

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1896

W. W. Astor had a heraldry expert from the British Museum engaged for two years in trying to find some noble name among his ancestors...

Meehan's Monthly says: "Possibly the largest experimental orchard of apples in the world is owned by Benjamin Buckman of Farmingdale, Ill. His collection embraces over 550 named varieties..."

On discovering that China had made a secret treaty with Russia, allowing the Russian fleet to pass the winter in a port near Peking, England, claimed an equivalent, which has come in the session by China to Great Britain...

What might be called a "motor-man's pose" has been developed by the trolley cars according to observations made at a ball given by the trolley motormen in Worcester, Mass. It is alleged that while resting between the dances every motorman stood on one foot. When running a car the motorman must stand on one foot and have the other free to pound the gong...

Not less than five books about Joan of Arc will be issued within the next four weeks—three "lives" of the "Maid of Orleans," a book of her times and people, and she will be made the subject of the next volume in the "Story of the Nations" series, writes E. W. Bok. In addition to this three lecturers are in the field with her as their subject. It is certainly beginning to look as if we shall have a "Joan of Arc" craze. At the same time, the more discriminating and farseeing publishers predict that the "Maid of Orleans" will not be the successor to Napoleon as a subject of interest, but that the next figure we shall all be studying soon will be George Washington—which will be more likely when one thinks of the material at present being published about Washington and the mass of matter regarding him in preparation.

The Court Heard the Question. A story is told of one of Her Majesty's judges who is as remarkable for the quickness of his eyes and ears as for the keenness of his intellect. The other day a stranger in court, espousing a friend, addressed him in a stage whisper with: "Hallo, old man. I haven't seen you lately. Are you all right?" The remark was hardly heard beyond the nearest bystanders, and there was consequently considerable bewilderment among those engaged in the case before the court when the Judge, looking up from his notes, observed: "If the old man is all right he had better go outside and say so."—Green Bag.

To Detect Forgeries. Dr. Bertillon has discovered a new method of identifying handwriting. The letters are enlarged by means of photography, and the irregularities due to the beating of the pulse, are then measured. By comparison a valuable clue is obtained.

Fatal Fire in a London Suburb. London, Feb. 17.—A lodging house in Soho, this city, was destroyed by fire yesterday. Eight persons were killed.

Appropriation Bills the Program for This Week.

MORE TALK ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Dupont Case To Be Reported in the Senate This Week—Adjournment Talk Already Heard—Anxious To Get Through by June.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The present week in the senate will be devoted to action on appropriation bills and discussion on our relations with foreign powers. The better part of the week, not counting unexpected matters that may be injected during the morning hour will be given over to the consideration of the military academy bill, which now has the right of way, and the pension and consular and diplomatic appropriation bills. These will exhaust the appropriations so far reported to the senate by the committee, but inasmuch as the consular and diplomatic bill may cause a general discussion of foreign affairs it is assumed that the entire week will be consumed in disposing of the appropriation measures now on the calendar. It is doubtful if Mr. Morrill will endeavor to call up the tariff bill again this week. Republicans who have carefully canvassed the situation say that such a motion would tend to complicate matters and that no good can grow out of it until they have brought about a cohesion of sentiment in their own ranks and secured the necessary one vote from the ranks of the populists. This, at present, seems impossible, and Mr. Morrill, it is believed, will not renew his motion until he is sure of its success.

Mr. Davis' Monroe Doctrine Speech. To-day Mr. Davis, of the foreign relations committee and author of the resolution reported from the committee enunciating the Monroe doctrine, which has not yet been passed and possibly never will be passed, will address the senate upon that resolution. This speech has been anticipated for some time with a great deal of interest owing to the advanced ground taken by Mr. Davis and his familiarity with the whole subject. Mr. Davis is one of the closest students in the senate and his speech is expected to set forth the position of the ultra-radicals on the subject in a clearer light than has yet been cast upon it. The Cuban resolution, supplemented recently by an additional report from the committee on foreign relations declaring it to be the opinion of congress that this government should remain neutral and grant all parties in the struggle pending in Cuba equal rights, has the right of way as the unfinished business, temporarily displaced by the appropriation bills, and it will doubtless call out a number of speeches during the time that appropriation bills may be under consideration.

