

## ..The Planet..

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## THE STATE OF EUROPE.

Their joint action in China has not done much to bring the great powers into closer relations with each other. On the whole, the Chinese intrigues have induced more cordial feelings between England and Germany and produced some coolness between the latter power and Russia.

On the continent itself, in spite of universal peace, there is more than one storm centre showing signs of unrest and danger. Bulgaria is ripe for mischief, and the "young Turkish" party are troublesome. Russia, having now thoroughly denationalized the Finns, is casting covetous eyes on Scandinavia, while its designs against Persia have been for the moment checked by Britain. Three causes contribute to curb Russia's military aggression. A grievous famine affects thirteen millions of her people who are living, if living it may be called, on rusk made largely from cork tree bark. Secondly, the national credit is at a low ebb, thirdly, there is imminent danger of a revolution. Russia has made great advances towards establishing manufactures and trades unions have put in an appearance in the large towns, adding a large body of Artizans to the already disaffected student class.

Strange as it may seem, there is no country in Europe where a revolution could be more easily effected than in Russia, where the loyalty of the army seriously undermined; because there we have no middle class as in England to act as a buffer between the people and the Emperor and to assist in curbing disorder. A fourth cause might be added, deterring Russia from launching her armies against Austria or Turkey. She is straining every nerve to develop and colonize the fertile plains of Southern Siberia and to complete the construction of the canal between the Baltic and the Black sea so as to avoid interruption by British warships and to transport her fleets at will from ocean to ocean through her own territory. On the other hand, were the danger of revolution more pressing, the Tsar might distract the energies of his people and appeal to their patriotism and religious devotion by declaring war against Turkey. Austria, once one of the greatest of powers, is now a disjointed or at least loose combination of numerous nationalities held together by the popular personality of the Emperor and liable to fall to pieces at his death, when Germany would absorb some of the disrupted Empire.

France has been steadily losing ground, relatively, at least, to other powers. Germany exceeds her by one-third in population, and can put a correspondingly larger force in the field, though France is still much stronger by sea. France has been practically stationary in population, the United Kingdom now surpassing her by three millions. Hence France has no surplus population to colonize her large possessions in Madagascar, Indo-China, and Africa, and these colonies involve her in a pecuniary loss of many millions of dollars yearly. No actual case has arisen to test the sincerity of the Franco-Russian, or as it is called, the Dual Alliance, but the sincerity of the Russians may be doubted.

Italy is severely suffering financially from the ambitious effort to keep up an army and fleet equal to those of more wealthy nations, and were it not for the hundred million dollars spent annually by England and American tourists, she would be dangerously near bankruptcy. Germany takes the lead as a military power, though by actual count Russia could send out a larger but slower army. The industrial strides of Germany are great. Their last census shows 296 works or factories which employed over 1,000 persons each in 1895, and employing in all, 562,628 hands, and 665,365 horse power in use. Krupp's cannon factory taking the lead with 44,067 workmen. In mercantile marine and ship-building they are also well up to the front. The Hamburg-American steamship Company employs 8,145 seamen and 6,498 aboard ship, while the Vulcan ship-yard employs 7,208 at Stettin. Germany has a compact settlement in the southern part of Brazil, and should she formally annex it, trouble may ensue with the States.

The minor powers and kingdoms may be passed over with brief comment. Some, like Spain, are, in Lord Salisbury's phrase, "dying," though Spain has many natural advantages over France, being compact and square in shape, with a good sea-board, and far superior in mineral wealth. The loss of her colonies may yet prove her financial salvation. Greece only saved a few years ago from utter destruction by the great powers, has learned to let Turkey alone, and is increasing in population faster than any other nation in Europe. Turkey is still hopelessly steeped in debt and

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extravagance with an army which could be most formidable if properly fed and led. Belgium, preserved from war, has increased in wealth till Antwerp rivals Liverpool. Holland is also prosperous and under certain circumstances might be united with Germany, which would thus not only gain Holland itself, but the valuable Dutch Colonies and add much to its position as the leading power of central, if not of continental Europe.

