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The London Standard Condemns the Sickening Details of the Execution of Kemmler.

Cardinal Manning or Lord Dunraven will Act as Arbitrator in the Cardiff Labor Dispute.

Strike of London Cement Workers—Shipment of Frozen Australian Meat for England.

Imperial Parliament.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—In the Commons this evening Sir James Ferguson stated on arrangement had yet been made with the Newfoundland delegates. Regarding the treatment of Jews in Russia, Sir James said, reports had been received from the British ambassador at St. Petersburg that the Russian government emphatically denies the statements made by correspondents of the Times in recent dispatches from the Russian capital.

Effects of the London Strike.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—Shipping firms say that the port of London has been greatly injured by the recent strike, that the tendency of ocean carriage is toward Liverpool, and that steamers which would be dispatched and loaded in Liverpool in four days and in London in eight days before the strike, have occupied twelve days since that event. It is claimed that the dock laborers purposely delayed work in order to get extra pay after hours.

Expelled From the League.

DUBLIN, Aug. 7.—The Mayor and several members of the municipality of Limerick have been expelled from the National League in consequence of their action in voting against Mr. Dillon.

Strike of Cement Workers.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—One thousand cement workers at Medway have struck for higher wages.

The North American Squadron.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—The Lords of the Admiralty have decided to send immediately a number of torpedo boats to the North American squadron.

Arrival of Australian Meats.

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 7.—A steamer arriving from Auckland to-day, brought a cargo consisting of 40,000 sheep and 2,000 beeves, all dressed and frozen. This is the largest cargo of dressed meat that has ever been brought to England.

Killed by a Bicycle.

MUNCIE, Aug. 7.—A daughter of Hon. [illegible], president of the Indiana ministry, was struck by a bicycle while walking in the park and instantly killed.

A Demoralizing Practice.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—In the editorial columns of the Standard is an article strongly condemning the publication of the minute details of the execution of Kemmler which other papers have indulged in, and denouncing the practice as demoralizing. At the same time the paper devotes two whole columns to the subject, including a detailed report of the proceedings in the death chamber, a summary of the autopsy, and opinions of the experts. The evening press are as unanimous as the morning papers in condemning electrical execution, on the strength of the first experiment. The Evening News declares that public opinion throughout the civilized world demands that Americans shall not repeat the outrage committed at Auburn yesterday. The Pall Mall Gazette deprecates the observance of cruel methods in the execution of criminals, but condemns the distribution of the morning papers as unjust and unwarrantable. The American people, it insists, are the best natured and most gentle people in the world, and are actuated by motives of humanity in every undertaking. Mr. Preece, chief electrician to the department of the post office, in an interview this evening, recalled the fact that he had denounced the use of electricity for the execution of criminals before the British Association in 1889. He reiterated the views he had expressed at that time, and declared that he did not believe a powerful Leyden battery effective in the taking of life. The American plan, he thought, was as good as any, but the difficulty was to know what amount of electricity was certain to produce death without failure. From a scientific point of view he thought the execution of Kemmler was a failure.

The Labor Trouble at Cardiff.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—Although neither Lord Dunraven, nor Cardinal Manning has spoken, this willingness to act as arbitrator in the labor trouble at Cardiff, it is believed that both will be asked to do so by both parties to the dispute, and that they will accept the invitation. Ben Fillott, labor leader, addressed an immense meeting of the union men in the public square at Cardiff last evening. He counselled the men to remain firm, but to refrain from violent demonstrations, which would only have the effect of weakening their cause. Already there are signs that the directors of the companies are disposed to compromise on a basis of half of what the men demand. In the matter of absolute exclusion of non-union the principal demand of the employers, the directors are still firm in their refusal to accept dictation, or to depart in the slightest degree from their resolve to engage whatever class of men they chose to employ.

Advices from Buenos Ayres.

PARIS, Aug. 7.—Advices from Buenos Ayres says that Vicantre Fidel Lopez has been appointed minister of finance.

