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NEW LIGHT ON THE CHINESE QUESTION

Story of the Introduction of Vanker Goods in the Manchurian Market-Progress of the Trans-Siberian Railroad.

experitation of all Europe save Russia. Tray- laughed at the idea of America making boil- and in shops is a good slarm clock. It is than a chronicle dating from about a cenelers may take an unbroken railway journey, distance around the earth. Russia will have side of England were not worth anything. As late as August of the property and The English, by the way, took advantage of the English of the Russia will have the English of a line of steel through her vast territories; she will have accomplished one of the greatest victories of all time. "Great are the battles that are fought in time of peace" is the learnest of Pureline solves and the learnest of Pureline solves and the learnest of Pureline solves are the solves and the learnest of Pureline solves are the keynote of Russian policy as expressed by the czar, and this great railroad is a double triumph, commercial, in which America against American tools and machinery that the curtain is rung up by the present act- tered through infinite volumes of rabbinical

key. Her policy in Asia is distinctly to pre- ican machines were said to be light-they before they need to worry about keeping

tally interested.

COMMERCE IN THE FAR EAST tion. I first told them what we could do. time ago Czar Nicholae II announced his they were not willing to believe me. They plan to abolish the Siberian exile system. no idea of America as an exporting nation. It was, therefore, not always a question of price, but 'le there such a place as America where they can really do these things." The Russian idea was that Americans were bluffers. They thought we bragged a lot, but could do little. To a Russian, America was known as 'Yankeeland,' Even the world 'Yankee' is adouted but the Russian land. 'Yankee' is adopted into the Russian lan-guage, and it is the name by which an enterprising man goes. They connected enter- estimated by the imperial engineers. "Great prise with Yankee because they knew of are the battles that are fought in time of us as inventors of sewing machines, tel-ephones, phonographs and wonders of del-now. She is settling the Chinese question icate mechanism. In the regular way of in- in a new and energetic way. She is civiliz-The Trans-Siberian railroad will be com- dustry, machinery of heavy and powerful ing China by industries. Wherever Russia pleted within one year-to all practical pur- kind, they did not think it possible that goes rapid change takes place. Manchurla pleted within one year-to all practical part within the year-to all part within th the spring several years in advance of the When I offered them American boilers they the whistle of steam engines on railways OTS. which will be more than two-fifths of the England and thought that boilers made out- clate how rapidly the Russians are moving.

shares, and political, in which China is vi- when he offered our goods to the engineers ing managers and the world is invited to law. question is solved. The Russians hold the known only as English or German. Amer- believe that they have four or five years

tion. I first told them what we could do. time ago Czar Nicholas II announced his would ask, 'How much is so and so" and Australia was once England's penal colony 'Can you compete with England?' They had and great as are the capacities of Australia, They were importing boilers from plain that England does not clearly appre-The English, by the way, took advantage of this idea by charging a good big price. When Manchuria and the transcontinental railway, Every reader of the bible has felt,

he had to duplicate English or German ma- send its ships and merchandise into the new



MR. FRIEDE AND RUSSIAN AND CHINESE OFFICIALS GOING OVER A NEW SECTION OF THE TRANSSIBERIAN ROAD.

China. Meantime Russia helps herself to what she wishes; the gaining of Manchuria now makes her domain exceed in extent that of England. The new railroad, extending as it will soon, to the very wall of Pekin, will make much more possible for the northern empire. It is a significant fact that wherever Russia builds a railroad the country around becomes Russian.

It is to American skill and ingenuity tha a large share of credit for this commercial triumph should go. Three years ago America was not represented in the Siberian railway construction market; she has since displaced all other nations. Early in '97, M. Sergey Friede, a prominent member of the Engineers' club of New York, became convinced that American implements and railway supplies could be sold in Eastern Siberia. He was thoroughly familiar with conditions there and had, as he said, "perfeet confidence in the possibilities of America." The story of America's commercia conquest in Manchuria and Siberia is one of the most interesting chapters in the history of the railroad.

Listened and Believed.

