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SAYS PALACE IS HAUNTED

Korean Emperor Prefers Make-shift Quarters to Scene of Murdered Queen.

FIRE POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Trying to Force Terror Stricken Ruler to Return to Obscure Palace Where Assassins May Freely Operate.

Seoul, April 16, Friday.—The emperor received in audience this morning the members of the diplomatic corps. The emperor had apparently recovered from the shock caused by the burning of the palace and was calm, making inquiries as to the health of the ladies of the legations, etc. His intimates report that he is still nervous, however. Many Koreans believe that the burning of the palace has a political significance and that it will force the emperor to return to the Kyongbok palace in the outskirts of the city, where the queen was assassinated in 1895 and from which the emperor fled to the Russian legation. The emperor, however, refuses to return, claiming that the palace is haunted by the murdered queen. He prefers to remain in the imperial library in the Kluseken building, where he took refuge during the fire until the palace is rebuilt. The electric plant which was totally destroyed together with thousands of dollars worth of instruments and machinery will be reinstated.

The heaps of smoldering ruins are being guarded by a cordon of vigilant soldiers stationed one foot and a half apart around the palace walls. The superstitious population is excited and depressed over the fire, regarding it as an evil portent.

The fire furnished a wonderful spectacle. The steep mountains about the city were lighted up as though it were day. Hurrying crowds of frantic Koreans and Japanese troops arrived on the scene in quick time. American marines formed a bucket brigade and United States Minister Allen took precaution to prevent the flames reaching the legation. All the Korean government records and accounts were lost, together with much treasure. The loss is estimated at \$2,000,000.

PIONEER MEETS DEATH.

Note Left by Alaskan Who is Killed by Bear.

Seattle, April 16.—A special to the Post-Intelligencer from Nome says: Death in a horrible form came to Honso Chesweth, a well known pioneer of Alaska. While hunting in the Tanana country during the winter he wounded a bear. Apparently it attacked him before he could kill it. It gave him mortal wounds, but before he died he penciled a note which said: "I have met my fate. Good-bye and God care for and bless you all. Was hunting and wounded bear. It has killed me. Good-bye."

Frank Burton, of Fairbanks, writes under date of December 24, and from his letter the sad story is gleaned:

Chesweth left Fairbanks early in October with his gun and pack, and like hundreds of others few paid any attention to the lonely miner as he wended his way over the hills. "Going out in the hills for a hunt," he told a few acquaintances he et, and little he dreamed that he was going to his death.

Up over Pedro's dome he made his way—down the valley of Cleary creek, across the flats at the mouth and up the splendid valley of the Chafaneega.

For weeks he hunted in the hills on either side of the river and finally reached a point near the headwaters and then it is evident that he started homeward. He came to a place where the river made a horseshoe bend and instead of following the river he started to cut across the narrow neck of land through the heavy timber. When about half way over he sighted a bear and succeeded in wounding it. The enraged brute turned to attack Chesweth, and it is evident from the condition of his rifle that the next shell he attempted to throw into the magazine stuck and left him with only his knife for defense.

Around the place where his body was found for many feet there were traces of the desperate struggle and great patches of the heavy black fur showed that the hunter had made good use of his only weapon. Possibly the bear was driven off—possi-

bly it was wounded even unto death, while Chesweth dragged himself to the foot of a tall fir tree and there tore a leaf from a notebook on which, with his last remnants of strength he penciled the sad farewell to his family.

MAMMOTH IS VISITED.

Officials at Dawson Find Animal Finely Preserved.

Seattle, April 16.—A special to the Post-Intelligencer from Dawson says: Governor F. T. Courdon and party of officials yesterday visited the remains of the mammoth recently discovered on Quartz creek.

The tusks and the skull are intact, and with them are three ribs. The tusk, skull and ribs show that the animal was not nearly as large as many others of which partial remains have been found near Dawson.

The remainder of the skeleton may be found in the muck. The parts already found are undamaged. The tusks are splintered. It is believed the entire specimen can be hoisted up the creek and taken to the surface without damage.

The remains lie exactly in the pathway of the gold-bearing gravels, two feet above bedrock and forty feet below the surface. The points of the tusks extend upward and touch the upper layer of muck. The fact that the remains have been found in the gold-bearing gravel would indicate the animal died near ago at the time the auriferous deposits were taking place. It may be that the animal antedated the gold deposits, but the fact that two feet of the gold gravel is beneath the bones and much of it above would seem to indicate that both belong to one age or period. How many years the bones have been lying in the gravels cannot be approximated by anyone.

In the jaws are two or three teeth and near the skeleton were found two or three detached. The visitors report no flesh on the remains and no offensive smell in the proximity. The inner tips of the tusks converge just within the heavy bone frame in which they are set.

