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THE TRUCE WITH ADAM-ZAD.

When Great Britain and Russia made common cause in Persia to baffic efforts at financial reform so fantastic as to deprive them of some of their rich picking, it was hardly to be expected that St. Petersburg, the most directly aggrieved power, would guard very tenderly any Persians so jealous of their country's rights a to oppose a Russian invasion. But the diversions of the invading troops at Tabriz and Resht, when women were despoiled and children and unoffending men skain, seem somewhat excessive even in the light of government instructions for the adoption of "stringent measures," unless, indeed, they are deemed admissible under the "whatever is deemed necessary to reestablish order and receive chastise ment of offenders" clause of St. Pe tersburg's blanket directors.

The menacing tone of the Russian statement indicates that it is prepared to look lightly upon these atroc Ities but they certainly place its west ern ally in an unenviable position The British government is abetting Russia, mainly because the Anglo German situation for the present overshadows the age-old eastern question, but the English public is of a temper different from the Russian. Press dispatches indicate that there has run through the Island a wave of horror at reports of brutal scenes enacted. Added to this, there is popular apprehension over Russian policy in the east. The Bear's encroachment on Persia has always been regarded with mistrust and jealousy by the English. The Russian diplomacy which is embarrassing Japan, Eng land's firm friend, in Manchuria, likely to increase the tension.

GREAT MEN AND FOIBLES.

Every great man has a foible; Col. Watterson has a foible; therefore he's a great man. That may not be logic. but it's fact. Col. Watterson's foible is Col. Roosevelt. The sage of Oyster Bay is Polonious' daughter to this Blue Grass Hamlet, the theme on which he delights to harp.

"Rooseveltism would mean absolutism," is the latest prophesying of the Louisville oracle. "If they put him in the White House agair, we will never get him out except feet fore-

Upon Col. Roosevelt's return from Africa, Col. Watterson delivered himself of the following: "Theodore Roosevelt is the most portentious figure which has appeared in the world .: since Napoleon Bonaparte:" which seemed hyperbole to all, with the possible exception of Col. Roosevelt. To most of us he is a short, stout man, amazingly energetic and valuable and with a fondness for personal pronouns, These two colonels should get together, for Col. Roosevelt, too, has a foi-

THE STATUS OF AVIATION.

The prediction of Prof. A. Lawrence Reach of the Blue Hill Metereological observatory that American universities will soon provide facilities for in struction in flying and airship building is in line with the marvelous advance of aeronautics here and abroad of air navigation has made wonderful strides. The spectacular adventurers. whose ill-considered hazards caused aeronauties to be generally considered en way, many of the most famous of them having been removed by death, and careful study of the science has become the order of the day.

Even now conservative and scientific air navigation is attended by no problibitive husards. Adequate

NEW YORK NOT THE PLACE. would be as incense in the nostrils of

Boss Murphy. The last, we fear, is the most poent factor from the World's viewpoint, for that publication has lately een as busy as it knows how tripping the Tammany chieftain, but all these points are well taken. It may be doubted whether the \$100,000 consideration offered could induce sagacous committeemen with their party's welfare at heart to consider the New York invitation.

Noting that some of the State banks tre advertising "that they will pass out new money for the holidays," the out new money for the holidays," the ganizing mobs of secret societies Charlotte Chronicle observes that 'keep the niggers down.' " This charlotte banks pay new money to ustomers every day, and that it has eople?

The South Carolina newspapers are alking right along about compulpraisal of their governor from these PERSIA FEARS PUNITIVE napers, they certainly do need something in South Carolina, and compulory education might be worth try-

An old landmark indeed, passesthat of Norfolk, which goes out of existence Monday. The Landmark has been bought by the Virginian-Pilot Publishing company, and is to e chloroformed.

A New Hampshire lady, it is report d, puts pins in her husband's side of the bed, and then absent-mindedly got in on that side herself. Things ery similar happen everywhere right

Did you ever pause in your swift areer to think how the expectancy drank North Fork water?

An old sweetheart died and left Miss Ula Razelle of Kalamazoo \$60,-000 and now she is the prey of the ert paragraphers; notice her name? One of the rewards and chief incen-

ives to successful journalism in South arolina and Texas is the ability to ve in Asheville. Ashevil'e has no siogan. Mention he word "Asheville" anywhere and

ou will find Asheville needs no

dogan. Fairly good resolution: not to "bust" ourself next Christmas giving to peole, just to be in the fashion

The tail is the best part of a blizzard. That is the part Asheville favored spot, usually gets.

