

A REBUKE TO ENGLAND.

HER INTERFERENCE WILL NOT BE BROOKED BY FRANCE.

Chinese Troops not Present at the Battle of Tientsin and the French Loss Much Greater than Officially Stated.

PARIS, Dec. 25.—Le Temps protests against the rumors of England's mediation between France and China, and adds: "France will always pay great attention to England's conduct, but must see her claims in Tientsin recognized. It is not for England to offer mediation if China does not ask it."

A Vienna correspondent hears from a reliable source that France has determined to permit no interference with her program in Tientsin and to enter into negotiations whatever for peace with China until the French troops occupy Bamchin.

The London Times hears from good authority that the Chinese troops took no part in the defence of Tientsin, and that the French losses in the recent battle there were much greater than officially stated.

Preparations for the defence of the Red river delta by the Chinese continue on a large scale.

ONLY BROKEN WINDOWS.

Comparatively Harmless Explosion of an Infernal Machine at Birkbeck.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—A terrible explosion, supposed to have been caused by an infernal machine, occurred at Birkbeck yesterday. Nobody was killed. A lamp-lighter named Butler observed two men watching a canister burning opposite a dwelling house. Going up to the canister he kicked it a few yards, when suddenly a tremendous explosion occurred, breaking the windows of all the houses in the vicinity.

The men who were watching the canister escaped. A few feet and a half long was found near by.

An Invitation That Was Accepted.

VIENNA, Dec. 25.—The Political Correspondent says it has learned from Rome that Prince Frederick William while at the quinal extended an invitation to King Humbert and Queen Margherita to visit the German court at Berlin and that the invitation was accepted. The visit will probably be made next spring.

THE OLD WORLD IN BRIEF.

The Russian general Kantakuzin has been appointed minister of war of Bulgaria.

The industrial exhibition at Nice was opened yesterday with appropriate ceremonies.

It is stated a passenger train met with an accident yesterday on the railroad between Bamberg and Paris, and that the carriages were wrecked, many passengers being killed or seriously wounded.

CHRISTMAS IN GOTHAM.

A Lamentable Record of the Celebration of the Day.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Wm. Kratz, carriage painter, was found dead in bed this morning with his face covered with blood.

The body was blackened with bruises. Two persons, a man and a woman, disreputable characters, who occupied the same room with Kratz, have been arrested. It is thought they murdered Kratz for some little property he well-kept in his room.

In attempting to quiet a disturbance in a saloon near Ganauvort market last night, two policemen were attacked by a mob of roughs and knocked down and terribly beaten. One of the officers, Geo. Smith, shot Thos. Fitzpatrick, the leader of the gang, as the latter was springing at him with an open knife, inflicting a fatal wound. Smith has been suspended. He claims he acted in self-defence.

During a quarrel last evening Jacob Zelig, aged 30, was struck on the head with a beer pitcher by Henry Thies, one of his tenants, and fatally injured. Thies was arrested.

L. Richard Von Sternberger, a young German with wealthy aristocratic connections in Germany, poisoned himself and died yesterday because he received a letter from a young lady in Germany, to whom he was engaged, announcing that her relations had compelled her to give him up.

John McCullough's Health.

Speaking to a New York reporter about the rumors of his ill health, John McCullough said: "There is not the slightest danger of my breaking down. I don't play any more, but a slippery trick will be as well a man as I am now for the next twenty years. The stories of my illness started with my being a little out of sorts at the festival a few months ago. I had just had a long siege of overwork. All sorts of staff was being sent to me, and the newspapers said I was broken down. You can see for yourself how broken down I am, and I have played every week day night for five consecutive months without missing one. Because I wouldn't go out to dinners and suppers and drink with everybody they said I was dying from some peculiar disease which nobody seemed to know anything about. The fact is, my health was never better than it is now."

The Difference.

"Which is the best, to owe or to have something owing to you?" asked Colonel Lagerboer of Gus D. Smith one day.

"Why, to have something owing to you, of course," answered Gus, who is one of our brightest society youths. "I don't agree with you, says Lagerboer. 'Why, why not?'"

"Because, if you have something owing to you, you may never get it. But, if you owe something, when you are able to pay it you have value-received, anyhow; and if you never pay—why, then you are sure to make a handsome profit."

The Queen of Italy's Silk Stockings.

Some months ago Queen Margherita asked a little girl to knit her a pair of silk stockings as a birthday gift, and gave her 20 lire to buy the material. The queen forgot the circumstance till her birthday came, when she was reminded of it by the arrival of a pair of well-knit stockings and the maker's best wishes. Not to be outdone, Queen Margherita sent a pair to her young friend, but she was told that the stockings were full of holes and the other of holes. They were accompanied by a little note: "Tell me, my dear, which you liked best?" A reply reached the palace the next day: "Dearest Queen—Both the stockings have made me shed many bitter tears. Papa took the money with the money, and my brother the other."

