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THE FRONTIERS OF INDIA.

MEASURES TO MEET THE EFFECTS

OF RUSSIAN ACTIVITY IN ASIA.

By the British Government-Raids by

the Tribesmen Are Becoming Frequent

- Russian Influence Is Almost Su-

The British Indian Government, af-

the new conditions that are

er some deliberation, has decided to

arising all along the frontiers of

India by an increased expenditure for

military purposes, principally in ar-

tillery, on which, it is authoritati-

vely stated, \$10,000,000 will be spent.

The rearmament of the native army

s proceeding as fast as magazine

rides arrive from England, the new

weapons being issued to the British

of the new armaments will not, it

said, add to the Indian budget, but

will be met with the money saved by

ment in paying the cost of the troops

taken from India for service in South

For some time past the condition

of things on the northwest frontier of

India has been reported to be unsatis-

factory, raids by the tribesmen on the

frontier outposts becoming increas-

ingly frequent, with loss of life and

looting of magazines and guard-

houses for guns and ammunition. The

latest raids have determined the In-

dian Government to institute a block-

ade of the territory inhabited by th

offending tribesmen in order to cut

lands. Should this not produce the

desired result sterner measures wil

be adopted, and a punitive expedi-

tion similar to that sent into the

Tirah country three years ago will

be despatched to occupy the country.

THE AMIR OF AFGHANISTAN,

in order to guard the neutrality of his

territory, has sent one of his Gener-

als, Mohammed Ali Khan, to select a

suitable site for a cantonment on the

frontier to watch the operations. He

is also said to have caused a new

book in Persian on the subject of

"The Preaching Laws of Islam," to

be issued from the Kabul Press and

copies to be distributed among the

preaching staff of mullahs. A por-

tion of the work is devoted to politi-

with Russia and the British Govern-

Meanwhile occurrences have taken

place in Thibet, arising out of the

Chinese complications, that have

caused the Indian Government to

by earthquake and floods, with the

intention of prolonging it into Sik-

kim toward the Thibetan frontier.

Movements are reported from Thibet

which are regarded as hostile to

ese melitary station in north-western

Mongolia; and there is an all-the-

year-round postal service between

Kasngar and Osh in Ferghana, and

Fort Narin, a Russian outpost in

Russian Turkestan. All communica-

tions between the British Government

and its agent have to pass through

the Russian Post Office and tele-

graphs, except when an occasional ex-

plorer comes up from India through

RUSSIAN SUPREMACY

is gradually asserting itself com-

mercially, financially and political-

Western Thibet, driving out the Eng-

lish goods that at one time filled the

bazaars. The Russo-Chinese Bank-

ing Company has recently establish-

ed a branch at Kashgar to facilitate

no important step, even in the in-

ternal administration of his prov-

ince without first consulting the

Russian representative. A few Hin-

du traders and money lenders are

still to be found in Kashgar, but their

In order to bring Kashgar mor

completely under Russian influence

M. Petrovski is now working to have

the Russian custom house on th

Kashgar to facilitate Russian trade

operations, and it was believes he

would succeed. An English writer

commenting on this move, observes

that it was just in this way that

Bokhara was gradually absorbed

Lastly, in the event of troubles cal!-

ing for the display of military force,

Russia has already large bodies of

troops within eight days' march of

is endeavoring to establish a coun-

Russia by encouraging the construc-

mir, but the probability is that before

they can be of any strategic value,

the Russian outposts will have been

the British and nominally Chinese

territory. As to the outcome of the

Thibetan mission to Russia nothing

is yet known; but its having been sent

is symptomatic of the unrest pre-

moment.

Kashgar. The British Government

frontier at Irtishkam removed

business is rapidly leaving them.

trade, and the Chinese Taotal takes

Kashmir or some other route.

their flocks off from their grazing

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JUST THE TERM FOR HIM. "Why do you speak of him as finished artist?' "Because he told me he was utterdiscouraged and was going to quit the profession. If that doesn't

show that he's finished I don't know THOROUGHBRED. pedigree."

"Mamma, I've found out my dog" "What is it, dear?" "Uncle Jim's hired man says he's full-blooded mongrel!"

