

A WORLDWIDE PEACE.

Czar of Russia Tells How It Can Be Assured.

WAR PREPAREDNESS MUST STOP.

Nicholas II. Declares Great Armies and Navies Must Be Reduced or a Conflict Involving the Whole World May Come Sooner Than Expected—Advocates General Disarmament.

The czar of Russia has within the present month declared that great armies and navies, instead of guaranteeing the peace of Europe, will be powerless to avert the war of the future which may, he adds, involve the whole world. He asserted that the powers, now staggering under the burdens of overtaxation, are rushing to disaster and that the catastrophe may come sooner than people expect.

The views of Nicholas II. were expressed during the recent maneuvers of the German fleet in the Baltic sea while he was a guest on board Kaiser Wilhelm's yacht Hohenzollern. The czar was in earnest conversation with the German admiral commanding the fleet, and this conversation is reported in the Frankfurter Zeitung, copies of which have just reached the United States. The Frankfurter Zeitung is looked upon as the most reliable and honorable newspaper printed in Europe, and in consequence of the high position it holds in the political world its report of the interview between the czar and the admiral has attracted general attention on the continent.

The conversation between the czar and the admiral as reported by the Zeitung follows: Admiral—Your majesty is pleased to confer too great an honor upon an old dog like me. I am glad to think that your majesty received a favorable impression of our army and navy, for your majesty may rest assured, we strain every nerve to keep the army and navy abreast of the times, which is the ideal thing for every government to do.

The Czar—There I differ with you, admiral. According to my own views, the ideal thing to do would be to reduce the army and navy, instead of keeping on increasing their strength. This so-called preparedness for war—arming on a great and ever greater scale—is overburdening the peoples of Europe. All governments should strive to reduce their armies and navies.

Admiral—I beg to assure your majesty that my government, like that of St. Petersburg, strives for peace most ardently. To preserve peace, I, as your majesty, believe me, your majesty, but to preserve peace our army and navy must be in the best possible shape. We must increase and augment them steadily to keep pace with the growth of population and the armament of other powers.

The Czar—In order to establish true and permanent peace it is absolutely necessary that the nations' war preparedness, as constituted by their armies and navies, be reduced. The nations must not go on forcing increasing their war strength and hoarding up war material. There should be no further progress, so called, in the art of killing men and animals, destroying ships, interfering with commerce and increasing the arms race.

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TWAIN'S TALE OF WOE

Mark Relates His Experience With a Fast Train.

HOW HE CAUGHT AN EXPRESS.

Humorist Loses His Hat, Coat and Only a Little Blood in a Wild Rush For His Train at Elmira, N. Y. Told Driver of His Carriage to "Whoop Her Up."

Mark Twain went to New York recently with a sad tale of woe, incidentally with a badly cut hand. It is a new tale, he says, and "it's not so very funny either."

He arrived from Elmira on Jan. 30, where, he says, he had a half-dreaded adventure with an express train which nearly put an end to his "perpetual existence," says the New York Journal.

Mr. Clemens boarded a Madison avenue car soon after his arrival from the Erie railroad station in Jersey City. He was looking at his right hand, which showed evidences of rough usage. He held it in his left hand.

It's for being overzealous," he was heard to say, "but I'm glad I caught the train."

"What's the trouble, Mr. Clemens?" asked a friend who happened to be on the car.

"Trouble? There's lots of trouble in my family at this moment," the humorist answered, giving his bruised hand a gentle squeeze with his left.

"I have just come down from Elmira. It's a great place to keep away from in winter. Don't mind it in summer, but in winter! Well, just to show the kind of a place it is express trains passing through it never stop long enough to see whether a fellow gets on or not."

"Yesterday an express train was passing through the village—I don't know just how fast it was going, but it was going fast enough to kick up the dust."

"The driver of the carriage which I had hired when I first reached town and had not been able to lose, try as I would, said it was my train and we had just a minute to drive a mile to the station to get it."