PROMINENT PERSONS.

The queen will spend the spring in the north of Italy.

Mr. G. Mercer Adam called on The World on Monday.

Algeron Swinburne has declined to visit America for the present.

Matthew Arnold will be here in February, the guest of Mr. Goldwin Smith.

J. C. McLeod is visiting with friends in company with Mr. Fred Foster of the London Free Press.

It is said the queen was much distressed on receiving Visen Hugo's letter asking for the respects of O'Donnell.

Gen. Pryor, O'Donnell's American cousin, received £3000. Chas. Russell, Q.C., O'Donnell's English counsel, received £500.

Madame Labrache has been formed to give orders on Manager Abbey for \$225, to satisfy a modiste's claim for dresses supplied a couple of years ago.

Dr. J. Zimmerman Wild, son of Rev. Dr. Wild, is here on a short visit.

The doctor left here last spring and settled in Brooklyn, N.Y., where he has had gratifying success. He is looking particularly well.

Mr. London McCormack, who was engaged for three years with the Madison square management, has cancelled his engagement, inasmuch as his salary was not to begin till he played, and he saw no sign of commencement.

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In view of the approach of the first anniversary of Gambetta's death, his friends propose to get up a great political demonstration at New York on Dec. 31, the day of his death, and on Jan. 6 in Paris, the day of his funeral ceremony.

Said the Rev. Robert Collyer, addressing his congregation in New York on Christmas day: "Wise and good merit is as good for life and religion as for the soul. Merit and religion ought to go hand in hand. We should keep this Christmas as a day of rejoicing. I wish you all a sweet rest on that day."

The New York Sun's London correspondent states that M. Richepin, the author of Nana Salhi, is mentioned as the successor of M. Damala in Sarah Bernhardt's affections, but that the husband is consoled by his great success as the hero of a "clean healthy" play entitled Marie des Forges. So they are all happy again and every one is satisfied, unless it is Mlle. Colombini and she, who appears to have found consolation for her hurt feelings in the increased demand for Sarah Bernhardt.

Mr. Harry Randall, advance agent of the 7-20 combination, which appears in the Grand opera house next week, is in town. Mr. Randall has the pleasure to represent one of the best attractions on the road, an attraction of which so severe a paper as the New York Graphic says: "Every one who has seen the most brilliant and active of laughter. This is the best possible recommendation for a piece to be played in the first week of a new year."

Mr. Herbert, whose marriage with Miss Williams of Baltimore is in suspense, is the oldest son of the Right Hon. Henry Herbert, who, in conjunction with the present Earl of Kenmore, then Lord Cardross, represented the county of Kerry for many years, and was chief secretary of Ireland for a short time in Lord Palmerston's administration. After his death, which occurred suddenly while on a visit at Lord Dunraven's, the present Mr. Herbert succeeded the county as a liberal from 1868 to 1880. He had previously been an officer of the Grenadier Guards, and was captain of a regiment in Canada some twenty years ago. His estates surround his beautiful residence of Muckross, in the lakeside of Killarney, and comprise 47,238 acres, a yearly value of \$22,000.

THINGS THEATRICAL.

Mr. Henry E. Abbey says that Mme. Nilsson is the sweetest managed prima donna he ever knew.

Robson and Crane have made a notable success this season on the road with their Boarding House.

Billy Barry of Barry and Fay moves the loss of a 3-year-old daughter, who died in New York last week.

East Lynne drew full houses on the Grand at both performances yesterday. It will be given twice again to-day.

Fanny Davenport has been compelled to withdraw Follies from the Fourteenth street theatre, New York, after over a hundred performances to crowded houses.

Miss Agnes Herndon is the latest capture of the Madison Square management. She has been engaged to play leading business.

Notwithstanding his financial reverses J. H. Haverly is as busy as ever. Besides buying Billy Birch's theatre in New York, he has opened an international amusement exchange.

"7-20" is said to be one of the most delightful entertainments now before the public. Mr. Daly's company is declared to be almost perfect. It will be at the Grand opera house next week.

Mary Anderson's business in London is steadily increasing. The first night of her new play was only \$200. Now they are at least \$1400 nightly. She is the rage, and could play to good business for a year to come.

London McCormack, Margaret Lanner and W. H. Lytell, all highly esteemed in Toronto, have joined the new Park theatre, New York, at which Fashion's Slave, with John A. Stevens, the author, in the leading part, will form the staple for the present.

M. B. Curtis' old clock has now a rival in the field of stage souvenirs. Count Joseph Arsenius, a Persian noble, has presented Mr. Randall with a superb dagger, 400 years old, beautifully inlaid with gold throughout, which was lately given to the khan by the shah.

Justice in Mexico.

