

They had only to cross the garden to find themselves on the edge of the woods which almost touched the dwelling, and which stretched to some distance beyond. Eugene's intention in seeking this isolation was to escape the influence of his wife's determination. He had taken of his own accord, his heart and life, and to enjoy with her his first taste of true happiness.

Surprised at the cool dispassion with which Flo replied to the affectionate gush of his language, he redoubled his efforts to bring their conversation to a tone of more intimacy and confidence.

While stopping at intervals to point out to her some effects of light and shadow in their walk, he asked what visitor she had seen yesterday. She named two or three; then lowering her voice against her will mentioned Phoebe Craven.

"That one," said Eugene, "you had better not have seen. I no longer recognize her."

"Why?" asked she, timidly.

"Because she is a bad woman. When we are a little more intimate with each other, you and I, I shall edify you on her character. I shall tell you all—all, understand."

There was so much of goodness in the accent with which he pronounced these words that Flo felt her heart half comforted.

The phantom disappeared, little by little, from her mind, and she commenced to say to herself that she had been the sport of a bad dream and of a true madness, when a singular change in her husband's face renewed all her terrors.

Eugene, in his turn, had become absent and visibly preoccupied with some grave care. He spoke with an effort; made half replies, meditated, then stopped quickly to look around him like a frightened child.

There was an extraordinary similarity in the thoughts which occupied them both. At the moment when Flo was trembling for fear near her husband, he was trembling for her.

He thought they were being followed, he thought he heard in the thicket the cracking of branches, rattling of the leaves, and finally the sound of stealthy steps.

These noises always ceased on his stopping, and then commenced again the moment he resumed his walk. He thought, a moment later, he saw the shadow of a man pass rapidly among the underbrush behind them.

Finally he had no doubt that they were dogged—but by whom?

The repeated menace of Cora Elliston against Flo's life—the passionate and unbridled character of this woman, soon presented itself to his mind, and suggested this mysterious pursuit, and awakened these frightful suspicions.

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THE CASE OF DR. MEYER.

He Wrote a Letter to His Wife Telling Her to Kill Herself

He Promised to Commit Suicide Also. Lawyer Brooke Has Not Decided Whether He Will Defend the Poisoner.

NEW YORK, July 23.—Dr. Henry C. Meyer spends his time in cell 36, second tier, at the Tombs, under the watchful eye of Keeper Evers, in silent waiting, while the friends and enemies he has made are being revealed by detectives of other cities. Dr. Meyer refused to say this morning whether he knows Carl Muller, alias August Wimmers, and his wife, the mysterious people who were brought from Chicago yesterday afternoon.

Wimmers is lodged in the House of Detention where reporters cannot get at him. Mrs. Wimmers, who was released in the care of her Chicago lawyer, James Kennedy, out of deference to her delicate condition, has been hidden away from the curious, and Daniel G. Gillette, superintendent of the medical revision department at the Mutual Life Insurance company's office declares that the business is in the hands of the district attorney and he knows nothing about it.

Charles W. Brooke said to-day that he had not yet decided whether to take up the case nor would he before Monday.

Assistant District Attorney John F. McIntyre has been detailed to the prosecution of Dr. Meyer's case and he will devote the next few weeks of his life to the study of this most remarkable case.

District Attorney Nicoll has in his possession a letter written by Dr. Meyer to his wife advising her to commit suicide. In the letter Meyer promised to commit suicide also.

It is believed that Meyer wished to induce his wife to commit suicide so that there would be no possibility of her turning State's evidence against him. The letter will be used at the trial.

That Carl Muller, alias Jacob Wimmers, will turn State's evidence and testify against Dr. Meyer there is thought to be little doubt.

A Millionaire Reporter.

PHILADELPHIA, July 24.—Anthony Drexel Biddle, a grandson of the late A. T. Drexel, who comes into a million dollars under the will of the dead banker, is a reporter on the local staff of the Public Ledger. He entered the employ of the Ledger at the commencement of the year and has reported the Coroner's office and other routine.

Chapin Mining Company Reorganized.

ISMITHING, Mich., July 24.—The Chapin Mining company, operating the Chapin, one of the largest mines in the Iron Mountain district, has been reorganized. The Vanderbilt and Hanna interests are now predominant in the Chapin company, and a speedy adjustment of the pay rolls and other obligations may be looked for.

Convicts as Road Builders.

SARASOTA LAKE, N. Y., July 24.—State Engineer Schenck says the plan of working convicts on the roads is a good one, and that admirable work has been done during the past week. The experiment is under the State Engineer's direction.

