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OUTSHONE BY ASTOR

Vanderbilt Efforts at Entertaining Royalty Thrown in a Shadow.

DUNRAVEN IN ANOTHER RACING ROW

Obstinately Opposes His Opinion Against Two Adverse Decisions.

EDITOR STEAD PROMISES A SENSATION

Will Give Joe Chamberlain a Red Hot Christmas Present.

NEW HISTORY ON THE JAMESON RAID

Intends to Show that Cecil Rhodes and the Dashing Doctor Were Acting with Consent at Least.

Copyright, 1896, by Press Publishing Company. LONDON, Dec. 5.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—The World's fashion reporter writes: "While the duke and duchess of Marlborough were entertaining royalty at Blenheim, Mr. Astor was entertaining royalty in London, and I think most of us who were at Blenheim have remarked in my hearing that the party was a little dull, the concert being especially depressing. The duchess thought it right to patronize local talent, and the artists she brought from London were scarcely equal to such an important occasion. Then, both the duke and the duchess are rather new at entertaining and the palace is so big the guests wandered rather aimlessly about. Some really lost themselves in the long passages and mits of rooms. All the guests were agreed that everything was beautifully done. Such a wealth of flowers has seldom been seen and the house is decorated with pictures, tapestries and china worth the proverbial king's ransom.

"The duchess's bedroom is beautiful, indeed. The bed is raised on a dais and draped becomingly with pink brocade and gold fringe. The walls are white and the floor is of the most beautiful polished wood. The toilet things are all gold. As for giving a party, while mourning, society may set its mind at rest, for the duchess cabled to her father for permission and got it.

WILLIE WALLIE'S DINNER PARTY

"Mr. Astor's party was only a dinner, but forty-four people were invited. The guests included the duke of Saxe-Coburg, the duke of Edinburgh, Princess Louise and the marquis of Lorne. Among several Americans present were Mrs. Adair, Mrs. Ronalds, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Higgins. The whole thing was perfectly done. The dinner table groaned with plates and was made lovely with a mass of orchids. Part of the red drawing room had been turned into a stage, which was a mass of beautiful flowers. Riechenburg and Conquell came over from Paris specially to perform for the party. The prettiest sight was to see Mr. Astor's young daughter, dressed simply in a little white chiffon frock, only just showing her feet, with her hair quaintly dressed on top of her head. She is a pretty girl and will make a great sensation when presented season after next.

CLEVELAND HAS A GREAT CHANGE

Spain Would Welcome a Little Con-Compliment Just at the Junction.

SPAIN WOULD WELCOME A LITTLE COMPLIMENT

MADRID, Dec. 5.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—Intense anxiety is felt by all classes concerning what President Cleveland may have to say in his message about Cuba and subsequent action by the American congress.

COURTESIES AT CHRIST CHURCH

A modified form of lynch law was put into execution this week at Christ Church college, Oxford, without apparently drawing any notice from the university or the public authorities.

TELEGRAPH PUSHES THE GIFT

The Daily Telegraph continues to urge its proposal for a national Christmas gift to Ambassador Bayard on the attention of its readers. Its New York correspondent quotes Mr. Couderc Gookin, ex-Governor of New York, Bishop Potter and President Eliot of Harvard as commending the movement in more or less guarded terms.

GOOD RAINS FALL IN INDIA

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LONDON, Dec. 5.—The victory of India, Lord Elgin cables that the week's rainfall has been good everywhere in South Madras. Two inches of rain falling at Cuddapah, one inch at Nemuch, half an inch at Hydraz and one inch in the extreme north of the Panjab. Light showers fell in parts of the Northwest provinces, Bombay, Decan and the central provinces of Rajputia and the Panjab.

DUNRAVEN IN ANOTHER ROW

Lord Dunraven has been having recently a characteristic quarrel with a committee of the Calshot Yacht club. His twenty-two-year-old son, a race at Calshot last August, but subsequently was disqualified by the sailing committee, on protest of ground of irregular entry. Lord Dunraven, of course, flouted the committee's decision, arguing in a long letter that the disqualification was utterly unjust. The matter was then carried

PENNIES FOR BAYARD

Popular Subscription for the Ambassador Falls Rather Flat.

MOTOR CAR COMPETITION FOR NEXT MAY

List of Winners of Richest Prizes on the British Turf.

