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NAVAL REVIEW IN THE SOLENT.

The King and Queen Alexandra held a grand review of 188 ships of all classes in the Solent on Saturday. The ships covered an area of 24 miles. The Swedish squadron took part in the review.

THE BELFAST DISQUIET.

A serious disturbance took place in Belfast about noon on Saturday, when some strikers attempted to drive a horse and van into York Dock. The police were stoned, and several baton charges had to be made before the mob were dispersed. A constable was severely injured. One man was arrested.

It was officially announced that the Belfast carters' strike had been settled, excepting for some minor details.

It is stated that the men have agreed to allow the masters to cart to the English steam-ship companies affected by the dockers' strike, and have given way on the point as to whether the union should be recognised. The masters have accepted the men's terms regarding wages.

One hundred of the disaffected police were transferred to different parts of Ireland, and 150 more were to follow yesterday.

A conference between the masters and the men's trade union delegates sat on Saturday to adjust the final details in the labour dispute. Meanwhile the railway companies' steam trolleys and motor wagons are escorted by squads of Irish Constabulary, soldiers again being on duty at the docks.

NEWS FROM AMERICA.

The Federal Court has imposed a fine of 29,240,000 dollars on the Standard Oil Company for accepting freight rebates. The Company has appealed.

THE MEETINGS OF MONARCHS.

King Edward's arrival in Wilhelmshöhe, where His Majesty will be the guest of the Kaiser, is arranged for August 14th, 9.05 a. m. The Emperor and his sons will meet King Edward at the station whence the Royal party will drive to the castle in auto. Although the visit is to be of a private character the Emperor has ordered the garrison of Kassel together with the schoolchildren to line the streets.

The meeting of the Emperor and the Czar which, as already announced in our Sunday number, took place at 10 a. m. on Saturday off Swinemünde on board the Russian Imperial Yacht, was followed by a series of festivities such as a Naval parade and dinners on board both Imperial Yachts, both Kaisers exchanging hospitalities.

The German papers all comment on the visit of the Czar, laying special stress on the fact that no special political importance is to be attached to a meeting of two friendly neighbours.

AUSTRIAN PRESS OPINION.

The Vienna *Fremdenblatt* in discussing the Imperial interview at Swinemünde states that today, as at the last meeting, there is no need for any explanation or any special understanding between Russia and Germany; not even anti-German acuteness would be able to make out this time, as it did after the meeting at Bjoerkoe, that the German Emperor advised the Czar as to the internal affairs of his Empire. Of course, the great problems of foreign politics would be discussed, but the object of the discussion would not be to create a new political situation but only to establish an understanding in judging the situation as it is.

The meeting at Swinemünde is a gratifying testimony to the stable equilibrium that has been attained between the chief groups of the great European Powers, an agreeable symptom of the general political situation, a proof of the cordial warmth of the footing on which the two Sovereigns

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stand to each other, and of the good relations subsisting between Germany and Russia. The Austrian Monarchy can but rejoice at such a proof of the relationship existing between Germany and Russia, and which is so fully in unison with her own intentions. Austria's warmest sympathies are offered to the meeting of the Emperors Nicolas and William. The German Empire is Austria's ally, Russia has for many years been Austria's friend. The agreement arrived at years ago between Austria-Hungary and Russia on the Balkan question has been more and more widened and deepened. The Balkan policy of the two powers has more and more met with the assent of all the Powers. Austria-Hungary can, without doubt, enter the renewed declaration of the understanding between her allies and Russia, her friend, as an asset in her political accounts. The object of the meeting of the Emperors is directed against no one; no one has reason for suspicion.

NEWS FROM FRANCE.

TERRIBLE AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT.

Two Bordeaux journalists who desired to ascertain facts as to a reported accident during the automobile reliability test, started in an automobile and collided with one of the racing cars, in consequence of thick dust. The three occupants of the racing car were killed on the spot, while two chauffeurs accompanying the journalists died shortly after the accident.

The journalists themselves were very seriously injured, and one of them, according to later reports, succumbed on Sunday evening.

