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EMPIRE IS TOTTERING

Outside Aid Alone Will Save the Chinese Kingdom.

AN IMPERIAL EDICT IS ISSUED

His Successor Called Upon to Wipe Out the Disgrace Put Upon the Flowery Kingdom by Japan.

TACOMA, Jan. 29.—The News publishes a private letter from Hong Kong, stating that the emperor of China has issued an imperial edict in which he says that if the worst should come and the Japanese continue their victorious march, "there remains for us but to perish with them. When the time comes may you reverently escort the empress dowager westward and elect a worthy man to be emperor and to look after the sacred altars of our ancestors and wipe off this disgrace."

The Hong Kong English Press says: "The empire is even now tottering, and unless supported by the Western powers it must surely fall."

Large Numbers Along the Coast Road From Yung Cheng.

HIROSHIMA, Jan. 29.—A dispatch from the headquarters of the Japanese army says a strong force of the enemy, which retreated from Yung Cheng Shen northwest without fighting, is now in the vicinity of Ku Shang Hon. Large numbers of the enemy are reported along the coast road from Yung Cheng.

China Wants More Money.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—A Shanghai dispatch says that China is negotiating a \$3,000,000 loan.

Strikers Unsubdued.

BROOKLYN, Jan. 29.—Stones assailed pickets at the Ridgewood station, Brooklyn Heights railway, a little before daylight this morning. Three companies of the Forty-seventh regiment, on duty there were called out, and several shots were fired in the direction whence the missiles had been thrown.

Wire cutting and acts of petty violence were plentiful this morning. The withdrawal of some of the troops gave law-breakers the opportunity they desired. The thick snow storm also aided the wire-cutters. A dozen lines were interfered with, and a score of wire-cutters were arrested today.

Half a dozen men on one of the salt cars employed in salting the tracks of one of the trolley lines, were attacked at Nostrand and Flushing avenues by a gang of strikers today and badly beaten with clubs before they got away. There was no general break in the ranks of the strikers this morning, some of the old men having applied for reinstatement, however.

President Lewis, of the Brooklyn Heights Company, said this afternoon that moving the first brigade was a serious mistake, and if the second brigade is removed there will be hell to pay. He says he has anonymous information to that effect.

Strikers say they will ask for a writ of mandamus today to compel President Norton to operate all the cars of the Atlantic avenue system. The basis for this action will be the letter sent to President Norton by Master Workman Connolly yesterday, offering to send strikers back on last year's agreement.

For Forfeiture of Charter.

ALBANY, Jan. 29.—Arguments will be heard before the attorney-general tomorrow on an application for forfeiture of the charter of the Brooklyn Heights Trolley Car Company, for its failure to operate its road.

Fair's Will Was Stolen.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 29.—The discovery was made shortly before the office of the county clerk closed yesterday afternoon that the will of the late ex-Senator James G. Fair had been stolen, and that in its place a lot of worthless papers had been inserted in the envelope that contained the bulky document.

There is nothing now on the file or of record to show what was the will of the dead millionaire. In effect it may be said that on the face of things, as they now appear, Senator Fair left no will.

It now devolves upon his legal representatives to prove that there was a will, which they will be called upon to do when the matter of probate is again called for hearing before Judge Slack on February 7th. While there can be no hearing of the probate petition before that time, the present complication will probably result in the earlier gathering of all attorneys in court.

A Spokane Mystery.

SPOKANE, Jan. 29.—The most mysterious attempt at suicide in the history of

this city was made today. An unknown young man entered a lodging house and secured a room. Soon after a shot was heard, the door was broken in and on the floor, weltering in his own blood, which flowed freely from a ragged wound in his forehead, was the outstretched body of a young man, apparently about 28 years old. At midnight, he was still alive, but unconscious, and physicians say he cannot recover. Who the man is, where he came from, or what motive prompted him to do the terrible deed, are yet unknown. Before the commission of the rash act, he destroyed every vestige of paper on his person that would lead to his identity, and only a small pile of smouldering ashes was left. The burned outline of a photograph, apparently of a man, was in the stove, but when touched it crumbled to ashes. The unfortunate person was attired in a light coat, vest, trousers of a dark striped material, black sateen shirt and a blue necktie of a flowered pattern. On his feet were a pair of laced calf shoes with cloth tops. On the bureau was a black plush cap, while on the bed was a brown frieze overcoat. In his pocket was over \$10 in cash, while in his vest pocket was a small silver watch, with a Swiss movement. He is smooth-shaven, with the exception of a small light mustache, fair complexioned, about 5 feet 9 inches in height and weighs about 150 pounds. He has soft hands, which show he did not belong to the laboring class. Some cards of the Franklin house, San Francisco, found in his pockets, seem to indicate that he was a runner for hotels.

