

Long's Opinion.

Secretary in Hot Water And May Be Officially Censured.

The excitement at Washington was augmented by the statement of Secretary Long made last week who is noted in all of the papers to the effect that Spain could not be held responsible for the Maine disaster. So severe is the censure that it is probable that a resolution condemning him for indiscretion will be presented in Congress. The diplomatic corps were particularly incensed over this slip, and it has caused them no little embarrassment. The Spanish representatives lost no time making use of the statement, and cabled it verbatim to the Madrid authorities. This has also added intensity and it is plain that a few more breaks of this kind would seriously complicate matters. Secretary Long gave the information as his private opinion and that on the strength of the official statement of the Spanish authorities. The latter was to the effect that there was no mine beneath the Maine. The opinion of Spanish veracity in Washington is not of the highest order, and for this the Secretary is censured more than for the apparent indiscretion. Official participation and official responsibility are regarded as two different things, and it promises to become a ticklish matter for the Secretary to explain away. Of course the more violent jingoes are making the most of it, and thus far they have succeeded in stirring up a hornet's nest.

Mother Has Rosy Cheeks.

"My mother was pale and could not eat. She could hardly get around to do her work. She began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and now she has a good appetite and rosy cheeks and is able to do her own work. We would not be so without Hood's, since it did her so much good." FLORENCE E. POWELL, Kelley Station, Pa.

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In General Business Conditions Are Better.

Greatest Pig Iron Production Ever Known—Finished products in Demand.

R. G. Dun & Co's weekly review of trade for last week says:

Stories of the most reckless sort, disproved promptly, and many of them before they are told, affected speculation in stocks much last week, and at times, this week, but they have not disturbed the industries and the trade of the country at all.

In grain, cotton, meat products and petroleum markets have been strong, with gradual increase in the demand for manufactured products.

Failures in February have been smaller than in any other month, except three of the previous fifty-two months, with remarkable decrease in the failures for \$100,000 and over, though in number and amount the smaller failures show less change than might have been expected, indicating that in good times or bad, a large proportion is due to causes apart from the general condition of business. The ratio of defaulted liabilities to payments through clearing houses is but \$1.71 per \$1,000, a lower rate than has appeared in the first quarter of any year, except 1880 and 1881, of the past twenty-three.

The best evidence of general improvement is the fact that payments through clearing houses for the past week have been 28.0 per cent. larger than in 1892, and outside New York, with its speculative interests, 17.6 per cent. Compared with last year the gain has been 56.2 per cent. for the week and 49.8 per cent. for February.

Production of pig iron is the greatest ever known, some furnaces having started in the past month but Bessemer billets are so scarce at Chicago that some works are embarrassed, and heavy purchases at Pittsburgh have stiffened the price. Foundry at the east is slightly lower, basic pig having been offered in a sharp competition at about \$10. The demand for finished products covers work far ahead in plates, structural forms, sheets and pipe since the advance in oil and in rails, but bar is weak with increasing use of steel.

Wheat has grown stronger, exports continuing at a rate which threatens exhaustion of supply.

Failures for the week have been 251 in the United States against 246 last year and thirty-two in Canada against fifty-nine last year.

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A TAME GULL CHASE

An Ungrateful Bird That Escaped From Its Protector.

I have good cause to remember my first introduction to a sea-bird. I was taking a summer's walk on the cliffs, when I noticed a bird, with its wings outspread to preserve its balance, making it way painfully towards a sheltering bush. There is nothing to my mind quite so pitious as a crippled bird, and it needed but little compassion and curiosity to prompt me to try and do something for my feathered friend. But it was easier said than done. Accustomed as all sea-birds are to fly off screaming their hoarse sea-call of warning, it was scarcely to be expected that a lame gull would stand still to be caught.

After a long chase, which nearly ended in my tumbling over the cliff-side, I succeeded in catching the bird. Its thanks it expressed by making sundry lunges at any available part of my person that happened to be soft. But I think it became grateful, for the number of fish that gull succeeded in eating during its period of convalescence was enough to make a fishmonger's mouth water. Being forced to keep still owing to its leg being bound up in splints, and one of its wings bandaged, the voracious bird must have regarded its injuries much in the same light that a schoolboy regards a cold. It certainly stuffed, morning, noon and night, eating any fish that was brought to its temporary prison.