The Tory Voting Strength.

LONDON, Aug. 6.—Some time ago the Conservative election managers decided to send to all provincial agents, asking them to make an informal canvass in order that an estimate might be made of the Tory voting strength, in the event of a general election. Returns have just been made to the central Conservative office, from which it is estimated that even an immediate general election would give the government a majority of twenty. These figures, however, are the result of canvasses made before the recent defeats of the government in parliament, and may be somewhat misleading. Liberals, Unionists and Conservatives generally agree in the opinion that the next parliament will be short lived.

A Pair of Brutes.

LONDON, Aug. 6.—At Macroom, county Cork, Monday evening, two young men Michael Collins and James Luney, rejected suitors for the hand of a young woman named Margaret Sullivan, made a murderous assault upon the girl with a bottle of vitrol, burning her face, neck and bosom in a frightful manner. Collins and Luney were arrested. Miss Sullivan is in a critical condition.

An Honorary Appointment.

LONDON, Aug.—It is stated upon good authority that the Queen will appoint Emperor William an honorary colonel of cavalry. It will be remembered on the occasion of the emperor's visit to England last year he appointed Her Majesty an honorary colonel of a German regiment.

Sympathy for the Guards.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—Public opinion as to the excessive severity of the sentences imposed upon the ringleaders in the mutiny of the Grenadier Guards has manifested itself in a monster petition to the government for the release of the imprisoned men. Already the petition has received 40,000 signatures, and will formally be presented at the earliest possible moment.

Soldier Engineers.

LONDON, Aug. 6.—The Russian Government has decided to substitute soldiers trained to the business for ordinary engineers of locomotives on the strategic railways.

Consumption Curable.

LONDON, Aug. 6.—The absorbing theme which is engaging the attention of the medical congress in session in Berlin, is Prof. Koch's theory that consumption is a curable disease. The eminent professor, whose discoveries in reference to cholera have greatly mitigated the horrors of that disease, has formulated a method of treatment of patients afflicted with consumption, which he declares to be effective in checking the ravages of that disease and restoring the sufferers to health.

AFFAIRS AT WELLINGTON.

Yesterday's Procession—Everything Quiet—The Situation Unchanged.

WELLINGTON, Aug. 7.—Last night's meeting at the Somerset Hotel was numerously attended. It was held in private, and was addressed, among others, by Mr. [illegible], who is generally known as the "Cowboy Evangelist," Tully Boyce, Mr. Foster, M.P.P., and others. All counselled order and a strict adherence to the law as regarded the maintenance of the peace. There were several additions to the membership of the union, whose officers are, they say, well satisfied with the prospects. This morning a large quantity of supplies were distributed to applicants for assistance. Before two o'clock there were numerous arrivals at the place of meeting prior to the usual procession, which was addressed by the cowboy evangelist, G. W. Rasure, who advised the maintenance of the peace, without which it would be impossible to secure the sympathy of the public. Other gentlemen also spoke, the purport of the remarks being in favor of the strictest maintenance of peace and order. In the course of his remarks Mr. Rasure expressed the opinion that the presence of the troops was really beneficial to the miners. The procession was of considerable dimensions and was so arranged as to permit of the free traffic of pedestrians and vehicles. There appears to be no prospects of any settlement of existing difficulties; the miners will not negotiate with the Dunsmuir's except as members of the union and this the firm will not recognize. It is possible the members of "C" Battery and the R. C. B. G. A. will be kept on the scene for some day's yet. Mr. Gemmell, a fireman who began to work but quit on Tuesday, says that he was not intimidated, but desires it to be understood that he had left work because he felt that in doing so he should be working against the men and that it was not right for the proprietors to ask him to do so. Superintendent of Police Langley and Messrs. Bloomfield and Stevenson with their staff of official constables are kept busily employed on police duty, which taxes their energies to the utmost.

CAPITAL NOTES.

Action to be Taken With Reference to Bender's Labrador Railway Scheme.

