

In the Old World.

Violent Opposition to Missionary Work in Japan.

Progressive Programme Proposed by the French Premier.

Radical Land Reform Scheme of a Russian Count.

Acute Stage of the Financial Crisis Probably Passed—Eight Sailors Sworn from a Yardarm and Drowned—The Czar Said to be Afflicted With Cancer.

A Japanese Volcano Makes Trouble.

SHANGHAI, May 21.—A volcano named Sanjiao has become active and that widespread disaster has been caused by its eruptions.

Going to Cool Off.

BERLIN, May 21.—The Kaiser will start June 29 for a short sea voyage on board the imperial yacht Hohenzollern, to the north of Scotland, returning on July 21.

Rumored Illness of the Czar.

BERLIN, May 21.—A Polish paper, Dziennik Bonanski, says it learns from St. Petersburg that a rumor is current there that the Czar is ill. The rumor has it that his Majesty is suffering from carcinoma—that is a cancer, in the stricter sense of the word.

Murderously Jealous.

PARIS, May 21.—A wine merchant named Coups, living in the Rue de la Glacière, became suddenly insane yesterday and shot his wife, son and eldest daughter dead, and seriously wounded his youngest daughter. He then attempted suicide. Jealousy of his wife was the cause of his insanity.

The Company Chasing the Paris.

QUESTUERS, May 21.—The Canard steamship company which sailed from Liverpool yesterday, was delayed here in consequence of derangement of a steam-pipe. She steamed away at 2:45 p.m. at high speed so as to overtake the American liner Paris which sailed from Southampton yesterday.

Conservatives Oppose Capri.

BERLIN, May 20.—A notable feature of the situation is the Conservative agitation against Chancellor Von Capri. While supporting the Army bill, the Conservatives support any candidate who gives his assent to protectionism, bimetalism and anti-Semitism. Conservative candidates proclaim that the Chancellor's commercial policy is ruining the empire, and they demand that he be replaced.

Gilbert Must Serve His Term.

LONDON, May 20.—Home Secretary Asquith has refused to grant the petition for the release of James Gilbert alias Cunningham, a convict in Portland prison, who was sentenced May 18, 1885, to penal servitude for life for having been connected with the dynamite explosions at the Houses of Parliament and the Tower of London on Jan. 24, 1885. The plea for Gilbert's release was based on the allegation that he has heart disease.

Land Reform in Russia—Wheat Crop.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 21.—The Russian Imperial Council has under consideration a proposal by Count Vorontzoff Dashkoff to make the Russian peasantry direct owners of the land which they now till for the commune.

The reports regarding the crop of winter wheat in European Russia showed that in 184 districts it is excellent, in 303 districts good and in 10 districts bad. Summer wheat in the provinces is generally promising.

Opposition to Missionary Work in Japan.

On the last inst., a fire which raged for five hours destroyed 122 buildings and three temples at Togomura, Japan.

The opposition to missionary work appears to be taking on a violent aspect in Japan. Near Osaka the children at a Catholic mission orphanage, accompanied by three teachers, were returning to the orphanage on the afternoon of April 23, when a party of nine Japanese men charged the procession.

One of the ruffians seized one of the sisters by the throat and after nearly strangling her, threw her down and kicked her savagely about the body, and when she attempted to rise again caught her, afterwards wrenching off her head and tearing it to pieces. Fortunately the police arrived in time to prevent further mischief, and five of the ringleaders were arrested.

The children were badly bruised. A case was that of a native Christian teacher, in the employ of the American mission at Jintzen who was laid hold of by roughs and given a severe beating.

The Financial Thermometer.

LONDON, May 21.—Discount was rather easy during the week at 4½ for three months and 5½ for short bills. The opinion is general that the acute stage of the financial crisis has passed. Small amounts of gold are arriving from France and Holland and supplies from the United States are no longer snapped up for Austria. The steady drain from Vienna greatly increased the gravity of the crisis in Great Britain. The Stock Exchange has undergone a tremendous clearing out, all sorts of weak accounts being eliminated, and no fears are entertained regarding the outcome of the next settlement. Nevertheless, many minor troubles depending upon the Australian difficulties are expected. American railway securities have continued to recover.