"'Whoop her up!' I said, and with a queer kind of a smile the driver whooped her up, and we went sailing. It was the fleetest animal I had ever sat behind and by far the worst. She didn't trot. She didn't run. She whizzed. We made the station just as the train was pulling out."

"I was going to catch that train if I had to lose a leg or an eye or an ear. I was determined to lose something and catch the train. I made a leap from the carriage and a hop for my train, and before I knew it my right foot got mixed up with my left, and a second later my face touched the rail that the train had just passed over. I was up in another second, running down the tracks yelling to the brakeman to wait a minute. He must have thought that I was Prince Henry or Grover Cleveland, for he immediately pulled the bell, and the train stopped."

DINNER AT \$100 A PLATE.

Artificial Pine Forest at Delmonico's Scene of a Choice Feast.

When Hot Winds Were Hot.

Remember—A little stream of water was running down every corn row in my fields during the drought last summer while other fields were suffering very badly, and drying up. Do you realize the difference? In other words—my fields produced a fine crop of fully developed seed corn. The other fields produced mostly nubs and some not that. If you wish to raise a full crop this year, you cannot do it by planting proutch-stricken seed.

The name cards for each of the ten persons who attended were painted on oak leaves and the menus on squares of white birch bark about ten by seven inches in size. The wines were all of the rarest and most expensive vintages, and the eatables corresponded. The cost of the dinner amounted to not less than \$100 for each of the covers laid, and the bill was footed by Mr. George Heye of New York.

For the transformation of the room hundreds of pine boughs had been brought from the woods, and these were so adjusted upon the walls, ceiling and floor of the apartment as to completely conceal the original interior. Invisible wires were strung through them and connected with hundreds of small incandescent light globes which peeped out from the green boughs on walls and ceiling. Each globe was shaped like an orchid and shone with a pale green light which lent reality to the semblance to the rare woodland flora.

Over the crash that covered the floor had been strewn pine boughs, tangles of thick woodland, moss and bushels of autumn leaves in all their rich tints of scarlet, yellow and gray. A round table eight feet in diameter made of unfinished oak rose from the litter of moss and leaves, and its stout legs were completely covered with green and gray moss.

Ranged around the table were the ten chairs, each of which, especially built for this occasion, was made of black birch boughs fashioned in varied rustic designs and with the bark left on the surface. The center of the table was a mound of maidenhair fern and a quantity of moss and oak leaves. Twenty or thirty small electric globes were arranged in the midst of these, and in front of each cover was a cluster of thirty of the rarest of natural green orchids that the florists of New York could provide.

Mr. Heye's guests comprised Dr. and Mrs. Gantt, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Battles, Mr. Hart, Mrs. Heye and Mr. Joseph.

X RAYS FOR CURE OF CANCER Wonderful Claims Made by a Chicago Physician.

"We are in the beginning of an era when cancer will have no terrors. In the last year and a half I have treated over fifty cases of cancer, including many forms of the disease, and have yet failed to find a single one that would not yield readily. I am of the belief that the disease can in the future be broken down quickly and surely, even when treatment does not begin before the disease is well advanced."

This confident statement was made recently by Dr. John E. Gilman, professor in the Hahnemann Medical college at Chicago, in referring to the results of his experiments with Roentgen rays in the cure of cancer, says the New York Herald.

Paris Sets Style for Men Embroidered Waistcoats the Proper Thing for Afternoons.

The boulevards of Paris this winter will be ablaze with colored and embroidered waistcoats, the incoming style placing practically no limit on the extravagance permitted in this respect, says the Chicago Record-Herald.

A Bisexual Pronoun. A correspondent comes forward to fill a few of the gaps in the English language, says the London Chronicle. He notes the awkwardness caused by the lack of a bisexual pronoun to cover "him" and "her" and the rest.

When Hot Winds Were Hot.

An Improved Brake

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Red Hags Doomed.

Applauds Wheeler.

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