

THE WAR IN EUROPE.—The French press is still desirous of peace, and says the defence of Paris is impossible. The French have suffered two defeats lately, one between Villers and Seleux, and the other near Milliers. Reports also state that a Bavarian soldier attempted the assassination of King William. It is rumored that no collision will take place between Russia and England, owing to the treaty of 1856, and that a Congress of nations will take place in England in January, where the matter will be adjudicated, and that Russia is now peaceable.

Clearing Forest Lands.

MR. LUTHER:—Sir.—The enclosed article was written by J. S. Schultz for the Shoe and Leather Reporter, and is designed to correct some erroneous notions which some people hold in regard to hemlock land.

The article refers to Montmorency, which is well known to all around this section, and the facts were obtained of Col. Wilcox and others, who are perfectly conversant with them.

Yours, truly, J. SCHULTZ.

Many years ago, a gentleman of large wealth, living in Philadelphia, determined to clear a few hundred acres of his vast possessions in the northern counties of Pennsylvania. He selected for his experiment four hundred acres of most beautifully situated hemlock timber land. The growth of the trees indicated great strength of soil, and as he had many thousand acres of these lands in the same vicinity, he determined to test the truth of the theory so prevalent, that hemlock lands are cold and unproductive. With this view he had felled, at the proper season of the year, a square of 400 acres. Tanners will appreciate the growth of hemlock timber on this land when they are assured that it would yield 15 to 20 cords of bark to the acre, in addition to that which might have been obtained from the hard wood, which, in that section, constitutes about one-quarter to one-third of the growth. Some idea of the amount of timber on this land, may be obtained from the fact that, when this fall was burned over, the heat was so intense that large limbs of trees were carried great distances by the strong currents of air created.

For two or three years this land produced wheat in prolific quantities, and for perhaps double this period produced grass; but finally it lost its power, and today it is a barren waste, hardly producing grass enough to pay for mowing.

The conclusion seems to be that hemlock lands soon wear out, and are comparatively worthless. Against this conclusion I want to present a few considerations. I wish I could base them on chemical knowledge, and thus make them authoritative; but they will be such facts and conclusions as seem to me satisfactory.

The lands occupied by the evergreens—such as pine, hemlock and the like—do not annually throw off their foliage as do the other trees of the forest; and for this reason, no doubt, the hemlock forest does not accumulate so much vegetable soil as the land covered with oak, maple, &c. But what matters it how much of this accumulated soil there is if it is all consumed when the fallow is burned over, as was evidently the case when these 400 acres were cleared?

It must be within the experience of all persons familiar with fallow burning, that where logs are heaped and burned it often happens that the soil and earth are burned to the depth of one or two feet, until either stone or hardpan is reached. This log heap deposits, of course, more or less ashes, which is a fertilizer, and will for a few years produce good crops, but after the effect of the ashes passes away there is no soil left.

In the experiment under consideration, the whole 400 acres were a log heap, and the accumulated vegetation of a thousand years or more was destroyed in one day, while in its place was left a deposit of wood ashes; that is the whole case, and truly describes the practical clearing of forest lands all over the country.

The richer and stronger the soils, of course, the taller and stouter will be the forests, and, when cleared in the usual way, the more certain will be the destruction. A moderate fire, such as will be produced by the burning of limbs, tops and brushwood, when well spread over the ground, is at advantage, since the chips and debris of clearing would be all consumed.

The First Senatorial District.

[From the Mauch Chunk Coal Gazette.]

Since our last issue Mr. Watt the member of our State Senate from the first district has died. This leaves the present delegation to the Senate a tie—16 Republicans and a like number of Democrats. Mr. Watt's place can only be filled by an election in his district which must be called by the speaker of the Senate, and which must take place not later than thirty days after said call shall be made. Whether Mr. Speaker White will make this call before the meeting of the Legislature we have no means of knowing. The First Senatorial District is politically very close, and the result of an election considerably doubtful. The Republicans, during the last Congressional election, were divided into two factions, and the feeling between them was quite bitter. This state of things, to some degree, still, unfortunately, exists. Mr. Watt had two years yet to serve. His seat was contested by his Democratic opponent, and it was only at the close of the last session of the Legislature that that Committee reported in his favor and he was confirmed in his election. There are quite a number of candidates offering for the unexpired term, but they have all been more or less connected with the rival factions mentioned. We regret to see this, and hope that all these parties will withdraw their claims, and unite upon some competent candidate who has been in no way connected with the late family fight. There are many such in that district, and it is of the highest importance that a Republican should be returned from it. This can be done by a united effort, and the Senate saved to our party. Never was there a time when in an election in a single district it was so important that harmony should prevail. The loss of this election will give a majority of one to the Democrats in the State Senate, an evil which we sincerely hope will not occur. With a hearty pull—and a pull altogether—this evil can be avoided. During the next session of the Legislature many important measures will be presented, and it is extremely necessary that the majority in the Senate should be good and pure men.

