

It May Be One Billion Dollars, but the Nation Can Pay It.

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The Chinese have a horror of debt. With them bankruptcy is a disgrace. They pay their bills, settling all ac-

Imperial customs, 22,000,000; land tax

MADE MILLIONS IN OFFICE.

Moderate thieving in government work is not considered dishonest. It is only when the steals are of enormous size that they create comment, or are

The lands of China nominally belong to the emperor and all taxes come directly from the crown. The lands are chiefly held in clans or families. They are divided up into small tracts or farms, many of which are less than an acre in size. There is a thorough system of government records. Real estate is bought and sold and the transfers are registered. The taxes are levied upon the lands as described in the government records, but the expense of transferring is so great that the ownership

SQUEEZING THE MERCHANTS.
One of the greatest squeezes in China is the likin tax. This is a tax on goods in transit. It is collected along all the waterways of the Chinese empire, and it fills the rivers and canals with little revenue boats, each equipped with soldiers and cannon. The officials thus guard the waterways and take their toll

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From Lord Roberts,

London, Nov. 9.—Lord Roberts telegraphing from Johannesburg under date of November 8th, gives details of the defeat of the Boers near Bothaville, and adds to the facts already known



INDUSTRIAL HEARING

Bishop Henry C. Potter Gives His Views on Labor Troubles

When the cessation of operations indicated the dispute, Mr. "Iron" could not resist the temptation to suggest that the men could be persuaded to meet on a "condition." He replied: "He placed no value in sound public opinion and he trouble them with any coercive measure and thought the remedy really lay in compulsory arbitration. He conceded, however, that there was an evil that was a long strike and a lockout. He commended the disposition of workmen to accept any suggestion looking to settlements with employers. He expressed a general feeling among employers, he said, that the cause of trouble among employees, attributable to a spirit of fairness and a preference to deal with a responsible union rather than with individual employees. He had been a member of the International Chamber of Commerce in the West, and he commended the spirit of the solidarity and character of employees. Mr. Labor, he said, is not well paid, but voluntarily by anyone. That was the keynote of the labor question."

In the way of dressing, of all the women of Europe and America, the Germans are the worst, the French the best, the Americans the smartest. The German woman wears the hat, the English clothed, the Americans arrayed and the French dressed. I am not now speaking of high life. These people are the same all the world over, and they are the same. I publish a criticism on the life and manners of the French, and he ought to place the following epigram at the top of every page he writes, so that the reader may not lose sight of it: "All civilized nations in the world take in one respect; they are composed of those that are those that are ladies and gentlemen, and those that are not." Then there

A Village Blacksmith Saved His Little Son's Life.

Mr. H. H. Black, the well-known village blacksmith at Grahamsville, Sullivan Co., N. Y., says: "Our little son, five years old, has always been subject to croup, and so bad have the attacks been that we have feared many times that he would die. We have had the doctor and used many medicines, but Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is now our sole reliance. It seems to dissolve the tough mucus and by giving frequent doses when the croupy symptoms are

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