

FIFTH YEAR. EMPIRE VS. REPUBLIC.

CHINA DECLARES WAR AGAINST FRANCE.

The Report Denies Preparations for an Expedition to the Interior.

LONDON, Aug. 16.—The late edition of this morning's Times contains cablesgrams purporting to be direct from Hong Kong and to convey information up to date. This information was of the most startling nature, and contained the deliberate statement that China has formally declared war against France.

The first evidence that the news lacked foundation was shown in the stock market. These remained virtually unaffected, the merchants and financiers having had possession of reliable information from private sources of their own which led them to utterly discredit the statements by the Times.

At the Chinese embassy the story was treated with supreme indifference, as an invention of the province. It was only after the French ambassador to England had been notified by the Chinese ambassador in London that the French ambassador to London, Dr. MacCartney, remained in London.

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THE MARCH OF THE PLAGUE.

The Cholera Death Rate Still Holds Its Own and Prospers.

PARIS, Aug. 16.—Hardly a day passes but reports reach here of the appearance of cholera in one or two additional towns in France. Sanitary precautions appear to be powerless to check the progress of the disease.

PARIS, Aug. 17.—There were five deaths at Arles to-day. At Montfort Sur Argens there were two new cases and one death.

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EDWARD HANLAN BEATEN.

AN AUSTRALIAN GAMBAN WINS THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Racing at Brighton Beach, Chicago, and Other Places.—The Ontario Held Their Own.—Sporting Notes.

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LIET, GREELY EXPLAINS.

STORY OF THE SUFFERING IN THE ARCTIC.

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SHOT HIMSELF THRO THE HEART.

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A PARKDALE DEFAULTER.

ARREST OF J. F. THOMPSON SATURDAY NIGHT.

Irregularities in the Village School Fund Account—Board Money Paid by Secretary for His Own Benefit—A Stormy Meeting Ours an Arrest.

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THE BOLT AND IRON COMPANY.

Mr. Livingston's Proposition to the Creditors and Contributors.

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