

reached the Royal Family, and thousands of citizens have inscribed their names in a book placed in the Palace for the purpose.

#### THE CRISIS IN MOROCCO.

Tangier, January 7.

In Arab circles the rumour is current that Raisuli was given up by his brother-in-law today. Although the rumour at present lacks official confirmation, it appears credible, inasmuch as Raisuli's brother-in-law has already expressed his willingness to give him up in return for a sum of money.

The War-Minister, El Gebbas, has set a price on the head of Raisuli, for whom he has laid an ambush. The Mahalla will occupy a temporary camp in Guaret, six kilometres from Zinat.

It is reported here that the Udrass tribe are negotiating with the Maghzen for their submission and that they came to this conclusion in order not to be pillaged and laid under contribution by the Mahalla. Raisuli is said to be with them. Other reports say that he has fled to the territory, which is inviolate, of the Marabout of Abd-el-Salin of the Beni-Arios tribe. Soldiers and men of neighbouring tribes continue to plunder Zinat, and are carrying away sacks of provisions, corn, and all kinds of things.

Madrid, January 7.

Various journals publish the news that Raisuli has been seized by the Vdras tribe.

#### THE UNREST IN CHINA.

Pekin, January 7.

According to news from private sources it seems as if the unrest in the Kiangsi Province is continuing. The rebels have sought retreats in the mountains. It is announced from Shantung that great disorder prevails there. Robberies with violence are of frequent occurrence, and the activities of several secret societies are making themselves noticeable; a large part of the population is moving into the towns and fortified places.

The efforts of Yuan-she-kai and of Governor Yang are directed to confining the disorder to one district and to preventing the incursion of the rebels into Tchili. It is especially noteworthy that the officials of the various Provinces are collaborating in suppressing disorder, whereas formerly each Province acted for itself.

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#### GENERAL NEWS.

(From our London correspondent.)

A flying visit was paid by King Edward and Queen Alexandra on Saturday to Rangemore House, the charming seat of Lord Burton. Their Majesties left Chatsworth at 11.45 in four motor cars.

In the first car were the Queen, the Duchess of Devonshire and the Marquis de Soveral and in the second the King with Princess Henry of Pless. The weather was mild and almost clear and the Royal party appeared to enjoy the trip immensely and left for the return journey at 3.15.

The brief illness of Sir Henry de Bathe terminated fatally on Saturday night at his seat Wood End near Chichester. He succeeded his father in 1870 having been born at Malta on July 19th 1823. His son Hugo who married Mrs. Langtry in 1899 is now the fifth baronet and was born in 1871.

It seems probable that Mrs. Langtry who has now become Lady de Bathe, and who is touring in America, will at once return to England and will relinquish the stage.

A somewhat romantic engagement has been announced from Paris, between the well-known explorer Dr. Jean Charcot and Mlle. Marguerite (Meg) Cléry whom he takes *en secondes nocces*. Mlle. Cléry is the daughter of a distinguished member of the Paris bar and is herself an artist of no mean ability, many of her works having found their way into the Salon.

Victor Hugo the poet was the grandfather of Dr. Charcot's first wife who was divorced from him last year. Dr. Charcot will continue to explore and has arranged to start with his new wife on an expedition in 1908. The honeymoon is to be spent in the French Alps.

A visit from the King and Queen of Denmark of a week's duration to the English court, is now fixed to take place in March. Meanwhile their Majesties go to the King and Queen of Norway this month and then to Sweden, provided the health of King Oscar permits it.

Flora Wolff the mulatto woman to whom the late Lord Delaval Beresford bequeathed £2,000, threatens to try and upset the will. She declares that she lived with Lord Delaval as his wife for twenty years and that in consequence her claim is much greater.

In a few days the Office of Works will start on the erection of the new post office, which will be

built on the site hitherto occupied by Christ's Hospital. This ground extends over three acres and a half in the centre of the City and is a unique position for a central post office.

A fire of a serious nature broke out early on Saturday morning at Brook's private hotel Surrey Street, Strand. The fire made rapid headway before it could be extinguished and one life was unfortunately lost, that of a housemaid 21 years of age.

The date of the enquiry into the express disaster at Elliot Junction has been fixed for Friday next. It is in the power of the jury to return a formal verdict as also to criticise the railway arrangements and fix the blame.

Holland must be reaping an immense benefit through the rules and laws now existing respecting betting and s. p. commission agents in England. The addresses of commission agents in Flushing and Middelburg have greatly increased and so have their postal receipts.

It may not be generally known that the late Baroness Burdett-Coutts was a charming speaker, for not only was all she said to the point, but she never made use of notes. Her voice had a clear ring about it and was always pleasant to listen to.

Much discussion respecting the Channel Tunnel continues to go on in France as well as in England and there can no longer be any serious doubt that the scheme is generally favoured. It is quite certain that English trade with France would be greatly augmented through the easier mode of transit.

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The Grand Duke Michael and the Countess Torby were due to leave London yesterday for the Riviera, where their advent is always looked for with the utmost pleasure.

Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt, jun., is staying at the Hotel Bristol, Beaulieu.

