

Andover News.

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A minister of Topeka, Kan., is trying to hold his congregation together and get them to church regularly by reading to them a continued story in weekly instalments. His scheme is said to be a success.

An American missionary who has spent nine years in the Congo Free State, Africa, says that the natives there are held in the most abject slavery, and are robbed, tortured and murdered by the authorities on the slightest pretext.

The Connecticut grange has lost but two subordinate granges since its reorganization twelve years ago. There is 168 towns in the state and 116 subordinate granges. Connecticut is therefore the best organized state in the union, remarks the American Agriculturist.

W. H. Miller, a miner living on Soldier Creek, in Oregon, is an extremely independent man, admits the New York Tribune. He owns a rich ledge, from which he can easily get \$10 or \$12 worth of ore every day, and has plenty of time to sit around and talk about Venezuela and the tariff. He could sell his property for a large sum, but he declines all offers. He lives all alone, and his wants are few. "The ledge will stay there," he says. "I own it. I am as independent as a hog on ice, and I am happy and contented to stay just as I am."

The San Francisco lawyers who conducted Florence Blythe's contest of her father's will to a successful issue are in clover. According to the San Francisco Bulletin the lawyer who planned the contest gets \$625,000 as compensation for his services, and altogether a couple of millions will be distributed among the lawyers who were connected with the prosecution of the case in one way or another. Luckily the estate of which Florence Blythe is now the sole possessor figures up something over 4,000,000, so she can afford to be liberal with her lawyers. Undoubtedly she feels under deep obligations to them for hunting her up in London, where she passed her younger days, ignorant of her parentage, and having shown to the satisfaction of the California courts that she was entitled to the great fortune of the wealthy Californian who died a few years ago, leaving a will that has been the subject of one of the greatest contests that the courts of that state ever had to deal with.

Complaint is voiced by the druggists of Pittsburg, that their business is rendered much less profitable by the growing practice of physicians in supplying drugs to patients in the form of tablets and disks prepared by the manufacturing chemists. As one of the druggists puts it: "The prescription business of a pharmacy is dwindling more and more, and if it were not for the soda water fountains, cigar-stands, cosmetics, lotions, toilet preparations, and articles of luxury which are now on sale in almost all drug stores, the sheriff would have all of us. We do a considerable prescription business, but the profits derived from it would not justify our staying in business, nor would we be able to continue here if we had nothing else to depend upon." The doctors reason for it is that, in furnishing the medicine themselves, they are assured of the drug by the reputation of the makers, and that they run no risk of failing to accomplish the desired results through the deterioration of drug-store stock or "the crime of substitution" of one drug for another not in stock. A further reason is that the tablets are more palatable, and are, therefore, much more convenient for administration to children.

Big Summer Hotel Burned.
Gloucester, Mass., Jan. 27.—The Bass Rock house, on the south side of East Gloucester, was destroyed by fire yesterday. It was one of the finest and largest summer hotels on the New England coast.

To Take the St. Paul's Place.
Philadelphia, Jan. 27.—The St. Louis, a sister ship of the St. Paul, left Camp's shipyard at 7 o'clock this morning for New York and will take the St. Paul's place for the present on the American line.

KAISER AND BISMARCK

Not in Harmony on Germany's Foreign Policy.

The Old ex-Chancellor Disapproves of the Young Rulers Interference in Matters Not Directly Concerning the Fatherland—Other News of General Interest from Berlin.

Berlin, Jan. 27.—Three times within the past week rumors were in circulation in Berlin that Prince Bismarck was dead. These reports had the effect to cause a rush of inquiries to Friedrichsruhe to learn the truth. Among the large number of visitors whom the prince received personally and with such courtesy and activity of movement as to dispel the last vestige of anxiety concerning his health was an old and intimate friend and co-worker in the political arena, who has given to the United Press the substance of an interesting conversation he had with the ex-chancellor, which serves to correct certain impressions upon the public mind in regard to Prince Bismarck's relations with the kaiser. Not once since his resignation of the office of chancellor, Prince Bismarck said to his friend, has the emperor spoken to him upon the subject of politics, except upon the memorable occasion of the kaiser's visit to Friedrichsruhe on March 23 last, when his majesty came to the ex-chancellor's residence with General Count von Waldersee. The emperor was at the time very angry about the vote in the Reichstag refusing to pay the united respects of that body to the prince upon the occasion of his birthday.

