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THE EASTERN WORLD.

It has been the fashion of a class of English writers, following Kinglake, to assume that England was duped and tricked by France in the Crimean War.

That war, and the conditions enforced when it was concluded by the treaty of peace, have prevented the development of Russia as a naval power.

By the treaty of Paris (at the close of the Crimean War) it was provided and enforced that Russia should not maintain naval armaments and arsenals in the Black Sea.

And now it is hinted that Japan is to take up her part of this game, or of a similar one. Holding now, through her success in war, the whip hand over Russia, she may make it a condition of peace that Russia shall not increase her navy.

attacked with more effect at her extremities than at her vitals; as the war in the Crimea and the present war with Japan, in contrast with Napoleon's movement on Moscow, clearly prove.

ONE'S MORAL NAKEDNESS.

"Rev. Daniel S. Toy will tell the story of his life, 'From Sporting Life to Preaching.'" Such is the public announcement.

Most people are decent people and moral people. They have an invincible repugnance to vices which they undertake to preach virtue and morality and religion by telling how bad they themselves have been.

The Oregonian is a newspaper of the old fashion. It doubts seriously whether the best preachers of morality and virtue are those who admit they have been dissolute, but profess reformation.

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER'S GIFTS.

Dr. Washington Gladden, general counselor of Congregational Churches of the United States, proposes to refund Mr. Rockefeller's gift of \$100,000 toward the missionary funds.

It is announced from Washington that the President will not appoint "Gas" Addicks to a foreign mission. The dispatch conveying this information gives a number of reasons why the diplomatic appointment will be withheld.

UNNATURAL TRADE CONDITIONS.

Minneapolis millers are continuing to make considerable noise about their increasing Oriental flour trade, and a superficial glance at the situation might create the impression that this new business is of permanent value.

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THE NEW PROHIBITION PARTY.

Our interesting contemporary, The New Voice, discloses that there is trouble between the Prohibition party and the Anti-Saloon League.

It is interesting to note that the horses slain in war are honored in Japan for their service and their sacrifice, just as the soldier dead are honored, with memorial eulogy and military obsequies.

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NOTE AND COMMENT.

"And Summer brags on every tree." Did you ever hear of such a thing? A London newspaper man describes Russia's gold stores of \$225,000,000 as a supremely uninteresting, tedious and depressing spectacle.

We would not mind betting that very little opposition to the proposed tax on coffee has developed in Battle Creek.

Mrs. Chadwick's autobiography will soon be on the bookshelves. Will you be mentioned?

Constant Reader—No. You have confused photographs of the evangelists in characteristic attitudes with pictures of Jimmy Britt doing phantom sparring.

Miss Elizabeth White, president of the National Dressmakers' Association, says that the very best way for women to improve their figures is by hanging to car straps.

There was a young boy named White, Who came over to 'twice to fight; Weeks after a bit From James Edward Brit, He was, and asked, 'Where did I fight?'

A simple little problem has floured the entire staff of the Vancouver, B. C., World. Here it is: If the third of 3 was 4, how much would the fourth of 3 be?

It's a strange thing that no successful men are "conceited." When a conceited man succeeds, he is said to be marked by magnificent egotism.

A recent talk in New York caused four different buildings to fall in. The New York brand seems ever worse than Jerry-build.

Colonel Henri Watterson continues his career through Spain. The following description of Andalusian dancers from one of his letters causes the grave Philadelphia Ledger to remark that it's about time he came home.

A new substitute for nickel, called "Patrick metal," is being placed upon the English market. It is a silver-white light through—Scientific American.

Ever see a Pat that wasn't white right through? Now it is said the Russian fleets are to return home. The announcement is likely to paralyze all the fishing fleets on the route of the return.

It looks as if the Salvation-Six boat will have to be decided on points. A volunteer fireman in Bayonne, N. J., would help out buildings adre so that he could help out the blaze.

Revelations of an International Spy. I—THE PATIAL ERROR. (Synopsis of previous chapter—Monstrous "Q. T." receives a message from the Grand Duke Twirlyitch, summoning him to St. Petersburg. The hand which thrust the message through the roof of his mansion proves to be artificial, and monstrous "Q. T." keeps it in his pocket. As he is about to enter the Winter Palace a heavy rain of water leaps her hand upon his shoulder and says:)

"What are you doing here?" "What am I doing here?" I muttered. "Yes, he answered, what are you doing here?" "What am I doing here?" I repeated. "You are here for some purpose," she said.

"Yes, he said, I clutched at the straw. "I am here for a purpose," she returned. "I know it," returned the veiled woman. "So am I. I am here for a purpose," she hissed through clenched teeth. "Q. T. I know you."

"You know me?" I said, hoarsely. "I know you," she said, from her lips with diabolical distinctness. "You know me," said I, reeling under the blow. "Who are you, then?" "Who am I?" responded the woman. "Yes, who are you?" "She whispered a word in my ear. The street swam before my eyes. It was she!" And she had my secret!

"You won't?" "Nothing can stop me," she answered. "Where is that—?" "At this moment the gates of the Winter Palace swung open. (To be continued.) WEX. J.

Unionizing School Teachers

How the Influence of the Chicago Federation is Being Gradually Extended to Every Town in the Land.

The following extracts are from an article in "Unionizing the Schools," by David C. Cook, published in the World Today for April, 1905. The Chicago Federation of Teachers' Federation, and by a prominent representative of the Chicago Board of Education.)

THE movement to unionize the Chicago teachers, like all other movements, was born of a condition. Its immediate occasion was the poverty of the Chicago School Board, which prevented that body from paying adequate wages to the teachers. The seeds of organization were sown in Chicago as early as 1892, when the Chicago Teachers' Club was organized by Catharine Goggin, who realized that in united effort lay the teachers' single hope of winning better pay.

In the Fall of the same year, 1898, the report prepared by the Harrison Educational Commission was completed, and the teachers obtained newspaper reports of the situation. These sheets contained the information that under the existing tax levy it would be impossible to maintain the recently adopted salary schedule. In this report also was mentioned the fact that the betterment of the schools all suitable means should be used to increase the proportion of men teachers in the upper grades, and that it be found necessary to the securing of the highest salaries provided for men than for women in these grades.

Then followed action on the part of the School Board which brought the salary fight to a focus. The teachers were in effect returned to the schedule which had been in force for 20 years. The federation began its work. The teachers were told that inadequacy of school revenues had been the cause of the cut. They learned that this shortage of funds, to a large measure, was due to the failure of the taxing officials to enforce the tax laws. When these facts were presented to the federation that body delegated Miss Goggin and Miss Haley to begin action on the court against the public officers charged with the duty of assessing corporations, and a writ of mandamus was obtained from the Supreme Court of the state commanding the State Board of Equalization to return and assess corporations to the law five public utility corporations for the year 1900. As a result of

Since the radical change in membership was made and Margaret Haley became its actual leader, the National Federation who known in Chicago as the National Teachers' Federation, has been in many small towns every teacher is inside the "organization." Their membership is kept a close secret for the reason that were it known, the school boards would resort to drastic measures to stamp out the evil before it had rooted.

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AMERICAN ENGLISH.

American is by no means always a degradation of English, as many suppose in some respects the new vocabulary is more expressive than the "old" one. It retains terms which have been forgotten. "Gotten," for example. When the professor says he has gotten a cold, it is substituted for the "old" word, "caught."

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