

## THE WIDE WIDE WORLD.

An official report says Jamieson and all his party are being sent to England to be dealt with by the Queen.

The Australian Colonies have joined in a memorial expressing loyalty and satisfaction at the resenting of the interference of Germany.

It is computed that there is £ 800,000,000 worth of gold and jewels at the bottom of the sea on the route between England and India.

Jim Cash-Cash, one of the richest and most influential of the civilized Umatilla Indians of Oregon, brought suit in the Pendleton court last week for a divorce from his wife on the ground that she pinched him.

The Rev. Francis W. Bates, a South African missionary, at present in Boston says that England is the great civilizing influence in South Africa, and the world would be better for it if Great Britain owned all Africa.

The Yokohama correspondent of the St. Petersburg Novoye Vremya cables that Japan has offered free and unlimited anchorage to Russian warships in all Japanese harbours, with the view of diverting Russia from her intention of acquiring a harbour in Corea.

Purser McDonald, Third Officer Bain and three Japanese who left the disabled steamer Strathnevis on Dec. 24 in a small boat for Destruction Island and who were many days ago given up for lost, have been rescued from the island and landed at Seattle.

Evidence of the condition of unrest and tension that prevails throughout the world is found in the rapidity with which crises have lately followed one another. A remarkable circumstance in connection with each is that the maintenance of peace seems largely to depend upon the skill and ability of the British diplomats and Ministers.

A wreck on the Baltimore and Ohio South-Western railway was averted on Wednesday night by Mary Och, a nine-year-old girl, of Portsmouth, Ohio, who, finding an obstruction on the track, crawled across a high trestle bridge and built a fire on the track, which warned the train hands, who stopped the train, which was crowded with passengers, in time to prevent a disaster.

The Pope is very fond of children. A little English boy was recently admitted to an audience with His Holiness. The Papal Secretary invited the boy to kiss the Pope's slippers. "We don't kiss people's feet in England," said the little fellow, "but he's a nice old gentleman and I'll kiss his hand." The Pope smiled and held out his hand to the boy.

President Crespo, of Venezuela, is a tall, heavy man, with a countenance revealing force and determination. He is very abstemious in his habits, and generally goes to bed at 8 o'clock in the evening. He is in the habit of summoning his Ministers to him at sunrise. He is fond of cattle ranching, and owns a large number of acres not far from the Venezuelan capital. He is a fine equestrian.

A cable will soon be laid between Iceland and the Shetland Islands, the northernmost point of the British telegraph system. The money had been subscribed, Great Britain, Iceland and Denmark jointly guaranteeing six per cent. interest for a number of years. Telegraphic communication with stations in Iceland, lying as it does in the middle of the North Atlantic, will be of great value to meteorologists.

An instance of how savages disregard pain comes from Nyassaland. A cartridge exploded in the camp fire exploded, injuring the hand of one of Mr. H. H. Johnson's porters, so that the doctor amputated the man's fingers and thumb. As he was weak from the effects of the chloroform, he was told to stay in the hospital and come for treatment next day. In the morning he could not be found and it was afterward discovered that he had taken up his load with the other carriers and carried it to Blantyre, over forty miles away.

The London Chronicle telegraphed to Mr. Gladstone at Biarritz, France, asking: "Can you with reference to the pending controversies re-affirm your agreement with the House of Commons resolution in favour of arbitration between the United States and Great Britain?" In reply Mr. Gladstone said: "My opinion on arbitration is unchanged. I think I cannot usefully appear in public discussion at this moment." The Daily News says Lord Salisbury has refused to agree to arbitration of the Guiana boundary dispute on the terms proposed by Venezuela and has declined to recognize the request of the United States to trace the boundary. But if the America commission define what in their opinion the terms should be, and if a European power will then act as arbitrator, all interests will be satisfactory.

They have at last set out to reduce the too numerous liquor saloons in New York city, which now number nearly ten thousand. The increase in the license fee will operate in this direction, but a still more effective process of weeding out is the action of the excise commissioners in voting that hereafter no application for a liquor license in a new location will be granted except upon the closing of two existing places and the surrender of the

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LONDON, Jan. 11.—Great Britain has determined to make the greatest display of her fighting power the world has ever seen. The fleet which will rendezvous at Portland harbor next Tuesday will be the strongest ever assembled under one flag.

Its full composition is not yet known, but already seventeen battleships and cruisers and fifteen torpedo boat catchers have been ordered to join it. These vessels are all of the latest type and best equipment. They include the eastern and western squadrons of the channel fleet and a new flying squadron. The purpose of this demonstration may be to resent Emperor William's recent action, or it may be a declaration of England's come one come all defiance of the world. It is a measure which may work for peace or may work for war. A good deal depends upon the destination of the fleet, which, of course, is a government secret. Its composition is of some significance. The only point of superiority of the German navy is the number of torpedo boats. The fact that half of the British fleet is composed of torpedo boat catchers seems therefore to have an important meaning.

It is doubtful, however, if each day's addition to the extensive war preparations being made by Great Britain will any longer be received with equanimity by continental countries. It is now known that orders have been given the British naval station for instant equipment for sea of a large number of warships which would not otherwise be ready for service until spring. All available men in the construction department of the great naval stations of Devonport, Portsmouth, Chatham, and Sheerness are employed every hour they are able to work. This of course indicates more than mere intention to demonstrate by a naval display England's power and invulnerability.

The government have ordered the stores of the small arm cartridges to be increased from 60,000,000 to 150,000,000. All this of course, means an enormous outlay of treasure. The wages of workmen are £50,000 above the usual expenditures. The workmen at Chatham, Portsmouth and Plymouth worked late last night by electric light for the fitting out of the ships of this squadron. It is expected that those at the Portsmouth dockyard will continue work of preparation on Sunday.

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On this occasion Mr. Dunn, Supt. of the school, was taken by surprise, when the chairman, Mr. Jas. Wathen, in a few well chosen words bearing on Mr. Dunn's unremitting zeal in Sabbath School work, presented him on behalf of the school, with a neatly bound volume. Mr. Dunn suitably replied and after eulogistic remarks by Mr. Humphrey, the Xmas concert was appropriately closed, all feeling glad they had seen Christmas close by attending the best entertainment of the season.

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