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JAPAN'S PREPARATIONS.

Complete Co-operation of Army and Navy Assured. London, Dec. 30.-The corespondent

of The Times at Tokio says: "An Imperial ordinance issued to-day guarantees 6 per cent. on the loan of 10,ooo, ooo yen for the Seoul-Fusan railway, and grants 2,000,000 yen for completing the work within the coming year. Another ordinance creates a high council of war, under the Presidency of the Emperor, having for its object the securing of the efficient and rapid co-operation of the army and navy. The personnel of the council includes the chiefs of the naval and military head-quarters staff, the Ministers of War and Marine, and other high officers selected by the Sovereign.

London, Dec. 30.—The corespondent of The Times at Sydney, N.S.N., says: "The Japanese Consulate here is overwhelmed with offers of volunteers for Japan. The Consul says it is impossible to accept the applications of foreigners for enlistment."

Moscow, Dec. 30.—Twelve batteries of the four Grenadier brigades of field artillery stationed in and around Moscow have been selected for service in the far east. Their early departure 000,000 yen for the Seoul-Fusan railway,

artillery stationed in and around Moscow have been selected for service in the far east. Their early departure is expected, which will place 108 field guns at the disposal of Viceroy Alexieff. It is said here that all the volunteers living at their homes, who, as graduates of high schools, are privileged to serve only a year with the colors, have been ordered into barracks. Extensive movements of troops eastward have been reported.

New York, Dec. 30.—A special cable from London to The New York Herald states that Mr. Bennett Burleigh, in a cable message to The Daily Telegraph from Tokio, says:—

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"War trembles in the balance, if it has not already tilted the scale, for reports affirm that Russia on Saturday answered declining Japan's request. Diplomacy is terrified as to what will happen in China if there is war between Russia and Japan.

"It is agreed and Pekin despatches show that the Chinese Imperial authorities are on the alert and will attack Russia. Their best Generals are cager to engage the enemy in Manchuria, but the real key to the seriousness of the situation is in the question, Will there be ferther terrible outbreaks against foreigners in China? Or, in the equally dangerous problem, what steps will Germany and France take if disturbances break out? Great Britain and America should be prepared also to see that if Japan wages a successful war she is not prevented from reaping the fruits of victory.

Mr. Burleigh adds:—"Peace and good-will have not come with the season's greeting from Holy Russia to Japan, but instead the is a confident truculence still fur er provocative to war direct from St. Petersburg. I consider my inability to see in her present attitude any other meaning than to precipitate a conflict. To be precise, my Manchurian tour showed me that Russia is not fully ready and cannot for at least three months be able to maintain her position if determinedly attacked. Time, therefore, is essential to her, unless she utterly despises the prowess of Japan. It is true Count Lamsdorff long ago openly decared that Russia considers the Manchurian occupation to be a matter only considered to consider on the prowess of Japan. Japan. It is true Count Lamsdorff long ago openly dec ared that Russia considers the Manchurian occupation to be a matter only concerning herself and China. Instead of tenf-porizing she has employed the same language to Japan. Over a fortnight ago Russia again emphasized the same response at Tokio. Yet the Lapanese statesmen became the control of the same response at Tokio. Japanese statesmen have since asked her to reconsider for refusal to exclude discussion of Manchuria and have pressed for a roly thereto within a reasonably brief time. Such is the situation."

AN IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY.

Archbishop of Westminster Enthron ed New Roman Catholic Cathedral.

London, Dec. 30.—The Most Rev. Francis Bourne, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Westminster, was enthroned in the new Cathedral of Westminster yesterday with impressive ceremony. The cathedral is the first Roman Catholic cathedral that has stood in the Metropolitan See of England since the Reformation. It is situated half a mile west of Westminster Abbey, and is a magnificent structure of the Byzantine magnificent structure of the Byzantine style, with a great campanile of red brick, banded with Portland stone, three hundred feet high, and crowned with a metal-covered dome, surmcunted by a double cross of bronze. The expenditure on the entire edifice up to the end of October was just over a million dollars.

FUNDS TO BUY STOCK.

