THE SCRANTON TRIBUNE-SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 1900.

of all the Bibles-the Bibles that are

not sent to the heathen. The figures

as to production were stupendous in

themselves. I was told that the var-

lous Bible societies alone had distributed more than 280,000,000 Bibles since

the year 1804, and this number did not

include the output of individual pub-

Ojibwa, Muskokee and Seneca.

the most interesting activity.

R. Hykes, D. D.

religion.

is made on the authority of the Bible

Society's agent in China, the Rev. John

Dr. Hykes, in a recent communication

upon the reform party by the empress

imperial edicts of a reactionary nature

Bibles.



T WAS just after the scandal at the stopped speaking there was a silence our club, and a little group of for a few minutes, us were talking in a very ani-

mated way of the affair. Capt. Joubert did not join in the conversation, and did not even seem to be listening to us.

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What will you take for your thoughts?" I said to him at last. "Oh! they are not worth much. I was thinking just then of an incident which occurred once at a club in a small provincial town where I happened to be staying."

"Tell us about it!" exclaimed one of the other men, and the captain lighted a cigarette and, putting his elbow on the mantel-shelf against which he had been leaning, began his story:

Well, it was when I was in garrison -, one of the dullest and most at Mstupid of provincial towns. There was nothing in the world for a fellow to do with himself there, no theatre even, only a low music hall.

When I was off duty I gradually got into the habit of turning into the Union Club, which, by the by, was the

only one the town possessed. "It was called the 'Union," I should imagine because there was always a dispute of some kind or another going on there. There was very little play at this club except at the time of the three annual fairs, each of which lasted a week. One autumn afternoon, just at the opening of one of these fairs, I happened to go to the club rather early. There were a fair number of men there that day who were strangers to me, wealthy farmers of the neighborhood, who rarely came into town, and the various owners of the country houses round.

"They are playing high today,' said one of the habitues of the club to me. I turned round toward the table to watch the game, and was so surprised at the sight of one of the players that I almost exclaimed.

"It was a young man of some 22 or 23 years of age, whom I knew by sight. I was very much interested in him, for his father had fought courageously at Magenta and had been killed on the field of battle, leaving his widow and son by no means well provided for. The young man came very rarely to the club, and I had never seen him touch a card before. I was stupefied therefore to see him holding the bank, and a good bank it was, too, for there were plenty of notes and gold coins, heaped up in front of him. 'How much?' called out one of the

players. "'Oh!' laughed a wealthy farmer,

'M. de Mertens is in luck's way; he can safely keep his bank open." "I noticed that the young man's face

was deadly pale, and there was an exclted look in his eyes, "'Open bank!' he said, and it

seemed as though the very words had changed the luck.

"Ten times running Mertens lost, and in a quarter of an hour his bank was cleared out. Another man took his place and the play went on. It got so exciting that I, too, was fascinated, and joined in. There was no room to sit

"And what happened to M. de Mertens, Captain?" asked one of our group. "Did you ever hear?" "He is dead. * * Six months

ago I received a letter from Kelunga pitiful little letter-written with very pale ink, and on a sheet of paper that was all crumbled yellow with age. There were only a few lines for me to read. I know them by heart. They were as follows:

'I am mortally wounded * * * Admiral Courbet has just brought me the cross; but * * * I am dying. I am sending it to you, my poor cross · · for you saved me, and I should

like you to wear "it, * * * "This is why, my friends, instead ot wearing the decoration which I received from the Chancellor, you always see me with the sergeant's cross which soor Mertens sent me. Poor boy! To think that he started a thief, and died

a hero's death at Kelung."-Strand Magazine,

\$25,000,000 FOR SECRETS.

Facts About Corruption Funds Spent by All European States.

From the London Mail.

One of the most unpleasant duties of parliament is the voting every year of sum of money for secret service. Every one knows that it is to be used to bribe traitors and reward spies, and there is nothing an Englishman so much detests as a traitor or spy, even when he is working for our own govrnment. Consequently, our secret service fund

is probably the smallest in the world. Last year it amounted to only £13,000, and not very much bribery can be effected with that. But some years ago it was three or four times that sum and some authorities appear to hold the opinion that the interests of the state would be better served if it amounted o £100,000, instead of £13,000.

The spending of this money is one cf hose few secrets which are really kept. Parliament votes the money. It is pail into the treasury. Then permission is given to the secretary for foreign affairs, the secretary for the colonies, the home secretary, and the Irish secretary to draw on it as they require it, each being allowed a certain fixed fraction of the whole amount.

