

PERSIA'S RICH GEMS TO BE PUT UP FOR SALE

But the Millions They Will Bring Will Not Nearly Meet Her Pressing Needs, Which Must Be Large.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 10.—The Persian parliament proposes to raise money by selling the crown jewels. But the proceeds would be only a drop in the bucket of Persia's financial needs, and she will be forced to accept the Anglo-Russian terms for a loan, which will not be granted without provision for foreign control of the country's finances.

Russian troops will remain in Persia until there is evidence that their withdrawal would not be followed speedily by the necessity of reoccupation.

The former Persian ministry resigned because it could not secure the withdrawal of Russian troops and because it objected to the terms of the Anglo-Russian loan.

Persia must need a vast amount of money if the state jewels would not bring enough to be more than "a drop in the bucket." The crown jewels are not only the gems in the crown, which alone are worth a very large sum, but the jewels belonging to the crown, or state.

When the present shah's grandfather died three years ago he left jewels then estimated to be worth \$200,000,000, which the state undoubtedly seized when the present shah's father was deposed last year and banished. Then there are in the palace and harems a multitude of jeweled articles of furniture and adornment and three thrones, each studded with gems of great value—the marble throne and the \$15,000,000 peacock throne.

EZRA MEEKER, PIONEER, TO START ACROSS CONTINENT

SPOKANE, Wash., March 9.—Lumbering oxen, yoked to a battered prairie schooner, with its tar bucket swinging from the rear axle, will carry Ezra Meeker, a pioneer of the Oregon country, back over the trail which he and his family used in making the trip through the wilderness between Kansas City and The Dalles, Or., 58 years ago. He will be accompanied by W. B. Mardon and Mrs. Mardon and two helpers, the party following the trail eastward by way of Walla Walla, Wash., southwest of Spokane.

Though more than 80 years of age, Meeker is endowed with the unconquerable spirit of the western settler and is hopeful of carrying out the work of marking the trail from east to west in memory of the brave men and women who blazed the way that led to the opening of the Pacific empire, before his spirit crosses the great divide. He retraced the old trail in 1906, erecting granite memorials in the larger towns and cities, also visiting President Roosevelt at the White House.

The purpose of the trip, upon which the Meeker party will start, within three months is to secure data and other information necessary to map the trail and to arouse interest in a campaign for funds with which to complete the work. There is a committee bill before congress appropriating \$50,000 to provide granite monuments and markers, but a clause requires the father of the idea and the various historical societies interested to manifest their sincerity by subscribing whatever money may be necessary, in addition to the appropriation contemplated by the government.

It is planned to select a representative from each historical society in the six states covered by the train to assist in locating the overland route and placing the monuments.

Livingston to Rule Elks.

ASHLAND, March 10.—Ashland Lodge, No. 944, B. P. O. E., held its regular election of officers Saturday evening, in which keen interest was manifest. As a result of the election, Alex. Livingston, the well-known Southern Pacific locomotive engineer, was chosen as exalted ruler for the ensuing term. The following are the other newly elected officers, all of whom will be installed at the first meeting in April: Esteemed leading knight, G. W. Owens; esteemed loyal knight, Dr. F. G. Swedenburg; esteemed lecturing knight, H. H. Gillette; treasurer, Pierre Provost; secretary, H. C. Sparr; tiler, J. A. Bailey; trustee, C. H. Pierce; delegate to grand lodge, H. C. Sparr; alternate, G. A. Knoblauch.

A class of initiates from Klamath Falls was also received into the mysteries of the order with due ceremony at the Saturday evening meeting.

SCENE FROM ST. ELMO, SOON AT MEDFORD



TO PROBE WHEREFORE OF WELLINGTON AVALANCHE

SEATTLE, March 10.—The why and the wherefore of the Wellington avalanche—what caused the slide, how it could have been prevented and why it caught the passengers in its path, will be probed to the bottom next week by Coroner J. C. Snyder.

Practically all of the survivors, Great Northern officials and trainmen and rescue-workers will be subpoenaed.

The first thing to be investigated, according to Coroner Snyder, is the meeting held the night before the avalanche in the observation car of the train, when the passengers re-

quested guides to take them down the mountain and were refused.

Every person who attended that meeting is dead, with the single exception of Henry H. White of Seattle.

MILITIA TO CORINTH PERFORM STRIKE DUTY

SARATOGA, N. Y., March 9.—Two companies of state militia were dispatched to Corinth today for strike duty. General strike orders were issued by the labor union leaders. These affect 82 mills of the International Paper company.

Strikebreakers were taken to the Corinth plant by company officials to replace striking union men.

HUGE BATTLESHIP IS INJURED BY EXPLOSION

KIEL, March 9.—Examination by navy engineers today revealed that only superficial damage by fire was inflicted on the new battleship Posen. The Posen, one of the Dreadnought type, will be able to undergo her first trial trip within a short time.

The fire originated in a magazine in which woodwork had been stored preparatory for use on the warship. The steel walls of the magazine were made red hot and warped out of position.

The fire raged three hours and finally was extinguished by the jet fire force. Considerable damage was done to the battleship by water.

Fearful Catastrophe.

CHICAGO, Mar., 9.—Women who have purchased expensive headgear to wear at the banquet to be given President Taft by the Irish Fellowship club here March 17, are peeved today because the committee has announced that no women will be allowed to wear hats in the banquet hall.

Following the announcement edict, Chairman James O'Shaughnessy said:

"I can imagine how a woman feels who has bought a \$150 hat to wear on such an occasion. It is hard for the committee to bring itself to issue the edict but it had to be done."

There is only a limited amount of space in the hall. We figured it up mathematically, that one woman's hat takes up space of two and a quarter persons. There would be no room for the waiters to get around."

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MINE OPERATORS REFUSE DEMANDS OF MINERS

CINCINNATI, Ohio, March 9.—The mine operators of the eastern and middle states today refused to grant demands of the United Mine Workers of America for an increase of wages and the establishment of an eight-hour working day.

The decision was reached at the opening of a joint conference of mine operators and leading mine workers representatives.

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