The Delaware Contest. Mr. Mitchell, chairman of the committee on privileges and elections, will to-day submit to the senate the majority report on the Dupont (Delaware) case, in favor of seating Mr. Dupont. The minority report, in the hands of Mr. Gray, will soon follow, and this matter, involving a question of the highest privilege, may at any moment be called up for consideration. An early adjournment is already talked of. A few senators are hopeful that congress may get through by the first of June. Among some of the republican leaders every nerve is being strained to accomplish this result so that nothing may interfere with their attendance upon the national conventions and the campaigns that will immediately follow.

House of Representatives. There is nothing in sight in the house but appropriation bills. When the house adjourned Saturday afternoon, general debate had just been concluded on the bill making appropriations for the agricultural department for the next fiscal year, but Chairman Wadsworth expects that a day or two more at least will be consumed in the discussion of the bill under the five minute rule. There are, it is understood, other members than those who expressed their opinion Saturday, who desire to say things about Secretary Morton's refusal to expend the appropriation made in the bill for the current year, for the distribution of seeds. Beside the agricultural bill there is on the calendar the army appropriation bill, and the Indian bill is ready to be reported. On Wednesday or Thursday the appropriations committee will probably have completed the preparation of the legislative, executive and judicial bill. The resolution from the foreign affairs committee regarding Ambassador Bayard's speeches will not be brought forward so as to antagonize in any way the progress of appropriation bills.

Successor Chances. Washington, Feb. 15.—William Woodville Rockhill yesterday qualified as assistant secretary of state, succeeding Edwin F. Uhl, appointed ambassador to Germany.

Snow Blockade at Jersey, N. Y. Lerby, N. Y., Feb. 15.—The branch of the New York Central running through here and known as the "Peanut Branch," was blocked last night by the heavy snow.

New York, Feb. 17.—Burglars gained an entrance to the building at No. 25 Park row, occupied by the Dennett Surpassing Coffee company, through a skylight some time between 12:30 o'clock Sunday morning and 4:30 o'clock last evening and blew open with dynamite six safes and stole the contents, which, at present, are estimated to have been \$2,175. The interior of the restaurant is exposed to passers-by on the street by bright lights, and there are no curtains to obstruct the view. Park row, which is the newspaper centre, is always crowded, and especially at night. Notwithstanding this fact, the burglars removed the safe which stood beside the cashier's desk on the ground floor and in full view from the street and pushed it around under the stairway leading to the second floor. Here they blew off the door, the explosion almost wrecking the safe. The burglars then entered the office of the general manager of the Dennett company on the third floor of the building and blew open a safe which contained \$175 in cash, stock in the Dennett company to the value of \$60,000 and a check for \$100. Only the cash was taken. Outside of the manager's office were four safes in which the clerks placed the money of the concern. These safes were all blown open and the cash removed. It is the belief of the police, although they do not appear enthusiastic in giving expression to it, that a gang of professional burglars has arrived in this city.

NEW YORK LEGISLATURE

Matters of Importance To Be Considered During the Present Week.

Albany, Feb. 17.—Dr. Parkhurst, the New York city reform preacher, will be at the capitol during the present week to attend the hearing on Senator Pavey's bill providing for the reorganization of the police force of New York city at 2:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon before the senate committee. Police Commissioner Roosevelt and the other police commissioners may also be present. The Raines excise bill is nearing completion and will be ready for report in each house the first part of the week. In the assembly Mr. Horton's anti-sparring bill will receive some attention, for it will be on the order of second reading to-night. The introducer claims that the measure will not be antagonized this year as it was last. The bill does not prohibit sparring absolutely, but allows it within the building of a duly incorporated athletic club. It is expected that to-night Mr. Butts will call from the table his resolution urging congress to make an appropriation for the purchase of Cuba.

PRO-ARMENIAN SOCIETY.

Hagop Boghigian Pleaded with Signs of Disintegration. Boston, Feb. 15.—Mr. Hagop Boghigian makes the following statement regarding the reported disintegration of the pro-Armenian alliance: "True friends of the suffering Armenians will welcome the reports from Washington of signs of the disintegration of the pro-Armenian alliance. When I read that such a society had been formed with such names as Dr. Sunderland and other prominent and highly intelligent gentlemen, it was hard for me to believe it, and especially hard for me to believe the report of the connection of the society with Miss Clara Barton and her work as it was reported to be 'hand in glove with Miss Barton.' If I know Miss Barton, I am satisfied that she would not work with a society that would have on the front pages of its 2,000,000 copies of pamphlets such words as 'Allah against God,' 'the Koran against the Bible,' 'Mohammed against Christ,' etc. I am glad to know that Dr. Sunderland and others have withdrawn their names from such a project. Such societies and movements do not bring good to the poor Armenians. The Armenian nation has suffered almost as much from its foolish and over-zealous friends as from its enemies. I sent a clipping from the papers to Miss Barton and wrote her not to worry about it, because such foolish movements never prosper. Such an assumed connection with Miss Barton will put her in a bad position and hinder her work."

