

WARNS LANDSEEKERS

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CLAIM TO HAVE INSIDE INFO

Operating Largely in Districts to Be Under Irrigation.

REAP RICH HARVEST FROM UNW

Lands in Question Absolutely Withdrew from Settlement.

NO WAY OF GETTING AN ACRE AT PRESENT

Cost of Water and Conditions of Entry Will Not Be Known Until the Irrigation Works Are Completed.

WHY SWINDLERS?

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, May 10.—(Special.)—An organized band of swindlers is actively at work in several western states, notably Utah, North Dakota and South Dakota, and also operating to a lesser extent in the east. These swindlers have selected as easy victims prospective homeseekers who are greatly interested in the various reclamation projects undertaken by the government.

By means of advertisements cleverly worded, in which they claim to have secured inside information regarding the plans of the engineers, and by the display of alleged copies of government maps and surveys, they have been successful in duping many of the homeseekers. For a consideration of from \$50 to \$100 these swindlers guarantee to locate settlers upon the best irrigable lands under the government works.

Notwithstanding that the government some time ago issued a circular warning the people to be taken in by just such swindlers, the swindling goes right along and the sharks are reaping a rich harvest. It should be clearly understood that these swindlers have no inside information. Their maps are mere township plats or rough drafts such as can be obtained from the land office. The swindlers have no data other than any intending settler can obtain upon request of the department.

Settlers May Be Fooled.

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KNOTTY PROBLEM FOR SOLUTION

States of Correspondence in Neutral Ships Not Fixed by Law.

LONDON, May 10.—Answering a question in the House of Commons today in regard to the recent incident in the mails of the Peninsular and Oriental steamer Oris while on its way from Brindisi to Port Said by the Russian warship Kharyb, the postmaster general, Lord Stanley, said ordinary postal letters were not contraband of war, but that the mails of a belligerent state and its accredited representatives may be so treated.

FIGHTING IS GOING ON IN HAYTI

German Cruisers Go to Republic Where Revolution is On.

ST. THOMAS, D. W. I., May 10.—The German cruisers Vineta, Gazelle, Falke and Panther, which were to have sailed today for Newport News, will leave instead for Port-au-Prince, Hayti. It is reported that a revolution has broken out here.

Winnans Heirs Win.

LONDON, May 10.—The question of the domicile of William Lewis Winnans, who died in London June 25, 1897, leaving a large fortune, was decided today by the House of Lords in favor of the family, who appealed from the decision of the lower courts that Mr. Winnans was a British subject and, therefore, the revenue authorities were entitled to collect a death duty on his estate.

ILLINOIS LEADERS GATHER

Republican Aspirants Assemble to Attend the State Convention at Springfield.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 10.—All of the candidates for places on the republican ticket are here today and incoming delegates are rapidly filling the hotels. The consensus of opinion is that Yates, Lowden and Warner will try to control both organization and nomination. There is, however, a wide difference of opinion as to whether such a combination will be able to name the nominee for governor, even though it may succeed in getting control of the organization.

Louisiana Contesting Delegation.

NEW ORLEANS, May 10.—General John Vance, a colored lawyer, and Joseph Fabacher, a white contractor, have named themselves delegates by a state convention of the Cuban faction. They will contest the seating of the Lily White delegation.

General Sanborn Criticized.

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 10.—General John B. Sanborn, brother of Judge W. B. Sanborn of the United States circuit court of appeals, is critically hit. Gaugre of the foot set in several days assailed his chances of recovery are bleak.

HOOLEY CHARGED WITH FRAUD

Notorious London Promoter Taken into Custody on Warrant, Alleging Conspiracy.

LONDON, May 10.—Ernest Terah Hooley, whose meteoric career and company promoting a few years ago astonished the financial world, was arrested in London today on the charge of conspiracy to defraud. Bankruptcy proceedings arising from Hooley's work were the sensation of 1898. Since then he has been connected with various promotions, some of which led to court proceedings.

MASS OF RAILROAD FIGURES

Representatives of Road Present Argument to State Board of Equalization.

OBJECT TO TAXATION OF FRANCHISES

Also Object to Stocks and Bonds Basis and Think Tangible Property of the Companies Is Enough to Pay Taxes Upon.

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For several hours he explained to the board the details of the road's report, a great portion of which time he talked about the ties, how long they had been in use, and the steel, and how long it had been in use.

Mr. Ure had only a short time in which to present his argument, owing to the time consumed by Mr. Scribner, but he made good use of that short time. He said the only common sense way for common sense people to assess railroads is to arrive at the roads as what they will sell for or upon the income of the road. He told the board the only schedules necessary to have to do at the value of the roads were the stocks and bonds, receipts and expenditures and the annual reports. The returns showing the cost of the road and how long the steel had been used, he said, made no difference except to make the task of the board more difficult.

What Will It Sell For?

"The only question," he said, "is what will the road sell for?" The claim of the railroads that they pay fifteen per cent of the value of the stocks, bonds, county and school, he said, was untrue.

He admitted that the railroads paid the bulk of the school tax in some of the remote western districts, but he said in Omaha the railroads did not pay \$3,000 a year for the education and expenses of the pupils.

