

Five Spring Valley women, with infants in their arms, came to Galesboro, Ill., last week, to beg provisions and clothing for the families of miners there. A committee of citizens will canvas the place for them. They represent the families of Spring Valley strikers, are very destitute, and say the women have gone out in companies to the leading cities of the state to beg for their children.

Some United States vessel owners demur to the fee of 50 cents charged for each entry inwards and clearance outwards at Canadian ports, and, alleging discrimination, are appealing to Washington with a view to having their case represented to Ottawa. There is really no discrimination, British coasting vessels being subject to the same charges, while the United States does not grant coasting privileges to Canadian bottoms.

Acting Secretary Walker has received the following cablegram from Rear Admiral Gherardi, commanding the naval force on the North Atlantic station. "Legitimate accepted terms offered and embarked on board a French corvette. It is not known where he will go. Hippolyte's forces occupied the town on Friday morning. I have notified diplomatic corps that I will do all I can to prevent riot. French and English captains will act under my orders. It is very important that the new Minister should be sent immediately."

The complaints of ill-treatment and swindling upon the part of United States consular officers in the Maritime Provinces, practiced upon American sailors who have been unfortunate enough to apply to them for aid or advice, have been continually received at the State Department for some time; but it has been only recently that the authorities took any action in the matter, the result being the catching of Consul Alfred W. Hart, of Canso, N. S., in a scrape that may interfere materially with his future liberty. Numerous complaints against this man led recently to Inspector Coogan, of the secret service, being sent to investigate, resulting in the discovery of a wholesale system of robbing American sailors and defrauding the Government on bills contracted to supply shipwrecked crews.

The agitation against tithes, and in favor of disestablishment in Wales, seems to be gaining strength.

The death was recently recorded of M. Damala, husband of Sara Bernhardt, from cerebral congestion.

Labouchere, the famous London editor, contemplates visiting the United States as soon as Parliament adjourns.

A severe earthquake shock was felt throughout Greece on Monday. Serious damage was done in several towns.

The Swedish composer, Ivar Hallstrom, has just completed an opera, "Neaga," the libretto of which is by Queen Elizabeth of Roumania.

It is again announced that the Pope is making preparations to leave Rome. It is understood that a residence on the Balearic Islands has been offered to him by Spain.

According to the most reliable estimates, the population of London is now 4,250,000. Of this number 900,000, or more than one-fifth, are in receipt of some form of pauper relief.

Prof. Thompson, the inventor of electric welding, has perfected a process by which the rails of street or steam railways may be welded together by electricity, after being placed in position.

Lady Landsdowne, wife of the Governor-General of India, is working energetically to carry out the philanthropic scheme proposed by Lady Dufferin for supplying medical aid to the women in India.

Thirty four thousand men will take part in the autumn manoeuvres of the French Army, which will be held in the Eastern Provinces. Officers from the armies of all nations are expected to be present.

Jerusalem seems now to be a rapidly growing city. This is due to the great number of Jews who are flocking there yearly. They now number 30,000 more than the Moslem and Christian populations combined.

A despatch from Athens says that the negotiations between Chakir Pasha, Governor, and the Cretan commission have been ruptured. *Poligenesia* regards the peaceful solution of the question doubtful.

Doctor Charles Theodore, Duke of Bavaria, the philanthropic physician, recently celebrated at Tegernsee, in Bavaria, his removal of the thousandth cataract from the eyes of his poor patients. It was made the occasion of a great ovation.

The *Irish Catholic* publishes a list of subscribers to the land corporation guarantee company, the counter-movement to the Irish League. The subscriptions amount to £115,473. The list includes all the landlords and agents prominent in the land struggle.

Mrs. Maybrick, the Liverpool murderess, has had her sentence commuted to imprisonment for life, but as the doubt was only as to the quantity of poison administered, the Home Secretary holds out no hope of further mitigation. It is doubtful if she is in a condition to live for any length of time.

In accordance with custom, the *Court Journal* of London, which announced the completion of Queen Victoria's 70th year, gave the ages of her royal contemporaries as follows. King of the Netherlands, 72; King of Denmark, 71; King of Wurtemberg, 66; Emperor of Brazil, 63; King of Saxony, 61; King of Sweden and Norway, 60; Emperor of Austria, 58; King of the Belgians, 54; King of Portugal, 50; King of Roumania, 50; Sultan of Turkey, 46; King of Italy, 45; Emperor of Russia, 44; King of the Hellenes, 43; King of Bavaria, 41; King of Siam, 33; German Emperor, 30; Emperor of China, 17; King of Servia, 12; and the King of Spain, 3.

Railway constructors in Japan have to meet an unusual number of difficulties owing to the physical geography of the country. One line of 205 miles in length involves the construction of ten tunnels, 16,000 feet long, and the bridging of eleven rivers. One of the latter has a velocity in time of flood of twenty-seven feet per second, and in another the brick piers have to be sunk to a depth of eighty feet. A range of mountains is crossed at a height of 1,468 feet. Part of another line ascends to a height of 3,144 feet, and during five months of the year work is rendered impossible by the snow.

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