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THE ICE CONDORA.

To-day we give a picture of the ice condora or cairn, about to be erected at Montreal, under the auspices of the East-End Carnival Committee. It will form one of the principal features of the Winter Carnival. The place for its erection—a large square called the Champ-de-Mars—has been already selected, and work will be commenced at once. The design is by Mr. Theo. Daoust, of Montreal. The structure is round, its base diameter being 75 feet, and its height, without the colossal statue is also 75 feet, built in a series of seven storeys. It is intended to represent an ancient Egyptian Castle. On the topmost block, a colossal figure will be placed, dressed in the picturesque costume of one of the snow-shoe clubs in this city. This figure will hold in its hand a torch, lighted by electricity at night. In the construction of the cairn and its eight flanking towers no less than 12,000 blocks of ice will be used. At night, it will be lit by the electric light from the inside and firework displays will take place outside.

A VERY SEVERE EARTHQUAKE occurred in Spain on Christmas Eve. One shock lasted fifty seconds, and was felt throughout the entire country. At Grenada the houses rocked violently, and the earth trembled greatly beneath the feet of the terror-stricken inhabitants. At Malaga the shock was more disastrously felt, many houses being wrecked, and a large number of the inmates being killed, while many were severely wounded. The government has sent provisions, clothing, &c., to the sufferers, and a subscription list has been opened for their relief. In Madrid the damage was slight, but the shock was sufficiently felt to frighten the inhabitants.

THE OUTLOOK IN RUSSIA.

Very gloomy views concerning the present outlook in the Czar's dominions are indulged in by the Paris correspondent of the London, (Eng.) *Times*. He says that Count Tolstoi, the Russian Minister of the Interior, is chiefly engaged in the discovery and persecution of the Nihilists. No sooner is one society suppressed than another springs up. Count Tolstoi is continually threatened with death and whenever he stirs abroad it costs some five hundred roubles for his extra protection. While

Nihilism is more dangerous than ever, the prosecution of the Jews is as fierce as it was a few years ago, when the European pressed shame at the outrages disgracing Russia. The great bankers are said to be subsidizing the press for the purpose of preserving silence in order to prevent Russian finances being impaired in the sight of Europe. For all their efforts however, the condition of Russian finance is declared bad, it is not only suffering from the difficulty of collecting revenue, but from persistent American competition in the grain

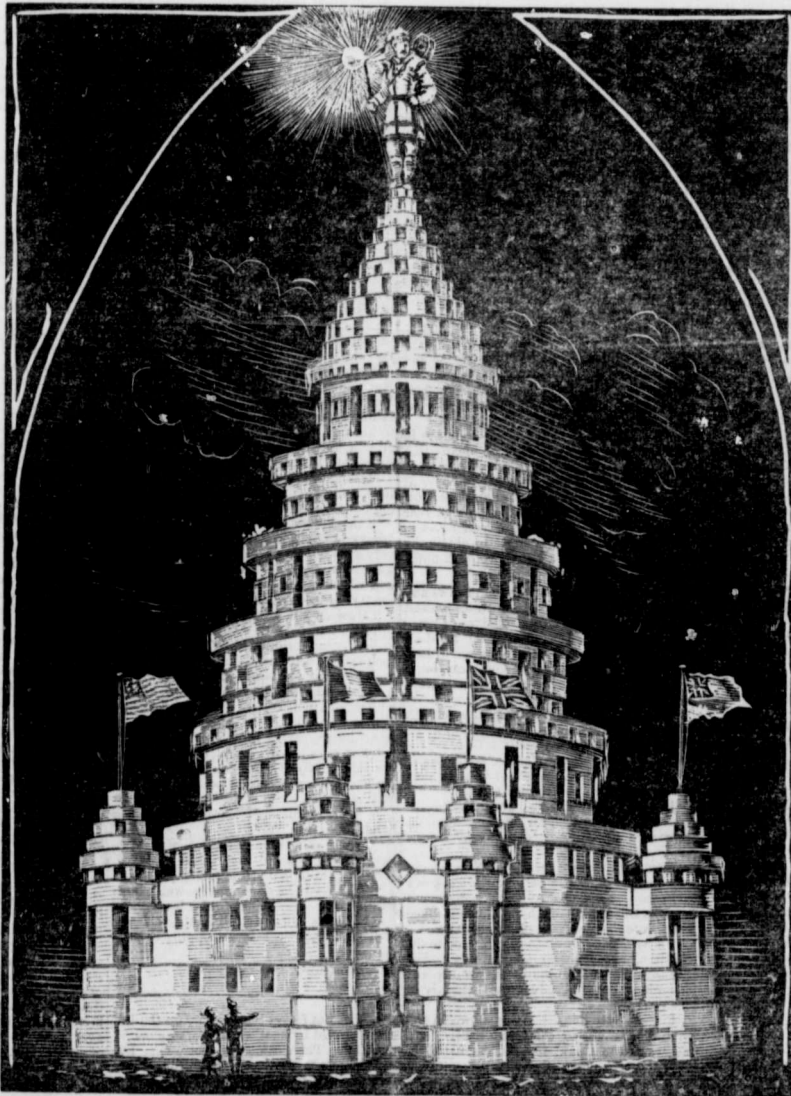
trade, as well as from the ruinous expense of the Russian advance on Merv. Despotism is increasing and the press is coerced into silence. Russia is more and more ignoring liberal ideas and paving the way for a tremendous explosion at some future date.

THE CONGO.

A Brussels newspaper, the *Independence Belge*, reports a serious quarrel between the African Association and French agents in the Congo territory. An armed force of the International Association, commanded by M. Hodister, ascended the river Mpila to fight the natives, who had gathered to attack the Dutch and German factories at Loango. The commander of the French flotilla stopped the expedition, and arrested the Dutch agent for a violation of French territorial rights, demanding also the surrender of Hodister. Captain Elliot, chief of the International Association region of Mpila, refused to surrender Hodister, and a conflict was the result.

THE FRANCO-CHINESE WAR.

The Marquis Tseng has warned Lord Granville that the sale to France of seven vessels to be used for the purpose of transporting French troops to China is a breach of the neutrality laws. The English Government has advised the owners of vessels that no evasion of the foreign enlistment act will be permitted. The semi-official denial of the purchase made by the French Government is not believed, because the brother-in-law of the Minister of Commerce had charge of the negotiations for their purchase. The French Consul at Tientsin is to be removed to Shanghai. This will sever the French official relations with China. A startling report has reached Paris that the French transports with troops from Toulon have been sunk by a Chinese cruiser between Singapore and Saigon.



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