

FAMOUS TREATIES.

SKETCH OF THOSE OF THE NINETEENTH CENTURY.

The World is Likely to See Another That Will Alter the Boundaries of Nations—One at Midnight That Gave Us Alaska in 1868.

At a time when the world is likely to see another treaty that will alter the boundaries of nations, it is well to look over the great treaties of the century. What did they effect?

The first of these began almost with the century itself and arose from events connected with Napoleon's seizure of power and his aggressive policy in Europe. It is known as the "Peace of Amiens" between Great Britain, Holland, France, and Spain. It was facetiously called "the Peace of Amiens" because it really provoked war. Its most notable achievement was to enable Napoleon's friends to invite the French senate to give Napoleon, who was then First Consul, some token of the national gratitude of France.

The London "Times" and the whole British press roared its disapproval. Napoleon thundered back that if the English press interfered in the domestic affairs of the French people, that the nation knew how to respond to such flagrant impertinence, and would not be slow to preserve the dignity of the French name.

The next in importance was the Treaty of Vienna in 1815. This was the great council of the powers which readjusted the disturbance caused by Napoleon in the affairs of Europe. The Emperor Francis of Austria and his more famous minister, Metternich, Metternich by common consent presided. Lord Castlereagh represented England and Talleyrand France.

The Congress assembled in September, 1814, and on January 3, 1815, Talleyrand's purpose of breaking Europe into two halves was only averted by a secret treaty pledging those powers to at once take the field against Russia and Prussia in defence of the Peace of Paris.

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was secured complete independence for the Christian populations of Montenegro and which created the new state of Bulgaria with a seaport on the Egean Sea. Bulgaria was to be a mere blind for Russia. The British Government took alarm contending that any such step reopened those questions already settled on the abdication of Napoleon.

Lord Beaconsfield went back from Berlin with the cry of "Peace with honor," the ludicrousness of the situation being that there was neither peace nor honor. Two years ago the most frightful massacres took place in Armenia and when Lord Salisbury was a member of the conference was appealed to by the Christian sentiment of England to enforce the treaty.

The next arrangement which might affect the world's destinies was that at the Town Hall of Shimonoseki in April, 1895. Count Ito was at home on this occasion and Li Hung Chang with Mr. Foster of America and Count Cassini in the background safe guarding those of China.

The Plenipotentiaries held five sessions, the result of which was that the mailed hand of Russia was seen behind the Chino-Japanese war. Japan had to be satisfied with the money indemnity and Formosa, Russia more reluctantly taking the Liao Peninsula and valuable railroad rights in that territory which is now virtually a Russian province.

While these events were taking place in the far East, this country was creating a diversion of momentous importance in Venezuela and the message of President Cleveland in December, 1895, was admirably timed whether Cleveland so intended it or not, to create such a disturbance in London as would not only vindicate the Monroe doctrine in Venezuela but also repay Russia for the famous "midnight treaty" of 1865, under which Alaska was ceded to the United States.

Greville's Reply.

Mr. Greville was persuaded, when he was over sixty years of age, to attend a spiritualistic seance. Foster, the presiding medium, was in great form, and the revelations were astounding.

"A female form is bending over you, Oh, the extraordinary likeness!" Greville sighed.

"She lifts her hands to bless you." Greville sighed again.

"It is your mother." "Ah, poor thing," said Greville; "I am glad."

"She smiles. She says all is well with her." Greville sighed again and said, "I am frightened."

"Then Greville quietly observed, 'That's very true. I'm going to take tea with her this evening.'" Tableau.

"Is it true that Bigley has met with business reverses?" "Couldn't say, but his wife is riding a last year's wheel."—Detroit Journal.

THE CENTENARY OF VINEGAR HILL

Recalling the Deeds of the Irish Revolution of 1798. "At noon on Oulart's moss-clad heights Loud rang the musketry, And Wexford flung upon the foe Her peasant chivalry.

Such was the spirit in which an old ballad records the Irish insurrection of 1798 which some have described as the last expiring shriek of Irish freedom against English class oppression.

It is well to make the charge of oppression against "the governing classes" rather than against England as a nation, because it is only very lately that the people of England obtained the right to rule their own country, and it is but simple justice to say that ever since the masses of Englishmen wrested their freedom from a ruling ring of nobles, they have been nobly undoing the past and making the relations of England and Ireland more sweet and kindly.

Their natural leaders had been driven out of the country after the Hanoverian wars, and thus is furnished the solution of the puzzle to Americans, that the names of an O'Donnell as Duke of Tetuan, or a Senor Moret d'Prendergrast now occur respectively as Ministers of Foreign Affairs or of the Colonies, in the dispatches we read from Spain.

The rebellion of 1798 was, however, the revolt of a freedom-loving Protestant democracy touched into explosion at sight of the horrid wrongs of a loyal, brave, and oppressed Catholic peasantry. It was also as much a consequence of the action in 1776 of Jefferson, and Washington, and Adams, as was the French revolution of 1793.

The Government, however, having captured the leaders stunned the chief end of the revolt so effectually that the great body of the people did not rise at all; and hence it was in counties where no preparations were made and no promises given that was seen the most gallant struggle for Ireland's liberty.

Until the second year of the civil war the highest naval rank was that of captain, though generally the title of commodore was given to a flag officer who commanded a squadron. In 1862 the rank of rear admiral was created by Congress, and to this grade were appointed Farragut and three other active captains.

Experiments in England have proved that fine coal is an excellent material for sewage filtration. Glaciers are formed by the accumulation of snow on mountains or elevated table lands. The snow is compressed into ice by its own weight.

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secured from the soldiers more formidable weapons. No less dexterous and brave was the conflict at Vinegar Hill, where enveloped in smoke and flame both sides fought valiantly, disputing every inch of ground, the same position being captured and lost by each party in succession.

Better arrangements could have shown no braver spirit. For three weeks the rebels held possession of Vinegar Hill, making it the base of their operations, and from which strategic position they commanded the town of Ennisecorthy.

It will be of considerable help to remember that military and naval rank correspond in this way: Admiral (when the office is created) to general. Vice admiral (when the office is created) to lieutenant general.

Officers of the navy may be retired on their own application after forty years' service, and those above the rank of lieutenant commander must retire upon their reaching the age of 62. Those below that rank are retired for physical or mental disability.

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SOLENTIFIO SOBAPS. Month of July, July, the seventh of the year in our calendar, was the fifth in the Roman calendar, where it was called the Quintilis. Originally it contained 36 days but it was reduced by Romulus to 31, by Numa to 30, but was restored to 31 days by Julius Caesar, in honor of whom it was named July, account of his birth having happened on the 12th of that month. Our Anglo-Saxon ancestors called the month "mead month" from the meadows being then in their bloom. The month contains our own glorious Fourth and dog days, both of which are very important periods.

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