At Paris business on the Bourse improved during the week, and prices closed generally higher.

At Berlin a feeling of depression prevailed on the Bourse throughout the week.

Premier Dupuy's Programme.

PARIS, May 21.—Premier Dupuy, at a banquet in Toulouse this evening made a strong speech concerning the Government's programme and the political situation in France. He said that the Cabinet's legislative programme included the passing of laws to deal with the new relations of labor and capital, fiscal reforms, a readjustment of taxation on the principle

that those best able to pay should pay most towards the support of the State, and a measure to regulate civil and religious societies. M. Dupuy admitted that the growth of Republican sentiment in France had been accelerated by the counsel given by the Pope to French Catholics. The advice tendered by Rome with the lofty purpose of promoting peace, he said, had a persuasive power which none could fail to recognize.

In the streets of Toulouse M. Dupuy was received with exceptional enthusiasm.

A Cool Reception.

BERLIN, May 22.—Duke Ernest Günther, of Schleswig-Holstein, brother of the Emperor, has passed the past week in this city. He dined with the Emperor, and made a round of farewell calls in anticipation of his retirement to Schloss-Pinkeneau. The Emperor, who has been utterly disgusted with the gambling scandals surrounding his brother-in-law, refused to receive him, and did not see him during his sojourn in Berlin. The Emperor's intention is to make the young man suffer for some time in disgrace.

Big Home Rule Demonstration.

LONDON, May 22.—The demonstration of the Irish National League of Great Britain in Hyde Park yesterday was a most enthusiastic affair. About 250,000 people were present, and delegates attended from all parts of the league in the kingdom. Speeches were delivered by T. H. O'Connor, M. P., and other Irish leaders, by J. Arch, M. P., the leader in the movement for the emancipation of the English agricultural laborers; by D. Naoroji, N. P., formerly of India and other well known men, and resolutions were adopted approving Mr. Gladstone's home rule plan, and accepting it as a settlement of the Irish question.

Late Canadian News

Sidney Swine Suffer From Contagious Catarrh—The Welland Canal To Be Closed on Sundays.

James Mullen, aged 25, fell into the Gattineau River at Chelsea on Saturday and was drowned.

The Welland Canal will be closed on Sundays from 6 a.m. until 9 p.m., the same as last season.

President Cleveland has appointed Michael J. Hendricks, New Hampshire, consul at Belleville.

The disease from which many pigs have died in Sidney is declared to be contagious epizootic catarrh, caused by exposure to the unusually very severe weather of the season.

At Montreal the water in the river is higher than it has been since 1876, and considerable damage has been done. Part of the cargo of the Draconis is spoiled by the water.

James F. Walker, traffic auditor of the G. T. R., died at his residence, Montreal, Sunday afternoon, aged 51. He was only ill for a few days. He was a prominent Mason and very popular.

Rev. Dr. Thomas, of Toronto, in his sermon in Jarvis Street Baptist Church Sunday night, made a lengthy and eloquent reference to the late Rev. Mr. Ware, drowned at Lindsay on Friday.

Two boys strolling on the beach at Swansea Saturday found the body of an old man partly lying in the water.

The body was recognized as that of Mr. Stevens, whose son is foreman in the Ganacque bolt works. Mr. Stevens was last seen alive on Thursday.

Bishop Racine (Roman Catholic), of Sherbrooke, Que., has donated \$250 to the Protestant hospital of that town.

The deposits in the postoffice savings banks of Canada during April were \$639,725, and the withdrawals \$707,411.

The Quebec Telegraph is authority for the statement that Sir Adolphe Caron will not return to Canada as a Cabinet Minister, and will be asked to exchange places with Mr. Chapleau.

A movement has been started in Ottawa to raise subscriptions from the women in Canada to purchase a sleigh with complete appointments as a wedding present to the Princess Victoria Mary of Teck.

