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TODAY'S WEATHER—Partly cloudy, with showers; variable winds.

PORTLAND, TUESDAY, APRIL 30.

GREEK CHRISTIANITY.

The plea of such as Tolstol for freedom of opinion in Russia will probably be urged in vain for a long time to come.

I speak not from my own standpoint, but from yours. I look at the matter from your point of view as it has been treated in the history of giving your Majesty the following advice:

(1) To revise and repeal all the existing laws, regulations and statutes which have ceased to exist in every civilized country but Russia. (2) To stop all prosecutions on account of religious belief, and restore to liberty all those who have been arrested or imprisoned for their faith.

The constitution of church and state in Russia suits the constitution of the mind of the great masses of the people. There is maximum of faith and minimum of doubt. So the "skeptic," the "free-thinker," the "infidel," in religion and politics, have a hard time of it.

Though dissent is not wholly suppressed in Russia, there is no little persecution of dissenters. The policy of the government towards them has been at times severe, at other times tolerant. At different times government has seemed to be actuated by various motives.

Christianity in Russia is not merely a creed or a religion. It is above all a national institution, the first, the most venerable, the most popular. The church, as such, is never assailed, seldom dented. It preserves its ancient wealth without any loss of territory.

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Between Latin and Greek Christianity the difference in doctrine is not great. Of the Trinity, the conceptions are somewhat different; but no two churches in the world are at this day so widely alike as the Greek and Latin churches.

The immediate cause of the publication of this latest Astoria lie and its prompt endorsement by the Astoria papers was undoubtedly the highly successful trip of the Indravell, the pioneer vessel of the Portland and Asiatic line.

Excitement prevails in Boston political circles over the question whether Harvard University ought to confer the degree of LL. D. upon President McKinley.

The success of the new British war loan is so sudden and complete as to suggest that old Mr. Kruger has pulled into it some part at least of that fabulous sum in gold which he was said to have fetched from South Africa with him.

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ASTORIA MISREPRESENTATION.

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and a strong pressure will be exerted to prevent the university from giving this honor to which it is urged the President has no technical claim. Grover Cleveland, when President, declined the degree on the ground that he had no technicalness for a doctorate of laws.

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who have really lived anything will think any the better of him that at 67 he is without sorrows and without enemies. No strong man, who, living in a great time and among a great people, is able to say that he is without sorrows and without enemies, has done his duty.

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A CENTER OF INDUSTRY.

Louisville Courier-Journal. Mr. James H. Anderson, of the Pittsburgh district, before the Federal Industrial Commission last Saturday during his testimony before the committee on the fact that the Pittsburgh district is the seat of industrial empire, estimated that within a radius of sixty miles from that city were 150,000 workmen employed in various industrial plants which valued at \$2,500,000,000.

It is an enthralling picture Mr. Anderson has painted of the Pittsburgh district, and the mineral resources of the district in which that city is located, but iron ore is brought from Minnesota by water and steel workers are said, in new industrial career of prosperity on industrial lines unquered in the world.

This district has one powerful factor which alone insures its permanent superiority over foreign rivals, but which is not peculiar to any one country. It is the untried energy of the American people which makes the American mechanic and manufacturer the leader in the world's industries.

STINGING REBUKE FROM A PULPIT.

Chicago Record-Herald. The rebuke administered to Professor George D. Herron by Rev. Dr. Dwight Hillis, pastor of Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, was such a masterpiece of scathing exhortation as to excite public scrutiny of the manner of man that should invite such an attack.

It was popularly supposed that the refusal of a number of clergymen to meet on a public platform with Dr. Herron was due to his reckless and ridiculous attacks upon the churches. But those who know the tolerant, broad-minded Hillis could not ascribe his attitude to anything but a personal animosity.

Dr. Hillis never flinched in the face of an assault; and the professor was a blasphemer would not deter Dr. Hillis from appearing on the same platform with him.

Dr. Hillis has a right to his rebuke. He is in the light of the disclosures by Dr. Hillis his firm stand in the hostile approval of all right-minded men. Many men differ in their views concerning politics and theology, but on the question of the integrity of the home, they are agreed.

Aguinaldo's Address.

Boston Herald. While we may rejoice if Aguinaldo's address to his countrymen has sufficient influence with them to bring the blessing of peace to this distracted country, it is heretic to confess that its wording is not heroic. He must considerably lower himself in the minds of those who have put him on a pedestal when he describes the cause of peace as having "been joyfully embraced by the majority of my fellow-countrymen who have already united around the glorious sovereignty of the United States."

Roosevelt Boom Begun.

The friendly Washington correspondent of the New York Mail and Express reports that the organized booming of Vice-President Roosevelt for full Presidential honors in 1904 is in progress. Here are the details: "As Colonel Roosevelt is especially strong in the West, his friends in that section have started an organization to secure his election."