Britain stands in an altogether peculiar and exceptional position. She is in, but not of, Europe. That is to say, she has ceased to meddle in European wars and quarrels. She is in some respects the greatest Asiatic power and is rapidly founding another mighty empire in South Africa.

Separated by national ideals, language and the ocean, from the continent, she is protected from invasion by her fleet. Owing to the growth and loyalty of Canada, Australia and New Zealand, and her own increase in population, Britain will have at the close of the South African war a formidable army, thoroughly trained, with colonial aid in case of need, and with those communities added she forms a population of 50 millions, being only second to Germany and Russia, leaving India out of count. The only point of continual friction — a serious one, however, — interesting Britain is Morocco, which is coveted by France, and the possession of which by that power would endanger the supremacy of Gibraltar. Germany has warned France that she cannot be permitted to annex Morocco. Spain, nettled at England's aid to the United States, threatened to build forts on overtopping heights, which with modern guns would command Gibraltar, but this scare has died out. Lord George Beresford has done the nation timely service by calling at

attention to the immediate duty of strengthening the Mediterranean fleet so as to be able to hold its own against all comers.

## PETROLEUM AS A STREET MAKER.

The experiment of laying the dust for the season by sprinkling the roadways with crude petroleum, which was tried in a small way in Westmount last year, is spreading in the United States. It not only keeps down the dust, but is quite an insecticide. On the pools and in gutters it makes the froliesome mosquito bite the dust. The odor is immediately suggestive of the large sized breath of an onion eater, but this wears off in time, and the dust and microbes remain attached to the ground for the season. The non-scientific newspaper paragraphist is irreverently remarking that in Texas they are also using crude petroleum now to "raise the dust."

A lobster was recently caught at North Shore, N.B., by Frank Barberie which measured three feet from tip of claw to tip of tail, with claws fourteen inches in circumference. It weighed fifteen pounds. Are there any others—North Sydney Herald.

There's Hamilton's chief of police.—Ottawa Citizen.

## AN INSINUATION.

Watford Guide.  
"Wallaceburg has a sad famine, notwithstanding the town was all almost Grit last election."

## QUICK AND DEAD.

Ottawa Citizen.  
The antiquarian editor of the Toronto Star has made an interesting find. He announces:  
Rev. John Seaman, a retired Anglican clergyman, living in Hamilton, is dead.

## RESULTS OF BAD EXAMPLE.

Tilbury News.  
Taking courage from the example of the jail-breakers in Chatham, a young Leamington jail-bird followed their example the other day. Stronger precautions than iron bars and stone walls will have to be used if the jail-breaking practice continues to flourish. We are quite willing that the United States should hold the palm for proficiency in such acts as these, as well as for lynching and divorcing.

## HOSPITAL SHIP MAINE.

Montreal Star.  
The announcement that the hospital ship Maine has been presented to the British navy is indeed a most gratifying evidence of kindly feeling on the part of many of the most philanthropic and thoughtful people of the United States, towards the much-abused and oft-misrepresented British. The hospital ship was fitted out by the ladies of the United States, and sent to South African waters on its errand of mercy at the outbreak of hostilities. It has now been made a gift to the navy of the power with the same language, laws and aspirations, the same ideas of freedom and the same sincerity in promoting civilization held by the people who paid for the ship.

## THE CRYSTAL BEACH DIFFICULTY.

Correspondence has been going on some time between the deputy minister of labor, Mr. W. L. MacKenzie King and Mr. W. Philip, of London, re Crystal Beach, Buffalo. It will be remembered that Mr. Philip's contract to furnish a Canadian band for this summer resort was knocked out by the labor unions of Buffalo. Mr. King says, in reply to yours: "I beg to enclose for your information a copy of the act to amend the act to restrict the importation and employment of aliens," which was passed at the session of parliament, which has just closed. From this amendment you will see that the interested parties are themselves in a position to take the steps necessary for the enforcement of the law without the intervention of this department. I enclose you also a copy of the original act so that you may be fully informed as to the law and the necessary procedure for its enforcement. Mr. Philip, it is understood, will go to Buffalo and try conclusions with the managers of this popular Canadian summer resort.

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