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CHINA AROUSED AND IS DEFIANT

Prehistoric Empire of Pre-natural Slowness is on the Defensive Against Russia.

RAISED LARGE ARMY TO PROTECT HER FRONTIER.

Japan Has Equipped and Manned an Armored Train on Her Korean Railroad—All Russian "Replies" Up to This Time Have Been Fakes—That Country is Now Drafting a Rejoinder to Japan's Demands—Peace, Not War, is Probable.

IN GERMAN SOUTH AMERICA.

Natives Slaughtering Colonists. Who Are in Dire Straits. Berlin, Jan. 28.—A dispatch from German South America this morning says sixteen German colonists near Mariposa were murdered and seventy others are missing, including thirty women and children. A relief expedition of 100 marines, fought 1000 miles and reached Mariposa, where they are now surrounded and completely cut off from aid.

WRIGHT SUICIDED.

Took the Most Virulent Poison That is Manufactured. London, Jan. 28.—A post mortem examination of Whitaker Wright is being held this afternoon. The suicide theory has many supporters. The Globe today says the police last night found a loaded revolver at full cock in his pocket.

SIX MINERS KILLED BY CAGE FALLING IN SHAFT.

Fell Three Hundred Feet—Horrible Sights in the Cheewick Mine—Public Funeral Commemorative of the 100 Victims Will Be Held Sunday—Twenty Men Are Digging Graves—Near End Collision in Nebraska Kills Several Trainmen.

BROWNVILLE, PA., JAN. 28.—Six miners were killed by a falling cage, which dropped 300 feet in a shaft in the Bear Hill mine this morning.

CHEWICK, JAN. 28.—At 10 o'clock this morning bringing bodies from the mine was temporarily stopped, as there is no longer room in the dead room until some are removed and buried. Of those recovered 25 are lying at the foot of the shaft ready to be hoisted.

THE NORTH ENTRY OF THE MINE HAS BEEN EXPLORED TO THE END.

The bodies are piled along the passage and will be brought up as soon as possible. The searchers are now in the south entry, where the explosion occurred. There are horrible sights, as the bodies are torn in pieces.

IT HAS BEEN DECIDED TO REMOVE THE BODIES FROM THE HEATED MINE.

They will be wrapped in blankets and laid on the snow outside the mine. Several more have been removed badly swollen.

SUNDAY HAS BEEN SET AS THE DAY FOR THE FUNERALS.

Twenty men are digging graves a short distance from the shaft. Eighteen were identified this forenoon.

KILLED IN COLLISION.

Broken Row, Neb. Jan. 28.—A rear end collision took place at Burl, of freights this morning, on a curve in a deep cut. The dead are Fireman Taylor, brakeman Kelly and fireman Kelly, Engineer Kelly.

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People Must Be Favored Who Have No Opportunity to See the Exhibits During the Week—Would, However, Not Allow Machinery to Run.

For sometime the Portland papers have been full of attention over the question as to whether the Lewis and Clark fair should remain open on Sunday. The ministerial associations of the city, some of the leading women's religious organizations, and other forces are at work preparing a petition asking for the suspension of the fair for Sunday.

Col. J. H. Haley, one of the members of the fair board, is adverse to closing the fair on the day. He thinks that those who are unable to visit the fair during the week should have a chance to do so on Sunday, but that the machinery and all other exhibits should be left idle. There should be nothing on display other than those exhibits which are placed on the grounds for the fair.

The public should have access to the grounds, but the whole mechanism of the fair should be dormant for the day. This would give all a chance to see the fair, in part at least.

All things that are religious are not expedient in an affair of this nature, and the pleasure and convenience of the mass of the populace should be considered before making a move affecting so many people.

RICH ALASKAN STRIKES.

Pans Out \$120 on Bullion Creek, Below Discovery. Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 28.—The report reaches here from Alsea, near White Horse, by way of Ashcroft, that strikes made in the new diggings are surpassing the best ones in the best days. On No. 19, below Discovery, on Bullion Creek, gravel that gives returns of \$120 to the pan has been struck.

CLARENCE BROWN DROWNED.

Sixth Death in One Family in Less Than Two Weeks. Port Townsend, Wash., Jan. 28.—Clarence Brown, from Astoria, Ore., fell in the bay and was drowned last night. He was the sixth member of the family to die in less than a month.

COURT ROOM CROWDED WITH EXCITED ARISTOCRATS.

All Closely Watched by the Police—Room Will Hold No More and Doors are Closed Against the Populace—Coachman Claimed to Have 50 More Letters, But Could Not Produce Them.

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FOUND GUILTY.

Whitaker Wright Before Two Bars of Justice in One Day. London, Jan. 28.—Whitaker Wright was today found guilty of wrecking the London Globe Corporation, and sentenced to seven years' imprisonment. An hour afterward, while sitting with friends in the office of the warden of the city prison, awaiting transfer to Lugaige, he was stricken with heart failure and died.

