

HAPHAZARDS.

With a mind nearly as blank as the white page before me, I begin to write this week's Haphazards. And yet last week was an unusually festive one with me, and two of the evenings spent out of my lone room should supply some subject for a pleasant chat. The first of these brought me to the house of hospitable friends to celebrate the birthday of the head of the family. The host is a German mechanic, and most of his guests were of the same nationality and occupation, and though mine are both so different, yet I was soon made to feel quite at home, and enjoyed the unpretending entertainment very much indeed. I wonder now can I make a brief account of it interesting. Come with me and see. Welcome, undisguised as unaffected, meets us at the door, which opening on the blackness of the night without floods us with the warm light of a comfortable home. "Come in! Come in!" it seems to say. "Join with us and be glad, for this is the birthday of the master here." Then the bright light shows us the mistress of the house, happy and proud too, for she is the mother of the white-haired boy of twenty months who toddles along to meet us, shows us his rooking-horse, and with generous instinct offers to give us all that remains of the apple held up in his tiny hands.

At first the German names of new acquaintances stick in our throats, for we speak with our mouths alone, while the Frenchman, and the Frenchman to a less extent, make very effective use of gutturals. Having chanced to express regret that German was omitted from my education, the conversation drifted to the subject of the diversity of languages, the inconveniences of there being so many, how in consequence nations are kept apart and hostile; and naturally we found ourselves talking about Volapuk. One of the guests had lately taken up the study of this universal language, and before long each one of us had formed the resolve to do likewise. Alas, I must admit that, at my time of life, the idea of learning a new language does deter me; I fancy I shall not carry out my rash resolve, but remain content with a very ordinary knowledge of English, a smattering of French, and such recollection of the little Latin learned long ago as enables me still to read the psalms in the language of the Church. This must suffice me until this exile is over, until St. Peter graciously admits me into an undeserved paradise, where the tradition is that Irish, the language of man before the fall, is heard in all its now unappreciated beauty.

But I was telling you of the conversation at my friend's house. While we were still talking about Volapuk, there was a laugh at the expense of some one who had pronounced an English word in a rather original manner. I was told that this was a peculiarity of Germans, and that when one of them comes to this country first and begins to learn our language, there is no one so ready to laugh at the blunders of the novice as the German who landed here six months before and happens to know a little better.

I found these people to be men and women of broad ideas in the sense that they were wonderfully free from prejudices, and as ready to confess the peculiar failings of their own race as to admit the good points which distinguish others. Thus they recognized the superior polish and politeness of the Frenchman, the superiority of his language in gracefulness and sweetness of sound, while at the same time they claimed that their own was one of greater power and capable of more forcible expression. Talking of sounds naturally led us to talk of music, and I asked for *The Watch on the Rhine*. It was not mere politeness suggested the request; I really wished to hear the famous song of the Vaterland sung by her sons. Our host had been a soldier, as had every one of his German guests, and they told me that the cheering melody had lightened the weight of their heavy knapsacks over many a mile of march as the regiments sang and sang again the patriotic air. The song is an old one, but it was only in 1870 that it became, what *La Marseillaise* is to the France of to day, the national anthem of Germany, or rather the war-song of Germans marching to battle in defence of their country. In 1870 it came to be so universally popular that all night long in the German towns crowds went about the streets marching to the tune of the inspiring refrain; and the story was told the other night of an old Jew in Frankfurt-on-the-Main who could get no rest in consequence, and at last exasperated, sticking his head out of the window, called out to the serenaders below:—"Hold, mine 'friends! Watch upon the Rhine all night if 'you like, but for God's sake let us sleep in 'Frankfurt'."

The measure of this song is not so slow, nor is the music by any means of so high an order as that of the English national anthem. But it is, as it were, deliberate throughout, characteristic in this of the German people, and having nothing of the precipitous fury of *La Marseillaise*. I fancied that the first two bars might be thought to resemble the hoarse military notes of a bugle calling the nation to guard the threatened Rhine, and that the rest of the song is the answer of the whole people in arms marching to the frontier in their steady, resolute, German way, proclaiming, if not from their hearts, certainly from deep down in their throats, passionate love of the German Fatherland.

The evening came to an end early in the morning, and the boarding-house breakfast bell disturbed me from dreams in which I heard *La Marseillaise* first fiercely rushing on and then abruptly stopped, while the air seemed filled with the steady march of the *Watch on the Rhine*. The realistic music of the comfortable breakfast hall awakened me and I was glad to find myself at last in Canada where the only blades that are ever used are the peaceful scythes that mow our crops of hay or the blades that are sold with forks. Well were it indeed for the German and French could they be content to live in Europe as the French and German immigrants to Canada live here in peace. We are willing to learn from the older countries all that their ancient civilization has of good in it. Might not they learn from us how to live, Germans and Frenchmen side by side, mutually respecting each other like Christians and good neighbours.

