OUR CONSULS IN THE ORIENT ARE ABSOLUTE CZARS

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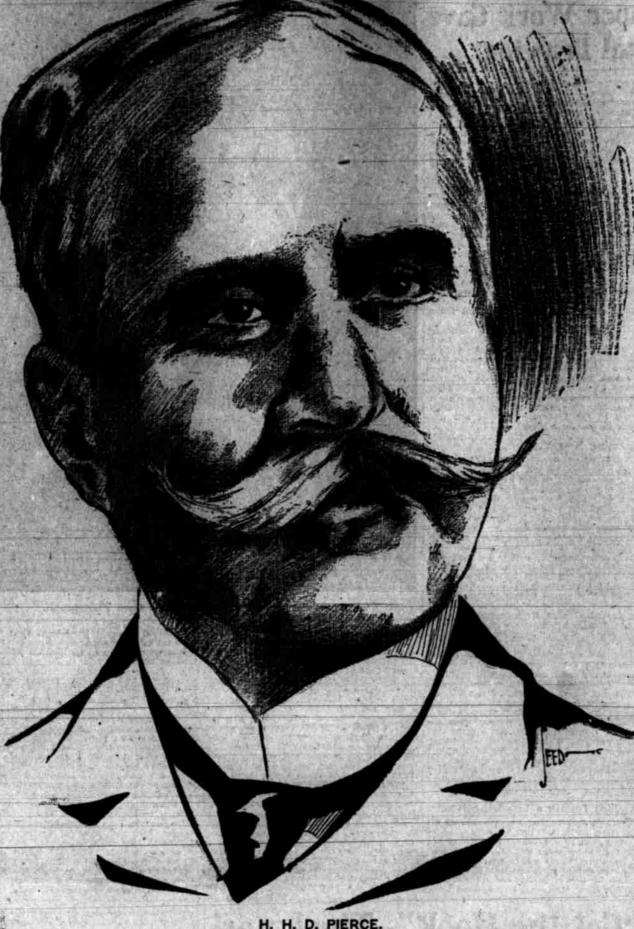
Not Chosen for Judges.

Where consuls are not corrupt—and most of them are not—the prospect is yet forbidding to the American investor or merchant. Consuls are chosen for commercial work without regard to their legal attainments. Not one in 20 knows more of the law than the average layman. Though doing their best, they are yet inefficient judges, who would not be tolerated to perform judicial duties in the most trivial cases

In practice this judicial farce which the government has been maintaining in the orient has many examples that would amaze Americans at home. When the American-China Development company secured a concession to construct a railway from Canton to Hankow and arranged to prosecute work, it sent a manager from this country, to take charge of construction.

before American consuls.

Alongside of this American fiasco is constantly viewed the British system of adjudicating property rights of British subjects and all associated with them in the orient. Nearly half a century ago the British established courts of extra territorial jurisdiction in China and Korea. A supreme justice presides over this tribunal, holding court at the important centers of China and Korea visited by British tradesmen. Appeal lies from the tribunal to the privy council of England. It is a saying in the orient that "British justice cannot be bought." The effect is to make the Chinese eager to associate with the British in business enterprises, as they have learned that any difference arising will be adjudicated more fairly and justily before the British tribunal than before the courts of the Chinese themselves.



H. H. D. PIERCE.

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ner that should awaken any country to provide quick relief. His especial familiarity with state department affairs and mastery of conditions attending the foreign service gave him an insight into the question which no other could have acquired. His report, which was made acquired. His report, which was made federal district pudge of the orient, a federal district judge of the orient, and country for a federal district judge of the orient, and extra a ritorial judicial powers have been given to our consulate. The have been given to our consulates. The have been given to our consulates. The have been given to our consulates. The federal statutes provide for these courts of justice in the various consulates. The federal attention of justice in the various consulates. The federal attention of justice in the various consulates. The federal attention of justice in the various consulates. The federal attention of justice in the various consulates. The federal attention of justice in the various consulates. The federal attention of justice in the various consulates. The federal attention of justice in the various counts in thing. The federal attention of justice in the various consulates. The federal attents provide for these courts in the orient is of circuit court of the district of callifornia for the important treaty ports.