England Wishes to Honor a Distinguished Naval Officer.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—The Daily Graphic, in a leader on the suggestion made by a correspondent of the St. James Gazette, that Captain Mahan, United States Navy, be called to Cambridge to take the professorship of modern history, which was left vacant by the death of Sir John Seeley two weeks ago, says: "Captain Mahan's contribution to history is not easily measured by academic standards, for it rises into a higher plane of statesmanship. The weakest point of the suggestion is that Captain Mahan possibly will prefer active life in the United States navy, but this is no reason why the offer should not be made. A refusal would be our loss, but we should have the pleasure of expressing appropriately our gratitude for the national service he has done us."

Ill-Advised Interference.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 29.—A City of Mexico special says that the Two Republics, a newspaper, today in an editorial on the intervention of the United States in the Guatemalan dispute, says the announcement from Washington that the United States would, if agreeable to Mexico, mediate the Mexico-Guatemalan question, has created considerable dissatisfaction. Mexico has maintained that the question is not of a character that should be submitted to arbitration. The offer of the United States seems to be ill-considered and inopportune. The crisis has been reached, and if there is no outside interference, there will be an end, pacific or otherwise, in a short time.

Peaceful Solution of Central American Troubles.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—The Guatemalan government has agreed, it is understood, to make such concessions in the boundary dispute that a peaceful solution may be achieved without wounding the national honor of Mexico. In official circles here confidence is expressed that the irritating question of territory will be speedily and permanently settled to the complete satisfaction of Mexico, and that the matter of indemnity, which has recently complicated affairs and been particularly obnoxious to Guatemala will be disposed of through the arbitration, probably of a South American government, possibly Brazil.

Great Meteor Found.

HERMOSILLO, Mexico, Jan.—The great meteor that recently fell in the mountains ten miles northeast of Real Del Castillo, has been found by H. B. Tremble, an American archaeologist, who was accompanied by a party of Mexican guides. It is of immense size, and Mr. Tremble pronounces it the most wonderful specimen of the kind ever discovered. The meteor produced a sound like a terrific explosion as it struck the earth, terrifying the ignorant Mexicans for miles around.

Armenian Outrages Proved by Consular Reports.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—The Westminster Gazette claims that Foreign Secretary Kimberley refuses to issue the consular reports from Armenia because they confirm the previously received stories of massacre and outrage. Kimberley, in a letter to the Armenian Association, states that none of the fifty-eight Armenians condemned by the tribunal at Erzizinghm, in November last, were sentenced to death.

LOST IN NORTH SEA

Steamer Elbe Sunk With Over 300 Souls.

TWENTY KNOWN TO BE SAVED

En Route to Southampton and New York—Much Excitement in London—List of Officers.

LONDON, Jan. 30.—Lloyds' has received the following dispatch from Lowestoft, dated 6:12 p. m.: "The Elbe was sunk in the North sea, after colliding with another steamer. Twenty people on board of her have been landed here by fishing smacks. Persons saved include the second officer and the pilot. It is feared the loss of life is great."

The reception of the news caused great excitement everywhere, and it soon became known in clubs and other places of public resort. The agents of the company and all others were soon doing everything possible to obtain facts. It was believed the Elbe had about 350 persons, passengers and crew, on board, and as the time passed and no additional news was obtainable the people became convinced the report of over 300 lives lost must be correct.

She Was on the Way to New York From Bremen.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—The North German Lloyds' steamer Elbe was commanded by Captain Von Gosset. She arrived at Bremen from New York January 26th, and sailed from Bremen yesterday for Southampton and New York. She was built in 1881 in Glasgow, and was 4510 gross tonnage, 420 feet long, and 45 beam, and her depth of hold was 36 feet 6 inches. The Elbe was a four-masted crew steamer.

Following is the list of her officers: Captain, Von Gosset; chief officer, G. Wilhelm; chief engineer, A. Nusell; purser, W. L. Lohmiller; physician, Dr. A. Reichardt; chief steward, H. Pichudor.

Probably the Vessel With Which the Elbe Collided.

ROTTERDAM, Jan. 30.—The steamship Cranthe, from this port, for Aberdeen, Scotland, has put into Maasluic leaving slightly forward, her stem having been stove in by a collision early this morning with an unknown ocean steamer, believed to be the Elbe, of the North German Lloyd Steamship line. The collision occurred about 5 o'clock this morning some 35 miles distant from the coast of Holland. It is not known if she has any passengers on board taken from the Elbe.

The News in New York.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30, The North German Lloyds' Steamship Company has received the following cable: "The most deplorable news from Lowestoft states that the Elbe was sunk through a collision at 6 this morning. Boat No. 5, with Third Officer Stallburg, Purser Weser, Engineer Neussel and 19 persons landed at Lowestoft. No further news so far." A representative of the company said: "The Elbe probably had 200 passengers."

