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TO USE CHINA'S MONEY.

Japan to Have Erected an Immense Steel Plant. CHICAGO, January 11.—The Japanese government has submitted proposals to the Illinois Steel Company to erect in Japan a steel plant capable of turning out all the steel armor required by the Japanese navy and all the steel rails needed for government railway construction. The plant is to involve an outlay of between \$7,000,000 and \$10,000,000. This money Japan will pay out of the indemnity secured from China. E. E. Potter, secretary of the construction of Illinois steel at South Chicago, left for Yokohama last night to consult with the Japanese government on the details of the plant. He will remain in Japan until April. The Japanese propose to develop all their mineral resources, and the railroads are intended to connect the plant with the source of ore supply and the principal ports.

Indignant San Franciscans. SAN FRANCISCO, January 11.—Mayor Sutro announces that he will call a mass meeting of citizens to protest against the action of Acting United States Attorney Knight in refusing to issue a warrant for the arrest of C. P. Huntington, who is charged with violating the interstate commerce law by issuing a pass to Frank M. Stone. At the mass meeting expressions of opinion on the appointment of Mose Gunst as Collector Commissioner will also be made.

The Explorers Traced. LONDON, January 8.—The Central News Agency's correspondent in Shanghai says that the French explorers, Grenard and Phins, who have been missing some two months, have been traced. Phins was murdered by the Chinese after leaving Li Hassa, the capital of Thibet. Grenard was arrested by a rebel officer, and was started for Pelling, December 10 he passed through Tai Yuen, a province of Shan See.

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TAKEN HOT FROM THE WIRES

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The annual cut of wood at Meacham, Or., is 8,000 cords. The Dalles, Or., boasts of unsurpassed coasting on the hills. Miss Emma Driocoll has been elected City Librarian at Spokane.

Eugene, Or., is collecting a carload of provisions for the Nebraska sufferers. The Tacoma Poultry Association's first annual show will be held from January 15 to 19.

Proposed amendments to the Spokane city charter would reduce the salary list by \$10,000.

The Astorian predicts great activity in road construction by the Clatsop county farmers next spring.

The A. P. A. will establish State headquarters at Olympia during the session of the Legislature.

According to Librarian Gilbert's report the Washington State library has over 20,000 volumes.

Suit has been brought at Seattle by Dexter, Horton & Co. for \$217,148.93 against William A. and Anna B. Harrington.

The first Southern Oregon State Board of Agriculture will hold its annual meeting and election of officers at Ashland on the 14th inst.

A female deer, driven out of the mountains by the storm, was seen quietly browsing in Max Fracht's orchard in Ashland a few days ago.

Umatilla county, Or., figures out a profit during the first six months of the salary system, as compared with the fee system formerly in vogue.

The Tacoma Rod and Gun Club has ordered four dozen Mongolian pheasants to be distributed in Pierce county. It has also drafted a new game law.

The Tacoma Land Company has commenced suit to set aside an assessment of \$26,404.97 for street improvements upon technicalities in the Council proceedings.

A fairly well authenticated report comes from the Nasel country to the effect that Weyerhaeuser syndicate has purchased 3,000 acres of timber land in that section of Washington.

J. J. Kaufman has been elected Chief of the Walla Walla fire department. The retiring Chief, Y. C. Blalock, was presented with a gold watch safe by the members of the department.

A petition to the Oregon Legislature is being prepared at Eugene, asking for legislation preventing Indians from hunting deer off the reservations, as they are rapidly exterminating the game.

A hunting party in the Olympic Mountains report having seen 500 elk in a single day without attempting to shoot any of them, because their pack animals were already laden with game.

Piling for an extension of the Harris mill wharf at South Bend, Wash., is being cut. The wharf will be extended twenty feet farther into the Willapa river and made 600 feet in length. There will then be a depth of thirty feet alongside.