He was regarded as the greatest swindler of the age. His victims lost in excess of \$10,000,000 in the collapse of the London Globe Corporation. He organized 41 companies with a total capitalization of \$112,000,000, all of which failed. He was a magnificent spender, thrifty and resided in America for many years.

He maintained his innocence. Wright had been on trial but 12 days and the jury was out but a short time. The court in passing sentence severely criticized the promoter and gave him the maximum sentence.

Wright showed no signs of weakness or illness, but said coolly: "I am innocent of any intention to do wrong." He was led away into the ante-room and suddenly sank down. The doctors were sent for, but all their efforts were unavailing and he died an hour after sentence was passed.

LOGGERS INJURED. Heavy Log Rolls Over John Friedlander at Steel Spur. La Grande, Jan. 27.—John Friedlander, an employee of the sawmill at Steel Spur, a few miles from this city, was severely injured Tuesday afternoon by being caught under a heavy log. He was engaged in loading the log on trucks and the log had been hooked part way up the skids with a hook and chain, and as he was passing on the lower side the hook gave way, the log rolling back upon him, his hips being badly crushed by the heavy piece of wood.

The injured man was immediately brought to La Grande for medical aid and the attending physicians say that the injury is a very severe one, but may not prove fatal.

BARBER LAW INVALID. Judge George Says it Confers Arbitrary Powers on Examiners. Portland, Jan. 26.—On the ground that the law creating the State board of barber examiners confers arbitrary powers upon that body and delegates to it rights that should vest solely in the legislature, Judge Melvin C. George, in the state circuit court, this morning rendered a decision in the case of J. C. Wells v. Frank T. Rogers, and H. G. Meyer, finding in favor of the plaintiffs and declaring the law unconstitutional and invalid.

By virtue of this decision the state board of barber examiners, composed of J. C. Wells, Frank T. Rogers, and H. G. Meyer, finds itself bereft of all the power which heretofore obtained as a result of the law preventing anyone who may so desire from engaging in the barber business, without regard to qualifications in the town where he practices.

Attorney Grant, whose contention in regard to the barber law is sustained, says that in his opinion the law is unconstitutional and invalid, and that the state board of examiners, which he says, is invested with the power to make rules and regulations which are in violation of the law, has no right to engage in pharmaceutical pursuits.

REFUSED INCREASE IN PAY. John Mitchell Increased Because It Was Not Done Unanimously. Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 28.—A resolution introduced by Mitchell's pay to \$5,000 per year was passed by more than a two-thirds vote, but Mitchell refused to accept the increase. He said he would not accept the raise if there was the slightest opposition. The convention will probably adjourn sine die this evening.

TO SCALE MT. HOOD. Electric Road May Be Built to the Summit of the Mountain by Portland Firm. A company of Portland capitalists has secured title to the land which is located at the falls of the Sandy, and will place an enormous electric plant in position to generate the purpose of operating an electric road to the top of the old mountain.

The falls have a drop of 30 feet and an inexhaustible power can be obtained by harnessing them. The grade to the top of the mountain is one of the easiest mountain ascents in the country, as a smooth rail could enable electric cars to make the climb, while the Falls of the Sandy is so steep that a cog rail is necessary to permit the engines to carry their own weight up the steep grade.

The movement will be promoted as rapidly as possible.

INVITATIONS TO HANGING. Superintendent of the Penitentiary Issuing Black Boarded Sentences. Superintendent C. W. James of the state penitentiary, is issuing a few black-boarded invitations to inmate friends and officials, to attend the first hanging to take place at the penitentiary under the new law.

The subject will be Harry Egert, who murdered Deputy Sheriff John S. Saxton and Jack West, in Harney county, on October 4, and the date of the hanging is at 12:30 p. m. on Friday, January 29, in an execution chamber of the penitentiary.

The Third Trial. The third trial of a damage suit brought by H. W. Hayden against the O. R. & N. company for injuries alleged to have been sustained in a wreck in the fall of 1902, will be heard at the February term of the circuit court at Union. In the first trial the plaintiff was awarded \$1,000 damages, and appealed to the second trial, and the second trial resulted in a hung jury and the third trial is now to be heard at the February term of the circuit court at Union. In the first trial the plaintiff was awarded \$1,000 damages, and appealed to the second trial, and the second trial resulted in a hung jury and the third trial is now to be heard at the February term of the circuit court at Union. In the first trial the plaintiff was awarded \$1,000 damages, and appealed to the second trial, and the second trial resulted in a hung jury and the third trial is now to be heard at the February term of the circuit court at Union.

Union Has a Right to Boast. In the sale for delinquent taxes at Union this week, it is a noticeable fact that there was but two pieces of property on the list in the city of Union, says the Union Republican. One of these pieces belonged to a non-resident and the other publication was an error. Thus it is shown that the taxes in Union were paid almost to the last dollar.

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