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THE IMPERIAL VISIT TO VIENNA.

Vienna, May 15.
 Unpropitious weather prevailed yesterday at the arrival of the German Emperor and Empress on their visit to the aged Emperor Francis Joseph. But the falling rain did not deter large crowds from gathering in the streets and giving a cordial welcome to the nation's guests. A State banquet was held at the Hofburg yesterday evening, during which the two Emperors drank each other's health and delivered appropriate speeches.
 Emperor Francis Joseph, in the course of his speech, paid a glowing tribute to his Imperial guest's labours in the cause of peace, and said that the danger which appeared to threaten peace in the past winter had now happily disappeared. With profound and sincere gratitude he had observed the loyalty to the Triple Alliance and the friendly attitude maintained throughout the crisis by Germany, an attitude which had materially contributed to that peaceful settlement of the difficulties which had been the dearest wish of his heart. Cordial mention was also made of the loyalty exhibited by Italy to her obligations as an ally.
 In his reply, Emperor William expressed the gratification of the Empress and himself at the warm words of greeting which had fallen so gracefully from the lips of his Imperial host. A generation, he said, had passed since Emperor Francis Joseph, in co-operation with his (Emperor William's) grandfather, had laid the foundations of friendship between the two nations, a friendship and alliance which had been strengthened by the admission shortly afterwards of Italy. All the world knew today how efficacious for the maintenance of peace this alliance had proved itself to be during the past months.
 Yesterday afternoon a joint telegram from the two Emperors was despatched to the King of Italy, to the effect that the meeting in Vienna offered a new opportunity for an expression of greeting on the part of Austria and Germany to their friend and ally Italy. Subsequently a reply was received from King Victor Emmanuel, acknowledging with gratitude the cordial words of greeting from Vienna, and testifying that the sentiments expressed by the two Emperors would find a hearty echo in Italy.

ITALY TO BUILD "DREADNOUGHTS."

The recent meeting between the King of Italy and Emperor William at Brindisi and the latter's present sojourn in Vienna have aroused new interest in the Triple Alliance among all classes in Italy. The press is conducting a vigorous campaign for the reorganisation of the army and navy, and it is said that the following extensive naval programme is about to be authorised: Four battleships of the "Dreadnought" type, a number of cruisers and submarine craft, and the creation of several new naval arsenals. It is estimated that 264 million lire will be necessary to materialise these proposals, the time of completion to extend over three years. By the year of 1912 the Italian Navy will possess more than 23 battleships, besides a large flotilla of torpedo craft.

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THE STRIKE THAT FAILED.
 (DAILY RECORD CORRESPONDENT.)

Paris, May 14.
 The postal strike is practically ending in a fizzle, and there is every indication that a few days will find the entire service again in full working order. There are no grounds for apprehension on the part of prospective foreign visitors to Paris, as disturbances of any kind are conspicuous by their absence. The city presents its normal appearance, and is crowded with English and American sight-seers.

GERMAN NAVAL PROGRESS.

London, May 14.
 The Standard this morning publishes a report from its special correspondent who has been visiting the German Imperial and private dockyards and shipbuilding yards, in order to assure himself of the position of shipbuilding in Germany at the present moment. He visited the yards at Bremen, Geestemünde, Wilhelmshaven, Hamburg, Kiel, Stettin, Danzig, and Elbing, and the Krupp factory at Essen, and says he found the work in hand to be not nearly so extensive as he had expected. His conclusion is that there are at present in Germany nine "Dreadnoughts" under construction and three just about to be laid down. Cruisers, torpedo-boats, and submarines are also being built.

RUSSIAN POLICE SCANDAL.

St. Petersburg, May 14.
 Judgment was delivered yesterday in the case of M. Lopukhin, who was found guilty of belonging to a criminal association, and sentenced to five years' penal servitude. As M. Lopukhin is a member of the nobility the sentence will have to be submitted to the Emperor. The delivery of the judgment in its final form will take place today.
 The Liberal papers describe the trial of M. Lopukhin as a mockery of justice. The prisoner is deprived of the legal right of speech, and his evidence concerning the crimes of Azeff is not admitted. In short, the authorities, the papers declare, are determined to prevent any light from being thrown on the sinister doings of the secret police.

ENGLAND'S GHOSTLY AIRSHIP.

London, May 14.
 The mysterious airship which has been seen flying under the cover of night over many districts of East Anglia is the sensation of the moment. Each day brings fresh testimony, in some cases of unimpeachable witnesses, that the strange craft has been both distinctly seen and heard. The War Office, which upon receiving first information on the subject adopted its usual attitude of superior incredulity, is now understood on the best authority to be taking measures for a solution of the mystery. Latest advices state that the airship has now been seen by dozens of people hovering over Coventry, Terrington, Harborough, Westcliffe, Peterboro', and Broughton Astley. Most of the newspapers have despatched special correspondents to the scene, and one of these enterprising individuals caught sight of and followed the strange apparition in an automobile in the neighbourhood of Hunstanton. When the airship first came into sight, says this authority, it was some 300 feet above the earth. A powerful searchlight in the prow of the craft swept every inch of the ground. The airship appeared to be about one hundred feet in length, and in the car two men were plainly visible. In spite of a strong headwind, it flew with marvellous rapidity, accompanied by the loud whirring of its motor. The motor-car in which sat the correspondent switched on to full speed and an exciting race ensued, but when in the immediate vicinity of the coast the airship's searchlight suddenly went out and the mysterious visitor disappeared in the blackness of night. The correspondent's theory is that the aerial craft headed towards the North Sea, and from this he arrives at the conclusion that it is not of English origin.

ROMAN CATHOLICS IN ENGLAND.

London, May 15.
 The Bill for the repeal of the law which debars Roman Catholics from holding the office of Viceroy of Ireland or Lord Chancellor of England, as well as for the amendment of the oath taken by the Sovereign on accession to the Throne and of various obsolete laws imposing disabilities on Roman Catholics, was read a second time in the House of Commons last night. There is no prospect, however, of the Bill becoming law this session.

MR. ROOSEVELT IN EAST AFRICA.

Mombasa, May 14.
 Mr. Roosevelt continues to enjoy good sport. He has killed two giraffes and one rhinoceros. The latter charged at him before falling. Yesterday the ex-President visited the American Mission at Machakos. Today he started with his whole party for Mr. Macmillan's farm at Juga, near Nairobi. All the members of the party are well.

THE QUEEN OF SPAIN.

Madrid, May 15.
 The official Gazette announces that the accouchement of Queen Victoria is expected during the first fortnight of June.

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