jurisdiction was taken away from the United States circuit courts, and no appeal from the judgment of the consular courts was provided for thus became appeals courts for all important of the authority of any branch of the government over them. We have, therefore, at the present time, the strangs anomaly of a court presided over by a single judge having supreme jurisdiction in civil cases in which the sum in Illiance in a court six and in the sum of the failure of justice in the consular courts are supported to the failure of justice in the consular courts are supported for an appeal to consular business, has authority over the consult in crimial cases the statutes provide for an appeal to the minister under conditions. Such as the sum of the failure of justice in the consultar courts are supported to the consultar business, has authority over the consult in crimial cases the statutes provide for an appeal to the minister under conditions. Such as the sum in Illiance and the sum of the courts are supported, and is wholly inconsistent with the system of government and principles, and, as might be expected, has in more than one in stance led to grave, abuse. The quite for the courts are supported to the court such that the court shall be supported by the support of the United States, and, after careful study of the situation, is trongly recommend such a course, and aubmit in following in regard to it:

That the legislative authority ament in approximation of the very like and the laws presented the support of the court for the trial of all civil and criminal cases of American citizens in China and Korea, to be presided over by a United States judge appointed by the president; that the court shall be adjusted so as to best meet the facilities of communication; that justice shall be similarity than the court shall be adjusted so as to best meet the facilities of communication; that justice shall be similarity that the court shall be approximated to the president; that the court shall have a proper to the court shall by jury a panel of five jurors shall be sufficient; that the court shall have jurisdiction over all offenses committed by American citizens in China and Korea, except misdemeanors, commitment being made either by the court itself or by the consular court, which shall continue to exist, but only as a minor court for the examination and commitment or discharge of prisoners and for jurisdiction in minor offenses and with final jurisdiction in civil cases where the sum in litigation does not exceed \$500.

Northwest Takes a Hand.

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Trial by Jury.

"Heretofore trial by jury in the consular courts has been impracticable, because in some of the treaty ports in which we have consulates the number of resident American citizens has been insufficient to enable the impaneling of a jury, and while it might be difficult to obtain a panel of 12 American jurors in any of the ports named for the sittings of the proposed court, there would probably be no difficulty in obtaining a panel of five jurors, and this is the provision of the British law establishment of a circuit court of the United States, the following considerations have an important bearing on the subject. At the present time none of our consuls are trained lawyers, nor would it be likely that, at the rate of compensation now provided for these offices, trained lawyers, nor would it be likely that, at the rate of compensation now provided for these offices, trained lawyers nor would it be likely that, at the rate of compensation now provided for these offices, trained lawyers, nor would it be likely that, at the rate of compensation now provided for these offices, trained lawyers, nor would it be likely that, at the rate of compensation now provided for these offices, trained lawyers, nor would it be likely that, at the rate of compensation now provided for these offices, trained lawyers, nor would it be likely that, at the rate of compensation now provided for these offices, trained lawyers, nor would be willing to of their profession in the United States, the offices of their profession in the United States, the offices of their profession in the United States, the offices of their profession in the United States, the offices of their profession in the United States, the offices of their profession in the United States, the offices of their profession in the United States, the offices of their profession in the United St

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After he arrived in the orient he matter in dispute involved a little and attention to permit him to lica is maintaining in the orient a metal in the consular affairs to make an exhaustre the consular affairs to make an exhaustre investigation. This official ation. Instead of three judges from the concession discharged him. He had been in the service but a few of inefficiency and corruption in a man-more important center, he originated the

The Symbolism of Idols

The Trinity in concrete form is the triple image of the Trimurti, Brahma, Vishnu, Siva, Father, Son, Holy Spirit. Vishnu, Siva, Father, Son, Holy Spirit. As a remarkable English student of Hindulsm remarks: "There we have in concrete forms adapted for worship the threefold Brahman, who is the cause of the universe; his three aspects shown in their separate manifestations in order that they may be understood a little better by the limited intelligences of men. The creative aspect is shown forth in Brahma, by whose mediation all things are produced; he expressed the universal mind, the divine Chit. The life which is in everything, the life the universal mind, the divine Chit. The life which is in everything, the life which permeates, which sustains, the infinite support, the foundation of the universe, that without which the universe could not be maintained, which is present in everything, in every atom of that universe, is Vishnu, the all-pervader; the sustaining life of God; he the dual is the aspect of bliss. And then more hidden and mysterious in many ways. He who is sometimes called the destroyer, but is rather the regenerator, whose fire comes down to

OUIS JACOLLIOT, the most famous student of religions in the modern world, declares that the heathen who bow down to wood and stone are not blind, but wise; not ignorant, but using the finest of intelligence in utilizing idols to teach their religious beliefs.

