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IMPORTANT CUBAN DESPACHES.

Detailing Matters of Interest and Cabled to The Post Early This Morning.

Havana, Feb. 4.—A despatch from Matanzas says the American cruiser "Montgomery" entered that port yesterday, anchoring at noon near the Spanish fort of San Severino, which answered the cruiser's salute by the usual 21-gun salute.

The son of the Spanish General Luque continues in a very desperate condition from the wound he received a few days ago in an engagement with insurgents in Santiago de Cuba province. Today his right leg was amputated.

Henry W. Talm, who says he is an American citizen and captain of artillery in the American army, and who was an officer in the Cuban army under Garcia, arrived at Havana today.

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THE CHINESE LOAN QUESTION

Discussed, While a Compro- mise May be Made

ON ONE OR TWO OUTSIDE ISSUES

By Britain and Russia—Cretan Question Characterized as an Abominable Scandal Upon Humanity—Sultan's Soldiers Still in Thessaly—Over 125,000 Refu- gees at Athens—Other Foreign Items.

London, Feb. 4.—Although the Chinese loan, with political consequences of great importance involved, is still under discussion, there is abundant reason to believe that Great Britain and Russia have compromised one or two outside issues, Salisbury co-operating with the Czar in insisting that Prince George shall be the Governor of Greece; and it is altogether probable that this will be accomplished in spite even of the opposition of Germany and Austria.

It is high time the abominable scandal upon humanity involved in the Cretan question should be settled, for reports of the condition of the island grows worse daily.

So, too, do advices from Thessaly. The British philanthropists who retain any sympathy for the Greek victims of Turkey's success in the war receive by every mail harrowing accounts of the wretched people's suffering.

Most people outside of Greece appear to be under the delusion that the Turks have evacuated Thessaly, but, of course, the Sultan's soldiers are still there, and at the present moment are in comfortable winter quarters, which means that the Thessalians, wherever they have ventured to return to their homes, have been turned out again to make room for troops.

The winter weather, which has been phenomenally mild in most parts of Europe, so far, has been exceptionally severe in Thessaly, and homeless thousands have been forced to take refuge in caves or other rough shelter.

Hundreds have actually perished of cold and starvation, being beyond the reach of help.

A letter received this week from Athens estimates that there are 75,000 refugees from Thessaly, 20,000 from Epirus, and 20,000 from Crete, dependent upon charity to save them from starving to death.

There does not appear to be much spare cash in Greece, and the victims will die and the Turks will remain forever in Thessaly, unless Europe intervenes, of which there is now no indication.

KLONDIKE IS UP TO PAR.

According to the Statements Made in This Man's Letter.

New York, Feb. 4.—Robert Reading, of Allendale, N. J., formerly Superintendent of Edwin Gould's match factory at Passaic, N. J., who started for the Klondike gold fields last summer, and arrived at Dawson City in October, has written his mother a glowing account of the outlook in the diggings.

He says the traffic in the claims is something marvellous, and that the richness of the country in precious metal has been exaggerated in no respect, so far as matters had come under his notice before going in.

He saw \$2,000,000 in nuggets and dust at one store, and says that the talk in the "city" is that no less than \$25,000,000 will be sent out during the next open season.

IN OLD KENTUCKY.

From the Louisville Courier-Journal.

There is no reason why the State should have only one interest of distilling represented in imported manufacturing plants when we have every sort of transportation facilities, cheap labor, a mild climate, cheap land and everything else needed for the conversion of raw material into finished products. Everything save the encouragement of capital investment. Ought not an inducement be put to such a state of affairs?

An Insurance Announcement in Illinois.
Springfield, Ill., Feb. 4.—The Insurance Superintendent states that the London Fire Office (limited) of London, England, and the Great Britain Insurance Corporation (limited), also of London, are not licensed to transact business in Illinois, and that any policy issued by them is a contract in violation of the law, and that neither has any attorney in the State against whom suit can be brought in case of loss.

These Two Indicted for Bigamy.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 4.—The grand jury of the Norfolk County Court today returned indictments against George W. Moore and Philip McDowell for bigamy. Moore has practically confessed. The whereabouts of both of McDowell's wives is known, but it will be difficult to convict him, since none of them refuses to push the charge or appear against him.

Fooled 'Em.

Ledgerby—It does seem good to see old Dayback back at his desk after his long illness.

Billie—You bet it does—I was afraid it was another case of \$2 all round for a floral tribute.—Detroit Free Press.

The Busy Bee.

Man believes himself a hustler, a worker but when he observes the labor of the bee he discovers he is not the only rose on the bush. From one hundred thousand to two hundred thousand and flowers must be visited by bees before one pound of honey is made.

SMALLPOX IN THE SOUTH

is Greatly Increasing in Several States. North Carolina Included.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Feb. 4.—Reports received today show that the smallpox continues to spread in this section. It is estimated that there are 1,000 cases in Northern Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Kentucky and Virginia.

