

ECHOES OF THE WEEK.

European.

The census returns show the population of St. Petersburg numbers 956,226.

Russia has protested through its German agent against the harboring and employment of Nihilists by the Bulgarian government.

The Spanish cabinet has decided to do other countries except that with Morocco.

It is announced from the Vatican that the Pope denies that he has written to President Harrison in regard to the treatment of the Indians.

An epidemic of a disease resembling influenza has broken out in Berlin. The persons affected have a tendency toward inflammation of the bowels.

It transpires that the late Duke of Bedford shot himself during a fit of insanity and while suffering from extreme pain and weakness. A verdict in accordance with the fact has been rendered.

The Novoe Vremya urges Russia to seize the Pamir Plateau, the extensive tableland of Central Asia, called by the natives the "Roof of the World," in order to prevent the British from occupying it.

Slight shocks of earthquake were felt at Geneva on Tuesday. Three persons were drowned soon after while skating on the harbor, and it is believed the earthquake so disturbed the ice as to cause their drowning.

At a large socialist mass meeting at Saragosa, Spain, recently, the orators declared amid considerable applause, that it was utterly impossible for socialists to realize their ideal form of government except by revolution.

While a large number of children were playing in a school at Nantwich the other day an infuriated cow charged upon them, tossing some in the air and trampling others under its hoofs. Forty-nine children received more or less serious injuries.

It is officially stated that nine hundred tenants in Kilkenny who adopted the plan of campaign have paid their rents since the split in the Irish party and 10 per cent. of the tenants are now anxious to come to terms with the landlords.

The Pope has decided to make a sweeping reduction in the expenses of his household in order, it is said, to create a fund for use in such an emergency as his enforced exile. The total amount of the jubilee moneys will be assigned to this fund.

A blue book upon the Anglo-Portuguese dispute regarding territory in Africa has been issued. The latest despatches from Lord Salisbury to Sir George Glynn Petre, the British minister to Portugal, is dated December 6. In it Lord Salisbury says that after what has taken place at Lisbon he would not again sign a treaty with Portugal until a vote of the Cortes had ratified such a measure.

Timothy Healy, M.P., delivered a lecture Tuesday evening at Mullingar and a riotous scene was the result. A strong force of sympathizers with Parnell gathered outside the hall, and threats of violence towards Healy were freely uttered. When the latter emerged from the hall he was greeted with a storm of hoots and yells. A resh was made by the Parnellites in his direction. A number of priests who had been at the meeting interposed between Healy and the mob, and thus enabled Healy to escape from rough handling.

A well known Jewish banker, Baron Ginsburg, last week waited on M. Durnove, minister of the interior, and asked him to try to alleviate or postpone the carrying out of the edicts issued for the repression of the Jews in Russia. During the interview the Baron handed the minister an envelope containing a cheque for one million rubles payable to the order of M. Durnove and endorsed by the Mendelssohns of Berlin. M. Durnove subsequently obtained an audience with the Czar and gave him the cheque telling him of the manner in which it had come into his possession. The Czar ordered the arrest of Baron Ginsburg and sent an aide-camp to interrogate him. He was subsequently released on explanations being given.

Lieut. Winter has accomplished his self-imposed task of walking from St. Petersburg to Paris and is now the lion of the hour in that gay capital. The Russian lieutenant is being feted and petted to his heart's content at the Military club and runs considerable danger of being spoiled by his hosts of admirers. Everything and anything Russian is the rage and the fashion here at present, so the enthusiastic reception accorded to the Russian pedestrian is not to be wondered at. Fired with ambition to emulate the achievement of the Russian lieutenant two French lieutenants of cavalry have decided to accompany Lieut. Winter back to St. Petersburg. The return journey, however, will be accomplished on horseback. The French officers have applied for the necessary permission to the Minister of War and hope to be able to start on their long ride to St. Petersburg, in company with the Russian lieutenant before the end of this month.

American.

A surgeon of Decatur, Ill., has just completed a novel surgical operation! He removed part of four ribs of a cat and inserted them in the nose of a young lady, forming a bridge for the nose. The bones of the nose were decayed and removed.