Revenue from Chinese Poll Tax Shows a Decrease—The Dominion Rifle Match.

(From Our Own Correspondent).

OTTAWA, Aug. 7.—Action is to be taken with reference to Bender's Labrador railway scheme sooner than was expected. A party of English engineers and capitalists are expected to arrive in New York next week en route to Canada. The government has been asked to loan the Arctic steamer Alert to enable the party to visit Labrador and the Straits of Belle Isle with a view to prospecting. Should they report favorably the scheme will at once be floated in the English market.

The new system of repaying depositors in the post-office savings bank has been found to work well.

Applications for entry forms for the Dominion rifle matches are pouring in, and the Canadian Pacific are offering most liberal rates. It is hoped some team will be present from British Columbia this year.

The revenue from Chinese poll tax at Vancouver for July shows a decrease of $2,000 as compared with the corresponding month of last year.

AMERICAN NEWS.

Chicago Ranks as Second City in the United States, According to the Census.

A Serious Riot in the Massachusetts State Prison Suppressed in Time.

New York Labor Convention in Session—The North River Sugar Refinery Co. in Court.

Chicago's Population.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Aug. 7.—The census office has just completed a rough count of the population of Chicago. It shows the population as 1,098,576, an increase since 1880 of 595,391, or 118·32 per cent. This makes Chicago the second largest city in the United States.

North River Sugar Refining Co.

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—In the Supreme court special term in Brooklyn, this morning, Judge Cullin listened to arguments on motion of Henry Winthrop Gray as receiver of the North River Sugar Refining Co., to be made a party defendant in the suit recently begun by the trustees of the sugar trust for a sale of its property, and an accounting with the trust certificate holders. Arguments for the motion were based upon an affidavit of the managing clerk of Platt & Cowers, reciting among other things that the North River Sugar Refining Co. had contributed its share to the capital stock of the trust; that it still had an interest in it, and that in order to protect that interest, Mr. Gray, the receiver, must be made a party in the suit brought by the trustees. The main point of contention between counsel was whether the turning over to the trust of the capital stock of the North River Co. was an act of that corporation or of individual stockholders. Judge Cullin said he would look over the papers and give his decision in time for an appeal to the next general term.

Heavy Damages.

BROOKLYN, Aug. 7.—To-day, U. S. Marshal Lake libelled the steamship Abdarn. A few days ago she ran into the fishing smack Christopher Columbus off Newfoundland, and the owners want $35,000 damages.

Trunk Lines' Association.

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—The meeting of the joint committee of the Trunk Lines' Association adjourned to-day to reconvene at Chicago on Aug. 14. All pending questions were deferred until that time. Chairman Fitzpatrick of the association was entirely harmonious, and the postponement was had in order to obtain additional information upon points under discussion, to enable representatives of the lake and rail lines to be present. A communication was received from a committee of the commercial associations at Chicago. A requisition that the use of a uniform bill of lading be adopted by the committee, was deferred until a conference can be had between committees of the commercial association and carriers to agree upon a different form of bill of lading. To this a reply was sent by chairman Blanchard, in which he says that the joint committee have carefully considered the request, and that if, in their opinion, it would not be wise to either the interest of shippers or carriers to withdraw the new uniform bill of lading from use; but suggests that the convention appoint a committee to meet a committee appointed by the joint committee to consider amendments or complaints in regard to a uniform bill of lading.

Riot in a Prison.