"Uneasy is the head which wears a crown" but none more uneasy at the present moment than that of King Peter of Servia. Very sinister reports continue to reach London.

At the wedding of Capt. F. B. Leyland to Miss Winifred Villiers-Stuart on Saturday, Prince Arthur of Connaught, who is a brother officer of the bridegroom in the 7th Hussars, was present.

The Court will remain at Windsor Castle till Jan. 30 when the King returns to London. On Feb. 12 the King and Queen will open Parliament in State. The first Levée of the season will be held about Feb. 18th and the first court in the following week.

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Consuelo, Duchess of Manchester having strongly recommended Caunterets, the famous Pyrenean health resort to King Edward, it seems probable that his Majesty will in the summer pay it a visit.

It seems that the Caunterets waters are particularly beneficial for affections of the throat. There is ample accommodation for King Edward in one of the excellent hotels in Caunterets or in a private villa.

Mr. Niell Campbell who has been spending the New Year with the Duke and Duchess of Connaught at Bagshot, is the eventual heir to the Dukedom of Argyll. Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll and the Duke of Argyll were also at Bagshot.

The Marylebone Borough Council have just placed tall electric standards at short intervals along the centre of the roadway in Oxford Street between the Marble Arch and the Tottenham Court Road, the scene of the recent fiasco.

#### THOUGHT READING.

(From our London correspondent.)

It is no doubt due to the command from King Edward to give their entertainment at Sandringham in the Christmas week that the Zanciecs have become the subject of constant discussion. That they are really clever admits of no doubt, but it is equally certain that the miracles they apparently perform, are done by means of a code. The show is simply an improvement on those which have for years past been before the public in all quarters of the world.

The audiences at the Alhambra lately to witness the feats accomplished by the Zanciecs, have been most critical and have occasioned many remarkable demonstrations. The opinion of the critics is universal that a code is used and that it is simply a smart music-hall show. Mr. Zancie has himself admitted that he would be unable to work if he lost sight and hearing. This settles this question that, what might at first have appeared to be marvellous and almost supernatural, is merely a very clever trick. The same thing may be said of spirit rapping and all mediums who profess to do impossibilities.

Amongst the audience at the Alhambra on Wednesday evening last, was Mr. Stuart Cumberland, who declared that he had never seen the verbal code used so liberally before by M. Zancie.

In many instances Mme. Zancie's replies were anticipated in the audience by those who had evidently studied and remembered the code words in M. Zancie's questions.

That the show given by the Zanciecs is a smart one is generally acknowledged, but the very idea of professing to possess any super-human powers is utterly distasteful to the English mind and cannot be tolerated. No one perhaps has done more to "show up" these uncanny performances and to prove that they are merely clever tricks, than Mr. Neville Maskelyne. It is for this reason that the excellent entertainment of Messrs. Maskelyne and Devant at St. George's Hall is regarded as one never to be missed by visitors to London.

It will be remembered that M. Zancie claims that he and his wife have two minds with but a single thought. Now most people must know that the single thought-between these two people is the code.

#### NOTES FROM ALL QUARTERS.

The intervention of the law spoils all possibility of romance in the assignation between the lady and the burglar to whom she was to have handed over the sum he demanded. Stranger things than the conversion of a thief have dated from the keeping of such an appointment. What might have happened a story of the old years serves to show. The fourth Earl Stanhope, when on his homeward way late one dark night, was held up by the most gentlemanly of highwaymen, who proffered his request for money or the nobleman's life in quite the nicest way. It happened that Lord Stanhope had not any money with him, and was wholly disinclined to yield the alternative. "Your watch, then," suggested the gentleman at the opposite end of the pistol. That watch, the Earl explained, was dear to him. He valued it at a hundred guineas, and would not surrender it. "What I will do," he said, "is to bring and deposit in this tree the worth of the watch in money, and you can call and get it tomorrow night." "Done, m' lord!" said the highwayman. The law knew nothing about this arrangement, and the Earl did as he had promised. He placed the hundred guineas where the highwayman might at his leisure collect it. And there, so far as he knew, the matter ended. Years afterwards he attended a great banquet in the City, and found himself pleasantly entertained by an extremely well-known man, whose signature was good for a sum in several figures. Next day came to Lord Stanhope a letter enclosing the sum of one hundred guineas. Accompanying it was a note begging his acceptance of a loan granted some years previously to the man who now forwarded it. That loan, said the letter, had enabled the sender to gain a new start in life, to make a fortune, and to renew acquaintance at dinner on the previous night with his lordship. The City magnate and the highwayman of earlier days were one and the same.

Miss Irene Vanbrugh, who relates the story of her first days on the stage in *M. A. P.* this week, was once at a luncheon party at which she sat next to a young man just returned from the Colonies. He thought he had seen her name in the papers, and asked her whether she was an actress. Miss Vanbrugh said she was. "I hope you are getting on all right," said the youth; "competition is frightfully keen nowadays, I am told." "Yes, it is," said Miss Vanbrugh; "but I have been very lucky so far." "Glad to hear it, and I hope you'll soon get a good part in London." The other guests were beginning to smile broadly, and it was only after the ladies had withdrawn that the youth learned he had been patronising the actress who had just taken the town by storm.