There were several new cases today in Batow county, Georgia, the total number there being fully 250.

The disease has appeared at Troy, Anniston and Hartsell, Alabama, and is creating considerable alarm in the mining districts of East Tennessee.

Dr. Albright, the chairman of the State Board of Health, announces that wholesale vaccination is the only thing that can prevent a general spread of the disease in all the districts affected.

Compulsory vaccination has been ordered, while the places where the disease has not appeared, vigorous measures to prevent infection are being taken.

MURDER JUST WILL OUT.

Nearly Every Time—A California Murderer Just Entrapped into a Confession.

San Francisco, Feb. 4.—A Suisun special says that Frank Belew has been entrapped by officers into a confession that he poisoned his brother souls and his sister Susie at Dixon, Colono county.

The victims suffered horribly, and Frank sat by their bedside and was apparently a most sincere mourner.

The coroner's jury investigated the case, and though it was clear that strychnine had been put in the tea, they could get no evidence to justify the holding of Frank for trial.

He had been disinherited and had shown extreme bitterness over loss of his share of his parents' estate.

Through his brother-in-law the officers contrived to have witnesses hear Belew admit that he did the poisoning.

He was soon to leave for the Klondike regions, having sold his share in the estate which he received at the death of his brother and sister, to another brother.

KILLED BY COAL FUMES.

The Three Children of a Modoc Man Asphyx- iated by Charcoal.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 4.—Caretaker Milligan, of the Model School at Madoc, lost his three children by asphyxiation this morning. The dead are: JOHN MILLIGAN, aged 21; LEE MILLIGAN, aged 15; ETHEL BAKER, aged 12.

They were asphyxiated by the fumes of charcoal. It has been Milligan's habit to carry live coal from the school furnace in the evenings and place them in an old stove in one of the bedrooms of his house.

No pipe connected the stove and chimney, and of course the fumes lingered in the house.

When Milligan substituted charcoal for live coals, which he did this morning, the fumes quickly killed the persons named.

His wife was also badly affected by the fumes, and will probably die.

INDIFFERENT TO THE LAST.

How a Berlin, Ont., Boy Murderer Passed in His Checks.

Toronto, Feb. 4.—Jim Allison, 17 years old, the boy who shot and killed Mrs. Orr in August last, was hanged at Berlin, Ont., today.

When he awoke at 6 o'clock this morning the jailer asked him if he wanted anything. Allison replied, "Say, you people appear to be getting rattled over this thing."

Before he mounted the scaffold, (the lower part of which was enclosed to conceal his death struggles) the boy handed this confession to the jailer: "I am sorry for my crime. I did it out of ill-will. I hope those whom I injured will forgive me, and that no one will throw this up to my people. My sentence is just, and I hope God will have mercy upon me."

He was indifferent to the last.

COTTON MILLS FOR CHICAGO?

Enquiring Englishmen Say Humidity Is All Right, But Decline to Recommend Their Erection.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 4.—Four Englishmen from Manchester have been testing the atmosphere at Chicago Heights (a suburb, twenty-six miles south) for the past three weeks, to determine whether it contained enough humidity to warrant the spinning of cotton fabrics.

They left for England Wednesday night, and before their departure said the atmospheric conditions were all that could be asked.

They declined to state whether they would recommend the erection of cotton mills there, but said that new tariff laws would greatly cut the importation of cotton stuffs.

ENVOY OF MINE NO MORE

Art Thou, But "Ambassador" From This Hour.

Washington, Feb. 4.—The President sent in the nomination of Ethan A. Hitchcock, of Missouri (now Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Russia), to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Russia, to the Senate today.

The nomination of Minister Hitchcock to the law authorizing the raising of the rank when another nation should take similar action.

THE POSTS FOREIGN BUDGET

Last Night's Despatches From the Old World.

SUPPRESSED EXCITEMENT IN FRANCE

Over Approaching Trial of Zola Which Be- gins Tomorrow—Government Still In- dulging in Highhanded Methods of Mid- dle Ages—An Instance.

Paris, Feb. 5.—Although the violent features of the public agitation in France have subsided for the moment, the country is awaiting with ill-suppressed excitement the trial of Zola, which will begin at the Assizes on Monday.

There are some slight indications of reviving sanity and the recognition of the first principle of justice in Paris, but it is still certain that the Government will make every effort to stifle the inquiry and prevent the introduction of evidence tending to prove Zola's charges.

France has had another example of high-handed methods of the middle ages, which the Government still dares to employ in a country which masquerades as a Republican form of Government. The public authorities do not hesitate to violate the secrecy of letters when searching for information of any nature.

A Deputy who recently borrowed 100 francs from a colleague wrote, saying that he enclosed a bank note to discharge the debt. But he forgot to put the money in the envelope, and, discovering his error, he called on his friend and proceeded to refund the amount.

