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ANARCHISTS AND DYNAMITERS.

The trial of Anarchists, twenty-three in number, which had been going on at the capital of Austria for two weeks, ended on June 26th. An informer named Padboy swore that the Anarchists, who were under control of a committee in New York, decided in March 1883 to assassinate the Emperor of Austria on his visit to a festival at Graz. The bombs with which the devilish deed was to have been done were to come from America. The statements of Padboy and his wife were so contradictory that the prisoners were acquitted of the charge of high treason, and were only sentenced to short terms of imprisonment for holding Socialistic meetings which were likely to result in disturbances.

On the same day, June 26th, and in the same city, Vienna, an explosive bomb was found near the dome of the exhibition building. All the public buildings are now watched, and the sewers, which have been threatened by the Anarchists are carefully inspected from time to time.

John Cleary, a well-known Fenian resident of Paris, writes to the London Times denying that the Fenians in that city are plotting to overthrow England by explosives. He says they have always condemned such practices.

The latest exploit of the dynamiters has been to place an infernal machine on the street car track at Bradford. A car filled with people went over the murder-box, but fortunately no explosion took place.

ANOTHER BANK.

This has been a very exciting week for Canadian bankers, and of course for the Canadian public too. It was suddenly rumored last week that the Federal Bank, of Toronto, was in trouble; the bank having been doing far more business than it ought. Its shares, which had been largely held by speculators, went down in value with big jumps. It is now admitted that the "Rest,"—a fund which was a fortnight ago reported by the bank officials to be a million and a half of dollars,—has no existence. It is believed that half of the three million dollars of capital has also been wiped out. The board of directors lost their heads altogether; they dismissed General Manager Strathy and put Mr. Ingram, Montreal branch manager, in his place; two days afterwards they dismissed Mr. Ingram from the bank's employment altogether, and appointed new General and Montreal managers, guaranteeing \$15,000 a year to Mr. Yarker for the former position. Mr. Ingram has now been reappointed local manager at Montreal, with an apology and \$12,000.

THE DISPUTE between Ontario and Manitoba, as to the boundary line between the two provinces, will come up for hearing before the Privy Council in England on the 15th.

THE CHOLERA IN EUROPE.

The news from the south of France, where cholera has made its appearance, is no better this week. A number of deaths occur every day, and there are more than sixty patients at the Toulon Naval Hospital. Special telegrams say that the official figures do not show the real number of deaths that are taking place. Business at Toulon has utterly collapsed. Marseilles, which has also been infected, is in a state of panic; thousands of the inhabitants are leaving, and the trains are all crowded. The Pope has ordered all priests to remain at their posts. A castle that used to belong to Empress Eugenie, at Marseilles, has been prepared for five hundred patients.

Two government physicians, examining the disease at Toulon, declare it to be Asiatic cholera in a mild form. It is thought that the infection was brought from China with the returning troops. The Naval Health Department deny this, but the public are savage and insult officers of the navy in the streets. Great precautions are being taken to prevent the spread of the disease. Travelers from the South of France are funnied at the railway station when they get to Paris. Persons who have travelled from England over France are detained for five days before they are allowed to enter Italy. All vessels from France have to put up with fifteen days quarantine on arrival at Spanish ports, and Spain has even ordered the same precaution against ships from England, in case the infection might get round by way of that country. Vessels arriving from China or India will be also quarantined when they reach Russian ports on the Black Sea.

The great safeguard of any locality against cholera is Cleanliness.

THE PRESIDENTIAL CONTEST has undergone no startling developments during the week. Governor Cleveland still appears likely to be the nominee of the National Democratic Convention. The State Convention of Missouri has voted for Cleveland by an enormous majority, and the Tilden minority approve of Cleveland as a second choice. The Ohio convention has declared for Tilden, and there has been a rumor that that aged gentleman thinks of withdrawing his withdrawal; but an intimate friend says that Mr. Tilden is not a man to trifle with such serious matters.

NO STARTLING NEWS from Egypt has to be recorded this week. Pilgrims who left Khartoum on May 23rd report that all was well in that city then; they give the same account of Berber, on June 7th, and Kassala, on June 14th, but they are not believed. The International Conference on Egyptian matters is now sitting in London. A German newspaper, which is often inspired by the Government, says that the agreement between France and England on this question is caused by their common hatred of Germany.

AN INTERNATIONAL Presbyterian Council has been sitting at Belfast. A deputation from the Methodists was received with great enthusiasm.

ALLAN PINKERTON, chief of the famous detective agency at Chicago, died on Tuesday. He was born in Glasgow, seventy-four years ago.