VERY SMALL OF HIM. I'll get even with that fellow, exclaimed Snickers the humorist.

and he made it a chestnut.

backgroung loomed grim Vesuvius, the destined destroyer, close by flowed the River Sarno, which was crossed by be extinct and its sides were cultivated all the way up to the summit Grapes were largely grown and wine

duced cabbages famous for their ex-It was the city of the clan of the ed up another from a desk in a man's dealing with any of the enormous ice Pompeys, founded by the Oseans, an library and just tucked it in my fields which Russia produces. She ancient Italian tribe in the sixth century B. C. or earlier, afterwards con- took this one, and thought no more perimental trip last summer and acquered by the Samnites, a rival tribe about it. I carried that pencil I guess complished all that could be expectand eventually absorbed by mighty three or four months, sharpening it Rome. The culture of the people was occasionally, and so gradually wear- ternal ice which she then encountered. very Greek; they worshipped various ing it down. The last time I ever The alterations now being made were Greek gods and used the Greek names used it was in a railroad station where for their weights and measures. Be- I'd just seen a big express wagon ing so beautifully situated and having drive up with a couple of boxes that ing the changes, has the greatest cona delightful climate Pompeii, was a caught my eye as maybe containing fidence that the ship will cut her way favorite resort of wealthy Romans | things that I'd like to have; both go- | without delay straight to the pole and many of whom had villas there. Cicero ing to the same town, but not very had a handsome "cottage," as it would far cut, and I thought maybe I'd run now be called, and the Imperial family maintained a palace close by. The these houses. I don't believe in luck, villas were mostly on the high ground, but I sort o' had a notion that I'd back of the town toward Vesuvius and find something very good in those facing the sea.

but not much was thought of them. So I goes into the waiting room of On the 5th day of February, in the the station again and just puts down year 63 A.D., there came A TREMENDOUS SHOCK.

THAT BEFEL THEM.

Awful Calamity Which Overrook Pompeti-

veston Harricane.

Over 2,000 Persons Perished -- One-Third

More Fatalities Occurred in the Gal-

Pompeii is believed to have had rath-

the neighborhood which likewise pro-

which was a warning of what was to follow. It threw down a large part of the city, including the beautiful temples of Jupiter, Apoilo and Isis, made the memorandum on in my but most of the damage was repair- pocket, and was just putting away ed by the time of the great catas- the pencil, when a man that had step-

be so memorable began early in the mighty cloud spread and overhang the city like a vast and ominous umbrella. There was still plenty of time to get may have lost their lives.

to come as quickly as possible with and saying: his ships and help to rescue the people. He sat sail immediately, and, ar- lary. riving, within sight of Vesuvius at that was then falling. It was impossible to make a landing at Pompeii, where it was

HAILING CINDERS at such a rate that during the nigh he was obliged to leave the room in which he slept for fear lest the door might be blocked up. On the following morning he died, being suffocat-

ed by volcanic fumes. Early in the afternoon of February 24 the hail of pumice began to fall upon doomed Pompeii, the pieces averaging about the size of a walnut, together with torrents of rain, must then have been almost too late for anybody who remained in the city to get away. Repeated shocks of earthquake contributed to the horror of the scene, incidentally demolishing the bridge over the Sarno and Vesuvius on the other side and overwhelmed the neighboring Hercul- pen just for fun

to ten feet deep with it. Its weight sion. I said I found it; and when I do was the flood, and it came to pass in broke in the roofs of many of the try lying I make the bunglin'est work the year 1656 after the birth of houses and the destruction of lives of it you ever heard of. That's the Adam. Sporting Powder, Guns, Revolvers. To arrive from Belgium 35 Single must already have been frightful. kind of a jon I made of it this time; Nevertheless many of the people still and of course they knew, you know. Though day had arrived it grewdark- ish, but that one I dropped right er than ever, if possible, a cloud of FRIGHTFUL BLACKNESS

the lightning and thunder were appalling. Shock followed shock and the survivors must at last have concluded that their last hour was at hand. Such was in truth the case The storm of ashes lasted nearly all day long. They drifted in through the windows of the houses and suffocated all who remained alive. They covered the city with a sheet of death six to seven feet thick.