The Murder of Engineer Kellogg.

The shooting of Engineer Kellogg by Surgeon King at Key West, was given in our telegraphic despatches a few days since. A Washington correspondent gives the following particulars: The Navy Department to-day received news of the fatal affray at Key West, between surgeon William M. King and Chief Engineer Mortimer L. Kellogg, which resulted in the almost immediate death of the latter. The particulars, beyond those contained in the despatch sent by Capt. Clary of the Terror, have yet been received at the department; but officers here, who are acquainted with both parties, have no difficulty in accounting for the affray and its terrible result.

Chief Engineer Kellogg, the officer who met his death so tragic a manner, was well known as a most quarrelsome man, and a very irritable and disagreeable messmate. His assistant, Dr. King, is a pompous, overbearing, and blustering officer, and, at times, particularly insulting. He always carried a Der-ranger pistol, and frequently displayed it in a most offensive manner. Both gentlemen possessed unfortunate habits, and, when in their cups, were exceedingly disagreeable companions.

The opinion here is that a quarrel over some trifling matter resulted in Kellogg's slapping the doctor's face, who in return drew his Derringer and fired. Kellogg is said to have died almost instantly. As the affray took place on shore, the doctor was at once arrested by the civil authorities, and held to await the action of the grand jury. The offense of murder not coming within the category of military crimes in time of peace, the naval authorities will have nothing to do with the matter beyond dismissing Dr. King as soon as he shall have been convicted in a civil court.

Capt. Clary's dispatch says that an inquest was held on the body of Mr. Kellogg, and that the jury rendered a verdict of manslaughter in the second degree. In the absence of further particulars, this would indicate that great provocation had been offered for the deed. Of the two men, Kellogg seems to have been the most liked in the service; therefore, sympathy here is entirely with him, and much sorrow is expressed at his tragic end. Both officers were attached to the monitor Terror.

The term of Senator Robertson, of South Carolina will expire March 4. He is a candidate for re-election. The Attorney-General of the State, Mr. Chamberlain, the Comptroller General, Mr. Nagle, and the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordeza (colored,) are among the aspirants for the position.

RELIGIOUS DEPARTMENT.

REV. C. M. HEARD, EDITOR.

'He Has Said It.'

Several years ago, when preaching for a time at a church on the other side of the Atlantic, my attention was attracted by a little girl, Sabbath after Sabbath, in the corner of a certain pew. She invariably kept her dark sparkling eyes fixed on the minister, indicating an undivided attention. Several times I had determined to speak to this infantile worshiper after the service, but before reaching her she was always gone. Week after week I watched her, and found that like a faithful sentinel, she was ever at her post, manifesting the same devout interest.

On inquiry I found she was not, nor ever had been, a pupil at the Sunday School, and further information proclaimed the fact that she was a beautiful "jily among thorns," or an exquisite flower.

"Born to blush unseen, And waste its sweetness on the desert air"

No friendly hand had led her to the sanctuary, and no one cared for her soul. But Israel's gentle Shepherd sought out his tender lamb, and brought her to his house, where she heard the music of Cavalry, which melted her heart and drew it to Jesus.

One Sabbath, I looked for my little hearer, but she was not there: soon a lady called and requested me to visit a little girl who was sick. On entering the chamber, what was my surprise to find it was my little hearer. On conversing with this dear child of twelve years, I found, to my inexpressible delight, that I was conversing with a mature saint already ripened for glory. Never shall I forget her sweet smile, her more than earthly joy, and her beautiful and unwavering confidence in Jesus. When asked how she knew that Jesus had heard her prayer for her mother, whom she thought she should soon leave, she replied in a voice soft and touching as an Eolian harp: "HE HAS SAID IT. HE HAS SAID IT." That was enough for her. Never did I have a firmer illustration of the meaning of faith, than from the lips of that girl, who in holy triumph soon passed away.

Surely out of the mouth of babes and sucklings the great Redeemer perfects praise. Let not the Church, let not ministers or Sunday School teachers, let not parents suppose that very young children are too young to come to Jesus. He himself declares "of such is the kingdom of heaven."—American Messenger.

SOMETHING TO CHEER.—"I will tell you something to cheer you," said a poor woman to one of the mission school teachers. "One afternoon I was obliged to go, leaving my two children at home alone. I was kept out till long after dark. When I reached my door I heard the little ones talking, and stopped to listen. "I wish mother would come home, I am so afraid," said Tommy. Little Mary spoke up, "Don't cry, Tommy. Don't you know Jesus died for little children, and he'll take care of you and me; don't be afraid; let's sing." Oh, I bless the hour when my children first went to Sunday School," said the mother, with tears of gratitude in her eyes.

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