WAR IMPOSSIBLE.

Why a Conflict with England Could Not Take Place.

The possibility of war between England and America, the two great English-speaking, civilized and civilizing powers of the world, is certainly regarded on this side of the Atlantic, and probably on both, as infinitely remote. During the height of the so-called Venezuelan crisis a little more than a year ago nothing was more remarkable than the calm and pacific tone in relation thereto shown by the English people and the English press, in sharp contrast to the belligerent attitude, to say nothing of the commission of a flying squadron, evoked by the now historic telegram of the German emperor. All this is now ancient history. But the difference in feeling was clear and unmistakable. Every Englishman believes in the unfortunate possibility of an Anglo-European war. No Englishman believes in the real possibility of an Anglo-American war. The two countries are united by ties of blood, religion and language. They have vast financial and commercial relations. They would, in the event of war—whatever its result—inflict on one another incalculable damage and loss. They have no conflicting interests, territorial or otherwise—Canada not excepted—sufficient to justify such an international calamity. All these circumstances should combine to render such an event impossible. These considerations directly affect my argument. Half the exports from the United States to England are, in fact, breadstuffs, and of this commodity alone these exports supply more than one-third of our yearly national consumption. To deprive American wheat producers and grain shippers of their most valuable market would inflict material injury on American prosperity. Let us suppose that a combination of European powers against England declared food to be contraband of war. Such a declaration of international law has generally been opposed to American policy on general international grounds. For the special reasons mentioned above, and again to quote Mr. Balfour, "this theoretical prepossession would be stimulated by the strongest motives of personal interest." At the same time it may be remarked that Uncle Sam would hardly declare war in order to enforce this view except for his own hand.—North American Review.

THE MAKING OF DIAMONDS.

What the Product of the Laboratory Looks Like.

At the Royal institution recently, Mr. William Crookes delivered a lecture on "Diamonds." He said that, thanks to Prof. Moissan, diamonds could now be manufactured in the laboratory—minutely microscopic, it was true, but with crystalline form and appearance, color, hardness and action on light the same as the natural gem. The first necessity was to select pure iron and to pack it in a carbon crucible with pure charcoal from sugar. Half a pound of this iron was put into the body of the electric furnace, and a powerful arc, absorbing about 100 horse power, formed close above it between carbon poles. The iron rapidly melted and saturated itself with carbon. After a few minutes' heating to a temperature above 4,000 degrees Centigrade, the current was stopped and the dazzling, fiery crucible plunged in cold water until it cooled below a red heat. Iron increased in volume at the moment of passing from the liquid to the solid state; hence the expansion of the inner liquid on solidifying produced an enormous pressure, under stress of which the dissolved carbon separated out in a transparent, dense, crystalline form—in fact, as diamond. To obtain the diamond from the metallic ingot required a long and tedious process of treatment with various strong reagents, and the specimens thus obtained were only microscopic. The largest artificial diamond yet made was less than one millimeter across. Many circumstances pointed to the conclusion that the diamond of the chemist and the diamond of the mine were strangely akin in origin, and the diamond genesis must have taken place at great depths under high pressure. How the great diamond pipes came into existence was not difficult to understand. After they were pierced they were filled from below, and the diamonds, formed at some epoch too remote to imagine, were thrown out with a mud volcano, together with all kinds of debris eroded from adjacent rocks. According to another theory the diamond was a direct gift from heaven, conveyed to earth in meteoric showers, and the so-called volcanic pipes simply holes bored in the earth by the impact of monstrous meteors.—London Times.

Fight for Their Wives.

A Zulu youth cannot marry a girl until he has whipped all her brothers and given her father a fall, if demanded, in addition. This makes a courtship more exciting than chocolate caramels and gumdrops; but the Zulu maiden who has four brothers weighing 180 pounds each and measuring 50 inches around the waist generally dies an old maid, while the girl whose brothers are weak and sickly and whose parent has broken his leg at a primary is overrun with proposals. It is a queer custom, and if it were in vogue in this country a girl who is an only child and a half-orphan on her father's side would be at a premium.—Chicago Journal.

