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stagnant pools in the neighborhood of Tunis, that are filled withe the ex-

Interview with the Victim

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—Special from Buffalo: Mrs. Halpin said to a re-porter: "I was employed at Flint & Kent's, when Grover Cleveland per-

Kent's, when Grover Cleveland per-sistently sought and made my ac-quaintance. My child, Oscar Folsom Cleveland, was born September 14, 1874. Grover Cleveland is his father, and the story that any other man was responsible for this birth is in-famous. It does not seem possible, after all I have suffered, for Grover Cleveland and for my boy's sake that

after all I have suffer d, for Grover Cleveland and for my boy's sake, that a further attempt will be made to blacken me in the eyes of the world. No one knows the extent of my sufferings. After my child was taken from me I begged Grover Cleveland, on my knees, to have a sight of my babe. I found where my boy was, however, and one

where my boy was, however, and one day I rushed in upon his keeper.

snatched him up and ran away be-fore they could stop me. My suffer-ings subsequently, my fruitless at-tempts to have Cleveland fulfill his

myself and our child, my abduction

and violent treatment by his hired tools, are truthfully but only partially

tools, are truthfully but only partially told in the Buffalo *Telegraph* of July 31. It would be impossible to cover up what made up those years of shame, suffering and degradation, forced upon me by Grover Cleveland. The *Telegraph* says: The old gen-tleman to whom she made this state-ment said that in the course of a long interview with her she went bitterly

interview with her she wept bitterly

interview with her sine wept bitterly as she told of her wrongs. Her man-ner and desperation forced a convic-tion of her sincerity. When told that it was reported she had made or was

about making an effort to exonerate Governor Cleveland, Maria Halpin drew herself up, as if preparing for a supreme effort, and replied, with most

pressive and earnest manner, "Me

make a statement exonerating Grover

Cleveland? Never! I should rather

put a bullet through my heart." She said she could not truthfully

make any such statement, and Cleve-

land would not dare to ask her to humiliate herself again, that he might enjoy honors and wealth, while

on his account she was excluded from kindred and friends, and was patiently waiting for death to end

her misery. She went into details of what she

FRANCE IN SOUTH ASIA. Everything indicates that France is carnestly endeavoring to establish for her use and dominion an empire in the Anam peninsula that shall bear to her about the same relations which subsist between England and India

The Tonquin war is but a beginning and the complications with China to which this policy has led are but the dawn of a great break-up and possi-blue of turns, that are index while the ex-crement of countless hosts of locusts and grasshoppers. The disease did not spread beyond the gates of Al-bano.

people began to doubt the anxiety of promise of marriage, his neglect of

life.

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subsist between England and India.

bly a great war in that most ancient

of nations. It is evident that the

present French government does not

wish to precipitate such a war. The

abatement of the indemnity first de-manded for the Langson affair from

\$20,000,0000 to \$4,000,000 and later to

a less sum and the toleration of the bad faith of the Chinese diplomats

by the Paris ministry explain this. For some cause unknown to the gen-eral public, France, though apparently

anxious to bully China, is chary of

carrying matters to the war point notwithstanding her complete prepa

ration for that event if it must come. When France presented her first in-demnity demand at so high a figure

it created a general suspicion that the object was to force hostilities, for the demand was made as an ultimatum,

or an essential part of an ultimatum.

But when a hitch occurred at Peking,

showing the existence among the high mandarins of a formidable party

that preferred the chances of war to

the French terms, and in the face of this opposition to the bully policy the French government suddenly lowered

its tone from \$20,000,000 to \$4,000,000,

France for war, and now that the

mandarins are seemingly scorning all French demands and the Paris ministry still restrains the fleet

from attacking Foo-Chow and Can-ton, it is flashing on the average mind that under no circumstances

does the Paris government mean just at this time to be drawn into actual warlike operations against

China, whatevers may be or may

have been her arrogance toward the vassal states of Anam, Cambodia and

Tonquin, and of this quality she has

manifested as much as a Timour, or an Aurelian, though the iron hand

has been as much as possible con-cealed under the velvet glove. There have been but few passes between modern states in their dealings with

one another comparable in this re-spect with the methods of French

diplomacy in forcing from the King of Cambodia the recent "convention," so-called, between France and that

country, as the story is told by Charles Jourdan, the editor of La Sagonnais, a French paper of Saigon. We are frankly told by M. Jourdan that the

object of this treaty, which was com-pleted in June of this year, was "to give France the right to intervene in

the administration of the country, as well in the interest of Cambodia

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as well in the interest of Cambodia as in that of the King"—meaning the King of Cambodia. It was saying as plainly as any language could have put it: "You are a King. We recog-nize you as such. But you are to be treated by France as a minor and a vassal. You may govern this counvassal. You may govern this coun-try nominally, but you must govern according to the rules and regulations France shall see fit to prescribe for you." One of these rules was that the customs duties were to be collected by the French, professedly for the use of the King's Govern-ment, which France kindly consented to "protect." The old Cambodian rule was to farm the customs duties out to Chinese collectors, and this rolie was to farm the customs duties out to Chinese collectors, and this was a concession in virtual acknowl-edgement of the suzerainship of Chi-na. Of course the whole power and influence of the Chinese mandarins article of the convention to keep the King of Cambodia from signing it. and for many days these efforts suc-ceeded. Persuasion utterly failed to induce the wretched King Norodom King of Cambodia from signing it, and for many days these efforts suc-ceeded. Persuasion utterly failed to induce the wretched King Norodom from signing. At last, to quote the words of M. Jourdan, "M. Thompson telegraphed to Saigon for troops to be sent without delay, and on the 14th of June 150 men of the marine infant-tr and 150 neity trialleure serviced." of June 150 men of the marine infant-ry and 150 native tirailleurs arrived." The King heard of all this, but re-mained obstinately the tool of the Chi-nese, and on the 17th of June at 5 o'clock in the morning, the royal palace was surrounded and measures taken to prevent any disorder. At 6 mained obstinately the tool of the Chi-nese, and on the 17th of June at 5 o'clock in the morning, the royal palace was surrounded and measures taken to prevent any disorder. At 6 o'clock M. Thomson demanded to be admitted to the king, accompanied by his staff." There was no mistaking or even evading the purpose of this demand. He was admitted. After soundly berating the king to his face and reading the obnoxious articles of the treaty, and after the French gov-ernor, Thomson, had told his majesty that abdication was the alternative of submission, "the king, overcome by the calm but emergetic attitude of the governor," signed. This signature make Cambodia the abject vassal of France, as Anam and Tonquin were before. And now a set of Kanada Strauge Conveyance of Cholera.

governor," signed. This signature make Cambodia the abject vassal of France, as Anam and Tonquin were before. And now a sort of French Zollverein is to be extended over the Zollverein is to be extended over the three countries, late and for centuries vassals of China. But the game is not yet played out. What the Chi-nese embassador at Paris may con-sent to for time and a breathing spell or what Li Hung Chang may direct in the premises, it appears is far from final. The mandarins in council can and do upset the business every time, and France is seemingly as far from a peaceful settlement with China as at the start.



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