

Andover News.

WEDNESDAY JULY 1, 1896.

A Chicago newspaper declares that there are regularly organized gangs in that city who follow burglary and robbery as a profession, and never hesitate at murder when interfered with, and that the police know them, but cannot secure their conviction.

An English journal tells a story to illustrate the obstinacy of Sir Redvers Buller. During the last Nile campaign, when descending through one of the cataracts on board a river steamer, he got into a discussion with Lord Charles Berosford as to the proper channel that should be taken. Each obstinately defended his own course, but in the end that which Buller insisted upon was adopted and the steamer got through without accident. "You see I was right," cried Sir Redvers; "mine was the proper channel." "That was mine, too," coolly replied Sir Charles; "I only recommended the other because I knew you would go against whatever I said."

Families that get into Uncle Sam's navy seem curiously apt, Harper's Weekly notes, to continue to be represented in it. The inclination to serve our Uncle on the sea seems to go down from father to son with even greater certainty than the propensity to serve him in the army, though that too is a common inheritance. No doubt it is a natural disposition in the son to wish to follow his father's profession, but it is somewhat more surprising when a naval officer's son follows the sea than when a doctor's son takes to doctoring or a lawyer's son to law, because law and medicine are lucrative professions, and the navy is not. Some citizens, who look upon both the army and navy as assortments of places where men live at Uncle Sam's expense, object to the continuance of families in either service, and argue that turn about is fair play, and talk of the danger of breeding a military or naval class in the republic.

The New York Observer states that Bishop Potter does not know, or at least until recently, did not know what a chump is. He says: "I was walking in one of the downtown streets in New York the other day, and I passed by two small boys, one said to the other: 'There goes the bish. He's no chump.' Now, I don't know what the word chump means, but I am gratified that the boy was able to identify me." A chump is a short, thick, heavy piece of wood; a shump end of meat is the thick end of a joint. In the language of the boy whose friendly criticism the Bishop overheard a chump is a dull, stupid, blundering individual, dull of perception; a blockhead, in fact. The opposite to all this is a keen, astute man of affairs, a man who is bright, always on the alert, comprehending the situation and knowing just what to do in any situation.

The new High School building at Medford, Mass., is pointed to as an example of what may be done in an educational line as to interior decorations. In the twenty-seven rooms of the building there are 172 works of art of different kinds, most of them being large photo-engravings, while there are also busts, bas-reliefs and other articles of beauty and value. The busts and pictures are all carefully grouped and arranged, each room being given a separate subject or class of subjects, and these subjects being carefully graded upward in harmony with the progress of the pupils. In the halls and on the staircases the same general plan has been carried out with regard to famous natural objects. Those of our own country are found on the lower floors, and those of other countries higher up, the idea being to ground the pupil thoroughly in the knowledge of his native land before taking him abroad for that of other countries. Most of the engravings are of famous paintings or other works of art, so that while carrying the main idea of presenting an author or statesman, they also give the pupil a general knowledge of the work of famous artists of different eras. These decorations are valued at \$2100, and were presented to the school by the alumni.

137 MEN ENTOMBED

Awful Result of a Mine Disaster at Pittston.

HEARTRENDING SCENES AT THE SHAFT

Believed That There Is Absolutely No Hope—Immediate Death or Lengthened Anguish the Lot of the Imprisoned Miners.

Pittston, Pa., June 29.—Although there is still much confusion and doubt as to the number of those entombed in the mine disaster here, enough is known this morning to place the loss of life at 137, at a conservative estimate. To-day the head of the shaft is thronged by thousands of men, women and children, the latter wringing their hands and uttering most heart-rending cries for their beloved ones who are imprisoned in the dark pit beneath. The hours following the alarm will long be remembered by those witnessing the sights, the anxious suspense of the workmen, the grief of the friends and the tender sympathy for the afflicted ones by the spectators requires more than the United Press reporter could describe. The foreign element, in particular, by their piercing harangues, with their wild demands for friends, gave to the weird and harrowing sight one of peculiar solemnity. Efforts were made to quiet them by tendering the little encouragement possible, but unavailing were those efforts put forth, as the mothers, fathers, daughters, sons, brothers and sisters reasonably feared the worst, and upon the first information received their fears were found to be well grounded.