The trial of Adolph Selheim, who was charged with the murder of William Smith at Spokane, was concluded by the jury bringing in a verdict of acquittal. The Taxpayers' League is to take up and discuss the question. Selheim shook hands with the jury after the verdict, and immediately invited them out to be dined and wined. Selheim shot and killed William Smith in a saloon November 17 while Smith was unarmed. He is a wealthy rancher and old pioneer.

ONE WHO WAS THERE.

Denial of Alleged Armenian Atrocities by a Distinguished Spaniard.

LONDON, January 11.—The Morning Post will print to-morrow a long interview with the Spanish traveler, Ximinez, who has just returned from a geographical mission through Mesopotamia and Kurdistan. He said: "I was in Armenia from March to November, and happened to be in Bitlis during the disturbances in the Sassoun district. It is absolutely false that women and children were outraged and tortured by Turkish troops. The whole thing was grossly exaggerated from an entirely local disturbance locally suppressed in the repression beyond the capture of the supposed instigator. He was a liberated convict, named Bohazian, alias Mourah, formerly a pupil in the American Methodist mission school."

Ximinez exonerates Zekki Pasha, who on arriving at Moosh immediately liberated numbers of Armenians and adopted a policy of conciliation throughout. He says that the Armenian question hardly exists in Armenia. The Armenians of the Sassoun district he describes as the least educated and intelligent of those in Turkey and very different from their fellows in Van and Bitlis. He thinks they are little better than the Kurds. The disturbances arose from quarrels and raids of the Armenians, he says, and developed until the Armenians mustered a force of 2,000, intent either upon reprisals on the Kurds or revolution. The troops twice encountered this force August 27, killing 300 of them in an open fight.

The editor of the Post describes Ximinez as a distinguished Spaniard of high scientific attainments and a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society of England. He accepts the above statements as true, and denounces Gladstone and other supporters of the Armenian political plotters.

DENIAL FROM THE FOREIGN OFFICE. LONDON, January 11.—Lord Kimberly of the Foreign Office announces that the statements made at the Chester conference of Armenians as to the attitude of the British Foreign Office toward Armenian affairs were entirely untrue.

The Standard says that Great Britain has replied to the Porte's appeal to disavow Mr. Gladstone's birthday speech on Armenia by directing attention to the fact that Mr. Gladstone is simply a Member of Parliament and cannot be prevented from uttering his personal views.

TO PROTECT THE PATRIARCH. VIENNA, January 6.—A dispatch from Constantinople explains why the Turkish police entered the Armenian cathedral yesterday. The Patriarch, Stephen Peter Azarain, has received many menacing letters owing to his public statements discrediting the worst reports from Armenia and favoring the Porte.

Chefk and Djelaledin, members of the Commission of Inquiry, arrived at Erzerum Monday.

MONEY OF THE DEAD.

There May be a Contest Over Fair's Will After All.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 11.—The will of late ex-Senator Fair will come up for probate, and should no compromise be made between the executors and heirs the latter according to report are likely to contest it. The only way to break the will is to prove that the testator was of unsound mind or was unduly influenced when making it. The physicians who made the autopsy upon the body of Fair have not yet made any detailed public reports of their examination. They have stated that the causes of death were diabetes and Bright's disease. They said little about the condition of the brain except that it exceeded the average weight. The question of sanity promises to enter chiefly into a contest over the will.

CUBA IS BENEFITED

Spain Places the United States Among Favored Nations.

EVERYTHING AGAIN SERENE

Island Planters Will be Able to Control the Market of the Greatest Sugar-Consuming Country on the Globe—Details Remain to be Adjusted.

LONDON, January 10.—A Madrid dispatch says that as a result of recent negotiations a minimum tariff has been accorded to the United States by the Spanish government upon exports from the United States into Cuba and Porto Rico.

SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION REACHED. WASHINGTON, January 10.—As indicated in the cablegrams from Madrid the negotiations between the State Department and the government of Spain looking to the restoration of the tariff on American products entering Cuba and Porto Rico have reached a satisfactory conclusion. It is true that some minor details remain to be adjusted, but little difficulty is expected in securing their settlement. It appears that in conceding to the United States the benefits of the minimum tariff Spain has also secured a substantial advantage. Her West Indian colonies ordinarily supply the United States with about 75 per cent of the sugar imported into the country. Thus the sugar is liable to a duty of one-tenth of 1 cent per pound over and above the 40 per cent duty imposed on Cuban sugar, and in consequence the Cuban planters practically receive a portion equal to the discriminating duty paid by European sugars, and, it is believed, will thus be able to control the market of the greatest sugar-consuming country on the globe.

EMIGRANTS FOR HAWAII.

Nine Hundred Portuguese to be Taken to the Island.

WASHINGTON, January 10.—Mr. Lorin A. Thurston, the Hawaiian Minister to the United States, returned to Washington last night after an absence of three months on a special mission to Portugal. The object of his visit was to obtain emigrants for Hawaii, and in this he was successful. A party of 900 Portuguese will start for Hawaii January 11 to augment the 14,000 of their countrymen already there. The men who compose the party are farm laborers, and will be utilized principally in the coffee-growing industry. The labor supply of the islands according to Thurston is entirely inadequate to the development of the interests now in progress. The government of Hawaii has furnished a steamer to take these emigrants to their destination, and will bear the expense of the journey.

With reference to the condition of political affairs in the islands Mr. Thurston said the agitation against the government has been carried on by a few malcontents, but has not resulted in causing much uneasiness. The government, however, has put a stop to it by arresting Bush and others for conspiracy.

The Queen's attorney, Neumann, has taken the oath of allegiance and Mr. Davies, guardian of Kaulani, the heir-apparent to the throne, has announced that in consequence of the recognition of the Hawaiian Republic by Great Britain he no longer supports the project to restore the Queen. Mr. Widemann, one of the royalist commissioners to Washington, also announced that he recognized restoration as a dead issue.

LAST YEAR'S SEALING.

The Catch of the British Columbian Sealing Fleet.

WASHINGTON, January 10.—The State Department has published an official report from United States Consul Roberts at Victoria on the seal catch of the British Columbian sealing fleet last year. The figures show the catch to be the largest ever made in a single year, and that the fear once entertained that the hunters would be seriously handicapped by the compulsory use of the spear has been overcome. The total Canadian catch was 94,474, and of those taken in Behring Sea 11,705 were males and 14,636 females. The catch in 1893 was 70,332. In addition this year 573 skins taken by American schooners were landed at Victoria, bringing the total number of skins landed there to 95,047. The sealers took 48,993 skins of the Japanese coast, 26,341 in Behring Sea, 11,705 off the British Columbian coast and 7,457 off Copper Island. An intimation of further claims against the United States is found in the release of the seized schooners Favorite and Wanderer without any formal investigation and the prompt filing by their masters with Collector Milne of claims for damages.

Rich Strike Near Deadwood.

DEADWOOD, S. D., January 10.—Mining circles are in a flutter of excitement over the announcement of a rich strike made in the Lackawanna mine on Green Mountain, a few miles south of Deadwood. A twelve-foot vein has been uncovered, the ore from which after many assays gives returns averaging from \$1,500 to \$3,700 in gold per ton. The vein is well defined. The mine is owned by James Collins and Curley O'Leary, two poor miners, whom a chance "spot" in one moment has placed in affluence.

JAPAN'S PARLIAMENT.

Only Urgent Questions Will be Considered Now.

TOKIO, January 10.—Premier Ito, speaking in the Japanese Chamber of Deputies yesterday, declared that the victories over the Chinese were due to the bravery and loyalty of the army and navy supported by the loyalty and unanimity of the people of the nation. He felt honored, he said, to occupy the position of Prime Minister at so important a period in the country's history. In view of necessary war measures Premier Ito said the budget would deal only with a few other urgent matters. When the war should be concluded, he said, the government would submit a number of useful measures, but in the meantime only the most urgent questions would be considered.

