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John Sherman may soon pass away, but he will leave behind him an enduring memory. The imprint of his mind and character is visibly stamped on the legislation of the country. No man stands higher in his party as a statesman, or has a more unblemished reputation. Yet Uncle John, as he is familiarly known in his native state of Ohio, will go to his death a bitterly disappointed man. Sent to the Congress of the nation after three purely upon his merits, he still failed to realize the one great ambition of his life—a presidential nomination. Several times it seemed almost within his grasp, but on each occasion was ruthlessly snatched away by a man of more "magnetic qualities."

It would not be surprising to hear a query from her Chinese majesty, the Dowager Empress, as to whether or not she is to be allowed to retain a stockholders' interest in the new Mongolian trust which the rulers of Europe are organizing in her dominions.

When the newspaper circulation bars struck Seattle a few days ago white-robed Truth silently spread her wings and floated away to Tacoma.

Gen. Otis is fast impressing the fact upon the Filipinos that war is not the picnic that they once supposed it to be.

The milk trust is reported to have gone to smash. The promoters unduly watered the stock.

MINING NOTES.

Free milling gold has been struck at a depth of 15 feet on the Grand Forks No. 2, on the north fork of the Kettle river, three miles from Grand Forks, B. C. The claim is owned by Jack Smith and James Davidson. The work of development will be rushed.

It is reported on excellent authority that Dr. J. F. Haddy, of Spokane, has made an offer to John Douglas of Midway to purchase the Eureka claim. This offer has been submitted to the stockholders of the Douglas Mining company, owning the claim. The property is one of the oldest located in the camp.

Alexander Dick, of Roseland, has bonded the Ruby in Smith's camp, near Greenwood, to an English syndicate for \$15,000. The ore runs the full width of the shaft and assays 24 ounces copper, 5 ounces silver and \$1.50 gold.

Among the properties which are expected to be working this season are the Bunker hill, Leadville, Hercules, Little Falls, Copper World, Bull Frog, Triune, Rainbow, Spokane, King Solomon, Black Warrior, Kalamazoo, Surprise and others. Active preparations are being made to start at least two-thirds of the properties above mentioned on April 1. Not in five years has mining been as active in and around Loomis at this season and this year's development will go far toward establishing this as a permanent and producing free gold camp.

The Lake Shore on Mount Elsieham has a 70-foot shaft and is now running a crosscut tunnel to tap the vein 300 feet deep.

Dempsey & Griffin, of Greenwood, have sold their Victoria, Victor and United group in Deadwood camp for \$500, and the Commander fraction and Boulton in Copper camp for \$250, to Hallet & Naden.

The Baltimore claim in Copper camp, near the Mother Lode and next to the Queen of Sheba in Deadwood camp, was sold by Lancaster & Glynn, of Spokane, to a London (Ontario) syndicate for \$300.

The Rosnoke, on Mount Elsieham, has a 400-foot tunnel, the last 200 feet of which ran on the ledge. The tunnel is running to reach the contact with a cross vein.

A LIVE DOG IN THE MAIL

NEW YORK, March 22.—Joseph Mangold, a letter carrier attached to Station J, found in a large newspaper box from which he was collecting mail this morning a diminutive yellow pup. A tag was attached to the dog's neck, addressed to "Miss Chicago Loomis, at 425 State street, Chicago, Ill." Attached to the tag was a 2-cent stamp.

Kipling's Native City. While Richard Kipling is recovering from his illness, Bombay, the city of his birth, is stricken with a terrible plague. Here is an extract from his tribute to his birthplace: Surely in toil or fray, Under an alien sky, Comfort it is to say "Of no man city am I." Neither by service nor fee, Come I to mine estate; Mother of cities to me, Which was born in my day, Between the palm and the sea, Where the world-end steamers wait,

DEATH REARED ITS HORRID HEAD

And Touched Two Men Passing on the Street.

Horrible Tragedy at Second and Washington During the Early Hours of Tuesday Evening.

Death reared its horrid head last evening in a most frightful form, through the sidewalk at the corner of Second avenue south and Washington street. Six men were mangled at the time. One was thrown high into the air, mutilated, and instantly killed. Another was fatally injured, and died this morning. The other four may survive, but they are badly hurt.

Dave Blake runs a saloon in the new building at the corner where the tragedy occurred. Under the sidewalk in front of his place is a shallow cellar where a small steam heater was located.