BOSTON, Mass., Aug. 7.—A general riot is impending at the state prison, and 150 policemen are on the scene armed with revolvers. The trouble is an accumulation of difficulties attendant upon the enforcement of the Bertimon system of measuring and photographing the prisoners, aggravated by the attempted escape of "Chicken Walsh," his capture and subsequent punishment. At 2:45 to-day there was a general outbreak in the workshops. The men refused to obey the orders of their keepers or to return to their cells, and with their tools they badly damaged the furniture of the workshops. A large force of police was summoned to assist in removing the prisoners to their cells. Those already in the cells added to the disturbance by smashing the windows. The prisoners are especially violent in the north and south wings, which overlook the street. A large crowd gathered around the prisoners and added to the disturbance by their cries. Several prison officers were assaulted by the convicts and severely injured. Three or four convicts are in the hospital with crushed skulls, received while desperately resisting the officers. The "strike" was preconcerted, and was to have taken place at 1 p.m. was postponed. "Chicken Walsh" was the ringleader. After dinner the prisoners marched back to the shops very quietly, but hardly had they entered when a terrible and general yell broke out; the windows and furniture were broken and the men rushed into the yard, and the entire crowd dashed for the various walls. The guards fired at first to scarify them, but as several nearly gained the top of the wall the bullets were aimed to kill. It is, however, thought nobody was seriously wounded. The officers with clubs and pointed revolvers held the prisoners at bay until reinforcements arrived. Every available man on the Boston police force is now at the prison, and fully 300 officers are massed in the yards and corridors. The guard on the walls has been more than trebled, and all are armed with Winchesters, and have instructions to kill any man who attempts to scale the walls. No count has yet been taken of the prisoners, but is known many have not been returned to their cells. Some of these are known to be in hiding in the yards, and it is thought one or two may have succeeded in reaching the outer world. Cordons of police guard the streets leading to the prison and the general public, including reporters, are excluded.

Threats of Lynching.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Aug. 7.—A negro boy named Willie Johnson, who had robbed two houses in Opelika, yesterday, to-day killed P. J. Moore, a merchant who was endeavoring to arrest him. Johnson was captured and there are threats of lynching.

New York Labor Ticket.

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—A convention of delegates from all nationalist, socialist and labor organizations of New York city, was held at Cooper union this evening. The purpose of the meeting was to formulate and adopt a party platform and ticket to be placed in the field at the approaching city election. Stephen Rook presided, and about one hundred delegates were present. The main plank of the platform demands the abolition of the present wage system and substitution here of the principle of co-operation. The electoral ticket will be presented at a future meeting.

Overloaded Cloth Market.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Aug. 7.—Mill men believe that one week's shut down will be insufficient to relieve the overloaded cloth market, and that two or three may be necessary to accomplish the result desired. It is understood eighteen factories will close next Saturday.

CANADIAN NEWS.

Toronto Assignments.

TORONTO, Ont., Aug. 7.—McLung, Houston & Co., wholesale woollen dealers, have failed. Liabilities $17,000, and assets nominally the same. The Hendrie Express Co. has been compelled to assign. Liabilities, about $6,000.

Moffatt College Burned.

MONTREAL, Que., Aug. 7.—Word has been received here that Moffatt college, ten miles from the city, has been burned. Over 300 students were in attendance, and they are now quartered in outbuildings or farm houses.

Globe Cables.

TORONTO, Ont., Aug. 7.—Globe cables: The Canadian authorities here are arranging for British farmer delegates to visit Canada this autumn. Morton, Rose & Co., have issued £550,000 per cent. mortgage bonds of the Calgary and Edmonton railway at par. The Northwest ranch cattle are now arriving. The Earl of Lathan and the directors of the Exley Ranch company are testing their use as store cattle.

Lacrosse at Winnipeg.

WINNIPEG, Man., Aug. 7.—The city lacrosse teams are pleased at the prospect of a visit from the famous Torontos next month. Three matches will be arranged. One with the Winnipegs; one with the Ninetieths, and the third with a combined team from the two clubs. If carried out, it will be an event in lacrosse circles.

A Colored Party Insulted.

HALIFAX, Aug. 7.—Rev. A. W. Jordan, pastor of the Cornwallis Street Colored Baptist church in this city, has taken an action for damages against the proprietor of the Intercolonial railway restaurant at Amherst for refusing to sell him a meal. The waiters asked him to sit at a table isolated from other visitors, and he declined, whereupon they ordered him out.

Prince George of Wales' Promotion.

