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ENGLISH NEWS.

According to a London telegram an exciting incident occurred at Dartmoor Prison on Sunday last. During the return from church, a prisoner struck one of the escorting warders, whereupon the official was assailed by other convicts, who also threw two more warders to the ground and treated them so roughly that they are now in hospital. Assistance arrived and the convicts were overpowered.

THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT. ARRIVAL AT MALTA.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught arrived at Malta shortly before ten o'clock on Saturday morning, on board H. M. S. "Aboukir." Beautiful weather prevailed.

General Grant, the Governor, and Admiral Sir Charles Drury proceeded on board the cruiser to welcome their Royal Highnesses.

The warships in the harbour presented an imposing appearance. They were all dressed with flags, and the crews manned ship.

As the "Aboukir" entered the harbour salutes were fired from the ships and the shore batteries, and all the people cheered. The naval bands played the National Anthem and then the cheering was taken up by the bluejackets.

The Duke and Duchess landed at the Custom House, and were saluted by a guard of honour furnished by the Royal Marine Light Infantry.

Their Royal Highnesses entered their carriage, and drove, amid cheers, to the Palace Valletta, by way of Spencer Monument. The route was lined by men of the fleet, and troops of the garrison.

There was a great demonstration of welcome in Palace-square, the strains of the National Anthem intermingling with the vociferous cheers of the multitude.

The Duke inspected the military guard of honour which was mounted near the Palace. Their Royal Highnesses were subsequently conducted to a dais erected alongside the Palace. As soon as they had taken their places the Naval Brigade, consisting of two battalions of seamen and one of Marines, marched past, immediately followed by the artillery and infantry brigades.

After the march past, the Duke and Duchess entered the Palace, where they received the Governor, the Archbishop, the Admiral Commander-in-Chief, the flag officers, general officers, members of the Executive and Legislative Councils, the heads of the Civil, Naval, and Military Departments, and the nobility. As the Duke of Connaught stepped on shore, the German Consul handed His Royal Highness an autograph letter from the German Emperor.

LION HUNTING DE LUXE.

A message from Cairo to London states that Prince Demidoff, who has been staying at Khartoum for some time, has left for the south upon a long hunting expedition.

Prince Demidoff, who is only 23, is accompanied by a doctor, a chef, and a gentleman who is to operate a fully-equipped cinematograph apparatus, which is to record the Prince's movements, especially when lion-shooting. The Prince's arsenal, besides a large quantity of rifles, includes several large steel gins for lions, and various implements for capturing and skinning hippopotamuses, rhinoceroses, and crocodiles. He takes with him 75 donkeys. A private steamer has been hired at a cost of about £25 daily. The hunters expect to be absent for about six months, and intend to make

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NEWS FROM AMERICA.

THE JAPANESE QUESTION.

Certain remarks concerning the Japanese immigration question, says a New York telegram, attributed to Viscount Aoki, Japanese Ambassador in Washington, were received with considerable doubts as to their authenticity. Reports now to hand declare that the Viscount has denied having uttered any of the remarks imputed to him.

According to newspaper reports received in Tokio, the negotiations between America and Japan, in regard to the diminution of Japanese immigrants to the United States have been satisfactorily concluded. Details are lacking.

EXPLOSION IN A KANSAS BANK.

A bomb explosion took place on Saturday in the First National Bank at Kansas City, (Mo.). Several clients present in the bank were injured. Nothing is yet known as to the perpetration of the outrage.

GERMANY AND AMERICA.

A speech by Professor John W. Burgess, the well-known political scientist, on the subject of the relations between Germany and the United States, has excited no little interest in America.

Addressing the Germanic Society of Chicago, the Professor made a powerful appeal for an offensive and defensive alliance between the two countries. Such an alliance, he declared, would be the natural complement of the excellent understanding already existing, and of interests mutually possessed, and would be the best possible guarantee of the world's peace.

Professor Burgess dwelt on the possibility of an agreement between Great Britain and Japan for the partition of Asia.

What makes the speech more interesting is the fact that Professor Burgess is the first Roosevelt Exchange Commissioner appointed to Berlin.

MR. ROCKEFELLER'S MUNIFICENCE.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller has given Chicago University a further sum of \$2,191,000. The Oil King's total monetary benefactions to the University now amount to \$23,515,000.

THE THAW TRIAL.

On Monday, says a New York telegram, a commencement was made with the task of selecting a jury to try Mr. Harry Thaw, for the murder of Mr. Stanford White in the Madison Square Roof Garden Theatre, in New York, in June, 1906. Neither Mr. Jerome nor Mr. Martin Littleton, senior counsel for the defence, has the slightest hope of completing the jury in fewer than fourteen days.

Mr. Littleton, Mr. Thaw's new counsel, is one of the best-known New York lawyers and a prominent Democratic politician. He was born in Tennessee, and is 36 years old.

Mr. Thaw's detectives are now unearthing all the hidden skeletons and secrets of Mr. White's career and life. Mr. Littleton refuses to commit himself to any definite statement as to the line of defence, but the New York correspondent of the *Daily Mail* gathers that his conduct of the trial will differ radically from the theatrical methods employed by Mr. Delmas, the Californian lawyer. Mr. Littleton will not seek to influence the jury by forensic allusions and the specious doctrine of "dementia Americana," or invoke cheap sentimentality by describing Mrs. Thaw as an "angel child," and Mr. Thaw as "Sir Galahad." Nor will he allow Mr. Thaw, as the prisoner did last year, to pilot the defence and interfere at critical moments with arbitrary and wholly unreasonable orders as to the course to be pursued.

In all probability the defence's plea will be that Mr. Thaw was absolutely insane at the time of the tragedy, but that the long course of prison discipline and regular living has cured him.

The court-room will be much smaller than that in which the first trial took place. Justice Dowling, who is to take the case, is adopting energetic measures to prevent female curiosity-mongers from gaining admission, and he is even contemplating

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