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PORTLAND, OREGON, MONDAY, MARCH 13,

All this, however,

are on the verge of insunity caused by the

the truck, all heavier than those first WRAPPED IN STARS AND BARS

TOKIO, March 12 .- (7 P. M.)-The following report was received today from

"The number of prisoners, spolls and

the enemy's estimated casualties agains

Shakhe follow, but the number of pris-

oners, guns and spolls are increasing mo-

"Prisoners, over 40,000, including General

The man may be innocent, as he declares dence, now that he is in the tolls of the law, it will task the skill of Medley & has written the name of Fletcher have yeu, of Eugene, to their utmost, in order to extricate him from the deadly coll that District Attorney Brown is weaving about which is said by Fletcher to be a for-

The history of John Branton and that of his family is an interesting one. It be that he is innocent. His friends, and they are many, believe that John Branton is suffering for the sins of his brother, Claud Branton, who was hanged in Eugene several years ago. This may be true. If he is a victim of the stigma cast upon a family because a renegade son brutally murdered an old man and

tempered for the shorn lamb should temcast upon Branton.

Since the death of his first wife, years ago now, Branton has lived under a cloud. three women. If the state attempts to 'his cloud grow black and somber when his second wife died. It became a sinister thing when he became involved in

trouble in the collection of \$3000 worth of life insurance held by this wife. There was insurance on both wives. The first wife held a policy for \$1000, and the secnd wife was worth more, or would have been, at least, if Branton had not been forced into a settlement, so it is alleged, to stave off an investigation.

There was no insurance on the third wife, but Branton is said to have tried to friend here that John Branton had been the so-called awards, consisting of medpersuade her to take out some insurance. awfully good to her. Mrs. Price is also Branton, the third, refused because of the ugly rumors and suspicions that John Branton had supplied her with award ribbon committee, by authority of were affout over the deaths of the former divoren.

In a little town in lowa is said to By the death of the third woman, however, Branton becomes possessor of a live the other woman that John Bran-house and lot in Cottage Grove. This ton had in view as the fourth Mrs. ton had in view as the fourth Mrs. house and lot, so the story goes, has been Branton. mortgaged by Branton since the death of It is not known how John Branton

Wife No. 3

Shooting of John Fletcher.

What has brought the storm that has fallen on John Branton's shoulders is the oting of John Fletcher. The talk which sprang up last December, when the third Branton died, resulted to a warrant being sworn out against him. The Sheriff from Eugene came to Cottage Grove to serve it, but it was never served. There soldier, who lived on the McKenzie was a reason for this, which will come River. Three children were born to nut Inter

this wedlock-Blanche, now aged 12; It was first given out that Fletcher had Sumuel, aged 10, and Marvin, aged 9. itted suicide. This was because the These little tots are at the home of morning of March 9, Marshal H. E. Un; their late stepmother, vaguely wonderrwood received a letter purporting to ing in their childish innocence why have been written by Fletcher, stating their father does not come home. hat his body would be found on the trail When the first Mrs. Branton died Bran between Cottage Grove and the Branton ton received \$1000 insurance money. Bran The Marshal was just getting ton had a fad for insuring his wives. All or a part of this \$1000 John Branton is ready to make an investigation, when Dr. E. Corpron, who had been summoned said to have spont in lifting a mortgage which his father had placed on his farm to the Branton rauch to attend Fictcher. was wounded, returned. The physifor the purpose of defending his son Claud, who was on trial for the murder of Linn. Mrs. Branton the second was Mrs. Anna clan had been sunt for by John Branton. abe explained to the doctor that Fletcher had attempted milcide

Fletcher told a different story to the

both Fletcher and Branton are in the possession of preacher's wild exhortations, and it is he is. If he is, he is a victim of that Attorney Brown, and they will be sent also said that he has attacked many prominent people from his pulpit. On th

Letters and notes wherein Branton other hand, his meetings have been atof Cottage Grove, and Lark Bil- been found, and they also will come untended by many prominent citizens. Kaywood, on being interviewed by a der close scrutiny. The letter which was malled to the City Marshal, and Oregonian representative, said that he had no statement to make regarding the affair and that he intended to leave Golgery, was shown to Fletcher's father. deadale tomorrow to conduct meetings and at once he declared that it was not elsewhere. the writing of his son.

