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of the Panama govern-

Many years ago diplomatic intervention be-Many years ago diplomatic intervention became necessary for the protection of the American claim of Alsop & Co. against the government of Chile. The government of Chile has frequently admitted obligation in the case and had promised this Government to wittle it. There had been two abortive attempts to do so through arbitration, which falled through tack of jurisdiction, Now, happily, as the result of the recent diplomatic

pily, as the result of the recent diplomatic acgoriations, the government of the United States and Chile, actuated by the sincere desire to free from any strain those cordial and friendly relations upon which both set such store, have agreed by a protocol to submit the controversy to definitive settlement by His Britannic Majesty Edward VII.

In the Far East this Government preserves unchanged its policy of supporting the principle of equality of opportunity and scrupulous respect for the integrity of the Chinese empire, to which policy are pledged the interested powers of both East and West. By the treaty of 1003 China has undertaken the abolition of the likin, with a moderate and proportionate raising of the customs tariff, along with currency reforms. These reforms being of manifest advantage to foreign commerce, as well as to the interests of China, this Government is endeavoring to facilitate these measures and the needful acquiescence of the treaty

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Two features of the new tariff act call

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club; George H. Smith, who came to one-fifth of the dowry. Most of the great industrial corporations and many of the well-conducted rallways of this country are coming to the conclusion that a system of pensions for old employes, and the substitution therefor of the conclusion that a system of pensions for old employes, and the substitution therefor of the great industrial corporations are substitution to the conclusion of the great industrial corporations and the substitution therefor of the great industrial corporations are substituted as the great industrial corporations are substituted as the great industrial corporations and many of the well-conducted rallways of this country are coming to the conclusion of the well-conducted rallways of this country are coming to the conclusion. before the grand jury tomorrow.

ministration.

I am aware that there is a strong feeting in both houses of Congress, and also in the country, against the establishment of civil pensions, and that this has naturally grown out of the heavy burden or military pensions, which it has always been the policy of our Government to assume; but I am strongly convinced that no other practical solution of the difficulties presented by the superannuation of civil servants can be found than that of a system of civil pensions.

King's Condition Grave.

Madrid, Dec. S.—King Alfonso's physician is causing extreme anxiety at court. The king is suffering from a tubercular affection of the inner ear. Dr. Monroe, of Bordeaux, has performed three slight operations to check this disease. Now a serious operation has Alfonso XIII.

Suicide Tries Three Methods.

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steel and asbestos door of his den upon power to fascinate all male creatures. himself and remained in a furnace of exploding and burning films, while the times wonder if you are as foolish as manager, E. L. Kennedy, calmed and you seem, George." sent away the audience without panie. Pierce, when he emerged from his flery ordeal, his hair and clothing scorched and painful burns upon his hands, said he was at work when something went wrong with the wires. In an instant the fire had communi cated from the crossed wires to the scornfully. has not been forthcoming, according to highly inflammable films and the entire room was a mass of flames. The rooms in which the moving pictures are operated are surrounded with walls, floors and ceiling of steel and fixed with handy devices for closing all openings. When the trouble with pale and ill, and as if you had been the wires started, the fire extinguished crying. Pray forgive me," she added. all the lights in the theater and the red lights over the several exits were tim's cheek, "but I knew quite well you

Prince Miguel Is Sued.

Buda Pest, Dec. 7 .- According to the newspapers, a syndicate of crediam likely to have worries and bad tors has sued Prince Miguel of Braganza, who married Miss Anita Stew art of New York last September, for \$1,000,000. Some years ago, a paper occur to me. She is not popular, you says, Prince Miguel was in financial know, though I always get on with says, Prince Miguel was in mandelal straits and the syndicate advanced him a large sum, payable when he should make a rich marriage. The Nothing venture nothing have, you Oakland, Cal., Dec. 2.-With the claim is so great that following nego know." tiations that resulted in his marriage to Miss Anita Stewart, the prince "'Jockey of Norfolk, be not promised to recoup the syndicate with bold," quoted Miss Desmond, with a

Calhoun Trial Reopens.

trial of Patrick Calhoun, charged with Mrs. Saville. I wonder what she is pervisors a bribe to secure an over amiable, I am sure." lead trolley franchise for the United Here Lord Everton, who had been amination of prospective jurors was resumed. During the first part of the Madrid, Dec. 8 .- King Alfonso's trial, which was postponed on account physician is causing extreme anxiety at of the impending municipal election. three jurors were passed subject to peremptory challenge, and four accepted with further examination.

sions.

