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ENGLAND IS ALARMED

Over the Financial Predicament of her Asiatic Ally—Japan on the Verge of Bankruptcy

London, Jan. 17.—England is alarmed for Japan's future. British statesmen think the combined political and financial crisis there is the most serious that any nation could possibly face. It needed only a glance to tell, some time ago, just what was coming and the past few days have showed the world how grave the situation really is.

One thing is certain, there will be no further talk of a Japanese declaration of war against any other power for a long time to come. Even with the best management, British statesmen and financiers cannot figure how the mikado can wring between $62 and $63 per annum from each of his subjects until the war debt is paid. If he fails, Japan will get into the bankruptcy courts.

The crumbling of the mikado's cabinet is regarded here as an incident purely of financial difficulty.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN WILL BE GOOD

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 17.—The Georgia Southern & Florida railroad will accede to the schedule of rates agreed upon by the Southern Railway and the railroad commission. While no formal announcement to this effect has been made, it is reliably understood that the formal agreement of the Georgia Southern & Florida railroad will be filed with the railroad commission soon by Vice President Parrott.

WEATHER FORECAST

Washington, Jan. 17.—Showers tonight ecept fair in northwest portion; colder in north portion, probably frost in northwest portion Saturday.

REQUIEM FOR RANDALL

"Maryland, My Maryland," Sung as the Poet's Body Was Laid in Its Last Resting Place

Augusta, Ga., Jan. 17.—The funeral of James R. Randall took place yesterday morning at 10 o'clock from the Sacred Heart church. The interment took place at the city cemetery, while a choir of male voices sung "Maryland, My Maryland."

Magnificent floral tributes, many of them ordered by telegraph, were banked around the casket, and the family received scores of telegrams expressing sorrow from every quarter of the Southern states, among them being a tribute from Cardinal Gibbons.

The pall bearers were: Honorary: W. H. Fleming, W. H. Barrett; active: Bryan Lawrence, A. J. Gouley, George Twiggs, Hugh Middleton, George A. Patrick and James Tobin.

ITALY'S GREAT UNDERTAKING

After More Than Eighteen Centuries the Sun Will Again Shine on the Streets of Herculaneum

Rome, Jan. 17.—Herculaneum, the ancient Roman city, which has lain for 1,800 years under the Vesuvian lava which buried it with Pompeii, is soon to reveal its treasures to Italian antiquaries. The Italian government has rejected the proposition to make this important excavation under the direction of an international committee and will undertake the work as an exclusive Italian enterprise. The work will be financed by the government, and directed by the government, although the authorities will be prepared to take the advice of eminent foreign antiquaries.

The buried city is expected to yield much richer treasures than were recovered from the ruins of Pompeii, and when the excavation is completed,, it will have increased modern knowledge of life under the Caesars to a remarkable degree. It is no exaggeration to say that the exhumation of Herculaneum will be the most important work on antiquation research ever undertaken, since the sudden cataclysm which overtook the city in the full tide of its life must have preserved much more of its characteristic features than would have survived if the city had gradually decayed.

This will be the first time that a thorough excavation of Herculaneum has been attempted. The surface has been hardly more than scratched since the site was discovered in 1738, and the city lies from 40 to 100 feet deep. The site has become covered with modern villages, which have hampered the work of excavation.

The results, nevertheless, have been more interesting and valuable than those of the Pompeiian excavations. They have included a superb Roman villa, probably belonging to Lucius Piso Caesonius, a Roman noble; frescoes of remarkable beauty and some fine statuary; and about three thousand papyri, containing manuscripts of famous classical authors. The theater, the forum and a splendid colonnade will be re-exhumed, for they have already been unearthed and covered up again.

SANE MAN'S SAD STORY

Thirteen Years of His Life Passed Behind the Bars of a Lunatic Asylum

Cheyenne, Wyo., Jan. 17.—The state supreme court has ordered the release of Ed Byers, who has for thirteen years been an inmate of the state insane asylum.

The order is the outcome of a long fight made in Byers' behalf by E. T. Payton, of Aripooish, Wyo., who became acquainted with Byers while himself confined in the asylum. Payton became convinced that Byers was sane and that his detention was therefore illegal.

Payton lost his case in the district court, but he carried it to the supreme court, and had Byers produced before it for personal examination by the judges. Byers convinced them of his sanity.

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Frightful Shock to a Girl the Result of a Wedding Frolic

Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 17.—Dared by merrymakers, Eva Pollock kissed Anton Helm, a fellow guest at a wedding at the home of Joseph Blebel, last night as he lay supposedly sleeping, in bed. She fainted with a scream of horror. Helm's lips were cold. He was dead.

When he was missed from the crowd celebrating the wedding of George Brerdenhauen a searching party, led by Miss Pollock, was sent out for him. They found Helm in one of the bedrooms lying on the bed, seemingly tired out from the dancing and wine. "I dare you to kiss him," said one of the men to Miss Pollock. With a nervous laugh of embarrassment, the girl toptoed over to the bed and pressed her lips to those of the dead man.

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