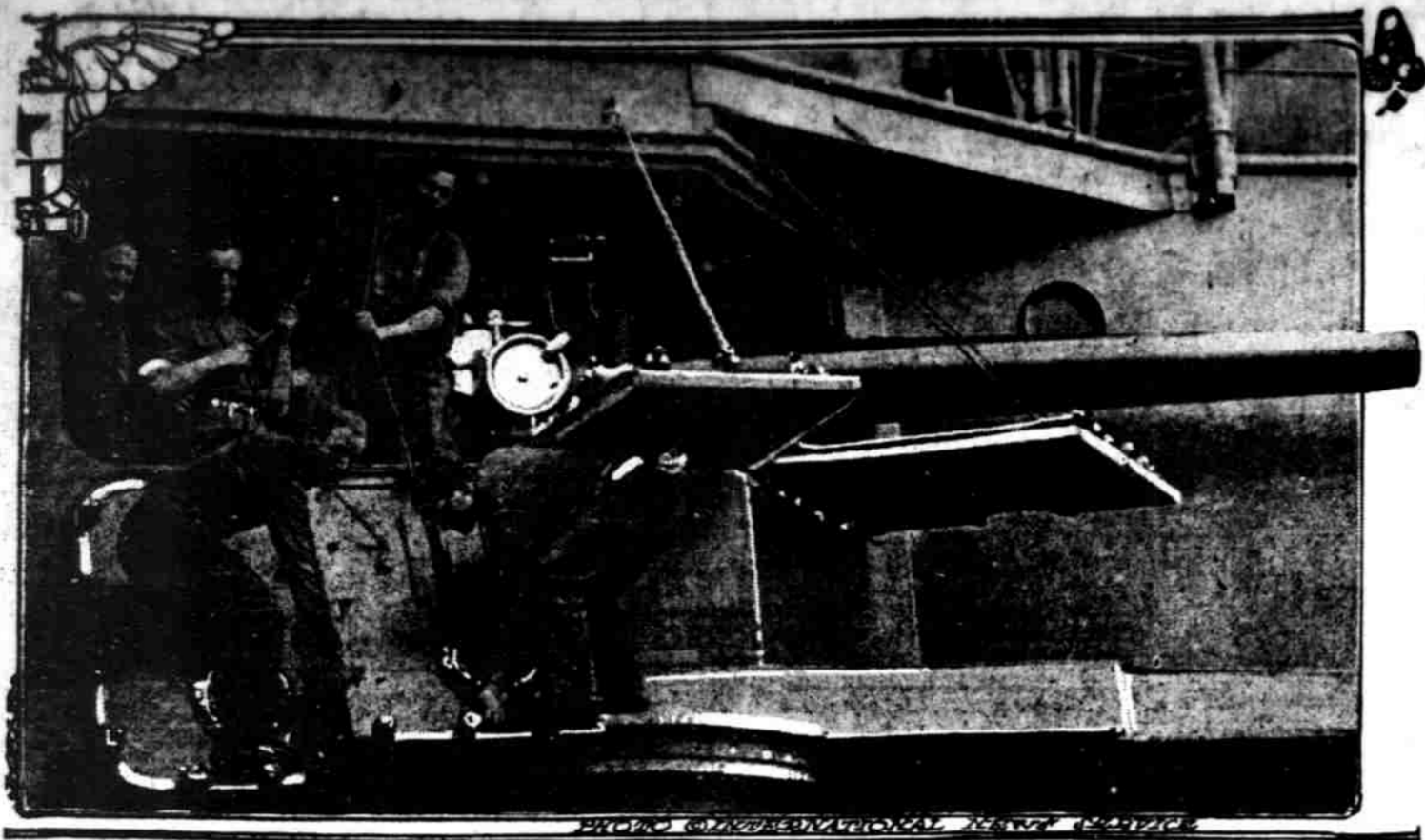


UNITED STATES DREADNOUGHT GUN CREW IN ACTION



This photograph shows a gun crew of the U. S. S. Florida, now at Tampico, going through their daily gun drill, ordered by Admiral Fletcher, so that the jacksies are always in readiness for the order to get into action.

Storm Brewing for Mongolian Buddha
RUSSIAN BEAR IS THREATENING THE KHUTUKHTA
Chinese President Is in Conspiracy

Present Religious Leader Has Laid Himself Open to Attack by Fracture of Traditions of His Office—Automobiles, Red Liquor, and Harem Pets.