Died in His Cell in Prison.

Hudson, N. Y., Feb. 17.—Charles McDarby, a prisoner in the county jail in this city under indictment for the murder of 80-year-old Caroline Proper of Gallatin, died sometime during Saturday night in his cell. His death was the result of a sickness contracted since his confinement in the jail last November.

Overdue Vessel Arrives.

New York, Feb. 17.—The German ship Freiburg, which was posted for several days among the overdue deep water ships, has arrived safely after a prolonged passage of 171 days. She encountered several gales and passed large icebergs, but came out all right.

Lancaster, Pa., Feb. 17.—John Herr, aged 50 years of Columbia, was arrested yesterday, charged with choking to death his wife, of about the same age. The dead body of the woman was found in her home Saturday night. Herr is supposed to have committed the crime while intoxicated.

Kaiser's Latest Feud Interferes with Berlin Festivities.

OUT WITH THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR

Baron Barenberger Points Out One of the Dangers of the Roentgen Rays—Germany Recognizes Ferdinand as Ruler of Bulgaria.

Berlin, Feb. 17.—The Berlin season reached its climax on Wednesday upon the occasion of the annual subscription ball, which took place in the Berlin opera house. The present season has been in all respects the dulllest of any special season since the accession of Emperor William to the imperial throne. This may be readily accounted for in the withdrawal from Berlin of such eminent social leaders as Prince Frederick of Hohenzollern, Prince Albert of Saxe-Altenburg, the Duke and Duchess of Ratibor, the Prince and Princess of Stolberg-Wernigerode and the Prince and Princess of Pless, all of whom have been moved to quit the capital through differences with the emperor, whose arbitrary manners have become intolerable to these who were accustomed to the social courtesy which prevailed during the reign of the old emperor, William I. These causes have combined greatly to reduce the number of aristocratic entertainments in Berlin, and the tradesmen have consequently suffered. The annual subscription ball is one of the functions of the year at which those who are in no way attached to the court circle and are not recognized as being eligible to association with the higher circles are permitted to mix with the court personages. At this function in the old days it was the custom of the king of Prussia to select a burgher's daughter for a partner and dance with her, but nowadays the court merely deigns to join a stately walk-around, the emperor, the empress and the officials of the imperial household marching in procession to the music of Strauss's polonaise. At Wednesday evening's ball the crush exceeded that of any that has been known in the experience of the oldest habitue of this function. A crowd numbering thousands, among whom were many ladies, resplendent with diamonds; bankers, manufacturers and other representatives of the wealthiest class of the community waited to view the imperial procession, but they waited in vain, and it was some time before anyone realized that there was to be no procession. Everybody was asking what had happened to cause the emperor, who is a stickler for traditional customs, to abandon the precedent which has endured for years.

Feud with the French Ambassador.

The public did not know, the court knew and the diplomatic circle also knew. The emperor has a feud with M. Herbeté, the French ambassador, who was present in his double capacity as a foreign ambassador and dean of the diplomatic corps. It has been the unvarying rule at this function that at the conclusion of the court procession the imperial party pay a visit to the diplomatic group and be received by the dean of the corps. The emperor decided to avoid a reception by M. Herbeté and therefore ordered that the procession be abandoned. This slight seems to be a personal one, but it may possibly have important political results.

Dangers of the Roentgen Rays.

Baron von Buol-Berenberg, president of the reichstag, issued invitations last week to the ministers and members of the reichstag, the bundesrath and the German press to be present at a special exhibition of the Roentgen Rays, which was given by Prof. Speiss in the session hall of the reichstag last Thursday. The great hall was crowded and most of the ministers were present. Prof. Speiss, after making a number of experiments, delivered an explanatory address in which he suggested that science would soon be so developed that they would be able to photograph the contents of secret documents through the letter boxes. The only means of safety the ministers had, he said, was to use letter boxes made of lead.

