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ENGLAND'S CHIEF JUSTICE.

The Tribune Like Their United States Papers Rather Fond of the Gentleman Just Now.

All the counsel engaged before the Alaskan boundary tribunal are enthusiastic in their praise of the manner in which Lord Alverston presided over the proceedings. This has been the third time that the Lord Chief Justice has represented England in important international affairs. He shared with Sir Charles Russel, who preceded him on the bench as Lord Chief Justice, the duty of prosecuting the British case in the Behring Sea arbitration in 1893, for which he received the grand cross of the Order of St. Michael and St. George. He was leading counsel for Great Britain in the Venezuelan arbitration of 1899, and at the close of which he received from Queen Victoria a baronetcy, an honor rarely bestowed on a law officer, and on his elevation to the bench to succeed Lord Russell as Lord Chief Justice of England he received a peerage, and, of course, a seat in the House of Lords. It would be no exaggeration to say that Lord Alverstone is without exception the most universally popular member of the British bar. To vary the title of a popular song, "They All Love Dick," and he is regarded as one of the best and most characteristic types of an Englishman. To begin with he is absolutely "straight," the very soul of honor, thoroughly simple and unaffected, but still stately and dignified. He possesses a massive frame—he tips the balance at some 16 stone covering an unusually big heart, is clean in his private life, even tempered, and in his youth was a famous athlete, robust in body as in mind, earnest and thorough in all he undertakes, and has a singularly winning and finely modulated voice. It cannot be said that he is pre-eminent as an orator, nor is he a great parliamentarian, and although his political opinions are strong nobody ranks him as a great politician. It would even be an exaggeration to say that he is pre-eminent in brilliancy as a lawyer. And yet he stand at the head of his profession by reason of his absolute soundness, and because he has the reputation of never permitting prejudice or feeling of any kind to influence his decisions, which are based exclusively on law, equity and common sense. Few English judges or lawyers are better known in the United States than "Kicky" Webster, who has frequently visited this country, and whose son, who died a year or so ago, was married to a girl with American blood in her veins, her mother, Lady Evans, being the daughter of the late attorney-general, Samuel Stevens of Albany.

To see Lord Alverstone at his best is to be his guest at Winterford, his picturesque home in Surrey, and it is difficult to efface from one's mind the memory of the fine big hall, with its galleries of carved oak running round the southeast sides, the burning logs in the old-fashioned fireplace throwing a ruddy glow on the tapestries with which the walls are hung, while seated at the organ is the hospitable host, discoursing sweet music on this difficult instrument. Lord Alverston is an accomplished organist. In bygone days he had a singularly fine voice, and he is the most musical member of the English bench. He lost his wife many years ago, and has never married again. Indeed, the bereavements which he has sustained, first through the death of his wife, then by that of his only son, have given a certain note of occasional sadness to a character that is otherwise of the most sunny and genial disposition.—New York Tribune.

The Greatest of Wars Predicted.

We are probably on the eve of the greatest war that the world has ever seen. I am opposed to war; I do not believe in war; I hope there never will be another war. But if there can be a just war, it is called for now. Either America and Southern Europe must fight Russia at this time, or concede to her all of Asia.

Few people understand how insidiously Russia has been moving her forces up against the barriers of Persia, India and China. Year after year Russian army posts have been advanced, reinforced, built into large commands, until today Russia is ready to attack not China alone, but along her entire frontier line in Asia, and is probably in a position to capture China, India and even Persia, unless a determined front is put up by the rest of the world.

It is astounding the lethargy which has been exhibited toward the occupation of Manchuria. Everyone in the least familiar with the situation has recognized that once Russia became entrenched in Northern China, with the Trans-Siberian Railroad completed, her battleships in sufficient numbers, it would be almost impossible to dislodge her.

She came into Manchuria deliberately, she never had any intention of leaving it, and she is quite ready today to begin battle.

Probably she has counted most on the indifference felt in the United States regarding her occupation of Manchuria.

During a discussion with a Russian who was visiting me several years ago, I asked the question, "What part of China does Russia want?" He replied: "Russia wants no part of China." Then added after a moment, "She wants it all."

The Manchurians and Mongols furnish splendid fighting material, at least so far as private soldiers go. They can live on almost nothing, make long marches, sleep on the ground, obey orders and learn to handle firearms with accuracy. In other words, they have all the elements of first-class private soldiers.

The Russians have the officers ready to put over them. It will not be necessary for Russia to move vast numbers of men from Europe. Russia is now established, its forts built, its navies are in the eastern harbors of Asia, the officers have arrived and vast quantities of stories and arms have been shipped in. It only remains now to drill the natives in order to organize an army large enough to sweep down on Pekin and over Northern China.

Whence will the force be brought to combat the army that Russia has even now on ground? This is estimated in some daily papers at 80,000 with another 100,000 comparatively near by in reserve. The brave little Japanese have neither the numbers nor the wealth to combat a nation such as Russia. The Chinese are unorganized. The English will have enough to do to defend India.

Meanwhile, French, German, English, Americans are too busy with affairs to reflect that if Russia adds another 400,000,000 to her subjects, and then with her low priced labor builds armaments, she will be a threat to the rest of the world. Even America, vain as we are of our strength, might well find occasion in the future to regret our present indifference.