Mr. Wm. H. Cahill, the assistant secretary of the Toronto Reform Association, has been chosen to represent the League of the Cross of Toronto at the World's Fair convention of the Catholic temperance societies to meet at Chicago June 8.

Robert Pearson, a farmer, who lives in Prince Edward, near Concession, has been convicted, on complaint of Deputy Post-office Inspector Macarow, of using cancelled 3-cent postage stamp for forwarding a letter. He paid \$10 fine and \$3 costs.

AT THE BOTTOM.

Disaster to a Steamer Bound for Montreal—Blowing Up the Wrecked Cynthia.

HALIFAX, N. S., May 21.—The steel steamship Craigside, of London, 3,000 tons burden, from Matanzas bound from Montreal, was wrecked about nine miles south-west of Whitehead Friday night and immediately filled and foundered in deep water. The crew landed at Raspberry, near Light station, in their boats in safety.

MONTREAL, May 20.—The steam schooner Florence, of Quebec, Capt. Brown in charge, has commenced the work of blowing up the Donaldson Line steamer Cynthia, which was run down and sunk by the Allan liner Polyneesian, three years ago. The divers report traces of several dead bodies in the forecastle of the ship.

Succeeds Hon. E. Blake.

TORONTO, May 21.—Mr. Amelius Irving, Q. C., was elected treasurer of the Ontario Benchers' Law Society, in succession to Hon. E. Blake, M. P., whose Parliamentary career in England prohibits him from longer holding the position.

The Nicaragua Revolution.

PANAMA, May 21.—The Government of Nicaragua notified the Pacific Mail Steamship Company that their vessels must not stop at San Juan while that port is in the hands of the revolutionists, but may land passengers, mail and freight at Corinto. No movements of importance are being attempted by the revolutionists, as they are waiting for more arms and ammunition.

The great trouble with the man who learns to play poker is that when he gets the game learned he hasn't anything to play it with.

SAGINAW SCORCHED!

The Best Part of the City Reduced to Ashes.

One Man Burned to Death and Another Missing—275 Buildings Destroyed—Loss Nearly \$1,000,000.

SAGINAW, May 21.—A fire fanned by a strong southwest gale yesterday afternoon destroyed the fairest portion of Saginaw. The little spark was said to have started on its career from the chimney of Briggs & Cooper, on what is known as the middle ground, and lodged in the dismantled mill plant of Sample & Camp, on the docks of which was a number of piles of lumber. The Bristol street bridge was partly destroyed. Thence the flames leaped to the east side, just below Bristol street and north of the City Hall, where were located a large number of buildings, including those of the residence of J. F. Winkler's ice house. At the residence on Pilsen street and on both sides of Washington avenue down to Holden street were quickly licked up. Then the sparks were carried across the bayou into the premises of the George F. Cross Lumber Company, the planing mill, and a dozen tenement houses meeting like snow. Next came the Allington Curtis Manufacturing Company's extensive plant and Passot's old soap factory, all of which were wiped out. Here the fire struck Jefferson avenue, and in a hour some of the finest residences in the city were in ashes, the sweep being clean north to Emerson street, where the fire continued eastward, south of and along Emerson street toward the city limits. It cut a wide swath on Owen, Howard, Sheridan and Warren avenues and other streets east. St. Vincent's Orphan's Home succumbed early, but the inmates were all removed to places of safety. The patients were all moved from St. Mary's Hospital, which was in extreme danger for a time, but was spared. The fury of the gale carried the sparks long distance, and at 6 o'clock had reached the magnificent planing mill, factory and lumber yard of E. Germain, which was destroyed, as well as a large number of dwellings in that section of the city. It is impossible at this hour to give a correct account of the losses and insurance. The former will reach nearly \$1,500,000, with probably an insurance of nearly \$7,000,000.

Fully 1,000 men employed in factories burned and thrown out of employment and hundreds of families are homeless, as about 300 buildings were burned.

