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SHAH WANTS ELECTRIC ROADS.

Interesting Interview With His English Agent.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—The Shah of Persia has had an agent in this country for a fortnight examining the electric trolley system of Greater New York, preparatory to introducing electric travel between Teheran and a portion of the Caspian Sea.

The Shah's agent, John Marsdon Ward, an Englishman, has been for more than fifteen years attached to the personal service of the Shah and has resided at Teheran. Frequent trips to Europe have kept him in touch with the progress of invention and art.

Mr. Ward was found at the Secor ship-yard at Bayridge, whither he had gone to give an order for a launch for the Shah's use at his winter residence on the Persian gulf near Busra—the Balisera of old "Sinbad, the Sailor."

"I do not wish to discuss His Majesty's affairs," added Mr. Ward. "My relations with His Majesty are purely business ones. I have nothing to do with the policy of the government toward Russia or Great Britain."

"I am a member of the English church and serve my God in my own way." "The Shah is a very intelligent ruler. His Majesty has been thrice to Europe and on this occasion he has devoted much time to examining novelties at the Paris exposition."

"The great conflict in China may delay Russia's advance upon India, but the day for that move is practically fixed. Russia can occupy Herat any day she wishes. It is the gateway to India."

"Persia owes much to Russia. The Czar has not attempted to dominate in any way the affairs at Teheran. Russia is doing more for the rest of the world than is any other nation."

Mr. Ward will make a hurried trip to Chicago and will then sail for Paris to accompany the Shah on his return to Teheran.

A small steamer has been chartered at Hull, England, that will proceed to Havre and load all the merchandise and inventions that have been purchased here and in Europe.

The steamer will clear for the Black Sea and the goods will be forwarded over the trans-Caucasian railway to Baku.

This is the most direct route to Teheran at present, but when the railroads across Persia are finished, the Persian gulf will again become one of the familiar parts of the world to shippers.

American breadstuffs will there find a great market in the future, in Mr. Ward's opinion.

HEIR DIES IN POVERTY. Would Have Received a Share of a \$20,000,000 Estate.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 16.—The Examiner says: Asa Packer Wilber, one of the heirs to the \$20,000,000 estate left by Asa Packer, the Pennsylvania railroad king and coal baron, has died in poverty in this city and yesterday was buried

in a pauper's grave. He was a victim of the morphine habit and until a few days ago worked at intervals for J. P. Bogard, proprietor of a dramatic paper, to whom he assigned half of his prospective estate.

He was a nephew of Asa Packer, whose will made over his immense estate to his children, but contained a clause that should they die without issue, the estate was to revert to two brothers named Elisha and Jeremiah Wilber, who were related to Packer by marriage, or in case of their death to their direct heirs.

Elisha Wilber took charge of the Lehigh Valley railroad and the Packer coal properties and operated them, increasing the value of the property.

One by one the Packer children died, leaving no direct heirs until only one daughter is left. She has no children and her life is said to be all that stands between the Wilber family and the Packer fortune.

NOME NOT FOR POOR MEN. Decision Just Rendered Gives Claims of Poor Miners to Large Corporations.

SEATTLE, Aug. 15.—Cape Nome's gold beach is no longer a poor man's heritage. A decision just rendered by United States Commissioner Stevens holds that the sixty-foot roadway along the shore of Behring sea does not exist, and that if it ever did exist it was done away with by section 24 of the new Alaska code adopted by congress last June.

A test case was made by Frank Steger, who refused to move his rocker or quit work when ordered to vacate a location made on the beach by George W. Beardsley and S. R. Calden and known as the Ophir Beach claim. A criminal complaint was made against Steger and the decision quoted is the result. Steger has been bound over for appearance at the next term of court.

The effect of the decision is to give to several large corporations lands which have been worked by poor miners who were enabled to take out a few dollars a day from the sands. Feeling among the miners is running high over the loss of the beach, and every legal effort, it is said, will be made to reverse the decision.