I modes of his being and condition it according to the region where the manifestation takes place down to the physical fire that burns on the hearth, whose gods are manifested by his life. There fore Agni, the mighty, the self-shining, ruling in the fiery region, is yet chanted as the lord of the homestead, for the household fire is also his and through it he works. it he works.
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Then we come to men's relations with them, men's relations with the ascending hierarchies, going right up to the Trimurti; these are set forth in order with the rites, the ceremonies and the religious duties connected with each at every stage; according to a man's intellectual and spiritual evolution is the grade of the deity to whom his worship should be paid. For those who are just awaking to the consciousness of mind and are feeling the first faint stirrings of devotion some simple form of God is given; otherwise they can understand nothing of what is meant by the word of God.

"Would you talk to the laborer in his fleid, who knows nothing but his seed, his crops, his cattle, his hopes of rainfall and sunshine, his wife and children—would you talk to him of the spotless, partiess Brahman?" is asked. "If you do he will stare at you blankly; you give him no object toward which his devo-

to us we learn that the manifestation of Brahman is gradual; from the con-cealed gradually comes forth the mani-festation; from the hidden comes forth the revealed. Everything comes forth from and is Himself, but He is hidden beneath the phenomena, beneath name and form. As sait in water in which it is dissolved, as butter in the milk that is is dissolved, as butter in the milk that is brought forth by churning, so Brahman is concealed as the self of every creature. Stage after stage. He unfolds: stage by stage, He manifests; His quality of Sat of pure existence comes forth in the mineral kingdom, the unmoving creation where existence only can be shown; in the vegetable world, the unfolding life shows the beginning of pleasure and pain, the germ of which develops into Ananda, or, bliss in the later stages of evolution; and in the animal world there is shown forth also the germ of Chit or mind, which is to have its later and fuller evolution; and in man the germs are all partially maning man the germs are all partially manin man the germs are all partially man-ifested of Sat, Chit and Ananda, until the end of His evolution Sat, Chit and Ananda, the Brahma, Vishnu and Siva of the Trimurti are perfectly developed in Him. Then He, being perfected, is Brahman, he has become one." All this is wrought out by the slow

course of evolution, by birth after birth, by death after death, by that succes-sion of births and deaths which takes

sciousness, the all embracing, the divine. "For Nirvana, far from being a limitation of consciousness, is the perfect expansion thereof." He now knows that the great self of the universe and his own self are one; he finds his goal, his own self are one; he finds his goal, his own self are one; he finds his goal, his own self are one; he finds his goal, his own self are one; he finds his goal, his own self are one; he finds his goal, his own self are one; he finds his goal, his own self are one; he finds his goal, his own self are one; he finds his goal, his own self are one; he finds his goal, his own self are one; he finds his goal, his own self are one; he finds his goal, his own self are one; he finds his goal, he had becomes Brahman; that which he Only we know that all comes forth from that; that is everything, though ne words may describe that.

"Then coming to the manifested universe where some knowledge is possible to us we learn that the manifestation of Braham is exactly that the great self of the universe and his own self are one; he finds his goal. he becomes Brahman; that which he ever was potentially he becomes active-

ever was potentially he becomes actively and in realization.

All this is symbolized in the Trimurti, the image of the Trinity as the Christian faith puts it. Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Vishu, the second person of the Trinity, the Son, incarnates in human form just as in the Christian faith. Shri Krishna is one of these incarnations and Buddha, the founder of Buddhism, is regarded by one third of the human race as another.

Makers in Hartford City, Indiana, is nerve exhilarating. The fumes from the acid tanks may cut one's nostriis and stimulate the heart to unusual activity, and the pungent aroma from the chemicals may make one's head ache to the splitting point. Buddhism, is regarded by one third of the human race as another.

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Idols understood are idols transformed. They are pictures in wood of religion; fables in stone of profound philosophies, parables of truth. They are the story of the universe told to the illiterate in words of one syllable.

An Unimportant Rothschild.