HALIFAX, Aug. 7.—Prince George of Wales will return to England in May when he will give up command of the Thrush, on his promotion to the rank of commodore, and shortly afterwards it is probable he will be appointed to one of the royal yachts.

Personal.

WINNIPEG, Aug. 7.—Sir James Grant, of Ottawa, reached here to-day on his return trip from the Pacific coast. A. W. Ross, M.P., arrived from Vancouver to-day to take up his permanent residence in Winnipeg.

Toronto By-Laws.

TORONTO, Ont. Aug. 7.—The property owners of the city yesterday voted on seven money by-laws. Only two were carried. One of the defeated by-laws was one to grant to the university of Toronto $200,000.

Found in the River.

NIAGARA FALLS, Aug. 7.—The body of a man, evidently that of Louis Messings, who was drowned at Tonawanha, N. Y., a couple of weeks ago, and who has evidently come over the falls, was found in the river yesterday.

WESTMINSTER SPECIAL.

The Fruit Growers' Exhibition Proves a Great Success—Mr. McTavish Captures Twelve Prizes.

Junior Lacrosse Match—An Indian Whiskey Seller Liable to Find Himself in Serious Trouble.

(From Our Own Correspondent).

NEW WESTMINSTER, Aug. 7.—Mary, the Indian woman, who was burned some time ago by the overturning of a lamp during a drunken spree, died last evening. The other Indian woman is dying. The case against Cloudy, who supplied the liquor, looks black.

The Fruit Growers' exhibition closed this evening, being a grand success. The judges finished their work this morning, and they had a hard job, so meritorious were all the exhibits. G. A. McTavish, the only exhibitor from Victoria, made a splendid display, and his exhibits were greatly admired. He captured twelve first prizes. There was a very large attendance of visitors this afternoon and evening.

Westminster won the junior lacrosse match this afternoon after a hard struggle, four games to three.

History of 15 Years.

FOR fifteen years we have used Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry as a family medicine for summer complaints and diarrhœa, and we never had anything to equal it. We highly recommend it.

SAMUEL WEBB, Corbett, Ont

BY ATLANTIC CABLE.

Kaiser William's Narrow Escape—Reported Death of King Dahomey.

More Army Dissatisfaction—The Army Service Corps Mutinies this Time—Gladstone's Victory.

The Kaiser Nearly Knocked Down.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—Emperor William visited the dock yards at Portsmouth to-day. He came near being knocked down by horses attached to the carriage of Admiral Commel, naval commander-in-chief at Portsmouth. As the Emperor was crossing to enter the admiralty house he was struck on the shoulder by the horses attached to the carriage, which was approaching the admiralty house. The Emperor narrowly escaped being knocked down by jumping nimbly aside.

Emperor William has decided not to leave the Isle of Wight at the time originally fixed for his departure. He will remain until midnight Friday.

The Queen gave a grand banquet last evening in honor of Emperor William.

King of Dahomey Dead.

PARIS, Aug. 7.—The Temps says: The king of Dahomey is reported dead. Ego-basas Marcs will join the French. The Dahomians are trying to intercept him.

Queensland Cabinet Resigns.

BRISBANE, Aug. 7.—The cabinet has resigned owing to a lack of support in parliament on its budget proposals.

England's Foggy Coast.

LONDON, Aug. 8.—A collision occurred today off the coast between the British steamer "Samaria," Captain Hewittson, from Liverpool outward bound for Boston, and the British barque "Dacca," Captain Bird, from San Francisco via Queenstown. The barque struck the steamer on the port bow, damaging the latter's bulwarks and carrying away her own headgear. The "Samaria" proceeded on her way. A fog prevailed at the time of the collision.

The Aftermath.

VIENNA, Aug. 8.—Twenty passengers who were on the train that was derailed and thrown down an embankment into a marsh near Pilsen, in Bohemia, last Wednesday, are missing. It is feared that they were drowned and their bodies washed away.

More Army Dissatisfaction.