But last week gave me another evening away from my narrow room. I had been given two tickets of admission to the Academy to hear the third greatest actress of the day, Madame

Rhéa. I was delighted, for it enabled me to be polite to a fair cousin all the way from Gaspé and now paying a visit for the first time to Montreal. It was the first time too she had ever been in a theatre, for they haven't such artificial things it appears in Gaspé. Now I was in luck, for much as I enjoyed the splendid performance, I was pleased even more with the naive delight of my companion. The play was *Josephine*, and I think Rhéa's impersonation of the first Empress of the French borrowed much of reality from the fact that her English brings with it more than a suspicion that the great actress is a Frenchwoman. There is of course no doubt about it, but if there were her superb recitation of *la naissance du Prince Impérial* would dispel the lingering doubts. My cousin and I were both charmed with the play, and when I said good-night she assured me positively that I was "a dear old fellow." Now this in part was flattery, which I have defined to be unfounded compliment. It is true that when my cousin was a baby I was then as old as she is now, but still I do not set up any claim to being considered venerable. The first part of her pretty speech, I wish to think, was flattery, for it is flattery you know to say agreeable things which are true.

PAUL.

A MONTREALER ARRESTED

In St. John, N.B., for Having Sent the Box of Poisoned Candy—He is a Religious Maniac.

St. John, N. B., October 5.—William McDonald has been arrested charged with sending poisoned candy which caused the death of Mrs. MacRae. The authorities refuse to give any information, but claim to have a very good case. McDonald is 23 years of age, and the son of Jacob D. McDonald, a clerk to H. J. Beemer, railroad contractor of Montreal, who died in that city October last. William McDonald was employed in Montreal as a clerk to Mr. Shaughnessy, of the Canadian Pacific railway. He came to this city, where he formerly belonged, soon after the death of his father.

He was suffering with religious mania at the time, and on October 29, 1888, walked into the harbor, but was saved from drowning and sent to a lunatic asylum. Being released last spring, supposed to have been cured, he became employed in the wholesale drug store of T. B. Barker & Co., where he has been since. He is a brother of the widow of the late Major Barker and has another sister who is the cashier of the Windsor hotel, Montreal. It is believed that the authorities have evidence that there has been Barker's room similar to those used in sending the candy.

A MYSTERIOUS WOMAN.

The arrest was made on information given to Solicitor-General Fagley by a woman whose name does not transpire. When arrested in Barker's store McDonald demurred at first, but on the police assuring him that he would be handsomely rewarded if he accompanied them with a murmur. In the police station he was searched, but nothing was found but a small slip of paper with some shorthand notes carelessly written on it. It was given to the stenographer, who will decipher them. A search of Barker's store brought to light boxes exactly similar to those in which the candy had been sent. They were used for packing fine tooth combs in. There were many loose combs lying about. The boxes in which they had been could not be found. McDonald's friends have engaged Mr. C. P. Stockton to defend him.

A number of other rumors, making the case still more circumstantial, are either denied or not admitted by the police. The respectability of the prisoner's family and his connections add to the sensational character of the case. It is believed that if he be guilty he was undoubtedly insane. McDonald lived in Montreal about the time of the Galt candy poisoning case, and there seems to be a suspicion here that he may have been in Toronto on October, 1888.

LEFT MONTREAL INSANE.

William McDonald was private secretary to Mr. Shaughnessy, of the C.P.R., from February to October, 1888, and was asked to resign because he acted "peculiarly." An attempt was made to see McDonald's sister, the cashier of the Windsor hotel, but she had been allowed to go to her room early in the evening in order to keep the news of her brother's arrest from her. No one there seemed to know anything about him, though he was generally known by sight.

A peculiar proposition was laid down by a prominent Montreal physician last night, who knew McDonald. This gentleman said that McDonald's dismissal from the employ of the Canadian Pacific railway was due to his religious mania and that his mind was badly deranged before any one there discovered his weakness. "But," said the physician, "his mania is of that peculiar kind that, if McDonald heard of the poisonings and Mrs. MacRae's death he would be very likely to go forward and, whether he was guilty or not, declare that he himself had sent the candy."