Manchuria is but a stepping-stone to China. China captured, the balance of power is forever determined. Napoleon said that in 100 years the world would be either Cossack or republican. We have been so intent upon our own little corner of the world that we have failed to reflect what a Cossack would mean.

The Manchurian question is the most tremendous matter before the world today, but it is all so distant and Russia is doing her will so quietly that we are like children without comprehension of what the future will hold.

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The death of the famous Spanish toreador, Reverte, recalls to the London "Globe" one of the most thrilling incidents ever witnessed in the arena. It was at Bayonne. After disposing of two bulls, Reverte had twice plunged his sword into a third, of great strength and ferocity, and as the beast continued careering wildly, the spectators began to hiss Reverte for bungling. Wounded to the very quick of his pride, the Spaniard shouted, "The bull is slain!" and, throwing aside his sword, sank on one knee with folded arms in the middle of the

ring. He was right, but he had not allowed for the margin of accident. The wounded beast charged full upon him, but the matador, splendid to the last, knelt motionless as a statue, while the spectators held their breath in horrified suspense. Reaching his victim, the bull literally bounded at him, and as he sprang he sank in death, with his last effort giving one fearful lunge of the head that drove a horn into the thigh of the kneeling man, and laid bare the bone from the knee to the joint. Still Reverte never flinched, but remained kneeling, exultant in victory, but calmly contemptuous of applause, till he was carried away to heal him of his grievous wound.

The Empire of India.

A Blue Book has been issued containing interesting figures about India. While the population is over 294,000,000, less than 3,000,000 are Christians. In an analysis of the population, according to "occupation", nearly 4,000,000 are supported by servants engaged in administration of the state. 130,000 by sport, 2,250,000 by herdsmen, 2,340,000 by barbers and shampooers, while tailors, milliners and dressmakers have to find support for over 1,000,000 people. A glance at religion show that Hindus number over 200,000,000, Mohammedans 61,000,000. The complex work in India is further evidenced by the great number of languages—there being no fewer than 42 Indian, 11 Asiatic, and 19 European languages spoken in the empire, besides a greater number of dialects. There are 25,000 lepers and 150,000 deaf mutes, while less than 350,000 never see the light of day. Those who can read the Indian languages have 7081 newspapers to glance at, and 1312 are in English.

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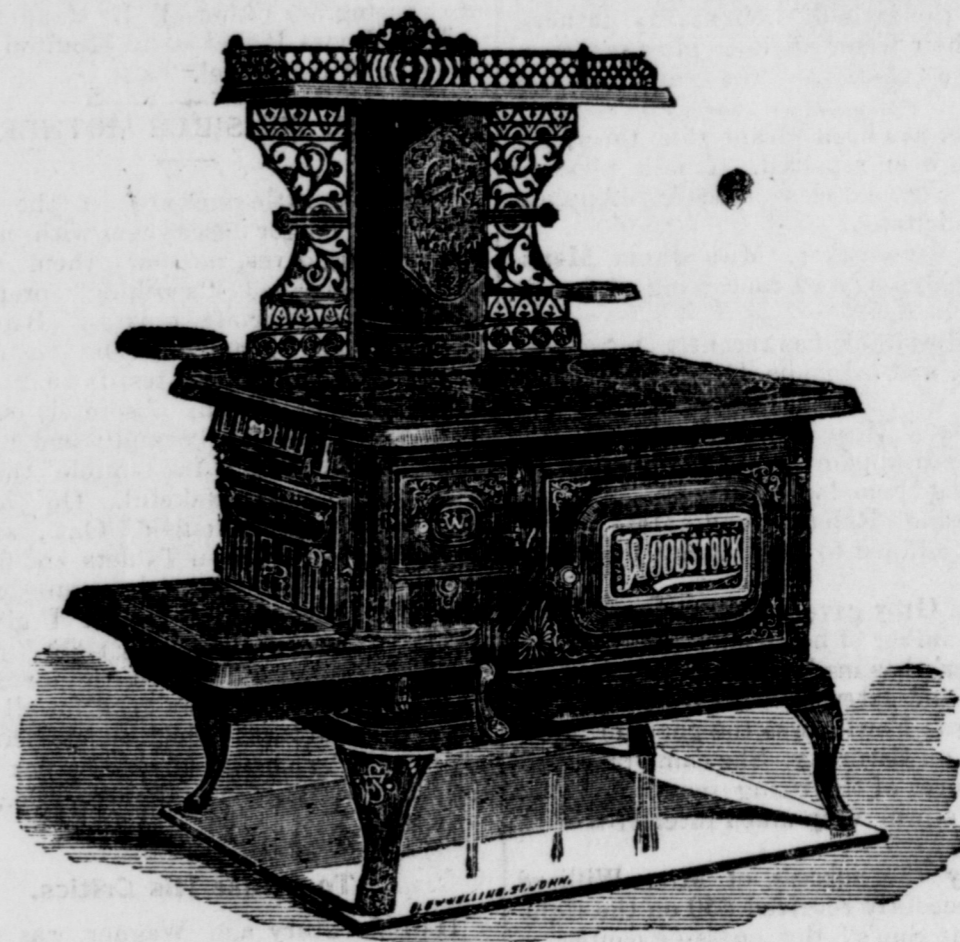
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