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**FEEL ALARM ABOUT CHINA**

Tension Between Celestial Empire and Russia Subject for Comment.

**INTERVENTION IS POSSIBLE**

**European Government Adopts Measures to Stand Off the Breaking Out of Hostilities From Peking.**

New York, March 24.—A communication from a well known diplomat in Paris is published by the semi-official Post, says a Berlin dispatch to the Herald, in which it is asserted that a most pessimistic view is taken at Paris of the tension which is declared to have undoubtedly set in between Russia and China. All fears regarding the attitude of China toward the war seem, the statement continues, to be approaching a realization.

Dispatches have been received from Peking stating that the Chinese government still denies any intention of abandoning its attitude of neutrality, but everything, the diplomat avers goes to show that it is really only waiting for a favorable opportunity to precipitate the hostilities. The Russian government has received similar reports from its minister in Peking and is taking measures in consequence. In the last day or two an exchange of views of an exhaustive character is said to have taken place between the French and Russian government as to China's intervention in the war but no decision has yet been reached as to the lines of action to be adopted by France in this eventuality. The answer of the Chinese government to the threatening dispatches sent in by Russia is awaited with anxiety.

**AFTER THE PUBLISHERS.**

**Author Brings Suit, Alleging Mutilation of His Work.**

Denver, Col., March 24.—Walter Juan Davis, a well known writer for newspapers and magazines, filed suit in the district court of this county today against Harper & Bros. Publishing Company of New York, asking \$10,000 damages for alleged mutilation of his story, "A Spendthrift," which was published in Harper's Weekly of January 20, this year. The story as published was reduced to about one-half of its original length and in the editing, the plaintiff claims, his work has been denuded of its literary features and otherwise badly mutilated. Owing to the wide circulation of the weekly, Mr. Davis says he considers that his literary reputation has been permanently damaged. The complaint contains over 18,000 words and includes copies of the story in its original form and as published. It is said the contention raised in the suit has never been passed upon by the courts. The attorneys for the plaintiff are Judge E. T. Wells and John H. Chiles.

**NOTED THIEF RETURNING.**

**Germany Gives Up Man Wanted By San Francisco Courts.**

San Francisco, March 24.—Edwin F. Masterson, who is accused of embezzling over \$100,000 from the Continental Building and Loan Association, of

this city, and who made his escape to Germany, will arrive in Los Angeles within two weeks a prisoner. He will then have to face a trial on numerous charges of forgery and embezzlement.

The first intimation that Masterson would be brought back from Europe for trial was given this morning when Sheriff White, of Los Angeles, received on his arrival at the Palace hotel a dispatch announcing that the fugitive had been given up by the German government and he would arrive at New York on a German steamer on March 27. The sheriff was thus notified in order that he might be waiting on the dock to take Masterson in custody on his return to American soil.

"I went to Berlin for him last July," said Sheriff White. "The German government, however, declined to give him up at once, and held him pending a trial or an examination. In due time the prisoner was relinquished and sent back to the United States. I had to return alone, however, and now it is necessary to go to New York after him. I expect to leave at once."

In conjunction with two other men in Los Angeles, Masterson is alleged to have swindled the San Francisco concern out of large sums of money by a systematic fraud. The business was conducted by men named Taylor and Christie and Masterson, under the name of Taylor & Co. They acted as Los Angeles representatives, or as a kind of agents, for the Continental Building and Loan Association, of this city. By forging checks and making false returns of the value of lands bought when securing loans from the company they managed, it is alleged, to defraud the company out of sums aggregating about \$102,000.

When the discovery was made Masterson escaped to Germany, where he was found in a town in the northern part of the country. His associates in Los Angeles were arrested, and they are now out on bail of \$15,000 each pending trial and the return of the fugitive. The trials will take place in the southern city where the crimes are said to have been committed.

The company will not lose \$102,000, however, as the only losses to the corporation will be those represented by the margins between the amount of money loaned and the value of the property, as the loans are all secured. The sheriff remarked that owing to the enormous rise in the values of real estate in Los Angeles since these deals were made, the losses will be reduced to a minimum.

**MORE RIOTS.**

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**Dining With Barnum.**

The late P. T. Barnum was known as an ideal host, and, next to his interest in the "greatest show on earth," enjoyed nothing better than entertaining his friends at his house and table. Among those who visited him most frequently at "Lindencroft" or "Waldermere," and who gave the name to the last residence, was Joel Benton, who sometimes calls himself "author of prose and worse."