CAPTAIN ALLEN ENDS LIFE

Prominent Figure at the St. Louis Fair Ends His Sufferings with a Bullet.

ST. LOUIS, May 10.—Capt. Walter Allen of St. Louis, connected with the World's Fair Jefferson Guard, and a brother of "Private" John H. Allen, national World's fair commissioner from Mississippi, committed suicide late today by shooting himself through the heart in a room in the dormitory of the Washington university, now unused by the exposition.

Talks on Uniformity.

Mr. Scribner of the Union Pacific opened his remarks by citing an opinion in an Illinois case, "that uniformity is the dominating mandate of the constitution; it is the prime maxim in almost every system of taxation where justice and fair play are sought."

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Disease Adds Its Terrors to the Dangers of Eastern War.

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There are some cases of dysentery and smallpox and several cases of typhus in the hands of the Japanese. The Japanese application for more surgeons nor special remedies or serum, and it is entirely misleading to say that epidemics of smallpox and typhus are epidemic in Manchuria, and dysentery is widespread there. There is nothing alarming in the situation.

Price of Rice Is High.

SEOUL, Korea, May 9.—(4:30 p. m.—) Delayed in Transmission.—Owing to the heavy purchases of rice by the Japanese army the price of that commodity in the vicinity of the American mines at Unsan has doubled and is now quoted at 3 yen per twenty-five pounds. The forces of Korea cooies in military employ are not affected by this advance in prices as account of the extraordinary wages they receive, but the nine laborers are hard hit, and it has been necessary to send some junk loads of rice north to prevent threatened distress.

American Attaches Arrive.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 10.—Captain T. Bentley Mott, the military attaché of the United States embassy at Paris, and Major Macomb, United States army, have arrived here today. The former will remain in city military attaché of the embassy during the progress of the war. Major Macomb will proceed to the front. Both officers have been invited to ride with the auto of the assessor in the big May review, which is to take place tomorrow.

Japanese Steamers Resume Work.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 10.—The local agency of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, Japan's big steamship company, has received notice from Tokyo that service on five lines of Japanese colonies.

FIRE AT HIGH ANGLE

Japanese Are Said to Be Bombarding Port Arthur with Guns Elevated.

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Reported Japanese Have Overtaken Russians and Forced Battle.

UNITED STATES CONSUL ENTERS PROTEST

Russians Refuse to Let Him Send Message to Mr. Conger.

COMMUNICATION IS AGAIN OPENED

Count Cassini, Ambassador at Washington, Notified that Railroad Is Restored and Wires Are Being Repaired.

Fighting at Liao Yang.

SHAN HAI KWAN, May 10.—A p. m.—It is reported that the First Japanese army, treating from the Yalu river, overtook them twenty miles south of Liao Yang yesterday and a severe engagement ensued. The Japanese dragged their guns up hills believed to be unassailable. The Russians thereupon continued to retreat north.

A division of the First corps is approaching New Chwang, which is now garrisoned by a handful of Russians. Japanese scouts have been six miles from New Chwang.

Nineteen women were the last civilians to leave New Chwang for Chan Hai Kwan. They arrived here tonight and confirmed the reports of the evacuation of Chwang.

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WASHINGTON, May 10.—Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, has received a dispatch from St. Petersburg saying that Viceroy Alexieff telegraphed the emperor that railroad communication with Port Arthur was restored during the night of May 9 and 10 and that the telegraph line is being repaired.

MAY GIVE NEW CHWANG TO CHINA

Russians at Treaty Port Refuse to Let American Consul Send Message.

NEW CHWANG, Monday, May 9.—(Delayed in Transmission.)—Of the five Russian regiments which were in garrison here four have left and the remaining orders to go today, but this order was canceled an hour later.

The Russians are strongly entrenched at an Ping, where the guns from the New Chwang forts have been sent.

There is an unconfirmed native report that the Russians are attempting to induce the Chinese guilds to take over the local government here in case of the complete evacuation of the town. If this is done the foreign consuls will protest.

Colonel Muenster, the military adviser of the Russians, is attempting to induce the Chinese forces, arrived here this afternoon. It is believed he came to confer with the Russians regarding the proposal to turn New Chwang over to the Chinese.

The Russians are known to be communicating with the Chinese brigands and to be stirring up the Chinese against the natives. United States Consul Miller was prevented from telegraphing to Minister Conger a statement of the situation here. Mr. Miller's message was released after he had made a strong protest on the subject.

Many Japanese spies are in this vicinity, disguised as bearers, and are cutting the wires to the mines at the mouth of the Liao river. Unrest is increasing here.

VICKSBURG REFUSED TO TAKE MEN

This is the Story Told in Official Report of Russian Minister.

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Visitors at St. Louis Will Look Over Country in Western Louisiana.

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About June 1 a number of Japanese now in St. Louis will leave for Louisiana and Texas for a trip through the rice country. About the same time a party of more than 100 Japanese who are now en route from Japan for San Francisco will reach Houston.

The latter will settle in the rice country and become rice farmers. Two members of this party, it is said, are bringing with them more than \$100,000 worth with which to purchase rice lands and start Japanese colonies.

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