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THOSE ALLIANCE OVERTURES.

Administration Officials Cannot Understand Roosevelt's Statements.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Administration officials are circumspect in discussing the statement made by Lord Rosebery that Great Britain in December approached the United States and Germany in regard to the advisability of forming an alliance.

It is understood, however, that intimations were conveyed to this government by the British authorities of their desire that the relations between the two governments should be closer and in the nature of a pact, but the administration turned a deaf ear and made it plain that the United States could not abandon its policy of non-entanglement in European affairs. It is stated that the overtures were not in the form of formal suggestions, but even if they had been it is unlikely that they would have met with a cordial response from the president.

Considerable curiosity has been awakened as to Lord Rosebery's reason for making public the fact of Great Britain's desire to enter into an alliance with the United States and Germany and the steps she took to that end. It is thought by some to be in answer to Mr. Macrum's statement that he "did not know that an alliance existed between the United States and Great Britain," and to dispose of the charges made by the anti-administration politicians that such an alliance does in fact exist.

The suggestion that such a statement be made certainly did not come from Washington.

PACIFIC CABLE BILL.

Representative Jones Will Favor Route by Way of Alaska.

SEATTLE, Feb. 16.—The Chamber of Commerce resolutions favoring the laying of the Pacific cable by way of the Alaskan route has met with the support of Representative Jones, who, in a communication to the chamber writes as follows concerning it:

"This is my opinion, and I am preparing a statement at this time to submit to the interstate and foreign commerce committee showing the advantages of this route and urging the adoption of my bill, which provides that the commission shall investigate and determine the route upon which the cable shall be laid. While I am emphatically in favor of the route by way of Alaska, I thought there would be more chance of getting a bill through of the kind I have introduced without providing definitely for location. I have understood, too, that any commission that investigates the routes would select the Alaskan route. I will also state that I am at present emphatically opposed to subsidizing any company to lay a cable."

In regard to the construction of the cable by an American company, Representative Cushman writes: "I am in sympathy with the tenor of your resolution on this subject, and the influence which I possess shall be used to place the provision in the bill which you suggest."

"CROSS-COUNTRY ROAD."

Big Deal Said to Be on With Railroad Kings in the South.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 16.—Los Angeles is to have another transcontinental

al railroad, and it will extend from Mojave east by north through Southern Nevada into Utah. The builders will be the Santa Fe, Southern Pacific, Rio Grande, Western and Union Pacific, which systems are to join in the enterprise. It is stated by authority which cannot be questioned that the plans for the new road are completed and the active work of construction will be begun within a few months. The object of the new line is primarily to develop traffic through a territory whose possibilities have always been known as great. General Adna Rogers of the Rio Grande Western who was in the city recently, predicted while here that his road would be running trains to Los Angeles before the end of 1900. It is predicted here that the new line will be built east and north from Mojave. What is known as the Carson and Colorado line, controlled by D. C. Mills, now a director in the Southern Pacific, is to be used as the link for the proposed new route.

THE ASIATIC BANTAM.

Japan Preparing to Give an Exhibition of Naval Maneuvering.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16.—Advices from Yokohama to January 21, are as follows:

The coming naval maneuvers of the Japanese fleet are attracting great interest. The display of Japan's increased naval power which will make a most imposing spectacle undoubtedly tends to increase the war spirit of the nation.

Much interest is taken in the enormous emigration to the Hawaiian islands. More than 10,000 contract laborers and 4,000 free emigrants have left between May and December of last year. This large increase is said to have resulted from the laxity with which the immigration laws have been administered by the Hawaiian authorities. It is probable that owing to reports of trouble given to Honolulu by the large number of Japanese laborers something will be done to check the tide of immigration.

The news of the court intrigues in China excites the greatest interest. The relation between the Japanese government and the empress dowager's regime are undoubtedly of an intimate character and something of the nature of an accord of the two governments causes all movements among the celestials to be regarded with the liveliest concern.

MR. PETTIGREW'S ALLIES.

Latest Manifestation of Their Civilization and Capacity for Self-Government.

BOSTON, Feb. 16.—A dispatch to the Globe from Hilo says:

Three Massachusetts soldiers of the Twenty-sixth regiment, U. S. V., have been tortured to death by the insurgents. The men were Dennis Hayes, William Dugan and Michael Tracey, privates of Company F, under Captain William Tuthery. They remained behind the column at Baling last November to get a tub and refused to accompany the corporal sent by Captain Tuthery to bring them along. They were captured by the insurgents hanging on the rear of the column and were cruelly tortured and murdered by the rebels in the public plaza at Baling, the action being countenanced by the Spanish priest. The padre has since left his parish for the mountains.

BUSINESS FOR SEATTLE.

Vast Shipments of American Agricultural Machinery to Go to Russia.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Enormous shipments of agricultural machinery are being made to Russia for the development of the vast wheat fields of Siberia. Much machinery will go to Vladivostok from Pacific ports. The steamship Crowe is loading at Philadelphia 5,355 tons, mostly mowers and reapers. The cargo, valued at \$239,000, will be dispatched to Novorossok on the Black sea from which point it will be distributed throughout Siberia and Russia proper.

The steamship Verona will sail from New York tomorrow direct to Vladivostok. In her cargo will be 125 tons of mowers and reapers from Auburn, N. Y.

A Batavia, N. Y., manufacturer is said to have sold \$125,000 worth of harvesters, mowers and reapers every week during the last two months. This machinery goes chiefly to Germany, France and Russia.

BROKE THE RECORD.