It will take some time for the officials A Dr. Knywood had dental offices in the Hamilton building in Fortland about three years ago. He was a young man, and came to this city immediately after to gather together other letters which both men have written, and much will and came to this city immediately atter graduating from a dental college. While here he did fairly well in his profession and dentists who recall him say that hi character was then considered of the depend upon the report of the experi after he has examined all the letters.

Branton's Marriage Ventures.

Branton's matrimonial ventures, terburned him up, then the wind that was minating in the death of three wives that he took to wedlock, have been a per the ugly suspicions that have been subject of gossip in Lane County for ST. LOUIS AWARDS GO FOR CASH many years. He may not have had a Utah Legislature Committee Scores hand in the death of any one of these

prove that he was instrumental in SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, March 12death of any of them it will have under taken a colossal task.

of a wife. It is not suid of him, like it

was of Hoch, that he paved his way in

Three Children by First Wife.

Branton's first , wife, whom he mar

ried some 14 or 15 years ago, was a

Miss Elliott, the daughter of an old

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love making by peeling potatoes.

The special committee recently sent to St. In his marriages John Branton is al-Louis by the lower House of the Utah most a duplicate of the now famous | Logislature to investigate irregularities in Chicago Hoch. His last wife has only the accounts of Utah's commission to the been dead since December, yet it is said Louisiana Purchase Exposition has prethat he has been in correspondence sented a report that is severe in its critwith at least two women, with a view | icism of the management of the Exposition. The report says: of matrimonial intentions.

Amy Price, who was last week di-vorced at Eugene, is said to have told a scoording to our knowledge and belief, als, ribbons, etc., supposedly given az said to have told this same friend that | marks of merit by the St. Louis official money with which to obtain her the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, to the so-called successful exhibitors, are, in

opinion, an immense and gigantic fraud." that so-called that so-called The 'The report charges that awards of merit are being iss atraw corporation," for the sole purpose of being sold to be used to a commercial way as advertising matter. The committee reports the substance of conducted his affairs or how ardent a over he was when he was in pursuit

Exposition Management.

conversation with an agent aller be employed especially to self these awards on commission. The alleged agent, the report asys, exhibited one award "of opecial merit." that he said he had sold for \$500, and stated to the cos a certain well-known manufacturer had paid as high as \$20,000 for a so-called offi-cial award, to be used for advertising pur-The committee further alleges that logit.

imate medials are being held back by the Exposition management to promote this traffic in awards.

In its investigation of the Utah commission, the committee verified various charges of irregularities, including for-geries of votichers aggregating 1986. The Legislature was asked to appropriate 17000 to cover the deficit in the funds of

the state commission. Representatives S. J. Stookey, W. N. Gundry and H. S. Joseph composed the subcommittee which reported on confitions at St. Louis.

Palace for American Ambassador.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 11 .- George on L. Meyer has leased the fam Ricinmicael Palace for his residence during his term as American Amban-

his widow has leased the palace. It was City was 'reached two more piles of some years has been unoccupied.

ST. GOTHARD HOSPICE BURNED

Famous House of Refuge in the Alos is Destroyed.

GENEVA, Switzerland, March 12-The famous Hospice of St. Gothard has been estroyed by fire.

CONTEN'S OF TODAY'S PAPER The Weather.

TODAT'S-Occasional rais; brisk and probably high, squally east to south winds. TESTEEDAT'S-Maximum temperature, 48 deg.; minimum, 45. Precipitation, 0.12 inch. TODAT'S-O

The War in the hest. Marshal Oyama reports 25,500 Russian siain on battlefield of Mukden. Page 1. Estimates loss of the enemy in killed and wounded at 90,000. Page 1.

