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MORE RIOTS IN FRANCE. Hounted Police Charge Mob Which

Defends the Monks, PARIS, April 24.—Manifestations grow-PARIS, April 34.—Manifestations growing out of the dispersion of the congregations continue to be reported from the provinces. The most serious disorder of the day occurred this evening at Nantes, where mounted gendarmes were forced to charge several times to scatter a crowd of some 2000 persons. Twenty-three arrests were made, the Marquis de Dion, member of the Chamber of Deputies from Leire-Inferioure, being among those ap-Leire-Infericure, being among those ap-

Dispatches from Grenoble said that the day passed quietly at the monastery Grande Chartreuse, where the monks

Sails for Midway Cable Station. HONOLULU. April 24.—The steamer Hanalel, which has been chartered by the Commercial Pacific Cubic Company, sailed sday from Honolulu with operating staff, billders' materials and electrical apparat-us for Midway and Guam. Midway is an uninhabited bland in the Pacific which the Government selected as a station for the Pacific cable,

TOM JOHNSON DECLINES. Does Not Want Presidential Nomina

tion-Prefers Geveland.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 28.-Mayor Tom L. Johnson, under date of April 21, wrote the following letter to J. L. W. Merrill, of this city, a Democratic politician, in response to a letter from Merrill discussing Johnson's nomination for President in 1994.

"Replying to your favor of the 17th instant, permit me to say that I think my field of usefulness is right here in this city, and at most in the State of Ohlo, and I must condemn any movement such as you speak of as both unwise and un-desirable. The mere talk about desirance. The mere task about normating me in 1904 is a positive injury to what I am accomplishing here, and it does seem to be too bad to interfere with the work that is bearing such good fruit. I know you, as a friend of mine, will discourage

this in every way possible.
"I am grateful to you for your kind
words, but believe that on reflection you
will agree with my conclusion."

Lonbet Will Visit London. LONDON, April 24.—It is reported here that the visit to London of President Loubet of France has been fixed for July.

Brilliant Meteor Bursts Over Portland.

WITH LOUD DETONATION

Dazzles the Eyes of Many Startled Spectators.

MOVES RAPIDLY TO THE WEST

Henvenly Visitor Is the Size of Moon, Sheds a Dazzling Radiance, and Leaves a Trail of Bluish White Light.

WHAT THE PHENOMENON WAS

E. A. Beniz, local forecast official described are not very frequent, and soon as a meteor enters the atmosphere and they soon disappear, unless very large, as this one was. The fact of losion is accounted for by the contraction of the beated mass that the fragments disappeared from

ight. Flashing across the sky with a rare brilliance, then exploding with a deonation that was heard in every part of through the clouds that were hanging low in the northeast, the meteor had all the of the explosion I heard a minute or appearance of a full moon bursting into after. The whole phenomena lasted oy across the sky at a rapid rate, shedding sparks as brilliantly as the sputiering of an enormous are light, interest in the a scar upon the object of its attack. The were the ones raided. the time of the first flash at ten minutes before 8 o'clock, and was observed by people in all parts of the city.

Strange Light Up Above. M. M. Moore, who was in the Goodyear Rubber Company building, at 73 First street, was the first to telephone into The Oregonian the terrifying news that the nerial batteries had opened up fire on the "My attention was called to the strange light in the heavens," said he, "and looking overhead I saw the meteor. In appearance, it was very much like the moon, bluish in color, and shedding a very bright radiance. It seemed to be very lose to the earth, and was moving very fast. It first made its appearance at ten minutes to 8 o'clock. I ran down to the street to get a better view. A building shut off my view, however, but a few inutes later I was surprised to hear an explosion. I connected the sight of the very much like thunder, and I imagined it had struck the earth. I immediately telephoned The Oregonian to ask whether any news had been received as to where the meteor had struck."