First Report of the Disaster's Extent. The first to come to the surface from the shaft below after the explosion was John Gill. The force of the concussion threw him with terrific speed against the wall, and with intense fear, more dead than alive, he crept to the foot and with great difficulty signalled to the engineer at the surface to hoist the carriage. When he was brought up his story, freighted with direful statements, gave to the few bosses present doubts as to the safety of any of the men or boys below. From him was secured the first information of the number who appear to be likely to be in the mine and to add another to those fearful disasters occurring in the anthracite coal regions so frequently. The closest approximation he could make was that 135 or more workmen had suffered a most horrible death.

The True and Frightful Story. Just after Gill was brought up word came from the pit that more men were ready to be hoisted, but only momentarily did hope live, for but three came to the surface, and they told the true and frightful story. The men in the mine were there for the sole purpose of pillaring and propping up the sixth vein, which had been discovered to be in a dangerous condition some days ago, so that the regular force of miners could go to work in safety this morning. They were working about 3,000 feet from the shaft.

Excitement and Disturbance. The repairing force had been placed at a point beyond that of the night hands and the terrible news brought to the surface by the three men, who will likely be the only ones to tell the tale, was that all of these 137 or more men had been caught and either crushed to immediate death or imprisoned to perish in a most horrifying manner. Responsive to this discouraging news the excitement and disturbance became more demonstrative. It was found, to the consternation of the few men present on the surface, that all the mine foremen, superintendents and bosses who had gone to supervise the work were also among the imprisoned. This gave the work of relief no systematic head, and yet nobly, unhesitatingly, the rescuers, providing themselves with safety lamps, hurried into the carriage and were lowered a thousand feet or more on their mission of relief.

Efforts at Rescue. After a half hour of suspense they returned with expressions of discouragement and the story that the cave-in had become more extensive, and that the search party faced inevitable danger, and that no news had been secured of the unfortunate men. With no delay, however, they again went down to the foot of the shaft with other men and again made heroic efforts to get what information they could, but again baffled and discouraged they repeated their dreadful story of defeated effort. For a third time with renewed vigor and still more men, they went beneath the surface into the pit and tried by the counter-gangway to reach by a circuitous route the unfortunate prisoners. After a journey of nearly a thousand feet they met obstructions innumerable, the force of the concussion having created disastrous caverns, brattice work, pillars, air conduits, doors, cars and top rock having been piled promiscuously so as to interfere with all efforts that could be made by any human being. Then to add to the trouble a congregation of gas had occurred so as to endanger any and all efforts to reach anywhere near the imprisoned miners. Not subdued by

GOSSIP FROM BERLIN

Socialists Promised Repeal of an Obnoxious Law.

TALK OF A NEW CHANCELLOR

Rumors of Prince Hohenlohe's Retirement Revived—Comment on a Recent Speech of the Grand Duke of Baden.

Berlin, June 29.—At the close of the debate on the question of the second reading of the government's civil code bill in the reichstag Prince Hohenlohe, the imperial chancellor, made an important announcement in relation to the existing prohibitory regulations in regard to political associations having ramifications with each other. The socialists, upon whom the prohibitory regulations have been especially operative, had moved the repeal of the measure, but the chamber would not assent to its abrogation. The chancellor stated that the debate need continue no longer, as modifications of prohibitory measure, which were tantamount to its repeal, were already under consideration by the bundesrath.

The Chancellorship. In the talk in the lobbies the matter of Prince Hohenlohe's early retirement from the chancellorship is revived, and members of the reichstag who are associated with the chancellor's inner circle affirm that it is absolutely certain that he will resign within a very short time. Indeed, they assert that the chancellor is only awaiting the passage of the civil code bill, when he will hand his resignation to the emperor. Count von Eulenburg, German ambassador to Austria and a close personal friend of the kaiser; Prince Furstenburg, and Prince von Hatfeldt zu Trachenburg are mentioned most prominently for the succession.