LONDON, Aug. 8.—Decided alarm has been caused in the highest army circles by the mutiny of the garrison at Chatham. In this case a number of men belonging to the Army Service Corps refused to parade; not, however, on the ground of any complaint against their commissioned officers, but alleging that their non-commissioned officers impose needless and vexatious tasks without authority from their superiors, further than the second batallion of Grenadiers, who were guilty of nothing more than disobedience, and who, when personally appealed to, obeyed the summons of their commanders. The soldiers at Chatham not only refused to parade, but barricaded themselves in the store houses and attempted to resist arrest. A formidable force was at once marched to the spot, however, and bloodshed would have followed had the mutineers not been overawed into surrender. The ringleaders were placed in confinement, court martialled and sentenced to one month's imprisonment. There is a general public feeling that there is something rotten in army circles when such demonstrations appear necessary to obtain redress of grievances such as army rules month's afford opportunity for hearing in a legitimate manner. Private soldiers claim, however, that any soldier who would dare to accuse his superiors, when invited to do so as a regular inspection, would be subjected to persecution if not to punishment.

Public sentiment strongly demands the resignation of the Duke of Cambridge as commander-in-chief, it being alleged that he is utterly incapable of dealing with modern military conditions. It is also said that but for Her Majesty's influence the present government would have abolished the office of commander-in-chief.

The Grand Old Man Wins.

LONDON, Aug. 8.—The election to fill the vacancy in the Commons for the East division of Carmarthenshire, caused by the death of David Pugh, Home Ruler, took place yesterday. Thomas (Gladstonian) was returned without opposition.

AFFAIRS AT WELLINGTON.

The Day's Proceedings Peaceful—A Procession For Sunday—Mass Meeting at Nanaimo.

WELLINGTON, Aug. 7.—To-day's proceedings were of the usual character and quiet generally prevailed, the entire affair is getting monotonous and the volunteers are beginning to experience the great difference there is between city and town life. The B. C. B. G. A. boys had an enjoyable concert last night, which was kept up until the bugle call. To-day's procession came off, an Italian flag being carried, but there is no change in the condition of things. It is reported that on Sunday afternoon there will be a large procession, to be taken part in, in addition to the Wellington men by miners from Nanaimo, Northfield and East Wellington. A numerously attended and demonstrative mass meeting was held at Nanaimo this evening in condemnation of the bringing of volunteers into Wellington. Many of those who attended subsequently visited the Opera House where the play of the "Black Flag" was performed.

THE FALL OF CELMAN.

The Argentine Republic Accepts His Resignation—Rejoicing in Buenos Ayres.

BUENOS AYRES, Aug. 7.—Dario Roca's attempt to form a ministry at the instigation of the Celmanites was a complete fiasco. Roca, at a secret session, declared that congress must sit until the question of the government was settled. A committee of members waited upon President Celman and gave him two hours in which to resign. They threatened that in the event of refusal congress would impeach him. Celman immediately sent a message to congress recounting his services and offering to sacrifice himself to the welfare of the country. The chambers accepted Celman's resignation, and Pelligrini assumed the ministry.

After the reading in the chamber of deputies of President Celman's message tendering his resignation of the presidency, General Roca invited the members to express their opinions as to the advisability of accepting. General Manzanelo opposed acceptance on the ground that such action by the chamber would be an admission of the triumph of the revolution, and of Buenos Ayres over the other provinces of the republic. He declared that the action of President Celman in tendering his resignation was culpable cowardice.

Roca explained that he had sacrificed himself in order to show how utterly impossible it was for Celman to continue in the presidency after the mistakes made by members of the President's party. Nobody, he declared, could serve the man who had shown such complete incapacity. He had gravely compromised the country. It was not Buenos Ayres alone which opposed President Celman. Every province in the republic and every honest man was against him. Roca's remarks were greeted with applause.

The vote on accepting the resignation was taken in a dead silence, but when the result of a majority in favor of accepting was announced, the chamber resounded with cheers.

Roca quietly left the chamber by a back door in order to escape the joyful demonstrations of those present.