Nansen Story Still Discredited.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Incredulity still reigns supreme among the scientists in Washington best qualified to form an opinion on the subject as to the reported return of Nansen, the Norwegian Arctic explorer and the still more remarkable story without details of his having drifted to the North Pole and drifted back again.

Ebenezer Foster Dyer Dead.

Springfield, Mass., Feb. 17.—Ebenezer Porter Dyer, aged 56, managing editor of the Springfield Union, died at his home in this city yesterday of pneumonia and other complications. Mr. Dyer was born at Stowe, Vt., November 9, 1839, and was graduated from Amherst in 1861.

Toronto, Feb. 17.—The executive committee of the Canadian Kennel club has appointed a delegate to confer with the American club with the view of renewing the old reciprocity between the clubs. It was decided that dogs with cropped ears were not eligible for prizes at shows.

New York, Feb. 17.—Commodore board of the American ship El Capitan, bid fair to produce some trouble for the master of that vessel. The El Capitan arrived at Queens on Saturday last and is now in the Health Officer Doty pending an examination into the cause of illness among the crew. One seaman suffering with dysentery was removed to Swinburn island for treatment. Another seaman, Eric Lindsen, was in a very weak emaciated condition and died after the vessel came to anchor. The seaman's shipmates informed the captain that they had been badly treated almost starved. Owing to the time at sea, there was more or less sickness on board the El Capitan, and scurvy broke out among the crew, and all hands suffered times with these complaints. The ship and several said they were swim ashore were not the distance great. A number of these men have been on board of the ship for four months, and it is said have large due them for wages. Eight of the crew are suffering from an affection of the eyes known as moon-blink, caused by sleeping in the moonlight. Men can see during the daylight, but are totally blind at night.

CALLS IT PERSECUTION.

Diamond Inspector Keck Says Dealers Competitors Caused His Arrest—Philadelphia, Feb. 17.—Henry Keck, of the Costermans, Heinrich Keck, Diamond-Cutting company, Cincinnati, one of the largest importers of diamonds in the country, was held in \$3,000 bail for appearance in the United States court to answer the charge of complicity in an attempt to smuggle in about \$10,000 worth of diamonds which were seized on the steamer Rhyndland last week. He denies ever having known the captain of the Rhyndland. He stated his father was the pioneer in the diamond cutting industry in the west and that he was now his father's successor. "Jealous diamond dealers, who have protective society, brought it about," he said, "and are persecuting me far and near." He also claimed he had paid \$100,000 in the last two months for duties.

LILIUOKALANI PARDONED.

The Ex-Hawaiian Queen Must Not, however, Leave Oahu at Present.

San Francisco, Feb. 17 (Special Correspondence of the United Press.)—Liliuokalani, ex-queen of Hawaii, was yesterday granted an almost unconditional pardon for participation in the overthrow of Jan. 1895. The document reads as follows: "With the advice of my cabinet, I take pleasure in modifying the restriction placed upon your freedom at the time of your release from confinement. Upon further notice, only the observance of your part of the following conditions will be required by the government. Not to leave the island of Oahu without the consent of the president or member of the cabinet. I desire to express my appreciation of the good faith with which you have observed the requirements of a former letter. SANFORD B. DOLE."

KILLED AN INSANE PATIENT.

Brown and Swan, Hospital Attendants, Convicted of Manslaughter.

Wilmington, Del., Feb. 17.—After fourteen hours consideration the jury in the case of Daniel Brown and John J. Swan, charged with causing the death of Leon Pisa at the state insane hospital at Farnhurst, found the guilty of manslaughter, and Michael J. Lynch, who was indicted with Brown and Swan, was acquitted, but he is charged with assault and battery. The penalty for manslaughter is a fine of from \$400 to \$4,000 and from one to five years in prison. Brown, Swan and Lynch were attendants in the hospital and Pisa was a patient. The men were charged with beating Pisa and inflicting the injuries that caused his death.

Labor Trouble at Haverhill.

Haverhill, Mass., Feb. 17.—It is quiet at labor headquarters to-day, there is a good outlook for a peaceful settlement of the turned work problem. It is not believed that a strike of any magnitude will occur. The majority of the turned work men are facturers.

Fire in a Newspaper Office.

Erie, Pa., Feb. 17.—Fire in the Herald Publishing company's building yesterday afternoon entirely destroyed the box factory and some valuable machinery. The newspaper department was not injured but the damage to the stock was about \$10,000.

