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family group in heaven! Yonder is John Bradford, who said in the fire, "We shall have merry supper with the Lord tonight!" Yonder is Henry Voss, who exclaimed as he died, "If I had ten heads, they should all fall off for Christ!" The great throng of the martyrs! They had not had poured down their throats; horses were fastened to their feet, and thus they were pulled apart; they had their tongues pulled out by red hot pinchers; they were sewed up in the skins of animals and then thrown to the dogs, they were daubed with combustibles and set on fire. If all the martyrs' stakes that have been kindled could be set at proper distances, they would make the midnight all the world over bright as noonday! And now they sit yonder in the martyrs' gallery. For them the fires of persecution have gone out; the swords are sheathed, and the mob hushed. Now they watch us with an all observing sympathy. They know all the pain, all the hardship, all the anguish, all the injustice, all the privation. They cannot keep still. They cry: "Courage! The fire will not consume; the floods cannot drown; the lions cannot devour. Courage down there in the arena!"

SHIP NEWS. PORT OF ST. JOHN. Arrived. Feb. 25.—Str St. Croix, Pike, from Boston. W G Lee, mdse and pass. Feb. 25.—Str. Hoped, from Liverpool via Halifax, Wm Thomson and Co, genl. Feb. 25.—Str. Snow (Am), 123, Stevens, from Boston. Feb. 25.—Str. Meteor, 12, Dixon, from North Head. Feb. 25.—Str. Phoenix, from do. Feb. 25.—Str. Quaker, from do. Feb. 25.—Str. Yarmouth Packet, 75, Shaw, from Yarmouth. Feb. 25.—Str. Abbie Keast, 95, Ebb, from Providence. Feb. 25.—Str. W Adams, from do. Feb. 25.—Str. Duck, from New London. Feb. 25.—Str. Seabago, 34, Hunter, from New York. Feb. 25.—Str. Sch W E Gladstone, 13, Wilcox, from Grand Harbor; str Westport, 48, Powell, from Westport. Feb. 27.—Str. Caspio, 112, Fraser, from West Indies, Schofield and Co, mdse and pass. Feb. 27.—Str. Caspio, 112, Fraser, from West Indies, Schofield and Co, mdse and pass. Feb. 27.—Str. Caspio, 112, Fraser, from West Indies, Schofield and Co, mdse and pass.

THE ANGELS IN THE GALLERY. I look again, and I see the angelic gallery. There they are—the angel that swung the sword at the gate of Eden, the same that Ezekiel saw upholding the throne of God, and from which I took away. For the guardian angel that watched a patriarch, this one protected a child; that one has been pulling a soul out of temptation; all these are messengers of light! Those drove the Spanish armada on the rocks. This turned Senacherib's living host into a heap of 185,000 corpses. Those yonder charmed the Christmas carol over Bethlehem until the chant awoke the shepherds. These at creation stood in the balcony of heaven and serenaded the newborn world wrapped in swaddling clothes of light. And there, holier and mightier than all, is Michael, the archangel. To command an earthly host gives dignity, but this one is leader of the 20,000 chariots of God and of the ten thousand angels. I think God gives command to the archangel, and the archangel to the seraphim, and the seraphim to the cherubim, until all the lower orders of heaven hear the command and go forth on the high behest.

ALL HAVE LIONS TO FIGHT. To one of the Roman amphitheatrical audiences of 100,000 people Paul refers when he says, "We are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses." The direct reference in the last passage is made to a race; but elsewhere having discussed that, I take now Paul's favorite idea of the Christian life as a combat. The fact is that every Christian man has a lion to fight. Yours is a bad temper. The gates of the arena have been opened and this tiger has come out to destroy your soul. It has lacerated you with many a wound. You have been thrown by it time and again, but in the strength of God you have arisen to drive it back. I verily believe you will conquer. I think that the temptation is getting weaker and weaker. You have given it so many wounds that the prospect is that it will die, and you shall be victor, through Christ. Courage, brother! Do not let the spirit of the arena drink the blood of your soul!

HELP FROM THE PROPHTS. In the ancient amphitheatre the people got so excited that they would shout from the galleries to men in the arena: "At it again!" "Forward!" "Fall back!" "Huzza! Huzza!" So in that gallery, prophetic and apostolic, they cannot keep their peace. Daniel cries out, "Thy God will deliver thee from the mouth of the lions!" David exclaims, "He will not suffer thy foot to be moved!" Isaiah calls out: "Fear not! I am with thee! Be not dismayed!" Paul exclaims, "Victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!" That throng of prophets and apostles cannot keep still. They make the welkin ring with shouting and hallelujahs.

