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THE WAR.

The Russians still hold Port Arthur and the situation in the interior of Manchuria is practically the same that it has been for several weeks past.

The news from Japanese sources to the effect that the Sevastopol, the last Russian warship at Port Arthur, had been disabled is confirmed, the Russians admitting in a general way that the Japanese assertions are correct.

The Japanese have evidently changed their minds if, as recently stated, they really meant to starve out Toesael, for most desperate fighting has been going on for some days, and several important points have fallen into their hands.

As to the result of the war in its entirety there is nothing new—a prophet had as much light three months ago, perhaps, as can be turned on now. It is of interest, however to note what so-called authorities have to say on the subject, and there is evidence that the majority opinion is that Russia cannot whip Japan.

Taken altogether, the war situation is such as to make the holidays gloomy in the palace of the Czar of the Russians, and not to cause a lighter feeling than anxiety in the Japanese capital, for war is indeed a two-edged sword whose keenness is felt by the victor as well as the vanquished.

THE POPE AND THE BIBLE.

The standing charge that the authorities of the Church of Rome are on principle opposed to the popular use of the Scriptures has lost some of its validity in view of recent events. The Vatican seems to have inaugurated a new policy in this direction, and has shown special favor to the popular translations of the Gospels that have appeared in Italy during the past few months.

"Excellent translations and explanations of the gospels in the Italian language are being printed nowadays by the authority of the St. Jerome Association. It has recently become known that the translator of these works was Professor Clerici and the commentator Father Genchi. Soon after the present Pope had entered upon his office these two scholars were received at the Vatican. They fell upon his knees; but when the Pope entered he at once bade them arise and permitted them to kiss his hand.

There is a proposition to increase the tax on bar-rooms in Wilmington from about \$200 to \$1,000, and some of the saloon people are resisting it. This is not to be wondered at. The thousand-dollar tax would put a good many of them out of business, as they no doubt should be. It would close the joints and there would be no more grog-shop rows; no more selling liquor to minors or to drunk men; no more selling of it on Sunday or after hours, which hours could properly be made, as they are in Charlotte, from 6 a. m. to 8 p. m.

It is now figured that the amount of money raised by Mrs. Cassie Chadwick on securities which did not secure anybody, amounted to more than a million dollars. Some paper remarks that the collar button found when the Humbert safe was opened in Paris had an humble, but real, value—not so with anything found among Mrs. Chadwick's belongings. And a large part of the money she got was gotten in large cities like Pittsburg and Boston.

The able ex-Secretary of War, Hon. Elihu Root, declared in a speech before the New England Society of New York a few nights ago, "that this government would not only not permit any European power to extend its dominion to the Western Hemisphere, but that it would not permit any such power to do so, even though any or all of the Latin-American States were to voluntarily desire to become a dependency of some European power."

Among Protestants the popular idea is that the Catholic Church discourages, if it does not prohibit, the reading of the Scriptures by those who bear allegiance to it. Whatever its past policy may have been with reference to this matter, that, clearly, is not the policy of the present Pope; and in view of the fact that the subject has been so much canvassed in the past, the above deliverance of Pius X. will be widely and interestedly read by Protestants as well as Catholics.

CAUSE FOR CONGRATULATION.

The Yorkville, S. C. Enquirer says the Yorkland Distilling Company, of Columbia, is not only selling to the South Carolina dispensary all the liquor it can make, but has become the agent for outside distillers, and that at the present rate of progress the State will directly be playing second fiddle to this private corporation.

Disclosures concerning the South Carolina dispensary system are coming thick and fast now, and the more we see of them the gladder we are that Charlotte has declined to embark in the liquor traffic.

Representative-elect Blackburn, of the eighth district, has caught the President's ear. On the surface there is harmony between Mr. Blackburn and the Republican State organization; how the under-current runs is another matter. But it is apparent that Blackburn is in a position to give trouble unless the organization makes up its mind to be good.

The holiday season is being seriously marred by more than the usual number of newspaper references to "Uncle Joe." It is time to cut "Uncle Joe" out—at least to stop cackling every time he perpetrates a poor joke or commits some act which is more than ordinarily coarse.

Wait for to-morrow's papers and read about the Santa Claus in different parts of the country catching fire from the Christmas trees.

A PRAYER APPROPRIATE TO THE DAY.

(Republished, corrected.) Max Ehrmann. Let me do my work each day; and if the darkened hours of despair overtake me, may I not forget the strength that comforted me in the desolation of other times. May I remember the bright hours that found me walking over the silent hills of my childhood, or dreaming on the margin of the quiet river, when a light glowed within me, and I promised my early God to have courage amid the temptations of the abating years.

Henderson Republicans Endorse Mr. C. J. Harris for Collector.

Hendersonville, Dec. 23.—Pursuant to a call made by Brownlow Jackson, chairman of the Republican executive committee of this county, a mass-meeting of the Republicans of Henderson county was held in the court house here today at 1 o'clock. H. S. Anderson was made chairman and J. H. Tinsley secretary of the meeting. After the object of the meeting had been explained, a committee consisting of W. C. Rector, Representative-elect, J. Williams, chairman of the town of Hendersonville, and W. J. Davis, chairman of the board of county commissioners, was appointed to retire and draw up resolutions, which were unanimously adopted. Speeches in favor of the adoption of the above resolutions were made by Sheriff Rhodes, J. Williams, W. J. Davis, Mr. Rector and others present.

Christmas.

Back to the depths of the Past, dim, obscure, The footprints of Time and of Progress revealed, And halting midway, once a nation did yield. A spirit so god-like, so wise and so pure, So wondrously perfect, that ever since then The path hath grown broader that man-kind hath trod And clearer the knowledge of life and of God.

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Art thou a gentle spirit undefined, Still, as in days of old, God's little child, Or art thou now a being high and great, Gazing with pity on our low estate? And did they throng to greet thee on that shore? Thy heart's beloved who had gone before? Dost thou now hold with them communion sweet, And thus the bliss of vanished years repeat? Hast thou the problems solved which once vexed Even thy quiet faith; which yet perplex Our weary minds and hearts, this side the flood? Dost thou now comprehend the "Perfect Good?" If thou couldst open to our longing sight One glimpse of thy serene and pure delight, Couldst send one little word across the tide, Then would these yearnings deep be satisfied. Still is the vision sealed from our dull eyes. Save this, "Near us to-day in Paradise." Enough we will not ask to hear or see. Since thou art with thy Lord, and He with thee. Spartanburg, S. C., Dec. 1904.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN.

The Observer will send A. D. T. Messenger, without charge, to your place of business or residence for advertisements in this column. Phone A. D. T. Messenger Service, No. 45; or Observer, No. 78. All advertisements inserted in this column at rate of ten cents per line of copy. No ad. taken for less than 20 cents. Cash in advance.

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FOR RENT—Two rooms in Wilkinson Building. Apply Gem Restaurant.

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