No Right to Ugliness.

The woman who is lovely in face, form and temper will always have friends, but one who would be attractive must keep her health. If she is weak, sickly and all run down, she will be nervous and irritable. If she has constipation or kidney trouble, her impure blood will cause pimples, blotches, skin eruptions and a wretched complexion. Electric Bitters is the best medicine in the world to regulate stomach, liver and kidneys and to purify the blood. It gives strong nerves, bright eyes, smooth, velvety skin, rich complexion. It will make a good-looking, charming woman of a run-down invalid. Only 50 cents at Slocum Drug Co's.

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ALTA NORTE WON THE BIG PACE.

Chris Simpson's Fast Goer Beats in the Great Event.

Chris Simpson sent a telephone message to George Froome of this city, Monday evening, saying that, in the two additional heats paced Monday in the big pacing race began Saturday he won out, and took first money.

Saturday, six heats were paced, Alta Norte winning first in the last two of the six. Four horses had, therefore, won firsts, and the race was finished Monday afternoon. By winning these Monday heats Alta Norte won the race.

Horsemen regard the race as one of the greatest ever paced or trotted on the coast.

The betting on all the races was heavier than at any time in years.

In the first heat of the pace, pools on Ana J. sold for $15; Alta Dell, $12; Little Billy, $10; Crawford, $7; Alta Norte, $16; and $14 for the field. In the second heat Ana and Dell, $9 Little Billy, $7; and the heat, Dell, $20; Ana, $10; Crawford, $4, and $8 for the field. In the fourth, Dell, $10, and $8 for the field. In the fifth, Dell, $10, the field, $5.

It was in the first heat that the Pendleton horse came to the front, and became an element in the outcome. Alta Norte had been eighth in the previous heat, and nothing was looked for from her.

The fifth heat was started and Kittitas, a steady traveler, was picked for a winner. Alta Dell was at the quarter in 35, and on the half Ana J. again steadied to her work and traveled very well. Kittitas proved a disappointment, for he fell behind, just when his former performances were expected from him. On the last eighth, Alta Norte, the eighth horse in the first heat, and from whom little was expected in this heat, plunged to the lead. Coming down the stretch, she had things her own way, and nearing the wire Irwin drove easy and passed under two lengths ahead of Alta Dell. Barnacle was again third. Time, 2:19¼.

Four of the eight horses left in the race now had firsts to their credit, and Kittitas had two of them. So another heat was necessary to decide the event and there were four starters—the ones who held the firsts. Kittitas, Alta Norte, Alta Dell and Ana J. went off in a bunch, and Alta Dell took the lead, Kittitas second. The quarter was made in 0:35½, with Ana J. trailing. Alta Dell went up the half and made the three-quarters in 1:46½, with Alta Norte second. When the post was passed Alta Norte took the lead, and both horses came down the stretch at a lively rate, but Alta Norte kept her lead and won; Alta Dell record, Ana J. third, Kittitas Ranger distanced; time, 2 24

After the decision had been announced, Sheriff Frazier, of Portland, owner of Kittitas Ranger, entered a protest, stating that his horse would not have been distance had not the flagman been at the 100-yard post instead of the 150 yard, where he should have been stationed. Frazier declared that his assertion was sustained by the rules of both trotting associations. The judges took the matter under consideration. Previously Mr. Condon, owner of Ana J., was fined $10 by the judges for making some remark about a start. After the second heat, Ana J. was driven by Lindsay, Childs and Glassford.

Then came Alta Norte's victory on Monday, when she won the finals.

His Life Was Saved.