The creditor, however, asserted that the note had been duly forwarded in the letter.

Both, in astonishment, demanded an explanation of the postoffice. It was then learned that the official who opened and read the letter, and finding no enclosure therein, supposed he had lost it.

The authorities, accordingly, supplied another note, which was duly sealed in the envelope and forwarded.

Far Eastern Question Still an Enigma With the People of England.

London, Feb. 5.—The far eastern enigma is as much a mystery as ever as far as the public is concerned, and the question of the public has become exceedingly restive, not to say indignant, under the reticence of the Salisbury Ministry.

It was a piecemeal change in the estimate of Salisbury, especially within his own party, is demonstrated in a most striking manner by the general anxiety at the present moment and the ready credence given to reports that he has again retreated, under pressure, from the position which he declared he never vacate.

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LOCOMOTIVE AS AN EXECUTIONER

Mr. Hawks Killed Between Winston and Salem Last Night.

Special Despatch to The Morning Post.
Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 5.—The train from Winston to this place struck a man named Hawks, a half mile this side of Winston this evening.

He was walking on the track with a friend and stepped to one side and his friend to the other. Hawks then attempted to cross the side his friend was on, in front of the engine.

He was badly mangled. Both legs will have to be amputated and he will yet probably die.

The train was backed to Winston with his body aboard, where it was delivered to friends.

Another man named Fuip is reported to have been killed on the same track tonight.

SUDDEN DEATHS IN WINSTON.

White Man Killed by Machinery and a Negro by Railway.

Special Despatch to The Morning Post.
Winston-Salem, N. C., Feb. 5.—A white man named Fuip was knocked off the track by the Winston-Salem passenger train of the Northwestern division of the Southern Railway, one mile from town at 5:20 this evening. Both legs were broken, besides other injuries sustained.

He was sent to the hospital and his condition tonight is considered very serious.

Eli Willard, 23 years old, while at work in a wooden pin factory in Alleghany county today, was caught in the machinery and instantly killed.

His skull was fractured, back broken, and one foot torn off. He was unmarried.

Rector George of Winston May Go to Goldsboro.

Special Despatch to The Morning Post. Winston, N. C., Feb. 5.—Rev. J. F. George, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church here, has under consideration a call from the St. Stephen's parish at Goldsboro.

Big Shipment Tobacco for Duke Man- ufactory.

Special Despatch to The Morning Post. Salem, N. C., Feb. 5.—Thirty-one car loads of leaf tobacco were shipped from Danville, Va., today to Duke Sons & Co., at Durham, N. C., to be manufactured into cigarettes and smoking tobacco in their big manufactory there.

WAKE COUNTY TEACHERS.

Meeting of the Association Yester- day—Question of Organizing Cir- culating Library.

The Wake County Teachers' Association met yesterday at the Centennial graded schools. The president of the Association, Prof. Logan D. Howells, presided, and the attendance was very good. Several new members were enrolled.

The subject of a circulating library was discussed at length. Prof. E. L. Middleton and Professor L. D. Howell joining in the discussion. The president appointed a committee consisting of Prof. E. L. Middleton and Prof. A. M. Saur to investigate the matter and report at the next meeting as to the feasibility of establishing a circulating library.

The county supervisor, Rev. H. W. Norris, was appointed chairman of the committee on programs, as provided in the constitution. Being required to select two additional members, Mr. Norris named Misses Edith I. Roster, Anna Yates, and Lillie W. Jones, of Cary. The committee was requested to select a program within ten days for the next meeting. A motion prevailed that the program committee arrange topics only on the circulating library and the subject of geography.

Supt. Norris requested the teachers to read White's "Theory and Practice of Teaching."

Prof. L. D. Howell entertained the association with an instructive paper on "Geography." The teachers of the county were asked to sketch and furnish at the next meeting as much geographical knowledge of their respective localities as possible.

BIG ATTRACTION THIS WEEK.

"A Milk White Flag," Which Comes Thursday, a Great Success.

Hoyt's "A Milk White Flag" will be seen on the Metropolitan stage next Thursday night.

It is unquestionably one of the most clever and elaborate of Charles Hoyt's stage productions. It is the last of Mr. Hoyt's dramatic efforts, he having in the last ten years successfully produced twelve productions, but "A Milk White Flag" is one of a series of unbroken successes, as the author can justly claim to never having made a failure.

How great a success it was, and how much amusement of the highest order of excellence it furnished is well known to the vast audiences that nightly availed themselves of the opportunity to witness it. "A Milk White Flag" is the most pretentious effort of this popular playwright. It requires for its production a large amount of scenery of a special design, a cast of forty performers, and costumes that are rich and in great variety. The announcement that "A Milk White Flag" will be seen here will be welcome news to theater-goers and the fun-loving public.

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