Mr. Mears Smelled Sulphur. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Mears, of 341 North Twenty-second street, were in their yard when the meteor burst on their vision We saw a light in the heavens like the full moon," said Mrs. Mears, a few minutes after the appearance. "It passed slowly along like a comet, giving out a light of a bluish-green and pink. To me it had all the appearance of a comet The radiance was as brilliant as that of Pendleton has a driving association. Page 4. the full moon shining. Three minutes nfter the first appearance, after the me teor had passed from view to the west. we heard a tremendous explosion, and Mr. Mears thought he detected the odor

of sulphur in the air." L. K. Hodges, who resides at 590 East Morrison street, was on his way down town when he was startled to observe a No sutside interest in stock speculation. Page sudden suffusion of light off to the north I looked up," said Mr. Hodges, "and I saw a shining ball of fire moving rap-It was just above the line of the housetops, and was going in almost a horizontal line. It looked to me like solid ball of white-hot iron, almost the size of the moon. It lighted the whole heavens, and left besides a distinct trail of light behind it. All at once the descended rapidly to the earth and the main body went on till it finally disappeared. I heard a loud detonation, but I could not say definitely that it came from the meteor. I can give no idea whatever as to the distance of the ball

of fire from the earth," S. H. Shaw, of 1214 East Salmon street eyond Sunnyside, had a good view of the heavenly visitor. "I was standing out the northeast. I thought at first it was

was a bluish-white, not red at all, and t was shedding sparks like an arc light In fact, it seemed to be hissing and throwing out fire. I followed it with my

eyes for about a quarter of a minute, until it seemed to be about over Albina. A minute later I heard a tremend explosion, a loud noise that died away like thunder. When it exploded in the air it passed from sight. The sound was precisely like a thunderclap at a distance and the echo lasted for a long time. My

"It looked to me," said C. N. Atwood nightwatchman at the Doernbecher fac tory on East Twenty-eighth street, "to be an oblong body about six inches in diam eter and about 18 inches long. As near as l could make out, the thing disappeared somewhere in Irvington. Afterward I heard an explosion that sounded like th rumbling of thunder."

neighbor, Mr. Bittner, saw it explode in three pieces, after which it disap-

Meteor Broke in Two.

J. P. Betts, who lives at 1688 Thurma street, on Willamette Heights, first noticed a distinct illumination toward the east. "It seemed to me," he said, "that it first appeared over the Oregonian building. It moved swiftly down toward Linnton and then, when apparently above that place, broke in two. The light disappeared in, say, two or three seconds of ten seconds a loud explosion. I am satisfied the meteor did not strike the earth. The whole duration of the pho-

nomena was about 40 seconds." A feminine voice rang up: "Did you see the comet? Well, I did. I was looking at the sky when I saw what I thought was the new moon emerging from the clouds in the northeast. I turned to wish over my right shoulder, when I saw that the thing was moving. Then I knew that it was a comet. I followed it with my eyes until finally it burst into small and disappeared. Then I heard a sound like a thunderclap. I immediately rang up a friend that lives at Columbia Slough, and he said that the explosion shook the house. I want to know where the thing landed. I'm sorry you don't

Mrs. Helen Clayton, of 675 West Park, near Clifton, was in her rose garden when she saw the strange sight. "Look-Portland had a heavenly visitor last ing up in the heavens, I saw a large green thing as big as a quart bowl. It looked about the size of the moon, and, emerging from the clouds, stretched out the city, a meteor dazzled the eyes of to about six feet, in length and commany stargagers, while its sensational menced moving to the west. It was brilexit startled the ears of those who had lint in its radiance and moved steadily observed the phenomenon. First peeping across the sky, rather close to the earth until it burst into two sparks. The noise

sparks as brilliantly as the spatiering of an enormous are light, interest in the spectacic was groused, and the watchers followed its course toward the west. Shedding a radiance of a biash-white that told of its destructive conflict with the air, the aerial missile swept across the heavens until a sound like a distant thunder clap, echoing and reverberating from hill to hill, announced to the spectators the explosion of the unfriendly shell. Scattering into two or three flaming fragments, the meteor burned itself up in the air, seemingly without inflicting a scar upon the object of its attack. The

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By Russian Demand for

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PROTEST WILL BE ENTERED

Distinct Pledge Was Given to United States.

EFFECT ON AMERICAN TRADE

United States, Great Britain and Japan Will Certainly Object to Granting of Russian Terms, but War Is Not Expected.

MANCHURIA.

The Chinese province of Manchuria is in the extreme northeast of the empire, bordering on Siberia and Korea. Its area is 362,310 square miles, and its population is estimated at 7,500,600 to 18,000,000.

Its value to Russia is that it gives access to the Gulf of Lino-Tung and thus to Purt Arthur, which furnishes an open harbor for the terminus of the Trans-Siberian railroad. Russia has built a brunch of the railroad through the province to Dalny, a new port, near Port Arthur, which has been ceded by China. The Siberian terminus of the road is Viadivostok, which is closed by

The country is shut in by high mounfains, and the northern part is a high-plateau, both mountains and plateau being covered by dense forests. The valleys and great alluvial plains bear rich crops of pulse, barley, wheat, millet, maire, rice, cotton, indigo, tobacco, ginseng and rhuburb.

