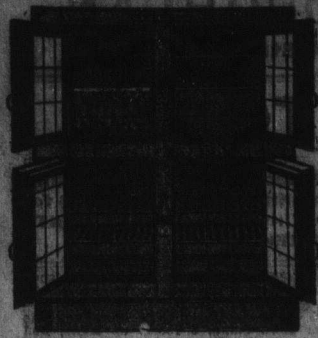


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## LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

**GREAT CHANCE FOR BLAIR.**

To the Editor of the Star:—Reading that Hon. Mr. Blair is a great friend to New Brunswick, I hasten to point out a chance for him to do a good turn for the farmers of the province. I have been reading about his steel rail contracts. If he is going to deal in futures, why not give the farmers a chance as well as the big contractors? Out here in Kings County as high as \$15 per ton has been paid for best hay in small lots. If Mr. Blair would order a few thousand tons at this price now, to be delivered to him next August, the farmers would be delighted. Dr. Pugsley ought to press this matter upon Mr. Blair's attention at once, as the price of hay might decline.

Yours,  
**FARMER.**

## INDIANTOWN NOTES.

The Victoria made a quick passage down the river today, reaching the

wharf at half-past one o'clock. Owing to the high wind some difficulty was experienced in docking her.

The May Queen made a fast trip yesterday, and the repairs to her hull and engines have greatly improved her. Owing to the height of the water up-river she is unable to get to any of the wharves and has to unload all her freight in scows.

The first load of dry hardwood to come down the river this season arrived at Indiantown today. It came from Bellefleur and was purchased by Adams Brothers, who are now sawing and selling it.

William Hayford, who formerly lived on main street is removing his furniture to Chipman. He has been in charge of Sears and Holly's mill at that place for the past six or eight months, and now intends making his home there. The goods will go up in the May Queen tomorrow.

Tapley Bros' boat Hope is being refitted and made ready for the season's work.

## EDWIN H. CONGER.

The Able United States Minister to China.

Makes Some Interesting Statements to the Associated Press Concerning Chinese Affairs.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 25.—Edwin H. Conger, United States minister to China, accompanied by his wife, daughter and Miss Pierce, arrived from Chicago after a long trip on the steamer Nippon Maru. He was asked for his opinion as to the amount of indemnity China could pay. "Three hundred million dollars," he replied, accompanying his answer by the statement that it would be necessary for the government to practice economy. The time of payment, too, should extend over a long term of years. Concerning events in China, Mr. Conger said that there was nothing new to be said in that direction, as everything that happened had been told fully together with many things that never occurred. Tales of brutality had, he thought, been exaggerated. Of course there were cases of outrage by individual soldiers, that were not sanctioned by officers. These were but incidents of war, which had some palliation in the fact that the Chinese had killed some 40,000 native Christians and over one hundred Europeans.

CHICAGO, Ill., April 25.—A special to the Record-Herald from San Francisco gives the following expressions from Minister Edwin H. Conger with reference to the alleged looting by missionaries in Peking: "Dr. Amant is the most lied about man in China, unless it is myself. The stories of looting by missionaries and their collecting indemnities are false. The missionaries acted with nobility and heroism during the Peking siege, fighting bravely alongside the soldiers and the rest of us."

A special to the Tribune from Des Moines, Iowa, says: The Iowa executive council yesterday passed a resolution granting to the citizens of Des Moines the use of the state house for a public reception to Edwin H. Conger, minister to China, who will arrive in Des Moines in a few days.

## CANADA AND NEWFOUNDLAND.

LONDON, April 25.—Premier Bond, of Newfoundland, has requested the British government to secure the ratification of the Bond-Blaine convention, and Mr. Chamberlain, the colonial secretary, has notified Mr. Bond that he has taken the matter up and has communicated with Canada. A representative of the A. P. learns that negotiations between Canada, Great Britain and Newfoundland are likely to come to a definite conclusion shortly after Mr. Bond's arrival here on the Tunisian, on which vessel he sails May two.

## MANY THOUSANDS IDLE.

CINCINNATI, April 25.—A careful estimate today places the number of men thrown out of employment in Cincinnati by the flood at 2,500 and about half as many in Covington and Newport, K. Y. At Ironton it was reported that 1,500 men had been thrown out of employment. Similar conditions exist at Catesburg, Portsmouth and Huntington to the extreme base. Line made at Huntington that more than 3,000 families are homeless in the southern part of West Virginia and 8,000 men are idle and that the loss by the flood in that part of the state will exceed a million dollars.

## AGUINALDO'S SUCCESSOR.

MANILA, April 25.—It is reported that the rebel general, Calles ordered eight American prisoners to be shot April 21, the same day on which he condemned to death Col. Sando, one of his staff officers and Senor De La Rosa, a wealthy native who had refused to contribute to the insurgent war fund. Sando escaped. The others were tortured and then butchered. Calles, who is now lurking in the mountains of Tayal, has been seen, on, proclaims himself dictator and the successor of Aguinaldo and announces his intention to continue a war of extermination.