Suppose our ambassador in Russia uspects that certain preparations are being made to seize a Persian or Chinese port, and he wants to get some secret information, he draws whatever sum is necessary to pay to a spy, but no one except himself knows to whom he pays it.

Many M. P.'s have objected to the public money being spent in this way, and year after year they try to obtain information as to whom it is paid, But of course to make the names public would render the fund perfectly use-

But the most suspicious taxpayer may be assured that the money is properly spent. As a matter of fact,

sage would be from New York to Cape Breton, Nova Scotla, thence to Heart's Content, Newfoundland, where it dives under the Atlantic, to re-appear on the coast of Ireland. From here it is for-warded to London, which is the great centre and clearing house for the cable business of the whole world. From London the message will be forwarded either across the English Channel and overland to Marseilles, or by the Eastern Telegraph company's line around the Spanish peninsula, stopping at Lisbon. Through the Mediterranean the route leads to Alexandria, across

Bombay, over India by land, across the Bay of Bengal to Singapore, along issue Bibles. the coast to Hong Kong, and across the China Sea to Manila. Notwithstanding the many lands and many hands through which it passes the message is forwarded with reasonable promptness, with perfect secrecy and all the way in English.-Ainslee's 1804. Magazine.

FACTS ABOUT THE BIBLE. Millions of Copies of the Scriptures

Printed Every Year.

From the St. Louis Republic, The success of a widely read novel invariably sets people talking about enormous sales, and paragraphs find their way into print recording the fact that so many thousands of copies have been sold. And we talk about it as If it were a nine days' wonder, totally unmindful of a book which has run through countless editions, and of which nearly 2,000,000 copies were printed in New York last year. That book is the Bible. Of course, everybody knows that more copies of the Bible have been printed and sold than of any other

book, but few persons realize, or stop to think about it if they do, just to what extent the Bible is circulated, "What becomes of all the pins," is a question that has never been satisfactorily solved. What becomes of all the Bibles is a problem more difficult of solution. A pin assumes infinitesimal proportions compared with a bound book, and when one considers that the increased publication of Bibles is out of all proportion to the natural increase in population, one cannot help wondering what becomes of all of them. It stands to reason that a great many copies find their way into the hands of foreign missionary societies and are sent to the heathen of other lands. Possibly the proportion is onehalf. But even then the balance for home consumption, if so purely mercantile a phrase may be permissible, is very considerable. One New York publishing house alone, the American Bible Society, issued during the last year 1,380,892 copies, of which a triffe more than one-half were sent abroad.

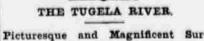
And one year is very much like another in this respect. Times may be good or times may be bad, but the printing of the Scriptures goes on. Now, what becomes of them all? One seldom discards a Bible, no matter how | terrupted. The emperor and some of old or worn. The ordinary book, ex-

cept to the bibliophile, is regarded as the truth of Christianity, and they an article of commerce-something to were almost, if not altogether .perbuy and sell, something to read and suaded to accept it. enjoy, and then, if necessity demands, pass along that some one else may en-

loy its benefits. If this were not so upon the misrepresentation of the conthere would be no second-hand book- | dealers. Not so with the Bible. You may hunt the town over, you may delve among

dust-covered tomes in out-of-the-way book stores until your head grows progressive policy, created a bitter an-dizzy, and I doubt if you will find a ti-foreign feeling all over the country. dozen second-hand Bibles in all New

shoulders and frankly admitted that it, form movement, of how the emperor had been a puzzle to him for years. And has been dethroned, and even his ashe was a man of ripe experience, too. sassination hinted at; but it has re-At the offices of the American Bible mained for Dr. Hykes to bring to light Society I was only bewildered by figthe part which the Bible has played in ures without having any light thrown that oriental tragedy. upon the real question of what becomes



roundings of Its Course. The Modder and Tugela rivers are at the present moment, perhaps, the most conspicuous streams in South Africa.

lishing houses, of which there are about The Tugela, or "Startling" river, is the longest river in Natal, being over a dozen in New York alone, which 200 miles long, attaining a breadth at The British and Foreign Bible Soits mouth of 450 feet. For the last sixty miles or so of its course it forms clety of London operates on even a the boundary line between Natal and larger scale than our own American Zululand, the latter being now a pro-Bible Society. Last year 4,479,439 copies vince of Natal.