Judge Weston of Leadville, Col., has just returned home from Mexico, where he was defendant in a peculiar suit. Complainants here not those paid his employees, he was sued for the sum due them, \$236. He had to ride twenty miles to court, and there the three judges dismissed the claim against him. But after he had returned to his mine an officer appeared and summoned him again to court, and the judges again changed their minds. Again he rode twenty miles. The decision was reversed, and the judge ruled that he would be paid to a higher court upon depositing with them the \$236 adjudged against him, and in his anger he retorted that he would be paid the money with a superb dagger. Threat the offended presiding judge a dagger, but Judge Weston instantly covered the court with two revolvers, and while the three judges dropped down behind their benches, he stepped out. He mounted his steed, and was soon hidden in the mountains.

A MISSISSIPPI TRAGEDY.

A NUMBER OF PERSONS SHOT DOWN BY NEGROES.

The City Council Resolves on the Subject—The Leading Negro Killed While Being Arrested.

YAZOO CITY, Miss., Dec. 25.—A terrible tragedy was enacted here last night at 10 o'clock. John T. Posey of the firm of Williams & Posey, an estimable young man highly connected, was insulted by John James, a negro butcher. Going off, Posey returned with some friends, when without warning the party were fired upon and John Posey, Ernest Posey and Jasper Lantry were killed. H. Elliott was dangerously wounded. Frits Halliker was slightly wounded. The negroes had organized, and under the cover of the darkness of night shot down those gentlemen who refrained from shooting because the streets were full of boys. The men were not connected with the difficulty. To have fired would perhaps have killed many innocent persons. Only one of the negroes had been apprehended. At a meeting of the city council held to-day upon full investigation of the causes leading to the difficulty, they declared the difficulty was the result of a personal altercation between John T. Posey and John James and that the friends of both parties were drawn into the conflict, but that neither politics nor race prejudice actuated either party. John James, the leading negro in the difficulty last night, was killed this morning while his arrest was being attempted. He fired three times and was killed by the citizens who were trying to arrest him.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

The liabilities of Lamborn & Gray, bankers, Alliance O., who assigned, are estimated at from \$100,000 to \$300,000.

It is reported 3000 employees of the National Tube works at McKeesport, Pa., will accept a reduction of 12 1/2 to 25 per cent on Jan. 1.

Wm. McCaffrey, a prominent New Orleans politician, was shot dead yesterday morning in gambling saloon by Red Reanaud, one of the proprietors, after a quarrel. Reanaud has been jailed.

A fire at St. Louis on Monday night did \$400,000 worth of damage. A fire yesterday at the same place cost \$100,000, and also of \$140,000. John Conway and Michael Kehoe were killed. Con. Gallagher, Patrick Homer, T. S. Hamner, pastor of the Sherburne street Methodist church, and Rev. Dr. Dewart, editor of the Christian Guardian, were among the speakers.

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SAVES THE GRANDPUP.

An Anecdote Coupled that "Made it All Up" in Court.

From the Philadelphia Times.

Thomas M. C. Givens was before Judge Allison, in the desertion court, yesterday, for leaving and neglecting his wife. He was so old that he had married thirty years, and had a pretty little grandchild. His wife was gray-haired and wrinkled. She said the cause of all the trouble was that he had neglected her for three weeks.

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LOCAL NEWS PARAGRAPHS.

The Toronto electric light company will put their lamps in Union station to-day.

The collection at St. Mary's catholic church yesterday amounted to over \$1000.

Coroner Duncan has ordered an inquest touching the death of Mrs. Moore by a lamp explosion on Friday.

A thousand people visited the Zoo yesterday. The animals felt contented and happy, having been treated to a Christmas feast.

James Cunningham and John Southworth fought in York street yesterday afternoon and were run in by Policeman Bines.

There are some good attractions at the Royal museum this week. Three performances were given yesterday to large and well pleased audiences.

Tom McQueen, a notorious westerder, was yesterday arrested on suspicion of having been implicated in the Sammie shooting robbery. He passed the afternoon and night in the cells at No. 5 station.

Some parties drove Hoollan's hack away from Slatery's hotel Monday night, and were followed by a party of men on foot. A similar occurrence occurred last night, when a one-horse hack was driven away from the corner of York and Adelaide streets.

Mr. Peley for Mayor.

Mr. Peley's name has been mentioned a good deal in connection with the mayoralty, but there is no likelihood of his contesting the civic chair. At present his ambition is to have the clearest and the largest store. But the number of people who have expressed a desire that he should run is very large. He seems to know every one; he is popular with all, and if he did become mayor he would be able to administer the duties pertaining to the office with ability and credit.

Methodist Ministers and the Salvation Army.

Christmas was an extra day with the salvation army. They held several meetings at their barracks during the day and a rousing one at night, the large building being well filled. Rev. S. J. Hamner, pastor of the Sherburne street Methodist church, and Rev. Dr. Dewart, editor of the Christian Guardian, were among the speakers.

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Baseball at Home.

From New York Truth.

"I'm so glad to see you back from the country, Lizzie," said a Fifth avenue wife to a dear companion she met on Broadway.

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