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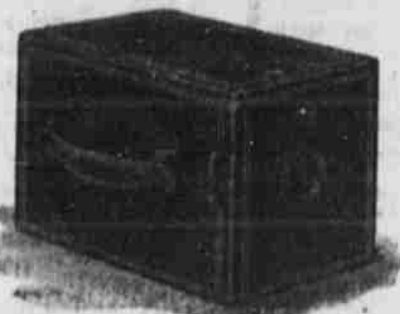
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BLACK CLOUDS OVERHANG THE EUROPEAN HORIZON

The Troubles on the Island of Crete and in Egypt May Lead to Complications Which May Involve the Powers.

SITUATION BETWEEN ENGLAND AND FRANCE IS PARTICULARLY SERIOUS

British Papers Insist That Major Marchand Be Ousted From Fashoda, by Force, if Necessary---Dreyfus Case Has Brought the Republic to the Eve of a Crisis---Miss Grace Perkins, the Supposed Victim of a Bridgeport, Massachusetts, Fiend, Arrives Home in Time to Prevent Her Own Funeral---Murder at Pendleton, This State.

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LONDON, Sept. 17.—Three or four black thunder clouds are overhanging the political horizon of Europe. The Dreyfus, Crete and Egyptian questions have become more acute, and it is difficult at present to forecast the outcome in either case. It is understood that the British premier has ordered that the most stringent measures be taken at Candia where the British troops were recently fired upon by Mussulmans, the execution of which only awaits the arrival of sufficient reinforcements of her majesty's soldiers, who number 2,000 there, while another battalion is on its way to Candia from Egypt.

The most recent advice tend to show that the powers are disposed to give Great Britain a free hand to obtain reparation for the massacre of Christians and the insults to the British arms. The chance of bloody fighting hinges upon the Turkish government and Edhem Pasha, the Turkish governor, who has asked for instructions, after having been notified by Admiral Noel that the Mussulman population must be disarmed. The British admiral is apparently determined to enforce the disarmament of the Bashi Bazouks, whether it is agreeable to the sultan or not.

The absence of news from Fashoda, an important place about 60 miles south of Khartoum, which is reported to have been occupied by the French forces, has put the British upon tender hooks, but they have implicit faith in the British commander, General Sir Herbert Kitchener, and have cheerfully assumed that the British and Egyptian flags are already flying there, whether Major Marchand, the French commander, is there or not.

The British newspapers have taken a most uncompromising attitude in regard to Fashoda. Each daily is issuing warnings to France, telling her to stand off.

or trouble will follow, and there is no doubt Marquis Salisbury will have the nation behind him, even if General Kitchener has to oust Major Marchand by force of arms.

London Life claims to have information that M. Emile Zola is about to become a Catholic priest. It says the Pope has given his assent to the publication of the distinguished author six months hence.

All reports from France agree that the Dreyfus case has now brought France to the eve of a crisis, perhaps the most formidable in the history of the republic.

ARRIVED HOME IN TIME TO PREVENT HER FUNERAL.
Miss Grace Perkins, Supposed to Have Been Murdered at Bridgeport, Mass., Is Alive and Well.

MIDDLEBORO, Mass., Sept. 17.—The supposed victim of the Bridgeport (Conn.) murder, Miss Martin Grace Perkins, arrived at her home this afternoon, in the best of health, to the great joy of the family and the unbounded astonishment of the entire community.

Her father was not in town at the time of his daughter's arrival, as he was on his way back from Bridgeport with the gruesome remains, which he had identified as those of Miss Grace, and for which funeral arrangements, including the digging of the grave, had already been completed.

Miss Perkins came from Providence, R. I., and was accompanied by her lover, Charles Bourne. At first it was stated that the couple had been married, but this was afterwards denied by young Bourne's uncle.

Just across the street from the Perkins house is a little cemetery, and this morning, in response to the request of the uncle of Miss Perkins, a grave had been dug by the sexton in the family lot. Half an hour after Miss Perkins' arrival home the local undertaker's wagon drove up to the house, and in it was the coffin which had been ordered by the family.

MURDERER RUNS AMUCK AT PENDLETON, OREGON.
C. C. Cunningham, Crazy With Drink, Kills O. Young and Seriously Wounds Mrs. Worcester.

PENDLETON, Ore., Sept. 17.—C. C. Cunningham, of Milton county, this evening shot and killed O. Young and seriously wounded Mrs. Julius J. Worcester at the O. R. & N. depot. Cunningham, with a cocked revolver, chased Miss Ette Worcester for a block, firing three shots at her, but the young woman ran into a saloon and eluded the murderer. He ran through the saloon in to the Great Eastern hotel, where he snapped his revolver twice at Mrs. Johnson, the proprietor's wife. Young, who is an employee of the O. R. & N. Company, was talking with Mrs. Worcester and her daughter Ette at the O. R. & N. depot, when Cunningham, crazed with drink, drew his revolver and commenced firing at the group. Young was shot through the heart and died almost instantly. He then turned on Mrs. Worcester and shot her in the small of the back, inflicting a very dangerous wound. Miss Worcester started to run up Main street, when Cunningham fired three shots at her, pursuing her closely. When opposite the Last Chance saloon she ran in and hid beneath the billiard table. Cunningham entered the saloon and brandished his weapon in the face of some men gathered there, who feared to grapple with him. He went out the back door and into the Great Eastern hotel by the rear entrance, rushed to Mrs. Johnson, wife of the proprietor, pressed the pistol against her breast and snapped the trigger twice. She rushed, screaming, out the door, when several men entered and secured the murderer.