There is much rejoicing throughout the city at the success of the movement to force Celman's resignation. Probably Roca will be minister of the interior, Irojoyan Castro minister of finance. Plaza, Uriburnan and Gbrcia are also mentioned as probable members of the new cabinet.

Delvalle addressed a meeting of citizens last night. In the course of his address he said: "The Argentine Republic is now secure. It will not have a government of robbers."

REPEAL THE LAW.

American and English Newspapers Comment on the Killing of Kemmler.

NEW YORK, Aug. 7—The Sun says:

The first duty of the next legislature will be the repeal of the electrical execution law.

The Herald says:

While yesterday's experiment was a failure, it does not show that this mode of inflicting the death penalty is not a success. The failure was due not to the system, but to the bungling, inefficient way in which the execution was managed. The fault was with the doctors and the electricians.

The World says:

The result of the first experiment strongly condemns this method of putting criminals to death as cruel and shocking. The theory of unconsciousness from the moment is at best a mere assumption. It was not sustained in Kemmler's case by outward indications. Apparently the man died in agony by slow torture. The electric execution law ought now to be repealed on all accounts.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—The Chronicle, commenting upon the killing of Kemmler by electricity, says:

The scene was worthy of the darkest chambers of the inquisition of the sixteenth century.

The Times says:

It would be impossible to imagine a more revolting exhibition. It advocates a lethal chamber in preference to the use of electricity throughout the civilized world. We can not believe that Americans will allow the electricity execution act to stand.

ENTHUSIASTIC AS EVER.

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—Dr. A. P. Southwick, father of the electrical execution law, said to-day in an interview:

I feel just as I always felt on this matter. There is nothing against the system at all, and the fact is there has been a great deal of senseless sensational talk about the execution. For instance, the big story in regard to froth, saliva, etc., coming from Kemmler's mouth is ridiculous. It was perfectly natural, and caused by muscular contraction of the stomach. If the mistake of ordering the current shut off so quickly had not been made there would have been none of this talk. The burning of flesh was also exaggerated, and was caused simply by the fact that the sponge under the electrode was too small. A light current was passing through then, and the sponge having dried out, the electrode just touched the skin. Kemmler never knew what happened to him, and died absolutely without pain.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 8.—Twenty-three Chinamen, recently captured in Lower California, while attempting to smuggle their way across border from Mexico into the United States, arrived in this city last night and were immediately taken to the county jail pending the sailing of the Belgic for China.

An Important Arrangement.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 8.—The Oceanic Steamship company has secured the mail contract from the French government for the service between San Francisco and Tahita, and Marquesai islands. Mails heretofore have been carried by schooner from this city. The new arrangement means considerable to San Francisco, as mails will now be delivered every four weeks. This line will not be established, however, until about the beginning of next year, as it will take the intervening time to get ready. The proposition is to have the Island steamers meet the Australian steamers to and from this city at Honolulu, so that they will run on the same schedule as vessels between here and the colonies.

The Strangler Cant Reduce.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug 8. Parson Davies said to-day "see that Acton insists upon Lewis reducing himself to 170 pounds before he will meet him. All I can say is that the strangler could not get to that weight and train his strength, so that we may consider the match as fallen through.

Party Politics.

WHEN party politics run high bad feeling and bad blood are often caused, but all parties agree that when bad blood arises from ordinary causes the only satisfactory cure is Burdock Blood Bitters, nature's blood purifier. Recommended by the medical profession.

AMERICAN NEWS.

Great is the Honor Due to the Illustrious Inventor Ericsson—Enforcing Temperance.

The New York Central in Trouble—Trains Tied Up in Tunnels and at Depots.

Realistic Acting.