Does Not Want the Office. The claims of Count Eulenburg are based wholly upon the favor of the emperor and Prince Furstenburg, although recovering from his recent attack of gout is said to have disclosed to his physicians a tendency to diabetes, which would render the active performance of the duties of chancellor a source of danger to him. According to the Court Circle the kaiser recently communicated with Prince von Hatfeldt Trachenburg expressing his intention to appoint the prince to the office of chancellor of the empire, to which letter the latter replied that he did not feel sufficiently energetic to undertake the arduous duties of the post. The emperor, according to the authority quoted, rejoined by saying that the prince's energy would develop once he had assumed the office, but it is understood that the prince is still begging off, and it is generally believed that his reluctance to take the office is genuine.

A Reply to Prince Ludwig. The newspapers throughout Germany are quoting and commenting upon a notable speech recently delivered by the Grand Duke of Baden upon the occasion of his inauguration of the ceremonies marking the twenty-fourth anniversary service in memory of the soldiers of Baden who were killed in the war of 1870. The speech was clearly in response to the remarks of Prince Ludwig of Bavaria at the dinner given to the German princes by the Deutsche verein at Moscow upon the occasion of the coronation of the czar, when the heir apparent to the Bavarian throne protested against being alluded to as a member of the suite of Prince Henry of Prussia and declared that he was an ally, not a vassal of Germany, and was also intended to rebuke those who have taken part in the consequent particularist demonstrations in the south German states. The grand duke in the course of his remarks said: "What ought to be the practical outcome of the celebrations in honor of the foundation of the empire? We must swear to maintain it and must be ready to engage in a struggle not only against foreign enemies, but against internal enemies I wish to hold fast to German unity. Let the attack come from whence it may or from whomsoever it may, it concerns us to hold firmly together and to maintain our respect for the empire. God keep us from falling in our devotion and love for the crown and the empire." The grand duke concluded his remarks by calling for cheers for the kaiser, adding, in alluding to the emperor: "Whose mission to preserve and protect the empire in so increasing its power."

Another Expedition Landed. Galveston, Tex., June 29.—Agent Ferrer, the local representative, has received the following self-explanatory telegram, signed by J. D. Poyo, agent at Key West: Richard Treuhull, with eighteen men, 400 Winchester, 50,000 cartridges, medicines and explosives, has landed in Cuba from Florida.

Wanted for Forgery and Bigamy. Montreal, June 29.—W. F. Hansell, druggist at Ann Arbor, Mich., is under arrest here for attempting suicide. The deputy sheriff of Ann Arbor is here to take him home to answer charges of forgery and bigamy.

Illinois Flag Law Unconstitutional. Champaign, Ill., June 29.—In the circuit court here Judge Wright has decided that the state law requiring the national flag to be displayed over every schoolhouse in the state during school hours is unconstitutional and void. In doing so he quashes the indictments which were recently returned by the grand jury against Gov. Altgeld, the trustees of the University of Illinois here, and the officers of the city schools for violations of the

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The Actor's Brother Was Resisting an Attempted Highway Robbery.

New York, June 29.—While endeavoring to escape from Police William J. Allingham from the Twentieth street station, who arrested him for attempted highway robbery, Thomas Thornton, a well-known actor, was shot and instantly killed on West Twenty-fifth street. Thornton, another brother, who was arrested at the same time, was held in Jefferson County Jail for trial on a charge of assault and battery. The wife of C. A. Meagher, another brother, was also arrested on a charge of assault and battery, and was committed to the workhouse.

Golden Jubilee Ceremony Close. Worcester, Mass., June 29.—John's golden jubilee was brought to a close yesterday by the holding of a solemn pontifical mass in the cathedral, in which Rt. Rev. Bishop Beane presided. A cablegram was received from Rome conveying the papal benediction to Rt. Rev. Mgr. Griffin, pastor, and his people. The clergy tendered a reception in the afternoon, when an address was delivered by Edward J. MacLachlan.

McLean's Candidacy. Cincinnati, June 29.—John McLean is in earnest in his candidacy for the democratic presidential nomination. Peter Schwab, a leading county democrat, is authoritatively stated that McLean would be a candidate for the nomination on the ticket, and that seeing the tendency of the democracy was free silver, he had taken a large sum of free silver with the avowed purpose of making a fight for the nomination.

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