Kuropatiin telegraphs his Empirer that 50,000 men fail to report at roll-call. Page 1. Car will send fresh army to Far East and send Haltic floet against Togo. Page 3. Resignation of Kuropatkin will probably be accepted. Page 3.

National.

appointed Revenue Collector in New is a man of ability and prominence. Page 9

canal affairs. Page 9.

Foreign. Members of the new Britlab Cabinet. Fage 1. General Valoncia resigns Vice-Presidency of Colombia: Reyce government has bright pros-pect. Page 1. Domestic.

George Schistler, a Denver thamster, sipes out neighbor's family, and has finish pattie with police officers. Page 2. Mrs. Chadwick is comforted by her connect, who will apply for new trial. Page 4.

Alleged plot again President Cartro, of Vene-upela, is unearthed in Philadelphia. Page 5. President Roosevelt speaks at eightleth versary of the American Tract So Page 4

Pacific Coast.

Public interest aroused in the fate of the Dree styre of John Branton, at Cottage Grove. nat word, once dentist, now Holy Rollier preacher, is tarred and feathered in Golden-dale, Wash. Page 1, hilman County Dr. Kaywood, once de Whitman County farmer, sloping with broth-ce's wife, is overtaken and slincked by his father. Page 5.

California is visited by heavy wind and rain storm, Page 5, work of wreckers. An investigation will Pertiand and Vicinity.

Attempt made to wreck O. W. P. electric train near Oregon City, Page 1.

Many people spend Sunday at the Exposition FIGHT OF THE POLICY-HOLDERS grounds. Page 8.

mos. Page A. Dr. Brougher movies city officials in sermon at White Temple. Page 14. Rev. E. S. Muchley speaks on qualities needed by men of inday. Page 9. Registration books will be open for voters Wednesday, Page 8.

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unellman Bentley will Introduce ordinance to regulate billbeard nuisance. Page 9.

Sporis.

Local golfers win matches from Seattle players. Page 13. Star II

seen. These were removed, and the train proceeded again. Before Oregon Body of General Bate Lies in State Field Marshal Oyama:

pled for several years by Prince the Spanish Ambasandor, but for containing enough to cause a cutascontaining enough to cause a catastrophs had they not been seen by the motorman.

As soon as the car reached Oregon City As soon as the car reached Oregon City the officers of the company and the author-itics were notified. Folics detectives were detailed from the contral station here to investigate, and they left for the scene on a special car furnished by the company Nothing definite was learned. It was evident that four attempts had been made to tabernacle

wreck the train, but no motive could be ascertained. The idea of an attempt at robbery was not countenanced, as the ob structions were placed so far apart and were so numerous. The police pointed out that the hold-up men could have easily boarded the car at any station and ac-

nate a successor to the late General Bate. It is generally believed that J. B. Fraser, ex-Governor Benton B. Mc-Millin and R. L. Taylor will be in the compliahed their purpose without going to the trouble of wrecking the train. It fight. is thought that the attempt was the work of some persons seeking revenge on the GOVERNMENT MEN MAY JOIN Oregon Water Power & Rallway Company. A full investization will be made

Freight-Train Accident. The Southern Pacific southbound freight

which left Portland about 9 o'clock, ran into a tree across the track directly opposite the place where the first obstruction on the tracks of the electric line was encountered. The engine rode over the obstruction successfully, but the tender was derailed. The train crew made a hurried

Frank Buchanan, president of the Na tional Association of Bridge and Struc investigation and decided that the tree tional Association of brack and Struc-tural Iron Workers, who is here in con-nection with the bolsting engineers' strike. Mr. Buchanan mays President Rossevell last week, while in conference with a number of prominent labor leaders, gave had been blown across the track. The telegraph wires had been carried to the ground by the tree as it fell, and it was ome time before commun mication could be consent for representatives of the union to go among the Government workmen established between Portland and points

south of where the accident occurred. The tender was replaced on the track The men must jolo the unions own free will. and the train went on to Junction City. where Conductor Bell made a report Portland. The train was delayed but 39

