

GENERAL NEWS.

(Continued.)

THE UNITED STATES AND MANCHURIA.

State Secretary Root has made public in Washington a statement couched in the following terms: "The question of Charbin presents many difficulties, but there are no special obstacles to their removal. Although China concedes, and indeed desires, the supervision of the Chinese Eastern Railway by a large department having its head-quarters at Charbin, provided that the sovereignty of China is not thereby prejudiced, the State Department will not be able to give official consent in any form to regulations made by the Russian railway administration and affecting commerce and industry. Moreover, the foreigners in Charbin insist upon their right to express an opinion in the matter through their communal administration in the foreign quarter. The United States representative in Charbin receives his *exequatur* from China, to which country he stands in the same relation as the Russian Consul-General."

According to a Tokio telegram, the Japanese newspapers express their opinion to the effect that the attitude adopted by the United States in regard to Russian administration in northern Manchuria is in reality directed against Japanese administration in the southern provinces. Some of the journals go so far as to assert that the impending arrival of the American fleet in Japanese waters is in some way connected with forthcoming representations on the part of the United States to Japan, relative to the Manchurian situation. The Japanese Foreign Office, however, emphatically denies the truth of such assertions, and expresses its unwillingness to believe that America is antagonistic to Japan's present development of southern Manchuria.

MORE SCHOLASTIC EXCHANGES WITH GERMANY.

The Administrative Council of the Carnegie fund for the furtherance of education has published details of a plan agreed upon with the Prussian Minister of Education with regard to the interchange of teachers between Prussia and the United States. In accordance with this plan, it is expected that, from the 1st of October next, when the system is to come into operation, from 25 to 50 teachers will visit Prussia yearly. The Carnegie Administrative Council, in affirming the educational value of the plan, points out its importance as a means of promoting a good understanding between the United States and Germany.

THE PLAGUE IN PERU.

Plague has broken out in Lima and other coast towns of Peru. Further particulars are not yet to hand.

RAILWAY TROUBLES IN BRAZIL.

Incensed at the increase in the railway passenger rates, a mob attacked the station at Campos (Brazil) and destroyed some of the rolling-stock. The police were called out and soon succeeded in restoring order.

BATTLESHIPS FOR THE ARGENTINE?

The *Associated Press* reports from Rio de Janeiro that there is reason to believe that Italy is prepared to hand over three of her battleships, viz. the "Regina Elena," "Napoli" and "Roma," to the Argentine Republic for a consideration of 20 million dollars. The contemplated purchase of these warships by the Argentine is said to be in the nature of a counter move to the increase of the Brazilian navy.

ILLNESS OF MR. PIERPONT MORGAN.

Mr. Pierpont Morgan, who is visiting Rome, has been seized with a sudden attack of illness, and an American doctor, Mr. Baldwin, has been hurriedly summoned to attend the distinguished patient. The illness causes considerable anxiety among Mr. Morgan's friends, but no bulletins respecting the financier's condition are yet to hand.

CHICAGO "L" RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

A passenger coach on the Chicago elevated railway left the rails on Tuesday, and was precipitated to the street below. Thirty out of the fifty passengers in the coach were injured, but no fatalities are reported in the telegram.

RUSSIAN NEWS.

M. STOLYPIN'S DAUGHTER.

Lieut. von Bock, who succeeds Capt. Prince Dolgoroukoff as Russian Naval Attaché in Germany and Holland, is the fiancé of M. Stolypin's eldest daughter, one of the maids-of-honour to the Empress. The marriage will be celebrated shortly in the private church of Yelagin Palace, where the Premier spends the summer months with his family. The move from the Winter Palace will consequently be made earlier than usual this year. The young couple will go abroad immediately after the marriage, in order that Lieut. von Bock may take up his new appointment. It is said that the Lieute-

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nant and Mdle. Stolypin became acquainted last summer during a cruise the Premier made with his family in Finnish waters, on a warship placed at his disposal. Lieut. von Bock was one of the officers of the ship.

TRIAL OF A DESPERATE GANG.

The St. Petersburg district court-martial, says a *Reuter* telegram, is now trying a gang of thirteen men, who perpetrated a series of daring armed robberies in the capital and its vicinity, during a period extending from May to October of last year. The most sensational of their exploits was an attack on the station of Obukoff in the suburbs of St. Petersburg. They were armed with Mauser pistols and Brownings, and after killing a gendarme and a watchman covered the station employés with their weapons, and compelled the cashier to open the till. They only secured 24 roubles, however, as the remainder of the day's takings had been despatched to St. Petersburg about a quarter of an hour previously. There are also various charges against individual prisoners. The prisoners are being defended by two captains and a civil lawyer. More than one hundred witnesses have been subpoenaed. The trial is being held with closed doors.

A *Reuter* telegram received later announces that eight of the prisoners have been found guilty and sentenced to death.

SANGUINARY RIOTS IN LISBON.

The elections continue to evoke great disorder in the Portuguese capital, and on Tuesday the municipal guards had to intervene in many street conflicts which took place in the Alcantara quarter, where a lieutenant wounded several civilians. As the rioters would not disperse they were fired upon by the police, with fatal result, and over 100 arrests were made. The ballot boxes were guarded by Government officials during the night, but a rumour circulated that the boxes had been tampered with and the votes falsified. The crowd stoned the police, who fired on them, again killing and wounding many people, including innocent bystanders. During the election at San Domingo the Republicans attempted to gain possession of the ballot boxes, but were repulsed. Lisbon continues to be under martial law. The total number of arrests reached over one hundred.

OUR LIBRARY TABLE.*

By H. C. B.

Lovers of thrilling adventure, dark mystery and deeds of daring-do will be delighted with Mr. Max Pemberton's latest novel. The story centres around an American millionaire whose father has fallen a victim to the Anarchists of Baku, in the Caucasus. His father's murder makes Jehan Cavanagh an implacable anti-Anarchist, and his avowed intention is to exterminate the terrorists by fair means or foul. The lay figure of his secretary, who narrates the tale, is quite overshadowed by the greater personality, but each character is handled in Mr. Pemberton's inimitable manner, the consequence being that there is not one dull page in the book. Here again we strike the author's peculiar phraseology, expressions that went straight to the heart of every schoolboy when *The Iron Pirate* appeared; and that delightful disregard of the impossible, which almost deludes the reader into the belief that he is reading bona-fide testimony of actual events.

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MOVEMENTS OF LINERS.

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YESTERDAY'S REPORTS.

"Prinzess Alice," from Japan for Bremen, arrived Hongkong April 6th.
"York," from Hamburg for Japan, arrived Hongkong April 7th.
"Bülow," from Hamburg for Japan, arrived Genoa April 7th.
"Kaiser Wilhelm II.," from New York for Bremen, arrived Bremerhaven, April 7th.
"Goeben," from Japan for Bremen, arrived Genoa April 7th.
"König Albert," from New York for Genoa, left Gibraltar April 7th.
"Kronprinz Wilhelm," from Bremen for New York, passed Borkum Riff April 7th.
"Prinz Heinrich," from Bremen for Japan, left Bremerhaven April 8th.
"Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse," from New York for Bremen, left New York April 7th.
"Kronprinzessin Cecilie," from Bremen for New York, arrived New York April 7th.