Thus was completed the destruction of Pompeii. If the estimate of fatalities above quoted be fairly correct the loss of life was not more than bank. one-third as great as during the recent hurricane at Galveston whose terrors may be said to have fairly equalled those of this ancient catastrophe though so different in kind. When it was all over the roofs of many of the houses still emerged above the volcanic debris. which had overwhelmed the city. Herculaneum | tionin' it, said Uncle Eben, but every sum! however had wholly disappeared un- once in awhile human folks 'minds' der the streams of mud, sixty-five feet me o' critters. Some of us can't feel I told him to depict my family tree, deep in spots, which had flowed over ginnerwinely thankful onless we's got Silk dresses were worn in China vailing all over Asia at the present | Suspicious Character, thoughtfully, lit. This mud being a sort of natural both feet in de trough.

POMPEII AND GALVESTON. concrete, soon hardened into stone, which is to-day of such solidity as to make excavation work extremely dif-A COMPARISON OF THE DISASTERS ficult.

THE RETIRED BURGLAR.

He Tells of a Triffing tacident That Once Led to His Arrest. "Of all the fool things that a man in my business can do," said the retired burglar, "the very foolest of all

er more than 20,000 inhabitants. The is carrying about with him something city stood on an elevation overlooking the sea, the whole of the Bay that he's picked up in the course of his work. I used to think that writof Naples being in view, while in the ing letters and leaving them behind, something by which a man might some day be identified, was the most fcol thing of all; but I am satisfied now that carrying something around is still corse. I realized this when something I was carrying got me into making was an important industry in trouble

pocket, and I lost this pencil, some- the Yermak has yet attacked. how, one day, and the same night pick- original bow was easily capable pocket, I wanted a pencil and I just out there some night and look through two houses, and I liked the idea of Small earthquakes were frequent, getting the clue to them in that way. those addresses before I forgets 'em; writing 'em down at one end of a

desk that was there by the window of the telegraph office. "I'd put the piece of paper that I'd ped up to write a telegraph, and The eruption which was destined to found no pencil on the desk there, turns to me-he'd seen me writingmorning of Feb. 24, 79 A.D. Spectators and says: 'Will you kindly lend me looking from a great distance saw a your pencil for a minute? And of

I HANDED IT OVER TO HIM without the slightest hesitation, and away in safety, and doubtless a major- then I stands there and looks the ity of the people did escape, before the other way so as not to seem to be many who attempted to leave in boats | which I couldn't very well mistake, and looking around I found, as I ex-Admiral Pliny, with a fleet, was not pected that it was a policeman that

far away, and letters brought by was clawin' me, and my friend there. mounted couriers reached him as ear- that I'd lent the pencil to, was stand- ond month and the seventeenth day. ly as 1 p.m. that day begging him ing alongside of him, pointing at me, It began then and continued for forty

"Quite a change in the situation? nightfall, ran into the rain of pumice | Well, I should say so. And all through that pencil. That pencil was just a plain, common, simple pencil, of good and so he disembarked at Stabiae, quality, with nothing remarkable that Seth lived 105 years and begat about it al att except that across the Enos. Adam, says the fourth verse, flat end of the head of the pencil, the lived 800 years, after the birth of Russian Government has an importend not used, there were eight little | Seth, and the latter after the birth | ant diplomatic agency presided over man that had borrowed it of me, there he was 162, Methusaleh was born to state and dispenses money freely Well, it was easy enough to prove that came into the world when the father is connected by telegraph with St it interested me a little bit, too, to the added ages of the several patrithe marking on the pencil. This born, occurred 1.053 years after the man's little daughter made it, and she | birth of Adam. shutting off escape in that direction. swore to it without any sort of doubt Meanwhile, rivers of pumice mixed or quibble. She'd sat down one day the eleventh verse reads as follows; with water flowed down the slope of at her father's desk and marked those "In the six hundredth year of Noah's lines on the end of a pencil with a life, in the second month, the seven-

