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#### THE CHINESE INDEMNITY.

When the Chinese government, early in June, agreed to pay the tull indemnity demanded by the powers, the next question was the manner in which payment should be made. Differences among the powers over this question account for the long deadlock in the negotiations which followed.

China could not borrow the money on her own credit. Precisely as an individual whose commercial rating is not good needs a strong indorser to his notes before he can realize money on them, so the bonds of China must be guaranteed by some other nation. No one nation was willing to assume the great responsibility of guaranteeing them all; and if any one of them had offered to do so, it would have arcused the suspicion that it intended to make its risk good at a later date by obtaining special concessions from China.

It was proposed that the powers should guarantee the bonds jointly. The plan was favored by the powers whose credit 13 poor because it promised the best possible security with the minimum of risk. But the United States objected; it would not become involved in a transaction which might require international interference later. England objected because she saw no good reason why she should use her excellent credit to guarantee the bonds a lloted to other powers.

The only alternative was that each power should guarentee its own shase of the bonds, and market them as it chose. But when this plan was decided on, a new difficulty arose. Japan bad made its claim sufficient barely to cover its expenditures, and had put it on a cash basis. It could not market the bonds on its own guarantee except at a discount which involved a loss of three or four million dollars. It therefore asked to have its allotment increased to cover this loss, but other powers ob jected, and some hinted at supplementary claims of their own.

Japan then withdrew its claim, choosing to suffer the loss rather than prolong the negotiations. So the long deadlock was broken. It would be interesting to kno what impression these higglings among the powers have made upon the Chinese mind.

### CRISPI.

The death of Sig. Crispi, the eminent Italian statesman, was not unexpected.

For several days past cable despatches have indicated that the end was only question of very brief time. There will be less perturbation in Rome, and elsewhere throughout the kingdom, than might have been the case had the blowfallen suddenly. Neverthless, the death of a man who stood so conspicuously as he did during so long a term of years, in the world's eye, cannot fail to nake a deep impression.

Sig. Crispi was indisputably a man of no mean talents for government. He was prime minister of the Kingdom of Italy at a critical epoch, when the responsibility o her share in the triple alliance made Italy'sf position abroad increasingly difficult to maintain; while the burdens of excessive taxation, with consequent discontent at home, made the position of the administrative chief embarrassing in the extreme. It was not his fault that he failed to achieve brilliant successes. It was very much in proof of his statesmanlike capacity that, under such circumstances, he piloted the ship of state through the breakers, and avoided destrution.

Very serious accusations were made at one time, not remote, against Sig. CRIS- | Deval 17 Waterlee.

PI's personal integrity. He was charged with using his great office for illegitimate gain, and with having profitably connived at the dishonesty of government bank officials; whereby vast sums of money were lost by depositors and stockholders. At one time the excitement and bitterness in Rome on this account were so great as to threaten revolution.

Probably it is impossible for foreigners, at any rate for people in another hemisphere, to pass judgement on the question of CRISPI'S guilt or innocence, without liability to error, through lack of knowledge in reliable detail.

Care in the wording of a will is something which can never safely be neglected. A man who died lately in New York left his house "with turniture and contents," to his wife. Other relatives were named for specific bequests or as residuary legatees. The inventory of the estate disclosed that among the "contents" of the house was a safe containing over a hundred thousand dollars besides which there was nothing of account, either in the house or out of it. The widow naturally claimed the safe, with all it contained, but the courts have decided against her, on the ground that the money cannot be considered as a part of he "contents" of the house within the estators probable meaning.

Sober business men are saying that we have come round again to the day of small p ofits. As a matter of fact, that day has a ways been here and always must be. For the vast majority of mankind nothing possible, and this only on condition of industry and frugality. As heaped-up riches can only be gained by one in a hundred what a pity it is that the other ninety-nine should miss the enjoyment of what is within reach through a feverish eagerness to lay hands on the pot of gold at the foot of the rainbow!