Four commercial travelers, D. W. Jacobs, aged thirty-seven, of Chicago; Alfred Sattiel, aged thirty-three, of New York City; D. W. Beals, of St. Louis; and H. Moss, of Lancaster, Pa., left the hotels Butler and Seattle early in the evening, accompanied by Albert Swanson, of No. 503 Maynard avenue, and a longshoreman named Louis Molla to make a short tour through the city. They happened to be passing Blake's place when the explosion occurred.

Capt. Sullivan and Sergt. Peer were on the scene within a minute after the explosion. They drew a rope about the building and assisted the wounded men to the Star restaurant.

Dr. McKeehan, Dr. Borjes, and Dr. Sweeney were summoned. It was seen at once that Jacobs, Sattiel and the longshoreman were probably fatally injured. The faces of all were black with soot and dirt, showing that they were exactly over the heated boiler when the explosion came. Sattiel was taken immediately to Providence hospital, where he was attended by Dr. Borjes and Dr. Raymond. He was unconscious.

Jacobs was carried into the restaurant and laid on a mattress. He was partially conscious, though suffering greatly from the shock. His right hip and leg were shattered into a dozen pieces, and his left leg below the knee was fearfully crushed. At the hospital he was placed under the influence of anesthetics. In order that the physicians might amputate his limbs, he sank rapidly under the influence of chloroform and from the shock.

The building where the explosion occurred is owned by Sheriff Van D. Vanter, and was leased to Dave Blake, who employed the Jap Charlie Shindo. He says: "I filled up the furnace with coal, as Mr. Blake told me to do, and left plenty of water in the boiler. I left at a little before 8 o'clock, and do not know of any definite explanation can be made of the way in which the accident occurred. It is more than likely that the hot fire in the heater created steam faster than water ran in. As soon as there was no water left, the heater exploded."

Smallpox Scare Over. SPOKANE, March 22.—No new cases of smallpox have developed. Archie Brown, the original patient, and his two nurses, who have a mild attack of the disease, are doing nicely. It was twelve days ago yesterday that Brown was about the streets when he escaped from the hospital. On the average it is ten days after exposure before the disease manifests itself, and two days later before it can be definitely determined. There have been cases when the disease did not develop for 20 days, which would extend the possible contagion from the day past next Monday. Should that day pass with no reports, it will be an indication none other than the disease from Brown.

Britain's Responsibilities. Great Britain is increasing her responsibilities at a rapid rate. She is now responsible for 420,000,000 of people—white, yellow, browns or black—about one-fourth of the human race; and of that multitude, the increase since 1871, by growth or by annexation, is put at 128,000,000. A great part of this astounding rise in the number of the Queen's subjects is due to natural growth and, unluckily, much of that prolific multiplication is in places like India, where it means a multiplication of mouths, with little enough to feed them. In 1871 the empire covered 8,559,969 square miles. Now, if Egypt and the Sudan, with other recent trifles, are counted, the area of the empire has expanded to 13,000,000 square miles, including most of the places that are capable of being colonized by white men, and a good many places that are not. If one includes the Sudan, the additional mass of subject peoples for whom she has become responsible since 1871 is estimated at no less than 125,000,000—or two and a half times as many souls as the aggregate of the people of her ruling race. The people of the British islands and their stock beyond the seas number no more than 50,000,000. Since four-fifths of these are at home, it follows that every Britisher beyond the sea has on an average to control and civilize some forty subject folk.

Clues to a Suicide. CHICAGO, March 22.—The police were today asked to assist the St. Paul authorities in the investigation of a mysterious suicide which took place in that city a few days ago. The only evidence they had as to the man's identity was a baggage check given at a hotel in this city. Detective Peck went to the hotel and discovered a small catched which bore a check with a corresponding number. It contained among other things a Knights Templar charm from which the chapter number had been erased; also a shaving mug on which was the name T. R. Webber. The name given by the suicide in St. Paul was T. Thomas.

Wind Lyrics. East Wind—Through gates of pearl sapphire set, I steal at dawn to fly, while yet The clouds with silver dew are wet. On wings that brush the morning star Of song afar.

North Wind—From fields of frozen stars I blow, I bear the fragile flowers of snow, That fall upon the earth below, With pure celestial lips to bless, In soft caress.

South Wind—On wings of perfume, born of Spring Sweet memories of the South I bring; From birds and blossoms pink that To heav'n their gladness in an ecstasy.

