

The condemned anarchists of Chicago have for a time escaped their just due, the lawyers having discovered a technical irregularity, which will probably result in their obtaining a new trial, with the chance of being acquitted.

Between the United States and Europe ply 125 steamships, great ferry boats. They cost \$100,000,000, employ 18,750 men, their coal costs \$1,000,000 a month; they carry 500,000 passengers per annum and from that source alone net \$22,000,000, exclusive of freight.

The Chicago Board of Education has just fitted up and opened workshops in connection with the High School for the purpose of affording such pupils as desire it a course of manual training, and this as a part of the public-school system.

Among the curiosities of the Charleston earthquake was the sinking of a piece of land about eight feet square, on which was growing a large peach-tree which was about sixteen feet high. It went down perfectly perpendicular, and the top branches were left just even with the surface.

Year by year the endowment of Harvard university is being augmented by the bequests of those who desire to leave their "footprint on the sands of time." The latest legacy which this wealthy university has received is that of Mr. E. Price Greenleaf, a wealthy miser of Boston, who bequeathed his entire fortune to the college, the amount being \$500,000.

The earnings and expenses of the elevated railways of New York city for the year ending September 30, 1886, were as follows: Gross earnings, \$7,426,216.28; operating expenses, \$3,960,191.51; net earnings, \$3,466,024.77; effect of reduction in fares to five cents for first seven days of November, 1886, as compared with the first seven days of 1885, showed an increased of receipts of \$21,953.30

A patent has been issued, according to information from Washington, to George Westinghouse, Jr., of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, inventor of the Westinghouse air brake, for a new system of distributing electricity to be used in lighting and for other purposes, which, it is said, will greatly cheapen the electric light and render it a more dangerous rival of illuminating gas than it has ever yet become. The new invention will, it is alleged, effect a saving of about 95 per cent. in the distributing main wires as compared with the Edison "three-wire system." In tests of the invention a single main circuit of wires less than one-fourth of an inch in diameter carried the current for 850 16-candle-power incandescent lights, all situated at a distance of three miles from the dynamo. The inventor claims that to light this number of lamps at an equal distance the Edison system would require from 90 to 100 wires of the same size.

Advices from Calcutta say cholera is decreasing there.

The Queen has decorated Prince Alexander with the Order of the Bath.

Twenty-one persons engaged in the recent riots at Amsterdam have been sentenced to various terms of imprisonment.

Heavy rains are destroying the crops in the North-West provinces of India. The floods are causing much loss of life and damage to property.

Gen. Buller, annoyed at the assertions of Parnellite papers to the effect that he sympathizes with the Home Rulers, has authorized a statement that he is not in favor of Home Rule, and that he is a staunch Unionist.

The Glasgow Mail says it is authorized to state Gladstone did not approve the anti-rent campaign inaugurated by the National League and now in progress in Ireland.

The Belgian officials at Stanley Falls, on the Congo, have had a fight with Arabs and been compelled to abandon the place. Sixty Arabs and two Belgians were killed.

The majority of the powers have replied to the Porte's circular asking advice as to the solution of the Bulgarian difficulty. The replies are all evasive or indefinite.

A despatch from Constantinople says Russia has withdrawn her objections touching the validity of the elections for members of the Sobranje, but insists on a change in the Bulgarian Regency.

Negotiations between the Sultanate of Zanzibar and the German representative for the demarcation of the East African frontier have been concluded amicably.

In accordance with an Imperial order, all small towns and villages in Russia bearing German names will be given Russian names at the beginning of new Year. The Russo-German inhabitants bitterly resent this action of the Government.

The London police are on the track of the thieves who belong to the gang engaged in a number of mail robberies. Railway officials here recognize one of the suspected robbers by a photograph sent here. He returned to London on the night of November 27 and has since visited the receiver of stolen diamonds in that city.

100 female students concerned in the recent attempt to hold a memorial service at the tomb of the Liberal leader Dabralinaff have been deprived of their passports, to prevent their running away. Eighteen have already been expelled from St. Petersburg, without the knowledge of their ultimate fate. Others who belong to high families will probably not be molested.

By the death of Mr. Minghetti, the Italian Prime Minister, Mr. Depraise, loses his most dangerous rival, and the Vatican one of its most bitter adversaries. He was one of the most prominent supporters of Cavour in the unification of Italy, and accompanied the latter to the conference at Paris in 1856. He frequently held the post of Prime Minister, besides acting for a time as Ambassador to Great Britain and Austria.

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By order.

A. P. BRADLEY,
Secretary.

Dept. of Railways and Canals,
Ottawa, 26th Nov., 1886.