"The sound of a kiss is not as loud as that of a cannon", remarked the Professor at the Breakfast Table, but its echo lasts a deal longer." Latterly it seems to last before it begins. Nearly a year before his coronation King EDWARD has announced that the ceremony of kissing by the peers will be omitted. Imagine me compelling Devonshire to kiss me!' he is said to have exclaimed. "He would never survive the ordeal." WILLIAM IV., who objected to this part of the ceremony, submitted to it, but declared he would renounce the kingthip rather than repeat the experience.

At a recent college occasion in India Lord Curzon, the viceroy, told the young people that 'to be without education in the twentieth century would be as if a knight of the feudal ages had been stripped of halmet, spear and coat of mail.'

### The Talcott Girls,

A young minister, recently settled over a Massachusetts parish, has already learned the lesson that age is not a positive but a comparative term.

His parishoners are scattered over a large area and he has not yet seen them all; although he has made as many calls as his other duties premit. His round brought him one day to a little old lady who was nearly eighty-five and bed-ridden.

She was delighted to see him, and when he arose to go, after a long call, she told him how much pleasure he had given her.

'Now I want you to see the girls,' she said, earnestly, 'the Talcott girls. They were up here a few days ago, and were looking forward to a call from you. Living alone as they do, since their ms and ps died, they have some pretty lonesome times and they set a great deal by callers.'

'I certainly will try to go there soon, said the young minister, and when he met one of the deacons of the curch on his way home he spoke of the old lady's request.

'I think I don't know the girls by sight,' said the young man, 'but I didn't wish to hurt the old lady's feelings by saying so Where do they sit?'

The deacon smiled.

'In the last pew but one in the gallery, he said. But I hardly think you would recognize them as girls. Miss Emily is sixtyone and Miss Frances sixty three, according to the records.

### A Clerical Wit,

After a church conference held a few days ago, two brother ministers had a friendly tilt, regarding the meaning of a certain passage in one of Shakespear's plays They could not come to an understanding and one of them remarked jokingly: 'Oh, well, brother, I will ask Shakespear when meet him in heaven!' 'But supposing Shakespeare did not get to heaven?' retort ed the other. 'Then you can ask him about it,' was the quick reply.

A Umbrellas Made, Re-covered, Repaired

### News of the Passing Week.

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State comptrollar of the currency in Washington has declared a dividend of 25 per cent, in tavor of the creditors of the insolvent South Danvers National bank of Pesbody, Mass.

The Court Circular, London, announces that King Edward, when receiving Count Von Waldersee in audience at Homburg invested him with the military grand cross of the order of the Bath.

John Fitzsimmons, a laboror, aged 40 years, met a terrible death at Brookfield, Colchester county, N. S. Monday. He was eating his dinner, when a piece of meat lodged in his throat. Every effort was made to remove the meat from the man's throat but failed and he died 15 minutes afterward it frightful agony.

Charles White, James Whitney, and Edgar Lane were drowned in the Galup rapids, near Ogdensburg, N. Y., Monday afternoon by the sinking of the private vacht Rhea. Whitney, who was the owner of the yacht, had as guests on board the boat, Lane and White, Hugh Raney, the Misses Whitney and Misses McPaerson. The four ladies and Mr. Raney got out at the head locks to walk to the foot of the rapids. The other three men remained on board the yacht, which, after passing the first swell of the rapids, entered what is beyond a moderate competence is ever known as 'the cellar' and disappeared, carrying the three men down with her. The bodies have not been recovered. All of the party resided at Prescott.

> Gov. Longino, Jackson, Miss., is in receipt of a letter from circuit Judge Larkin of Greenville, aunouncing it is to be his purpose to hold a special term of the circuit court of Washington county on the second Monday in September for the purpose of bringing to justice the assailants of the Italians murderer at Erwin in Washington county last July.

The government at St. Johns, N. F. has received an intimation from Mr. Chamberlain, secretary of the state for the colonies, that the Duke and Duches of Cornwall and York will visit New Foundland Oct. 21. A representative committee of 75 citiizens will be appointed to make all arran gements for the reception. The legisalture has already passed a vote of \$12,000 for the purpose.