Abandoned the K. of L.

Lynn, Mass., Feb. 17.—The break in the ranks of the Knights Labor in this city occurred yesterday when the members of Hecker's lodge, K. of L., were organized into the Boot and Shoe Workers' union.

Twenty-two Below Zero.

Utica, N. Y., Feb. 17.—The temperature at midnight last night in Utica was 13 degrees below zero; at Chateau, 15 below; Malone, 18 below; at Saranac Lake, 23 below.

THE PARTING

looked upon him coldly, with a calm and quiet face, no shade of sadness ruffled her beauty or her grace; she was proud and stately, no tremor shook her hand. She handed back his letters—haughtiest lady in the land. Her eyes were filled with yearning, as he looked into her eyes, their liquid depths were placid as cloudless summer skies; the low winds wafted softly to the forest in a moan: "My darling Laila, we shall never meet again; going far away, to the land of fair realms, have departed your proud beauty for the woods of gleaming gold, a bridegroom stern and selfish—a bridegroom gray and old. The path of life is sullied with the orphan's tear, the widow's wall of sorrow hath ascended to the ear of the Great Eternal Ruler, like the ringing of a knell. The reckoning must be settled, for He doth all things well. Fortune is my honor, with a conscience pure and true, a heart that gives its worship as no other will to you. Your path of life is chosen—jewels and gold are thine, a deep, sad, tender yearning and a broken heart are mine." She passed from her queenly presence, down to the winding lane, to the forest's shadows, and she saw him glide about a princess, through the marble-halls of Lockair, person robed in satins and jewels in her hair: her lips are never smiling and her voice is low and low. The music of Aeolus in its undertone of a passing story of the youth, young Albernado, who faded like a flower, and died in a foreign land. There are serpents at the fountains, and streams of life are shattered in this strange world of ours. ALMIRA, VA.

Elfenstein's Mission

A Remarkable Romance.

BY EMILY THORNTON.

CHAPTER VII. THE HAUNTED TOWER.

Leaving Sir Reginald to his wild ride that lovely May morning, we will go back a day or two in our story, and again seek Dr. Elfenstein. In many of his visits, which were all professional, he had, by dropping some odd word, striven to discover the public mind in regard to the murder committed in their midst twenty-five years before. To his surprise, he met everywhere a decided reluctance to talk upon the subject, as the law had acquitted the only one suspected, but the gloomy looks and wise shakes of the head he so often met told him well that the younger brother of the still held guilty in the opinion of the general mass of the inhabitants. Sorry to see that his friend was still so ardently thought of, Earle Elfenstein rapped the subject. Jumping into his gig, he drove away to the village, resolved to go through the extensive grounds of the "Hall," as strangers were called the daily habit of doing. Glendinning Hall lay next to his own cottage, and stopping at the gate which he asked permission of the keeper to drive around the premises. This permission was easily gained, and the son of the gatekeeper, an intelligent boy of fourteen, volunteered to ride with him, to explain the places on the route. So climbing to his side, Sandy began at once to chatter of all that came into his young head. "You are the new doctor, I know that well," he remarked; "so it is all right for you to know how to get to the Hall, in case you are sent for in a hurry. It is quite a ride, you see, before the mansion comes into sight. This front part of the house is where the family live, and is of course, very handsome; but all that wing, that runs back, very old, decayed, and almost falling to pieces. From an unsightly window, I have seen a man, a woman, and a child, to bow to some transforming power, and bend with the surrounding trees. These lights flashed into Earle Elfenstein's mind as he gazed on the almost ruined portions of the old Hall. Then, again, his thoughts returned to the boy, and he said quietly: "There was a murder committed here once, I have been told, my boy. Which part was that one?" "It is not on the front, but on the right-hand side, where the blind is half-open. That was Sir Arthur's room, and is now occupied by Sir Reginald. It is in the second story; but the balcony really far from the ground, as the house sets so low at that end. The body was evidently swung from that balcony to the ground by means of a rope tied under the arms. The rope was slung there, the next day, in the wind. "Such a path leads to a beautiful lake; you can see the water through those parting trees. There the body was supposed to have been hung, to hide it for a time; but it must have been carried away the same night, for I never saw any more of it. "That is very strange, my boy. Where could it have been hidden?" "No one can tell, other than the doctor who died the night."