TRIALS OF A FAST AND LARGE CRUISER

Powerful, with Heavy Armaments, Makes Quick Time on the Waters.

EXTENSIVE BURGLARIES IN WEST LONDON

Three Hundred Thousand Dollars Worth of Plunder Carried Off by Thieves in a Few Months.

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The diplomats and officials are aghast at the proposition and among Americans here, even including Mr. Bayard's personal friends a feeling of disgust is manifested at the idea of the American ambassador being placed on the same level as the popular cricketer or Grimsby veteran, for whom the Telegraph successfully engineered testimonials by public subscription. The obvious exploiting of the ambassador at a specially paid season as an advertisement for the Telegraph is objectionable, as the maudlin compliments of the subscribers clearly demonstrate. One subscriber, for instance, who enclosed 2 shillings (50 cents), wrote: "I have long thought him a decent fellow."

PRINCESS OF WALES' BIRTHDAY

The birthday of the princess of Wales, who was born December 1, 1844, was celebrated on Tuesday last all over Great Britain. There was a large house party at Sandringham which, in addition to all the family, included Lord Rosebery and the prince and princess of Wales. In the afternoon the prince and princess of Wales presided at a tea which they gave to 500 children of the estate.

POWERFUL A FAST CRUISER

The greatest interest attaches to the recent steam trials of the British cruiser Powerful, said to be the largest of her class in the world and the first large British war ship fitted with water tube boilers. During the course of her long cruise in the Mediterranean the maximum power developed was 26,407 indicated horse power, while the mean of four hours' running was 25,886 indicated horse power, and to exceed that of any war ship afloat and only exceeded by the two new Cunarders. In the first test, thirty hours' steaming at 14,000 indicated horse power, the cruiser made 5.94 knots, using four and a half tons of coal per hour, and in the next test, thirty hours' steaming with 18,000 horse power, she made twenty-one knots with fifteen tons of coal per hour. The last test was eight hours' trial with 25,000 indicated horse power under natural draught, which developed a speed of twenty-two and one-half knots. As the Powerful carries quite a heavy armament for a cruiser and many tons of coal the speed is considered to be fully justifying the change to the water tube boiler. The Powerful, however, has no side armor, although she has a protected deck of four inches maximum thickness on the slopes. She carries two 2.2 guns, twelve six-inch guns, sixteen twelve-pounders and twelve three-pounder quick-firing guns. The big guns are mounted on the fore-castle and pop in barbette, the guns themselves being protected by a hood. The armored deck is composed principally of three thicknesses of steel plating, but at the edges, where it joins the sides of the ship, two of the skins of plating are discontinued. Consequently, the extreme edges of the deck, for a width of a foot or two, have only one skin of plating, which has been severely criticized as likely to expose the vitals of the ship when rolled away from the enemy.

CHINESE PROGRESSIVE SOCIETY

Movement that Aims to Turn the Flowery Kingdom Into a Republic.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—Sun Yat Sen, the Chinese doctor, who was kidnapped by officials of the Chinese legation here and who was subsequently released on the demand of the marquis of Salisbury, has published an article here, in which he says the value of Li Hung Chang's head will be determined by the value of the information he has taken to China and the doing and power of the Chinese abroad. Sun Yat Sen says he was ordered to leave England by the British government in October, 1895, to establish a constitution for China. The society which he belonged to was the Hing Chung Wey, meaning "Chinese Progressive society." He says it has a powerful organization in America, with a center at San Francisco and headquarters at New York. Sun Yat Sen further states that American graduates of the Chinese university at Stanford, Conn., and that his principal colleagues are graduates of Yale, Harvard and other universities. The article includes a letter, dated at Chicago, from Wong Chin Foo, who claims the movement in the United States is in good shape. Many attempts to compass Sun Yat Sen's release have been made.

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Wonderful Conceit Exhibited Lately by British Undersecretary.

IMAGINES HIMSELF AS FOREIGN MINISTER

Entirely Ignores Lord Salisbury, His Superior, in His Speeches.

THEN GOES AND ROASTS THE EDITORS

Protectionist Tendencies Among the Conservative Rank and File.

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"Sailors' Friend" Proposes a Parliamentary Investigation of Trade Combinations Which Are Growing in England.

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