It is a peculiarity of this author that, with one slight exception, he eats neither butter nor milk, and none of the ordinary meats, not for any hygienic or philosophical reason, but simply because they are distinctly unpalatable to him. On one occasion when a young lady occupied a seat near Mr. Benton at Mr. Barnum's table, the waiter handed the bachelor-author some butter. "Oh," said Barnum to the waiter, and pointing to the lady, "you shouldn't do that, for he doesn't love any but her."

Mr. Barnum's table, of course, was always bountifully supplied with a great variety of food, and yet, on another occasion, when Mr. Benton refused the beef and lamb, and the butter, Mr. Barnum wearily said: "Well, Benton, you seem likely to starve here. What can we serve you?"

"Oh," said Benton, "I eat everything that flies or swims."

"Very well, then," said Barnum. "We'll get you a crow and a whale tomorrow."—Success.

**Granted An Escort.**

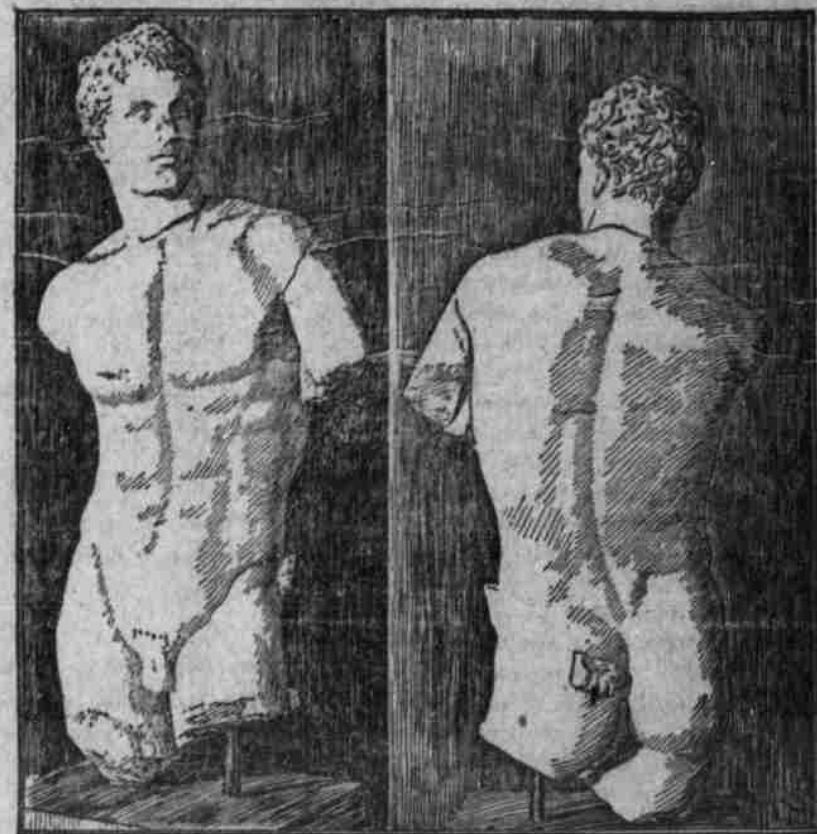
New York, March 24.—The ministry of foreign affairs has refused the Russian military attaché a passport to inspect the Chinese forces in Manchuria and Mongolia, cables the Herald's Peking correspondent. He has, however, been furnished a Chinese escort to accompany him on the same inspection.

**MOST VALUABLE ORIGINAL GREEK STATUE IN AMERICA**

The "Meleager" in the Fogg Museum of Harvard University One of the Best Examples of Greek Art Extant.

