

gard paid to the signals by one of the engineers of the colliding trains.

The Austrian government is about to undertake the regulation of immigration as is shown by the report from Vienna of the proposed introduction of a bill in the reichsrath to that effect. One of the objects of this measure will be the transference of all Austrian emigrants in Austrian vessels from Trieste, instead of permitting them to travel by German and other foreign steamship lines.

On December 21 it was announced from Shanghai, China, that the North China Daily News has received the serious news from Shensi that Tung Fu Siang, the exiled Chinese commander, whose execution was demanded by the powers, but who is supposed to be protected by the dowager empress, is mobilizing in Kansu 10,000 well-equipped troops, among whom are included the provincial garrison of 4,000 men, who were disbanded by imperial command. The purpose of Tung Fu Siang is the extermination of foreigners in the provinces of Shen Si and Kan Su and the seizure of Sian Fu. Friendly officials are advising foreigners and missionaries to depart in order to avoid the impending trouble. Tung Fu Siang is buying great quantities of grain and fodder. He is in constant communication with Prince Tuan, and the dowager empress and Yung Lu are

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believed to be secretly encouraging him and supplying him with money.

It is rumored that the bubonic plague has invaded the Pacific coast of Mexico, the city of Muzatlan reporting the death of nineteen persons from a disease that is believed to be the dreaded plague. Measures of quarantine have been established and fear of contagion is not seriously entertained. In connection herewith it is said that the bill appropriating \$25,000 for sanitizing Vera Cruz and for public buildings has become a law.

It was reported from New York on December 21 that the following dispatch from Marconi, dated Glace Bay, December 21, has been received by the Associated press: "I beg to inform you for circulation, that I have established wireless telegraph communication between Cape Breton, Canada, and Cornwall, England, with complete success. Inauguratory messages, including one from the governor general of Canada to King Edward VII. have already been transmitted and forwarded to the king of England and Italy. A message to the London Times has also been transmitted in the presence of its special correspondent, D. Parkin, M. P." G. Marconi.

One interesting phase of the Venezuelan situation is contained in a recent cablegram from London as follows, and dated December 22: The Times this morning publishes a poem by Rudyard Kipling, which is a strong protest against the Anglo-German agreement with regard to Venezuela. The poem probably will cause much discussion.

On December 22 it was reported from Vienna that bills have been introduced in the American and Hungarian parliaments to make the manufacture of sugar an industry under state control. It is proposed to effect this by restricting the amount of sugar placed on the home market to 27,000 tons for Austria and 86,366 tons for Hungary, but permitting any amount of sugar to be manufactured for sale abroad.

A project has been started by some representative Hungarian-Americans in Cleveland, O., to erect a statue of George Washington in Hungary's capitol. It is proposed to effect this by ceiving enthusiastic support from many prominent men as well as from Hungarians in this country.

A dispatch from Oklahoma City, Okla., under date of December 22, says: The single statehood committee of Oklahoma and Indian territory met here today and issued a call for a committee to be composed of 1,000 delegates, 500 from each territory, to meet at Oklahoma City on January 6. The convention will be non-partisan in character and will represent sentiment in both territories favoring the passage of the Nelson bill recently introduced in the senate to unite the two territories in one state.

It was reported recently from Paris that it is probable that the Dreyfus matter may be gone over again in connection with the recent Humbert swindle expose which has aroused the French people to a remarkable extent.

According to a Washington dispatch of December 22 the amount of American capital invested in Mexico amounts to \$500,000,000 and practically all this amount has been invested there during the last five years. The dispatch continues: Twenty-eight millions of American capital is invested in agriculture, which comes next to mining. Manufacturing ranks fifth in the list

of American investments there. Other enterprises include banks, trust companies, electric light and power plants, gas and water works plants, telephone systems and similar industries.

The expansion of the Japanese navy is being generally discussed in that country. This is in accordance with the ten-year program formulated by Premier Katsuda and his cabinet, who proposed to raise funds for the purpose by a land tax, but this scheme has raised so much opposition that it had to be abandoned. It is still regarded as probable, however, that the navy will be greatly enlarged in the near future.

An interesting news item comes from Berlin under date of December 22 when it is said that a Polish school girl named Kopec, has been sentenced to fourteen days' imprisonment at Inowazlau, province of Posen, for lese majeste, in having thrown a brooch with Emperor William's picture in it and stamping her foot on it. Such brooches were presented to the pupils of the schools when his majesty visited Posen.

The Resuscitation of Alger.

The Washington Post signalizes the seating of R. A. Alger in the senate with a review of the famous "commission" in which history is twisted to serve its own purposes. It refers to the creation of that commission, saying that it was called the "Investigating Commission," in which it perpetrates its first error. The name by which the commission was known after it had been in session a month was the "Alger Relief Commission," and it fully earned the title.

Then our contemporary goes on to assert that the result of the investigation was triumphantly favorable to the then secretary of war. But it omits to state that this result was secured by members of the commission who undertook to discredit and browbeat every witness testifying to the class of things that were not wanted. One witness was informed: "You are on trial," and even ladies who appeared to tell of conditions at Montauk Point were bully-ragged till they retired with the protest that they came on account of the public announcement that the facts were wanted. And the members of the commission most active in this work were afterward placed in lucrative appointments within the gift of the secretary of war.

After skating lightly over this weak ice our contemporary perpetrates the following bit of assurance: "But the facts were never made public. The war department received the most abundant vindication, yet the American people were not permitted to see it." Why were the facts not made public? The testimony was in possession of Russell A. Alger, secretary of war, for months after it was reported. He could have secured its publication if he had desired. Was its suppression due to any other fact than that notwithstanding the vigorous efforts of the commission the evidence contained enough to contradict its findings? For instance, it is known that a certain Colonel Theodore Roosevelt stated before the commission that his views were contained in a report that he had made to the war department and asked that this report be included in the evidence. He was informed that this would be done. Yet, from that day to this, the public has never seen the report.

The determined attempt to resuscitate Alger on the strength of the public forgetfulness is in this case the exhibition of an organic function on which the Dispatch had occasion to comment when these events were transpiring.—Pittsburg (Pa.) Dispatch (ind. rep.).

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