## IMMENSE SUGAR PLANT.

CHICAGO, April 25.—The Tribune says negotiations have been completed in Chicago for the formation of the largest beet sugar concern in the world. A company has been organized with a capital stock of \$1,000,000 to be known as the Arkansas Valley Sugar Beet corporation. The plant of the new company is to be located in Powers County, Colo. In the famous Rocky Ford fruit district. A number of New York capitalists, including the Oxburds, the Cuttings, the Hamiltons, the Lawsons, and Guy Richards of the Mercantile Trust Co. are interested.

## THE WEATHER.

TORONTO, April 25.—Fresh northeasterly to northerly winds, generally fair, Saturday moderate to fresh northeasterly to northerly winds, fine and a little milder.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—Eastern states and northern New York—Fair tonight and Saturday, warmer Saturday, fresh northerly winds. Western New York—Fair tonight; Saturday, fair, warmer, variable winds.

## DIDN'T KNOW THE PLACE.

(Philadelphia Record.) "Have you been through calculus?" inquired the college professor. "Not unless I passed through at night on my way here," replied the new student; "I'm from Kansas, you know."

## ANOTHER MORAL WAVE.

Gloucester, Mass., Makes a Raid on Disreputable Houses.

GLoucester, Mass., April 25.—The purification of Gloucester began this afternoon in lively style and to-night all the questionable places of entertainment were in darkness. Not for years has the city been so quiet or so morally inclined as after it got noised about that the police were in a raiding mood. As a result of the order passed by the city government and Mayor French's notification to the city marshal, the officers this afternoon were told to proceed against places alleged to have been run as gambling houses, houses of questionable character, and kitchen bar-rooms. About ten raids were actually made, but in most instances the supposed questionable places took the hint and closed the doors. So precipitate was the retreat of the female inmates of several places at which the police called that clothing was left behind. The hackmen seemed to do a lively business about train time in carrying passengers to the depot. In only one place raided did the police get the evidence they wanted. Tonight a number of rooms, usually brilliantly lighted and in which it has been claimed "a quiet game" could be found, were in darkness.

## EVANGELINE.

Its Presentation Will be a Great Spectacular and Musical Success.

The spectacular presentation of Longfellow's *Evangeline*, to be given in the Mechanics Institute under the auspices of the King's Daughters, on Thursday and Friday evenings of next week, promises to be quite a grand affair. The different drills and pictures are under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Rodenbaugh of Boston, who have made quite a name for themselves in this work.

The story of *Evangeline* will be read by Mrs. Rodenbaugh, and the different scenes and incidents related in the poem will be presented by one hundred and twenty-five ladies and gentlemen.

The entertainment is divided into two parts, the first dealing with the story up to the death of *Evangeline's* father on the shore, and the second from the beginning of her search for Gabriel to the end. The scenes shown are—

Part I.  
1st—Village street. Evening hymn, solemnly down the street came the Parish Priest.

2nd—*Evangeline's* home. "Signing the marriage contract."

3rd—Betrothal scene. Merry making on the village green. Acadian minuet.

4th—Flower drill.

5th—Reading the royal proclamation. Quelling the tumults Resignation and hymn of submission.

6th—March to the seashore. Abide with Me.

7th—Encamped for the night. Death of Benedict. Burning village.

Part II.

1st—Boat. "Angel of God, was there none to awaken the slumbering maiden."

2nd—Meeting with Basil in Louisiana. Gone is Gabriel, Gone?

3rd—Peasant Dance.

4th—Indian camp. "Once as they sat by their evening fire, there silently entered into their little camp an Indian woman."

5th—Far to the North He has Gone.

6th—Hospital scene. Finding of Gabriel. Recognition. Death. Father, I Thank Thee.

7th—Maidens still wear their Norman caps and kilts of homespun, and by the evening fire repeat *Evangeline's* story.

The principal characters are: *Evangeline*, Miss Frances Radcliffe; Gabriel, H. M. Stanbury; Basil, the Blacksmith, J. N. Sutherland; Benedict Bellefontaine, Reverdy Steeves; Father Felicite, W. H. Irvine; Rene Le Blanc, A. C. S. Bowman; Michael, the soldier, A. C. Stead; Indian Chief, S. B. Smith; Indian Woman, Miss Jennie Trueman; Indians, Harold MacMichael, Edwin Dean, Gordon Brown.

The following solos will be rendered: In the character of Basil, the Blacksmith, The Village Blacksmith, by J. N. Sutherland; in the home scene, The Rosary, Miss Frances Radcliffe; in the Indian camp, The Garden of Sleep, Miss Jennie Trueman; in the chapel scene, Ave Maria, Mr. Pidgeon; in the hospital, One Sweetly Solemn Thought, Mrs. Macneil.

The flower drill will be given by sixteen young ladies, the Acadian reel by six ladies and six gentlemen, and the Acadian minuet by eight ladies. Besides these there are a large number of peasants and children. The Neptune club will act as ushers.