No Bank Failure at Vernon, Tex.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—The statement made public yesterday that the First National Bank of Vernon, Tex., had failed, proved to be erroneous. The First National Bank of Russell, Kan., has failed.

FRANCE NOT SATISFIED

Siam's Reply is Not Regarded Favorably.

TERMS OF THE KING'S MESSAGE—Reported that the French Minister Resident at Bangkok is Preparing to Leave the City—French Ministers to Take No Vacations Until After the Elections.

LONDON, July 24.—A despatch from Paris to the Central News says that Siam's reply to France's ultimatum is unsatisfactory to the French Government and that M. Pavie, French Minister Resident in Bangkok, is preparing to leave the city.

Siam's reply was handed to M. Pavie, French Minister Resident in Bangkok, at two o'clock on Saturday afternoon. The 48 hours allowed by France's ultimatum for a reply had not then expired. The text of the communication is as follows:

"M. le Ministre: In reply to the communication, which, by order of your government, you handed to me on Thursday, July 20, at 6:45 in the evening, His Majesty, the King, my august sovereign, charges me to make, to you the following declaration:

"His Majesty regrets that no precise definition ever has been given him of what His Majesty is to understand by the expression 'Rights of the Empire of Annam and of the Kingdom of Cambodia on the left bank of the Mekong river.' His Majesty has ever been ready to abandon all the territories over which the existence of these rights should have been proved, and five months ago His Majesty proposed to submit all contested points to international arbitration.

"Now he submits to the pressure of circumstances in order to restore peace to his people and security to the numerous commercial interests at stake in his country. His Majesty therefore consents to a delimitation of the frontiers between Siam and Cambodia.

"All the territory on the left bank of the Mekong river south of the line drawn from the most northerly of the Siamese military posts, recently occupied by the Franco-Annamite troops, to another point situated in the same latitude, that is, on the 18th degree north latitude, will be regarded as Annamite and Cambodian territory, the river below the point indicated becoming the line of separation between the neighboring States as far as to the point at which the river enters Cambodian territory and the use of the islands in the river being common to the continuous States. The two Siamese military posts now existing in the above described territory will be evacuated within the next month.

No Vacations Until After Election.

PARIS, July 24.—The French Ministers and high department officials will take no vacations until after the Parliamentary elections. They are tireless in their activity. They utilize every opportunity to address meetings and promote demonstrations favorable to the government. While stumping the country they are communicating privately to the prefects and other provincial officers instructions as to the conduct of the campaign and are exhorting all official friends of the government to forego their holiday until autumn.

Money Easy in London.

LONDON, July 24.—The conviction that gold will be in heavy demand during the autumn months, especially for the United States, has stiffened discounts in the last week and the rate has remained steady at 1 1/2 for three months. Money has been plentiful and it has been difficult to find borrowers at 1 1/2 of 1 per cent. Early last week silver was in good demand in several quarters and inquiries were made on behalf of several Indian princes with a view to increase the native currency.

James Gordon Bennett Better.

LONDON, July 24.—James Gordon Bennett, editor of the New York Herald, who was injured several weeks ago by falling from a coach, is convalescent. He has suffered two relapses, mainly in consequence of weakness caused by loss of blood at the time of the fall and by close confinement to the house ever since. He hopes to go soon on a yachting tour with a view to restoring his health.

Narrow Escape from Collision.

LONDON, July 24.—The passengers on board the Guion line steamer Arizona, Captain Brooks, from New York, which arrived at Queenstown at 4:35 p. m. yesterday, report that that vessel had a narrow escape from a collision with an unknown Red Star line steamer during a thick fog on the 17th inst. The latter steamer crossed the Arizona's bow not fifty yards distant.

Another Revolution in Brazil.

LONDON, July 24.—A despatch from Rio Janeiro says that a revolution has broken out in the State of Santa Catharina, which borders Rio Grande do Sul. Government troops are reported to have joined the revolutionists, whose purpose is to depose the governor of the State. The cruiser Tiranides has been despatched from this port to suppress the revolutionary movement along the coast.

Emperor William Changes His Plans.

BERLIN, July 24.—Emperor William has changed the plan of his vacation voyage. He will not visit Bergen, Norway, with the fleet as smallpox is epidemic there. On August 7 he and the Empress are expected to disembark at Helligoland.

The Campana to Try For the Record.

LONDON, July 24.—The British steamer Campana, Capt. Haines, from Liverpool, which left Queenstown at 1:02 p. m. yesterday from New York, intends to take the northern course with a view to lowering the record.

Negroes to Take Strikers' Places.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., July 24.—About 500 negroes were shipped from here last night to leave Leavenworth, Kan. It is proposed to replace strikers with them. Agents of the mine owners will endeavor to secure 1,000 more negroes.

