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John Roach's Failure.

The failure of John Roach under the crown of administration is not surprising since he has been sustained only by his favor. There has been little profit in his business and his contracts are nearly all with the government. With a favorable construction of them and a prompt advance of money from it as the vessels proceeded, the financing to get out even and to meet current obligations was easy enough; but when the government clearly indicated its disposition to deal strictly with its ship-builders it made their load heavy and damaged their credit. Mr. Roach's works were very extensive at Chester and in New York, and required a great deal of money to keep them going. He says his weekly pay-roll was \$30,000. He has been a very large borrower, and with the navy department backing him, he borrowed readily. The great ease in the money market at present would have enabled him to continue to command all the money he wanted, probably, if bankers had not been alarmed at the refusal of Secretary Whitney to accept the Dolphin and the apparent danger that he might refuse to accept the other three vessels that Roach has nearly completed. It is true that only a small balance of \$20,000 is unpaid on the Dolphin, but the secretary has declared his purpose to hold Roach responsible for the amount paid on her account, and probably would have refused to pay anything further on account of the other vessels that are being built, pending the Dolphin dispute.

So it is clear enough that it was the action of the secretary of the navy that precipitated this great failure, which is an undoubted calamity to the country. Yet the secretary cannot be held responsible for this; his action was just; as it certainly cannot be denied to have been, if the Dolphin was not what the contract called for, and if the builders were responsible for her failure to realize expectations. There seems to be no reasonable question that the Dolphin is not as fast as Congress expected her to be, nor as good a sea boat as she should be. But it is not so clear that her builders were responsible for this. She was built, it is conceded, under the immediate direction and superintendence of the navy department, through an advisory board of officers, appointed for the purpose, who planned her and inspected her, and seemingly are responsible for her. The attorney general decides that the builders are responsible for her failure to meet the requirements of the law, notwithstanding she may have been built as directed by the government agents. If this is sound law, it is hard law, certainly; and we doubt somewhat its soundness, despite its high authority. But whatever the law may be on this point, it is clear enough that the builders of the Dolphin, if innocent of her faults, will not be made to suffer by Congress for the delinquencies of the navy department's officers.

Mr. Roach thinks that after a long life devoted to the developing of the ship building industry of the government, he is hardly used to meet at its close abuse and loss of fortune. Mr. Roach has been the chief promoter of ship building industry. He has been an ardent advocate against the doctrine of free ships. In this position he is strongly sustained by the fundamental justification of a just protective policy, that it gives to the nation the ability to create within herself the things that she must have for an independent prosperity. Ships are essential to us, and it is greatly to our advantage that we should be able to build them ourselves.

But Mr. Roach's advocacy of this doctrine was greatly weakened by his personal interest in its success; and his standing in the country has been damaged by his evident disposition to use the government in illegitimate ways for the benefit of John Roach. He may possibly be greatly benefited, but he bears the repute of a canny man who got possession of the navy department and worked it for his own good for all it was worth. He has held it continuously since the war days. Robeson was his agent and Chandler his attorney. He has grown under this favor; and if he has been tempted to extend himself too far, under the belief that he could command it continuously, it is an error of judgment for which he suffers, and in which he is deprived of sympathy by the accredited selfishness, if not dishonesty, of the labors of his life, valuable though they may have incidentally been to the nation.

An Early Right-About.

It is far better to be right than to be consistent. Wise men change their minds sometimes. Only fools never do. We rejoice to see that our esteemed contemporary, the Philadelphia Times, has turned a complete somersault on the question of suppressing the manufacture of oleomargarine by law, and of making its sale for what it is, a penal offense. When the Times first assumed an absurd and illogical position upon this constitutional and commercial question, and applauded the legislature for passing its iniquitous and unconstitutional law, the INTELLIGENCER pointed out why the Times and the legislature and the governor were wrong. In almost similar phrase and with like illustrations, the Times now itself con-

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Found Brocken in a Mill-Race. Early Sunday morning William Lutz discovered the dead body of an unknown man lying in the tail race of the Clifton mills, near Scotland, Franklin county. He was seen by several persons Saturday night and it is supposed to have been the man. The coroner's jury rendered a verdict of accidental drowning. The man was well dressed, five feet ten inches in height and well built. About three hundred country people assembled, many of whom expressed the opinion of foul play.