Emperor's Action Disapproved.
Prince Bismarck admitted to his friend that he was well able to go to Berlin on January 18, when the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the empire was celebrated, but he said he did not go because he emphatically declined to lend his name as a flag for the present course of politics which is being directed by the kaiser upon lines which the ex-chancellor regards as radically wrong and of which he profoundly disapproves. It was a move of rare cleverness on the part of the emperor, the prince said, to make a spontaneous call at Friedrichsruhe recently, thereby creating at home and abroad the impression that the imperial policy had the full approval of Prince Bismarck or at least his tacit assent. Nothing of the kind was true, however. The recent moves of the kaiser, he said, were grave mistakes. Germany had no business whatever to meddle in foreign complications unless German interests were directly menaced or assailed. If the powers have grouped themselves definitely either for or against certain causes, what of it? Germany has still time to decide to what extent her interests are involved.

The Kaiser Is the Boss.
The rash actions which the emperor has sometimes indulged in, the United Press informant said, must be credited to the fact that the kaiser's state of health is not always normal. His irritability caused by frequent violent headaches had quite often accounted for a quick word or deed on his part. It may be added, too, that he sleeps very little, in fact not at all sufficiently to enable him to maintain his health. The present government of Germany is deprived of all initiative in the management or direction of politics. The emperor directs everything personally, and his ministers and secretaries of state are merely his executive officials. Among his many irresponsible counselors it is always the last one having the ear of the kaiser who is charged to see that the ideas of the emperor are carried out.

German-Americans.
A case affecting Germans becoming American citizens has just been decided by the supreme court of the empire in Leipzig. F. W. Boehme, a druggist in Brooklyn, N. Y., and a native of Leipzig, was sentenced to pay a fine of 200 marks for emigrating to a foreign country without having fulfilled his term of military service. He appealed through his father from the decision of the court. The supreme court in rendering its decision upon the appeal finds that Boehme as a duly naturalized citizen of the United States could not be punished for any act committed prior to his emigration. The court therefore reversed the decision of the lower tribunal. If Boehme had left the country to escape military service the judgment of the supreme court would have been different.

American Race Horses.
The American trotting horse owner and sportsman A. H. Welch of Hartford, Conn., has nominated Minnie D. and Algerie Queen for the spring two-in-hand trotting race on the Berlin course. Agents of the New York manufacturers of a lightning stamping machine have exhibited to the German postoffice authorities a machine capable of stamping 500,000 letters an hour. It does not appear that they have induced the postal officials to adopt the machine, however, as the latter still prefer to continue the present practice of stamping each letter by hand.

INSURGENTS BURN A TRAIN.

Passengers Ordered To Alight and Make the Journey on Foot.

Havana, Jan. 27.—The insurgents, despite the government's asseverations to the contrary, appear to be doing just about as they please in the neighborhood of Havana. Yesterday afternoon a band of rebels stopped a train that was running between Guanajay and this city. They ordered the passengers, who were in a state bordering on panic, to leave the train, which was obeyed with alacrity. The passengers feared that they would be maltreated by the insurgents, but their fears were groundless, as the rebel leader courteously informed them that they would not be harmed, nor would their personal effects be molested. They would, however, he added, have to pursue their journey on foot as it was his intention to destroy the train. He then gave orders for the torch to be applied to the cars, and soon nothing was left save the ironwork. The train was captured about a mile from San Antonio, to which place the passengers walked and informed the authorities of what had occurred. Troops were immediately dispatched to the scene, but when they arrived the rebels had disappeared.

MRS. HOLTON MOODY DEAD.

She Was the Mother of Evangelist D. L. Moody.
Northfield, Mass., Jan. 27.—Mrs. Betsey Holton Moody, widow of Edwin Moody of Northfield, Mass., and mother of evangelist D. L. Moody, died yesterday. She had suffered from a cold for a week and on Saturday morning she took to her bed. The doctor who was called said she had an attack of the grip. All of her family were with her except one daughter who resides in Wisconsin. The funeral will be held in the Congregational church on Wednesday. Mrs. Moody was in her 91st year, and is survived by four sons—Isaiah, George, Dwight and Edwin—all residing in Northfield, and two daughters—Mrs. Cornelia Walker of Northfield and Mrs. Lizzie Washburne of Racine, Wis.

AMERICANS ALARMED.