MEXICAN MONEY AND TRADE.

Evidences of Solid Prosperity—Tariff Revision Expected.

CITY OF MEXICO, July 24.—The business situation here is satisfactory, there having been no failures or suspensions of any importance since the sharp decline in silver. The banks are in excellent condition and making good profits, planters are buying agricultural machinery, and the sales of supplies to the silver mines are unabated, as the mines will continue to be worked at an excellent profit.

Crops promise well, and altogether there is no reason to fear that the silver trouble will harm the interior trade of Mexico. Although high exchange will interfere with the importation of articles of luxury from Europe, it will not prevent the bringing in of United States petroleum, cotton, labor-saving machinery, or railway material. The country will be able to import indispensable articles.

There is much anxiety here among manufacturers over the well-grounded belief that Finance Minister Llamantour contemplates announcing, late in the autumn, the important reductions in tariff duties on cotton textiles and printing paper. He is by tradition and sympathy a low-tariff man and opposed to excessive protective duties. His policy is to move slowly, and gradually readjust the fiscal policies. He has the cordial support of President Diaz, who holds that consumers have a right to some measure of protection on the part of the Government.

Probably the Government will grant concessions to the manufacturers by a reduction of duties on all raw materials.

CASE OF THE CHOCTAWS.

Can the Condemned Men Now be Legally Executed.

A Legal Point Brought Up Which May Prevent the Carrying Out of the Sentences—The Prisoners Removed.

MCALISTER, I. T., July 24.—The nine condemned Choctaw Indians who were to have been shot July 2, and who were reshipped to Aug. 4, were removed from the Gannett county jail yesterday to Red Oak, in Sugar Land county. They are now confined in a private house there under a strong guard.

It is not known why they were removed, but it is believed the action was taken to checkmate an attempt to rescue them by the Jackson-Locke faction. A large number of Indians have been in town for a number of days, all members of the Jackson crowd, and they are believed to have been in war council planning the rescue of the condemned men.

PARIS, Tex., July 25.—The nine condemned Choctaws will hardly be shot August 4. The Interior Department will hardly save them, nor will their enemies relent, but a legal point has been brought up which may be decided in their favor. When the department intervened in their behalf they had been tried, convicted and sentenced and the court had adjourned to the next regular term.

The executive had no power under their laws to grant reprieves. S. W. Holson, the trial judge, made an order extending the time to August 4. In his letter Gov. Jones says truly: "There is no law authorizing any such action on the part of the judge. This course will leave a grave question open and will afford the parties an opportunity of escape."

The legal question is this: The day fixed by the judgment of the court for execution having passed can they be legally executed on some other day? At any rate this will be the basis of a fight in the United States Courts to prevent the execution August 4 and if possible at all.

AT THE CONEY ISLAND CLUB.

The Next Fistic Entertainment Fixed for August 7.

NEW YORK, July 24.—The next fistic entertainment to be held before the Coney Island Athletic Club is scheduled for August 7 and will no doubt be one of the most successful held under the auspices of the club. There are two events on the programme. The principal one will be a fight to finish for a purse of \$6,500 between George Dixon, the featherweight champion of the world, and Eddie Pierce, a local featherweight, who has but recently entered the professional pugilistic arena.

The preliminary bout of the night will be a ten-round affair between Danny McBride and Tim Murphy, both of New York pugilists of great cleverness. It will be for a purse of \$1,000.

Pensions Granted.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—The following pensions have been issued:

New York—Original—Andrew J. Fleming, George I. L. Giebert, John H. Jones, James Daly, Charles A. Bennett, Andrew Osborn, James Nichols, John Callahan, Robert Hatchman. Additional—James H. Straigt. Increase—Boardman Persons, Fayette M. Niles. Original (widows, etc.) Mary M. Traphagan, Emma H. Rice, Meribah J. Stokes, Mary A. Van Buskirk, Minors of Michael B. Stokes, Harriet E. Buckley, Sarah Stokes.

Pennsylvania—Original—Leon D. Hatz, John Steckley, George W. Payne, Albert J. Duell, Alfred Harner, Francis Hoover, George W. Felton. Reissue—William Sweigart. Reissue and increase—Albert Brainerd. Original, widows, etc.—Susanna Kriner, Lucy M. Rice, Rebecca M. Denell.

The President's Quiet Sunday.

BUTZARD'S BAY, Mass., July 24.—President Cleveland spent a quiet Sunday at Gray Gables. Charles L. Hamilton, assistant secretary of the treasury, called upon the President in the afternoon and remained until six o'clock. Mr. Hamilton was on his way from Washington to his home in Brooklyn.

