

Half of the district of Lunenburg is inundated, and fifteen villages are submerged. Eight persons have been drowned, and 900 are homeless. The Elbe is rising.

The London Police forms an army 13,800 strong, a force scarcely equal, however, to the supervision of a district with a radius of 15 miles from Charing Cross, an area of 688 square miles, and a population of 5,360,000.

The total income of London charities in 1887 was four millions and a half of money. Of this a million is spent on foreign missions. Another three-quarters of a million is spent on Bible and tract societies and "home" missions. The hospitals have an income of a little more than half a million. The sums are pounds sterling.

Seven thousand hares were recently shipped from England to parties on the eastern shore of Virginia, and have been turned loose upon some of the smaller islands along the Atlantic coast. It is hoped in this way to replenish the original stock of old hares which between pothouse hunters and red foxes, was rapidly becoming extinct.

The phenomenon of thirteen trumps in hand at whist occurred in the United Service Club at Calcutta on January 9. A Judge and three physicians were the players, and they and the witnesses made due record of it. The pack was perfectly shuffled and cut, and the dealer held the hand, turning up the knave of clubs. Pole has calculated that the chance of this event occurring is one in 158,750,000,000.

The colony of Victoria has a wheat area for the crop of 1887 of 1,121,000 acres, against 1,031,000 for 1886. The yield per acre is 12.99 bushels, against 11.70 for 1886. The aggregate is 14,562,000 bushels, with 7,220,750 available for export, against 12,071,000, with 4,973,323 available for export in 1886-7. New wheat, of which but little was offering in Melbourne in January, was promptly secured at 82 cents per bushel.

Max Kayser, aged 25 years, formerly a member of the Prussian Diet, has died at Bredan from a partial excision of the larynx at the hands of skillful surgeons, despite the fact that he had previously undergone the operation of tracheotomy, which greatly diminished the risk of the former operation. Within six months two such cases have terminated fatally. In one of the cases, where Dr. Bergmann operated, the patient died in four days. The result in these cases is considered to justify Dr. Mackenzie's opposition to the excision of the Emperor's larynx.

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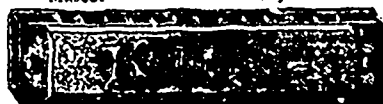
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