Cunningham has been a troublesome figure in the courts here for several years, often being arrested for selling liquor without a license.

The feeling throughout the city against Cunningham is intense, and the officers fear violence.

STEPPED A GREAT MILE.
PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 17.—At the Belmont track Marbeth this afternoon started Pointer, driven by McClair, in an effort to reduce his own mark of 1:59, stepped a mile in 1:58, and incidentally went the half in 57 1/2, the fastest mile ever made by a harness horse at either gait. The quarter pole was reached in :53, the second quarter in :28, and the half in 57 1/2, a second and a quarter better than his previous figures for this distance. The third

quarter is up hill and 2 1/4 was consumed. In the stretch he lagged somewhat and went under the wire in 1:59 1/2.

WILL BREAK CHAMPAGNE ON THE ILLINOIS BOV.
Governor Tanner Refuses to Grant the Request of the Women Who Protested Against Using Wine.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Sept. 17.—Governor Tanner has decided that the battleship Illinois shall be christened in champagne, and today, in a letter to a committee of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, which protested against christening the battleship with wine, notified them of his decision.

After assuring the ladies of his appreciation of the great good accomplished through the W. C. T. U., the governor says: "In the matter, however, of following the time-honored custom of christening battleships there is no deprecation of temperance. The ceremony is not one from which any evil could possibly be set forth, and the most sacred religious ordinance, the sacrament, which the world commemorates with the deepest solemnity and honor, is one in which wine is used as a symbol. Therefore I dismiss the object as one unworthy of so much agitation. If left to me, the battleship Illinois will be christened according to the time-honored custom."

PHILIPPINE ISLANDERS DEMAND HIGHER WAGES.
Cigar-Makers Catch the American Idea and Would Strike for More Pay—Assembly Still in Session.

MANILA, Sept. 17.—All the cigar-makers here have notified their employers that they will cease work altogether unless their wages are increased. They had already refused to work more than four days each week. The employers, on September 15, had agreed to the demanded increase, conditioned on the agreement that the employees would work full time, as the demand for the product was greatly in excess of the output. The employees, however, refused to accept this condition, and they will probably go on a strike.

The Philippine national assembly, which was inaugurated at Malolos yesterday, continues in session, and is proceeding with the work of appointing committees, formulating rules of procedure and other routine matters. The assembly today unanimously resolved to reject the proposal of the joint Spanish-American protectorate over the Philippine islands, or anything of a Spanish nature. There are three parties represented in the assembly, one favoring absolute annexation and another absolute independence, while the third is formed of compromise annexationists, who apparently predominate, and who suggest internal autonomy.

Aguinaldo, the insurgent leader, is retiring in regard to pending questions.

LONDON SUFFERS FROM SHORTAGE OF WATER.
Water Works Company Denounced in East End, Where Supply Is Shortest—Other London News.

LONDON, Sept. 17.—The drought continues throughout the greater part of Great Britain. A temporary fall in the barometer early in the week raised hopes which were doomed to disappointment. The temperature has again risen and London continues to be bathed in sunshine.

The outcry in the east end of London where the supply of water has been reduced to dangerous limits, is taking the form of infernal public meetings, which violently denounce the East End Water Company for neglecting to take proper measures to assure a supply of water and calling for municipal control of the water works.

Railroad in the neighborhood of Northampton, there have been several attempts to wreck passenger trains. Formidable obstructions were constructed across the track and one express train had a most narrow escape from disaster. It ploughed through a veritable barricade, but did not leave the rails. The most alarming feature of the outrage is that the police have been unable to obtain the slightest clue to the perpetrators, though a hundred detectives have been scouring the district. Consequently a panic prevails. One theory is that the crimes are the work of a band of robbers looking for plunder and emulating the far west hold-ups.

After passing eight weeks in an invalid's chair the Prince of Wales this week for the first time, was able to walk a few steps with the aid of a stick. He traveled to Balmoral from his yacht to Portsmouth. Private letters declare that the prince has lately been very irritable at the enforced restraint, that he has even declared that a permanent limp would be a cheap penalty to pay for release from his floating prison. It is added that the attending physicians finally yielded and allowed the prince to journey to Scotland in order to appease his patient and also to arrest the strong stimulus which rest and sea air appetite had given to his increasing stoutness. The heir apparent will still continue to wear for many weeks to come the apparatus which has been fitted to his knees.