Residents at Pretoria Want a Diplomatic Agent from Washington.
London, Jan. 27.—The Times to-day publishes a dispatch from Pretoria, capital of the south African republic, saying that a meeting of Americans was held Saturday at which it was decided to cable to Secretary of State Olney requesting, in view of the arrest of American citizens and the fact that their property is in danger, that a diplomatic agent be sent to the Transvaal to protect their interests. The Americans are friendly towards the Transvaal government, but they desire that their grievance be redressed.

TO TAX CHURCH PROPERTY.

A Big Legal Fight Against Roman Catholics in Cincinnati.
Cincinnati, Jan. 27.—A legal fight which will attract the attention of Roman Catholics the world over will be instituted this week. Attorneys Stephens, Lincoln and Smith, who represent this diocese, have been notified to appear before the county auditor to hear an application on behalf of some persons whose identity is not at present established for the placing on the tax duplicate of all the property in this county owned by the Roman Catholic church and not used as a place of worship. Auditor Hagerty will refuse, as he did privately some time ago, and a suit in mandamus will be filed against him in the supreme court. The property in question is valued at \$1,000,000 and an effort will be made to have charges for the last six years on an increased valuation of \$8,000,000. The contract for doing this work was signed late Friday afternoon. The move is said to originate with the A. P. A.

Philip Ripley Dead.
New York, Jan. 27.—Philip Ripley, at one time possibly one of the most widely known newspaper men in this country, died shortly before midnight Saturday night at Bellevue hospital of Bright's disease. He was 69 years old, and was born in Hartford, Conn.

Skating Race.
St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 27.—The one-mile skating race at Aurora park Saturday afternoon for the championship of Minnesota was won by Harley Davidson, in 2:37.45, with McDaniels second and Sudheimer third.

A Nobleman's Castle Burned.
Warsaw, Jan. 27.—Castle Talnoje, near Kieff, the residence of General Count von Schouvaloff, governor of Warsaw, has been destroyed by fire. The valuable paintings and curios in the castle were all lost.

Mrs. Drews Honeys.
Berlin, Jan. 27.—Mrs. Dickens Drews, who is now engaged in Leipzig, has been awarded the gold medal for art by the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha.

WEALTHY CLUBMAN DEAD.
New York, Jan. 27.—Lindley Hoff, man Chapin, millionaire and clubman, died Saturday night at his home on 37th street of heart failure. He had been ill for some time, but his death was not expected.

THEO. RUNYON DEAD

Our Ambassador To Germany Dies Suddenly.

Passed Away Yesterday in Berlin of Heart Disease—He Had Been Slightly Ill, But Nothing Was Thought of It By Either His Family or Himself.

Berlin, Jan. 27.—The Hon. Theodore Runyon, the American ambassador here, died of heart failure at 1 o'clock yesterday morning. While he had been complaining for some time as not feeling in the best of health, nothing was thought of the matter by either his family or himself.

Mr. Runyon's Career.

The Hon. Theodore Runyon was born at Somerville, N. J., October 25, 1822. He graduated from Yale college in 1842, and in 1846 was admitted to the bar. In 1853 he was made city attorney, and in 1856 city councillor of Newark, N. J., a position retained until 1864 he became mayor of the city. He was appointed in 1856 a commissioner to revise and codify the militia laws of New Jersey, and in 1857 was made brigadier general and subsequently major-general of the New Jersey national guard. At the outbreak of the civil war he was placed in command of the New Jersey brigade of volunteers. In 1865 he was democratic candidate for governor of his state, but was not elected. From 1875 to 1887 he was chancellor of New Jersey. In March, 1893, he was appointed by President Cleveland American minister to Germany, and shortly afterwards was made ambassador. The degree of LL. D. was conferred upon him by Yale, Rutgers and Wesleyan colleges.

The News in Washington.
Washington, Jan. 27.—The sudden death in Berlin of the American ambassador Theodore Runyon last night, was communicated to the president by the United Press. Beyond that information the government had not been advised of the startling news. Its occurrence at so late an hour of the night of course prevented the possibility of anything like general circulation. The president and the state department received official notice this morning and action that is necessary will be taken promptly.

MURDERED AND ROBBED.

Fate of an Old Woman Who Had No Faith in Banks.
Oxford, Pa., Jan. 27.—Mrs. Mattie Porter, aged 80 years, was found dead with three bullets in her head late yesterday afternoon. The body was lying on a bed. The neck of her dress in which she hid money was cut off. Mrs. Porter had lived alone for years on a farm about five miles from Oxford. She had no faith in banks and carried large sums of money on her person.

