

ECHOES OF THE WEEK

European.

The Anarchists Petraraja and Bernard have been expelled from Switzerland.

The British Government will henceforth cease to place any restrictions on the importation of Dutch cattle to this country.

The Czarewitch has arrived at Bombay on his tour of the East. Upon landing the Czarewitch was received with much pomp and ceremony by the British civil, military and naval authorities.

Patrick McCabe convicted of complicity in the plot to blow up the Glasgow gas works in 1883, died to-day in prison at Perth. He has been insane for two years. McCabe's friends allege his death was due to the cruelty of the keepers of the prison.

An explosion of gas took place on Tuesday in the Alhambra theatre at Hartlepool. The building was wrecked and several employees were injured. The explosion occurred shortly before the opening of the theatre for the evening performance. If it had happened a little later great loss of life would have resulted.

The Pope on Tuesday received the congratulations of the cardinals upon the fifty third anniversary of his first celebration of the Mass. In his reply he said he deplored the war of sects against the Church and reaffirmed the rights of the Papacy. The Pope looked well and appeared to have fully recovered from his recent cold.

Prof Stuart, of Sydney university, who was sent to Berlin to study the Koch treatment, says that after studying hundreds of cases he has concluded that the precise value of the Koch remedy cannot as yet be fixed. In advanced cases of consumption injections of the lymph have proved positively injurious, but in the earlier stages of the disease the lymph has apparently a beneficial effect.

Gregoire, the Anarchist journalist, who claimed to have concealed Padlewsky, the murderer of Gen. S. Iverskoff, has asked the French consul in Palermo to arrest him and have him transported to France in order to enable him to appear before the court and testify to the fact that he was not an abettor of Padlewsky's flight. The consul refused to grant Gregoire's request. Gregoire said Padlewsky was probably hiding in Sicily.

A Spanish royal decree issued to-day alters the customs tariffs and appoints a commission to take steps to bring about a series of reforms in the commercial treaties now existing between Spain and other countries. The object of the Government in making this new departure is to strengthen its electoral influence by promptly applying a policy of protection to the country and possibly to its colonies.

American.

John Galligan and John Johnson, miners, have been held up near Salina and robbed of \$6,000 in gold, which they had just secured from prospects near by.

Eugene Piquel, the cashier of the Lancashire Insurance company, who embezzled \$17,000 of the company's funds and fled to Switzerland in October, has been apprehended. Extradition papers will be sent on for Piquel.

John B. Trevor, who died suddenly in New York on Tuesday night, left an estate valued at over \$5,000,000. His gifts to the Rochester Theological Seminary aggregated about \$170,000 and to the University of Rochester \$120,000.

Smokeless powder is being manufactured at the U. J. torpedo station. The formula is a new one by Prof. C. E. Monroe, the Government chemist. A number of experiments show that it is not only smokeless, but also of higher explosive power than the ordinary powder.

Ellis F. Baird, who pleaded guilty to embezzling nearly \$40,000 from the Lincoln bank of Lincoln, Pa., and Franklin Hull, who was convicted of advising him in the embezzlement have been sentenced to five years' imprisonment each in the penitentiary. Baird was cashier of the bank and Hull was one of its depositors.

At the Chicago stock yards on Tuesday the wall of an old packing house, the property of Armour & Co., was being torn down, when suddenly the wall collapsed and fell, burying a number of men in the ruins. Mike Barry and an unknown man were taken out dead. Wm. Devine and John McInerney were fatally and several others seriously injured.

Canadian.

The schooner Sarah, of St. John, N. B., has gone ashore on the coast of Maine.

A quantity of pop corn and chewing gum has been seized at St. Catharines for contravention of the customs act.

The remains of the late Vicar General Laurent were interred in St. Michael's cemetery, Toronto, on Tuesday. The pontifical high mass for the dead was attended by Archbishops Walsh and Cleary, Bishops Dowling and O'Mahoney and about fifty

priests. The mayor, the city clerk and several aldermen were present as a deputation from the council.

Thos. Wheeler, caretaker of the Senate reading room, Ottawa, who was 66 years of age, and in the Government service since Confederation, dropped dead on Tuesday when in the act of preparing to go to church. Deceased was a native of New Brunswick.

An Englishman named Sharples, aged 40, working in the cotton factory, committed suicide lately in a peculiar manner. He built a framework of wood in his room, tied a piece of clothes line to the cross bar, fixed a running noose around his neck and jumped from his footstool. His feet hit the floor, but he doubled up his legs and when found was in a sitting posture. No cause can be assigned for the deed except dissipation.

PEN PICTURE OF OUR PRESENT SOCIAL SYSTEM.