THE GAZE OF THE UNIVERSE. But here I pause, overwhelmed by the majesty and the joy of the scene! Gallery of the King! Gallery of angels! Gallery of prophets and apostles! Gallery of martyrs! Gallery of saints! Gallery of friends and kindred! O majestic circles of light and love! Throng, throng, throng! How shall we stand the gaze of the universe? Myriads of eyes beaming in sympathy for us! How shall we ever become discouraged again? How shall we ever feel lonely again? With God for us and angels for us and prophets and apostles for us and the great souls of the ages for us and our glorified kindred for us—shall we give up the fight and die? No, Son of God, who didst die to save us! No, ye angels, whose wings are spread forth to shelter us! No, ye prophets and apostles, whose warnings startle us! No, ye loved ones, whose arms are outstretched to receive us! No; we will never surrender!

FOREIGN PORTS. Arrived. NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—Strs Campania, from Liverpool and Queenstown; St. Louis, from Southampton and Cherbourg; Kron Prinz Wilhelm, from Bremen, Southampton and Cherbourg. BOSTON, Feb. 22.—Strs Bonavista, from Halifax (anchored in Nanantick Road). NEWPORT, Feb. 22.—Strs Montenegro, from St. John for Cape Town. PORTLAND, Me, Feb. 22.—Strs Saturday, str Ruth Robinson, from Rockport for New York. Strs Maxman, for Liverpool. ARRIVED. BOSTON, Feb. 22.—Strs Whitfield, from Liverpool; Boston, from Yarmouth, N S; Catalina, from Louisburg. Strs Myrtle, for Louisburg. SOUTHAMPTON, Feb. 22.—Strs H A Holder, from St. John. Strs Sebago, for St. John. NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—Strs Omega, Lecain, from Havana. ALBANY, Feb. 22.—Strs St Bernard, from Havana. BOSTON, Feb. 22.—Strs St John, from do. DUTCH ISLAND HARBOR, R. I., Feb. 22.—Strs Abbie Keast, from do. BOSTON, Feb. 22.—Strs Abbie Keast, from do. BOSTON, Feb. 22.—Strs Abbie Keast, from do. BOSTON, Feb. 22.—Strs Abbie Keast, from do.

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THE FAC-SIMILE SIGNATURE OF CHARLES H. FLETCHER APPEARS ON EVERY WRAPPER. ROSARIO, Jan. 24.—Arr. sch Benjamin O Cromwell, from Bridgewater, N.S., via Buenos Ayres. RIO JANEIRO, Jan. 31.—Arr. bark Mary Klassen, from Gaspé; Feb. 1, brig Blenheim, from Passaic. ROSARIO, Jan. 24.—Str. sch John B Coyte, for Boston. MACBEO, Jan. 30.—Str. brig Venturor, for Boston. PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Feb. 25.—Arr. sch Harry Lewis, from Indian River for New York. BOSTON, Feb. 25.—Strs Catalina, for Louisburg; Boston, for Yarmouth; sch Ellis and Jennie, for Grand Manan. ANNEBARD HAVEN, Mass., Feb. 25.—Passed, tug Gypsum King, towing three barges, from Mt Desert for New York; sch Van Alstern, from Boston, from Boston for Cape Town. PORTLAND, Me., Feb. 25.—Arr. str Louisburg, from New York; sch G H Perry, Sallie E Ludlam, and Sam Slick, from Boston for St. John. CITY ISLAND, Feb. 25.—Bound south, sch Abbie Verma, from Musquash, N. B. At New York, Feb. 25, str Oceanic, from Liverpool. At Lisbon, Feb. 22, sch Marvalla, Smith, from do. At Oletta Buena, Jan. 21, bark Soledad, from Talcahuano. At Havana, Feb. 15, sch G E Bentley, Wood, from do. At Wilmington, Feb. 25, str Evolution, from do. At Havana, Feb. 25, str Benoit, Faulkner, from do. Cleared. At Rosario, Jan. 15, bark W W McLoughlin, for do. At Havana, Feb. 23, str Greta, Morrison, for Passaic. At New York, Feb. 23, sch Gypsum King, for Cape Town. Sailed. From Ferrandina, Feb. 23, sch P R Woodside Brown, for San Juan, P. R. From New York, Feb. 23, bark Mary A Troop, Chemunus for Philadelphia. From Passaic, Feb. 23, bark Stranger, for do. From New Bedford, Feb. 24, sch Rebecca W Huddell, Colwell, for New London. From Havana, Feb. 15, sch G E Bentley, for Mobile. From Bridgeport, Feb. 23, sch Blanche Morgan, for New York. From Macoris, Feb. 11, sch I V Dexter, Armstrong, for New York.

