

The Weekly Messenger.

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THE WEEK

A LETTER WAS SENT to the King of Sweden and Norway, threatening him with death if he went to Norway to attend the conclusion of the impeachment trials of the Ministry. The writer is a shoemaker lately returned from America, and he has been placed in the safe keeping provided in all fairly regulated countries for such dangerous fools.

AT THE ANNUAL BANQUET of the Society for the Aid of Foreigners in Distress in London, General Merritt, United States Consul General and a majority of foreign consuls were present, and three thousand pounds was subscribed to the society's funds.

DIVERS EMPLOYED at the wreck of the "City of Columbus" at Gayhead, Massachusetts, have discovered the mysterious rock on which the steamer struck. This confirms Capt. Wright's account and theory of the disaster.

TWO VIENNA SOCIALISTS were tried and acquitted of charges of treason, inciting to murder and offences against the person of the Emperor. They were, however, sentenced to eight months' imprisonment for concealing a printing press.

THE LABOR CONVENTION of New York State, lately in session in Albany, adopted a resolution on child labor, recommending the passage of a bill prohibiting the employment of children under fourteen in factories where goods are made from the raw materials, requiring that children between fourteen and sixteen shall have attended school at least twenty weeks in the preceding year, limiting the day's work to ten hours and providing for the appointment of a factories inspector by the Government.

THE AUSTRIAN CONSUL and secretary attended the Economical Conference at Bucharest, Roumania, to which they had been invited by the president of the Commercial Club. On their arrival at the meeting about a hundred persons shouted, "Out with the Germans," and forced them to retire. This indicates that Russian emissaries have been successful in arousing the Slav feeling in the Balkan Provinces. A large proportion of the population of those provinces belong to the Slav race, which is the strongest element in Russia next to the Imperial family, in which German blood is, contrary to largely prevalent ideas, predominant.

A JUDICIAL DECISION in Bloomington, Illinois, is that the Pullman Car Company is not a common carrier of passengers. This seems to carry the inference that the railways hiring that Company's cars are responsible for the safe conduct of the passengers going in them.

IN A CHICAGO COURT the judge decided a telegram was no more privileged than any other communication, and must be produced in evidence when required in the interest of justice.

ELLIS COLLIER, an elderly man, left Milford, Ontario, one evening in an intoxicated state and next morning he was found frozen to death about five miles from the village.

CONFESSION HAS BEEN MADE in Cleveland, Ohio, by Dell Ashcroft, aged twenty-nine, that he and one Bidlake and wife thirteen years ago robbed Mrs. Robinson in her own house at Munson, Granger county, in the act producing injuries from which she died. Up to this time the authors of the outrage were unsuspected, and Ashcroft is in custody while officers are pursuing his accomplices.

IT WAS NOTICED, after the murder of A. J. Mead, a wealthy banker, at Wanpaco, Wisconsin, that Walter Vandecarr was spending money very lavishly, and he was arrested on suspicion. His wife made a confession describing how her husband committed the crime. A strong case was made against the prisoner, but it was urged in his defence that his wife wanted to be rid of him, and the jury disagreed.

MR. SANDERSON, superintendent of the work of capturing elephants in Bengal for the Indian Government, says he can supply scores of white elephants like that bought by Barnum and even superior to it, for considerably less than a thousand dollars each.

NUTT HAS BEEN ACQUITTED in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, of the murder of Dukes. He killed Dukes in revenge for having murdered his father while the latter remonstrated with him for wronging a daughter. Dukes was a lawyer and a member of the State Legislature. The elder Nutt was a highly respectable citizen, and his son's acquittal has caused popular satisfaction.

THE BANKER LATELY ATTACKED by robbers in his house in Vienna, Austria, died of his wound, and his son's death was hourly expected.

DR. JULIUS ROSENBERG, who killed Count Bathany in a duel in Austria, has been condemned to two years' imprisonment and to pay costs of his trial. Had the count killed the doctor probably the penalty would be only half as long a term without costs. Seriously, the country that does not look upon killing in duels as the most cold-blooded description of murder is a barbarous country, however much it may possess of the elements of refined civilization.

A CHANGE to a more conciliatory policy is to be made in the government of the French provinces of Alsace and Lorraine by Germany.

BURGLARS AT ATTERRELL, Texas, got under a building adjoining a bank by crawling under the sidewalk. They tunneled through three thick walls until they were under the bank vault, and then bored their way into the vault. At length they blew open the safe, but the explosion set fire to the papers within it, and the smoke pouring out of the windows of the building produced an alarm, and the burglars' patient efforts were foiled. In their burrow beneath the buildings were found burglars' tools, bedding, canned fruits and other food. There was an amount of \$150,000 in the safe.

J. G. FRASER, said to be a wealthy merchant of Liverpool, England, sixty-two years of age, was, on the morning after his arrival in New York, found frozen to death in a cellar-way. His money was missing, but his other valuables were untouched.

A SELECT COMMITTEE of Congress has reported a memorial setting forth the desirability of immediately enacting a national bankrupt law.

NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN in the factories of Lowell and of Lawrence, Massachusetts, of a reduction of ten percent in wages.

