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Not till we walk with him on lofty mountain-tops, When we breathe the depths of mortal woes.

JEAN'S LETTER.

Six years old; breeches broken at the knees; hair black, curly, so rich and thick it would have coiffed the heads of two pretty ladies; two great blue eyes that still tried to smile a little, though they had cried so much a jacket well cut but falling to rags; a girl's shoe on one foot, a boy's boot on the other.

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WHY THERE IS PEACE.

The Queen and the Czar Acted in Perfect Union.

THE FIRST SNOW.

Report that Jay Gould is Breaking Down in Health.

NEW YORK, Oct. 4.—The Berlin correspondent of the Herald says: Had it not been for the excellent common sense of Queen Victoria and the sound judgment of the czar, who, in a moment of emergency, acted in perfect accord, Europe would perhaps this very moment be in the throes of war.

The facts are these: Last summer, when Emperor William was at Osborne, he one evening asked the queen to accord him a confidential conversation upon a matter of the utmost importance.

The interview was accorded and the emperor said in substance: "The situation in Germany is intolerable. It cannot last twelve months longer. The country cannot bear the present financial strain required to keep up the present fighting strength. Socialism is daily assuming terrible proportions. Germany's allies, especially Italy, are no longer able to keep up the present pace. The strain is too great on them. France, on the contrary, is becoming stronger and stronger, but France is isolated. It is absolutely necessary that Germany should seize the first occasion to declare war upon her. The latest moment to which this possibly may be put off is the spring of 1892."

The queen replied: "So long as I live I firmly hope peace will be maintained. I am old, but still feel my last years shall not be saddened by more blood flowing in Europe. The responsibility that rests upon you is a terrible one. It would, in my opinion, be criminal for any sovereign or statesman to attempt to precipitate events. In any case, what you have said has caused me great uneasiness."

SALISBURY'S ADVICE. The queen sent for Lord Salisbury and informed him of this strange conversation and desired him to talk with the emperor about it. Lord Salisbury replied: "I think if I attempted to discuss the question the emperor might get the matter short by taking me by the shoulders and pushing me out of the window; besides his majesty might do exactly contrary to what I might suggest. There is, in my opinion, only one thing to do, write an autograph letter to the czar, telling him frankly what has occurred, and urging him to use no time in making a friendly advance toward France, in order to convince the emperor that Russia would not consent to see France wantonly attacked. This would cause the emperor to reflect, and in my opinion this is the most effective way of preserving peace. It would be well if England should also simultaneously make an advance toward France."

The queen at once followed Salisbury's advice with a result which is already a matter of history.

First Snow This Season. NEVADA, Cal., Sept. 30.—At Graniteville, in the northern part of this county, the first snow of the season fell last night.

JAY GOULD. Report that He is Breaking Down Physically and Mentally.

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—Renewed confirmation of the story to the effect that Jay Gould has broken down physically and that his health is in an extremely critical condition, has been received today.

Mr. Gould was not at his office today, and it is learned that under the advice of his physicians he did not leave his home at Tarrytown, as any further exertion or strain upon his weakened nervous forces would in all probabilities be followed by disastrous consequences. His physicians think that he cannot be permitted in his present condition of health to attempt any mental or physical exertion.

According to the Census office bulletin, the increase of horses from 1880 to 1890 was 44.59 per cent. as against 44.59 per cent. between 1870 and 1880 and 14.84 per cent. between 1860 and 1870. The increase of mules from 1880 to 1890 was 23.69 per cent., between 1870 and 1880 the increase was 61.08 per cent., while from 1860 to 1870 there was a decrease of 2.24 per cent. Of the aggregate number of horses and mules in the whole country on June 1, 1890, 83.95 per cent. were horses, 13.05 per cent. were mules.

A Dry Lake. Alachua lake, a sheet of water from ten to fifteen miles in length, near Gainesville, Georgia has run almost completely dry, leaving thousands of dead fish and many lifelike alligators on its banks. This is the second time since 1823 that the phenomenon has occurred. There is evidently an underground passage which has drained it.

Portland World.

The origin of "windfall" in the sense of "good luck" dates from the time of William the Conqueror. It was then a criminal offense to cut timber in the forests. Only such could be gathered as the wind had blown down; hence a heavy wind storm was hailed with delight by the peasants as so much good luck, and from this comes the modern application of the expression.

Excitement. Runs high at the drug stores in this place over System Builder as everybody is using it for catarrh, of stomach, dyspepsia, constipation and impure blood, and to build up the system it certainly possesses wonderful merit when all speak so well of it.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.