Furter Atlas Loan Transactions to be Investigated.

ck and financial transactions in conne on with the Atlas Loan Co. came our court yesterday, when the Mas ter in Ordinary heard evidence in regard to the claim of the Merchants' Bank to rank upon the estate for several claims held by the bank. The latter has claims neather that the several claims of the

Sir Richard Not a Candidate, Ottawa, Dec. 2"—Replying to inquiries from the L reral executive in South Oxford, Sir Lichard Cartwright has written to the S crett of the association to say that the tate of his health will preven: him from offering himself for re-electic in in that constitutions. *************************

DOMINICAN REVOLUTION. Insurgents are Attacking City of San

San Domingo, Dec. 30.-The insur gents are attacking this cit'y, which is being defended by the troops of the provisional Government, who are now fighting in force.

The Clyde Liner Cherokee arrived in port yesterday. The Government authorities demanded that a portion of the Cherokee's cargo destined for Agua de Compostela, be discharged here. This demand was resisted by the steamboat agents, who notified the Government that the Cherokee would proceed to Azua de Compostela. In case of aggression on the part of the Government authorities, the steamship agents will ask United States Minister Powell for protection.

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Gen. Morales, the provisional President, is determined to resist to the limit all attacks by the insurgents. He left last night on the Dominican gunboat Independencia, with the intention of attacking the insurgents in ports to the south.

HAMMOCKS IN CARS.

Experiment in Transporting Troops

Across the Continent. Vancouver, Dec. 30.—The special train which conveyed the 58th Company of the R.G.A. across the continent from Halifax R.G.A. across the continent from Halifax to this city arrived yesterday, and the troops will leave for Esquimait on to-morrow's steamer. The passengers numbered 224 all told, including twelve women and twenty children.

Major English, who is in charge of the party, expressed himself highly pleased with the transportation arangements of the C.P.R. despite the fact that the trip was made in midwinter. Attached to the train was the regular military "commissary" car of the C.P.R., but an additional test was attached to this transportation of troops across the continent from the experiment of using hammocks for the men, the idea being that were several regiments to be carried across the continent to the Orient, regular sleeping cars not being available, day sleeping cars not being available, day coaches might be used. "The men naturally preferred the regular tourist and colonist sleepers," said Major English, but the experiment proyed eminently "but the experiment proyed eminently satisfactory. The hammocks were slung from beams in the arms spine longituding ally and others latitudinally. It was found from beams in the arrayme longitudinally and others latitudinally. It was found that the former method answessed best, as the men were not so much shaken in rounding sharp curves. I am satisfied that in crose of emergency box cars with hammorks could be used to convey the troops."

LORD TREDEGAR DYING.

Was in the Famous Light Brigade Charge at Balaclava.

London, Dec. 30.-Lord Tredegar. who is dying, is one of the few surviving heroes of that magnificent "Charge the Six Hundred at Balaclava,' hich constitutes the theme of the most stirring poem of Tennyson. Lord Tredegar, who was one of the officers of the famous "D oth or Glory" 17th Lancers, had his horse shot under him in the charge. He is sixty-seven years

AFRICAN RAIL"'AY SCHEMES. Sir Percy Girouard Says Three Years' Work is Required.

London, Dec. 30 .- Sir Percy Giruard says that to carry out the new railway schemes in South Africa in three years will require 60,000 natives. White labor is too dear. The Mines Association is supplying 50,000 men for the work. He says the Rhodes scheme of a line from Cape to Cairo is effective, as a picture, but there is no necessity for joining the northern and southern rails, as the White Nile is navigable for 1,000 miles below Khartoum.

CUTTING THEIR WAGES.

U.S. Steel Corporation Employees Receive Notice of a Reduction.

McKeesport, Pa., Dec. 30.-Notices of a wage reduction were posted at the local plants of the United States Steel Corporation. The cut includes every employee, and will graduate down from heads of departments to laborers, the latter receiving but a slight reduction. Ten thousand men are affected, but the reduction will be generally accepted.