were printed and distributed, and since It rises on the Free States side of when the society was organized, Mont of Sources, in the Drakensberg it has issued no less than 160,009,393 mountains, the extreme western point in Natal, and at once leaps down into When one comes to consider the the colony with a fall, broken by one achievements of the American Bible or two ledges, of 1,800 feet-the highest Society abroad the result is astoundwaterfall in the world. It then tears ing. The society publishes, and now through a canyon over two miles long, has for sale, copies of the Bible printjoined here and there by many a foam ed in German, French, Welsh, Spanish, ing stream from kloof and hillside, and Portuguese, Danish, Norwegian, Swedcuts the colony in two, separating ish, Italian, Dutch, Hebrew, Greek, Klip Diver county from Weenen coun-Lettish, Arabic, Icelandic, Syriac, Rusty. Its first tributary of any impor-tance before reaching Colenso is the sian, Hungarian, Bohemian, Polish, Gaelic, Finnish, Armenian, Malay, Little Tugela, flowing in from the Arabo-Turkish, Slavonian, Slavic, Bulsouth. At Colenso it is crossed by the garian, Chinese and Japanese. For Bulwer road bridge and a substantial Africa the Scriptures are printed in railway bridge, consisting of four eight different languages, while for the stone piers and five iron spans. Sandwich Islands there are seven dif-Whether the latter still remains entire ferent editions in as many different is very doubtful. Some distance below languages. The North American In-Colenso the now famous Klip river, dians have Bibles printed in Cherokee, on which stands Ladysmith, flows in Choctaw, Mohawk, Dakota, Arrawack, from the north.

The Blauwkranz river next joins it The distribution of Bibles in foreign on the south bank, and a few miles lands is not accomplished without senearer the mouth the Tugela is augvere hardships and often danger to life. mented by the Bushman river, on The colporteurs, as the traveling which Estcourt stands. Ten miles lowagents are called, are quite heroic in er down, but on the north side of the their devotion to the work, especially "Startling" river, the Sunday's river comes tearing in from its distant in lands where fanaticism holds sway. China is just at present the theater of ources in the Biggarsberg, past Elandslaagte. This latter river receives the Inkunzi and Waschbank streams, It will come as a great surprise to the public at large to learn that the which traverse the southern district of Emperor of China is, as far as his per-Natal's coal fields. sonal convictions are concerned, a con-Just before the Tugela reaches the vert to Christianity. The statement

Zulu border the Mooi (good) river runs in from the south. At the Zulu border the Tugela receives its largest tributary, the Buffalo or Umzinyati river, which from its source near Charlestown, bearing upon the tragic check placed flows southeast, forming Natal's eastern boundary between her territory, dowager, says that in addition to other the Transvaal and Zululand.

Near Dundee are Landsman's and the emperor went so far as to discuss Commando drifts, across the Buffalo, and lower down come Rorke's and Fuwith his advisers the desirability of adopting Christianity as the national gitive drifts, at the latter of which Lieutenant Melville was killed, with "He spent much time in the daily his regiment's colors wrapped round study of the Bible," says Dr. Hykes, in the Zulu war of 1879. On the him, "and it was no secret in the palace Buffalo bank, overlooking the drift. that he frequently retired to a quiet there is a monument to his memory place to pray to the true God, When The Buffalo is joined between Amathus engaged the eunuchs had orders juba and Newcastle by the historic that he must not be disturbed or iningogo river, where over 150 of our men were lost by fight and flooded the chief reformers were convinced of stream in the first Boer rebellion. The scenery throughout the whole length of the Tugela is picturesque, and at places wild and magnificent. "The bright hopes were crushed by High cliffs, lofty hills, deep ravines the empress dowager, who, acting and wooded kloofs mark its progress to the sea. servative party, beheaded six of the



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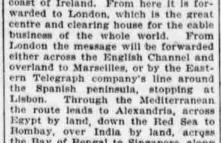
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e table, 1 continued standing, holding my hat in my hand and throwing my winnings into it. I had a run of luck, and went on playing in the most excited way until I was startled by some one calling out, You are being robbed, Captain!'

"I started, and instinctively seized a hand which had knocked against mine through my sudden movement. It was M. de Mertens's hand, and he held the forty-pound note which he had just taken out of my hat. The wretched man's face was convulsed with emotion. Our eyes met; his eyes were dilated with terror, and there was a look in them that seemed to hold me spell-bound.

"'M. de Mertens is my partner,' I said, haughtily to the man who had warned me; 'and I am surprised that you should dare to bring such an accusation against a gentleman whose reputation is so well known."

