

RUSSIA IS DEFIANT

Fears Expressed in London on Outcome in Far East.

ULTIMATUM WAS NOT SENT

Japan, It is Believed, Will Not Accede to the Principles in Russian Note, at Wide Variance With Her Ideas.

Manchu Nobles Are Blamed

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Daily Mail's Pekin correspondent declares that a few Manchu nobles, who are under Russian influence, are delaying the conclusion of an alliance between China and Japan.

TIMBER GOING FAST.

Oregon is Losing Very Valuable Land.

DEMANDS THAT CLASH.

Japan Wants Korea—Russia Wants to Erect Commandery Posts.

Record of Oregon City Office.

Oregon City in 1902 returned 226 timber entries covering 23,292 acres, from which it derived a total revenue of \$23,420.

FEAR PROSPECT OF WAR.

London Papers Do Not, However, Have Any Very Bad News.

JAPANESE GENERALS GO HOME

Pekin Believes That Grave Crisis is Approaching.

DISCREDITED AT PEKIN.

PEKIN, Dec. 20.—The report cable from Tien Tsin to London Saturday to the effect that Japan had sent an ultimatum to Russia is discredited and no corroboration is in possession of the legations.

More Trouble for Chang Yi.

TIEN TRIN, Dec. 20.—The reason for the degradation of Chang Yi, director of the Northern Railway, and the taking from him of all his honors, as cabled yesterday, is that in 1902 he sold the valuable mines at Keping, Chang Yi has been given two months' grace, during which he is expected to agree to bring the mines under Chinese control.

No Russian Officers for Corea.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Daily Mail's Tokio correspondent says that the Korean Foreign Office denies the reported agreement to employ Russian officers in the Korean Army.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The state has no right to tax all the people for schools that all the people do not patronize.

SO SAYS ARCHBISHOP QUIGLEY

Special Grievance That Teachers in Chicago Public Schools Must Graduate From City Normal School—Complains of War on Church.

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night. "He never treated the girl well and recently drove her away from home. Her mother is dead. I used to be in the expectation of marrying her. I told the girl that we would come out here and take up a homestead each."

The case will be called before Municipal Judge Hogue tomorrow and the girl will probably be turned over to the Boys and Girls' Aid Society.

FLOOD ON COWEMAN.

Big Logging Dam Breaks, Letting Water Loose.

A weak dam very nearly caused the death of five men on the Coweman River, Washington, Sunday morning. According to the story told by Harry Barr, a logger from the Coweman, who arrived in town last night after an exciting encounter with the flood, Harry Barr, of this city, manager of the Coweman Driving & Rafting Company, and four loggers went out to the middle of the company's new dam to trip the gauge and let out the 70 acres of imprisoned water.

The site of the dam is four miles up the Coweman, which empties into the Cowlitz. The Coweman Driving & Rafting Company built a dam there a year ago, but it was carried away by the flood. Last summer the company decided to build an exceptionally strong dam, and the structure when finished was 600 feet long and 40 feet high. It looked faultless and that week it was washed away by the first drive. At 8 o'clock Saturday morning the five men went out on the dam when it gave way in the unexpected way mentioned. The loss is \$15,000.

Such a large volume of water let loose all at once flooded the entire valley of the Coweman, and two logging camps further down the stream were carried away completely, though no one was drowned. The camp of Robert H. Barr was only a mile below the dam, and nothing was saved. A thousand dollars' worth of provisions and tools were lost. The donkey engine was uprooted and stranded on a log-jam. The water came so quickly that it broke in the roof of the stable before the onrush of the flood carried it away. A horse inside swam out through the hole made by the roof. Two miles further down the stream was Barr's camp where a woman and child were alone in danger. A wall of water ten feet high came down on them but they managed to reach high land and escaped being drowned.

Why the dam broke has not been fathomed. It was apparently strong enough to hold twice the volume of water, and no one had expected its weakness. One explanation that has a good deal of credence down on the Coweman is that it was blown up. After the dam broke several people living near said that at about 6 o'clock that morning they heard an explosion from the neighborhood of the dam. Whether that explosion was dynamite placed by the company or a preliminary cracking of the dam or merely one of the stories that always spread after an accident, the members of the company are trying to ascertain. They do not think they have any enemies though they have had several lawsuits that have caused some bad blood. The owners of the company are James Muckle of this city, State Senator McKinnon, of Cowlitz county, and Frank and Harry Bailey.

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The residence of Allan A. Wright, at the corner of Sixth and Montgomery streets, seems to be a shining mark for the burglars now operating in Portland. Mr. Wright is chief clerk at the Portland Hotel, and his duties keep him away from home at night. This fact seems to be well known to the gum-shoe fraternity.