St. John, N.B., October 7.—There have been no further developments in the poisoning case. The inquest was resumed to-night but nothing was elicited more than is already known. The authorities remain very reticent. It is quite certain the information which led to the arrest was given by a woman from a sense of duty. Though strenuous efforts have been made to conceal her identity the secret has leaked out, but in order to a limited circle. She will not be brought forward if the case can be made complete without her. The police acted throughout under the instructions of the Solicitor-General, who has not yet taken them fully into his confidence. No doubt he has a very strong case.

The young fellow's business career in Montreal seems to have been a somewhat checkered one through his frequent blunders. He was for some time in Mr. Archer Baker's office in the O.P.R., where he worked, and was intimate with Mr. Armour, at present employed in the Allan Line office. Mr. Armour says McDonald was a remarkably sharp and quick lad and at that time displayed none of the painful symptoms which were subsequently manifested and which were very obvious a year later, when his memory began to fail him, and although he seemed to honestly do his best, his frequently recurring mistakes led him into much trouble and finally necessitated his leaving the service of the company after having occupied positions in several departments.

He afterwards entered the service of Messrs. McBride, Harris & Co., but only with a similar result. The incident of his father's death was the cause of his sister's first realizing his actual state. He seemed indifferent to the loss he had sustained on that occasion, and all his accompanying circumstances and consequences. Not long after this, Willie's eldest sister, Mrs. Barker, took him with her to St. John, where he stayed to recover, but he tried once to commit suicide, and was confined in an asylum. Everyone with whom he had anything to do seems to speak of him in the kindest possible terms.

News of the Week.

EUROPEAN.

It is reported that the Sultan will grant amnesty to the Cretan insurgents. The Earl of Zetland, the new Viceroy of Ireland, has been sworn in at Dublin. Thirty farmers have been arrested at Tipperary for refusing to pay market tolls on Smith-Barry's estate.

A despatch from Crete says the insurgents have attacked the Turkish troops committing outrages at Candia.

Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British Minister to the United States, sailed from Liverpool for New York on Friday.

The Council of State of the Canton of Fribourg, Switzerland, has voted 2,250,000 francs to found a Catholic University.

Ex-King Milan said at Carlsbad that he does not intend going to Belgrade, as he has the fullest confidence in the regents.

The dockmen's strike committee in London has said the "blacklegs" one pound each and all have joined the union and will go to work.

The Russian Government is making arrangements for the construction of a railway from Akkaba to Meshed, by way of Daskak and Kait.

At the approaching session of the St. Nicholas the Serbian Government will introduce a bill to prohibit ex-Queen Natalie from residing in Serbia.

Sardinia has been devastated by a hurricane and great loss of life and property has resulted. Oglioni in Italy has been visited with a similar calamity.

Mr. Goeben is making a tour of the southwest portion of Ireland. The object of his trip is to glean facts to assist him in drafting the new Land bill.

The French Government will prosecute the *Infra-transport* for asserting that funds belonging to the War office were used in carrying the recent elections.

The cotton mills of Lancashire continue to run on half time. The Operative's society has expended £20,000 for the relief of those suffering through the partial stoppage of the mills.

E. A. Burke, ex-State Treasurer of Louisiana, sailed from Liverpool for New York on the steamer "Teutonic," but upon the arrival of the vessel in Queenstown he disembarked and returned to London.

The Earl of Galloway was arraigned before the court on Friday, charged with indecent behaviour toward a little girl named Gibson. He pleaded not guilty and his trial was set down for October 14.

The Russo-Japanese treaty of commerce, which has been submitted to the Czar, alters the Japanese tariff system. Henceforth duties will be levied upon articles separately specified instead of upon gross bulk as imported.

General Boulanger, accompanied by his secretary and a female companion, started secretly Monday night for the Isle of Jersey. Rumors have been current for some time that the General's horses were sent abroad yesterday.

In a speech at Perth Monday evening Lord Randolph Churchill admitted the obligation of the Government to pursue a generous policy towards Ireland. To neglect Ireland, he said, would be treason to the cause of the union.

At a meeting at Cambridge, Mr. Charles Hall, M.P., chairman of the British delegation to the Maritime convention to be held in Washington, said he trusted the conference would result in much needed reforms in International law.

All the leading Spanish newspapers, in commenting upon the International American Congress at Washington, unite in expressing the hope that the Spanish-American Republic will not allow themselves to be made satellites of the United States.

Two thousand tramway and omnibus employees of London held a meeting on Friday morning and formed a union to obtain shorter hours and the redress of a number of grievances. A manifesto, appealing to adherents, was issued Lord Rosebery presided.

