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WEATHER.

Oregon, Washington, Idaho,—
Rain.

THE STORM OF ODIUM.

One by one the Russian generals and admirals are unfolding, in their individual stories, the shame and cowardice and incompetency of each other in the Russo-Japanese war. These tales are not all flattering to the nation these men were supposed to be loyally fighting for, nor are they personally creditable to the tellers. The whole system of charge and counter-charge exhibits a degree of disloyalty and disruption, of disorganization and unpreparedness almost inconceivable in a country of Russia's resources and illimitable power. And it points a moral of national weakness lacking but such proof as this, to confirm it in the eyes of mankind. Russia is falling to pieces and the disintegration is going forward at a pace commensurate with the causes behind it. There is something pitiful in the gradual, yet palpable, crumbling of a great dynasty, but the eagles of Russia are not the first imperial birds to leave the heights and cower, sterile and abject, at the feet of new thought and higher ideals set up by mankind; nor are they the only ones to be beaten down from flight by the inherent evil that buoyed them through the centuries. Pitiful it may be. Inevitable it is!

THE PANAMA HOODOO.

There must be some retroactive force; some baffling, baffling agency, at work against the Panama canal program; else why these frequent and radical changes in the system and the men appointed to do the will of the nation in this behalf. No sooner is a man chosen to govern and control the great project than we hear of his voluntary, or enforced retirement; no sooner is one plan of operation adopted and put in force, than we hear of its abandonment, and the substitution of another, wholly different. The president seems to be at the head and front of each and all the divers people and methods tried out in this relation, and we had given him credit for securing more stability than has yet come to attainment.

Whose the fault in all this upsurge and confusion? Where does the blame lie? Are the hands of the government impeded by the secret and effective tactics of the transcontinental combines? Are the people to be denied this epoch-making venture because of the commercial spite of railway trusts? It looks that way to men who are seeking for answers to fit this huge question, and can find nothing more adequate nor applicable.

EDWARD L. KING OF AMERICA

Time and conditions are propitious for the transforming of this republic into a monarchy. The people have just about yielded their franchises of power and domain to the trusts, and are waiting, inept, docile and pathetic, for the assumption of the last tribute, by the hierarchy of railway, oil, water, electric and other magnates, and the promulgation of the new doctrine and measure of subjection to be ordained by the imperial colossus.

By all the rules of promogeniture, of course, we should go to our best and oldest blood for the kingly initiative,

but as this rule, along with all others, has been submerged in the sole commanding principle of MONEY, we must give allegiance first to the dominant representative of that cult, and naturally, all turn in unison, to Edward L. he of the Harriman brood, the arch type and leader of the dynasty that is to be. He has a court already at hand, and the undisputed ability to formulate the charter of control as it should be, for a people only too ready for the yoke. That he will refuse the prestige thus thrust upon him is utterly beyond consideration. Would he take all and decline the crowning gift that ensures his title to all that has gone to him before? There is not much left to do, since the law and the power of the law are his, and he is master of the living fundamental source of human action, today, the incarnated, transcendent, beatified dogma of MONEY!

ASTORIA AND OREGON.

The new leaf recently turned over by this city, and the revivification of her sleeping energies along the accepted channels of commercial preferment, have brought her into pleasant prominence among her sister cities of old Oregon, and she is being warmly patting on the back for her pluck and progressive spirit. She is grateful for all the kindly sentiments cast her way in this behalf, and will endeavor to furnish warrant for their perpetuation.

But she is going to work upon the broad hypothesis that what of good comes to her must be shared with Oregon; not with any reserved section nor limited sphere, but with the whole state; and, by way of proving her good faith, she is willing to concede that Portland shall be included. If she does this, no man shall have the right to disparage her resolution, nor question her limit of self-sacrifice. She wants to go ahead, but she does not want, and will not suffer, to be led ahead. She will go of her own volition, or remain dominant in her own territory. Astoria and Oregon! That's her new slogan.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Judging from the premonitions, Mr. Rockefeller's donation to the cause of education will be received, if at all, with poor grace in the south. Such utterances as Professor Schurman's about its "civilizing" tendencies toward the south are justly resented. Mr. Rockefeller has done all he could do; he shouldn't be held responsible for comments about his gift.

The fulsome estimates of Ambassador Brice by the interviewers right at the start could not have given him additional evidence of our intelligence, of which it is believed he held a favorable opinion.

A Connecticut Galle student has discovered that President Roosevelt is also Irish. This accounts for the delight with which he acts as policeman over the small South American countries.

When Captain Hobson begins to play in the next congress we'll have to go to war with somebody, else the captain can't make good. His specialty will be stirring up the foreign menagerie.

The Boers have won an election in the Transvaal and will have something to say in the government of the country. There is a difference in fighting with bullets.

"Democracy is on trial for its life," says Senator La Follette. Perhaps! But the evidence isn't sensational enough for a first-page story.

Wonder if Mr. Roosevelt doesn't sometimes get tired reading in the newspapers about the antics of his "distant relatives?"

It is to be hoped that the reading of Washington's address in the senate yesterday was taken as a voice from the tomb.

The danger of the world becoming overpopulated is lessened by some huge disaster almost every day.

"Carter H." Harrison has finished playing the mayoralty game for Calcasieu, they say.

As Alabama treats the Tuskegee Institute so will public opinion treat Alabama.

A VALUABLE LESSON.

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LOST TICHBORNE HEIR.

Aged Claimant Dies in Kings County Hospital.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—In the morgue of the Kings County hospital, Flatbush, lies the body of an old man who called himself Roger Charles Tichborne, and claimed to be Sir Roger Tichborne, the "lost heir" of the Tichborne estates in England. He died Monday of apoplexy. In appearance he was tall and distinguished, with a massive head, grey eyes and silvery white moustache and side whiskers. To one of the hospital officers he said that he led a claim to the Tichborne estates in England twenty-five years ago, but had lost at sea his papers which would prove his descent, and had given up hope of ever establishing his rights. The old man's story was that he was the eldest son of Sir Francis Tichborne and was born in Paris, January 5, 1829. He roved the seas for years, and then when he tried to establish himself as the lost heir his claim was repudiated.

The old man's story differed from the regularly accepted story of the "lost heir." The young man whom the Tichbornes claimed as a son was supposed to have sailed from Rio Janeiro April 20, 1854, in the Bella, which was lost at sea. In his last sickness he asked that his son Charles Tichborne, of San Diego, Cal., be notified when his death occurred.

EVEN FROM THE MOUNTAINS

Ballard's Snow Liniment is praised for the good it does. A sure cure for Rheumatism and all pains. Wright W. Loving, Grand Junction, Colo., writes: "I used Ballard's Snow Liniment last winter for Rheumatism and can recommend it as the best liniment on the market. I thought, at the time I was taken down with this trouble, that it would be a week before I could get about, but on applying your liniment several times during the night, I was about in 48 hours, and well in three days." Sold by Hart's Drug Store.

TO PARDON CONVICT.

Oregon to Free Criminal—Stand Trial for Greater Crime.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—H. W. Kearney, alias Joseph Edwards, who was with murderers Slesmen and Dabner when the three made an attack on Jeweler Behrend, November 16, 1906, in the store of the latter, at Steiner and Ellis streets, has been located in Oregon, where, under the name of Thomas Daly he is under sentence of ten years for forgery. An effort will be made to have the Oregon authorities pardon Kearney, that he may be brought to California for trial.

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