No ballot was taken in the House for the United States senator to day. Mr. Metcalfe charged Mr. Clarke with attempting to bribe him to Calkins and deposited with the speaker \$500 paid him. The House adjourned till to-night to investigate.

Col. Theodore W. Bean, a well known lawyer, of Norristown, Pa., a member of the last legislature, and defeated for reelection in November last, committed suicide by cutting his throat on Tuesday. Financial troubles are supposed to have been the cause.

Sunday night while Richard Lane and wife, of Boston, were at church their house burned to the ground and their four children perished in the flames. The children had been locked in by their parents.

At noon on Tuesday the train on the Rio Grande railroad between Brownsville and Point Isabel was wrecked and robbed by fifteen masked men. They placed obstructions on the track, derailed the train and levied on the passengers. The robbers got \$20,000 in Mexican money, which was en route by express for shipment at Brzos by the steamship Morgan to New Orleans. The ship's mail was also taken. Passengers were robbed of money and valuables. A brakeman was badly injured in the wreck. The sheriff and a posse are out scouring the country for traces of the robbers, who are doubtless safe in Mexico.

Daniel Frazier and wife and Peter White and wife, all respectable colored people, were poisoned at Lexington, Ky., on Tuesday by drinking coffee containing arsenic. Frazier died, and his wife and White are in a precarious condition. Lillie White, the 17 year old daughter of Peter White, was arrested. She confessed she put the poison in the coffee. She was severely reprimanded by her father Sunday night and was in an ugly mood yesterday. Peter White had been coachman for years for Mrs. Henrietta Morgan, mother of General John Morgan, the Confederate raider.

Jennie White, a domestic for the family of J. B. Miller, Wilkesbarre, Pa., committed suicide this morning by swallowing two ounces of laudanum and an ounce of carbolic acid. She had a quarrel with her lover, Fred Korn. Thinking a reconciliation impossible she took her life. She was found in the cellar of the house. A piece of yellow paper was fastened in a button hole of her dress. On it was written: "Good bye, dear love. Clasp me in your arms, I love you still. Good bye all." The girl was but 18 years old. Korn is almost distracted.

Five men were gambling in a den seven miles east of McCartheyville, Montana, on Sunday. They had \$700 between them. Suddenly two masked men appeared and commanded the gamblers to throw up their hands, which they refused to do, and the robbers fired, killing two outright. General fighting followed, and three others were badly wounded. The robbers escaped with the money. The sheriff followed them 45 miles and then lost the trail. The men killed were prospectors. Their names are unknown.

Canadian.

A miller from the parish of St. Raphael fell lately in his mill and was crushed to death. He was 21 years old and was married only two months ago.

The Quebec local Government has issued a proclamation by which it offers a reward of \$500 for the arrest of the murderer of Mrs. Joseph Houle, who was shot at Pointe du Lac in September last.

Lieut. E. P. Turner, son of Admiral Turner, United States Navy, shot himself when four days out of Vancouver on the Abyssinia, from the Caroline Islands, on his way to San Francisco. He left the States on account of killing his cousin in a duel. He was observed to be in the habit of taking drugs. He fired two shots in his body and expired immediately. The body will be embalmed, and forwarded to Jersey City, N. J.

The British Columbia Sugar Refinery, of Vancouver, turned out its first sample of yellow sugar on Monday, and began manufacturing all grades of refined sugar. The daily output will be 150 barrels. The sample was excellent in quality, being considered much superior in color, grain, and strength to the same grade from the refineries in Eastern Canada. The refinery, which has been fitted up with the most approved machinery, has a capacity of 250 barrels per day, and the building was erected with the view of adding five additional storeys, and redoubling its output.

At a meeting of the St. John, N.B., Board of Trade on Tuesday afternoon, a vigorous protest was entered against the recommendation of Inspector Moylan to start the manufacture of brooms at the Dorchester penitentiary as a fatal blow at the St. John and Halifax broom manufacturers, and the matter was referred to a committee to

memorialize the Legislature not to kill our free labor by convict labor. Several speakers expressed the conviction that the Government could be trusted to do justice to the workingman in all such matters. It came out in the debate that Simms & Co., broom manufacturers here, who are raising the tempest, actually bought broom handles from the penitentiary stock. Now that broom handles are no longer made in Dorchester and it is proposed to make brooms instead Simms & Co. are kicking like cats.

