

Prince Louis Napoleon, who is now visiting the United States, called on the President on Monday last. The representatives of royalty and democracy enjoyed a pleasant quarter of an hour's confab.

It is now stated that the amount stolen from the Adams' express messenger, on a train near Pacific, Mo., last week, will aggregate \$120,000 instead of \$50,000, as first reported. The express company claim to have a clue to the robber.

The claim of the Americans to exclusive rights in the seal fisheries of Alaska, are, considering the outcry against our headland contention, very laughable. These fisheries are hundreds of miles in extent and are not enclosed by headlands. A contemporary truly says that "The Seal ring of Alaska is not as valuable a piece of jewelry as it was one year ago."

American counterfeiters have discovered a new dodge for defrauding the public. By some means known only to the initiated, they successfully split the bills and thus obtain a genuine face and back for two notes. The counterfeit is cleverly executed on the blank side, and experts find it difficult to detect the fraud, as a glance at the opposite side of the note tends to convince them of its genuineness.

The acquisition of Alaska cost the United States Government \$7,000,000, but so far the Republic has reaped no benefit from its only possession. Now, however, that gold has been discovered on the boundary between Alaska and British Columbia, there will be more interest taken in this North-West Territory. At present the boundary line is not laid down excepting in a general way, and trouble is likely to arise in consequence.

The French duty on foreign wheat is to be doubled.

400,000 Russian troops are on board Russian cruisers. Their destination is supposed to be Varna.

The valley of the Garonne is flooded and the street railway in Bordeaux is so far under water that operations have been suspended.

A small insurrection has broken out in Afghanistan. It is the direct result of the popular discontent against excessive taxation.

The Burmese insurgents are showing vigorous fight, and the British troops are obliged to be on the *qui vive* against surprises.

The King of Greece has advised his brother, Prince Waldemar, not to accept the Bulgarian throne if offered to him.

It is reported James Russell Lowell will soon be married to Lady Lytleton, widow of the late Lord Lytleton.

The Swiss Federal Government, which has a debt of less than \$9,000,000, proposes to buy up all the Swiss railways.

Prince Conza, half brother of King Milan, of Servia, is proposed as a candidate for the Bulgarian throne.

The revision of the treaty between China and Japan has been shelved, and has been put off for another year.

Mr. John Morley is spoken of as Gladstone's successor, as leader of the Liberal party. The G. O. M. will in future confine his attention exclusively to the Irish question.

The Government of Bulgaria has issued an order prohibiting the teaching of the Russian language in the schools, and substituting the German in its place.

Prussia, realizing the difficulties and complications arising out of private companies owning and controlling railways, is about to buy up all the railway lines in the kingdom.

In Japan it is stated that a code of new marriage laws will shortly be promulgated, according to which it will be unlawful for males under twenty-five years and females under nineteen years to contract marriage.

A deputation of Servians visited St. Petersburg for the purpose of protesting against the secret Russian intrigues to overthrow King Milan. Courteous treatment was accorded the deputation.

The attempt of the Nationalists to elect their representatives as members of the senate of Dublin University, has failed. *United Ireland* strongly condemns the manner in which the University is being conducted.

A prominent German Diplomat, during the absence of the German Ambassador from the capital of one of the Great Powers, being misled by certain telegrams, was induced to speculate heavily. He lost \$1,000,000.

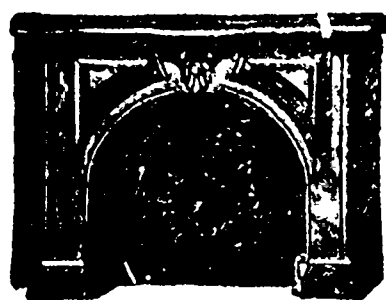
The first sod will be turned in the proposed Baltic and North Sea Canal in November; next spring the work will be prosecuted with vigor. This canal will give Germany an independent outlet from the Baltic.

There is to be a grand Thanksgiving Service at Westminster Abbey, on the 20th of June next, to mark the 50th anniversary of Queen Victoria's accession to the throne. All the Court officials and foreign ambassadors are expected to be present at this great jubilee celebration.

Germans do not take kindly to the dress of the Scotch Highlander. Prince Henry of Battenburg has incurred the displeasure of the Queen, because he prefers the stereotyped dress worn by men in general, to the picturesque scarf, kilt and sporran, which the lads in the Highlands wear.

A procession led by 500 women in black marched through the streets of Charleroi, Belgium bearing banners upon which were inscribed mottoes favoring universal suffrage; 35,000 sympathetic onlookers witnessed this strange and orderly demonstration.

The meeting of the Bulgarian Sobranie has, so far, been orderly. The Bulgarians feel despondent over the lack of interest evinced by the great powers in the condition of the state, and are fearful that Russian occupation will be unopposed. Austria is the only power which has taken a decided stand against Russian aggression.



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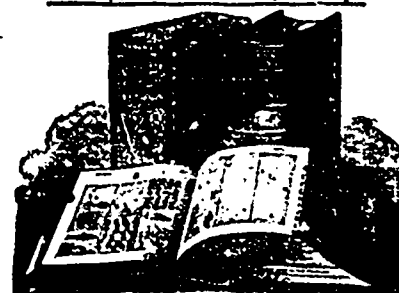
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