

THE FUTURE OF CHINA

If Her Extinction Is Proposed, We Must Take Part.

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Washington, Dec. 29.--The rapid movement of events in the far East continues to be an absorbing topic in diplomatic circles here, particularly at the embassies and legations of the powers which are apparently aligning for a struggle for Chinese territory.

At the same time an eminent authority on international matters said today that a situation might develop which would result in the extinction of China.

Such was the apparent drift of the present movement, he said, and if it became a reality then a condition would arise similar to the extermination of Poland.

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THE FRENCH FLAG FLOATS AT HAI NAN

First Nation to Follow Russia in the General Grab.

CHINESE OFFER NO OPPOSITION

MR. QUAY LEAVES BEAVER. Has Purchased a Homestead Near Sewickley.

CHINESE ECLIPSE PROCLAMATION.

The Emperor Desires That Steps Shall Be Taken to Ward off the Wrath of Providence.

Washington, Dec. 29.--The state department has received a copy of the emperor of China's decree to ward off the wrath of Providence as indicated by the eclipse predicted for New Year's day.

EDUCATORS MEET.

Fifteenth Annual Convention of the Modern Language Society.

ORGANIZATION OF HOSPITAL CORPS

Secretary Long Submits a Draft of a Bill to Congress.

HIGHWAYMEN SAFE FROM PURSUIT.

Overlooked a Host of \$500 in Their Victim's Pocket.

Receives a Call from Wales.

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LUMBER AND RECIPROcity.

Representatives Keeping a Watch Over the Lumbermen's Interest.

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