"When I reached Vladivostok," said Mr. Friede, "I found that the local engineers would not listen to what they regarded as wild stories of what America could do in the line of manufacture of tools and machinery. The great Russian engineer, Iugowitch, was off in Manchuria on his way to Sungari river. So I executed a flank move ment, went to Newchwang, and by going north intercepted the Russian party near the Sungari river. I found these men were willing to hear what I had to say. At that time everything was being supplied by England and Germany. English manufacturers thought Russia had to come to them and that no other country could compete; and Russia would have gone to them, as the had before, if I had not gone there and told of the possibilities of America." It is curious to note that before this time

America's export trade amounted to a very little. "I remember when I first told the engineers that America could supply nails cheaper than England could," Mr. Friede

went on, "they laughed at me. At the present time there are no other nails there except the American. Then there was the mercial iron. As a matter of fact, this iron was ordered by me in this country afterwards. In the case of rails, Russia intended to supply these herself, but found that her mills could not turn them out as ket?" quickly as they were needed-and America came in again. The first order was for 30,-000 tons. The joke of it was that the order was placed with an American firm through an English agency.

'How did you succeed in turning Russian attention our way?"
"Well, I took with me catalogues of

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serve the independence and integrity of looked well-and could do strange tricks, Russia out of Mongolia and Korea. The out were not massive. with complete equipment in the capital of

Germany? The facts speak for themselves. Before Mr. Friede opened up to our counshipped to Germany and from there sent along with German goods into Russia. America had never directly approached the indus-

trial market in Russia or Siberia before.

"I went to the consumer," Mr. Friede continued, "to the consumer whom I knew must be a great demand for rallway construction material, and it was only a quesbetter machine than he was using, could deliver it sooner and give it to him for a cheaper price than any other country could. In addition to this I told them that we could turn our goods out much faster than any foreign manufacturer, and no matter how large the order we could take care of it. As for transportation, we were further away, but we have two ways of getting there, while Germany and England have but one. is, of course, by ship from New York and an-Nagasaki line and transhipped right into Siberia.'

Locomotives on the Way.

Forty locomotives are now on their way and sixty more will soon follow. American steel rails to the extent of 50,000 tons will be laid in Manchuria, and large orders are being filled here for electric supplies and material for equipment of cars and stations. Railroad crossties from Oregon, tools from question of England's supplying the com- Ohio, steel rails and lecomotives from Pennsylvania will make parts of this great railroad and its furnishings.

> "To what extent has America been able o overcome the English and German mar-

"In everything!" exclaimed Mr. Friede 'everything from a nail to anything you can think of in railway construction we have been able to sell in Siberia. We have driven all competitors from the field. Why, what else could they do? We had the best machinery and building material, sell it cheaper and get it there quicker than American material in railroad construct any other country. Does that not speak well for American skill and industry? I had absolute confidence in our ability. was confident of success before I started and I was not a bit disappointed.

'A great change of feeling toward Amer ca, as an industrial nation, took place after the introduction of American tools and methods and not a few odd results. When the first rock drill was put into operation the coolies went on a strike. It was an American characteristic which might better have not been introduced. The natives thought dynamite a work of the devil. The Cossack guard, however, not belonging to the coolie union, perhaps, refused to join the strike, and after tying up the road for three days the frightened natives went back

to work. Effect of the Railroad.

It is difficult to estimate even commercially the effect of this great railroad, Milhas almost boundless resources. A short energy and industry.

United States is not striving for a political "What better proof," said Mr. Friede, so foothold in China, but in mechanical and emphatically that one could not help shar- | mercantile affairs our people are gaining a ing his enthusiasm and conviction-"what strong place in the far east. Less than three better proof is there for the superiority of years ago not a single American product was American machinery than the fact that an sent direct into Siberia. Today American American machinery plant is being set up locomotives pull American cars laden with American machinery which American tools have put into place. The United States has been farseeing enough, through the energy try the vast possibilities of trade in the far Curzon calls "an intelligent appreciation of her industrial forces, to get what Lord enst, a few American machines found their of events before they occur." We have been way into Russian trritory, and these only able to participate in one of the big battles after being bought for the German market, of peace. What civilizing force can be com pared to the railroad? And where is civilization more needed than in the countries now being opened up?

Pushing Construction.

Russia is working night and day to comwould be a big consumer. I knew there plete the line which will place her Pacific coast within ten days of St. Petersburg, and has been pushing the work with feverish tion of telling the consumer that I had a haste ever since the China-Japan war ex- canopy there is a table of precious stones posed to the world the internal weakness and pearls and sixty angels stand at the of the Chinese empire. Port Arthur was the price of Russian interference then. It was the one point Russia wanted.

"Within three weeks after Port Arthur was taken by the Russians I had orders to ship railway construction material there," said Mr. Friede.

