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CHINA'S DOOM AT HAND

German Advance in the Flowery Kingdom Is the First Step.

THE EMPIRE IS TOTTERING

Larger Nations of Europe Seek to Dismantle It.

Diplomatic Officials State That It Is Absorption of the Orient by the Chinese Government That the Missionary Question Is Regarded as a Pretext to Obtain an Important Naval Station Which Germany Has Long Coveted.

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MISSIONARY QUESTION A PRETEXT

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SAM ACCEPTS THE ALTIMATUM.

Haiti Is Humbled Before the German Government.

Port-au-Prince, Dec. 7.—Comte Schwerin, the German chargé d'affaires and the comte debarred this morning, accompanied by the officers of the Charlotte.

FOR PENSIONS.

Sub-Committee of the House Committee Agrees Upon Appropriations.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—The subcommittee on pensions of the house committee on appropriations agreed upon the pension appropriation bill today and will report it to the full committee tomorrow.

CUBANS DISCUSS THE MESSAGE.

Delegate Estrada Palma Thinks It Is Favorable to the Patriots.

SPAIN IS PLEASED WITH THE MESSAGE

Cheerful Comments of Havana Newspapers.

EFFECT ON THE CABINET AT MADRID

The Ministers Agree in Considering the Message Generally Favorable to Spanish Interests—Paragraphs Regarding Rights of the United States May Displease the People.

GREAT SIX-DAY BICYCLE RACE

Wheelmen Are Watched by Thousands at Madison Square Garden.

New York, Dec. 7.—Miller was far advanced in the sixth hundred miles at midnight in the six-day bicycle race.

ADVANCING THE GUARD.

Seventeen States Represented in a Military Meeting at St. Louis.

HANNIS TAYLOR FREES HIS MIND

Not at All Satisfied with the President's Message.

FISTS WIPE OUT INSULTS.

Vinceland Young Men Resort to the Ring and Come to Grief.

BILLS COME POURING IN

One Hundred and Eight Measures Introduced in the Senate.

MANY ARE PENSION BILLS

The First Gun Fired Against Civil Service.

General Grosvener, of Ohio, Brings the Friends and Enemies of the Law Into Action—His Remarks in Denunciation of "Life Tenure of Office" Are Greeted with Applause.

THE M'KINLEY FAMILY AWAITING THE END

President and His Relatives at the Beside of the Venerable Lady. Reunion Complete.

Can'ton, O., Dec. 7.—Once more the children of Mrs. Nancy Allison McKinley have gathered in Can'ton, and the reunion is complete.

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