As Jones pays the freight, perhaps he could be induced to pay the cadets' fares.

Captain Oberlin Carter says that he is a "second Dreyfus." Then where is the second Emil Zola?

It doesn't matter much what kind of a tree you planted vesterday so that you planted one. man

Hale to the Chief-the Senate committee on naval affairs will only make provision for two battleships,

"Reformers never get anywhere," ays Speaker Cannon. Oh, yes, they do, They always get to the annual dinner.

A New York man tried to commit suicide by drinking furniture polish. This is a new way of "pollshing" a man off.

A Boston man wants to know what will break his parrot of the habit of using profane language. Break its neck.

To advocate a great navy and a great army at the same time might be to incur the dauger of falling between two stools.

The "Merry Widow" hats are all the rage this spring. In olden times the merry widow used a cap with which to catch men.

The great fleet of war vessels is again in American waters and Admiral Evans has had neither a fight nor a frolic; only the rheumatism.

Ever since Senator Elkins preferred that request to the A. P. for silence, the helress and the duke have been absolutely and wholly neglected by the public.

Mayor Becker of Milwaukee is going to use a balloon in his gubernatorial campaign. No matter how the dection goes, he will be "up in the ale."

Chancellor Day is reputed to have said that the United States is a better place than heaven. As he has not traveled over the one nor seen the other, how does he know?

"Isn't there just a little bit of buncombe in calling the American fleet The Great Armada?"" asks the Oakland Enquirer. An immense amount, and as silly as it is immense

#### MAKING MARRIAGE HARD.

New York World, New York World. Is the "filthy marriage-hindering Mammon" to fasten its grip on our colleges? Several years ago Gen, Cor-bin in his annual report said that the early marriage of officers of the army should be discouraged; except where they had private means, their pay was insufficient for the domands of their of-fice and family. Now President Ellot of Harvard urges that the young col-lege instructor remain single until he is ready for an assistant professorship