MORE PORT ARTHUR CRITICISMS. LONDON, January 10.—The Pall Mall Gazette this afternoon, referring to the massacre at Port Arthur, says: "Responsibility for the horror rests not with the Japanese peasant, who everybody knows is a lawless barbarian, but with Marshal Oyama and his officers, whose civilization professed to go a little deeper. Whether they permitted the outrages or not, or were unable to check them, they are unworthy of the command of the armies of a power which calls itself civilized."

CUT OFF THE CHINESE RETREAT. LONDON, January 10.—A Shanghai dispatch says reports have been received from New Chwang that during the assault of the Japanese upon Soumen Chang the town was burned, rendering 10,000 homeless in a temperature of 40 degrees below the freezing point. The Japanese are cutting off the retreat of 15,000 Chinese soldiers commanded by General Sung, and the Taotai of New Chwang, fearing desertions, has ordered that all soldiers who attempt to run away shall be immediately shot.

SUNG ASKS FOR REINFORCEMENTS. LONDON, January 10.—The Times will publish to-morrow a dispatch from Shanghai saying that General Sung has sent a message to the Chinese government to the effect that his force is completely at the mercy of the Japanese and begging for reinforcements or permission to return.

COREAN INDEPENDENCE DECLARED. LONDON, January 10.—A Seoul dispatch says the King of Korea yesterday formally declared the independence of Korea.

TONG HAK LEADERS BEHEADED. LONDON, January 10.—A Fusan dispatch says the inhabitants of Kow Yo Ken in Southern Korea have seized and beheaded three of the principal leaders of the Tong Hak rebels. The rebels are fleeing in all directions.

COREAN MINISTER TO JAPAN. LONDON, January 10.—A Seoul dispatch says that the grandson of the King Regent of Korea has been appointed Korean Minister to Japan.

PILOTS ON WARSHIPS.

His Presence Does Not Relieve the Commanding Officer of Responsibility.

WASHINGTON, January 10.—Secretary Herbert to-day issued general orders to naval officers, reversing the former practice of the department regarding the responsibility of pilots on warships, which will render it impossible hereafter to shift the blame for an injury to a vessel on the pilot, as was attempted in the case of the Columbia last spring or the Cincinnati last November. The order is as follows: "The accident to the United States steamship Cincinnati upon the occasion of her striking ground on the eastern side of the shoals to the south and west of Execution Rocks lighthouse, Long Island Sound, on November 16 last renders it expedient that the department promulgate to the service its views with regard to the responsibility of pilots on board vessels of the navy. A pilot is to be considered merely as an adviser to the commanding officer, and his presence on board a naval vessel shall not relieve the commanding officer of such vessel or any of his subordinates from full responsibility for the proper performance of duties with which they or any of them may be charged concerning the navigation of the vessel."

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE.

Will Represent the Engineers of the Entire Southern Pacific System.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 10.—A meeting of the Grievance Committee of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers of the entire Southern Pacific system has been called for the latter part of this month, to be held here. This committee has not been together for two years, and is called only when important action affecting the brotherhood of the entire system is to be taken. The last time it met here its doings were very secret, but it secured what it came for. That was a restoration in part of the wages which the company had just cut. The fact that the committee has been called together shows that the engineers have not dropped the matter of wages. An effort is now being made to settle the differences between the brotherhood and the American Railway Union, and has been somewhat successful. The American Railway Union will in the next couple of weeks decide on the stand it is to take.

Dr. Harkness Defeats Sutro.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 9.—At the election of officers of the California Academy of Sciences held to-day Dr. Harkness on the regular ticket was elected President, defeating Adolph Sutro, the candidate of the reform party. The vote was Dr. Harkness 67, Sutro 44.

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