United States Ship Nero Makes Deepest Sea Soundings Ever Known.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16.—The United States steamer Nero, during its recent survey for a trans-Pacific cable broke the record for deep sea soundings. One sounding near Guam island marked 5,160 fathoms and another 5,260 fathoms, only 66 feet short of the highest mountain peak on the land surface of the globe.

ROBERTS' PLANS NOT KNOWN.

He Has Omitted to Notify the London Clubs of His Intended Operations.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: The details of Lord Roberts turning

movement are not understood by military writers with precision, owing to the impracticability of identifying the drifts and villages mentioned in the official dispatches with the fording places and settlements shown on the maps of the intelligence department.

There is a general agreement, though, upon the tactical effect of the whole operation. General Cronje will either abandon the siege of Kimberley and retreat by the only road left open to him or his position will be encircled by a superior force which will cut off his supplies. The secret of Lord Roberts' choice of Modder river as the center of concentration and operations was neither the desperate condition of the Kimberley garrison nor political pressure for the deliverance of Rhodes.

UNLOADING THE ELEPHANT.

Madison Square Garden to Be Sold to the Government.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—The owners of Madison Square Garden have offered to sell the building to the government for its up-town postoffice for \$2,500,000, and First Assistant Postmaster General Heath and Postmaster Van Cott look favorably upon the offer.

THE VENEZUELA REBELLION.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—The Herald's latest advices from Venezuela are that the Hernandez revolution is active and is gaining. General Ron, commanding a force of revolutionists attacked 1200 government troops at Guacaro. The government troops were defeated. Eight hundred rifles and a large quantity of ammunition fell into the hands of the revolutionists.

MOHR'S PORTAGE LINE.

Preparing to Build Steamers at Portland and Barges at Astoria.

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 16.—The construction of two steamers at Portland and one at Pasco, for the Paul Mohr Transportation Co., will soon be commenced. Two large barges will also be constructed for the company at Astoria.

MELLEN IN PORTLAND.

President of the Northern Pacific Has a Long Conference With President Mohler.

PORTLAND, Feb. 16.—President C. S. Mellen of the Northern Pacific railway arrived in Portland today and it is understood that he had a long interview with President Mohler of the O. R. & N.

President Mellen stated that his visit here had no special significance, but that it was made for the purpose of inspecting the lines of the Northern Pacific.

PORTLAND MINING EXCHANGE.

Articles of Incorporation of the Portland Mining Stock Exchange were Filed Today.

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TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.

Notice is hereby given that the regular examination for state papers will be held at the county court house, commencing at 9 o'clock a. m., Wednesday, February 14, 1900, continuing four days.

J. C. LEE, School Superintendent, Clatsop County, Dated the 6th day of February, 1900.

The Miser.

Many a man with his whole soul immersed in business and money-getting is like the miser whose spring door shut and locked him in forever. Men work and slave and worry and get sick and broken down forgetting all the time that health is worth more than a pile of gold. A happy man is rather than great till they hear the door of disease spring to shut them off from all the bright hopes they labored for.

A sick man cannot be happy; he cannot accomplish the work he has to do in this world; he loses the very money he is striving for; his ambition defeats itself. Any man who discovers that his strength and energy are giving way has an unfailing means of regaining his physical health and stamina in the simple yet potent restorative power of that wonderful "Golden Medical Discovery" originated by Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., the world-famous specialist in diseases of the nutritive organs.

Among the thousands who have consulted him by mail the case of Mr. Newton B. Blake, of Tiptonville, Tipton Co., Miss., as shown in the following letter indicates the remarkable efficacy of his treatment. "In December, 1897, my health began to fail. I tried many different kinds of medicines and the more I took the worse the disease grew. Finally in April when I was busy with the farm work my health got so bad that I could not hold out to work one hour. My breath became short and I was weak and nervous and sometimes would spit blood. I was unable to work. I tried one of the doctors in the vicinity but failed to obtain relief. I seemed to grow worse. My father received a book from Dr. Pierce in which I read of a case similar to mine, and decided to write to Dr. Pierce. He recommended me to take his 'Golden Medical Discovery.' After taking six bottles of this remedy I can recommend it as one of the best medicines to build up the system. I am now enjoying good health."

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OR BOTH.

St. Paul Star. Mr. Bryan now proposes that betting on elections shall be prohibited in Kentucky. Better insist that whiskey be banished from shooting matches.

GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS WANTED.

Office of C. Q. M., Vancouver Barracks, Wash., February 12, 1900: Sealed proposals, in triplicate, will be received here until 11 o'clock, a. m., March 12, 1900, and then opened, for furnishing fuel at the several military posts in this department, for fiscal year commencing July 1st, 1900. Information furnished here or by quartermasters at posts. U. S. reserves right to reject or accept any or all proposals or any part thereof. Envelopes containing proposals should be marked: "Proposals for Fuel at—" and addressed to undersigned, J. W. JACOBS, C. Q. M.

FITTING.

Louisville Courier-Journal. The boy of 17 and the girl-child of 13 who eloped from Pike county, Kentucky, and were married at Donkey, Va., displayed remarkable discrimination in selecting the place for their nuptials.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Light-House Inspector, Marquam Building, Portland, Oregon, until 12 o'clock M., March 1, 1900, for furnishing provisions for vessels and stations in the 13th light-house district for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1901, in accordance with specifications, copies of which, with blank proposals and other information, may be had upon application to Commander E. D. Taussig, U. S. N.

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C. J. TRENCHARD, Trustee.

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