

NEWS OF THE WORLD.

UNITED STATES.
Minneapolis millers complain of a dull market.

There has been a heavy snow fall in Virginia.

The Union Pacific railway is still blocked with slides.

Anna III, has nearly 100 cases of smallpox within its borders.

Rochester was visited by a disastrous conflagration Thursday.

The floods in Oregon are subsiding and all fears are now past.

Negro residents of Bessema, Ala., favor immigration to Africa.

Six thousand people attended the reception to Rev. Dr. Talmage in Brooklyn.

Four men were badly hurt by an explosion of gasoline at Altoona, Pa., Thursday.

An American steamer rescued the captain and crew of a foundering schooner at sea.

Fire destroyed the big building occupied by the American Matting Co. at Brooklyn.

The water front at Portland, Me., was swept by fire, the damage being very heavy.

The old locomotive works at Connellsville, Pa., were blown down yesterday. No one hurt.

Sixteen men, of whom three were white, were whipped at Newcastle, Del., on Saturday.

A clerk in the express office at St. Louis pocketed \$35,000 and skipped out the other day.

Nine mangled bodies have been removed from railway wreck near Cascade Falls, Oregon.

Ruth Woods died at Lancaster, Pa., on Saturday, at the well authenticated age of 107 years.

The American Building and Loan Association of Minneapolis, has been ordered to wind up its affairs.

The Navajo Indians of New Mexico are up in revolt and threaten to massacre the white settlers.

Conrad N. Jordan has been elected president of the Lenox Hill Bank, which has just been re-opened.

A little child died in New York recently from arsenical poisoning contained in chocolate cream drops.

Rev. W. F. Nichols, of Philadelphia, has been elected assistant bishop of the Episcopal diocese of California.

Charges of drunkenness and cruelty have been filed against the captain of the United States revenue cutter Bear.

Frank M. Clark, a Chicago lawyer, has commenced proceedings to recover \$2,000,000 worth of property in Duluth.

Reports that Secretary of the Navy Tracy was about to resign are contradicted from Washington. He resumed duty this week.

One branch of the North Dakota legislature has legalized a lottery in that state, where there is excitement in Washington.

The case which culminated in the hanging of the anarchists at Chicago is to be taken before the United States Supreme Court for review.

The Alaska shaft, the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company's largest colliery closed down, and one thousand hands are out.

State-attorney Longmeyer, referring to the statement that an effort was to be made to obtain the release of the Chicago Anarchists, said there was nothing in the rumor, as the prisoners could not be brought before the Supreme Court.

There was a very stormy session of the Pan American Congress in Washington on Friday, when the delegates from Uruguay complained of the time wasted by incessant talking, and threatened to at once withdraw unless the date for adjournment was definitely fixed.

FOREIGN.
Sir Charles Dilke has reached Paris.

The Bank of Paris will issue the new Russian loan of \$100,000,000 on February 30.

Gen. Salomaca, captain-general of the island of Cuba, is dead.

Prince Henry of Battenberg has started on his return to England.

Signor Biorio-Viale the Italian Minister of War has pneumonia.

A commercial treaty has been signed between Germany and Turkey.

The Australian Federation Conference opened in Melbourne last week.

There is a likelihood of a new public prosecutor being appointed in Turkey.

Switzerland has accepted the emperor's invitation to an international labor conference.

The French Minister of Finance has been called upon to explain the deficit in the budget.

During the past year the deposits in the Provincial Bank of Ireland increased £177,000.

The premier of Victoria has been elected president of the Australian Federation Conference.

The number of lost in the Aberystwyth, Monmouthshire, mine explosion is now placed at 390.

The Queen Dowager and the Queen of Portugal have agreed to divide the country into two parts.

German Statesmen are gratified over the ratification of the Samoan treaty by the American Senate.

The British Government will make a profit of 35 per cent. from the issue of one pound silver notes.

The Porte denies that there are fears of a rising in Crete, and declares that the situation there is tranquil.

The archbishop of Lisbon has directed the clergy to collect funds for the national defense fund in every parish.

A plot has been frustrated in Sofia, the object of which was to kill Prince Ferdinand and hand Bulgaria over to Russia.

Sir Otto Trevelyan, speaking at Patrick, Lancashire, declared that the Conservative party should apologize to Mr. Parnell.