BIRMINGHAM, Conn., Aug. 6.—Miss Kate Pierson and company are playing a week's engagement at the Sterling opera house. Tuesday night a scene was enacted on the stage with more realism than the bills demanded. The duel scene in the first act was between Messrs. Bittner and Pierson, who fought with regular bowie knives which were exceedingly sharp. In the first encounter Mr. Pierson's finger was slit, and Mr. Bittner's left arm was badly gashed. The actors were so much interested in their work that it was not until the last act that either knew he had been cut. In the final act Pierson stood over Bittner, who was lying prone in death on the stage, and while delivering his speech over the villain, a drop of blood from his finger fell into Bittner's eye, making it difficult for the latter to keep still and be as dead as the part required.

Rough on Chinese.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—The collector of customs at Astoria, Ore., has been instructed by the Treasury department to cease issuing certificates to alleged Chinese merchants or others leaving the United States with the intention of returning. He is ordered to withdraw all such documents in his possession and refrain from issuing certificates of such character in future.

Ericsson and Rear-Admiral Worden.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—Acting Secretary Seely of the navy department, has addressed a letter to Rear-Admiral Worden, at Quaker Hill, N. Y., urging him to be present in New York on the 23rd inst. and accompany the remains of Ericsson on board the Baltimore, which is to carry them to their final resting place in Sweden. The secretary, in his letter to the admiral, says:

"Upon this day, when the nation pays its last honors to the creator of the Monitor, it is peculiarly fitting that you, who first showed to the world her qualities in battle, should unite with your old comrades in arms in the performance of this public duty. Quest as the honor due to the illustrious inventor, who designed the ship, it cannot surpass the respect and veneration in which we hold the name of the captain who led her to the victory so famous."

They'll Play Champion Matches.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Aug. 8.—A Journal special from Omaha, Neb., says: At the baseball meeting to-day it was intimated that dates had already been made by the American and Western associations to play a series of championship matches.

A Loss to St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 8.—The factory of the LaClede Fire Brick Manufacturing company, at Cheltenham, a suburb of this city, was destroyed by fire this morning. The loss is estimated at $80,000.

Enforcing Temperance.

PITTSBURG, Aug. 8.—At a meeting of the directors of the Pittsburg Players' League club to-day, Ed. Morris, left-handed pitcher, was released, and six others, it is said, were heavily fined. The charges against these players that they had been drinking to excess were sustained.

Streif Succeeds McDermott.

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—President Byrne of the Brooklyn National league club, received a telegram to-day from President Young of the League, saying that McDermott had been released and Geo. Streif appointed to succeed him.

Trains Tied Up.

ALBANY, N. Y., Aug. 8.—Later—8:30 p.m.—It is rumored here that the strike extends along the entire line of the N. Y. C. & H. R. R. Trains are being "tied up" at this point.

Getting Worse.

ALBANY, Aug. 8.—The men in West Albany shops of the N. Y. C. & H. R. R. company have been ordered out to-night. This will cripple the road and little business can be done.

Big Railroad Strike.

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—The employes of the New York Central and Hudson River railroad was commenced at 7.30 this evening. Not a train has left the 42d street depot since that hour. The Grand Union hotel is crowded with people who expected to leave the city and had engaged passage for several points. At 8.30 a gentleman reached the hotel and announced that the engineer and men employed in running the train had deserted their posts in the tunnel at 86th street and left the train standing there. He, as well as other passengers, had to get out and make their way to 62d street as best they could.

They Oppose Electrocution.

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—Criminal lawyers, it is expected, will take a stand against the electrical execution law. One lawyer, John R. Heinzelmann, who defended three murderers now awaiting execution, said to-day that he, like many others of his profession, believes that killing murderers by electricity is inhuman and horrible, and he will take immediate steps to have Governor Hill respite all murderers condemned to die by electricity, until the legislature meets. Mr. Heinzelmann added that this appeal would be made in the shape of a petition, and that when the legislature meets he will ask permission to present the bill calling for the repeal of the law. He had investigated and found that many lawyers are bitterly opposed to the new law as cruel and inhuman. Mr. Heinzelmann said that murderers awaiting execution are frightened out of their wits since they have heard of Kemmler's horrible death, and it is believed by the prison officers that one of the men who attended the execution will become crazy