SYNDICATE BUYS LINE.

Norfolk & Southern Railroad Passes Into Hands of Other Parties.

New York, April 16.—At a meeting just held here, control of the Norfolk & Southern Railroad has been sold to a syndicate composed of Flint Bacon & Company, and the Continental Trust Company of Pittsburgh. This syndicate owns the Chesapeake Transit Company and it is understood to be in the interest of this corporation that the Norfolk & Southern was purchased. It has been owned for several years by men identified with the New York Central system. President John Carstensen resigned and his successor is A. F. Flint.

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Locked up the Light.

When Plus Whallen, of Springfield, saw his first incandescent light. But he evinced no great surprise. It was not until he went to his room, where the bellboy had already switched the current that he noticed that there was no opening in the circular globe.

He blew upon it gently and was encouraged rather than disheartened to find that it didn't blow back. But the encouragement turned to anger when a stronger whiff produced no results whatever. Mr. Whallen has strong lungs and he did his best, his indignation increasing with each effort.

To his great relief he noticed that the spring by which the strange light was suspended contained a loop to shorten it. The light hung over the dresser. Mr. Whallen let out the loop and put the light in the top drawer and found to his satisfaction that the room was in Stygian darkness. So he lay down and slept peacefully, with no light to annoy him.

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HE GOES THE TRACY ROUTE

Escaped Convict Kills Himself When He Finds Posse Surrounding Him.

PURSUED BY AUTOMOBILE

Second Folsom Fugitive That Ends His Life When All Hopes of Escape Is Found to Be Gone.

New York, April 16.—Ray Fahey, one of the leaders of the Folsom prison outbreak, has killed himself after a desperate battle with a pursuing posse according to an American special from Hanford, Cal. The battle with the escaped convict took place in an open field. The pursuit was conducted by Sheriff Buckner, who followed the men in an automobile.

Fahey was one of the 14 who broke jail at Folsom last July. He is the second of the fugitives to take his own life after finding it impossible to get away. Constable Bernstein, of Hanford, noticed Fahey at the railway station he accepted Fahey and attempted to arrest him as a vagrant. Fahey drew his revolver and Bernstein called a policeman. Meanwhile Fahey drew his revolver and Bernstein he fled.

A posse headed by Sheriff Buckner was hurriedly organized and took after the convict on bicycles and automobiles. Two miles from Hanford, Fahey was seen in an open field. He turned and fired on the officers and then they shot and wounded him in the legs. As he fell, the convict put his revolver to his head and fired a shot that caused instant death. The escape in which Fahey figured was one of the most sensational in the history of California. With 13 fellow convicts he forced his way to freedom by killing one of the guards of the prison. The military was called out and for several weeks the hunt went on. Two militiamen were killed. One convict committed suicide and four were captured.

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MONEY MARKET UNSETTLED.

High Rates in Railroad Notes Keeps the Brokers Guessing.

New York, April 16.—Speculative activity in stocks has halted this week, largely influenced by the question of the Union Pacific contest to renew control of Northern Pacific and Burlington. Further note issues by railroad corporations have dashed the hopes of an improved demand for bonds. Crop prospects have a growing influence and the winter wheat conditions were unfavorable. The improvement in the iron trade was of moderate effect. Railroad earnings are lower but a settlement of grain rates disputes was regarded with satisfaction. The ease of the money market lacks reassuring effect owing to the high rates on the railroad notes.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

at Astoria, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, March 25th, 1904.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts	\$358,887 61
Overdrafts, secured and un-	
secured	6,349 91
U. S. Bonds to secure cir-	
ulation	12,500 00
Stocks, securities, etc.	72,700 00
Other real estate owned	6,000 00
Due from National Banks	
(not reserve agents)	2,503 57
Due from State Banks and	
Bankers	84,254 61
Due from approved reserve	
agents	119,139 50
Checks and other cash items	397 87
Notes of other National	
Banks	390 00
Nickels and Cents	108 74
Legal Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie	\$121,999 00
Legal tender	
notes	120 00 121,120 00
Redemption fund with U. S.	
Treasurer (5 per cent of	
Circulation)	625 00
Total	\$784,768 01

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$50,000 00
Surplus fund	50,000 00
Undivided profits, less ex-	
penses and taxes paid	15,368 77
National Bank notes out-	
standing	12,500 00
Individual de-	
posits subject	
to check	\$611,299 25
Demand certifi-	
cates of deposit	141,042 96
Certified checks	57 00 652,392 24
Total	\$784,768 01

State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, ss: I, S. S. Gordon, Cashier of the above named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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