Another Heroic Wrong.

Chicago Record-Herald. One by one our National heroes perform the useful act of kicking their pedestals from beneath their own feet. Gunnar Morgan, who was elevated to public attention by Admiral Sampson's silliness, has brought a suit against his wife for divorce on the ground of desertion.

Spot That Is Not Murder.

New York Tribune. In a feat which is being called an international series of matches in the shooting of clay pigeons between the smartest experts of Great Britain and the United States will be decided. How much clatter and snar that tournament of marksmanship will be than any possible meeting of crack shots who insist upon the old fashioned, objectionable butchery of live birds!

Worth the Money.

Baltimore American. England has received one signal benefit from the Boer war. Her tramps have all gone to South Africa and she is, consequently, free from one of the great problems of modern society. A trampless condition is worth all the money that has been spent to bring it about, however inadvertently.

CUBA'S FOREIGN TRADE.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—In a recent statement given to the press by the Division of Insular Affairs of the War Department, a considerable loss was indicated in the trade of Cuba with the United States for the first eight months of 1900, as compared with the same period of 1899. It is now explained by the Division of Insular Affairs that in that statement the value of gold and silver coin and bullion was included in the total value of commerce between Cuba and the United States.

It is ascertained that instead of there being a decrease in the volume of imports into Cuba from the United States, there is an increase of \$1,200,000 for the first eight months of 1900 over the same period of 1899.

It is stated that while there may have been an impulse of sentiment at the close of the war on the part of the present Cuban importers to buy from the country that first secured to them the freedom of trade, there is no evidence of it to be found in the subsequent statistics.

The same is true of cotton goods. It is said that more than a cargo from the United States than from New York and the Caribbees, like the Mexicans, have come to prefer goods of European make, and the European manufacturers are accordingly getting a better market.

The apparent loss in the exportations from Cuba to the United States during the 1900 period, as compared with the 1899 period, as shown by the figures in the press statements hereinbefore mentioned, is accounted for by the division as follows: "The greater part of the tobacco shipped to Europe goes by the way of New York, and during the first nine months of 1900, when heavy shipments of insular tobacco were reported to the Division of Insular Affairs did not disclose the final destination of this commodity. It is not possible now to determine the exact loss, but it should be credited to the United States and to the rest of the world, Europe almost exclusively; but, judging the exportations of 1899 by those of 1900, it is reasonable to assume that about \$7,000,000 worth of tobacco, chiefly cigars, destined for Europe, more particularly Germany and the United Kingdom, were credited to the United States."

Yield of the War Tax.

Up to March 31, 1901, the war revenue act of June 13, 1898, has produced \$69,364,477. Commissioner of Internal Revenue Yerkes has held that express receipts for goods and merchandise to be transported from the United States to any other country are not exempt from tax under decisions of the Supreme Court in the matter of export bills of lading.

Explanation Asked For.

Assistant Secretary Spaulding today wrote a letter to the Secretary of State in which he requested of Lord Pauncefoot an explanation by the Canadian Government of the seizure April 23 at Nanaimo, B. C., of the cargo steamer, which was sent into Canadian waters to raise the wrecked steamer Villamette, which is said to be in violation of the Canadian law.

Smallpox on Indian Reservations.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs today received an official report from the Tulalip Indian Agency, Washington, announcing that smallpox exists on the Indian reservations adjacent to the Tulalip reservation, and in other reservations within the jurisdiction of Tulalip Agency. Vaccination is being carried on by the Port of Swinomish, Lummi and Tulalip reservations and a liberal additional supply of vaccine points will be sent to the agent at Tulalip.

Dewey Wants a Neutral Canal.

NEW YORK, April 29.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: In agreeing to insert in the proposed Hawaiian canal treaty a provision guaranteeing the neutrality of the projected waterway, Secretary Hay has taken account of the fact that the President will pledge the United States to observe the principle of neutrality in the convention under negotiation, the Admiral concluded.

"Splendid. More than a year ago I said that the canal should be neutral. I am more convinced today of the necessity of such action. Erection of fortifications would make the canal a neutral zone of the prime objectives of our enemy's operations in time of war. Besides their expense and would entail enormous expense to keep them manned and in proper condition. I see no necessity for them. The neutrality of the canal can be guaranteed by our fleet. The canal is to be a commercial waterway, and a neutralization therefore will mean its preservation."

Iowa Lieutenant's Accounts Short.