When the report was first received, about the same time the reported attempt to wreck the electric train was an-

unced, it was at first thought that an attempt had also been made to wreck the freight. The crew of the freight, however, wired back that it was apparent th tree had been blown across the track, and that the accident was not due to

be made, however, today.

policy-holders of the Equitable Life As-Real estate men say values will increase after the fight for the mutualization of the Exposition. Page 7. surance Association, will on Tuesday

World.

ers gotting in form at Bakersfield.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 12 .-- Unall our forces in the direction of the der the shot-rent, powder-stained bat-tle flag of the Second Tennessee Con-federate Regiment, which he led at sentatives. Twenty-five thousand peo

Three Men Want the Place.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., March 12 .-

Democratic causus of the Legislature will meet on Wednesday night to nomi-

Workmen at Employment.

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 12.-Permis-sion has been granted labor leaders to organize all Government workmen who may wish to become members of labor

This announcement was made today b

the purpose of discussing unionism no force is to be used.

ment in Colombia.

BOGOTA, Colombia, March 12-General

Arrests Follow the Explosion.

at Nashville.

'Killed and wounded, estimated at 90,000. "Enemy left dead on the field, 26,500. ple passed by the bier. Tomorrow after-noon the funeral will be held at the "Fings, 2.

"Guns, about 60. "Riffes, 60,000.

mentarily:

Nakhimoff.

"Ammunition wagons, 150.

"Shells, 200,000

"Small arms ammunition, 25,000,000

"Cereals, 15,000 koku (about 75,000 hush-

"Fodder, 55,000 koku

"Light rallway outfit, 45 miles. .

'Hornes, 3000 'Mans, 22 cartloads,

"Clothing and accoutrements, 1900 carttoads.

Union Officers Permitted to Solicit "Bread, 1,000,000 rations.

"Fuel, 70,000 tons. "Hay, 60 tons; besides tools, tents, bullocks, telegraph wire and poles, timber, beds, stoves and numerous other property. 'No reports have been received from ur forces in the direction of Singking."

The battle is officially designated as the battle of Mukden.

BRIEF LULL IN THE PURSUIT

Resumption of Japanese Advance Is Expected at Any Time.

TIE PASS, March 13 (Noon) .- The Japnese, it is reported, have ceased their pursuit, at least temporarily. Some of the Japanese are 25 miles below Tie Pass. A resumption of their advance is exed. Rumors are in circulation that VALENCIA RESIGNS HIS OFFICE the Japanese are already attempting another wide turning movement to drive the Prospects Bright for Reves Govern- Russians from Tie Pass.

The Russian troops here have been arriving with hopelessly mixed units, in consequence of the change in the front. BOGOLA. Colomons, March 12.-General Gonzales Valencia has renounced the vice-Presidency. This action creates gen-eral satisfaction, as it anticipates action by the National Assembly, which will whether Tie Pass will be held or abanwhether Tie Pass will be held or ab the the sector of the admin-rich Colombian symilcate for the admin-several days.

It is still too early to tell the extent of the Russian defeat, because not all the parts of the army have been assembly and the losses during the retreat are no small portion of the casualties the time of the beginning of the retreat ir is probable the Japan heavier than those of the Russians, and at the time the Japanese broke through Fu Pass the Russians appeared to be holding their own and even gaining a Preparations were then being little. made to launch a counter stroke.

Scouts Find Weak Place.

The Japanese success was largely aided

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ST. PETERSBURG, March 12.-The ex-losion in the Hotel Bristol Saturday has seen followed by many arrests, both in St. Petersburg and in the Baltie prov-A bill will be introduced in the Senate and Assembly providing that every pol-icy-holder may vote in person or by grasy in the election of directors, and further that every policy-holder may be eligible. The terrorists.

have for

istration of the national rents and they have founded a central bank with \$5,000-000 gold capital to derelop business. Political prisoners have been set at libmat activity in building lines on the Bast Effort to Make Equitable a Mutual side. Page 8. Association. The prospects are bright for President Reyes' government

NEW YORK, March U.-The New York