The business and expenditures of the Government have expanded enormously since the Spanish War, but as the revenues much concerned about the result, in had an extended conference this after-Washington, Dec. 7 .- President Taft aunt's lifetime." as the expenditures until recently, the anion of the public and of those respontion of the public and of those respontion. His tubercular condition unsham and Secretary Nagel, of the de control of the deverment has not been fast doubtedly was inherited. His father partment of commercial of comme doubtedly was inherited. His father partment of commerce and labor, redied of tuberculosis, with complications garding the special message he is pre which are also present in the case of paring on the proposed amendments to the interstate commerce law. This cease to be a free man; invisible detecin ten days and will go into the de-tails of changes which the president barriers, where I am obliged to eat state act more effective.

> Pilot Takes All Blame. ber, pilot in charge of the United in no way to be blamed.

"Metal! Yes, I dare say, I some

"Oh, a good deal more so," said the handsome hussar, showing his white teeth in a pleasant smile. "You know

I haven't many ideas." "Yet I dare say you would be less easily taken in than men who have.

"Very probably, my dear aunt." "What is the matter with you?" asked Miss Dacre, in a low tone, draw ing a chair to the tea-table, where Hope Desmond presided, "You look seeing the quick color rise in her viccould not stand Mrs. Saville for long.'

in a low tone. "Oh, yes, I can," said Hope, smiling news apart from poor Mrs. Saville?"

"Well, I suppose so; but it did not

somewhat tremulous smile.

"She has been crying-I am certain she has; though she is braving it out San Francisco, Dec. 7 .- The second At any rate, she is going to stick to offering a member of the board of su- saying to George Lumley. Nothing

Railroads, was resumed before Judge speaking to Saville, and of whom the Lawlor today. A special venire of mistress of the house had not taken talesmen was summoned and the ex- the slightest notice, approached and begged for a cup of tea. "It is a beverage of which I am ex-

tremely fond," he said, "and I think i decided liking for tea ought to be patent of respectability to any man You have been a good deal on the Continent, I believe, Miss Desmond?" "I have traveled occasionally in my

"Ah! and enjoyed it, I dare say?" "Yes; but I also enjoy returning to

"Indeed! Well, I do not. The moment I set foot on my native soil, I message will be sent to congress with tives put me in social frons; cruel believes are needed to make the inter and drink and speak and have my be ing according to rigid rules. I must give my money for what satisfieth not, and go to the funereal hostelries Philadelphia, Dec. 7 .- F. M. Luk-frequented by my peers. I must don evening dress, and wear unlimited purple and fine linen. Then my exasperat-

"No, of course you do not; there is

Miss Dacre, quickly. "I have heard the tale before. The only difference is that the weather was not quite so stormy as your correspondent represents it," said Mr. Rawson. playing with his double glasses.

"It was really much worse than "Now, does no one want the name of my hero?"

There was a moment's pause. Mrs. Saville sat silent in her arm-chair. Lumley's laughing eyes sought Miss Desmond's, but she was sheltered behind a massive urn which always appeared at tea-time. Only Lord Everton rose to the occasion.

"I am dying of curlosity, my dear Miss Dacre," he said languidly "Name! name!" cried Lumley.
"Hugh Saville!" said Miss Dacre,

rising and assuming an attitude. "I thought so," said Richard. "Just like him!" cried Lumley, cordially.

"Give me your arm, Mr. Rawson. have letters to show you in my study. I avoided church because I did not think prayers or sermon would improve my headache. I did not bargain for being obliged to sit out a dramat le recital," said Mrs. Saville, dryly then acded to the company, "You will excuse me. I do not feel equal to general conversation," and she touched Mr. Rawson's with the finger-tips of her right hand, and walked with much dignity through the door which Lord Everton with a sad and solemn

expression of countenance held open As soon as she had passed, he closed it gently, and advancing a step or two glanced from one to the other with so comic a look of dismay that both Lumley and Saville laughed.

"Courage such as yours, my dear Miss Dacre, deserved success; and yet it has not been successful," he said, with an air of deep sym athy, to the fair narrator, and sat down on the ottoman beside which she ste

"I never saw any one like Mrs. Saville-never!" cried Miss Dacre, growing red with disappointment and mor tification. "I really hoped that such a story of bravery and humanity would have done so thing towards softening her heart; and I flatter my self I did it pretty well."

"If you had asked my advice," said Richard Saville, "I could have told you it would be simple waste of breath."

"But," exclaimed Miss Dacre, with a sound of tears in her voice, "Mrs. Saville always used to mind what I said, and-and seemed so fond of me. I was rather proud of it, she likes so few people."