The heaviest losses are as follows: Brown & Ryan, lumber, \$8,000; J. F. Winkler, ice houses and barns, \$15,000; Frank Judge, hotel, \$3,500; Judge Holden, residence and barn, \$12,000; Frank Plumb, residence, \$4,000; Mrs. H. Spindler, two houses, \$7,000; George F. Cross Lumber Company, \$40,000; Allington-Curtis Manufacturing Company, \$150,000; E. Germain, planing mill, factory and lumber, \$2,000,000; Simpson & Emery, five dwellings, \$12,000; Charles Holland, residence, \$4,500; P. McArthur, two houses, \$8,000. The foregoing only includes a few of the larger losses.

John Clark, of Owen street, was burned to a crisp. Several other persons are reported missing.

LATE ESTIMATES OF THE LOSS.

SAGINAW, Mich., May 21.—The body of a man supposed to be John Clark, who was killed in the fire, was found this morning at Reel, Turner, aged 89 years. He was feeble, and resided with his daughter, Mrs. Charles Holland. When the house of the latter burned, he wandered away and was burned to a crisp. Clark is still unaccounted for.

A close estimate places the number of buildings destroyed at 275, and the total loss sustained at \$900,000. The total insurance will aggregate about \$900,000.

TERSELY TOLD.

Five of the largest distilleries in Peoria, Ill., have withdrawn from the trust.

Geo. Smith and Daniel Murphy, of Houghton, Mich., were captured in a row-boat Saturday evening and drowned.

The World's Fair, 2nd show is to be postponed until the 20th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd Sept., as the building is not yet ready.

At a recent meeting of the Berlin medical societies Prof. Vichow said the recurrence of cholera anywhere in Germany this year was improbable.

The anniversary of the battle of Bunker Hill was celebrated in Charleston, Mass., yesterday by a pageant which eclipsed all previous demonstrations of this kind.

Fire on board the steamship Roanoke, of the old Dominion Line at New York, Sunday, did \$10,000 damage. Four men on the vessel narrowly escaped suffocation.

At Marietta, O., Geo. Tankford, a saloon keeper and prize fighter, shot and instantly killed his wife and then killed himself. The couple had been married six months and had quarreled constantly.

In a freight wreck on the Pennsylvania railroad near Thorndale, Pa., Saturday night, Engineer C. W. Mann and Fireman John McCann, of Erie, were badly injured, the former dying Sunday afternoon. The fireman is in a serious condition.

Wm. Hickes, a printer, was burned to death at Romeo, Mich., on Friday. He came from Georgetown, Ont., where his mother resides. He had a wife, but her whereabouts is unknown. A subscription was raised by citizens of Romeo, and he was buried there Saturday.

The funeral of the veteran actor, James Murdoch, was held at Cincinnati on Friday. About 200 persons, including the professor, were gradually coming to light. Prof. Koch has long been identified with Bertha Forten, an actress in Director Barnum's company.

Miss Forten, who is expected soon to become Mrs. Koch, came here from a Russian theater, and was engaged for Barnum more for her personal attractions than for her art. She has a fine figure and even with these advantages to rise above trivial roles. When she first appeared in this city she had a rich friend of about her own age, but threw him over soon after meeting Prof. Koch, although he is a grandfather while she is but 32 years old.

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MLLE. NIKITA.

Who Will Sing in 104 Concerts at the World's Fair.

Mlle. Nikita, the American girl who created such a furore in Germany and Russia, will sing at 104 concerts during the World's Fair. Mlle. Nikita is known in private life as Miss Louise Nicholson. The name she bears on the stage is said to have been given her by an Indian chief who, charmed with her voice, carried her off, and kept her until his death, when he bequeathed her to his son, the duty of returning her to her parents. This story, however, Nikita positively denies. She is a Kentucky girl, and went abroad when she was 12 years old to study. She has just passed her 20th year. She has appeared as a prima donna in opera all over Germany and Russia; and has been presented to the Czar and Czarina, and to the kings of Denmark and Greece. Personally Nikita is much more attractive than her picture would indicate. Her expression is one of constantly varying intelligence. She converses charmingly, and is at home in seven modern languages. She is small and slender, and the possessor of a little hand which seems almost too slight for the wealth of brilliant vocal notes which she produces. Her warmest friends number some of the greatest living musicians, among them Rubinstein, under whose baton she sang in St. Petersburg when she was but 17. She carries to Chicago Ardit's manuscript score of a vocal waltz written for her. Her favorite roles are in Romeo and Juliet and in Faust, both of which she has studied closely with Gounod.

