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IS WAR IMMINENT?

AUSTRIA WILL KEEP PACE WITH RUSSIA'S MOVEMENTS.

O'Brien Must Change Tone or He Will Serve Another Term--Premier Tir-

ard to Workingmen. VIENNA, Dec. 19.-The military council in this city Saturday was presided over by Emperor Francis Joseph. Previous to, and after the council the Herr von Tisza had s conference with Count Kalnoky. The council resolved that the unexpended portion of the 52,000,000 florins voted last spring shall be applied to the purchase of equipment and construction of huts for troops in Gilicia.

No increase of the forces now in Gilicia

has yet been decided upon, and if there is no further augmentation of Russian troops on the frontier, Austria will adhere to the policy of observation. Another military council has been summoned for to-day. It is semi-officially announced that the cabinet shares in the belief that good relations with Russia will be maintained. No difference exists except with respect to Bulgaria. Austria is ready to assist in a pacific solution of the problem, but the annonncement in the Invalide Russe that Russia projects a whole sories of military measures, of which the recent increase of forces in Poland is only a part, enjoins increased military vigilance. Austria must keep pace with Russian plans. Count von-

Taafe and Count von Tisa agree that the summoning of the delegations in the meantime would be inopportune. BERLIN, Dec. 19. The National Zeitung says that General von Schweinits, the German ambassador to Russia, returns to St. Petersburg with conciliatory instructions. Prince Bismarck councils Austria, while strengthening her military position, to avoid giving provocation to Russia.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 19. Russia's endeavors to raise a loan here and in Amsterdam have failed.

London, Dec. 19 .- The Vienna correspondent of the Daily News says; "Austria and Germany are acting like one nation in regard to the war scare. Austria takes no step without Germany's approval."

COERCION TO BE PRESSED. O'Brien Must Change Tons or He Will

Serve Another Term. LONDON, Dec., 19.-The government, as the result of Saturday's discussion of Irish matters in the cabinet council, is determined to prosecute the editor or publisher of every newspaper publishing reports of meetings of league branches whose sup-presion has been procisimed, and it is asserted that Mr. O'Brien will be arrested the moment his present term expires, unless his paper United Ireland, ceases in the meantime its persistent repetition of the offence for which its editor was indicted and jailed.

It is probable that the present week will witness a vigorous enforcement of the Crimes act in Ireland, in pursuance of instructions issued yesterday and dispatched post haste to Dublin castle.

Premier Tirard to Workingmen.

Paris, Dec. 19.-Premier Tirard, in distributing the rewards of the syndical chambers of industry and building, said that work was the great foundation of modern society, and the government was prepared to encourage private initiate, and \$2,000 worth of jewelry, including a cluster as far as possible, to give work to those diamond pin valued at \$1,200. Mrs. Farlow who sought it. He added that the great awoke and discovered the burglars, but public works carried out in recent years before the inmates of the honse were had somewhat disturbed the finances of the awakened the burglars made good their escountry, but they were indispensible in order to combat foreign competition.

The Pope and Irish Affairs.

London, Dec. 19-Speaking of the rumored interference of the Pope in Irish affairs, Mr. Dillon said last evening that while he derevered the authority of the Pen- latters of faith, he would as soon th I submitting to the Sultan of Turkey as to him in matters politically.

of Strauss's operetta "Simplicious" Saturday evening a terrible pasic was caused by a false alarm of fire. The audience rushed to the staircases and caused a terrific crush. Order was not restored until ten benefits of this climate, who will play all minutes had elapsed.

Riotous Workingmen in Spain.

MADRID, Dec. 19.—Serious disturbances have occurred in Catalonia, requiring the presence of troops to preserve order. trouble originated in the closing of factories caused by the depression of trade.

Converted to Home Rule.

LONDON, Dec. 19. -Sir T. F. Grove, member of parliament for the Wilton division of Willshire, who was elected as a unionist-liberal, has become a Gladstonian.

Fighting in Syria.

St. Petersbung, Dec. 19 .- The Official Messenger says there has been a conflict in Syria between Bedouins and Druses, in which the latter had 160 killed and 300

Anxiety About Stanley. BRUSSELL, Dec. 19. -The absence of intel ligence from Stanley in the mails received from the Congon yesterday gives grave cause of alarm for his safety.

Bequest of a French Spoilation Claim. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18.—The will of Mrs. Glovin Fort was admitted to probate yesterday and is as follows: "If I receive the money due me from the United States government for a French spoilation claim. give and bequeath the same to my daughter during her life and on her death the same shall go to the poor widows of St. Andrews's church, Eighth at. above Spruce st., the money to be held by the church and dispensed by the rector."

Roston, Dec. 19.—Toe controversey be-tween Rev. Dr. Fulton and Rand, Avery & Co., regarding the printing of the rever-end gentleman's book has been settled after correspondence between parties interested. Dr. Fulton will modify the passages in his work which were objectionable and the firm will go on with the manufacture of the book.

Urging Co.operation.

PITTSBUBG, Dec. 17.-The striking flint glass workers are in constant receipt of letters from all parts of the country offer-ing land and capital for the establishment of co-operative factories. A letter from Stoneboro, Penn., to-day, offered seven acres of land and \$12,000 in each.

Fearing a Fall in Prices of Coke. Priving, Dec. 19 .- It is believed that if the new coire syndicate is not formed, cutting of rates will begin next month at present the great demand sustains

MARINE DISASTERS.

A Number of Vessels Washed Ashere-The

Captain of One Vessel Drowned. PORTLAND, Me. Dec. 13.—The schooner John James, 51 tons, hence Dec. 16, for Steuben, sprung a leak last night and was abandoned near Halfway Rock. The crew arrived here to-day.