MOVEMENTS OF TRANSPORTS. Negro Cavalry Sailed Yesterday for Taku.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 16.—The transport Warren sailed at noon today with the Ninth (colored) cavalry for Taku, by way of Nagasaki. Several army officers besides those of the regiment have been ordered to sail on the transport to join their regiments in Manila or China.

Three hospital stewards and one hundred men of the hospital corps, who will be assigned some to China and some to the Philippines, also sailed on the Warren.

The Siam, with more than five thousand tons of freight for Honolulu, Manila and Guam, and the Aztec with horses for China, will also sail today.

The general hospital at the Presidio is to be enlarged to accommodate the extraordinary detachments of sick and wounded on the way here from the Philippines and China. Fifty wall tents will be erected inside the enclosure at the rear of the hospital and a large tent to serve as a ward.

BARKER INELIGIBLE. Middle-of-the-Roaders Are Deprived of Their Candidate.

CHICAGO, Aug. 16.—A special to the Record from Lincoln, Neb., says: A sensation has been caused by the discovery that Wharton Barker, middle-of-the-road candidate for president on the Populist ticket, is ineligible for the office to which he aspires.

It is said that while superintending some improvements in Russia some years ago, Mr. Barker was made "Lord of St. Wicelias," by the czar. Before accepting the title he did not ask congress to grant him the privilege, and he is therefore ineligible because he forfeited his citizenship by accepting the honor without permission of the United States authorities. If this proves true Mr. Barker must step down and out. Ignatius Donnelly would succeed him as candidate for president.

ROLLED A TUB TWO MONTHS. Won Five Thousand Dollars by Unique Feat.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—A dispatch to the Times from Paris says: Emseman and Trebsche, who have spent the last two months rolling a tub from Vienna to Paris for bets of five thousand francs, have arrived at the Viennese gate and thus won the money. The tub weighs a trifle over 500 pounds.

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BIG OREGON GOLD STRIKE.

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BAKER CITY, Or., Aug. 16.—Rundless enthusiasm was spread about this camp today when Manager Whittaker arrived in the city and confirmed the news of the big strike made in his property, the Baisley-Kishorn mine, last Monday. Mr. Whittaker says that the find was made at the 400 foot level in the shaft now being sunk, and is a continuous body of rich ore, the sample of the rock which he brought with him being literally alive with wire gold and nuggets.

The fame of this camp is rapidly spreading in the East and many strangers are here for the purpose of making investments. Recent arrivals are from Pennsylvania, and New Yorkers are on the way. Those who are posted say that before snow flies some of the big producers of the district will be picked up by Eastern oil syndicates and New York bankers.

FLOODS AT FOO CHOW. Over Two Thousand Chinese Drowned by the Overflow of the Minn River.

CHICAGO, Aug. 16.—Mrs. N. C. Marsh has just received a letter from her son, the Rev. Benjamin C. Marsh, who for two years has been a missionary in the Anglo-Chinese school at Foo Chow, China. The letter was written at Kuling, a few miles from Foo Chow, and was dated July 9. He says:

"It is estimated that over 2000 persons were drowned by the overflow of the Minn river last week. The bridge of the Thousand Ages, as it is called, was broken in two places. Those who attempted to cross were never seen again. One of the wretched conditions was that they did not like to leave their floating homes because robbers would come and carry off everything of value. Some one would always go with the house when it fell or floated away. After the flood the officials raised about \$4000 to help the sufferers."

"Although at present we go wherever and whenever we please, still we do not know when the Boxer trouble may break out here. The victory of this place has sent guards to the foreign settlements."

TRAITOR UNEARTHED. American Doctor in Regular Correspondence With the Filipinos.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—Dr. Montague E. Levenson was seen at his residence at Fort Hamilton by a representative of the Associated Press. He said that he was a regular correspondent of the Filipino agents in this country and had written the letter to Senator G. Apacible, part of which was published today.

Dr. Levenson added: "I am not afraid of the United States government taking proceedings against me. In fact I dare them. What I have written is the truth and they cannot refute me."

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 16.—Anti-Imperialist leaders in attendance upon the liberty congress, denied responsibility for the acts of Dr. Levenson. Franklin Pierce, of New York, said: "Dr. Levenson is a kindly, cranky sort of an old gentleman, who is erratic to a degree. He is not a member of the league. He came from the Pacific slope with the late Henry George, and was an extreme advocate of Mr. George's single tax theories."

