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STREET IN NAGASAKI.
 Nagasaki is one of the principal seaports of Japan and the port of prominence nearest to the seat of war. It is being used as a base of operations for Japanese transport service.

**SUMPTER MINERS PREPARE
 FOR HARVEST OF GOLD**

Sumpter, Ore., April 6.—With better weather, Hawley & Weaver will not be able to prosecute placer work on their Burk Gulch property for two or three weeks yet. Last year they connected their flumes with the Maiden Dream ditch, and this season expect to make a much longer run than heretofore. The Weaver boys have returned from the east after spending the winter at their old home, and are now ready to start work as soon as a sufficient head of water is secured. Messrs. Van Duyn and Harkleroad are putting the Lone Pine group of placers in shape for operations. They are now putting in ditches, flumes and piping. They expect to be running the giant in a few days.

Quartz mining except in the old established properties, is still delayed by the condition of the weather and roads. The 20-stamp mill plant for the Belcher is being delivered as fast as possible under favorable conditions.

It is the intention of the Dixie Meadows Company to install a Huntington mill this spring. A concentrating and cyanide plant will also be added. Dr. L. T. Brock, of this city, has just taken an option on the property known at one time as the Golden Charlotte, located on Bear Gulch. This is the same group which last year caused a sensation here by producing such phenomenal values in a slate formation. It was originally owned by Williamson & Shepherd and the Sumpter Valley Railway Company. The latter afterward gave an option on the property to Camp & Wade. The terms of this agreement expired last November, and it was not renewed owing to failure to agree on terms. Dr. Brock has not yet announced what he intends to do in the way of development of the property nor is the amount involved in the option stated.

A six-drill compressor plant is announced to be installed at the Midway property this spring.

D. M. Waters, a well-known mining expert of this city, has been selected as consulting engineer by the Golconda management. A full crew is employed at the property, and the mill kept constantly in operation. Considerable ore is sacked and shipped away for treatment.

A document has been filed in the county recorder's office conveying a trust deed to the American Finance & Loan Company in consideration of a loan of \$25,000. The obligation was taken by the Oregon Development Company, whose head office is at Minneapolis, and it pledges as trust for this amount the Cracker-Oregon mining claims, located in the cracker creek district, the Blue Mountain Fraction, Cracker-Oregon Fraction, also the Sherbrooke and Thunder Mountain placer claims. The 20-stamp mill on the Cracker-Oregon is also included in the trust deed. The

A THOUGHTFUL MAN.

M. M. Austin, of Winchester, Ind., knew what to do in the hour of need. His wife had such an unusual case of stomach and liver trouble, physicians could not help her. He thought of and tried Dr. King's New Life Pills and she got relief at once and was finally cured. Only 25c at Charles Rogers' drug store.

erable difficulty has been encountered in that regard since the company has been shipping to the Selby smelter at Vallejo, and Barnett was watching for the thieves.

Barnett had been at the Taraca mine a little over a year as superintendent. Up to the time he left for Mexico he resided in this city. Mrs. Barnett joined her husband a short time ago and was either at the mine or Torres at the time of the murder.

Deceased was 55 years of age and was born of Scotch parents in Louisiana. With his parents he removed to this state 53 years ago and settled in Colusa county in 1851. He was a man of sterling character and enjoyed the absolute confidence of all that knew him.

He was one of the old line democrats and a leader in the party. He served as treasurer of Colusa county for several years, succeeding himself four times. In 1884 he was elected to the legislature from that county, but resigned to accept the presidential appointment as internal revenue collector for the Fourth internal revenue district, comprising Northern California and Nevada. Four years later he accepted a position as chief clerk of the United States mint in this city under Superintendent John Daggett of Siskiyou.

Mediation Suggested.

New York, April 6.—A telegram from the Berlin correspondent of the Solr forwarded by the Times correspondent at Brussels revives the report prevalent sometime since to the effect that King Edward had taken the preliminary steps to ascertain if Russia were disposed to accept an offer of mediation. The emperor, it is alleged, replied that such an order on the part of the king of England certainly would be accepted. The slow march of events in the far east is attributed by optimists to the fact that negotiations have begun.

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LABORER KILLS POLITICIAN.