WASHINGTON, April 24.-Minister Conger, from Pekin, has cabled to Sec-retary Hay a synopsis of the demands made upon China by Russia respecting control of Manchuria. This account agrees precisely with the full and ac curate press report of Bussin's last con Hay will take no action in the matter up til he has communicated the facts to the President and learned the latter's wishes The political impression here is that the Russian action is a distinct breach of faith with the United States. The Russian Government pledged itself three times formally and the documents are of maintained in Manchuria and Russian troops would be withdrawn as soon as peace was restored. Finally, the latter promise took the shape of a treaty stipu-

It was provided that the evacuation should take place within three distinct periods. The last Russian soldier should have quit Manchuria on the 8th of this month, according to that treaty. But a plausible explanation for a temporary retention of the remaining Russian troops was offered by Russia in the claim that the country was still disturbed, and that vigorous military methods were necessary in the interest of sanitation.

No Danger of War. Officials declare that there is no danger

of war with Russia over this incident. The Government of the United States has recorded its ideas of what should be done in Manchuria, and as the result of Secretary Hay's projected conference with gether in this matter. the President it is probable that a further remonstrance will be added. But it is anticipated that Russia will for the

States, by carrying out its pledge as

There will be no additional treaty port in Manchuria if Russia succeeds in this move. Niu Chwang, however, still a treaty port, and when Russia makes a further move of applying her customs system to that port. United States products may enter there at the same uniform rate of 5 per cent duty as is collected in the Southern Chinese

An official of the Government well in formed regarding Chinese affairs' says that the step taken by Russia is one for which she has been preparing for a number of years. Extraordinary as it may seem he says, there appears to be no way of preventing the consummation of Rus sia's plan. Japan is in no position t dispute this action, and, even with the assistance of England, it is doubtful, in his opinion, whether the purpose of Russia could be changed. As to the interest of this Government, he said, it was doubtful whether the United States could look with favor upon the far greater control of the Pacific Ocean which the new move would give Russia

Effect on American Trade. He had no doubt that Rusisa would

eventually apply the Russian tariff to the new territory, in which case the United stans raw materials for manufacture in place of the finished products which now go to that part of China. He said that there had been great development in Manchuria under the Russian auspice during the past few years, and especially in the last eight months, sums of money, he said, have been spent in building railroads, bridges and other works to improve transportation routes and build industries. This was particularly the case at Dalny, the port about 40 miles from Port Arthur, which has not only been greatly improved, but well for tified. The port is in the leased territory which was discussed in correspon dence between the United States and Russian governments in 1899.

Count Cassini, the Russian Ambassador said concerning the announcement made in the dispatches from Pekin relative to the conditions which Russia has named

Count Cassini Explains,

have not yet received official news and, in consequence, cannot discuss points mentioned in the dispatches. I can say, generally speaking, however, that it is only natural that Russia, before evac uating Manchuria, should take measures to prevent a repetition of the troubles of 1898, as well as to insure in that country her political influence, which was never contested, owing to its geographical posi-

proposed terms named in the dispatch om Pekin would affect American trade interests in Manchuria, the Ambassador repeating that he could not discuss the natches, said he had not been efficially advised of them, adding:

In answer to questions as to how the

on different occasions relative to the security of American trade interests in Man churia continue in full force, and could

not be otherwise construed." Three Powers Will Protest,

The dispatches from Pekin announcing the terms which Russia has named to China for the carrying out of the Manchurian agreement were read with deep concern in diplomatic circles today. While reasons, to publicly comment on them, it is expected that at least the United States Great Britain and Japan will join in a firm note to the Chinese government, insisting that China do not agree to the conditions which Russia seeks to impose. It is rather expected today in diplomatic quarters that the United States will take the initiative, possibly because of the prompt action taken by Secretary Hay on one other occasion when Russia sought t secure an agreement with China, which was held by this and other powers to be inimical to their interests. The interests of the United States. Great Britain and Japan in Manchuria are such, it is said, as to bring those countries closely to

Another reason which leads at least some of the diplomats to think that the (Concluded on Second Page.)

President Starts on His Journey Eastward.

