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Czar's Illness Affects European Bourses.

HIS DEATH MAY BRING ON WAR

Expresses Regret for the Death of General Tso--Japanese Officers Killed at Yula River.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—The European bourses are affected by the news of the czar's health, as he is recognized as one of the strongest supporters of peace, and it is feared in the event of his death his successor would seize the opportunity to secure naval ports on the Pacific and enlarge boundaries in the direction of the Pamir at the expense of China, either of which steps, it is believed, would easily precipitate a war. On the other hand, a dispatch from St. Petersburg today denies the Russian troops have gone to Corea or that Russia has any intention of doing anything calculated to disturb the peace of Europe.

Two Thousand Escaped.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 25.—By the steamer Rio Janeiro, which arrived from the Orient, news was received of the escape of 2,000 prisoners from Siberia. The men were employed in the construction of the Siberian railway, and had, as late developments proved, been planning escape for several months. Meager advice received at Yokohama are that the men overpowered the Russian soldiers, who were guarding them, and securing all the arms they could, fled. When last heard of they were making their way towards Corea, and it is believed they are now safely within the borders of that country, trying to secure passage to more distant parts. The Russian government has forwarded a request to the Korean officials to assist in the capture of the refugees, and to hand them over as fast as apprehended to Russian authorities.

A Mineowner Who Is Said to Have Made Misrepresentations.

FRESNO, Cal., Sept. 25.—H. V. Lindsey, superintendent of the New Citizen mine, has been arrested and taken to Madera on a charge of perjury, made in connection with the character of the mine. According to the report, Lindsey

and Charles A. Lee, of Plainfield, N. J., were partners in the New Citizen mine at Deadwood, near Coarse Gold. Lindsey sent to Lee, at Plainfield, a statement made before a notary public that rock taken from the mine went \$43 per ton. It is claimed that no ore has been taken from the mine and worked, as alleged in the affidavit, and that Lindsey made the statement to defraud the foreign stockholders. Lindsey refused to make any statement until the matter was brought up in court. There are a number of other allegations against him among them of raising pay checks and of becoming engaged to a young lady at Wawona, while he has a family in Philadelphia.

Town Threatened by Kaffirs.

LOURENÇO MARQUES, Delagoa Bay, Sept. 25.—Several thousand Kaffirs are threatening to attack this town. The government has distributed arms among the white population for defense.

(Lourenço Marques is a walled Portuguese town in Africa on the north side of Delagoa Bay. It has a population of about 3,000, and is protected by a roughly-constructed old fort. Transvaal leaders have long been anxious to secure control of the Delagoa Bay railroad and to have the seaport, Lourenço Marques preferred. With this object the Boers recently sent \$250,000 to London to purchase the bonds which Portugal is expected to issue as soon as the Berne arbitrators have decided the question of boundaries. September 15th advice from Pretoria said the Transvaal government had acquired prior rights in Delagoa Bay, including control of port dues, thus giving the Transvaal a commanding position and free access to the sea.)

A Murder Mystery.

CLEVELAND, Sept. 25.—James B. Coven, general freight agent of the Valley railroad (the Baltimore & Ohio), was shot and killed in the street by an unknown person last night. Five bullets pierced the body. Parties living near the scene of the murder heard shots and a woman scream. The police have not secured the slightest clue. Coven was a widower, 50 years old, and resided with a daughter in Kennard street. He was a man of exemplary habits as far as is known.

The coroner decided that robbery was the motive for the murder, as everything of value had been taken from the dead man's pockets.

Grain sacks for sale at the Wasco warehouse.

Her Husband Denies the Story.

STOCKTON, Cal., Sept. 25.—The man Janerro, who is accused by his wife of having bound her hands and feet in her house, and then, having set the building on fire, returned to this city today from Fresno. He was at once placed under arrest. It is highly probable, however, that Janerro had nothing to do with the fire, and the supposition that the woman tied herself and fired her house seems to have gained confirmation by the appearance of Janerro. He declares he knew nothing of the matter until informed by the arresting officer, and gives a good account of his whereabouts. He claims he was working in the vineyard of Mr. Grady, in Fresno county. Today the woman was brought face to face with the man whom she accuses, but she stuck to her story in every particular. She is probably actuated by hatred of the man she once loved.

The Axle Broke and He Stopped a Runaway.

CHENEY, Wash., Sept. 24.—Governor McGraw was thrown from a carriage here today and his arm was severely bruised. He was riding with D. F. Percival and the Rev. Mr. Marker, and in turning a corner sharply, the axle of the vehicle broke. Governor McGraw sprang to the horses' heads and stopped a runaway.

The governor addressed an audience of several hundred people on the subject of his veto of the appropriation for the Cheney normal school. He said he felt that one normal school was sufficient for the state, but in the future he would leave that question to the legislature. He will go to Walla Walla tomorrow to inspect the penitentiary.

Chinese Imperial Edict.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—A dispatch from Tien Ssin says an imperial edict has been issued by the emperor of China expressing regret at the death of General Tso, killed while leading the Chinese at the battle of Ping Yang. The emperor has ordered that posthumous honors be paid the dead general, and imperial favors have been bestowed upon his family. Lieutenant Ching, first lieutenant of the Chin Yuen, the Chinese war vessel sunk at the battle of the Yalu river, has reached the Chinese camp on the bank of the Yalu river. He reported the captain of the Chin Yuen had escaped drowning, but died of his wounds.

Japanese Officers Killed.

YOKOHAMA, Sept. 25.—The German cruiser Alexandrine has arrived here. Among the Japanese killed in the battle of Yalu river were Commander Sakimoto, of the gunboat Akagi; Lieutenants Tekaha and Sonuichi, of the cruiser Hashidate; Lieutenants Sima and Itoo, of the cruiser Matsushima; Lieutenant Magil, of the cruiser Akishima; Lieutenant Asoa, of the cruiser Yoshima; Chief Surgeon Myack, Chief Paymaster Ishizuka and Surgeon Murakosi. Thirty noncommissioned officers and men were killed and 780 wounded.

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