One morning, three weeks after I obtained my patient, I took it out for an airing. Thanks to considerable washing and cleaning the bird's feathers were like the snow for whiteness, and the large supplies of fish had greatly increased its strength. What happened will conclusively prove that gulls are by no means gullible. It lay so quiet and cozily in my arms that I relaxed my attention, and was actually thinking of the best way to begin to train it to be a civilized bird, when, without a least warning, the gull gave me a parting dig with its beak. At least, that was the first impression that struck me when I found myself "gulled." With a hop, skip and a jump, that ungrateful bird quickly quit a considerable space between us. Talk about a wild goose chase! why, a tame gull chase is infinitely more endless. I finally landed in a gorse bush half way down a gentle slope that led to the beach. I am still waiting for my "kindness" and the gull to flutter back again; for does not the poet say:

Each kindness shown to birds or men is sure to flutter back again.

Lost an Eye Without Pain.

A Springfield oculist tells a curious story which illustrates how the total destruction of a nerve sometimes saves much pain in an accident. A boy came into his office one day and asked him to remove some dust that had got into one of his eyes. The doctor looked at the organ and was startled to find that the eyeball was broken in and totally destroyed. The boy said that he had been walking on the street and a wagon passed close to him. He felt some dust get into his eye, he said, and not being able to get it out went to the oculist. The dust did not hurt him, but he couldn't see very well. The oculist made a thorough examination of the eye and inside the eyeball found the knot, which had come off the end of a whip. It was found that the driver of the wagon had cracked a long whip so that the knot struck the boy in the eye, imbedding the knot in the ball, where it broke off. The boy at the time felt no other sensation than what a speck of dust or a cinder might have made.—Springfield Republican.

Heggs Envy.

A girl in Oneonta, this State, broke off her engagement on the eve of the ceremony because she found a cigar in the pocket of the bridal suit of her young man, who had promised her to give up smoking. Most women are willing to wait till after the wedding before going through a man's pockets.—New York Press.

The Oldest Person.

The oldest person alive at the present date is Jane, Lady Carey, grandmother of the present lord. She was daughter of Major Anthony Cliffe, of New Cross, Ireland; was born in 1798, and in 1816 married the first lord Carey. She is in good health and the full possession of her faculties, can converse agreeably, and still enjoys a game of bezique, and she now belongs to the increasing army of centenarians.—Tit-Bits.

Wedding Varieties in Kentucky.

The marriage of a young lady well known in Paducah, in upper Kentucky, a few days ago, had some very unique features. The bridesmaids were all of as different size, age, type and appearance as possible to get them. The groom is a Presbyterian and the bride an Episcopalian. They were married, however, in a Methodist church by a Baptist minister. The bride kissed all the groomsmen and the groom all the bridesmaids, and the groomsmen and bridesmaids all kissed each other.—Paducah Sun.

Collis P. Huntington.

Everybody knows how Collis P. Huntington became what he is, and what he was before his rise. His story and the story of his three associates, all dead, is positively trite. But he has been powerful and great so long that nobody remembers him as anything else. And he looks what he is. This calm, bewhiskered, ox-eyed and nervous face shows that he has a past. His tall, quick, elastic frame reveals the strength and health of an iron constitution. There is just the slightest tendency in his head to bend forward when he walks, but the plain black gold-headed cane he carries is a habit, not a necessity. He dresses nearly always in black. His coat is the lengthy senatorial frock. His necktie is the plain, old-fashioned cravat. On his shirt is a tiny gold stud, and on the little finger of his left hand is a small ring. Except this and a plain watch chain, he seems to possess no jewelry. He is never shabby, but he is never fashionable. The most flamboyant article of attire he ever wears is a seal-trimmed overcoat, likewise black. He appears to have no modish tastes. Even the marriage of his daughter to a titled foreigner did not lure him to social functions.

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PUBLIC SALE OF VALUABLE TOWN LOTS.

The undersigned administrator, c. t. a. of Catharine Weaver deceased; also attorney in fact for the heirs of Catharine Weaver deceased; and the committee of Margaret Weaver will sell at public auction, at the Court House in Bloomsburg on