The four-masted iron bark Drumalis' Capt. Whalen, from Liverpool, G. B., for New York with a cargo of 2,000 tons of chalk struck on Cape Ledge, two miles off Cape Sable, near Barrington, N. S., at 9 o'clock on Sunday night during a danse tog and will probably become a total wreck, The Drumalis was built at Southwick in 1890. She was 2450 tons and was owned by Peter Iredale and John Foster of Liverpool.

The pope in Rome was informed of the death of Signor Crispi only Monday morning. He exclaimed: ' Providence has evidently really decreed that I shall be the last of my generation to go. Well, Crispi was a good fighter.' A tew moments later the pope was on his knees at his prie dieu, praying for the soul of his ancient enemy.

The government was defeated in the house of commons, London, Monday night in the course of the debate on the factory bill. The House supported by 163 to 141 a proposal opposed by the government that textile factories should close at noon instead of 1 o'clock p. m., as now. The opposition and the Irish members cheered wildly.

Asst. Postmas ter John G. Pole and his family while attempting to cross a mountain stream about six miles from Lexington Va., were swept down by the waters of a cloudburst, Sunday afternoon, and three daughters, aged from one to eight years, drowned. Mr. Pole and a daughter about three years old escaped. The bodies were

The Plant line steamer Halifax, which was beached almost under the walls of Fort Warren, Boston, after being on a ledge off Minot's Light Monday morning, was fast aground on an easy bottom at night. After all the passengers and much of their baggage had been landed at the company's wharf at noon, a fleet of lighters and tugs was sent down to salvage the cargo preparatory to an attempt to get the steamer afloat.

Civil Gov. Taft will in the immediate tuture reduce the police force of Manilla by one half. At present there are 1300 policemen for the city whose population only numders 250,000 souls. The governor considers 600 policemen sufficient. In the event of serious trouble the military torces will be called upon. Gen. Ludlington, quartermaster general, has arrived on he transport Grant. He will probably



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make a tour of the islands. He says he is immensely gratified with the record ol his department in the Philippines and in Ching.

Last week Dr. Sinclair, of Halifax spent four hours with Sydney Locke, at Shelburne, making an examination as to his insanity.

Mrs Shepherd, New Glasgow, saved her little boy from drowning, but she sank in the water and was drowned.

h Halifax Board of Trade has a proposal before it to abolish the 21st June holiday, by merging it in the 1st July. 21st June celebrates the founding of the city. It is inconvenient to have two holidays so near each other.

At Amherst a young man by the name of Trenholm was seriously injured by the bursting of an old muzzie-loading gun Thursday.

800 or 900 horses will be shipped to South Africa this month. Large quantities of hay also will be exported to the same quarter.

The Dominion government lobster hatchery at Caribou, N. S., this season has put out 100,000,000 lobsters along the coast of Nova Scotia. New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

There have been destructive forest fires in Cumberland County and elsewhere in Nova Scotia.

The barn of Angus McKenzie, two miles from Truro, was burned Thursday by incendiaries. The season's hay cut was lost, also a horse, harness, wagor, etc. Uninsured.

Arctic fishermen have arrived at Vardoe, bringing eight survivors of the exploring ships Stroemmers and Familien both of which were crushed in the near Nova Zembla. Their crews managed to reach a small island and with exception of six men who attempted to escape to the southward and have not since been heard of were rescued after 14 days.

Telegrams from Rome say nothing like the heat which is scorching Italy has been known within living memory. The vineyards in whole districts have been shrivel. led up and ruined to the very roots.

The carpenters of Winnipeg have struck, between 400 and 500 going out.

New and important discoveries of iron have been reported to the department of crown lands as having been made in Thunder Bay districts, to the east of Lake Nipigon. Two distant veins have been

At Sturgeon's Falls, Ont., Thursday, an explosion of dynamite resulted in the killing of these men and the wounding of several others. The dead men are all Italians.