The Administration Bill the Subject of Discussion.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—The house banking and currency committee resumed discussion of the administration bill today. The following amendment proposed by Walker (Mass.) was agreed to by a two-thirds vote:

Section 5.—From and after July 1, 1895, the 10 per cent cash reserve required by law shall be kept in coin or coin certificates, and not less than half of such coin or coin certificates shall be in gold coin or gold certificates, and such cash reserve required by the law shall be kept in coin or coin certificates in amounts increased by 10 per cent of the whole cash reserve required to be kept by law, on and after the first day of each quarter of the calendar year until the whole cash reserve be in coin or coin certificates, and not less than half of such cash reserve shall at all times be in gold coin or gold certificates.

Warner's amendment offered yesterday was defeated by a vote of 10 to 2, Warner and Walker voting for it, when the committee took a recess. At 1:30 the Russell amendment, providing that the amount of treasury notes canceled in any one month shall not exceed the issue of national bank notes for one month, was under consideration. Administration democrats say no amendment so far adopted will endanger the success of the bill, but they fear this one will if it is adopted.

The committee at the afternoon session adopted the Russell amendment and

took up the one offered by Warner repealing so much of all laws and parts of laws as limit the rate at which national banking currency may be retired, and prohibiting any national banking association from taking out additional circulation within six months after it shall have withdrawn any part of its circulation.

Denounced by Vest.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—A dispatch from the St. Louis chamber of commerce urging that the president's recommendations be carried out without delay was presented today by Vest, who declared the St. Louis chamber of commerce did not represent the people of Missouri. The people did not favor the retirement of \$500,000,000 greenbacks and treasury notes and the issuance of gold obligations running 50 years with interest aggregating \$750,000,000. It was a selfish suggestion that posterity should be left to pay this debt.

"The president has declared war on silver," said Vest. "He would make us accessories to this effort to fix the gold standard upon us." The senator asked if any man really believed the supposed emergency would not be met by silver payments.

In answer to a question by Cullom, Vest said he did not believe there was any possibility of the finance committee agreeing on any measure to report to the senate. Vest said the talk about the lack of revenue was a waste of words. The secretary of the treasury had assured him that the revenue was increasing every day, and there promised to be a large surplus.

The senate went into executive session and financial debate ceased.

Will Support Boatner's Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Western representatives working against the Reilly Pacific bill have practically come to an understanding that they will support Representative Boatner's bill for the Pacific railroad commission, provided he will amend it in one important particular. The feature they oppose is that which provides that purchasers, in case the roads are sold under foreclosure, should assume all debts of the old companies and give the United States a mortgage on the property payable in 50 years at 3 per cent. They say the Western states will have to bear the burden in high traffic rates.

There is a possibility that Boatner will strike out this section and leave the feature open for future legislation. In that event, Californians will support the Boatner plan, if they think there is a fair chance to block the Reilly bill. It is understood they prefer that there be no legislation, and that the government foreclosure in case the roads default in payment of bonds.

Dispute Between Mexico and Guatemala Settled Amicably.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—It is understood that a preliminary agreement has been reached by Mexican and Guatemalan representatives in Washington for the settlement of the boundary dispute by arbitration, which needs only the approval of the two governments to become effective. No doubt is entertained that President Diaz will give his approval to the plan, which has already received the approval of President Barrios. Full confidence is expressed in official circles that war is now out of question, and that the quarrel will be permanently ended by an entirely amicable agreement, honorable alike to Guatemala and Mexico.

The Pacific Railroad Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—In the house today Catchings, from the committee on rules, reported a special order setting aside today and tomorrow until 3 o'clock for general debate on the Pacific railroad bill, and an hour and a half subsequent to that time for debate under the five-minute rule, with a provision for a vote on the bill and pending amendments at 4:30.

Boatner of Louisiana and Maguire of California protested strenuously against the brief time allowed for debate. "But seven hours," said Boatner, "are allowed for debate on a bill which proposes to give away \$100,000,000 and condone offenses and crimes with which the people have been familiar for years."

Large Hats Must Go.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 31.—People laughed when Assemblyman Cutler, of Rockland county, introduced a bill aimed at the custom of wearing big hats at theaters. When first introduced, the measure looked very much like a joke, but today the committee will prove that Mr. Cutler means business, by reporting the bill favorably to the house.

Import Duties Increased.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—The United States consul at Gothenburg, Sweden, Mr. Boyesen, in his report to the state department, shows that by the royal ordinance import duties on grains have been greatly increased, in some cases more than 100 per cent.

IS CERTAIN TO ISSUE

A Large Government Loan To Be Made.