Wanted to Lynch the Builder.

ISPEMING, Mich., July 24.—Reports from Duluth that an incendiary had been lynched at Ewen, Mich., were caused by the desire of some of the people there to hang Leo M. Geismar, who built the defective water works. Mr. Geismar left town in time to avoid the proposed hanging.

JEFFERSON NEAR DEATH.

The Actor Suffering from a Cancerous Growth.

HIS PHYSICIANS ARE BAFFLED.


The Disease, Which is Seated in the Comedian's Neck, Has So Far Defied All Their Skill—Caused by Careless Treatment of a Boil.

NEW YORK, July 24.—Joseph Jefferson, the veteran actor, is near death, and a cancerous affection of the neck is the cause of it. Mr. Jefferson's physicians have been so far steadily baffled by his disease, which is attributed partly to an inherited tendency and partly to carelessness in the treatment of a boil that appeared near his cervical vertebrae some time ago.

However, the general mystery thrown about the malady renders an accurate diagnosis almost impossible to obtain.

Cautiously enough, the secret nearly leaked out a week ago and through a misunderstanding the comedian's warm friend, President Cleveland, was credited with cancerous trouble instead of Mr. Jefferson.

Of course a skillful physician may stave off the worst for some time to come, but it can be stated positively that radical measures must speedily be resorted to if America's comedian is not soon to go the way of Edwin Booth.



JOSEPH JEFFERSON.

FIERCE FOREST FIRES.

Great Damage Done in New Hampshire—Railroad Bridges Burned.

CONCORD, N. H., July 24. Serious forest fires are raging in numerous localities in New Hampshire, and many of them will not be extinguished until rain comes. The fire in the Kilkenny forest, near Lancaster, has already done immense damage. It has extended half way to the summit of Kilkenny mountain and destroyed all the trestle bridges on the Kilkenny railroad in its path.

Another extensive fire is raging in the Waterville woods, and a large gang of men has been sent up from Plymouth to fight it. Passengers on railway trains from the north say that the smoke from the forest fires can be seen in all directions.

EX-GOV. PRICE RELEASED.

Prominent Passaic County Politician Qualify as His Bondsmen.

HACKENSACK, N. J., July 24.—Ex-Gov. Rodman Price was released from the custody of Sheriff Bogert, of Hackensack, yesterday. He was under bonds of \$30,000 to appear before Chancellor McGill of Jersey City, to stand trial for contempt of the New Jersey Court of Chancery.

Anderson Price of Sutherland, Congressman Cornelius Cadmus, Senator Hinchliffe, contractor David Henry, and John R. Lee, of Paterson, prominent Passaic county politicians, qualified as bondsmen for the ex-Governor.

Order for interrogatories has been served on ex-Gov. Price, and he must appear before Master in Chancery William M. Johnson, at Hackensack on Friday next. He went to his home near Oakland.

Alleged Dishonest Failure.

LIMA, O., July 24.—The recent failure of the Citizens' Bank of Ada for a large amount will probably result in the prosecution of the bank people. Only a few hours previous Mr. Ahlfeld, it is alleged, gave mortgages to his sons and relatives covering all his property, consisting of the bank building, three farms, his residence, etc. One of the mortgages was made to his son, only 14 years old, and the depositors propose to contest the legality of the transaction. Ahlfeld has property enough to cover all the liabilities of the bank.

\$30,000 Blaze at Rockaway Beach.

ROCKAWAY BEACH, L. I., July 24.—A disastrous fire ravaged a small section of the beach yesterday. The large ice factory of Jameson & Bond, their coal and wood yard, stables, etc., residence of John A. Bond, were totally destroyed. Eleven horses were burned. The Scroll House and church were saved by the heroic efforts of the firemen, the new steamers doing great execution. The ice factory and plant cost \$22,000 and the total loss is \$30,000, with very little insurance.

The Catholic Summer School.

PLATTSBURG, N. Y., July 24.—While, of course, no session of the Summer School were held yesterday, the extremely impressive religious services held at St. John's Church might justly be deemed a portion of the programme. Solemn high mass was sung in the morning, followed by a sermon by Rev. J. H. Mitchell, Chancellor of Brooklyn, an eloquent and forcible speaker.

Canadian Crop Report.

HALIFAX, N. S., July 24.—Government crop reports say that hay does not promise much above three-quarters of the average; wheat crop nearly up to the average; barley good.

A FORMER EMPLOYEES WORK.

The Attempt to Wreck an R. W. & O. Train at Watertown.