At Flesherton, Thursday Mrs. Wm Buchanan and her six-year old daughter fell into an old well and both were drowned The family had only recently taken up their residence on the farm and were un aware of the existence of the well.

On the Fraser river there is one of the great salmon runs on record. All the cauneries are stocked up with as many fish as they can handle, and the big canneries are working over time.

The companies promoting railway lines through Musquodoboit, eastward towards Guysboro, and from New Glasgow to Guysboro, have combined.

Corporal Golding of the Royal Canadian Regiment was found drowned in Halifax harbour Monday. He took cramps while swiming.

Halifax costom receipts for July decreaced \$8,500, as compared with July 1900 They were \$109,158.

Bernard McLeod, the four-year old son of Doctor R. G. McLeod was drowned at North Sydney a few days ago. He was playing with another boy about the same age, near the slip and accidentally fell in.

Do you believe in short or long engagemente? asked Miss Frocks of Miss Kittish Short engagements and plenty of them, was the reply.

The maid was shampooing little Dorothy's hair.

Dorothy, where does your mamma get her hair shampooed? Generally at home.

Ani what does she do when she doesn't have it shampooed at home? Oh, she sends it to the cleaners.

Paludal, glum, with misdirected legs, You hide your history as you do your eggs, And offer us an osseous nut to crack Much harder than the shell upon your back. No evolutionist has ever guessed. Why your cold shoulder is within your chest — Why you were contented with a plan The vertebrates accent; from fish to man, For what invironment did you provide By pushing your internal frame outside? How came your ribs in this abnormal place? Inside your rubber neek you hide your face And answer not. To science you're a sphinx— A strustural epitome of missing links; And when decapitated, still swell And kick and claw and scramble just as well, But I'll not plague thee. Even here I find A touch of fellowship that makes me kind Sometimes a poet who has lost his head Will keep on scra ching when he should be dead.

#### Toa Beroine.

There was a time when you, fair maid Were languishing and gentle, Your heart quite ruled your head And you were sentimental;

You had the most enchanting way Of falling in a swoon Just as the hero on the scene Slept-not one whit too soon,

A trifle frivo ous you were Perhaps a bit flirtatious, But gentie to the last degree, And fascinating-Gracious

No more in ringlets curl your hair, For curls are out of fashion. And with them fainting, too, has gene; You now fly in a passion.

At the mere thought of sentiment; The nead now rules the heart Since novel writers, one and all Have given you the part.

O tell the writers of to day We're tired of blunderhouses, Of ladies fair in man's attire, Of massacres and fustes;

Give us an old time love affair

With maiden sweetly coy, We want a tender loving giri And not a rough tomboy. We're tired of the dashing maid,

We want a girl was cries We want a girl with fluffy hair And lovely, big blue eyes. A little sweetheart made for love,

A man of proper size A novel full of sentiment-

#### Not history in disguise. When Katie Plays.

When Katie plays the violin I tremb e and go daft! It isn't that the music whirls My senses in melodious swirls, But her diminuendos show Such graceful handling of the bow-She's mistress of her craft, When tucked beneath her saucy chin Then I adore the violin.

When Katy plays the violin The parrot in his cage Goes into spasms as the strings Express unutterable things Then from a nerve sublime he dares To minic those select fantares, By shricking out his rage. The cat and dog increase the din, But I adore the violin.

When Katie plays the violin It makes a dreadful noise! But oh, those dear artistic charms, he music of her dimpled arms There's invitation in her lace, Her head thrown back with reckless grace-A kiss in equipoise. Now I've confessed—absolve the sin— Why I adore the violin.

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Specialist-You do? Well you ought to have more sense—that's what ails you overstrain. Now, behave yourself rationally and ride every day-\$10, please,-Chi\_ cago Record

Miss Elden-There are so many fast young men nowadays.

Miss Youngly-M'm-yes; you do seem to have difficulty in catching o e.

money today. Mrs. H-That is lovely! How?

Mr. Hardhead-I saved a big pile of

Mr. H.-Instead of suing a man what he owed me I let him have it.

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