Attempted to Poison Her Husband.
Erie, Pa., Jan. 27.—A sensation occurred yesterday afternoon at Girard, this county, when Mary H. Nellis was arrested for poisoning with intent to kill her husband, Peter H. Nellis, proprietor of the Nellis house, and Edward Gardner was arrested as an accomplice. The prisoners were brought here last night and lodged in jail.

Died in a Poor House.
Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 27.—Benjamin Folger, a nephew of the late Charles Folger, who was secretary of the treasury under Arthur's administration died in the poor house here Saturday, aged 60 years. Benjamin Folger was at one time one of the most prominent bankers and financiers in the country.

Work of Incendiarists.
Lancaster, Pa., Jan. 27.—Another incendiary fire broke out last evening in the cellar of the furniture store of Keiper & Rertzier, on North Queen street. The stock was badly damaged. The loss will reach \$10,000, insured. The art store of Zicholtz & Bowman, adjoining, was also damaged.

Jumped to Her Death.
New York, Jan. 27.—Hannah Moylan, 29 years old, who had come to this city from Brookline, Mass., to sail on Wednesday for Ireland, killed herself late yesterday afternoon by jumping from a fourth story window of the St. Denis hotel at Broadway and Eleventh street.

Nearly Swamped by a Tidal Wave.
Philadelphia, Jan. 27.—The British steamer Alkavald, which arrived here yesterday from Hamburg with a general cargo of merchandise, was nearly swamped last Friday afternoon off the George's shoal by a tidal wave.

Pierre Gustave Brunet Dead.
Paris, Jan. 27.—A dispatch from Bordeaux announces the death in that city of Pierre Gustave Brunet, distinguished French litterateur. He was born in Bordeaux, Nov. 18, 1807. His works are very numerous.

MARKET PRICES

Table listing market prices for various commodities such as Butter, Eggs, Beans, etc.

VICTORY FOR YANKEE BOAT

Ocean Race from Calera Buenos Aires to New York.
New York, Jan. 27.—A long distance race between the British ship Allert and the Yankee packet Willie Rosenfeld was ended when the Rosenfeld dropped anchor in Quarantine yesterday. Both vessels are from Calera, Buena on the Chilean coast with cargo of nitrate of soda. The Allerton left seventeen days ahead of the Rosenfeld but was towed into this harbor near twelve hours after her. As the Allerton slowly passed the anchored Rosenfeld the crew of the former sprang into the rigging and gave three hearty cheers for their successful rivals. The Rosenfeld's men were slow to respond, and there came a race across the mile of intervening water such a ringing "hip, hip, hurrah" as did credit to the brassy throat of the Yankee tars. Both vessels had hard time of it from Cape Hatteras port and were caught in the stormy easterly gale which prevailed along the coast last Thursday night. Neither ship sustained any damage. When off Cape Horn the Willie Rosenfeld encountered much more bergs than Capt. Dunphy's command being in sight at one time. The captain was afraid he would collide with the ice during the night and put his ship about, ran for daylight. The next day the Cape was rounded, but immense icebergs were seen at intervals until the Falkland Islands were passed. The Allerton ports sighting one huge berg, half mile long and 150 feet high on November 20.

THE WAR IN ABYSSINIA.

Peace Not Expected Without a Battle with King Menelik.
Rome, Jan. 27.—A dispatch from Massowah says that a messenger arrived at the camp of Gen. Baratieri, the commander of the Italian forces bringing letters from Menelik, king of the Abyssinians, to King Humbert, Gen. Baratieri, Col. Galliano, commander of the Italian forces were recently compelled to evacuate the town of Makelle after a long struggle by the Abyssinians, has not yet arrived at Gen. Baratieri's camp. It reported that Col. Galliano exploded the magazine and blew up the fort at Makelle upon leaving the town. It is reported that the Abyssinian army are angry at the release of the king by King Menelik, as they believe they would have eventually forced him to surrender unconditionally. It is said that the Abyssinian army disposed to march on Axum, in the state of Tigre. King Humbert signed a decree declaring the province of Erythrea to be in a state of war. It is not expected that peace can be arranged with King Menelik without giving him battle. The dispatch from Massowah of reinforcements, caissons, cannon and shells continues.

Going Out of Business.