SPEAKS ON WONDERLAND

Yellowstone Park Is Beautiful Playground,

WHERE WILD BEASTS ARE TAME

In Laying Cornerstone of Northern Gate. He Tells of Importance of Preserving It and of Beautica He Has Seen.

PRESIDENT'S PTINERARY TO

ST. LOUIS. Alliance, Neb. Saturday, April 25 Grand Island, Neb Sunday, April 36 Hastings, Lincoln, Fremont and Omaha, Neb.......Monday, April 27 Shenandosh, Clarinds, Van Wert, Osceola, Des Moines and Oskaloosa, Is......Tuesday, April 28 Keokuk, Is.; Quincy, III.; Hanni-

Dedication of St. Louis Fair.

GARDINER, Mont., April 34.-President osevelt this afternoon resumed his tour of the West. Before going, however, he participated in the laying of the cornerstone of the new gate at the northern entrance to Yellowstone Park. The ceremony was performed according to the Masonic ritual, and was in charge of the grand officers of the State of Montana Special trains brought hundreds of peo ple here, including a large body of Ma

ns, and, as the weather was perfect, the scene was very pretty. ecompanied by Major Pitcher, and was scorted to a gally decorated stand, where he delivered an address. Troops B and C of the Third Cavairy, from Fort Telstand as a guard of honor. Frank E. Smith, grand master, conducted the services. The President, on behalf of the Masons of the state, was presented with a Montana gold. There were placed in the stone a picture of President Roosevelt, a number of coins, copies of newspapers

Maronic emblems. The President began his address by thanking the people and the soldiers for spoke of the natural wonders of the park

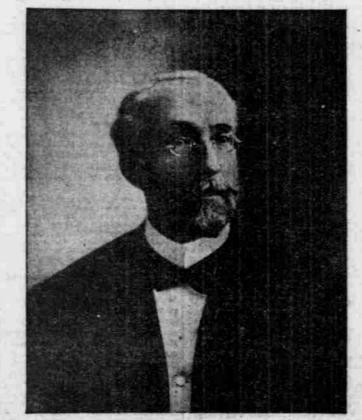
Yellowstone Park Unique. The Yellowstone Park," he said, "is nething absolutely unique in this world, as far as I know. Nowhere else in any civilized country is there to be found such a tract of veritable wonderland, made accessible to all visitors, where at the same time not only the scenery of the wilderness but the wild creatures of the park are scrupulously preserved as they were, the only change being that these wild creatures have been so carefully protected as to show literally astounding tameness. The creation and preservation of such a natural playground in the midst of our people as a whole is a credit to the Nation, and above all a credit to Montana, Wyoming and Idaho. It has been preserved with wise forethought. The scheme of its preservation is noteworthy in its estential democracy. This park was created and now is administered for the relief and enjoyment of the people. The Government must continue to appropriate for it, especially in the direction of completing and perfecting an excellent system

of driveways. The only way that the people as a whole can secure to themselves and their children the enjoyment in perpetuity of what the Yellowstone Park has to give la by assuming the ownership in the name of the Nation and by legally safeguarding and preserving the scenery, the forests and the creatures. At present it is rather singular that a greater number of people ome from Europe than from our own Eastern States to see it. The people near by seem awake to its beauties, and I hope that more and more of our people who dwell far off will appreciate its really character. Incidentally, should like to point out that some time people will awaken to the fact that the park has special beauties to be seen in Winter, and any person who can through it in that season on skis will joy himself as he scarcely could elsewhere. I wish especially to congratulate the people of Montana, Wyoming and Idaho, and notably you of Gardiner and Cinnabar and the immediate outskirts of the park, for the way in which you heartily co-operate with the superintendent to prevent acts of vandalism and destruction.

Preservation of Forests. "The preservation of the forests is, of every public reserve of this character, In this region of the Rocky Mountains and the great plains the problem of the water supply is the most important part of the home-maker's office. Congress has not of recent years done anything more important than passing the irrigation bill, and nothing is more essential to the preservation of the water supply than the preservation of the forests. Montana has in its water power a source of development which has hardly been touched. water power will be seriously impaired if

ample protection is not given the for-(Concluded on Second Page,)

GOVERNOR OF WYOMING CRITICALLY ILL



DE FOREST RICHARDS.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., April 24 -Governor De Forest Richards, who lies critically of acute inflammation of the kidneys at his home, in this city, is little im-oved tonight, and a specialist has again been called into consultation by the