"I am afraid there is some differ srton.' Now, on the other side of the ence between past and present," said

Lumley, pushing a chair forward 'Come, Miss Dacre, you have done your best, and your best is very good. Now take a cup of tea, and pardon my aunt her scant courtery. I am going to write to Hugh, and I'll tell him

of your championship." "You ought," said Miss Desmond. who had not spoken before, but whose voice showed she had not been unmoved. "Very few can count on such

courageous advocacy of the absent and of a losing cause." "You are very kind to say so. Yes, will have a cup of tea. My mouth

feels parched." "No wonder!" cried Lord Everton. 'I am sure my tongue would have cleaved to the roof of mine, had I dared to utter such words to the Lion of Inglewood. Excuse me, my dear Richard."

"Do not mention it, my dear uncle." "I wish you would come out and take a little walk with me. Miss Desmond," said Miss Dacre, "I feel frightfully upset.

"I should like to do so very much, but Mrs. Saville may want me to write for her, or something, and I do not like to be out of the way.' "What penal servitude!"

"You must not say so. I agree to perform certain duties, and it would not be honest to run away from them. "Why do you always take her part?"

and Miss Dacre made an impartent grimace. Then, addressing the gentlemen, "Just walk back to the court, and I can follow by myself. Then I can have a quiet talk with Miss Des-

"Very well," said Lumley, rising, "I will escort my uncle to the court, and return for you." Miss Dacre gave him a nod and smile, and the gentlemey left them.

(To be continued.)

WHITE HOUSE CHINA

s Never Given Away and Sold Only After Formal Condemnation. Custom at the White House demands that no dish shall appear on the table (especially on state occasions) that is not absolutely without defect. Not merely a chip, but the slightest scratch in the gilding on the edge of a plate or cup, or the almost imperceptible wearing of a color de sign, is sufficient to condemn the piece. It is put aside, and by-and-by, when a number of such "rejects" have accumulated, they are inspected by the steward (who is official custodian of all executive properties), and sent off

to auction, writes Rene Bach. Under the law, the official china cannot be given away under any circumstances, and can never be sold except in the manner described, after formal condemnation. Condemned White House china always brings very high prices at the auction sales-especially pieces of the Lincoln. Grant and Haves sets. Even a badly cracked Lincoln cup and saucer, or damaged egg cup, may fetch \$15 or \$20. On the other hand, a Franklin Pierce plate in good condition is not likely to command more than \$6. Washington and Jefferson crockery is always salable at fancy prices; but none of it comes from the White House, where only a few specimens remain and are kept on exhibition in the cabinets in the basement.

The first and original executive chinaware was imported from England by George Washington - who, of course, never occupied the White House. Nearly all of it has disappeared, only a few pieces still existing in the hands of collectors. But even more nothing to see exactly," interrupted interesting, perhaps, are the rare remnants of the crockery set (likewise of British manufacture) intended for the Confederate executive mansion at Richmond, but which, it is understood. Jefferson Davis never had an opportunity to use. It was captured, confiscated, and scattered, only an occasionrepresent," exclaimed Miss Dacre, al fragment of it being to-day discovwith an air of profound conviction. erable in the cabinets of curio lovers.

At the time when (in 1902) the purchase of a complete new service of queensware was contemplated by Mr. Roosevelt, a careful inventory was made of all the china in the White Hodse. It was found to comprise 143 pieces of the Lincoln set, 125 pieces of the Grant set, 371 pieces of the Haves set, 30 pleces of the Arthur set, 1,745 pleces of the Cleveland set, 459 pieces of the Harrison set, and 321 pieces of the McKinley set.

The Roosevelt china, which was ordered from England (\$23,000 being paid for it), is white and gold, and, as might be imagined, exceedingly handsome. Each plate and platter has the coat-of-arms of the United States. in gilt, in the border. This set originally comprised 3,000 pieces, including cups, saucers, etc., and is to-day almost intact, great care having been taken of it, so that very few of the pieces are broken. 'Hence it is exceedingly unlikely that the Tafts will be obliged to buy any more crockery for the White House.

A Dellente Hint. "Poor Miss Oldgirl! Did you hear of the jolt she got at the seedsman's?"

"No: what was it?" "She told the man she had a little garden of her own and asked him to recommend some suitable plant. He gave her one look and then suggested a wallflower."-Baltimore American.

A Changeless Name. De Quiz-Was that an unmarried

woman you met just now? De Whiz-Yes, I knew her several ears ago. How her face has changed! De Quiz-Has it? Well, when a woman's face changes as much as that she can never hope to change her

The Old Man's Joke. "Mary," called her father, "has that

young man gone yet?" "No. pa," replied the maid. "But he's going right now." "Then ask him to empty the pail

underneath the icebox before he goes,

will you? I forgot it?"-Detroit Free

Press. About the Size of It. "All men are born equal," quoted

the moralizer. "Yes," rejoined the demoralizer, "and the equality stope right there"