CHARLES F. DEWEY, who committed forgeries in many places in the United States and Canada, has been sentenced at Boston to eight years in the penitentiary. A comparatively large proportion of his ill-gotten gains was recovered.

THERE IS SOMETHING HOPEFUL in the liberality with which money is being devoted to education in America. It looks as if a generation were just arriving at maturity, which had been brought up to regard wealth as a sacred trust for the good of the race and the glory of God. A recent handsome gift is that of ten thousand dollars to Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, to erect and equip an astronomical observatory. Mrs. James W. Hood, of Fredericksburg, Maryland, has given this queenly present.

A SON OF PRESIDENT TAYLOR of the Mormon Church has introduced a resolution into the Utah Legislature, that is almost if not entirely composed of Mormons, to memorialize Congress in relation to its inimical legislation and ask for a committee of disinterested persons to investigate the affairs of the territory. He claimed that the Mormons had been misrepresented.

OATS AND VEGETABLES have been killed by frosts in southern Georgia and Florida, but oranges and other fruits are not seriously damaged.

BY THE EXPLOSION of the gas works at Malone, New York, the buildings were demolished, a man and boy severely bruised and the village deprived of gas until warm weather returns.

TRACK-LAYING on the Napanee, Tamsworth & Quebec Railway in Ontario has been suspended on account of the deep snow.

MEMBERS of the New York Produce Exchange found guilty of trading after the hours of that institution were let off for its being their first offence.

HUGO SCHENCK is held in Vienna, Austria, for wholesale murder. He confessed at his arrest to the murder of three women, after having obtained their money under promise of marriage. It was ascertained, however, that he and his brother and another man murdered at least twenty persons. He excused himself by saying that he narcotized his victims, and that they died without pain. He was removed in the midst of the painful scene that occurred when relatives of the victims came to identify their effects at the police station. Among other murders planned by the wretches were those of the chambermaid of the Baroness Malfatti and even that lady and her family. Schenck induced the maid to steal pearls valued at two thousand pounds which the emperor of Austria had presented to Dr. Malfatti for attending the Duke of Reichstadt. The maid had prepared everything for the reception of Schenck and his accomplice on the night when the former was arrested.

ROBERT KETTLE & Co., cotton yarn merchants, Glasgow, Scotland, have failed, with liabilities of a million and a half of dollars.

ARTHUR BARKER, claiming to be one of nineteen evangelists sent out to America from Spurgeon's Tabernacle, London, has been proved in Toronto to be a fraud.

JOSEPH STEPHENS, a Toronto butcher, cleared out with \$1,000 given him by two drovers to buy cattle for them. The absconder took his wife and six children with him.

THE UNION PACIFIC RAILWAY has reduced its debt three millions, and the surplus for the year will be largely over a million after the payment of fixed charges and dividends.

THE QUEEN OF TAHITI and suite arrived in San Francisco a few days ago.

IN A SUIT to compel the Bishop of Manchester, England, to induct a ritualist clergyman into a living at Miles Platting, a decision was given upholding the bishop's course.

A FRENCHMAN AND A PORTUGUESE were arrested in public pleasure grounds in Madrid upon suspicion of designs upon the king, whose movements they had been constantly dogging.

A NEW LINE of steamers is to be established between New York and St. John's, Newfoundland, by way of Halifax. Service will be begun April 1st with chartered boats, awaiting the completion of new boats for the company.

MR. HENRY McDERMOTT, brother of James McDermott, accused of being a spy upon the Fenians, died in Brooklyn a few days ago, from congestion of the brain. He was stricken about a year ago while superintending work on a sewer, but the brain affection thus produced was greatly aggravated by the annoyance to which he was subjected by the Fenians in trying to get information from him about his suspected brother.

A LADIES' MASS MEETING, attended by Bishops Simpson, Andrews and Wilson, was held in Baltimore, Maryland, to promote the observance of the centennial of American Methodism. It was resolved to raise \$200,000 to found an institution for the higher education of women.

ALL THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS at Syracuse, New York, were closed the other day for want of funds, the Common Council having refused to grant another appropriation for this year.

MR. WILLIAM MEREDITH, son of the Secretary of the Treasury under President Zachary Taylor, in a trial in Philadelphia, recently, to determine his sanity, delivered a speech full of learning and wit, the peroration of which was so affecting that counsel, judge and many spectators wept.

LAST YEAR the publication of the debates of the Canadian House of Commons cost over twenty-six thousand dollars.

AT A MEETING of the Iron Workers' Society at Darlington, England, a cablegram was read from a similar organization in Pittsburg, giving warning of agents who were going to England to try and induce workmen to go to America. A resolution was promptly passed to notify fellow-workmen all over the country, in the hope that none of them would listen to the agents when they came. The like of that is a striking illustration of the marvellous convenience to all classes of the telegraph as existing these days. A few years ago the agents could easily be among the British workmen before the latter could learn the view of the case from the standpoint of their fellow-workmen in America. Now they must leave in great stealth or they will find themselves posted in every iron shop in the United Kingdom along with the nature of their mission as judged by workmen.

A TRAPPEE PERFORMER in a ten cent show in Quebec broke his leg at his occupation the other day. He had a brother in the same business, who was killed while performing last spring.

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