SATURDAY, MARCH 19th, 1898, at 2 o'clock p. m. all that certain lot of ground situated in the Town of Bloomsburg, on Market Street, between Third and Fourth Streets, bounded as follows: Beginning at a corner on Market Street on line of land of H. C. Hartman, thence along said street south twenty-five degrees fifty-six minutes west seventy-three and seventy-one hundredths feet to a corner of lot of F. D. Dentler, thence along said lot south sixty-four degrees fourteen minutes west one hundred ninety-two and thirty-nine one hundredth feet to an alley, thence along said alley north twenty-five degrees west seventy-two and eighty one hundredth feet to lot of H. C. Hartman aforesaid, thence along said lot north sixty-three degrees fifty-eight minutes east one hundred ninety-one and seventeen one hundredth feet to Market Street, the place of beginning, whereon is erected a dwelling house, and barn. This is one of the most desirable building lots in Bloomsburg. TERMS OF SALE: Ten per cent. on day of sale; balance of one-fourth on July 1st, 1898, and the remaining three-fourths on April 1st, 1899. C. W. FUNSTON, Administrator c. t. a. of Catharine Weaver dec'd and attorney in fact for heirs of Catharine Weaver dec'd. GEO. E. ELWELL, Committee of Margaret Weaver.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of F. Fa. issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia county and to me directed there will be exposed to public sale at the court house in Bloomsburg, Pa., on SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 1898, at two o'clock p. m. the following described real estate situated in Main township, Columbia County, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Bounded upon the north by land of William Harmon, east by land of S. C. Jeagle, south by land of J. W. John and Mary Bankus and west by land of David John, containing twenty-four acres of land more or less, upon which is erected a frame dwelling house and stable. Seized, and taken into execution on the suit of Catharine Decker vs. Wm. and John Harmony and to be sold as the property of John Harmony. W. W. BLACK, Sheriff.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of Levati Facias, issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia county, Pa., and to me directed, will be exposed to public sale at the Court House, in Bloomsburg, on

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 1898, at 2 o'clock p. m., all that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the town of Bloomsburg, Columbia county, Pa., bounded and described as follows, viz.: Beginning at a point in the west line of land of E. C. Caswell, one hundred and thirty and a half feet south of Sixth street; thence along said line south twenty-four degrees and forty-five minutes, east one hundred and eighty and five-tenths feet to a post, twenty-five feet from the center of tract of the most northerly siding of the Bloomsburg and Sullivan Railroad; thence by land of said Railroad by a right curve with a radius of three hundred and seventy-eight feet for a distance of two hundred and sixty-six feet to a post; thence parallel with said sixth street, north sixty-four degrees and forty minutes, east one hundred and ninety feet to the place of beginning. Seized, taken into execution at the suit of E. R. Heiler, assignee, vs. Bernetta Mears et al., and to be sold as the property of Keystone Foundry and Machine Co. W. W. BLACK, Sheriff 8-3-ts. Ikeler & Ikeler, Attorneys.

PUBLIC SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE.

of Lavina Stout, in Briarbrook township, Columbia county, Pa., deceased.

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m., on the premises, all that certain piece or parcel of land in said township, beginning at a stone in the public road, thence by same south fifty-two and three-fourth degrees, west thirty-eight and four-tenths perches to a stone; thence south one and one-fourth degrees, east eighty-four and seven-tenths perches to a stone; thence north sixty degrees, east forty-seven and six-tenths perches to a stone; thence north eight and one-half degrees, west eighty-five perches to a stone, the place of beginning, containing

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TERMS OF SALE: \$100 on striking down of property, \$20 on confirmation, balance in six months from confirmation with interest to be secured by bond and mortgage on premises. Deed to be delivered on confirmation. C. B. JACKSON, Trustee.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE.

Pursuant to an order of the Orphans' Court of Columbia county, the undersigned Administrator of Mary C. Gruver, deceased, will expose to sale the following described real estate:

VALUABLE HOUSE AND LOT, situated in the Town of Bloomsburg, Columbia county, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point on the south-east side of Third street, in said Town, twenty-five and one-sixteenth feet west from line of lot of lands of the Catholic church and running thence westwardly along said Third street thirty-five feet, more or less, to an alley; thence southwardly along said alley to line of land of S. C. Shive on the rear of the premises hereby conveyed; thence along the same eastwardly thirty-five feet, more or less, to line of land of the Catholic church aforesaid; thence northwardly by the same to the place of beginning, containing twenty and fifteen sixteenths perches of land, more or less, on which are erected a two-story

FRAME DWELLING HOUSE, AND STABLE.

Sale to be held on the premises on TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 1898, at 2 o'clock p. m. Conditions made known on day of sale. JOHN M. GARMAN, Administrator. Ikeler & Ikeler, Attys.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of E. J. Cole, deceased. The undersigned Auditor, appointed by the Orphans' Court of Columbia County, to make distribution of the funds in the hands of the Administrator to and among the parties interested thereto, will meet the parties legally entitled thereto, at his office, at his office in the Town of Bloomsburg, Pa., on Saturday the 19th day of March, A. D. 1898 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, when and where all persons are requested to present their claims against the estate of said deceased or to be forever debarred from coming in for a share thereof. W. A. EVERT, Auditor.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of J. R. Evans, late of Bloomsburg, Pa., deceased. Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of J. R. Evans, late of Bloomsburg, Pa., deceased, have been granted to Andrew L. Fritz, to whom all persons indebted in said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay. ANDREW L. FRITZ, Executor.

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