What is taking place to-day? Look and you will see cheerless homes; men and women struggling for existence and vainly seeking employment; others refusing to work because of insufficiency of wages; women throwing up employment that will not pay, to enter dens of vice, where soul and body are destroyed, and where all that is base and brutal in human nature is developed. Society shuts its eyes and affects not to see the terrible things in the very heart of civilization, as if by so doing it could shut out their destructive influences. Slowly, but surely, the poisonous elements of moral corruption are poisoning the atmosphere. The palace is no more exempt than the hovel. We have learned to guard against the dangers of infectious diseases by keeping the poison germs out, but against the greater danger of moral disease we raise no cry of warning. What would we think if we were told that in one of our populous cities yellow fever or cholera held high carnival, sweeping its victims off by thousands, while adjacent cities paid no attention to the evil in their midst? Yet this is what we are doing in the moral world. Vice in all its hideous proportions is holding high carnival, and the cultured and refined, absorbed in themselves and their trifling pleasures, narrow their vision to their surroundings and remain utterly indifferent to the moral decadence and death of others. We are yet to realize the brotherhood of the race, in all its profound and even terrible significance and know that the salvation of one is dependant upon that of all.—Mrs. Imogene C. Fales.

Time Works Wonders.

Miss Eligible (whose mother is a she dragon)—You've no idea, Mr. Desirable, how mischievous I was when I was small. Why, mamma, you remember how people used to fight shy of you because I was always sure to be with you and make things disagreeable?

Mr. Desirable—The deuce! Why, the situation is just reversed now, isn't it? That is—I mean—that—

An Affair of Honor.

You are a rude, unlettered boor, sir. Sir, you shall answer for this insult. What weapons will you choose? Anything you please, sir. Name the place, the day and the hour. To-morrow at 3 o'clock, at the north end of the high bridge.

I shall be there; but if any accident should detain me, you may begin first.

Young Wife (saying an affectionate good-by to her husband)—Now, darling, you can't enjoy a moment while you are gone, can you dearest? George (off for a few days yachting)—Well, m'dear, I can't tell a lie. Young Wife—Oh, darling, please do.

Mother (angrily reaching for her slipper and her darling boy)—Come here, you naughty, disobedient— Darling Boy (firmly crossing his hands behind himself)—Now, mamma, there's no use of your proceeding to extremities in this matter.

Local Pride.

Where are all the prominent citizens this morning? asked a tourist of the landlord of the Oklahoma house.

I dunno, prezizely, was the reply. You see, last night the boys took a boss thief out to the tree where they allus hang 'em, an' lo and behold! they found a new-comer had cut it down. The boss thief happened to know who done it. They're after him now, the horse thief lead ng the pursuit. He's got a heap uv local pride, even if he does steal. If they ketch the feller they'll be apt to string him up an' turn the boss thief loose. We air a people who like to encourage public spirit.

Storing Sunshine for a Rainy Day. Hi! Jimmy! Come down here! Let's set on the bridge and go round when she turns.

This from a 10-year old street boy standing on the approach to a bridge over the Erie canal in an interior city. The person addressed was a fellow street

boy standing on a raised footbridge over the same muddy waterway. He was no older than his companion and fully as ragged. He was lame and carried a crutch, but he had his compensation in a philosophy of contentment that old Horace might have envied.

He stood upon the footbridge and answered:

Naw. Can't. Got t' stay here. Aw, come on down. What d'ye hang up there fur? Lots o' fun swingin' around here. We kin git on a boat and go over the aqueduct an' then ride back on another. Aw, come on down.

Naw, can't do it.

Why not? What yer wants ter fool 'round up there fur? Ain't no fun up there. Wal, was the answer that Jimmy drawled out, with as solemn a face as a cadet on parade. I can't come down nohow. I've got ter stay up here and soak in all the sunshine I kin so as I kin laugh when it rains.

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Even should all the world's workers become unionists, the labor problem would not be solved by any means. The monopoly list would not then have the power to keep down wages by playing the unemployed against the employed, but then, as now, it would be necessary to his existence that he should limit production and therefore limit the number of producers. With the monopoly of land, the source of wealth, and capital, the tool for its production, still at his back, his limitation could easily be maintained. Consequently, under universal unionism, individual pay might be higher, but as the unionist in work would be compelled to support the unionist out of work, the aggregate earnings of labor would probably not be increased and the advantage would be one of little value. Nor, while production is for profit and not for use, can things be altered for the better.

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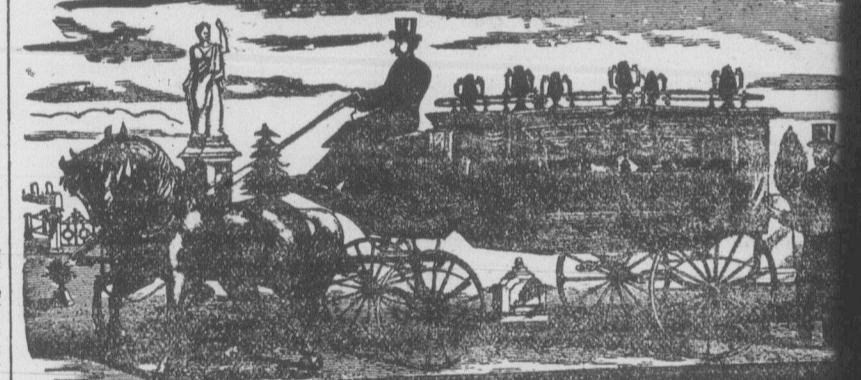
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