TWENTY-FIVE CONVICTS, working out of doors at Plymouth on Monday, made a desperate attempt to escape. They had stunned the warden in charge of them, and were making off, when a convict named Stevens took up the warden's gun, wounded five men and clubbed several others, so that assistance arrived before any of the convicts had got away. Stevens was immediately ordered by the Home Secretary, to be released and rewarded. He fainted from joy when he heard this news; he had been sentenced to penal servitude for life.

AN ORANGE PROCESSION was stoned by a Nationalist mob on Tuesday, at Newry, but the mob was dispersed by the police. At Warrenpoint, County Down, two Orangemen were arrested, a Nationalist having been almost killed by stabbing.

THE FRENCH CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES has voted down a proposal to abolish the office of President of the Republic.

THE NATIONALIST CANDIDATE for Mayor of Cork has been defeated by a majority of two votes; Liberals and Conservatives joined hands against him.

THE RECORDER OF MONTREAL has distinguished himself by fining a butcher twenty cents for selling diseased meat.

THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT wants to enlarge the navy very much.

CHRISTOPHER GREEN, a saloon-keeper in Cincinnati, has been condemned to pay \$5,000 to the widow of a man who died through drink, and whom he had supplied with liquor even after being warned by the wife.

THE FLOODS ON THE RIO GRANDE, in Texas and Mexico, are still doing much damage. The water is filling "canons" to a depth of 300 feet. Peach orchards and vineyards are washed out, and quantities of live stock swept away.

IN SPITE OF THE TREATY, which should have put an end to fighting, four thousand Chinese troops have attacked a French force of seven hundred on the march. The French loss was forty-two wounded and seven killed, including two officers; but as soon as they recovered from the surprise they sent the Chinese flying. The Chinese government declares that it is not responsible for the deeds of those soldiers; but France says that unless an apology and compensation are forthcoming the Chinese sea-ports will be bombarded.

ENORMOUS DESTRUCTION by floods is reported from South Carolina.

THERE IS A REVOLT in Yemen, a province of Arabia, against the Turkish rule.

TWO O'BRIENS are at each others' throats in Ireland. One is William, the editor of *United Ireland*; the other is Sir Patrick, a well-known Orangeman and Conservative member of parliament. It is feared they will fight a duel, and perhaps exterminate themselves like the Kilkenny cats.

TWO PARIS JOURNALISTS lately satisfied their "honor" by a duel, in which one of them was wounded.

TELEGRAPHIC RATES between New York and Chicago by the Western Union Company have been reduced to twenty cents for ten words, and between New York and St. Louis to forty cents.

THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT sentenced two officers to be shot for deserting from the army. They consider this extreme penalty necessary in order to keep discipline in the army, but strong efforts are being made to have the sentence changed.

THE IRISH NATIONALISTS, at a meeting, have approved of the plan of paying regular salaries to the Nationalist members of Parliament, the money to be raised by levying a tax on property, belonging to members of the party.

THREE PERSONS have been killed by lightning in a severe storm in Austria.

THE JEWS IN RUSSIA are still panic-stricken. In Algiers, the African colony of France, riots have also broken out against the Jews, and that part of the town inhabited by them was pillaged. Much blood was shed, and the troops had to be called out to restore order.

THE COMMISSIONERS appointed by the British government to carry out the Land Act, and to fix fair rents for tenants in Ireland, have ordered reductions which will this year amount to fifteen million dollars.

THE GERMANS, who are a great people for believing old legends, have just been celebrating what they believe to be the anniversary of the day six hundred years ago, when the "Pied Piper" led 130 children into the mountain side, from which they never returned. The day was celebrated by the story being recited to a crowd of people in the house where the piper was said to have lived, and then a band of children marched around the mountain, and plunged into caves, but, unlike those in the tale, returned safe and sound.

THE WOMEN OF ENGLAND are making the greatest exertions to obtain the power to vote. An event has just been published which will help on their cause a good deal. A tenant of a member of Parliament, who is a very respected landlord, died recently. His widow was at once notified that she could not be allowed to carry on the farm; she was also refused payment for the hay, straw &c., which her husband's labor had produced and which she could not take away with her. It is said that this is only one of thousands of such cases; women not being allowed to be tenants because they cannot support their landlord's political opinion by voting.

MR. SEXTON M.P. will be present at the Irish National Convention at Boston next month; Mr. Parnell cannot come.

IN THE PROSECUTION OF Chas. Bradlaugh, M.P., for voting in the British House of Commons without properly taking the oath, the jury has returned a verdict of guilty.