It was an astonishing statement and showed clearly Russia's attitude. Port Arthur was a point which had to be con-We reach from both sides. The usual way nected with civilized Russia. How, or when or where the route should go through was through Suez, but when we must save time, not thought of. The circumstance recalls we send overland and ship across the Pa- the old story of the first Czar Nicholas. Moscific. I am paying hundreds of dollars for cow and St. Petersburg he wanted joined freight in order to get trainloads of stuff by rail. Engineers went out and, after over to Vancouver, Seattle, Portland and months of labor, made a careful survey San Francisco. From our Pacific ports the When the chief engineer came up before goods are taken to the terminus of the Jap- | Nicholas he began to explain from his "There is a mountain here diagrams. which we want to go around, here is a river to be bridged, here rights of way are in question," etc. "Enough of this!" cried the czar. "Where is the map?"

A map was given him and taking a ruler and a pencil, the czar drew a straight line between the two cities. "There, build it there," and there the road

The second Nicholas evidently has some obstacle. Russia can work wonders that we can deliver better material at a heaper price months before any of the European nations. Therein is America's Cossacks keeps guard. Commercial progress open. For \$100 one will be able to go first ther be brought up." cultivation. The vast territory of Siberia sia and a wonderful field for American scended from the 70,000 angels that sur-

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Every reader of the bible has felt, from makes this statement: "Those who knew time to time, as if there were gaps in the this corner of Manchuria in the sleepy days narrative. This feeling was responded to when the mandarine held uncontested sway by the ancient Hebrews in the creation of So strong a prejudice did Mr. Friede find will probably be very much astonished when a large number of legends, which are scat-

"Chronicles of Jerahmell" embody The Without doubt the much discussed eastern the many of these ancient legends and include the many of these ancient legends are the many of these ancient legends and include the many of the m

hitherto unknown. The compilation of the present manuscript is due to a certain Eleasar ben Asher, the Levite, who lived at the beginning of the cient of those who attempted to fill out the lacunae in the biblical narrative.

He did not repeat the bible stories at all. Those, he knew, were in the reach of every one, but he tried in every case to supply what seemed to him lacking in those stories. He took up the problems which suggest themselves to the minds of most readers of the bible and for which they look to the hible for light and very often in vain. There is no detail of life too small for a these is that relating to the seven ages of 500 cubits to the south, 500 to the west and man.

"And why does the child cry at birth? Because of the world it has left behind? For at that mement seven new worlds are awalting it. In the first world it is like unto a king, after whose welcome all people ask: all desire to see it and embrace it and ask; all desire to see it and embrace it and kiss it, because it is in the first year. In in fire.' Immediately then God's mercy was the second world it is like unto a swine which wallows in mire; a child does the same until it reaches two years. In the third world it is like unto a kid that skips and gambols about on the meadows. Thus a child skips about here and there until it is five years of age. In the fourth world it is like unto a horse, which strives along haughtily. In the same way does a child walk along, proud of his youth, until he is 18 years old. In the fifth world he is like are placed. In the same manuer burdens the smallest bird wakes him from his sleep."

Paradise Described. A description of paradise, nowhere plainly mentioned in the Old Testament, is most

"Paradise has two gates of carbuncle and sixty myriads of ministering angels keep watch over them. Each of these angels bible) 'for over all the glory shall be spread

a canopy. "And through it flow four rivers, one of il, the other of balsam, the third of wine and the fourth of honey. Every canopy is overgrown by a vine of gold and thirty pearls hanging down from it, each of them shining like the morning stars. In every head of every just man, saying to him: 'Go and eat with joy of the honey, for thou hast worked assiduously in the law, of which it is said, 'And it is sweeter than honey,' 'and drink of the wine preserved from the sixth day of creation, for thou hast worked in the law, which is compared with the wine,' as it is said, 'I would cause thee to drink of spiced wine.' The least fair of them is as beautiful as Joseph and Johanan, and as the grains of the pomegranate lit up by the rays of the sun. There is no night, as it is said, 'And the light of the righteous is as of the shining

light. "And they undergo four transfermations ccording to the four watches of the day. In the first watch the dust is changed into a child, and he enters the compartment of children and tastes the joy of childhood. In the second watch he is changed into a youth, and there he enjoys the delights of youth. In the third watch he becomes a middle-aged man, and rejoices accordingly. In the fourth watch he is changed into an old man; he enters the compartment of the old and enjoys the pleasure of mature age.'