GEORGE A. REED, acting commissary of the Fifty-first Volunteer Iowa Regiment, is charged with being short \$22,424 in his accounts with the Federal Government and was instituted against him today by United States Attorney Miles to the name of the United States. It is charged in the petition that the commissary, while in the office of President at San Francisco, received stores aggregating over \$22,000 in value, for which he has not accounted and for the value of which he still owes the Government. By order of Attorney Miles was instructed to bring suit.

Coghlan Objects to the Assignment.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., April 29.—Captain J. B. Coghlan called on Secretary of the Navy Long here today and requested that he be not assigned to the USS Albatross. "The Albatross is a vessel troubled with pleurisy and is afraid the low altitude will be prejudicial to his health. In one year more he has the privilege of retiring as a Rear-Admiral on half pay."

Trout Buying Sugar Estates.

SAN JUAN, April 29.—It is reported here that the American Sugar Refining Company is getting options on large estates here.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

Dramatic note.—The war drama "In South Africa," is enjoying an uninterrupted run. The blue laws of Omaha seem to be designed to prevent the public from painting the town red. If some apprentice highwayman wants to achieve sudden fame, let him hold up the President's train.

Aguinaldo has purchased a typewriter. He is evidently determined to economize by acting as his own press agent.

Frick has been buying farms near Camden, and it is expected that he will soon begin to set out his young steel plants.

The fact that Senator Hanna is not a member of the President's excursion party will be a cruel blow to the editor of the Commoner.

So many prizefighters are retiring from the stage that it is feared that soon the only representative of the manly sport will be a few lights.

It would be worth considerable to several authors we know of to be excommunicated and exiled just before the publication of a new book.

Chicago is paying for grand opera at the rate of \$1,000 a night. And yet there are people who say Chicago cannot appreciate grand opera!

Mrs. Natton is now trying to convert the Police Judges. The lady, if she succeeds, will make the laborers of Hercules look like falling off a log.

Mr. Schwab is said to be satisfied with his million-dollar-a-year salary. He ought to be. It is large enough to enable him to spend a week of two every year at a Summer resort hotel.

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The life of a master distiller by Byron cannot have been easy. The poet carried a loaded pistol, he tore down gratings, darkmaster's property, "because they hardened the hall"; he refused invitations to dinner, because "he should never think of asking Dr. Butler to dine with him at Newstead"; in fact, he behaved in a rebellious, high-spirited, poetical fashion, but through the excellent good sense of his master, he did little harm at the time, and he generously confessed himself sorry for it afterwards.

The private kitchen of the Sultan of Turkey is a veritable fortress, consisting of a small chamber situated to the right of the great entrance, and is guarded by barred windows and an armor-plated door. The cook officiates under the ever-watchful eye of the kalaridji, one of the most weighty functionaries in the palace, at Constantinople, for the health, the very life even of the ruler is at his mercy. When cooked, each dish is fastened with red wax, bearing the official seal of the kalaridji, and remains hermetically closed until the seals are broken in the Sultan's own presence.

PLEASANTRIES OF PARAPHRASERS. A Long Time Between Doves.—"A dollar bird and liver of state two weeks." "Well, you're a green hand; a dollar bottle of coal liver oil lasts me a year."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Philanthropist.—She (laughingly)—I happen to know that you have already proposed to two other girls this year. He—Yes, dear, but I assure you it was only out of compassion.—Detroit Free Press.

Culture in the Outside.—"How is your Shakespeare Club coming on, Nancy?" "Oh, we have to postpone it nearly every time because somebody wants to give a lecture."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Unfortunate.—"That was a terrible typographical blunder your paper made," said a foreign nobleman to the editor. "What was it?" "You referred to the heiress I am about to marry as my fiancée."—Washington Star.

To a Withered Wild Flower. L. P. Brown in Field and Stream. Dist. "waste" your "sweetness on the dew." Because you lived as born, "to blush unseen." Your subtle fragrance, hues so blue and fair, Gladdening no human eye, O floral queen, Mosee-bird and thrush were with you in this glade! The earth, the air and sky, the breathing brook— To those your vivid bud and flower displayed, Made your life perfect in your sylvan nook.

You did not need a glance from human eye To make your mission and your blushing sweet. Some things that else were wasted 'neath the sky. Yes, in yourself, all rounded and complete, You lived and budded, blossomed, withered here. A gladness, fair creation of your God, Your mission well performed. And oh, how dear The wild-flower's life and death on this lone sod!

Wayfarers. C. H. T. in Good Words. Wayfarers well from dawn to distant dawn, Treading the route unnumbered feet have trod. The sun and shadowed highway leading on, Through flowery fields, o'er tangled wastes, to God.

From early Spring, with blossoms overhead, To Summer's fulling bending on the tree, Gladdening no human eye, O floral queen, And Winter's chilling snows, wayfarers well, And Winter's chilling snows, wayfarers well, And Winter's chilling snows, wayfarers well.