Former Internal Revenue Collector Dies Near Mexico.

San Francisco, April 6.—Robert Barnett, formerly a leading democrat of this state, was shot and instantly killed at the Taraca mine, in Mexico, of which he was superintendent, yesterday afternoon by one of the laborers in his employ. The report of the tragedy came to this city in a dispatch to Hugh Reichenbach, president of the Taraca Gold Mining Company, from W. J. Hood, agent of the company in Mexico. The message was brief and only conveyed the information that Barnett had been shot and killed at the mine by one of the native laborers.

The Taraca mine is situated 12 miles west of Torres, a station on the Sonora branch of the Southern Pacific railway in Mexico. Reichenbach immediately wired for full particulars of the crime and F. X. Collier, formerly superintendent of Captain Delemar's Golden Gate property at Mercury, Utah, left for the scene last night to take charge of the property.

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**NEW BONDS
 ARE ISSUED**

Latest Issue to Fund Floating Debt Amounts to Sum of \$14,000,000.

INTEREST FOUR PER CENT

Part of the Bonds Will Also Be Used to Purchase Necessary Equipment for the Burlington.

New York, April 6.—Directors of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad have issued new bonds aggregating \$14,000,000 which will be used, according to the Herald, to fund the floating debt and short term obligations of the company, in the last two years. A part of the bonds also will be used for the purchase of equipment.

The new issue will bear interest at the rate of four per cent and is understood to be secured by the Illinois divisional mortgage, made in 1899 and the total authorized issue of bonds secured by it aggregates \$55,000,000. Of this amount \$41,000,000 already have been issued and bear interest at 3 1-2 per cent.

The bonds may be redeemed on any interest day after July 1, 1929, at par and accrued interest for all bonds bearing interest at less rate than 3 1-2 per cent and at 105 and accrued interest for all bonds at a rate not less than 3 1-2 per cent.

The mortgage, subject to the 1903 consols which were extended last summer, is practically a blank mortgage upon all of the Burlington system east of the Mississippi river, including the Chicago terminals.

Arrangements have been made for all the entire \$14,000,000 issue to bankers here.

BOY ASPHYXIATED.

Son of Prominent Merchant Killed By Gas.

Los Angeles, April 6.—Arthur F. Bowles, aged 16 years, son of F. C. Bowles, a well-known merchant of Los Angeles, was asphyxiated this forenoon at his home in West Twenty-eighth street while trying to use an instantaneous gas heater in a bath room.

The boy entered the room, turned up the gas and began undressing. Before he had removed all his clothing he was overcome by the fumes and fell to the floor unconscious. An hour later his father became alarmed at his long absence and forced an entrance to the room. The young man was found unconscious and died, despite a doctor's efforts.

The cause of the escaping gas was the absence of a vent from the heater, no pipe having been run out of the room and this permitted the fumes from the gas to fill the room the same as if it had been turned directly from the pipes into the room. On previous occasions three other members of the family were overcome by the fumes, but they were discovered in time to save their lives. The coroner will institute an investigation.

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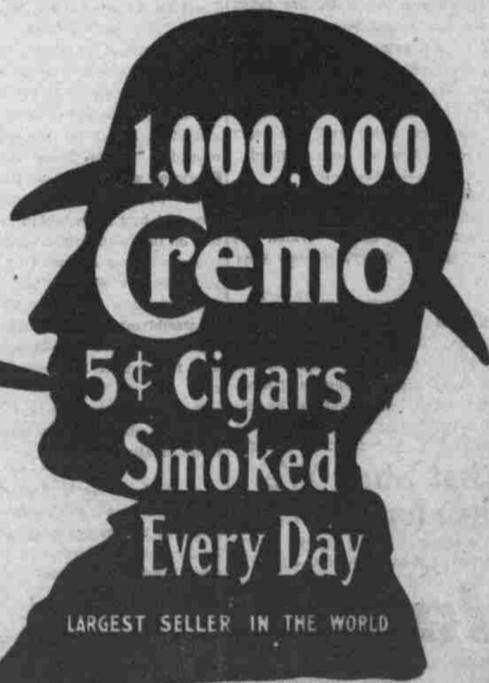
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