FIRES FOREST FIRES

Raging Around Cadillac, Michigan—Sad Loss of Life.

CADILLAC, Mich., May 21.—Terrible forest fires are raging all around here. The sawmill of Edward Mergeride, four miles south of here, was burned yesterday morning.

The lumber camp of Louis Sanders, near Lake City, was burned Friday night and four men were burned to death. Eight others are missing. The horses were all burned and the camp is totally destroyed.

A farmhouse near Turin was destroyed, and the farmer, his wife and two children lost their lives.

THE COLUMBIAN FAIR.

Fifty Thousand People Witness the Electrical Illuminations—A "Closed" Sunday.

CHICAGO, Ill., May 21.—For the first time all the electric illuminations of the exposition were seen last night, and the grand spectacle was witnessed by over 50,000 people.

Tens of thousands of men and women wandered aimlessly up and down the grounds, outside the World's Fair grounds to-day peering wistfully through the closed gates of the White City and murmuring regrets at their inability to gain admittance. Some of the louder spoken ones called down maledictions on the powers that sealed the beauties of the fair to them, but on the whole the crowd was an orderly one. Men kept their tempers, evidently buoyed up by the belief that to-day would be the last day of Sunday closing. It was by far the largest throng that turned since the exposition opened.

Havana's Sugar Crop.

HAVANA, May 22.—The result of the sugar season, which ended Sunday, shows that the yield of the whole island will amount to about 750,000 or 800,000 tons, which is considerably below the average total production.

His Last Sermon.

AMHASA, Tex., May 22.—Rev. James McLeary, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, while delivering his Sunday morning sermon, fell dead in the pulpit. The bursting of a blood vessel in his head was the cause. His daughter was in the congregation.

A New Wrinkle.

BALTIMORE, May 22.—Two men carrying satchels called on Lorony Meyers, a boss plumber, to-day, and offered to sell him some hair dye. Meyers, who is quite old, was alone in his store at the time. Taking seats on either side of the old man the visitors opened their satchels, took out some bottles, and assured Meyers that they could transform the color of his hair from white to black in a minute. One of the men removed the cork from a bottle and compelled Meyers to take a good whiff. Almost instantly he fell into a stupor. The men then rifled the money drawer, helped themselves to various articles, and walked out. The police say this is a new one on them.

A Professor in Love.

BERLIN, May 22.—The reasons of Mrs. Koch for obtaining a divorce from her husband, the famous bacteriologist and professor, are gradually coming to light. Prof. Koch has long been identified with Bertha Forten, an actress in Director Barnum's company.

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Hailstorm and Flood.

Disastrous Deluge of Ice Around Pittsburgh, Pa.

One Man Fatally Injured and Much Property Damaged.

The Ottawa and St. Lawrence Rivers Still Rising—Many Buildings Inundated.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 20.—At 3:50 o'clock this afternoon Pittsburgh and vicinity was visited by the most violent hailstorm ever known here. The effect was most disastrous, both to life and property. Heavy black clouds suddenly obscured the light of the sun, while the air became oppressively hot. Following a terrific electric flash came the crash and roar of thunder, shaking the very earth. Before man or beast could seek a cover the deluge of ice came in all its intensity, and for five minutes there was a war of elements most terrifying. Telephones and telegraph wires were prostrated in every direction; electric and cable cars were stopped by broken wires or debris choking the conduits, and for a time traffic was suspended.