INTERVENTION OF CONSULS. Full Text of Charge Made by the Colombian General.

COLON, Colombia, Aug. 16.—The following is the full text of the statement regarding the alleged intervention of the foreign consuls during the recent fighting in Panama, as contained in the official report of General Salazar, commanding the government forces, to General Alvan, civil governor and military chief of the province of Panama, who was in command of the garrison when the city was attacked by the revolutionists:

"The revolutionary leaders, after taking positions around Panama, placed themselves in communication with several foreign consuls, hoping that their intervention would lead to the surrender of the city. The intervention of the consuls produced such dangerous and perilous effects morally that only the resolution of General Alban averted serious consequences."

FILLS A PAUPER'S GRAVE. After Superintending the Burial of Eight Thousand Paupers.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—George Ferguson, who superintended the burial of some 8,000 bodies in the Kings county potter's field, has himself been buried there. He was 63 years old. He died on August 5, and as the authorities could find no trace of his relatives, a grave was dug for him in the place where in life he directed the burial of so many paupers.

COLOMBIAN RULER RESIGNS. Act of President Sancti Spiritus May End His Days.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—A cable dispatch

was received here from Bogota, announcing the resignation of President Sancti Spiritus of the Republic of Colombia. Vice-President Marroquin will serve out the four years that remain of his term. The action of Senate or Sancti Spiritus will bring about a change in the political system of Colombia and may even end the revolution which has been in progress for ten months.

EX-SENATOR INGALLS DEAD. Remains Now En Route From New Mexico to Atchison.

ATCHISON, Kas., Aug. 16.—Ex-Senator John J. Ingalls died at East Las Vegas, N. M., at 2:25 o'clock this morning, surrounded by his wife and two sons, Ellsworth and Sheffield. The news came to the Ingalls' home here in a telegram at 10 o'clock today. The funeral will be in Atchison.

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DESTRUCTIVE FOREST FIRES. Damage in Colorado Will Amount to Millions of Dollars.

DENVER, Aug. 16.—A special to the News from Alamosa, Colo., says that a forest fire is burning east of South Fork, from five to twenty miles wide, and it is destroying valuable timber, mine machinery and buildings. It has already traveled 25 miles and the damage will run into the millions of dollars.

CHINESE GOVERNMENT TERRIFIED. (Continued from page one.)

since 11th. Lieutenant Latimer is on Chaffee's staff expressly to furnish me authentic information. Latest reports from Japanese sources say allies occupied Tung Chow on the 12th and would attack Peking today.

TOKIO, Tuesday, Aug. 14.—A semi-official dispatch from Tung Chow, dated August 12, says: "The Japanese troops occupied Tung Chow today. We are now ten miles from Peking. Last night a quantity of arms and a granary with great stores of rice were captured."

BERLIN, Aug. 16.—A semi-official dispatch from Shanghai, dated Wednesday, August 15, says: "The foreign consuls, acting on a joint resolution, have sent to their respective governments the following telegram: "If the Indian troops (British) are withdrawn from Wu Sung, it will constitute a menace to the safety of Shanghai. These troops ought to be landed on the basis of an international understanding. To insure the adequate safety of Shanghai more troops ought to be landed immediately."

SHANGHAI, Aug. 16.—The consuls will meet today. The landing of the British troops is not objected to by the representatives of other nations, the latter declaring they will adopt the same course. To this the British have objected and threatened to withdraw the troops which are now ready to land.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—A dispatch to the Journal and Advertiser from Che Foo quotes Widdman the correspondent as follows: "I learn from a thoroughly trustworthy Chinese source that the army of the allies reached Peking on Monday. I have every reason to believe that the army forced an entrance and that the envoys and their friends were rescued today. They probably are now safe within the Christian army."