West Wind—Back through the gates of gold and roses, Where late the star of evening glows, I slip, before the evening's close, On pinions woven of a sigh, Into the night I seem to die. But hush! the night will soon pass by. Before the lark when morning breaks The East Wind wakes. —Carrie L. Ward.

THE WAGES OF RAILWAY MEN

In the last bulletin of the United States department of labor, Professor Walter E. Weyl, of the University of Pennsylvania, presents an interesting report on "The condition of railway labor in Europe." Professor Weyl shows that in England the average annual compensation of railway employees is \$292.57, against \$545 in the United States. These figures refer to the wages of employees exclusive of the salaries of general officers and clerks. More than 86 per cent. of the 266,000 railway em-

ployees of Great Britain and Ireland receive only between \$6.93 and \$7.50 a week, while only 7 per cent. of our railway employees receive as little as \$7 a week. In this country the remaining number, over 622,000 employees, or nearly 79 per cent., receive as much as \$12.17 a week, while 790 in every 1000 receive \$12.42 a week. In the United States the lowest wages paid to any railway employee is \$7 a week, to trackmen, who receive on the average \$1.17 a working day. The lowest rate paid in the United Kingdom for a week's labor is \$2.42. Railway wages in the United States are quite higher than those paid for other classes of work, but in England the scale is slightly lower than in other branches of labor. Excluding agriculture, the wages paid laborers and workmen in the mining trades are from 6 to 7 per cent. higher than those of the English railway man. The railway service there shows the largest proportion of men obtaining the highest weekly wages—\$9.75—but as more than 90 per cent. of these United States men are paid from 6 to 7 per cent. higher than those of the English railway man. The railway service there shows the largest proportion of men obtaining the highest weekly wages—\$9.75—but as more than 90 per cent. of these United States men are paid from 6 to 7 per cent. higher than those of the English railway man. The railway service there shows the largest proportion of men obtaining the highest weekly wages—\$9.75—but as more than 90 per cent. of these United States men are paid from 6 to 7 per cent. higher than those of the English railway man.

On the continent of Europe, Professor Weyl shows that the scale of wages paid to railway employees is even lower than in the British Isles. In France more than four-fifths (80.54 per cent.) of them receive less than \$1 a day. In Belgian railways clerks receive an average of \$20.79 a month, while over 50 per cent. of the workmen are paid an average of \$13.33 a month. Sixty men are paid from 15 to 60 cents a day, the lower sum being paid to the incompetent, including the young and the old men and women. Not 1 per cent. of the signal men receive over 18 cents a day, against the average rate paid in the United States of \$1.74. In Belgium women are largely employed by the railways, receiving as gatekeepers as low as 14 cents a day.

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A Bit of Magic. In the course of his experiments the other day Prof. M. F. Pupin, of Columbia College, New York, did a very remarkable thing. He made a water bottle by simply holding his hands around the outside of the bottle, which contained it. He also made the water boil by dashing or pouring water against the sides of the bottle. It was a very curious and unexplained phenomenon. He said that he had never before performed it in his own home with little trouble.

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GO BACK ON JOE? NEVER! True Blue Was the 'Frisco Girl. SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.—Sadie Holmes, of San Francisco, the pretty telephone girl who fell heir to a large estate in Wales about a year ago, has recently taken a name other than the one which came to her with the dollars of a rich relative. She is now the wife of Joseph M. Glaser, a young merchant of the city, whose place of business is on Stockton street. The marriage took place last Saturday at the German Catholic church on Golden Gate avenue, and after the ceremony the bride and her husband departed for the seaside town of Santa Cruz, where they are now spending their honeymoon.

Just Drew His Pay. Reginald Throckmorton started suddenly, and awakening, thrust his head out of the covering of hay that he had pulled over himself as he clambered into the loft with Wandering Willie the night before. "Willie! Willie!" He shook his companion's arm. The latter opened his eyes and sat up. "What's the matter?" "Oh, Willie," exclaimed Reginald, enraptured. "I just had such a beautiful dream." "What's wash it?" "I just dreamed I was a suspended commissary general."—Detroit Free Press.

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It is hinted that Miss Tenspot is indebted to the druggist for her complexion," said Miss Gazzam. "Oh, I can't credit that, for I know her well," replied the druggist. "In fact, I am her dearest friend." "Then she doesn't use cosmetics at all?" "Oh, yes, but she pays cash."—Detroit Free Press.

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