Literature Censor at Windsor. Windsor, Dec. 29.—The Dominion Government has appointed Dr. J. A. Smith, collector of customs at Windsor, censor of all questionable literature coming into the country through this port; also the advertising matter of theatrical people.

TELEGRAPH BREVITIES.

Conductor Albert Henry of Fort William was killed by falling between the cars. Selkirk, Man., Conservatives nominated Mr. W. W. Coleman for the Commons,

Ald. Ames has accepted the Conservat've nomination for St. Antoine, Montreal. Private Thomas Worswick, injured in

don, is dead,

Winnipeg Park Board has recommended that 320 acres south of the Assinibolie River be purchased for suburban park purposes.

Mr. W. P. Telford, banker, of Owen Sound, was nominated for Parliament by the Liberals of North Grey. North Wel-lington Conservatives nominated John McGowan, M.P. /

General Reyes, the Colombian special Ambassador to Washington has presented the demands of his country regarding Passama to the United States Government, and these will be answered on Thursday.

The Temiskanting & Northern Ontario Railway Commissioners opened tenders yesterday for 6,000 tons of rails and fastenings. No award was made of the contract. It will probably

By WILL N. HARBEN

Bishop sat down in his place in the chimney corner, the packet on his knees, while Pole Baker modestly and not without touches of humor recounted his experiences.

"The toughest job I had was manag-in the woman," Pole laughed. "You kin always count on a woman to be contrary. I believe ef you was tryin' to git some women out of a burning house they'd want to have the'r way about it. She read the order an' got white about the gills an' screamed, low, so nobody wouldn't heer 'er, an' then wanted to ax questions. That's the female of it. She knowed in reason that Crais was dead dead and the control of the cont that Craig was dead fixed an' couldn't git out until she complied with the in-structions, but she wanted to know all about it. Then I told 'er she'd be arrested fer holdin' the money, an' that got her in a trot. She fetched it out purty quick, a-cryin' an' abusin' me by turns. As soon as the money left 'er hands, though, she begun to beg me to ride fast. I wanted to come heer fust, but I felt sorter sorry fer Craig, an' went an' let 'im out. He was the gladdest man to see me you ever looked at. He thought I was goin' to leave 'im thar. He looked like he wanted to hug me. He says Winship wasn't much to blame. They both got in deep water

speculatin', an' Craig was tempted to cabbage on the \$25,000." When Pole had concluded, the group sat in silence for a long time. It looked as if Bishop wanted to openly thank Pole for what he had done, but he had never done such a thing in the presence of others, and he could not pull himself to it. He sat crouched up in his tilted chair as if burning up with the joy of his release.

The silence was broken by Abner Daniel as he filled his pipe anew and stood over the fireplace.

"They say money's a cuss an' the root of all evil," he said dryly, "but in this case it's give Pole Baker thar a chance to show what's in 'im. I'd 'a give the last cent I have to 'a' done what he did today. I grant you he used deception, but it was the fust water sort that that Bible king resorted to when he made out he was goin' to divide that baby by cuttin it in halves. He fetched out the good an' squelched the bad." Abner glanced at Pole and gave one of his impulsive inward laughs. "My boy, when I reach t'other shore I expect to see whole strings o' sech lawbreakers as you a-playin' leap-frog on the golden sands. You don't sing an' pray a whole lot, nur keep yore religion in sight, but when thar's work to be done you shuck off yore shirt an' do it like a wildcat a-scratch-

No one spoke after this outburst for neveral minutes, though the glances cast in his direction showed the embarrassed ex-moonshiner that one and all had sanctioned Abner Daniel's opin-

Bishop leaned forward and looked at the clock, and, seeing that it was 9, he put the money in a bureau drawer and turned the key. Then he took down turned the key. Then he took down the big family Bible from its shelf and sat down near the lamp. They all knew what the action portended.

CHAPTER XXIV. OUT a week after the events recorded in the preceding chapter old man Bishop, just at dusk one evening, rode up to Pole Baker's humble domicile. Pole was in the front yard making a fire of

"What's that fer?" the old man questioned as he dismounted and hitched his horse to the worm fence.