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 18 .-- The brig in collision with the steamer Rhode Island off Bridgeport last night was the English brig Adria, from New York for Halifax. The Adria had her jibboom and port shrouds carried away. She came in here to repair.

Saco, Me., Dec. 18.—The schooner Ada May, bound for Portsmouth to Portland, is high and dry on the beach in front of the Cleaves house, at Old Orchard. She had lost both anchors and was driven in by the storm yesterday afternoon. She had no cargo. The crew of six men are safe.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass., Dec. 18 .- The barge Robena, from New York to Boston, dragged her anchors in this harbor Satur-day evening durin; the earterly gale and went ashore on West Chop, but was floated by the tug Storm King, and towed to Head Harbor, leaking. Soon after the Robena struck, the captain and erew took the boat, which was capsized, and the captain, N. P. Fullberg, of Baltimore, was drowned.

PROVINCETOWN, Mass., Dec. 18 .- The northeast gale on Saturday night was the worst of the season. The wind shifted yesterday to southeast southwest, and last night it was northwest, blowing heavily, with snow squalls. No wrecks have been reported along Cape Cod yesterday.

PLYMOUTH, Mass., Dec. 18.—The United States steam lighthouse tender Myrtle,

went ashore on Brown's Island shoal, three-quarters of a mile southeast of Plymouth Light, at 6:30 p. m. Saturday. Capt. Holmes and the Gurnet life-saving crew went her assistance, and at 12:30 a. m. yosterday got her out of a position that might have been dangerous had she remained an hour longer. The Myrtle is now anchored safely in the harbor, having sustained no damage.

Saco's Young Bank Defaulter.

Saco, Me., Dec. 19 .- The rumor current here Saturday that Frank M. McNeally, the clerk in the Saco and Biddeford savings institution, who absconded last August with about \$25,000 in cash and securities, is sick and penitent, and has made a proposition to the bank to return the bonds, if thereby he can escape prosecution, is confirmed. Interviews have been had with officers of the bank, but none of them will divulge a single thing, though they practically admit that there is something in the wind. It has been known here for several weeks that McNeally was in England, and there are good reasons for believing that the bank has received, directly or indirectly, communications from him, and that he is endeavoridg to negotiate for the return of the atolen securities. It is also learned from good authority that the defaulter is now en route for Halifax from Liverpool and will arrive in a few days, His brother Harry left here for Halifax on Thursday night.

The Gang Makes Another Haul.

Boston, Dec. 19.—The gang of burglars made another haul Saturday night. A visit was paid to Newton, and the residence of John C. Farlow of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad was entered. An entrance was effected through the dining room window, and one of the gang went into Mr. Farlow's room, secured a bunch of keys, and with them opened a safe in the dining room. The burglars secured over before the inmates of the honse were cape. Less than two years ago Mr. Farlow's house was visited by burglars, who succeeded in getting away with \$3,000 of

Not a Golden Field for Baseball Men. San Francisco, Dec. 17 .- The expectations of some of the baseball players who came from the east to make money during the winter season have not been realized, and it is now rumored that a number of them, led by the Philadelphia nine, will soon re-Panie in a Theatre.

Vienna, Dec. 19.—During a performance are played a week and the gate receipts for each average only \$400 or \$5.0, there is a considerable deficit. It is in contemplation by Mr. Hart to organize a nine from those players who wish to enjoy the comers. A meeting of the baseball brotherhood was held last night, at which President Ward announced that new con-tracts had arrived from the east, and explained provisions.

Ravages of Diphtheria.

ALBANY, Dec. 19. - Diphtheria has been doing deadly work in Schoharie and vicinity recently, there having been twenty-eight cases. In one family four deaths occurred. Most of the fatal cases were among young children, but three persons between the ages of 16 and 20 years have fallen victims to the disease. A careful inquiry into the cause of the diseaso falls to elicit satisfactory responses. Its ravages have been in the lowlands and on the lowlands, in the villages and on the farms on the hills. Public schools and Sunday schools have been closed for some time. It is now thought that the danger is past and the disease

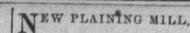
Morphine for Quinine. LANCASTER, Pa., Dec. 19.—John N. Won-der, a car inspector of the Pennsylvania railroad at Columbia, died suddenly last Saturday from a supposed affection of the heart. The physician of the railroad relief department became suspicious of the cause of death, and made an examination resulting in showing that a package labeled qui-nine, the contents of which Worler had taken, really contained morphia Junge Livingston has ordered to be exhumed, and Dr. C. T. Markel, druggist, from whom the drug was purchased, and Frank R. Badenbaugh, his clerk, have been arrested charged with causing Wonder's death.

A Pastor Refuses to Resign. SYRACUSE, Dec. 17. Paster J. C. P. Grumbine of the Universalist church here, whose sympathy with Henry George dis-pleased some of his flock, has fiatly refused to resign as requested by the board of trus-tees. He advises his froinds not to attend the meeting called to force him to resign, He declares himself as the yeaster, and that he will continue be will continue.

Distinguished Hibernians.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18 .- At the quarterly meeting of the Hibernian society last even-ing President Cleveland, William E. Glad-stone, Govs. Biggs of Delaware, Beaver of Pennsylvania, Fitz Hugh Lee of Virginia and Gordon of Georgis were elected honor

More "White Cap" Outrages. Exonse, Ind., Dec. 19.—The "White Cape" made another raid last night. They whipped two men and one woman eight es east of thio place.



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