Mr. J. E. Lally, a prominent citizen of Hannibal, Mo., lately had a wonderful deliverance from a frightful death. In telling of it he says: "I was taken with typhoid fever, that ran into pneumonia. My lungs became hardened. I was so weak I couldn't sit up in bed. Nothing helped me. I expected to soon die of consumption, when I heard of Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle gave great relief. I continued to use it, and now am well and strong. I can't say too much in its praise." This marvelous medicine is the surest and quickest cure in the world for all throat and lung trouble. Regular sizes 50 cents and $1 Trial bottles free at Slocum Drug Co. Every bottle guaranteed.

FLEEING FROM THE CZAR.

A Slav Colony with Marks of Shackles and Dungeon Tales of Woe.

A carload of Russian Slavs lately passed through here, bound for the Bad Lands, west of Bismarck, where they will locate. They are unable to speak English. There were 21 men in the party, besides women and children. They came from eastern Russia, and were averse to talking about their native country, and seemed to think they were still under the power of the czar.

Whether nihilists or not, some of the members of the party have suffered from the suspicion of nihilism. One of the men, Michael Lodovitch, claims to be a brother of the famous exile Ivan Lodovitch, who has spent 40 years in the salt mines of lower Siberia. Another emigrant, Tesah Stolstock, was sent to Siberia for life in 1884, and still bears the marks of the shackles with which he was confined in underground dungeons. On the coronation of the present czar, however, he was pardoned, with 200 others. Later, Stolstock was again arrested as a suspected nihilist, the same crime of which he was accused and punished before, but he escaped. He was joined by his sister in Belgium, and they at once started for America.

Perhaps the worst example of Russian punishment in this party is Ivan Molosky, a Pole. He was never in Siberia, but for six years was kept in the dungeons of Moscow. These dungeons are under the river, and, he says, are always at least two inches deep with water that filters through the cement walls. From June, 1889, to November, 1896, Molosky saw no ray of light, and his only companions were the rats. His offense, so the police claim, was an attempt on the life of Michael Connor, a Russian officer of the czar's guard. Molosky claims that he never had a trial, and was only released on his promise that he would leave Russia at once, otherwise suffer life imprisonment. At the point where these people will locate there is already quite a settlement of their friends, who preceded them about a year ago.—Minneapolis Journal.

SLUMBER SONG.

Furl your sail, my little boatie,
Here's the harbor still and deep,
Where the dreaming tides, in streaming,
Up the channel creep.
See, the sunset breeze is dying;
Hark, the plover, landward flying,
Softly down the twilight crying;
Come to anchor, little boatie,
In the port of sleep.

Far away, my little boatie,
Roaring waves are white with foam;
Ships are striving, onward driving,
Day and night they roam.
Father's at the deep sea trawling,
In the darkness, rowing, hauling,
While the hungry winds are calling,
God protect him, little boatie,
Bring him safely home!

Not for you, my little boatie,
Is the wide and weary sea;
You're too slender and too tender,
You must rest with me.
All day long you have been straying
Up and down the shore and playing;
Come to port, make no delaying!
Day is over, little boatie,
Night falls suddenly.

Furl your sail, my little boatie,
Fold your wings, my tired dove,
Dews are sparkling, stars are twinkling
Drowsily above.
Cease from sailing, cease from rowing;
Rock upon the dream-tide, knowing
Safely o'er your rest are glowing,
All the night, my little boatie,
Harbor lights of love.

—Henry Van Dyke in Scribner.

CHINESE OBSTACLES.

Evil Spirits Which Must Be Driven Out.

If a house is to be repaired wonderful forethought is necessary. The evil spirits which are supposed to occupy each dwelling that mortals have inhabited cause the carpenter no end of trouble and no trifling expense, says Lippincott's. First, an astrologer must be consulted with regard to the most lucky day for beginning the work; then a square suspended from the ridgebeam is a notification to the spirits of darkness that their dwelling-place is to be disturbed, wherefore the square thing for them to do is to move out quietly and peacefully. Next the carpenters make offerings to these unseen residents. These gifts seem to say: "If you please, spirits of darkness, accept this bribe and speedily take your flight."