LABOR AND WAGES.

Cleanings From the Industrial Field of the World.

In New York 200 piano vanishers are on strike.

Molders should stay away from Danville, Pa. There is a strike there.

Chicago Typographical Union is discussing higher dues and shorter hours.

There were 64 strikes in the United States last month, mostly all successful.

The railroad switchmen in all the large cities of the Northwest have been granted an advance in wages.

The Waterbury Button Company of Waterbury, Conn., has advanced the wages of ivory button turners 10 per cent.

The members of the New York Bartenders' Union have appealed to the various unions of the city for shorter hours.

Prof. Carroll says that there are over 200,000 men in Massachusetts alone able and willing to work who can get no work to do.

The socialist demonstration which the London police have been apprehending for several days actually occurred last Sunday, but turned out to be a very harmless affair. At Hyde Park a number of speeches of a violent type were delivered by notorious socialist orators, and the crowd applauded with what energy they could muster. There were no disturbances.

At a meeting of the National District Assembly No. 222, held in Paterson last Sunday, Grand Master Workman Powderly's letter in relation to the affiliation of the Knights of Labor with the Farmers' Alliance was endorsed and his suggestions adopted. The delegates voted in favor of Washington as the place in which to hold a joint meeting of the Knights of Labor with the Farmers' Alliance, the meeting to take place on Washington's Birthday.

At the last meeting of the Buffalo First Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners, Mr. John Cadd read an able paper on co-operation, in which he gave a very interesting history of co-operation in the different countries in which it had been adopted. He forcibly advanced the opinion that co-operation is the lever by which the laborer must raise himself to a higher status. He gave it as his opinion that co-operation should begin with production and not with distribution.—Labor and Wages.

Says United Labor, Denver: For some time there has been a fight between Jay Gould and Wanamaker, the latter favoring a postal telegraph system to be run by the government and the former bitterly opposed to any scheme which may injure his monopoly. That may account for the following item: "Jay Gould's profits by the recent Wall street panic is placed at \$30,000,000; and a mortgage has been placed on Postmaster-General Wanamaker's residence for \$50,000."

A beggars' journal has been started in Paris and, it is said, meets with success. The cost of a number is two cents, and it contains articles on the best methods of pursuing the business and advertisements of use to those soliciting charity. This is but an exemplification of the fact that everybody of discernment appreciates the power of advertising. If, however, they discovered it earlier in their lives there would be fewer beggars, not alone in Paris, but the world over.

The socialists are pushing their scheme to isolate the German-speaking unions from English-speaking bodies in the different industrial centres. They have a Central Federation in New York and are trying to form one in Brooklyn. Not long since they appealed to the Hudson County unions to form a similar body. In Paterson they have induced the German unions to affiliate and form a body in opposition to the Trades Assembly, from which they seceded. There are German central bodies in Newark, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Chicago.

An analysis of a return of the hours worked at collieries, made for the Miners' Federation of Great Britain by the check weighers and lodge secretaries of the federated districts, gives a very clear view of what is involved in the demand for a working day of eight hours from bank to bank. The return gives particulars of 679 collieries employing 183,720 men underground. The general average time worked at the face by the colliers is 8 hours 23½ minutes per day; boys, 8 hours 48 minutes per day, and day laborers, 8 hours 49 minutes. The average time spent in traveling underground is 8

minutes daily. The general net average reduction in the length of the working day, if the eight hours (miners') bill becomes law, will be 65 minutes or 12½ per cent.—London Labor World.

The strike of station agents and telegraph operators on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul road seems to be losing ground. A meeting of the grievance committee is to be held to consider the question of declaring it off. A number of strikers have returned to work.

Organized labor won a signal victory lately in the backdown of the Chicago City Railway company. That corporation recently elevated to the position of superintendent a track foreman, who had the reputation of being a hard taskmaster and a great stickler for low wages and cheap labor. The dissatisfaction among 2,000 conductors and gripmen became so great that the president notified the men that he would assume the position of superintendent himself, and that the objectionable track foreman will fill the position of assistant superintendent, and that only temporarily.