## GIFTED HALIFAX AMATEURS.

The city of Halifax is to be congratulated on its possession of such excellent musical and dramatic talent as that displayed by the Amateur Operatic Club, which presented The Sleeping Queen and The Spectre Knight at the Opera House last evening. That so astute a manager as H. B. Clarke should set the seal of his approval on it was a guarantee of excellence, and not only he, but C. M. Pyke, the musical director, and the individual members of the company deserve high commendation. The first opera introduced was *Laura Frazer*, Mrs. J. McD. Taylor, James Shayer and W. A. Curry. In the second these appeared with the exception of Miss Frazer, and with them Miss Frances Foster and Horace Pemberton. They were supported by a brilliant orchestra, chiefly composed of young ladies. The violin solos, Ernest Du Domaine, is one of the best ever heard in St. John, and was compelled to respond to an encore that would not be refused. The several singers have excellent voices, highly cultivated, and their interpretation of the operettas was at once spirited and pleasing. Several times there were hearty encores, and at the end of the first part, an enthusiastic call. The costumes were good and the stage settings attractive.

## AN EXPLOSION.

Wrecks the Electric Chemical Works at Gresham, Germany.

Eighty Bodies Recovered and Many More Missing—At Least 150 Injured.

FRANKFORT, April 25.—One of the most disastrous explosions on record occurred this afternoon at the electric chemical works, near Gresham, where smokeless powder is manufactured. The noise was so tremendous that it was heard at great distances. The factory immediately became a mass of flames and a northwest wind carried sparks to neighboring villages, where several houses were also set on fire. Eighteen cylinders, each containing about 100 pounds of smokeless powder, were in the room where the explosion occurred. The flames apparently originated by the blowing up of vats of chemicals in the explosive department of the works at 3 o'clock this afternoon. They spread to the adjacent buildings and then over the river Main to Schwannheim. When a second explosion took place, the fumes and masses of burning chemicals made it impossible to stay in the vicinity. The inhabitants of Gresham were ordered to leave their village, which they did, fleeing to Frankfort.

FRANKFORT, April 25.—Eighty bodies had been recovered at 11 a. m. today from the debris at the Electric Chemical works near Gresham, but still many were missing. About 150 were injured, many of them seriously. The work of fighting the flames proceeded throughout the entire night, though the danger of further explosions was regarded as averted at midnight. The search of the ruins continued. The scenes which occurred throughout the night were most distressing. Villagers and survivors were groping about the ruins in search of relatives and comrades and endeavoring to recognize in the charred bodies or dismembered and mutilated corpses the identity of missing friends. The gutted, mangled & Mueller's chemical factory and a part of the Gresham Collier works.

A number of children who were hurried by the explosion into the river Main were drowned before the rescuers could reach them. Several firemen are among the victims. A special train with relief firemen and additional doctors and nurses was sent to the scene of the disaster this morning. A number who it was feared had perished rescued themselves this morning.

Noon.—There has been a re-occurrence of the flames among the ruins at Gresham, which revived apprehension, and after the explosion of a great benzene reservoir at 11 o'clock this morning, orders were issued that everyone in the village of Gresham and its vicinity vacate their premises forthwith. The inhabitants fled, panic-stricken, with such possessions as they could hastily collect, most of them coming to Frankfort. Even the firemen, salvagers and soldiers left the scene of the disaster. The railroad service to Gresham is suspended on account of the danger.

## CONDENSED DESPATCHES.

As the outcome of a recent temperance crusade at Athens, Pa., the office of the McMillan Citizen was raided last night. The presses were overturned and the type dumped into a stream nearby. The Citizen published temperance editorials during a recent election. This is said to have caused the raid.

The blockade of the down bound fleet at the foot of Lake Huron still continues. Some of the boats have been in the ice nearly a week, but the fleet is increasing daily, so that now there are about twenty boats visible.

## MASSACHUSETTS FIRE RECORD.

BOSTON, April 25.—State Fire Marshal Whitcomb, this afternoon sent to the insurance commissioner his annual report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1900. It shows the total number of fires occurring throughout the state during the year was 4,968. The loss on the same was \$5,983,335; the round value of the property damaged by fire was \$67,530,881; the amount of insurance at risk on the same, \$57,624,511; insurance loss paid on same \$4,629,116. Of the total number of fires 236, or 5.1-7 per cent of the total number were of incendiary origin, representing a loss of \$1,212,521.

## THE COAL DUTY.

NEW YORK, April 25.—The British ministry has decided to make the export duty on coal proposed in the budget a party question, says the Tribune's London correspondent. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach has given warning that the tax will not be abandoned. Mr. Balfour is equally persistent and the ministry is clearly determined to stand or fall on the coal duty. The government is helped by despatches from America stating that the duty does not offer a sufficient margin for enlarging the exports of coal from the United States.

## ACTIONS FOR \$22,000.

Yesterday G. S. Mayes, through his lawyer, J. B. M. Baxter, had served capias upon M. Connolly, of the firm of N. K. & M. Connolly, from which Mr. Mayes had a sub-contract in connection with I. C. R. pier, claiming \$22,000. There are two actions. One is for money due, which Mr. Mayes claims the government has already paid Mr. Connolly. The other is for breach of contract. Curry & Vincent, acting for Mr. Connolly, secured the necessary ball.



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