News takes a long time to trickle to the United States from Central Asia. There are few inhabited places of the earth so far away, counting time as distance. With the coast of Asia reached, the traveler must meet many strange perils, endure many torturing modes of conveyance and spend many weary weeks and even months before he reaches the wild empire of the Oriental cowboy, who once conquered the world, the land of Mongolia.

Many wild tales have been uttered, slowly but surely from that far land in the last three years. Narratives of butcheries, of wars and aggressions, of little-understood political turmoils and battles. Out of it all has formed the very real spectre of the Russian Bear marching with heavy, sure tread from the West, grumbling love on the road to Pekin and Lassa.

When China lost this empire, much more than twice as large as the Southern States of the war, and with a population of 4,000,000 yellow-skinned Tartars, little attention was attracted.

Buddha Is Corrupted.
The czar and his grizzled officers accomplished their first steps by appealing to the Mongolian sense of patriotism. Now he is bringing about the complete subjugation of these vast plains by corrupting a man more than a priest, a living Buddha, one of the three bodhiments of the ancient teacher and god.

There are three living incarnations of Buddha, the Dalai Lama of Lassa, the supreme ruler of the Buddhist world, the Panchoen Lama, and the Khutukhta of Urga, the Mongolian capital and holy city.

When the English soldiers of Col. Younghusband invaded Lassa, the sacred capital of Tibet, in 1904, the Dalai Lama became a help tramp. He wandered for many years, and with a wandering over the face of Asia, followed by a motley troupe of lesser hordes, exceedingly costly to the communities which entertained him; indeed, almost a curse to his hosts. To some Westerners who saw him he was only a brutal, sensual, stupid young man; to others he was mysterious, sanctified, the embodiment of the religion and philosophy of the East. But on the whole his influence diminished. The strongest hold of the priesthood had depended on the fact that for nearly 300 years a Grand Lama had not visited Pekin.

Mongolia Is "Freer."
When Russia decided it was time to move its frontier a few hundred miles further East, there suddenly appeared a mysterious desire for independence on the part of the inhabitants of Mongolia. Behind the scenes the Russian emissaries pulled the strings. There came news from China. The chiefs of the wild tribes demanded autonomous government. They were to be free, with their own government and courts, even their own army. Bitter delusion!

Russia forced the necessary acquiescence at Pekin. Japan was brought to acquiesce by an agreement on spheres of interest. The indignant protests of the other powers were somehow smoothed over. Pekin was having much more trouble with the Southern provinces, the richest of the empire. There was no possibility of sending the necessary military expeditions to Urga.

Mongolia became "free," still to a degree under the nominal suzerainty of China and now under the "protection" of Russia.

The Russians surged in. Their merchants fill the market places. Their consular agents are everywhere and these agents are very easily offended. And with each offense there is a further decrease of Mongolian power.

Threat to "Khutukhta."
On the Buddhist New Year's Day the Khutukhta dared to plead indisposition and stay away from paying his respects to the Russian diplomatic representative. As a result he was forced to appear in the most obsequious fashion, with as much kowtowing as was ever given to the Dowager Empress Tsi An.

The Russians are using Yuan Shih Kai to discipline the Khutukhta Yuan. "President" of China, has known how to use religion to further his own purposes. He has re-established the state religion of China over the protests of the Christians and the European powers. Now he writes to the Khutukhta informing him that in the opinion of the Tibetan clergy, his manner of living is open to grave objection on account of profanity, and that unless he mends his ways he is likely to be repudiated by the Buddhist church.

Calls Wife Goddess.
The message goes on to enumerate some of the irregularities committed by the Khutukhta, making special mention of his wife and children as a worldly possession incompatible with monastic life. But he might have gone further. A photograph and an automobile are among the frivolities of the ruler of Mongolia and he is very fond of betting on athletic contests.

As one of the heads of the Buddhist church in the Khutukhta has no right to marry, yet no sooner did he become independent (as he thought) than he not only took to himself a wife but actually the goddess Chagataya. To be anybody in Mongolia you must be the reincarnation of somebody. This takes the place of baptism.

For three years he has been allowed to maintain this standing scandal at his monastery at Urga, the Russians encourage him. But now the Russians, using Yuan and the Dalai Lama as cat's paws, are about to put the Khutukhta to the question through the last-named worthy. There will be little sympathy wasted on the Khutukhta himself. He is certainly a most unworthy representative of the Buddhist church.