"The individual who had called out had never been to the club before, and did not know M. de Mertens at all. We had all been standing around the table close to each other, and on seeing another player put his hand into my hat it was very natural that the man should have thought of his duty to warn me. On hearing my explanation he apologized most humbly to M. de Mertens, and several of the acquaintances of the latter gathered round and expressed their regret that such an insult should have been offered to him.

"We then continued our play, and M. de Mertens soon after left the club. Three days passed and I heard nothing more of the young man. In shielding him as I had done my first thought had been of his father, and I had determined to save from disgrace the name of the brave soldier of Magenta. Of course, I could quite understand that the young man should now shrink from seeing me again, but, still, it struck me as rather strange that in some way, either direct or indirect, he did not attempt to express his thanks.

"One evening, however, just as I was going out to pay some visits my orderly informed me that a lady half a million. Italy nearly a quarter wished to see me. I went into the of a million, and Austria about the drawing room, and there I found a same. woman of about forty-five years of She was very dignified looking. and there was an open, honest expression about her face which fascinated me.

'I am Mme. de Mertens,' she said, simply. 'My son told me everything about the affair at the club, and I have come to thank you with all my heart for having preserved for us in-tact the honor of our name.' "Madame---' I began; but she in-

errupted me in her emotion and nervousness.

"'My son had got entangled in varlous ways, and in desperation had taken to play. It appears that he lost every penny he possessed that night. You know the rest, alas!" "I felt very much embarrassed, for

the poor mother's grief was terrible to witness. She was still standing there in front of me, her face was deadly pale, and the tears were trembling on her long, dark eyelashes.

"'He, is young, madame; you must not take it to heart so,' I stammered. 'It was just a moment's weakness. I will see your son, and-'

lead sadly, 'he is no longer here * * * he has enlisted and he is already on his way with his regiment." 'We had all been listening attentivey to Capt. Joubert's story, and when I

not much more than half of the money is ever expended, the balance being returned to the exchequer. Moreover, the ecretaries of state are under oath to spend the money honestly. When a secetary of state is allotted his share he has to take the following oath before a commissioner:

"I swear that the money paid to me for foreign secret service, or for de-tecting, preventing and defeating conspiracies against the state, has been bona fide applied to the said purpose and no other."

The reason this oath has to be taken is that at one time it was suspected that the secret service money was being used for electioneering purposes, and for pensioning government favor-1108

identer der berde At present most of the money is spent by our ambassadors in foreign ountries. In order to know what kind of a foe she may have to meet, Great Britain must be made acquainted with the details of foreign armies, the power the the device the and range of their guns, their new inventions in powder, shells, tropedoes, submarine boats, and the like. The country must also know what are the intentions of other countries toward her, and if antagonistic endeavor to thwart them.

chronic the chronic chronic chronic chronic Very valuable information of this kind can only be obtained by bribing an official of a foreign nation, and the amount which one country will spend to get such information may be gathered from the fact that Great Britain paid £40,000 for a copy of the treaty of Tilsit between France and Russia, Foreign countries spend chormous sums on secret service. France, Germany and Russia have their agents everywhere, and there are very few secrets of any nation which they do not know, for it is, unfortunately, the case that in the employment of all governments there are men willing to betray their country-for a consideration.

The sum spent by Russia on secret utravariand service does not fall far short of threequarters of a million annually. Germany and France each spends close on

The expenditure under this head of smaller states, such as Belgium, Holin the development of the land, Denmark, Norway and Sweden, Switzerland, Spain and Portugal, is greater than that of England, the average sum for each being about £190,600. Lord Salisbury the other day said that the Transvaal spends £800,-000 a year on secret service. This estimate is about one-sixth of the total revenue of that country.

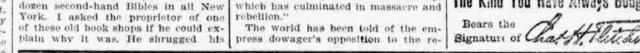
The whole amount spent in Europe, in the hold of the Asia, Africa and America on secret service cannot fall very far short of £5,-000,000 annually, and it is not a pleasant reflection for the honest taxpayer that so much of his carnings is expended in trying to make traitors of men.

A MESSAGE TO MANILA.

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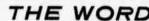
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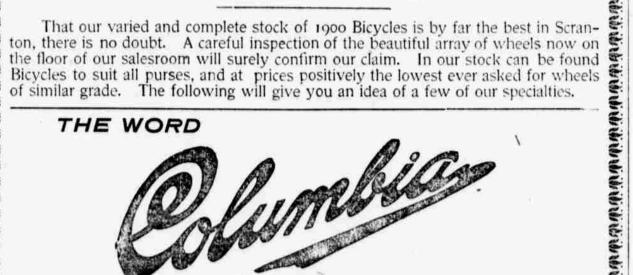
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