About a month ago a thief entered the house and had the family plate and jewels all collected and was in the act of making his getaway, when a small cocker spaniel raised an alarm and frightened the rascal into a hasty escape. Since that time suspicious-looking men have been prowling about the premises and Saturday night another attempt was made. The family was away from home at the time and no one was in the house but a nurse girl and a Chinese servant, who sleeps in the basement. About 10:30 o'clock the girl heard some one at the front door, and thinking it was Mr. Wright, she opened it. As a precaution she called to know who was there and was roughly ordered to open the door. She saw through the glass in the door a large shabby-dressed man, according to her story, wore a false beard and a handkerchief over the upper part of his face as a disguise. The girl refused his admission, and he went to the telephone and called on the police station for help. She also rang the bell to arouse the Chinaman in the basement. The captain in charge at the police station telephoned Mr. Wright, who came to the house and was being burglarized and that gentleman rushed to a side door of the hotel, where a baggage wagon was unloading and told the driver the situation.

When he saw his horse into a run and with Mr. Wright did a spirited imitation of Sheridan's ride all the way from the Portland to the residence. When they arrived on the scene the premises were searched, but the burglar had evidently taken flight and fled.

Some time later a police officer came from the station to investigate the trouble. Mr. Wright spent almost the entire night in the house with a rifle, but nothing more happened. He came down yesterday morning and secured a building with a state reputation for safety, which he has installed as a red-hot reputation committee in the event of a recurrence of Saturday night's episode.

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TIMELY SUGGESTIONS. You may be puzzled to answer some friend or relative who has asked what you wish for a holiday gift. Here are several suggestions that may assist you, both sensible, useful presents. If you are still undecided, come into our store and we can offer you a hundred others just as good.

OFFICE DESKS. Have you a roomy, comfortable desk with a wide writing bed and plenty of pigeonhole space? Is your office furnished with the comforts and conveniences which make the daily routine of business go more smoothly, for their saving of time and worry? No matter if your office be large or small, we have a comfortable desk for you and the right sort of chair for it. We are showing a very handsome line of flat-top and roll-top office desks in selected oaks, fitted with all modern conveniences. Look at them and see if it would not pay you to discard the old one.

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TURKISH CRUISER A SUCCESS. Exceeds Her Contract Speed on a Chesapeake Bay Course. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.—The cruiser Medjidia, built for the Turkish government by the Cramp Shipbuilding Company, returned here tonight from her trial trip, which proved to be a success in every way to her builders.

GIRL SAVED FROM RUIN. Uncle Places Her in North End Dive and Is Arrested. Driven from home by a drunken father in Marshalltown, Ia., and taken in charge by an uncle who was a saloon keeper, Elma Smith, aged 17 years, last night found herself an employe in the Owl Saloon on North Third street, subject to the abuses and insults heaped upon a woman in such a place. Through two young men, whose names are not known, she made known to the police her condition and was last night taken in charge by the officers. The uncle, giving his name as R. Birk, was arrested last night shortly after 11 o'clock.

FOREMAN'S LIFE THREATENED. Gang of Italian Laborers Have Him Surrounded in a Depot. LEAVENWORTH, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—M. Florence, foreman of a gang of 25 Italians just laid off, is surrounded in the depot here by angry foremen, who say that if he dares to step outside the depot he will get bullets put through him. The Italians were promised transportation to St. Paul, and they tore their bunks from the outfit cars, thinking they would leave on their train. The transportation did not show up, and they have no place to sleep and no money to buy food.

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ABERDEEN HAS LOST MONEY. The directors of the Aberdeen Athletic Association has decided to sell its grounds, near this city, to pay the debts of the organization, which amount to \$300. The association was organized two years ago and has maintained a team in the Southwest Washington League. The association has had no money.

JAG THAT COST MONEY. M'INNIVILLE, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Yesterday Constable Joe Brower returned from the country with Will Spencer, whom he arrested for the theft of a team and wagonload of flour. Early in the day Spencer came town on a saddle horse, which he put up at the City Feed Stables. He then proceeded to load up with plenty of bad whisky. Returning to the stable in the evening he picked out a fine gray team and ordered the boy in charge to hitch them to a wagon loaded with flour that stood in the stable. With this charge Spencer drove home. He paid all costs and was released.

NO CHANCE FOR LOOT. Secretary of State Has Provided Legislature With Necessary. SALEM, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Secretary of State Dunbar has incurred no extra expense on account of the special session of the Legislature. He has procured no new supplies and is prepared to furnish the members with only a few