Some of our papers are much troubled about the American boy being taught a trade. There is no American boy who is desirous of learning a trade who cannot do so. The trouble is that the American boy, and the American boy's parents, are too proud to allow him to learn a trade. They prefer to bring him up as a clerk, or some light employment that will not soil his hands or bring him more than enough money to keep himself in clothes. Our business colleges, as they are termed, are turning out bookkeepers by the thousands. As a consequence five or six dollars a week will procure an individual with a diploma as big as a shutter and as pretentious as a Chinese landscape. When some honest mechanics make a demand for employment for American men, then it is that the employer and the newspapers prate about learning the American boy a trade. When a dishonest employer wants to get his work done at one-half what a fair employer is willing to pay, he secures a lot of boys to take the places of his American men, who have families to keep, and then he prates about teaching the American boy a trade. The man who talks thus is either a fool or a knave, and generally the latter.—Philadelphia Union.

He Was Whipsawed.

Can you drive? asked a fair young East End damsel, as she stood by the side of her adorer and gazed out of the window at the snow.

O, yes, replied the young man, unthinkingly. I am quite a good driver.

And it looks like good sleighing, the girl went on.

Y-e-e-s.

The young man relaxed into silence, which was occupied chiefly in mental calculations as to how many sleigh rides at current rates he could afford on his \$10 a week salary.

You said you could drive, didn't you? asked the girl, resuming the subject.

Well—er—it's been a long time since I done much driving, and I'm afraid it would hardly be safe for me to undertake it.

O, I'm so sorry; I was just going to ask papa to have the cutter hitched up so we could take a ride.

A Change of Bait.

Peddler—I have here a book entitled "How to get a Good Complexion."

Woman—I don't want it. Get out!

Peddler—Pardon me, madam. How could I have made that mistake? I sold that book next door. What I wanted to show you was this book, "How to Preserve your Complexion."

Woman—How much is it?

Peddler—Two dollars.

Woman—I'll take it.

New Mother-In-law Joke.

Son-in-law—I can't understand why the comic papers show such bad taste as constantly to publish jokes about the mother-in-law.

Mother-in-law—It is really the greatest injustice, and I am glad to find a man at last who—

Son-in-law—Yes, it is the greatest injustice! A man is glad when he can, for a moment, forget his mother-in-law, and to be continually reminded of her in this way is positively cruel.

Could Always Reach It.

Aren't you sometimes afraid, she asked as the elevator had reached the eighth story, that you will never reach terra firma again.

Oh, no, ma'am, replied the elevator man, all I'd have to do would be to climb up to the roof and jump.

A Patronizing Little Girl.

Two little girls, the eldest being about six years old, entered a confectionery store.

What can I do for you, asked the clerk.

If you please, said the larger of the two, just give this little child, pointing to the four-year-old at her side, five cents worth of candy.

Sufficient Proof.

Larynx—Miss Olde Wayback is very proud of her ancestry. She told me last night that her family dated back to the time of the Conquest, but I doubt if she could produce proof of it.

Miss Giddy Newfolks—Proof! What proof do you need? Look at herself.

Let Every Man Who Reads, Weep.

Do I understand you to say, said the attorney looking hard at the principal witness, that upon hearing a noise in the hall, you rose quickly, lit a candle, and went to the head of the stairs; that a burglar was at the foot of the stairs, and you did not see him? Are you blind?

Must I tell the truth, stammered the witness, blushing to the roots of his hair.

The woe truth, was the stern reply.

Then, replied the witness, brushing aside his damp, clinging locks, and wiping the perspiration from his clammy brow, my wife was in front of me.

The Office Boy's Revenge.

The Chief Clerk (aside)—His royal nib ain't himself to-day. Kind of silent and sad. Wonder what's up?

Unregenerate Office Boy (sotto voce)—Guess my little plan worked. Know'd it would when I fastened the typewriter's yellow hair on his overcoat last night. And I'll do it every time he calls me a chump.

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