The pumice fell in Pompeii until the actual proof that I stole it; but there great deep broken up and all the winstreets of the city were covered eight was, proof that I had it in my posses- dows of heaven were opened." This survived, seeking refuge in cellars and But they gave me only a year. Still other places of retreat. They must that was enough to learn me that leshave imagined that there was still son anyhow. I never, after that carhope when early in the morning of ried about with me anything that I'd the next day, Feb. 25. there came a gathered in, any longer than it was great shock and ashes began falling necessary to dispose of it. I may in a continuous shower with the rain. have other tricks, now, just as fool-

> IN THE QUEEN'S REALM. The total income of the Church of England is about £200,000 a week. Australians hold a world's record in tea consumption, drinking nearly eight pounds a head yearly. The Financial Times of London has undertaken to drive the bucket shops

out of business. There are about 100,000 Indians in the Dominion of Canada located upon reserves in different districts. The municipal authorities of Glasgow are considering a proposition for in smoking-hot fat. the establishment of a city savings

UNCLE EBEN'S IDEA.

ice cream from an Italian vendor.

Some time ago 32 children in Liver-

I hopes you'll 'scuse me foh men- kim say is-I wish I'd eat dat 'pos-

RUSSIA AFTER THE POLE.

A Ship That Will Cut Her Way Through

the Frozen Fields. An entirely new departure in Arctic exploration will be made next summer, says a London letter. Russia will send north her wonderful ice ship, the Yermak, with instructions to try to cut her way through to the pole. The performance of this vessel in cutting and tearing her way at three or four miles an hour through the immense ice fields of the Baltic Sea and other Russian waters has excited amazement among all who equipped and improved for the great

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especially designed to encounter th field of ice in the Arctic Sea, which i "I always carried a leadpencil in my heavier and thicker than any which went to a high latitude on an exsuggested by this experience. will return safely in the same season. Every precaution has been taken fit her out for a long stay in case of accident or blockade.

Admiral Makarott has refused give out details of the plans or even to admit that the expedition will be undertaken, but there is no doubt on this point. No information is yet available as to the route to be taken or how the coal problem will be solved. There will be supplies at one or two points in Arctic Russia and probably a collier will carry an additional supply as far as the ice will

THE DATE OF THE FLOOD. Bible Facts on Which the Southern Bish

Based His Question. Some people have had fun lately over the reported rejection of eight candidates for the African Methodist ministry in the South by the examining Bishop because they could not tell the date of the flood. Nevertheless, the Bishop who asked the question impending volcanic storm began. Judg- looking while he was doing his writ- knew what he was doing. It may ing from the number of skeletons thus ing. And I thought he was writing not have been a fair question, but far discovered, it seems probable that a pretty long telegraph, and I was there is a concise answer to it in the not more than about 2,000 persons just about to turn around and look. Bible, and he no doubt thought that actually perished. However, a great when a feels a hand on my shoulder, the eight candidates, if they were well versed in the Old Testament,

The date of the flood was 1,656 years

after the birth of Adam, in the secdays and nights. This is how it is "'I charge this man with burg- figured; The third verse of the fifth British interests in Asia, and an enchapter of Genesis reads thus; "And Adam lived 130 years and begat a son in his own likeness, after his straight lines, four in each direction, of Enos lived 807 years. So it goes by M. Petrovski from the Foreign crossing at right angles, and mak- on, Enos begat Cainan when he was Office at St. Petersburg, with the ing a sort of a plaided effect, pretty 90: Cainan begat Mahalaleel when he rank of Consul-General and an escort well faded now, but still perfectly vis- was 75; Mahalaleel begat Jared when of eighty Cossacks commanded by two ible. And this pencil belonged to the he was 65; Jared begat Enoch when officers. He keeps up considerable in the station. Makes you laugh to Enoch when the latter was 65, and which is in contrast with the British think of my luggin' around something when Methusaleh was 187 he begat agent, whose establishment is humthat was marked? It does me now, Lamech, and Lamech's son, Noah, ble and expenditure limited. Kashgar the house had been robbed, and that was 182. This brings us down to Petersburg through Urumtsi, a Chinthe pencil I had came from it. And the birth of Noah, which, according to see how easy they were able to prove archs at the time their sons were

In the seventh chapter of Genesis teenth day of the month, the same "Of course there was no sort of day were all the fountains of the

HER SAD PREDICAMENT. "She's in a terrible predicament. "In what way?"