WATERTOWN, N. Y., July 24.—What seems to have been an attempt to wreck a passenger train on the Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg Railroad occurred in this city Saturday night. Two switches were opened in the freight yard and the lights put out by some person unknown, between 8:30 and 9 o'clock.

At the latter hour a train was due from Syracuse and Utica. This train was half an hour late and was running unusually fast to make up time. It had a heavy load of passengers.

The track coming into the city is on a down grade for over two miles. Trains do not usually begin to slow up until they reach the east yard. The engineer, however, missed the lights and fearing danger checked the speed so that when the first switch was reached the locomotive and all of the train except one coach left the track but did not capsize or telescope, and no one was hurt.

The railroad officials are inclined to believe that a former employe, who was recently discharged, sought revenge in this way.

THE FAIR DESERTED.

Rigid Enforcement of the Sunday Closing Order.

All the Buildings Shut Up Yesterday. Assistant Secretary Hamilton to Investigate the Trouble with Russian Exhibitors.

CHICAGO, July 24.—The White City was deserted yesterday and the warm sun of the peaceful Sabbath shone upon desolate thoroughfares, lonely Columbian guards and a few inhabitants of the Midway Plaisance, who had left that cosmopolitan quarter early in the day to view the big buildings in the park. The Sunday closing order was rigidly enforced, and any person who entered the Exposition grounds had to prove that his presence there was absolutely necessary.

All buildings were closed and the sign "closed to day" placed on the doors of the State homes was entirely unnecessary, as there were no persons in the park who cared to do any visiting or sight-seeing.

All the electric and steam launches and gondolas were tied up, no fountain was playing, the ends of booths were bare of wares and their handsome saleswomen, and altogether it was the most complete "closed Sunday" the World's Fair has known. Only two gates were open and these were for pass holders.

There was no grumbling among the employees nor among the exhibitors on account of the enforced day of rest. And the grumbling that was done outside was not loud enough to disturb any one. A number came to the gates as if they expected to be admitted, but finding them closed they left not caring to stand around in the hot sun for nothing.

Although up to this time nearly 6,000,000 persons have paid to see the fair and have come from all parts of the United States, the World's Fair officials are disappointed in the attendance. At the present rate the record for the first half of the six months of the fair will reach 6,750,000.

The most sanguine experts on expositions say that under the most favorable conditions the total attendance will not reach 20,000,000. Before the exposition opened, World's Fair officials declared that the attendance would reach a total of 30,000,000.

Secretary Hamilton to Investigate.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—Assistant Secretary Hamilton while he is in Chicago, which he expects to reach by Wednesday, will give personal attention to the trouble with the Russian exhibitors at the fair. Mr. Hamilton says Secretary Carlisle and he are most desirous to be liberal with exhibitors, but the customs laws must be enforced. It is understood that nothing will be done here by the government until Assistant Secretary Hamilton reaches Chicago.

SECOND RECIPROCITY CONVENTION

It Will Be Held in Duluth, Minn., on October 10.

ST. PAUL, Minn., July 23.—It has been decided to hold the second international reciprocity convention at Duluth on October 10. Letters have received from leaders of the movement both in Canada and the United States expressing the hope that some practical step will be taken for establishing reciprocal relations between Canada and the United States.

It is said the England will have representatives vested with authority at the convention. In this case very important results may be reached.

Ex-Senator Blair at Asbury Park.

ASBURY PARK, N. J., July 24.—Ex-United States Senator Henry W. Blair, of New Hampshire, appointed as Minister to China, who was repudiated by that government, delivered an address at the national service at the Fifth Avenue Auditorium yesterday afternoon before a vast assembly. His theme was "The true relation of our nation to the other great nations of the earth," and he dwelt with particular force on the question of Chinese emigration.

Two Drowned Near Plymouth, Mass.

PLYMOUTH, Mass., July 24.—George Bagwell, aged 71, and his grandson, Melville F. Bagwell, were drowned in Great South Pond yesterday afternoon. The dead body of a horse attached to a buggy was found in the water near the spot. It is supposed that they drove into the pond to water the horse and the animal got entangled in the harness or waded beyond his depth, dragging the vehicle after him.

Trust Company Enjoined.

CONCORD, N. H., July 24.—The New Hampshire Trust Company of Manchester, one of the heaviest financial institutions in the State, has been enjoined. Bank Commissioner Lyford has gone to Manchester.

Flour and Feed Store Burned.

READING, Pa., July 24.—The flour and feed store and storage house of Kissinger & Breiter, Eight and Cherry street, was badly damaged by fire and water last evening. The loss may reach \$30,000, partially insured.