San Francisco, Jan. 27.—After arrival of the steamer Washburn and Panama steamship company will be out of business. Since Dec. 15 the company's employees have been engaged in winding up the operations and leases on the other steamer line have been relinquished.

Another Cuban War Loan.

London, Jan. 27.—The Standard publishes a dispatch from Madrid stating that the Bank of Spain has advanced another 50,000,000 pesetas to the Cuban treasury.

TO-DAY

BY MRS. NAPOLEON B. ROBINSON.
The flowers by the lone wayside
Look smiling to the sun above;
They live their lives, are satisfied,
Nor question God's prevailing love.
The joy of their being lies
In living; in the present hour;
They ask no bounty from the skies
But sunshine, air and gentle shower.
The storms obey a secret will,
And move majestic on their course;
They have a purpose to fulfill,
Why pause to cavil at its source?
The new-blown rose is queen to-day;
The breeze is in its dancing mood;
That both must shortly pass away,
Makes neither on the morrow brood.
To-day, to-day, is Nature's song;
To-day her gifts are heaven-sent;
Of all her plants, the happy throng,
Man sounds the note of discontent.
He overlooks the fruitage rare;
The glory of the harvest field;
He takes a sad and meagre share
Of all the gladsome earth can yield.
He wastes maturity in strife,
In impotent and vague unrest;
Forgoing that at the feast of life
He is the chief invited guest.
To-day, to-day, is Nature's song;
Build well to-day, the past forgot;
Live for to-day, its joys prolong;
To-morrow is a dream, a yet.
NEW YORK CITY (Station A).

Dr. Elfenstein's Mission

A Remarkable Romance.

BY EMILY THORNTON.

CHAPTER I.
ASTRANGE SUMMONS.
In his unusually pleasant office on Broadway sat Lemuel Gray, a middle-aged man and successful lawyer, in deep thought.

In his hand he held a letter, which, for a few moments, he again carefully read. As it referred to people and events to be mentioned often in the remarkable story about to be related, we give the contents entire:
YONKERS, April 15, 1888.

Lemuel Gray:
I am with great difficulty that I have in view by thus addressing you a letter of great importance, I will write in few words as possible.
You are aware, being my confidential adviser, that I have expected to sail for Europe early in order to attempt to unravel the mystery surrounding the death of Sir Arthur Endeavour, in whose fate I am so deeply interested.

I wished to visit, in some disguise, the place where Glendinning Hall is situated, become acquainted with the present baronet and Lady Constance, his wife, with their son and niece residing with them, and to find something, if possible, about the only son who married without the consent of his father, and who, therefore, was disinherited. I was told that as a young man I was said to have been disinherited, also, to make inquiries in regard to the private character of Antoine Glendinning, the valet of the present Sir Arthur, and to study every circumstance that might bear upon the mystery of his case.
I regret to say that my physician declares it impossible for me to undertake, on my present state, this journey.

Do you think of my sending thither a substitute? I have in mind a young physician, Dr. Eric Elfenstein, who resides in New York City. I cannot tell you his address, as he moved to a new residence last May. I would like to ask you to hunt him up for me, make such a few inquiries as to his circumstances, disposition, and above all, whether he is an energetic and conscientious man.
I desire to refer to these matters at my next date. If favorable, and the plan is your approval, set a time when you will call upon my residence and explain to me the peculiar mission I wish him to undertake in my behalf. Your presence is absolutely necessary, as the disease which I am afflicted forbids my engaging in the long explanations that must be given in order to instruct him in the performance of the work, should he agree to undertake it.
I have attended to this at once and oblige, as of old,
LEON RAFFELER.

To this, a few hours later, the following reply was penned:
New York, New York, April 16, 1888.
Dear Sir:—Upon the receipt of yours of the 13th, I examined the "City-Directory" and found I find Dr. Elfenstein's address at 47, Exton street.
I have been to the neighborhood, I have seen a reliable source that the doctor is a very small practice, therefore, it is difficult to support his widow and himself in comfort.
I am not of his finances is not due to his efforts, for he is indefatigable in his efforts to benefit his patients, but, unfortunately, the very poor in the region of the city are exceedingly conscientious and give him from all I can learn, just what he undertakes the important business which you propose, and which I fully intend to support.
I will meet him at your residence on the evening of the 18th. It would be well if you receive this that effect as you receive this. Yours sincerely,
LEON RAFFELER.