"Why, that rich old man that she promised to marry has offered to have his life insured in her favor. "I should say that was both considerate and thoughtful of him." "But you don't understand. If hi physical condition is such that any insurance company would accept him

as a risk she doesn't want to marry

SWEET POTATO CROQUETTES. Bake sweet potatoes until they are tender; then scoop out the centres and put them through a vegetable press. To each two cups of mashed potatoes allow a tablespoenful of butter, a level teaspoonful of salt, a tablespeonful of sugar and a half saltspeenful of white pepper; mix thoroughly. Form into cylinders, dip in egg, then in bread-crumbs and fry

> AN ELOQUENT ANSWER. A colored citizen gave a justice of

pool, England, contracted typhoid fevthe peace a big, fat 'possum as a weder on the same day from partaking of Meeting the justice a year after his tion of electric trolley lines in Kashmarriage, the former said; Well, Jim, how do you like married Well, suh, was the reply, all

> THE ANTIQUITY OF SILK. 4,500 years ago.

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A PROPHETIC SERMON. A Clerginian From Holland Preaching to cal affairs and the Amir's relations Boers Forefold the Present Struggle. The Cape Times says;-"De Patriot has reprinted a remarkable sermon delivered by the Rev. Mr. Epoelstra at Pretoria on June 13, 1897. The reverent gentleman came out as assistant to the Rev. Mr. Goddefroy, hasten the repairs to the Darjeeling but soon tired of the 'cunning, deceit, railway, which was so badly damaged and corruption' he saw around, and, speaking his mind too freely, was requested to return to Holland. In his farewell sermon, on the sins of the nation, he used these prophetic words: "I hear in the spirit the sound of marching of the hosts of great voy has been sent by the Dalai Lama armies, who come up from all sides from Lhassa to Russia, with the obto this land. I hear the clash of swords and the rattle of musketry. also the roar of cannon. A hopeless Comparatively easy communication strife follows, a life and death struggle. It is decided. The inheritance of the fathers falls into the hands of the enemy. For the God of

SPEAR POINTS. There are no dead saints. The Letter days will come only as you do your best to-day.

the fathers hath been deserted by the

children, and He executeth judg-

ment against a faitbless and apostate

The more intensive your faith the more extensive your influence. The church without a prayer meeting is a body without a heart.

If you give no place to the devil you will not go to the devil's place. While we are close to Christ we never find any weight in his yoke. The Christian who knows God, will praise Him every day of his life,

whether he feels like it or not. IT DID.

From a nearer and more intimate view of politics, asked one of his old acquaintances, doesn't its corruption sometimes disgust you?

It does, answered Senator Lotsly, Russian traders are pressing mun. Many a man to whom I have south by the caravan routes into trusted money that was needed to carry a clope district has given me lists of voters he claimed to have bought with that money, an! the lists have turned out to be begut. The infernal scoundrel simply put the money in his own pocket!

OYSTER STEW.

Take of water and milk each three pints, set it on the fire to boil; roll half a pound of butter crackers or soda biscuit fine, and add to the milk and water with a pint of oysters chopped fine; let it boil until the flavor of the oyster is given to the soup, and the crackers are well swelled, then add salt and pepper to taste, and three pints more of the oysters, with a quarter of a pound of sweet butter; cover it for 10 minutes more, then serve in a tureen. A small saltspoonful of cayenne pepper added when the oysters are put in is by most persons considered an improvement.

OUT OF SIGHT. Mr. Crimsonbeak-That artist spent three days painting the picture of a goat. I never saw anything artistic

terprise to this preponderance of in a geat. Mrs. Crimsonbeak-You didn't? Do you remember that goat that ate up my beautiful hand-worked pillow cushion? Wasn't there something established on the watershed between artistic in him?

TWO QUESTIONS.

Householder, to suspicious character -What do you want? -I dunno; what yer got?