Next the neighbors must be warned that these evil influences are about to be turned loose, perhaps to seek shelter under a neighboring roof. Every house on that street receives a notice that upon a certain day and hour repairs are to begin on the dwelling of Ah Sin. Each household can then pay the imps not to enter their doorway, but to go to the next neighbor.

Even the farmer cannot begin his work in the spring until after the national festivals are celebrated in honor of the special gods who are supposed to make it their particular business to look after the welfare of those who till the soil. In a land where more than 100,000,000 people are supported by agriculture, where many farms have been in cultivation for three or even four milleniums, we naturally expect to find skill in that line of work. In this we are not disappointed, for Chinese farming is scientific handwork.

MATRIMONY AND MENNONITES.

The Minister Does the Proposing for the Girl's Hand.

When a Mennonite young man desires to marry a Mennonite young woman, instead of telling her about it he confides in the minister. If the latter thinks well of the proposed match he informs the young woman and generally devotes considerable time to pleading the case of the lovesick swain, since it is considered somewhat indelicate for the woman to yield too easily. Even after their engagement the minister conducts most of the negotiations leading up to the marriage ceremony.

This always takes place in a church, to which everybody is entitled to admission on the wedding day without invitation. Two weeks before the wedding the "banns" are called from the pulpit and during that fortnight the bride and groom are allowed to meet without the presence of a third party. The first portion of the ceremony consists of a sermon, generally on some such subject as the duties of husband and wife. One such sermon preached at a wedding last summer lasted about two hours, although the minister announced in the beginning that because of the hot weather he would "be brief." At the close of the sermon the contracting parties, who had been seated on opposite sides of the church, walked to the altar, where they answered affirmatively a series of questions and were pronounced man and wife. Then they returned to their seats on opposite sides of the auditorium and the regular services of the day were resumed.

Thousands of sick and suffering people are like the poor cripple in the Bible, who had no one to help him down to the life-giving pool before some one else slipped in ahead of him. So many sufferers feel that if they could only get a little help to overcome their extreme weakness they would then be able to regain their coveted health and strength.

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GRANT COUNTY NEWS.

Blue Mountain Eagle.

Mrs. Ada Blackwell and Fred O. Dory were married on the 9th inst. at the residence of Ed Hanna, in Fox valley. The contracting parties both reside in Fox valley.

Joseph Hayes, a Heppner sheep buyer, was in town several days last week. We understand he is over looking for bargains, and will likely make several purchases of the wooly animals before leaving the county.

John Ayers, of Heppner, who has extensive cattle interests near Ritter, in this county, was in town last Friday. He was over on another cattle-buying trip, and succeeded in purchasing several head in Fox valley.

John Muldrick died at his home in Canyon City Wednesday of last week, after an illness of several months. He was a prominent pioneer of this county, having been a miner in Canyon City 35 years ago. He was highly respected, a 32d degree Mason and a man of means.

There is talk of a brewery being built at Monument this fall. It is a good location for such an enterprise, and now, if that enterprising little town can get an appropriation from congress with which to open the river, it will soon be shipping to all parts of the world an article equal to Pabst Best.

Mrs. Frank Waterbury, accompanied by her sons Guy and Claud, left last Friday for Chehalis, Wash., where she will place the boys in school for the winter. Mrs. Waterbury will remain several weeks in Washington visiting friends and relatives before returning to her home in this valley. They were taken to Pendleton by Mr. Waterbury, who returned home this week.

From Grant County News.

Nellie Gray and Annie Metschan are visiting at Burns.

Announcements are out for the marriage of Miss Mollie Wood to Mr. Frank Hacheney, on Wednesday, Sept. 20th, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Linn Wood, at John Day.

Two wandering Mormon elders were in town last week for the purpose of expounding the gospel, a la Joe Smith. Their meeting was advertised for Saturday night at the court house, but as only about half a dozen spectators were present, no service was held.

G. W. Houston has gone out to the poor farm to remain for the winter. The old gentleman is remarkably spry for a man of 86 years and deserves much credit for the effort he has made to take care of himself during his declining years. His fruit crop failed him this season and he was obliged to look to the county for assistance.

