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THE FAR EASTERN SITUATION.

However much the interested powers may try to conceal the real situation, it is evident that Japan and Russia are on the verge of war. The Japanese seem determined to oppose with all their vigor the aggresive pollcy of the grasping Russians, and warlike preparations are going on apace, Russia is buying large supplies of meat in the United States, while half a dozen battle ships have been sold lately by some of the smaller countries. The sale of those vessels does not portend any peaceful intent on the part of the purchaser, nor can it be truthfully said that the preparations for trouble preclude settlement of the difficulty between the two countries.

Russia will employ almost any means to secure a firm footing on the const. and after her success in occupying Manchurla feels justified in taking a chance in Corea. The Japanese. government strongly protested against the Manchuria coup of the exar, but the attention of the Japanese is now directed to Corea, Russian aggrandisement of which would be a serious blow to the nation of little brown

There is no likelyhood that Russia will back down after once having taken so firm a stand, and the indications that war wil ensue are bright. It will be a hard, flerce struggle, for the Japs have a powerful navy and endless courage. Whatever effect such a war will have in the far east, Pacific coast of America.

BRYAN AS A CONSERVATIVE.

as he travels and accumulates the ideas the Tutte Inter-Mountain.

During his visit in England the Nebraska stateman listened to Roseberry and Chamberlain discussing the tariff Writing to the New York Journal regarding the impression which these conclusion;

"I will not attempt to predict the outcome of this fiscal controversy. I controversy in the United States and I shall not venture a prophecy in a foreign land. Mr. Chamberlain's onponents believe that a return of propection would be taken as a renunciation of England's ambition to be 'mistress of the seas;' and that it would presage commercial isolation. It is a battle of giants over a great question and all the world is more or less interexted in the result."

Four years ago, Mr. Bryan would not have hesitated to tell his hearers just how such a contest would result and would have added information respecting the results to England from the result. As a matter of fact he in the United tates-one when he supported Cleveland's free trade theories and the other in 1896 when he guessed that the practical approval of protection by the democratic platform would assist to elect him to the presidency. It is gratifying to notice that the most radical of our American political lead- as it is this year. The decline in the ers has all but joined the English con- price of trust securities evidently has servatives in babits if not in beliefs.

Monte Carlo's "Bumper" Season. is partly because of the closing of the 900,000. Outend Spa increased the clientele, and partly because a cold, wet summer grave the people to Monte Carlo dur- intends to start a revelution in San ing the off season. This year's profits Beminge, sounds good. It is time

will be close upon \$7,000,000. year the profits were \$5,600,000.

Increased facilities for heavy gambling will be given in the new year by the opening of the new sporting club annex to the Casino. On the first floor of the old Monte Carlo hotel a gorgeous saloon has been fitted up for baccarat, while rooms have been set apart for bridge, poker, and, in fact, any game at cards gamblers desire A splendid buffet is attached, so that frequenters need not even leave the building for meals.

Under the terms of a new agreement with the Prince of Monaco the Casino authorities are bound to spend an enormous sum on improvements. To repay themselves for this outlay the Casino people have made two substantial changes. The Casino opens at 10 a. m. instead of 11, and on all the roulette tables the number of the little brass boxes into which the ball jumps have been increased from ten to fourteen. This means that three coups can be played in the time formerly occupied by two, owing to the increased resistance offered to the impetus of the ball.

Lamentable as the wholesale slaughter of big game may be, the killing of human beings incidental to the sport should produce a halt on the part of voracious bunters. In Ontario the 'bag" for the season was 4235 deer. 1300 moose and 27 human beings, and the license record shows that Pennsylvania and New York furnished the largest number of hunters. During the short season of 20 days in Minne soat as many as 20,000 deer, including moose and caribou, were brought into St. Paul from Minnesota and northern Wisconsin, and the loss of life was 20 killed, including two women besides seven dangerously wounded and many injured. The growing unpopularity of the small caliber rifle on the part of the hunters is due to the fact that unless a vital spot is pierced the game escapes; the guides and the woodmen who have to run the risks of taking the fusillades despise the weapon. In spite of the practice of wearing red caps the ordinary city gunner will take the "longest kind of chances" in shooting at any moving object in the woods.

The Danish government has proposed a law empowering all Danish citizens to change their names. The reason for this measure is that in Denmark, as in the Transvaal, there are not enough names to go round. In Copenhagen, it appears, one person in every ten is called Hansen, and equal proportions of the inhabitants are called Peterson and Sorensen respectively. In the rural districts things are it will certainly boom things on the as bud if no tworse. In one community of 26,000 inhabitants, for example, there are only 20 different names, so that each name is borne on an average Colonel Bryan is broadening in mind by 1300 different persons. In the circumstances one may even doubt of other people. Instead of proposing whether a permissive bill can meet the to accomplish things without the aid necessities of the case, and whether or consent of any other nation he halts it would not be better to send the at the point of prophecy and leaves his mayor a list of names, with instrucaudience to do its own guessings, says tions to distribute them impartially among the superfluous Sorensens, Pe tersens and Hansens.

It takes the papers in the small question from opposing standpoints. Washington towns to promulgate new political principles. Here we have the Pomeroy Independent declaring that men made upon him, he reaches this it will not hereafter support for office any man who is not a subscriber. It used to support men no matter whether or not they subscribed have missed my guess on a similar for the paper, but, having arrived at the years of knowledge, the policy so long pursued in the past will be shelv-The Independent says that a man wha is not 'big enough to subscribe for a paper from which he expects support when he is running for office is altogether too small a being to be trusted with public positions." Hereafter, the Independent declares, it will oppose the candidacy of every man who declines to take a subscription from August 12, 1880. This is a new situation for politicians to contetnd with, and the indications are politics will be revolutionized in con-

It is reported that Senator Smoot in school. Some, who have read recent reports, will wonder which Mrs.

New York papers report that holileft the masses unaffected.

If Colombia really designs to at-White there has been no sensational tack Panama, it would be sound polgambling at Monte Carlo of late, the key to defer action until the \$10,000,000 present year will be the most profit- is paid over. She could readily reable the tables have ever held. This crult an army to so after that \$10,-

The report that Sener Wes y Gil

something happened down that way. There has not been a revolution there for a whole week.

It is announced that the Colombian army will not stop until it reaches Colon. A period will be put to its existence long before that.

Senator Ben Tillman recently received a counterfeit \$100 bill in payment for a lecture. Paid in his own coin, as it were.

There is still a few days' time in which to practice writing it 1904.

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