The Tower of Babel,

The process of the confusion of languages at the Tower of Babel has always been an of the characteristics of his famous ancestor, interesting question and Jerahmell supplies for today he is pursuing the same policy of the following account, as supplementing oing the important things-easily, perhaps, the bible story: "And it came to pass when f possible-but doing it anyway, in spite of they commenced to build the tower that God confused their tongues and changed their with America's help. She has discovered form into that of monkeys, so that one could not recognize his own brother, nor could one man understand the language of his neighbor, so that when the builders orriumph, and yet what has already been dered the people to bring stones they one is only a small thing compared to brought water, and when they told them to what will come when the civilized forces of bring water they brought stubble. In this factories and mills shall be spread through way their evil intentions were finstrated the newly opened countries. Such an and they ceased building the tower and the awakening no one dared dream of a few Lord scattered them over the face of the years ago. The first railroad built in China | whole earth. For they had said, 'Come and was torn up and destroyed by the natives. let us build for ourselves a city and let us Now everything is changed and progress is take axes and break open the firma no longer impeded. Thousands of coolies ment, so that the water flow from there the work on the railroads in China and Man- same as below, that he may not do to us churla; 20,000 work in and about Port Ar- as he did in the generation of the flood thur on the fortifications while an army of And let us wage war with those in heaven and establish ourselves there as gods.' But is the order of the day. But a few hundred how could they build the city, since they had miles of the road remain to be built and no stones? They made bricks from clay 100 miles are built every month. The work and pitch and burnt them as a potter burns goes on from many centers, coolies work- his hops in the oven and hardens them. It ing and Cossacks guarding all along the line. I this way they made the bricks and built the American machinery is used everywhere city and the tower exceedingly high, with Towns are being built, trainload after train- seventy steps. The ascent was made from the load of supplies brought into Siberia and east and the descent from the west. If Manchuria. Development, cultivation and man fell therefrom they did not heed manufacture go on constantly. By next much, whereas if a brick fell they wept bit-summer the whole of the country will be terly, and said, 'When, oh! when will ano-When Abram saw class from St. Petersburg to Port Arthur- their wicked ways he cursed them in the lions of acres of the most productive wheat perhaps even to Pekin. Then will come a name of the Lord, but they did not pay at land in the world is being opened up for new era for Siberia, a new history for Rus- tention to his words. The Lord then de

I rounded His throne and at that time of the

NEW LINKS IN BIBLE LEGENDS dispensation be confounded their tongue into seventy different languages."
Legends of Abenham.

"The legends clustered around the personality of Abraham are innumerable, but Hebrew conception of Abraham's work. "It s related that the whole household of Abraham's father were idol worshipers, more over they made idols and sold them upon the streets. But when a man approached Abraham to sell him an idol he would ask him, 'How much is this image?' manes,' he would reply. 'How old art thou? Abraham would ask. 'Thirty years.' 'Thou art 30 years of age, and yet worshipest this idol which we made but today!' The man would depart and go his way. Again at other would come to Abraham and ask 'How much is this idol?' 'Five manas,' he script has been discovered in the famous would say. 'How old art thou'r would Abrathou, who are fifty years of age, bow down to this idol which we made but today With this the man would depart and go his way. When Nimrod heard of Abraham's utterances he ordered him to be brought before him, and said, 'Thou son of Terah, make me a beautiful god.' Abraham then entered his father's house and said, 'Make a beau tiful image for me.' They accordingly mad t, finished it and painted it with many olors. He went and brought it to Nimro "And on that day Abraham's righteous ness shone forth. It was a cloudy day and

also a large number of interesting tales to thrust him into the burning furnace, Nimrod sat down and all the people of the dispersion did likewise. Abraham then entered, and standing in the center he pleaded his cause. After which Nimrod asked, 'If fourteenth century; but his chief source of not the gods, whom shall I serve?' Abrainformation was Jerahmell, the most an- ham replied, 'The God of Gods and Lord of Lords, whose kingdom is everlasting in heaven and on earth, and in the heavens of the high heavers.' 'I shall worship, ald Nimred, 'the God of Fire; and be hold I shall cast thee therein. Let then the God to whom thou testifieth deliver thee from the burning furnace." They then immediately bound him strongly and tightly and placed him on the ground. They ther surrounded him with wood on the four sides legend and one of the most interesting of Five hundred cubits thickness to the north 500 to the east. They then set the pile or fire. The whole house of Terah were worshipers of idole and until that moment had not recognized their Creator. Their neighbors and fellow citizens assembled, and beating their heads, said to Terah, 'Oh, shame-great shame! Thy son of whom thou did say that he will inherit this world moved, so that he descended from the habi tation of His glory, His greatness, His majesty and the holiness of His great name and delivered Abraham, our ancestor, from that shame, from that reproach and from the burning furnace, as it is said, 'I am the Lord who brought thee out of the fire of