M. Deroulade and another Boulangist, M. Castellin, on leaving a meeting in Paris Thursday evening were attacked by opponents and beaten with sticks, notwithstanding they threatened their assailants with revolvers and a sword-cane. They were rescued by friends.

The Cologne *Gazette* says the Czarina will accompany the Czar as far as Kiel and will thence go direct to St. Petersburg. The Czar will spend only two days in Berlin. On the first day he will inspect his regiment and on the second the court will have a hunt in his honor.

Two of the principal members of the Ocranboun club in London have been found guilty of gambling and sentenced to pay a fine of £50 each or be imprisoned for three months. Twenty-one other members have been fined £10 each and the others have given securities of £20 each not to gamble for six months.

The North German *Gazette* regards the Pan-American congress as a means for attracting the attention of the whole western hemisphere to the imposing preponderance of the industrial enterprise of the United States.

M. Rochefort, in a violent worded manifesto, asks the Belleville electors to plump him as a protest against the dictatorial behavior of the Government. It is rumored M. Joffrin has resigned his seat, fearing for his reception in the Chamber in view of his being declared elected with only 5,500 votes out of a total of 15,000.

The election at Peterborough on Monday to fill the Parliament seat made vacant by the death of Wm. J. W. Fitzwilliam, resulted in the return of Mr. Morton, the Gladstonian candidate, who polled 1,893 votes against 1,642 cast for Burns, the Unionist nominee. At the last election, Mr. Fitzwilliam, who stood as a Liberal Unionist, received 1,780 votes, and Mr. Greenwood, the Home Rule candidate, 1,491.

The trouble between Captain J. W. Lawler and Mr. Black over the ownership of the boat *Neverink*, in which Capt. Lawler crossed the Atlantic, has culminated in bloodshed. The boat was seized by Mr. Black at Cherbourg and taken to Cowes, Isle of Wight, whither Capt. Lawler proceeded, and took possession of her and brought her to Portsmouth.

At Portsmouth a boat named the *Neverink* was seized by Mr. Black and his assistant attempted to seize the *Neverink*, and Captain Lawler drew a pistol and shot both of them.

AMERICAN.

The late storm created terrible havoc at Isles Del Carmen, Mexico. Twelve foreign sailing vessels, two steamers and twenty coasters were lost.

William Honey, a prominent citizen, shot himself Thursday at Norwich, N.Y. Broken shop speculation resulted in his financial ruin and led to the suicide.

Richard Robillard, engineer at the Pittsburgh mills, has invented a machine which he claims is a solution of the problem of perpetual motion. It requires no fuel and only a little oil.

Miners from Forty Mile Creek, Yukon river, Alaska, report that three hundred miners on the Upper Yukon sixteen hundred miles from any settlement are in destitute circumstances without available means of relieving their wants. The supply steamer was wrecked.

Mr. Blaine has telegraphed to Mr. Lincoln to express to the British Government the thanks of the United States for the speedy despatch of a British man-of-war to Navassa, on the occasion of the late massacre, from Kingston, at the request of the American Consul.

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Thus far 627 jurors have been excused in the Cronin murder trial, four accepted and sworn in, and four temporarily passed until tomorrow. The defence has only 17 peremptory challenges left, 84 having been disposed by them, 57 on behalf of the state. Counsel express the hope that a jury will be empaneled this week.

William Powe, of Annapolis, has been missing for three weeks. It is rumored that he spent \$100,000 belonging to his wife's relatives, also that he had been in the hands of the police. Powe was secretary of the Bridgeport Bronze company. His accounts are correct. One theory is that Powe is deranged, owing to financial difficulties and the death of a daughter.

A Philadelphia despatch says it is rumored the calculations by the naval engineers of the horse power developed in the recent official trial of the cruiser "Baltimore" will show a large saving of force than expected. It is estimated that the contract requirement of 9,000 horse power have not been fulfilled by twenty or thirty horse power.

Major E. A. Burke, ex-treasurer of Louisiana, who has been in England, declines to enter into further controversy by cable regarding the alleged irregularities in Louisiana bonds. He says he holds himself responsible if there is anything really wrong. He was unable to complete his business in time to sail for home on the *Etirra*, but has taken passage by the *Toutonic* for the United States.

Twombly and Laroche, the engineer and fireman held by the Coroner's jury for criminal responsibility in the Rock Island train disaster at Chicago, were admitted to bail in \$25,000 each. Two gentlemen connected with the road gave bail for Twombly, whose drunkenness caused the wreck. Laroche failed to secure bondmen. The accused will be tried for murder in the first degree. Michael O'Connor, another victim, has died.