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wiping his eyes, which were red from the effects of the smoke. "I'll never pass another night like the last un ef kin he'p it. I 'lowed my hide was chick, but they bored fer oil all over me from dark till sun-up. I never 've tried smoke, but Hank Watts says iv's head o' pennyr'yal."

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"Shucks!" grunted the planter. "You ain't workin' it right. A few rags burnin' in a pan nigh yore bed may drive 'em out, but a smoke out beer in the yard 'll jest drive 'em in."

"What?" said Pole in high disgust.
"Do you expect me to sleep seed best.

"Do you expect me to sleep sech hot weather as this is with a fire nigh my bed? The durn things may eat me raw, but I'll be blamed ef I barbecue myse'f to please 'em."

Mrs. Baker appeared in the cabin

door holding two of the youngest children by their hands. "He won't take my advice, Mr. Bishop," she said. "I jest rub a little lamp oil on my face an' hands, an' they don't tetch me." Pole grunted and looked with laugh-

ng eyes at the old man. "She axed me t'other night why I'd quit kissin' 'er," he said. "An' I to 'er I didn't keer any more fer kerose "An' I told

than the mosquitoes did."

Mrs. Baker laughed pleasantly as she brought out a chair for Bishop and invited him to sit down. He complied, twirling his riding whip in his hand. From his position, almost on a level with the floor, he could see the interior of one of the rooms. It was almost bare of furniture. Two opposite corners were occupied by crude bedsteads in the center of the room was a cradle made from a soapbox on rockers sawed from rough poplar boards. It had the appearance of having been in use through several generations. Near it stood a spinning wheel and a three legged stool. The sharp steel spindle gleamed in the firelight from the big og and mud chimney.

"What's the news from town, Mr. Bishop?" Pole asked awkwardly, for it struck him that Bishop had called to talk with him about some business and vas reluctant to introduce it

"Nothin' that interests any of us, eckon. Pole," said the old man. cept that I made that investment in Shoal Cotton factory stock."

"That's good," said Pole, in the tone of anybody but a man who had never nvested a dollar in anything. "It's all hunkey, an' my opinion is that it 'll never be with less."

"I did heer, too," added Bishop, "that was reported that Craig had set up



"Well, it's yores," he said, a little grocery store out in Texas, nigh the Indian Territory, Some thinks that Winship 'll turn up thar an' jine 'im, but a body never knows what to be-

lieve these days." "That shore is a fact," opined Pole. Sally, that corn bread's a-burnin', Ef you'd use less lamp oil, you'd smell bet-

Mrs. Baker darted to the fireplace, raked the live coals from beneath the cast iron oven and jerked off the lid in a cloud of steam and smoke. She turned over the pone with the aid of a case knife and then came back to the

"Fer the last month I've had my eye on the Bascome farm," Bishop saying. "There's a hundred ner even, some good bottom land and m land an' in the neighborhood o' this acres o' good wood. Then thar's a five 'oom house, well made an' tight, an' s

barn, cowhouse an' stable."
"Lord! I know the place like a book," said Pole. "an' it's a dandy investment, Mr. Bishop. They say he offered it fer fifteen hundred. It's with two thousand. You won't drap any money by buyin' that property, Mr. Bishop. I'd hate to contract to build jest the house an' well an' out-houses fer a thousand."

nouses fer a thousand."

"I bought it," Bishop told him. "He let me have it fer a good deal less 'n fifteen hundred, cash down."

"Well, you made a dandy trade, Mr. Bishop. Ah, that's what ready money will do! When you got the cash, things seem to come at bottom figures."

Old Bishop drew a folded paper from his pocket and slauped it on his tage. Old Bishop drew a folded paper from his pocket and slapped it on his knee. "Yes, I closed the deal this evenin', an' I was jest a-thinkin' that as you hain't rented fer next yeer—I mean"— Bishop was ordinarily direct of speech, but somehow his words became tan-gled and he delivered himself awk-wardly on this approxim. "You wardly on this wardly on this occasion. "You see, Alan thinks that you 'n Sally ort to live in a better house than jest this heer log cabin, an"—

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