A decision by the Bishop of Lincoln has created a profound sensation in clerical circles.

A number of volunteer battalions of infantry, and batteries of artillery in Ireland, are to be called out for training in field operations.

The French Government admits that the finances of the country are in an unsatisfactory condition, and the indications are that France will shortly place a loan upon the market.

It is reported that the German emperor has requested the government to send the English squadron to attend the German naval maneuvers.

It is reported that ex-King Milan of Serbia is a victim of melancholia. His gambling debts trouble him and he threatens suicide. He has to be closely watched.

Anti-English demonstrations continue in various parts of Portugal. Students at Oporto caused a riot Friday. The progressist and republican papers are very violent.

The Italian steamer Robilant, from New York on Dec. 31 for Capetown and Yokohama, has been wrecked in Saldanha bay, Cape Colony. The crew was saved.

Read our new story page this week.

CHINESE BOYS AND GIRLS.

An Interesting Letter About the Children of the Celestial Empire.

Rev. D. MacGillivray, well known to our readers, writes from Ling Ching to the *Presbyterian Record*:

As I write, I sit at a very good Chinese table with my Chinese teacher opposite me. We have stopped studying for a moment to hear missionary letters. How nice it is that we can stop a while starting at only little bundles of black strokes they call Chinese words, and saying with tongue that never wags as we want it the sounds which issue from the mouth of our teachers. We are learning Chinese A B C, but you might learn 5,000 A B C's, and then you might learn 5,000 more, and yet you would not know all the words in the big dictionary at my elbow. I talk much more easily with you than I can with the man opposite (my teacher), who is always called Elder Bore, not because he is older than you, but because the only you are in China the more respect you get from everybody. The Chinese language is very musical if it is spoken right. The children do speak it so sweetly; the men speak more rapidly and use a great deal of "slang," as you Canadians say; this slang is very hard to understand; we must always ask our teacher in this good Chinese or "slang." If it is "slang," we must not use it ourselves, only understand others who do use it; the women use very little "slang." Their voices are smoother than the men's and it is a pleasure to hear them speak, but, alas! when two of them begin to abuse each other, then their voices are harsh enough. The cook of one of the American missionaries here went home lately many miles away to get married to a woman he had never seen. His parents and the mid-die women who arrange matches had done the courting for him, and he late-ly brought his bride home on a wheel-barrow. A neighbor woman who came in asked what the length of her shoe-sole was, as if that were one of the first necessities. The young bride does not know how to read, the women do not learn to read, their work is to cook the food, wash the clothes, spin the cotton, and look after the children. On the other hand, every boy that wants to get on in the world must learn to read, and he must pass a great many examinations before he can get an office. Very few Chinese read for the pleasure and instruction it affords. Reading means to them office, and if there is no office to be had, why read? The women do not seek for office, therefore they need not learn to read. The Emperor pays small salaries, and it is understood that the magistrates must get money out of the people. This he does by squeezing them—making them pay for common civility even, and the smallest favors he may have in his power to bestow. The boys and a few girls play on the streets; but I should not say the girls play, because their poor feet are bound so tightly that they cannot run and skip like you. There is one expression we hear very often, that is "foreign devil." The children have all learned it from their elders, who call them to call you by that name, though they would not do it themselves. Most of the boys here are Mohammedans. Those who are not Mohammedans are taught very early to worship ugly idols. The boys are much brighter than the girls, and so wonder, for the girls are so little and learn so little. Pray for us, both boys and girls, and earn to trust Jesus. If they are spared they will have a better chance to hear the Gospel than their fathers, for you in Canada will have sent us more missionaries. I want your prayers, too, for some other children who are not heathen—the children of the missionaries. They may not play on the streets because bad men and boys might harm them, so the little fellows are shut up in a yard with great high walls about it just like prisoners. Is it any wonder they look pale and sometimes fretful? Coming to China I have seen many little graves of missionary children, and the last and saddest is that of our little Gertrude Gorth, "little B. man" we used to call her; God took her away just when she could say "papa" and "mama" and had learned several pretty ways, such as making a Chinese salute by shaking her own little folded hands. So, dear children, when you pray for the "Children of China" please don't forget that it means the missionary children as well.

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