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WORLD GLIMPSE.

Did you ever see a Yellowstone geyser in action? It steams and grumbles and spits and slops over and swallows its wrath and bubbles up again till one scarcely knows whether its breaths are going to amount to anything more than noisy bluster or not, then, after one's patience has become almost exhausted it fires away like the furies were after it and makes a grand and awe-inspiring display. Then, after it has apparently quieted down, it will jump up like a wounded monster and seem as if trying again to repeat its action of a few minutes before. Again it fuses and spouts; belches and gurgles; squirts and groans; bellows and coughs, but all to little purpose for its paying is over for the time at least.

Now, this is just about the condition in China. For a long time the final upheaval was threatened, and at last after infinite threatenings the storm came on the land. Its fiercest fury is spent, but there will be postponed and local noises and threats, but they are only noisy noises.

War, waste, despoliation, scarcity, hunger, famine, two million seven hundred thousand people in want of sustenance, girl babies one dollar each; such is the state of affairs in famished China, according to the cable dispatches.

Inhuman overbearing, sweat-shop systems, get rich quick capitalism force, brutality "the turning of the

worm," all together cause the conditions requiring the call for assistance from one and a half million people in the laboring ranks in Great Britain.

Another Balaklava horror where "into the mouth of hell" the brave men went never to come back is the record of the wires from Oklahoma where many were entombed in a coal mine this week.

Those "specialist" physicians who were the victims of their patient's too sure aim in Seattle last Wednesday seemed to have convinced him they were specialists in obtaining his money without giving the equivalent cure.

A lot of people we folks know thought last Sunday was St. Patrick's birthday, bad cess to them! It was the anniversary of his deathday. It is disputed as to the time of his birth but he died March 17, 465. But no matter when he was born, it is hard to beat him for a man.

Was the last word of the Maine-Havana harbor tragedy spoken last week when the bones of the good ship were consigned to the watery grave forever? That was a sadly solemn scene: Having been raised at immense cost from the spot where she lay since 1898—fourteen years — obstructing the harbor, she was towed with great honors to a deep spot in the Gulf of Mexico and after being bedecked literally with flowers was sent to the bottom amid the roar of the guns of the accompanying battleships. The remains of the sailors were taken to Arlington for interment.

Cesare Borgia has surely a worthy imitator in the self-confessed, many-times-a-murderer, Humphreys of Corvallis. He seems conscienceless as a cat with a canary cage. He has one source of consolation; the governor of our already too much disgraced commonwealth has declared no man or woman shall be legally hanged while he sits in the chair gubernatorial.

It seems that the initials I. W. W. stand for Insolent Weary Willie; possibly not, but from the reports in the Portland dailies, it seems a good name for everything but organized law and to apply to them. They seem to stand in order. Portland has the appearance of a regular Russian seaport town where lawlessness is the delight of the riff-raff.

But, the soap-box orators reeking with anarchistic eloquence would have short shrift even there, for a watchful policeman who understood the genius of an orderly republic would collar such spouter at once. This paper has asked this question before: "How far is too far?" It now reiterates.

In spite of evolutionary or revolutionary teaching, it continues to be true that "the way of the transgressor is hard." We need only note the murderous attempt of the prisoners to free themselves at Lincoln, Nebraska; they

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killed and were killed. What good was accomplished?

Zbyszka is a wrestler, it is said. Whether he is or not it makes wrestlers of everyone who tries to pronounce his name.

Seattle is really and truly making progress. "Wappy" has gone to the penitentiary at Walla Walla for a term of three to ten years, and Gill who was recalled will not be re-recalled.

In New Jersey they have a new law whereby justices of the peace are prohibited from joining persons in holy matrimony. Aside from the officials of the church only mayors and judges of a court of record are empowered to perform that right in that cranberry state. But, who would ever think of our mayor marrying anybody; he seems never to have thought of it himself, unless, possibly he has received some hint since leap-year came.

Taking North Dakota as indicative, the La Follette forces could presage unprecedented victory for their candidate. But, there are others yet to be heard from.

Porto Rico is restive at length because the citizens of that rich port do not have American citizenship.

The shivering middle-west will readily believe Goldsmith's expression about "winter lingering in the lap" of spring. They are having the hardest winter of the year just now. Wonder how the ground hog knew so well about the weather. He beats Yr. Hicks this spring.

Prof. J. D. Stout has done another thing one would not have guessed easily beforehand, but at which no one is surprised when he knows the professor. It is the placing in the front cor-

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Dr. Stevenson

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The new 150-foot concrete bridge at Riverside Park is a fine booster for the Chautauqua grounds. The program matter and other "fixins" are getting in good shape for the session to be held June 29-July 9. The bridge is a straight extension of Spruce street as asked by the Park Commission.

Another Battle Expected. El Paso, March 23.—Encouraged by the victory yesterday near Escalon over General Salazar, 800 rebel troops under General Aubert with 500 federalists is marching on Jimenez today to fight the revolutionary forces there. A battle is expected before night. A large number of federal troops are appearing at various parts of the state of Chihuahua, indicating that Madero is determined to wrest control from General Orozco.

Rooseveltian in Tacoma. Tacoma, March 22.—R. T. Hudson, a Roosevelt supporter, arrived today. With his coming talk of a presidential primary was renewed and an attempt will probably be made to have the legislature provide one. The progressives think that if they get the primary they can beat Taft.

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