The effect of the hail caused numerous accidents by frightening horses that broke away from their drivers. John Downey, the driver of one team, was dragged several squares and fatally hurt. Michael Dunn, aged 14, was almost electrocuted by stepping on an electric light wire on Second avenue. The funeral of Joseph Craig was proceeding along Stockton avenue, Allegheny, when the storm broke. In an instant there was terrible confusion. Some of the teams ran away, crashing into each other, and trampling the dead.

The hail was so heavy that the horses were badly damaged. It is reported that the casket was broken open. Many of the ladies in the party fainted. The funeral was postponed. An almost identical experience befell a funeral cortege as it entered the gates of the Allegheny Cemetery at Monacaeville. Various estimates place the damage above \$500,000.

On Neville Island in the Ohio River the damage to garden and farm products is estimated at over \$100,000. The storm carried off the north and passed westward, carrying destruction along its pathway.

Dispatches from many surrounding towns tell of the ruin wrought. At Marietta, O., a number of buildings were destroyed. Great destruction is reported in the Belmont, Eureka and Sisterville oil fields.

OTTAWA, May 21.—The water in the Ottawa River has risen one foot in the past 24 hours. The lumber piles at the Chaudiere are partially submerged. The Ayler road on the Hull side of the river has been partially covered with water near the falls. About 40 houses in the village of Gattineau Point are nearly half under water. The occupants have removed the furniture.

MONTREAL, May 21.—The water in the St. Lawrence is slightly higher to-day and would not work more than ten hours per day. The mill owners held an informal conference afterwards and about decided that they would not agree to a reduction in a day's work, even if it resulted in their having to sit down the mills.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 31.—The Willamette River in this city is now 21 feet above the low water mark. A number of houses along the river front on the east side have been upset and wrecked. The river is almost on a level with the streets and all indications point to a further rise. Dispatches from interior points along the Columbia River and its tributaries are very disheartening.

IN LABOR'S FIELD.

The Chaudiere Mill Hands Want Shorter Hours.

OTTAWA, May 21.—The mill owners of the Chaudiere have received a circular stating that after June 1 the mill men would not work more than ten hours per day. The mill owners held an informal conference afterwards and about decided that they would not agree to a reduction in a day's work, even if it resulted in their having to sit down the mills.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., May 21.—Three hundred trismen employed by the Vandalia, Big Four and Chicago and Eastern roads here yesterday struck for an increase of pay from \$1.20 to \$1.30. The Vandalia has paid off and discharged its men.

LONDON, May 21.—The bitterness of the union dockers at Hull does not abate. Instances of the abuse of non-unionists in the streets are multiplying almost hourly. The dragoons and extra police remain on duty.

A Great Star-Finder.

BOSTON, Mass., May 22.—Prof. Pickering, of Harvard, was interviewed yesterday on the newly-completed Brude photographic telescope which is to be sent to Arica, Peru. He said the telescope, which will make a complete sidereal map every year, is more powerful as a star-finder than any instrument in the world. Prof. Pickering has said the new telescope marks a distinct departure in astronomy and will enable astronomers to make many new discoveries as well as radical changes in present astronomical data.

For the Plebiscite.

BOWMANVILLE, May 22.—At the second annual convention of the Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor of Durham and Northumberland held here last week a large number of delegates were present. The following resolution on temperance, moved by the Rev. D. S. Houck, of Enfield, and seconded by the Rev. R. D. Fraser, of Bowmanville, was unanimously adopted by a standing vote of the audience: "That, whereas the liquor traffic is the cause of so much evil, and whereas the Provincial Parliament intends giving the people of Ontario a plebiscite on the prohibition of the importation, manufacture and sale of intoxicants; therefore be it resolved that the Counties' Union of Y. P. S. C. E. pledge itself to assist in rolling up as large a majority as possible for prohibition."

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Will Cure Coughs, will Cure Croup, will Cure Asthma, will Cure Bronchitis, will cure all affections of the Throat and Lungs. For sale by all druggists. Price 25 cents.