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—A dispatch to the Herald from Washington says:

Russia's occupation of New Chwang without adequate reason caused the decision to land troops at Shanghai, in which Great Britain is supported by Japan. Germany apparently is paying no heed to Russia's action in the north, but objects to Great Britain's policy at Shanghai and proposes to offset it by stationing a squadron there and landing troops to protect her interests. This important information just received in an official quarter here presents a comprehensive view of the attitude of four of the principal powers interested in the Chinese situation with respect to the treaty ports of the empire.

In view of this determination of the American government not to interfere with the action of Great Britain and Russia in landing troops at the ports named, the powers are thus divided with respect to this portentous complication in the international situation. Great Britain and Japan oppose the occupation of New Chwang by Russia, and the former has landed troops at Shanghai to counterbalance the czar's move in the north. Russia, Germany and France object to Great Britain's action at Shanghai, while the St. Petersburg government will not withdraw and thus remove all reason for the policy of the British government in the south. The United States remains neutral.

The occupation of New Chwang by Russia has aroused great excitement in Japan. It took place, according to information received here, on August 4, and though a dispatch received in Paris from Admiral Courdrolles referred to the subsequent evacuation of the treaty port, nothing confirming it has been received here. There were a few Boxers on the outskirts of the town, but their operations were unimportant and it was unnecessary for the Russians to occupy the port "for the protection of foreign interests," as their government alleges. Instead of leaving the administration of the port in the hands of the Chinese officials, it is declared that the Russian commander, who acted in accordance with instructions from his superior general, took over the municipal government, administering justice in the courts, and installing Russian officials to collect the customs duties. Russia, in fact, extended her sovereignty over the port. This procedure, in the face of repeated Russian declarations that the czar had no design upon New Chwang, has deeply incensed the Japanese government.

The international situation has, according to diplomats here, entered upon a most dangerous and complicated phase, and the greatest skill will have to be exerted to prevent trouble between the powers.

LONDON, Aug. 16.—The Times has the following dispatch from Shanghai, dated Tuesday: "The viceroy has withdrawn his opposition to the landing of the British troops on condition that this does not entail the presence of other forces, but instructions have been received from the British government that the disembarkation is to await further orders. The fact is generally known that Great Britain is hesitating. The public, official and unofficial, is unanimously of the opinion that withdrawal at this the lowest depth of depression, produces the worst results."

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: The general public is now looking forward hopefully to the relief of the Peking legations in the course of the next few days, and the stock exchange, which for some time past has been in the lowest depth of depression, became almost buoyant for a short time yesterday.

The few foreign office officials left in town are by no means inclined as yet to lay aside the pessimism which has possessed them ever since the Asiatic crisis began. No doubt is entertained in Downing street as to the ability of the allied forces to make their way into the Tartar city of Peking in the course of the next few days, but there is still much misgiving as to what they may find when they get there.

A cipher message from Sir Claude MacDonald, which Sir Chih Cheng Lo Feng Luh handed to the foreign office yesterday, is reassuring in so far that it shows that the ministers were alive a few days ago—that is if dates in the message can be trusted. But its purpose is much the same as that received by the consul at Hong Kong, and it represents the position of the legations as so desperate that it is tolerably certain they could not resist a sudden concerted attack by large numbers of Boxers and Chinese troops. For these reasons official experts here do not yet permit themselves to indulge in too confident hopes, notwithstanding Sir Chih Cheng's declaration that the legations were certainly safe on Sunday last. On receipt of the Chinese minister's communication, which was immediately conveyed to Lord Salisbury by telegraph, the premier sent instructions to the foreign office to send a reply in cipher to Sir Claude MacDonald. The message was of considerable length and placed Sir Claude in possession of the latest facts of the situation, including the progress of the relief forces. It was handed to the Chinese minister, who guaranteed its safe transmission to the hands for which it was intended.

One of the points of greatest importance at the present moment is the attitude of Germany on the Yangtze question. The protest of the French and Russian consuls against the proposed landing of British troops at Shanghai is a serious matter and causes much anxiety here, all the more as it is seen that it is now scarcely possible, at any rate, very difficult for Great Britain to retreat from the position she has taken up. Much depends on the view which will be taken by Germany. If the Kaiser should support France and Russia in opposing British

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