The test race was, in consequence of these sad occurrences, stopped at once.

FIRING EXERCISES REPEATED.

In consequence of the poor results of the firing exercises during the naval manoeuvres M. Thomson, Minister of Marine, has ordered a repetition of these exercises with the heavy guns.

ANOTHER NAVY ACCIDENT. NARROW ESCAPE.

On board the French cruiser "Bouvet" a fire was discovered and extinguished just before it reached the powder-magazine. Clothes saturated with oil were found quite close by, and a strict enquiry has been set on foot.

A TERRIBLE RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

The engine of a train running between Angers and Poitiers left the rails on a bridge over the Loire near Ponts-de-Cé. The engine and tender, the luggage-van and a third class carriage fell into the river. Fifty people are said to have been killed, while sixteen were seriously injured.

EARTHQUAKES ON THE CONTINENT.

The shocks which were registered by the seismographic instruments in Berlin and Hamburg on Thursday were localised in Mostar (Herzegovina), lasting 10 seconds. The populace left their dwell-



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ings in a panic. Many houses show cracks; roofs and chimneys have fallen in. There was a tropical heat at the time. Half an hour after this shock another severe one was felt in Serajevo.

SHIPPING ACCIDENTS.

The stranding of the Hamburg-America S. S. "Teutonia" is reported by *Lloyds* to have taken place on July 20th, four miles off Ras Madraka. She is a total wreck. 16 of the crew are missing.

Another accident to a steamer of the same company is reported from New York where on Friday night the S. S. "Graf Waldersee" grounded on entering the harbour. She got off again with the tide without having been damaged.

MOROCCAN AFFAIRS.

Two batteries of the garrison of Algiers as well as a squadron of chasseurs à cheval and a battalion of tirailleurs of the garrison of Blidah are in readiness for embarkation at Oran to Morocco.

The situation in Casablanca on Friday was still very serious; the Bashaw is not able to cope with it. 200 Spaniards have taken refuge at the consulates. The murdered Europeans have been buried. The Christian cemetery is said to have been destroyed. Three Europeans are missing.

The armoured cruisers "Gloire" and "Jeanne d'Arc" as well as the transport "Nive" under the command of Admiral Philibert left Toulon for Morocco on Saturday night.

The troops for Casablanca including two battalions, two batteries and 300 cavalry will be under General Drude, who has spent most of his time in the colonial service and is said to be a very energetic officer.

A Cabinet council in Madrid on Sunday lasted five hours and was engaged in discussing the French Note on the Moroccan affair. Journalists received on enquiry no information as to the business transacted. The war-minister declared that 500 troops would be sent to Africa on board a man-of-war; Spain would probably take but a small part in the operations.

THE MINING DISASTER.

We are glad to be able to report that no men were killed in the firedamp explosion in the König mine on Saturday, as we had stated in our Sunday's issue. Only 8 men were slightly hurt; the others all came to the surface safely.

PEKIN—PARIS EN AUTO.

Prince Borghese arrived in Kovno on Saturday; he reached the German frontier at 4.45 a. m. on Sunday where he was received by members of the Imperial and the Königsberg Auto Clubs. He continued on his way at 7 a. m. and arrived at Königsberg at 10.30, whence he started for Berlin at 1 p. m.

BEEES ATTACK MOTORIST.

While driving his motor-car, Mr. W. Boswell, coal merchant, of Horncastle, unsuspectingly ran into a swarm of bees, which had taken full possession of the road at Langton Hill. Putting on full speed, he tried to outdistance them, but was pursued by the bees, and had eventually to dismount and divest himself of part of his clothing before he could rid himself of them, which, strange to say, he did without being stung.

PUGNACITY IN CROWS.

While a motor car was proceeding from Elgin to Lhanbryde, a crow, after circling in front of the car, suddenly wheeled directly towards the vehicle, striking the front passenger with some violence on the shoulder. As the partition screen was not attached, the crow fell against a lady behind, its beak piercing her eyelid. The crow, stunned as it were by the blow, fell at first on the road, but almost immediately recovered, and was to all appearance unhurt.