(Vance Thompson in Everybody's.)
The Baron Thompson was a weak ling; he was unregarded in his lifetime; the newspapers said he died by his own hand, but his funeral served to illustrate the family magnificence and social power. All traffic was stopped in the main thoroughfares of the city through which the procession passed. For hours the heart of Paris ceased to beat, Buswhet the present his. And the appect of his appect of the appect of his appect of the maintenance of the appect of his maintenance of the appect of his appect of the maintenance of the appect of his appect of the maintenance of the appect of his appect of the maintenance of the appect of his appect of the maintenance of the appect of his appect of the maintenance of the appect of his appect of the appect of the appect of his appect of the appect of

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but notwithstanding this there is a sort of unusual risk that appeals to the tenderfoot—that is, after he has figured it out with mathematical precision, that the chances are about one in a million that the plant will be thrown out of the chances are about one in a million that the plant will be thrown out of the pla operation in a hurry during his stay. There is a throb of gratitude to the power that be in the heart of the tenderfoot when he gets out of the danger belt with his body intact.

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A new plant here is one of the latest in the country. The new compressed air appliances used in mixing the acids and appliances used in mixing the acids and then mixing the acids with the glycerine reduce the spectacular features of the work. The acids are kept in iron tanks similar to those used by the Standard Oil company in storage yards. The acids are forced from one tank into another and are mixed by the application of air pressure. Then this mixed acid, which throws off a cloud of angry-looking smoke through safety vents, is forced through a long pipeline to a small, tower-like building. This is the nitro-glycerin-house liself.

In this building are mixing vats, which are kept at a uniform tempera-

when the friction of a foot was applied to it.

The capacity of the Hartford city plant is about \$,000 quarts of the explosive a day. Nine thousand quarts of nitro-glycerin are a moving power. An idea of shat it will do may be gained from the fact that the safe-crackers who use it carry their supply in vials and use only a few drops in blasting their way into a safe. The nitro-glycerin clinging to the sides of an empty can, if touched off, is sufficient to jar a whole community. Therefore as much care has to be used with the empty cans as with the filled ones.

Although the railroads deliver the acids and glycerine to the factory in carboys and tanks they do not handle the dangerous commodity which their mixture produces.

The process by which the factory's product reaches the consumer is more interesting than the process of mixing the acids and the glycerine. Every morning a dozen or so wagons are backed up to the factory and the horses of the thousands of fine in such care and are covered over with "degr" signs. They must be at least to miles from a town and half a mile for the nearest house. The interior is in with shelves and in the center is an stove, which is kept burning night: day in fall and winter to keep the tempty cans are unloaded at the magazines and the stock there is turn of the wells.

Few Suicides Among Poor.

"Christian" in New York Sun, In my 50 years of business life have employed thousands of poor in the factory and the horses of mixing the acids and the glycerine. Every morning a dozen or so wagons are proventy and bruisings of the spirit, have seen men whose lives had no light whose careers offered, apparently, no ling but unhappiness and sorrow.

the acids and the glycerine. Every morning a dozen or so wagons are backed up to the factory and the horses are securely tied. These wagong have long, shallow beds, and over these beds is a heavy top bound down securely by heavy iron bars held in place by bolts and screws. Along the sides of the bed runs the warning "Nitro-glycer-in-Dangerous," made the more consplcuous by use of red paint.

These are nitro-gleerin freight trains—They are driven at a fast walk across the country by courageous driv-

day in fall and winter to keep the teperature above the freezing point. If freight wagons are unloaded at the magazines and the stock there is turn over to the "shooter." becoming his suply to draw on in shooting oil and swells.

"Christian" in New York Sun.
In my 50 years of business life have employed thousands of poor me from Maine to Virginia—men who suffered ills of the flesh, hard knocks o poverty and bruisings of the spirit, have seen men whose lives had no light whose careers offered, apparently, nothing but unhappiness and sorrow. Ye of the thousands of men in such ease that I have known only one committee suicide.

suicide.

On the other hand I remember the successful man who built up largest American steamship line in United States, the head of another fluential American steamship line, head of the oldest house connected the American sailing vessels. We name is known to all old-lime ship merchants, committed a suicide. name is known to all old-time shipping merchants, committed a suicide. In Brooklyn the owner of the largest warehouse, and in Wall street the president of a bank, in the freighting business a prominent broker, a member of the produce exchange, one of the members of our largest sugar refining companies, related to the heads of the company, also killed themselves.

As no scandal was attached to these men and they had no business troubles, and they led active, somerable careers, loved by their families, with everything to live for, some of them being members of churches, I wonder what led them to self-destruction when miserable wretches whose every moment is spend in suffering are so tenacious of life?

From an Altoona, Pa. Dispatch. Harry Jeffries, a dirty ragged No York dobo, boarded the Fennsylvan special the In-hour fiver unobserved. Harrisburg on Bunday evening and the a seat in one of the velvel chairs the drawing room.