WOODSTOCK. LONDON, Feb. 23.—Cabling from Pekin the correspondent of the Times says he has learned that the German agreement for the acquisition of a mining monopoly in Shan Tung province is upon the evening of settlement and that it will confer great political advantages. The agreement will practically close a large part of Shan Tung province to British and American industrial enterprises and the question is not unnaturally asked, "continues the correspondent, how Great Britain and the United States can ignore the inconsistency of their attitude in protesting against Russian encroachment in Manchuria, while acquiescing in the more insidious but equally exclusive policy in Shan Tung." Germany bases her claim to this monopoly, concludes the correspondent, on the fact that it was demanded by the late Baron Von Ketteler, and that she cannot withdraw a claim made by her murdered minister.

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MEMORANDA. Passed out at Cape Henry, Feb. 22, str Montenegro, from St. John and Norfolk for Cape Town. In port at Newswater, NSW, Jan 8, ship Albion, from Rotterdam for Sydney. Passed Sydney Light, Feb 23, strs Trold, Gulliksen, from Glasgow for Sydney. In port at Port Phillip, Feb 21, ship Westmorland, Cook, for South Africa. In port at Port Phillip, Feb 21, ship Tropic, Kennerly, from Fusan (Corea). In port at Port Phillip, Feb 19, bark Alka, from do. In port at London, Feb 12, str Wyandotte, Richards, for St. John, N. B., to sail 25th. In port at Macoris, Feb 11, sch G B Lockhart, Sheridan, from Curacao, arrived 11th to sail about 20th for New York.

NOTICE TO MARINERS. Notice is hereby given that the following buoys have been discontinued: South end of South Ledge, spar, red, No. 2. North end of South Ledge, 2nd class can, black, No 5. Jameson Ledge, spar, red and black, pointially striped. South Ledge having been removed to a depth of 22 feet at mean low water. BOSTON, Feb. 25.—Notice is given that on or about Feb. 26 a red painted first class nun buoy will be established just outside the entrance to the cut and in prolongation of its axis, in Hillsboro River, Tampa, Fla. The buoy will be marked No. 10 and named Tampa cut buoy. Capt. Geo. A. Pierce, of tug Scramton, which arrived this morning from Hoboken, reports the gas buoy in Pollock Rip Blue not lighted when he passed there last night. The fact was reported to the Lighthouse Board and steps will be taken to have the buoy relit immediately. PORTLAND, Me., Feb. 25.—The Lighthouse Inspector of the First District gives notice that the following buoys at Rockland have been discontinued: Red spar No. 12, at the southerly end of South Ledge; second class black can buoy No. 5, at northerly end of South Ledge; and horizontally red and black stripe buoy from Jameson Point Ledge. These buoys were removed because South Ledge has been cleared to a depth of 22 feet at mean low water and Jameson Ledge to 14 feet at mean low water. Gallagher Bros., Woodstock, have sold their trotting stallion Baron Alton to C. B. Chaffee of New York.

DEATHS. BAIRD.—In Boston on the 22nd inst., Amelia M., wife of A. W. Baird, Esq. BOURNE.—In this city, on Feb. 27th, Anne M., widow of the late Thomas G. Bourne, aged 83 years. BETTINGSON.—At Lancaster, on Feb. 24th, of bronchitis, Annie G., infant daughter of C. Bettington and Margaret Bettington, aged eleven months. LAKEB.—Sudden, in this city, on Feb. 22nd, of pneumonia, Mrs. Susan M. Lake, nee Hiram and Sarah Lake, in the 36th year of his age, leaving a wife and four small children to mourn the sad loss of a kind and loving husband and father. NELSON.—Entered into rest, Feb. 26th, Charles Herbert, beloved son of Robert and Mary Nelson, aged 23 years. MURPHY.—In Cambridgeport, Mass., Feb. 25, Timothy Murphy, beloved husband of Ellen Murphy, nee Sullivan. ROBINSON.—Sudden, on Thursday, Feb. 27th, at the residence of Thomas Palmer, No. 19 Brunswick street, St. John, Miss Johannah Robinson, aged 72 years, a native of Shelburne, Nova Scotia. WHELPLEY.—At the residence of his son, 185 Metcalf street, Feb. 24th, after a lingering illness of asthma, Daniel Whelpley, aged 72 years, leaving an invalid wife, two sons and four daughters to mourn their loss. WALL.—At Fredericton, on February 23rd, Mrs. William Wall, aged 83 years.

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