Shuster is enabled to realize there

They may call it a Chinese republic. but there is no probability of its ne ng a republic

We have a suspicion the Contributing Editor is alluding at President

How different the missives of Monday from those of last Monday will

The Colonel is a believer in peace, and is perfectly willing to fight for it. It has been a bad year on old political parties.

A new Sun rises in China.

PRESS COMMENT

THE DURHAM NEGROES. Perhaps the best example of the advanced life among the negroes in the south, is to be found in Durham. There the negroes appear to be some-what colonized, and while there are draymen, washerwomen and servants among them, they have organized a business association which covers atmost every branch of trade. They are not only tradesmen, but bankers and manufacturers. There are over five thousand negroes in Durham. and the negroes in Durham. and the negroes in Durham county pay taxes on half a million dollars worth of property, or an average of \$500 a family and this property has more than doubled in the last ten years. There is an article in The World's Work, on "The Upbuilding of Black Durham," which tells the story of the progress of the colored people thre. In addition to stores of all kinds, these black people in Durham have developed flye manufacturing establishments which, turn out mattresses, hosiery, brick, iron articles and dressed lumber. These enterprises represent an investment of more than \$50,000. Beyond this, the colored people have a number of fly more than \$50,000. Beyond this, the colored people have a number of fly more than \$50,000. Beyond this, the colored people have a number of fly more than \$50,000. Beyond this, the colored people have a number of fly more than \$50,000. Beyond this, the colored people have a number of fly more than \$50,000. Beyond this, the colored people have a number of fly more than \$50,000. Beyond this, the colored people have a number of fly more than \$50,000. Beyond this, the colored people have a number of fly more than \$50,000. Beyond this, the colored people have a number of fly more than \$50,000. Beyond this, the colored people have a number of fly more than \$50,000. Beyond this, the colored people have a number of fly more than \$50,000. Beyond this, the colored people have a number of fly more than \$50,000. Beyond this, the colored people have a number of fly more than \$50,000. Beyond this, the colored people have a number of fly more than \$50,000. Beyond this, the colored people have a number of fly more than \$50,000. Beyond this, the colored people have a number of fly more than \$50,000. Beyond this, the colored people have a number of fly more than \$50,000. Beyond this, the colored people have a number of fly more than \$50,000. Beyon most every branch of trade. They are not only tradesmen, but bankers

was its own office buildings WE TRUST ALL THE PEOPLE (The New York World, in sentences The writer of the article in The Speat a very Happy Christman more biting than complimentary to World's Work reminds his readers Now get down to business and have the home town, puts a damper on the that Durham is in the south and that your tired, strained eyes examined and comes out flat-footed against the large the control of the large that the and comes out flat-footed against the property, dominate the political life movement to have the next national exclusively, and form the main cur-democratic convention in the metropolis. Empire State politics, it is point-toward the negroes. "In the case of ed out, is in none too good repute, a notable few," he says, "it has been suspicion of Wall street influence sincerely sympathetic and helpful, and might be around, and, by no means in the case of a majority of the whites least, the landing of the convention it has not been hostile. Of the two attitudes, great as has undoubtedly been the value of the active friendship of the Duke family, General Julian S. Carr, and others, I consider the greatest factor in Durham's de-

velopment to have been the disposition

of the mass of ordinary white citizens

of Durham who say: 'Hands off-give them a chance-don't interfere." The negro development in Durham is ascribed in a word to Trinity College. "The influence of a Southern in stitution of learning of high ideals, says the writer, "with a president and professors who have dared to speak out for justice toward black men; with quarterly journal, the learning and catholicism of which is well knownthis has made white Durham willing to see black Durham rise without orsomething for Northern colleges and northern communities to reflect upon. It is a true picture of negro been a long time since a dishrag dollar has been seen in Charlotte. Any- the sentiment of all southern comthing in this of interest to Asheville munities toward the deserving negro -the negro who makes of himself a rood citizen.-Charlotte Chronicle.

MEASURES BY ENGLAND

Regret at Consul Smart's Injury by Tribesmen.

Teheran, Dec. 29,-The British consul, W. A. Smart, who was wounded in an engagement between his Indian escort and 800 Kashgai, is safe, hav- Washington & Lee to defeat them. ng been brought from a caravan where he received medical attention to Kazaroon. The Persian foreign minister called on the British minister and expressed deep regret on betables of the actuaries would be revo-lutionized in one year. if everybody the incident. He informed the British minister that measures had been taken to insure Consul Smart's safe arrival at his post at Shiraz and ex- in a military prison did not greatly emplary punishment for the offenders. depress General Barnardo Reyes. He The Persian government is extremely slept in a room of the sub-director of apprehensive lest Great Britain con- the Santiago prison, situated on the sider the incident justification for a second river, and was granted everypunitive expedition, which might lead thing necessary for his comfort. Reyes

> W. Morgan Shuster, the American trial will not begin for some weeks, who was dismissed from the office of Gen. Reyes arrived last night. The treasurer-general by the cabinet, is car in which he traveled was dropped still awaiting notification of the ap-Cairns, who was his principal Amer- was no demonstration, ican assistant, to act in the interim. he will leave with his family in about la Vega and Lauro Villar. 10 days. The only route by which he can return home is by way of Kasbin and Resht, which are now in the posession of the Russian troops, to Baku and through Russia.