SHADOWS OF THE COMING EVENT

The Rothschilds and Seligman & Co. Interested in the Plan Which is Yet Undecided Upon.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—It is believed in financial circles that the government loan is certain to be issued. This view is reflected in the activity of the market for long-time loans. Two leading banking firms have in the last two days borrowed large amounts on long time, one firm taking \$10,000,000. It is said too, that foreign bankers, have communicated to the secretary of the treasury their preference for a 4 per cent loan. It is stated on undoubted authority that the Rothschilds and Seligman & Co. are arranging to make a proposition to the United States government to place a big block of 4 per cent bonds in London, or to make a good loan to the government for from six to nine months against the deposit of bonds in the New York treasury. In order to secure the retention of the bonds, if issued, abroad, and prevent their being thrown back on this market in the immediate future, a plan will be matured to meet the situation. Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Curtis is at the treasury today. Mr. Crane of Baring, Magoun & Co., had an interview with Curtis and Mr. Jordan. He substantially admitted that overtures looking to a sterling loan had been made by the foreign bankers, but said everything was too indefinite yet to say anything on the subject.

American Railway Union Officials Meet the Strikers.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—The recorder says that the officials of the American Railway union had a secret conference last evening in Brooklyn in the office of District Assembly 75, K of L, with Secretary John Giblin, Andrew Best, William Holcomb, P. A. Collins and Master Workman Martin J. Connelly. It is said that the result of the conference may be a railroad strike of greater magnitude even than that which centered in Chicago last year. One of the officials was J. M. Ricker. The names of the others could not be learned. The men came direct from Debs, and offered the services of the entire organization to Master Workman Connelly.

A Recorder reporter saw Mr. Connelly after the conference. "Are there three A. R. U men in town tonight?" the reporter asked him.

"Yes they came direct from the president of their order, and are empowered to do anything we ask," Mr. Connelly replied.

All Trolley Lines in Brooklyn in Operation.

BROOKLYN, Jan. 31.—Cars were running today on all trolley lines on Schedule time, for the first time in 17 days. The cars will run all night and normal operation of the roads is now restored. Violence has died out. Today cars are in operation without police protection. President Norton of the Atlantic Avenue Railroad Company, appeared before Judge Walsh, in the Adams-street police court, today on charge of breaking the law in making his men work 10 hours a day. His attorney asked for an adjournment until Saturday, which was granted.

For a Lexow Committee.

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 31.—The bill drafted by Attorney-General Fitzgerald, "An act to provide for a commission to investigate public offices," etc., was introduced in the senate this morning. The bill provides for the appointment of a non-partisan commission of three persons for investigation and inquiry within ten days after the passage of the act. The commission is given power to sit in any place in the state to investigate public offices, institutions and departments of this state and of the various counties, cities and municipalities, and the official acts of all public officers, employees and attaches, and to inquire into acts of corruption, malfeasance, misappropriation, and misconduct by

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such public officers, etc., and to investigate violations of the election laws of this state. The commission is given power to send for persons and papers, to issue subpoenas, compel attendance of witnesses and the production of books and papers. All prosecutions are to be directed by the district attorneys but the attorney-general is given authority to step in at any juncture and assume control of the investigation.

Wei-Hai-Wei Fallen.

CHE-FOO, Jan. 31.—Wei-Hai-Wei was captured Wednesday after two days skirmishing. The Chinese "bolted" when the actual assault was made. It is stated their loss was 2000 men. Lui-Lung-Tau, an island near the city, on which the workshops and some forts are, is still in the hands of the Chinese. All the Europeans in the city escaped unhurt. It is reported that during the fighting all the Chinese men-of-war and ships in the harbor sailed away un injured.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—The Times' correspondent in Tien-Tsin says that all the southern forts of Wei-Hai-Wei were captured yesterday, and that the telegraph wires were cut.

The Daily News says that the commandant at Wei-Hai-Wei is Peter Nielson, a Norwegian naval officer, 31 years old.

Hereafter Shipments From the Mint Will Be Unannounced.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 31.—There were no shipments of gold yesterday from the Philadelphia mint, and hereafter there will be no announcements of calls for the yellow metal. Superintendent Townsend said yesterday afternoon: "I have decided not to make any more statements about shipments of gold. It serves no good purpose. I think it has the effect of making a craze and for inducing the hoarding of the metal. Besides, all the gold shipped from the mint is not sent abroad. Gold is sent here to be coined and calls are being continually made for it by the treasury. I think it is the best policy to say nothing more about shipments."

Government Forces Win a Victory at Bogota.

COLON, Colombia, Jan. 31.—A severe engagement has been fought at Bogota, between the government forces and the rebels, and 200 of the latter were killed. The government troops were under the personal command of the president. The victorious troops have been sent by train from Cartagena to Michinan, to engage the rebels there. Six liberals have been arrested at Cartagena. Men are being pressed into service by the government.

The steamer, Amerique is aground near Savinalla. Her position is serious.

Royal Baking Powder

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