Living Buddha Provided.
The Khutukhta of Urga originated at the beginning of the seventeenth century when the Dalai Lama, after a long period of rest if not nominal captivity at the capital of Mongolia, returned to Lassa.

The question arose: How would the Mongols continue to live without a living Buddha in their midst? The Dalai Lama then discovered that the son just born into the house of Tushetu Khan, the most powerful of the Mongolian princes, a direct descendant of the great conqueror of Genghis Khan, was himself a reincarnation of Buddha.

The marvelous boy was taken to Lassa there brought up and afterward sent home as the first Khutukhta (grand abbot) of Urga.

It was from this great appointment that the present Khutukhta, the eighth in the order of succession, has descended. Though not in the flesh, for the Khutukhtas have no business to marry and to establish a dynasty, but are selected each time on the death of the last holder of the office from among the babies born at that very moment. At first the selection lay entirely in the hands of the Lama, but experience having shown that the selection always fell on some scion of the house of Tushetu Khan, the Pekin emperor transferred this sacred duty to themselves, with the result that the present Khutukhta was picked from the family of a poor Tibetan customs official.

None of the previous seven Khutukhtas was allowed to live too long. It is a sign of decadence of the old Pekin authority that the eight Khutukhta, who was born in 1871, has succeeded in asserting his right to live so long as this.

Rule Nearing End.
But his life has been a worthless one. He has a great predilection for strong liquors, he is very fond of cards, he likes the yellow, glittering metal more than anything else in the world, and so far from passing his time in pious devotions, he is very fond of playing the piano, listens to the phonograph, and has surrounded himself with a little harem.

It is these worldly qualities which have made him accessible to Russian influence, but it would not surprise the Mongolian world to learn that they also have brought upon him his ruin.

For when it really proves true that Russia has withdrawn from him her protection nothing will save him from the Dalai Lama's excommunication and then a new baby will be promptly found to preside as Jambou Lama Khutukhta over the Mongolian church.

'PREPARE FOR GERMANY' IS RUSSIA'S WARNING
Count Bobrinsky, Member of Duma, Makes Bitter Attack on Berlin's Foreign Policy.

'MUST NOT BE FLEECE AGAIN'
Vienna, April 17.—Declaring that "Germany's hand, which grasps everything nowadays, reaches from Berlin beyond Constantinople and far into Asia-Minor, as far as Persia," and adding that Germany was trying to foster an anti-Russian movement in the Balkans, Count Bobrinsky, the Pan-Slav member of the Russian Duma, in an interview with a special correspondent of the Hungarian paper, Az Est, made a bitter attack on Germany's foreign policy.

Coming at the present time, when relations between Russia and Germany are somewhat strained, owing to the increase in Russian military preparations, Count Bobrinsky's words will not be pleasing to diplomatic circles in St. Petersburg or Berlin.

He began by declaring that despite the trials for treason at Marmaros-Saizel, at which he appeared as a witness, he felt no enmity against the Hungarians, as Russia sees in them only a nation in Germany's leading strings. Then he continued:

"It is only the Germans with whom one day we shall have to settle accounts. That gigantic German arm stretches out over the Austrian empire and Roumania, and waits to encircle Bulgaria."

"You are the vassals of Germany. We Russians certainly cannot accommodate ourselves to the German policy for a last squaring of accounts. Germany supported by Austria, is endeavoring to foster a separatist Ukraine movement. Efforts are being made to oppose to us 3,000,000 little Rumanians. In the Berlin foreign office there is a special section looking after the affairs of the grand principality of Kiev."

"Moreover, we cannot look on German expansion in Constantinople with indifference. We need the Dardanelles in order not to suffocate. But greater and greater is the growing danger that, when the question of the Dardanelles comes on to the order of the day, it will no longer be a question to be settled with Turkey, but with Germany."

Count Bobrinsky then spoke of the commercial treaty with Russia which will come up for renewal in 1917, and asserted that during the Japanese war Germany took advantage of Russia's difficult position to get a treaty very unfavorable to Russia. He concluded with these words:

"We cannot let ourselves be fleeced a second time, and so it is necessary to have a large army ready for the beginning of the negotiations regarding this new commercial treaty. And it will be ready."

ARMY TRAITOR FOUND OUT.
Special Cable to The Washington Herald.
Vienna, April 17.—An Austrian sergeant named Brzesky, who has been stationed at the important fortress of Malborgeh on the Italian frontier since 1906, has been arrested, charged with selling military secrets to Italy.

