

on the Continent, in such efforts as have been made to mollify or to control the advanced radicals who advocate the easily understood and extensively popular doctrine that the good of society would be advanced by the abolition of everything-religion, government, property-rights, marriage, and all that makes modern civilization what it isand then having a fresh deal all around, on the principle that one individual is as good as another, if not a little better. It is comparatively easy to declare the Communists crimipals and enemies to society, but the execution of a few hundred such wretches as those implicated in the destruction of Paris will do very little towards crushing out Red Republicanism; and the real statesmen of the day will be those who will seek to discover what the substantial grievances of the masses are, and who will make some practical efforts to relieve them. If this is not done, it is not impossible that other cities may share the fate of Paris.

#### A LAW TO MAKE PHILADELPHIA COMMERCE A PREY TO OFFICIAL SHARKS.

At the meeting of the Board of Trade held last evening a law passed at the last session of the Legislature, but not yet signed by the Governor, was ventilated, which has for its evident object the grant of an opportunity to official sharks, and to future schools of officeholding sharks, to prey upon the languishing commerce of Philadelphia. The bill has the innocent title of "An Act to establish a Board of Port Wardens," but the Secretary of the Board of Trade states that it is "intended to legalize, and authorize to be collected by summary process, a fee of not less than one hundred and fifty dollars from every vessel, and every little shallop of over seventy-five tons burden which shall enter our port, and to compel the masters of the same to make a pilgrimage-in many cases of miles-to enter his shallop;" the sole object being "the exacting, under color of law, of uncarned money by one set of men from another."

It has hitherto been considered that the height of meanness was typified by the conduct of the wretch who stole the pennies from the eyes of a negro corpse, but this distinction should henceforth be reserved for the unscrupulous gentry who devised this scheme to extort money from the vessels plying to the port of Philadelphia, and their legislative accomplices. Time was when offices were created for the public good, and when officials set bounds to their extortionate greed, but this period seems to be rapidly passing away in Philadelphia; and if Governor Geary signs the bill designed to gorge the maws of the sharks of our harbor, we may anticipate at a future session of the Legislature the passage of a law transferring the whole river front to a gang of repacious speculators.

#### THE PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

THE Public Buildings Commission held a meeting yesterday and passed a resolution repealing the former action designating the intersection of Broad and Market streets as the site for the public buildings. This yielding to the clamor of a small body of propertyholders whose interests are directly antago- and untutored hearts to a permanent peace.

time, and thus prevent any further interference with their operations after they have fairly commenced work.

### THE INDIAN QUESTION.

Two phases of the Indian question are again being pressed upon public attention: first, a conflict of opinion between the Indian Peace Commission and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs; and second, a threatened outbreak of the wild tribes of the Southwest against the people of Texas, etc.

All telegraphic reports relating to the controversy between the Indian Commission and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs which credit the latter with extra regard for economy should be received with many grains of allowance. If there ever was a body organized in this country which was animated by pure and patriotic motives, and at the same time endowed with great business sagacity and a high sense of commercial honor. it is the Indian Peace Commission; while, on the other hand, the Commissioner of Indian Affairs is, from the character of his position, and from its inevitable surroundings, necessarily subjected, to a great extent, to the influences typified by the expression of the "Indian Ring." That "Ring" embraces men in many walks of life, including politicians of high standing, Senators and Congressmen, who are experts in the art of stealing the livery of heaven to serve sordid purposes, as well as hosts of speculators who have long fattened upon the spoils of the Indian camp, and who are determined to employ every possible expedient to prevent true reform. The facts relating to one of the existing controversies (that which affects the transportation of Indian goods westward) are given in an article in our local columns, and similar disputes may be apprehended on other subjects, which

find their best explanation in the determination of the Peace Commission to inaugurate a thorough reform, and in the disposition of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to thwart it.

The other phase of the Indian questionwhich relates to a threatened outbreak on the Southwestern frontier-affords a new proof of the inherent difficulty of thoroughly maintaining peace and order in all portions of our wide-spread dominions. The Kiowas, Apaches, and a portion of the Camanches represent the wildest and wickedest tribes in our territory, and at the same time they have been subjected to fewer humanizing or repressing influences than any other considerable body of the aborigines. The veteran in the play who expresses his astonishment at the sudden regard he has conceived for a man with whom he has just fought, had in him much of the spirit animating the Southwestern savages. Scarcely a single tribe among them has ever thought seriously of civilization, or of repressing a natural love for white scalps, before it was well whipped by an American army; and the outlaw Kiowas, Camanches, and Apaches need this discipline before their rude natures can be subdued. One goed campaign against them, however, will, it is to be hoped, teach them the folly of further resistance, and incline their stubborn

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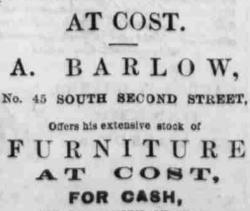
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