> The telegraph lines to Tabriz have as agent of the "ministerio publico" been restored and it is presumed that to sit with the others. General Mier fighting in that district has ceased, was governor of Nuevo Leon, over but all dispatches so far received from which Reyes himself pre Tabriz are several days old and indicate that the Russians were in a desperate plight on Sunday and were General Vega was chief of marine af-awaiting reinforcements. They effected a truce, which was held until Monwhen heavy reinforcements arrived and the Russian renewed their hua. General Villar is military con

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The Y. M. C. A. basket ball team defeated Washington and Lee aggregation last night \$2 to 7 in a one-sided game. The visitors were simply outclassed in every way and seemed to realize that it would be impossible for them to win the second game with the locals, having been defeated Wednesday night by the overwhelming score of 30 to 10, in a much snappier and more interesting game. The vis-Government Expresses Deep iters simply "were not in it," when matched against the local aggregation. A small audience was present due doubtless to the fact that people who saw the first game thought that Washington and Lee couldn't play the class of ball that the locals have been putting up; therefore, feeling that it would be a one-sided affair, which proved to be true. The locals ar playing good ball this season, and it will take a stronger team that that of

REYES IN PRISON

emonstration When Fallen Military Leader Arrives in Mexico City -Naming Court Martial.

to prolonged, possibly to permanent, will be formally put at the disposition occupation of southern Persia. of the military judges, but the actual

pointment of his successor. He has conducted by an unfrequented route suggested the selection of F. E. to the Santiago military prison. There

The personnel of the courtmartial would enable Mr. Shuster to which will try Reyes in part has been leave Teheran within a short time, officially announced as follows: Gen-If the suggestion is accepted possibly erals Jose Maria Mier, Jose Maria de To make these officers eligible they

were raised by official act by the minister of war from brigadiers to generals of divisions. In addition. General Francisco Avales was designated viously in the same capacity until usted by the Madero revolution. marine and fater successively military commander at Quintana Roo, Chihuamandant at Vera Cruz.

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DR. WILBUR F. CRAFTS.

1912." There will also be an entertaining musical program in which Mr. and Mrs. R. Stanley Goodhart and R. W. Hammerslough will take part. at 7 o'clock for conferring the The meeting will be held at 4 o'clock and at 3 o'clock Dr. Crafts will ad-For Western North Carolina People dress the boys at their meeting.

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HE first announcement by the and serve in general to eliminate the late Mr. Harriman to produce Blue Ridge Berkshire farm of a waste. The larger the herd, the more

plan that has been crystalized the proportionate expense. by ten years of study and experiment the two pigs for twelve months, they The United States department of having cost in the Blue Ridge agriculture says of this plan, "it is farm, and the farmer who has care The United States department of having cost him practically nothing novel and ingenious." It is all that for them has in his possession a high and more. It is not a philanthropy, class pig, entitled to registration, but a purely business proposition; and which he can sell at from \$25 to \$100 but a purely business proposition; and which he can sell at from \$25 to \$100 yet there are few ideas in the way or with which he can establish as of philanthropy that could promise large a herd as he desires for himself. more for the people of Buncombe county and of western North Carolina. During the next four or five years it planned by the Blue Ridge farm, if It is designed to place every farmer in possession of high-bred Berkshire the co-operation of the people is secured, to give prizes aggregating \$1100

than anything else on the farm, will be of as steady and positive value as gold or wheat; and is designed even-tually to check the runious outflow of The owner of the farm has dis-cussed this plan, which is of his own devising, with officials of the national department of agriculture, with the industrial department of the Southern railway, with famous swine raisers with conservative business men. and be a tremendous success, both as a business enterprise and in arousing the interest-of the people generally in raising hogs, of approved strain, to take the place of approhiable scrub stock. The Blue Ridge farm, situated on the Wenverville sterure. the best lines of Berkshire pogs that breeding and experience have developed. Many thousands of dollars have no expended. The business has been expended. The business has been existence ten years, and has sold stock in all parts of the United State and in Porto Rico. It is expected that the plan will eventually be broaden.