Frank McCallum, of John Day, has been suffering for the past two weeks with a throat affection. While painful and very annoying he has not been confined to his bed and has been able to attend to his business. He will probably have a surgical operation performed before he will be entirely relieved of his ailment.

Some sheepmen were arrested near Granite on the 9th for obstructing the public highway. They drove their sheep over the road on the grade and filled in the highway so that it obstructed traffic. They were tried before Judge W. L. Brown and were required to repair all damage done and promised not to be guilty of the same thing again. They were in the employ of W. J. Schofield, who resides near Huntington.

Henry Walker, of Fox, came very near meeting with a serious accident last week. While coming down the Rhea creek hill, near Heppner, with four horses and a load of freight, Walker and his wife got down from the wagon to the ground, leaving the lines with their child. In some way the horses became frightened and started to run. Walker got hold of the lines and was thrown under the wagon, the wheels passing over his legs. The team was stopped and upon investigation it was found that no bones were broken. It was a lucky escape.

CONTEST NOTICE.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, LAND Office at La Grande, Or., September 8, 1899.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Jennie Gilmore, contestant, against homestead entry No. 5879, made April 6, 1892, for the southeast quarter section 18, township 2 south, range 27 E W M., by Quintilla T. Mounts, contestee, in which it is alleged that the said entryman has wholly abandoned the said tract; that she has changed her residence therefrom for more than six months since making said entry; that the said tract is not settled upon and cultivated by the said party as required by law; therefore said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer such evidence as they may have concerning said allegations, at 10 o'clock a. m. on October 27, 1899, before J. W. Morrow, United States commissioner, at his office in Heppner, Oregon, and that final hearing will be held before the register and receiver of the United States land office at La Grande, Oregon, at 10 o'clock a.m. on October 31, 1899.

The said contestant having in a proper affidavit, filed in this office September 7, 1899, set forth facts which show that after due diligence, personal service of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

7-3 E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

NOTICE OF INTENTION.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, LAND Office at La Grande, Or., Sept. 5th, 1899.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of her intention to make final proof in support of her claim, and that said proof will be made before V. Crawford, County Clerk, at Heppner, Oregon, on October 19th, 1899., viz:

ELIZA J. WHETSTONE, (nee Boyer,) of Heppner, Oregon.

Homestead entry No 6737, for southeast ¼ southwest ¼ and southwest ¼ northeast ¼, and northwest ¼ southeast ¼, and northeast ¼ southwest ¼, section 27, township 2 south range 27, E W. M.

She names the following witnesses to prove her continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: John Byland, Frank Elder, Robert Johnson and Thomas J. Matlock, all of Heppner, Oregon.

6-51 E. W. BARTETT.

NOTICE OF INTENTION.

LAND OFFICE AT LA GRANDE, OREGON, August 19, 1899.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before A. Maltory, United States commissioner, at Heppner, Oregon, on October 6, 1899, viz:

THOMAS SAPP, of Heppner, Oregon.

Homestead entry No. 5442, for the south ½ southeast ¼ and northeast ¼ southeast ¼ and southeast ¼ northeast ¼, section 31, township 1, south range 27 E W M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: William Dwan, R. R. Dwan, Oscar Edwards and Jay Devins, all of Heppner, Oregon.

4-50 E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

NOTICE OF INTENTION.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, LAND Office at The Dalles, Oregon, August 19, 1899.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before J. W. Morrow, United States commissioner, at Heppner, Oregon, on Saturday, October 7, 1899, viz:

MILES McKELVEY, of Morrow county, Or.

Homestead entry No. 4811 for the west ½ northwest ¼ and west ½ southwest ¼, section 11, township 3 south range 26 E. W. M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Wm. Hughes, Mat Hughes, James Laney and Robert Reach all of Heppner, Oregon.

4-38 JAY P. LUCAS, Register.

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