BIG BLAZE AT ST. LOUIS.

One Hundred and Fifty Horses Burned to a Crisp—Loss \$200,000.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 22.—A fire which broke out at midnight destroyed \$200,000 worth of property and caused the loss of a human life. A few minutes before 12 o'clock an alarm was sounded from the corner of Channing avenue and Locust street. The fire, which was of incendiary origin, completely destroyed the three-story brick block on the corner mentioned occupied by the C. M. Crumm Livery Company. One hundred and fifty horses were burned to a crisp, and the entire livery outfit, phaetons, and other vehicles, harness, etc., were destroyed. On the second floor Jas. Quinn, foreman, his wife and eight children were asleep. They had narrow escapes, and Eddie, a 7-year-old boy, was fatally burned.

THE WORLD'S FAIR SUNDAY.

The Presbyterian General Assembly Gratified at Sabbath Closing—A Vigorous Protest.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—In the Presbyterian General Assembly to-day the action on Sabbath observance recommended the adoption of the resolutions setting forth that the assembly expresses its profound gratitude to Almighty God for the success of the effort to secure in our Nation a prohibition of Sunday opening at the Columbian Exposition and its appreciation of the action of Congress in deciding, by so large a majority, to continue the time-honored course of the American people in doing reverence to the Lord's Day. It joins the whole church in hearty thanksgiving that we have been spared the humiliation of a Christian nation of the public sanction of the opening of the World's Fair and it hereby voices what it believes to be the well nigh unanimous judgment of the church in representing in declaring that any attempt after this public and official expression of the nation to open the gates of the exposition on Sabbath, would be gross affront to the Christian conscience and a flagrant breach of faith.

BIGGEST MAN ON EARTH.

Weights 907 Pounds, Is Six Feet Five Inches Tall, and Is Still Growing.

FRANKFORT, Ind., May 22.—Citizens of this vicinity yesterday had an opportunity to behold the greatest living man in avoirdupois. John Hanson Craig, with his wife and 3-year-old child, was visiting James Anderson and James McPherson, relatives. Craig's home is in Danville, Hendricks county, but he has been in the show business since his babyhood. In answer to questions he said:

"I now weigh 907 pounds, and am 37 years old. At birth I weighed 11 pounds; at 11 months I weighed 77 pounds; at 2 years, 200 pounds. At that time I took the \$1,000 premium at Barnum's baby show in New York city, in the year 1858. At 5 years I weighed 392 pounds; at 13 years, 405 pounds; at 20, 601 pounds; at 22, 725 pounds; at 27, 758 pounds; at 28, 774 pounds; at 29, 791 pounds; at 30, 806 pounds; at 31, 836, and my present weight is just 907 pounds. I am 6 feet and 5 inches high, measure 3 feet and 4 inches around the hips, 18 inches around the ankle, 29 inches around the knee, 66 inches around the thigh next to body. I require 41 yards for a suit of clothes and 3 pounds of yarn for stockings."

Mrs. Craig is a good-looking blonde, weighs 130 pounds, and formerly accompanied her husband in the role of snake charmer as "Zola Ayres." When asked how long they had been married, she laughingly remarked that they were first married in 1882, but that they were just now enjoying their second honeymoon, as they were divorced in January, and remarried but a couple of weeks ago. Mr. Craig explained the trouble, stating that his wife had expressed a desire to learn fashioning and dressmaking, and that he granted. She applied for a divorce, it was granted, and she went to Terre Haute and learned her trade. She then returned home and they were remarried. Mr. Craig has been all over Europe and in every important city in the world. They went from here to Dayton, where Mrs. Craig was born and raised.

Robbers at Bay.

TACOMA, Wash., May 22.—A break for liberty was made yesterday by the alleged Roslyn robbers, Geo. McCarthy and Rais Lewis, in Ellensburg jail. When the robbers had escaped a battle occurred in the streets between them and citizens, one of the latter being wounded. The robbers then ran into a private house. The marshal followed and captured them.

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