Cambridge, Mass., March 24.—There are in this country several notable collections of interesting objects, large and small, from the classic lands, such as the Cosmo collection of antiquities from Cyprus now in the Metropolitan museum of art, New York, the recently acquired and immensely valuable Bartlett collection in the Boston Museum of fine arts, and the figurines from Greek islands in the Chicago art institute. The number of large-sized authentic statues is, nevertheless, small, and most of these would not be accorded high rank in any great European gallery. Undoubtedly the most notable single Greek original in the United States is the statue of Meleager, of rather more than life size, deposited not long ago in the Fogg museum of art of Harvard university. It is by far and away the most famous among perhaps half a dozen pieces of

Greek statuary in American museums which would be entitled to special mention in any handbook of ancient art. Its money value? That is something no one can tell—not even to satisfy the American's natural desire to know what a thing cost. One can only state that the Meleager is worth whatever it would fetch and, from the point of view of the artist and art amateur, very much more. To say that its value is one hundred thousand dollars or one million dollars, means nothing. Enough that this is in the estimation of competent art critics the most valuable piece of original statuary in the United States; that it was found several years ago at San Marinella, 30 miles from Rome and about 100 yards from the spot where the Meleager now in the British museum was dug up; that it now stands among a large number of casts and a few other originals in the Fogg museum in Cambridge.



It is an original statue in the sense that it was made in the later period of Greek sculpture, or possibly of the Roman empire. It is, however, one of a number of Meleagers which seem all to have been variations of the same masterpiece, generally attributed to the sculptor Scopas; and no one can say whether this is the original Meleager or only one of the replicas. The actual original possibly no one has, though Professor Charles H. Moore, director of the Fogg museum, believes that something of a case could be made out in favor of this Harvard example as being of the very workmanship of Scopas or one of his school. At all events he considers its claim better than that of the famous Meleager head in the Villa Medici, Rome, which many archaeologists have

held to be a portion of the original statue. Scopas bore the greatest name among the sculptors of this period of the 4th century B. C.—of a time when the artists were beginning to have new methods of workmanship and new conceptions of the ancient deities. This Meleager, attributed to him belongs therefore to one of the best periods of Greek art and in most essentials it stands well the test of comparison with such statues as the "Apollo and the Infant Dionysus" or the "Venus of Melos." And certainly among the many renderings of the subject this one which Harvard has acquired is among the most admirable; although perhaps the most famous of all is the one in the Belvedere of the Vatican at Rome.

**PLENTY COAL AND OIL.**

**Company Will Develop Crude Products in the Far North.**

"Coal and oil deposits in Alaska are the greatest in the country," said M. A. Green, of Clinton, Ia., who is now in Portland on his way north after spending the winter at his home. This is his third trip to Alaska, and he is interested in the development of that country. To the Telegram he said:

The deposit of coal is the largest I have ever seen, the veins being from 16 to 48 feet deep. The 16-foot vein is on top of slate and lies underneath a deposit of sandstone. The coal is a perfectly clean semi-anthracite quality, and is easily handled. The coal territory, as far as I have explored, is 15 to 18 miles long and from two to six miles wide, and all over this section the coal is exposed by the action of the glacier streams cutting the mountain sides and showing the deposits in great quantities.

The deposit is only 12 miles from tidewater, the landing place being Kuyak. The oil fields are vast and much development work is being done. I understand that the English company which has been busy drilling wells, has just ordered 25 carloads of casing, and when this is delivered, with what it already has, there will be casing enough to drive 80,000 feet of wells, or over 11 miles in lineal feet of drilling. "The company is determined to secure the oil, as it has already been proven that it exists."

Mr. Green will leave tomorrow for Kayack, where he will spend the summer.

**NO CHARGES FIXED.**

**W. H. Bancroft Has Little To Say Regarding Railroad Shakeup.**

Omaha, Neb., March 24.—W. H. Bancroft, general manager of the Union Pacific, returned to Omaha today from the west. He admitted that a number of important changes were to be made in the Harriman lines, but declared none has been consummated and nothing of importance would be done until Kruttschnitt reached Chicago.

"The report that I am to have charge of the lines from Omaha to San Francisco is absolutely without foundation," said Mr. Bancroft. "Regarding the transfer of A. L. Mohler to Omaha in the capacity of vice-president, I know nothing."

"While I shall continue to have my legal home in Salt Lake, most of my time will be spent in Omaha and in travel. I shall have my office at local headquarters, no removal of which has been contemplated."

**That Boundary Dispute.**

New York, March 24.—Dr. Osmo, the Peruvian minister, has left for Buenos Ayres, says a Herald dispatch from La Paz, Bolivia. He goes at the request of the president of Argentina to act as arbitrator in the boundary dispute between Peru and Bolivia.

**Last Survivor Dead.**

Baltimore, March 21.—George E. Yewell, one of the last survivors of the Greeley relief expedition, is dead from consumption.