The Duke of Connaught has been the hero of the French army maneuvers at Moulins, which he attended as President Faure's chief guest. He first distinguished himself by a splendid display of horsemanship before the French staff, when a borrowed horse, started by the firing, tried to bolt, reared and fell. The duke skillfully disengaged himself unharmed. The following day during a halt he minutely examined a French soldier's knapsack. He had one of them emptied on the ground, weighed the articles and finally took the knapsack, strapped it on his own shoulders and walked up and down in front of the president and the generals in order to test whether the straps hampered his movements. The spectators were greatly amused and the private soldiers loudly cheered him. Yesterday the Duke of Connaught visited the French camp kitchen and followed the great Napoleon's precedent, he asked to be allowed to taste the soldier's food, remarking: "I must take only a tiny morsel, as I am robbing somebody's share." Then he forked out and ate a piece of beef, which he pronounced to be of excellent quality. The duke also examined the men's overcoats, testing their weights and texture. The incidents have made the duke very popular among the French soldiers and villagers.

At the hamlet of Ennomond they had a great treat in seeing the thirsty president of the republic and Queen Victoria's son stop before a little public hall and call for and toss off glasses of light beer, while the hurriedly assembled crowd played "God Save the Queen." President Faure then decorated the duke with the cross of the Legion of Honor.

The leading newspapers here scathingly review Herr Moritz Busch's life of Prince Bismarck, which was recently published. The general opinion is that both the author and its idol suffered by the general revelations made.

The British naturally, chiefly resent the late Prince Bismarck's expressions of hostility to Great Britain and to the queen and her daughter, the former Empress Frederick of Germany, with which the book teems.

The Daily Telegraph says that if the work reveals the real Bismarck, he lowered the moral tone of the whole of Europe, adding: "Every one knows he made unscrupulous use of the press; but according to Herr Busch, he deliberately instructed his hireling to disseminate about falsehoods." The Times remarks: "It was reserved to the sublime unconsciousness of one of his sincerest worshippers to expose all the meanness, duplicity and brutality which he combined with so many admirable qualities." A photograph of the curia burning her baby recently appeared in an English newspaper, and when it reached the Russian censor, the latter was a much puzzled official. He consulted with the minister of the interior, who was equally perplexed, and then decided to consult with the czar. "The best thing I can do," said the Russian emperor, "is to show it to the curia and let her decide." In a few minutes, according to the story, the czar returned and said with a smile to the minister of the interior: "Her imperial majesty finds nothing in the picture contrary to the law. Let it pass." The heat is affecting the theaters.

The chief interest of the week centered in the production of the annual melodrama at Drury Lane yesterday evening, which, with a thrilling scene in a ball room, a game of cricket at Lords and a representation of the military tournament, satisfy the demand of theater goers.

A HOME FOR CONVALESCENTS.
SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 17.—The Red Cross Society is considering the expediency of building a large home for convalescents in the foothills back of Oakland, but will not do so unless the government first consents to allow convalescent volunteers to be sent there. If this project be not carried out, a large annex to the present home at the Presidio will be built to accommodate the demand for the division hospital and also to make room for convalescents returning from Manila.

PROPOSED HONG KONG HANKOW RAILROAD LINE.
Syndicate of American Capitalists Will Build the Road, Which Will Cost \$46,000,000.

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—Regarding the proposed railroad to be constructed from Hankow to Hong Kong, China, by an American syndicate, ex-Senator Calvin S. Brice said to a Tribune reporter: "The American syndicate has now on hand on the property a part of its engineering force and is sending as rapidly as it can be equipped, a corps of engineers and other officials, who will make the surveying, beginning at Hankow and extending to the city of Canton and thence to Hong Kong. There are in the syndicate seven representatives of the Vanderbilt interests and three of the Standard Oil Company, John D. Rockefeller, William Rockefeller, and the president of one of the largest banks, also the presidents of several of our large trust companies, Levi F. Morton, George T. Bliss, and the officials of the Carnegie Steel Company. Our best opinion is that it will cost between \$30,000,000 and \$40,000,000. The syndicate will undoubtedly control the road for a period of four or five years, during which it is subject to negotiations which may change its character. The province through which the road will pass are the most populous in China, having a population of 300,000,000.

BRICK BUILDING COLLAPSES.
BUTTE, Sept. 17.—The new York block, a three story brick structure on West Park street, collapsed about 10:29 this morning, carrying down 15 people, burying some of them, but so far as can be ascertained no one was killed.

The building was used for stores on the lower floors and for lodging rooms above. The lower floor was being remodeled to be used as a big dry goods store. The front of the first story had been torn out and the walls above were being supported by false work preparatory to putting in girders and posts of iron. Sudding the whole building was felt to quiver and then collapsed.

BELIEVES IN HIS GUILT.
PARIS, Sept. 17.—General Zurlinden, in his resignation as minister for war to Premier Brisson says:

"The exhaustive study of papers in the Dreyfus case has convinced me too fully of his guilt for me to accept as being of the army any other solution than that of maintenance of judgment in its entirety."

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