the Chaldeans.' Loss of the Ten Tribes. "There has been a strange fascination about the loss of the Ten Tribes of Israel unto an ass, upon whose shoulders burdens and Hebrew legend attempts to supply an account of the fate of those Ten Tribeare heaped upon man's shoulders; he is in various ways. There is a peculiarly in given a wife and children. He must wander teresting legend respecting the so-called to and fro in order to obtain food for them Children of Moses connected, of course, with until he is about 40 years old. In the sixth the exile by Nebuchadnezzar. "When they stage he is like unto a dog, insolent and arrived in Babylon their enemies and capwandering about in all places for tood; steal- tors said to them: 'Sing us a song of ing and robbing in one place and enjoying Zion, and they replied: 'How can we sing it in another. In the seventh stage he is a song of Zion upon strange ground?' 'Now,' like unto an ape, whose appearance is retorted their captors, 'ye shall sing by changed in every respect. All the household force, but they at once cut off their fingers curse him and desire his death; even the with their teeth and cast them before them young children make fun of him and even and they replied: 'How can those fingers, which struck the strings of the heart and the temple, strike them here in a strange land?' And God exclaimed: 'If I forge Jerusalem, my right hand shall be forgotten.

"A cloud then descended and, lifting all the Children of Moses with their sheep and cattle, brought them to the east of Havila. In the night they were let down and on that watch over them. Each of these angels same night they heard a great noise surshines with a luster of the heaven. When rounding them, like that of a river, withthe just man approaches them they divest out seeing a drop of water descending, but him of the clothes in which he had been heard only the rolling of stones and sand buried and clothe him with eight cloths, where there had never been a river. This woven out of clouds of glory and place upon river then rolled great stones and the sand his head two crowns, one of precious stones without any water, made a noise as of a and pearls and the other of gold, and they great earthquake. This continued until the place eight myrtles in his hand and praise Sabbath. The river they called Sabbatyon him and say to him, 'Go and eat thy bread or Sabbatianus. On the Sabbath it ceases with joy.' And they lead him to a place to flow and on the eve of Sabbath a cloud full of rivers surrounded by 800 species of ascends full of smoke. No one is able to roses and myrtles. Each one has a canopy approach them, neither do they approach according to his merits, as it is said (in the them. There are no wild beasts, no unclean animals, nor any reptiles or creeping things. Nothing except their flocks and herds. They reap and sow and they ask the others and thus they learn of the de-struction of the Second Temple." It is behind this region in which the Children of Moses dwell, that the remnants of the Ten Tribes are said to be found. "The Tribe of Isaacharr dwells on the mountains of the great deep in the nethermost parts of Media and Persia, and there they fulfill the

commandment, 'The book of the Torah shall not depart from their mouths;' nor do they take upon themselves the yoke of an earthly kingdom, but only the yoke of heaven and the yoke of the law. They have many captains of the army, but never fight with any man, but discuss the Torah. They dwell in peace and tranquillity and no rebellious thought of evil enters their minds. They casess a country whose area covers land of ten days' journey, and they have an abundance of cattle, camel and servants, but do not bring the horses, nor do they possess any warlike instruments, excepknives for preparing food and to kill the animals for that purpose. They are men of great faith, hating oppression or robbery.

"The children of Zebulun encamp on the nountains of Paran and pitch their tents, made of the hair of Armania, and stretch as far as the Euphrates. The Tribe of Reuben dwell opposite them behind the mountains of Paran and between them there are love, unity and peace. The Tribe of Ephraim and half the Tribe of Manasseh dwells opposite the city of Meuqa." Ir a similar way each and every one of the fen Tribes is located the fabulous region "to the east of Havila which every bible reader will easily conne with the Garden of Eden as located by th second chapter of Genesis.

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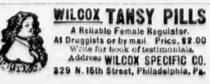
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