Attorneys were drawn to the sergeant by the large sums of money which he spent. He was living at the rate of about \$10,000 a year in a sumptuous apartment and entertained frequently.

40 HURT LEAPING OFF TRAIN.
Baton Rouge, La., April 17.—Forty persons were injured today by jumping from a shuttle train of the Illinois Central, fearing a collision with a through south-bound passenger. There were 350 men, all employees of the Standard Oil Company, on the train and all jumped.

The Flak Jubilee stagers, of Nashville, were the headliners last night at the concert of the National Convention of Congregational Workers Among Colored People, held under auspices of the Woman's Missionary Society at First Congregational Church.

BRYAN ADMITS DEFEAT OF DENMARK TREATY

Says Another Pact Will Be Concluded, Which Will Exclude Disposition of West Indies from Arbitration.

NEW DRAFT ALREADY PREPARED

Secretary of State Bryan yesterday acknowledged the defeat of his favorite scheme for the establishment of a modicum of arbitration treaty with the kingdom of Denmark whereby every possible question of international disagreement, even including the very delicate one of national honor and the equally complex one of "vital interest," were to have been submitted to arbitration.

Several weeks ago Mr. Bryan had prepared such a convention with the Danish Minister and signed it, but when it was submitted to the Senate there was a balk.

It was noticed by the Senators that in formulating such a convention with Denmark the exceedingly important question of Denmark's insular possessions in the West Indies had been entirely forgotten. Here was a question which might cause great bother. It was pointed out to the Secretary of State that if at any time Denmark should decide to dispose of the Danish West Indies to some European power and the United States should raise an objection, arbitration would be called in to decide the question of whether or not the Monroe doctrine would stand as a principle of international law. The Senate refused favorably to consider such a treaty.

Yesterday Mr. Bryan announced that he had concluded a treaty with Denmark along lines similar to those previously concluded with other nations, nearly similar to that recently signed with the Netherlands. This treaty Mr. Bryan said provided, as does its fellows, for the investigation by an international court of all questions arising between the United States and the other signatories except such questions as involve the national honor or "vital interest." Further, he said that another treaty of arbitration would, doubtless, be concluded with Denmark shortly which would supplement yesterday's instrument, although it would have to contain some reference by which the question of the disposition of the Danish West Indies should be excluded from arbitration.

CHARLES H. BOYNTON DEAD.
Detroit, Mich., April 17.—Charles H. Boynton, partner in T. Marberg & Co., bankers, of 14 Wall street, New York, and a former well-known newspaper man of Washington and New York, died from apoplexy at the Poncechartrain Hotel early today, after an illness of only a few hours. Mr. Boynton, who was fifty years old, leaves a widow and two children at Lynn, Mass. He was a son of Col. C. A. Boynton, the veteran Washington newspaper correspondent.

SEA GIVES UP FOUR BODIES.
Monmouth Beach, N. J., April 17.—The bodies of four of the nine persons who lost their lives in the wreck of the schooner Charles S. Buckley off this coast yesterday were thrown up by the surf today. One was the corpse of Mrs. H. G. Hardy, wife of the captain of the vessel. The other three were sailors and were not identified.

STOWAWAY FOUND STARVING.
New York, April 17.—When the North German Lloyd liner Bremen docked at Hoboken today, Otto Engel, aged seventeen, a stowaway, was turned over to this island hospital in a serious condition from starvation. Engel stowed himself away on the ship and had gone six days without food when found.

AUSTRIANS PLAN EXHIBITS.
Vienna, April 17.—The Vienna Chamber of Commerce today issued a general invitation to business interests throughout Austria-Hungary to participate in the Panama Exposition at San Francisco next year. The government has appropriated \$100,000 toward the expenses of an official representation. Already 500 exhibitors have been pledged.

GAYNORS ARRIVE IN NEW YORK.
New York, April 17.—Norman J. Gaynor, son of the late Mayor Gaynor, and his bride, who was Miss Betsy Page, arrived here today from Fairfax Court House, Va., where they were married last night. They will sail for Europe Tuesday and spend their honeymoon in Italy. The bride is a niece of Thomas Nelson Page, United States Ambassador to Italy.

In France farmers are experimenting with a prolific potato from Uruguay, which perpetuates itself with roots left in the soil.

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