HILAND DOES THE WORK.

THREE MEN COME IN HIS HIT IN THE EIGHTH INNING.

Kimber Helps the Home Team by Wild Pitching—An Exciting Contest—Christiana Defeats Oxford and Danvers Downs the Reliance, of Mount Carmel.

On Saturday afternoon the crack club from Richmond made its second appearance here this season and there was a fine crowd present to witness the game with the Lancaster. The contest was one of the closest and most exciting seen here this season, and the home club made a narrow escape from a shut-out, but won the game. The pitching of Kimber and Wetzel was very good, but the former was unfortunate in hitting men and giving them bases at critical times. Hiland, the highest-scoring young second baseman of the Virginia, who is a great favorite here, led both teams at the stick, with a home run triple and a single. Neither club scored until the fifth inning when Higgins sent a fine three-bagger to right field and scored on Tule's single, the latter coming in on a passed ball. In the next inning Higgins made a home run on a drive to the fence between center and right field. This stopped the run-getting of the Virginia and it looked very much like a whitewash for the Lancaster. The audience seemed very despondent, but their sorrow was soon turned to joy. After two men had gone out in the eighth inning Wetzel made a double to right field, Parker took his base upon being struck out by the pitcher, and the game was on. With the bases full Hiland came to the bat and drove a very hot ball past Nash. Glenn also failed to stop it and three runs were scored. As a pitcher, Hiland was in the excitement and it was some time before quietness could be restored. In the ninth inning the home team scored, the visitors did nothing in the last half of their inning and when it was found that the home team had really won, the crowd was delighted and cheering.

Thus he is found training with the Liberals while they suit his purpose, and throwing them aside when he deems that the Tory ship can better carry the precious Irish freight. His power with the new ministry was strikingly shown in his motion for an investigation of the Maantrasna murder cases. Though a formal denial of the request was made, it was announced that Earl Carnarvon, the new viceroy, would personally investigate the alleged judicial outrages of the Spencer government.

This is a long step towards justice for Ireland. It has always been Tory policy to claim that Ireland got more than her fair share of consideration. Now the Tories are in advance of the Liberals in their concessions. And the credit for bringing about this wondrous change of sentiment belongs to Parnell. With him in continued leadership, backed by the united sentiment of his race, a brighter sky for Ireland cannot be much longer postponed.

Some of the newspapers are repeating Charles Reade's famous inquiry "why should angels be fools?" apropos of the discussion of women in fictitious literature who have warm hearts and silly heads. The easy answer to this conundrum is, "they ain't."

The world over, in real life the best of womanhood is that which is clear-headed; and wealth of true affection is not inconsistent with the largest intelligence.

Will young women heed the warning? Two hundred persons were recently poisoned at Ripetta, Sicily, by eating ice cream!

There is nothing more worthy of the zealous attention of philanthropists than the providing of model homes for the poor of a great city. Particularly in this sweltering weather, when the homes of the well-to-do are little else than bake-ovens, the dwellings of the very poor must reach the extreme of wretchedness. He who improves these habitations makes life brighter for their inmates and increases the sum of human happiness. It has been proposed to combine philanthropy with business shrewdness in the building of better homes for the poor. Mr. A. T. White, of Brooklyn, has invested \$251,505 in improved dwellings, and his annual rents reach \$34,500, the returns being about 14 per cent. on lands and buildings. The faces of the poor are not ground in order to achieve this result. The 1,600 tenants pay from \$1.00 per week to \$2.95 for suites of rooms, and from \$18 to \$24 per month for houses with six to nine rooms each. It must be understood that the whole fourteen per cent. return goes to the capitalist. Six per cent is laid aside as legitimate profit, and the balance is spent in repairs and improvements and for the enjoyment of the tenants. Last year \$1,681 was spent in the latter direction. It would be well if this combination of philanthropy and business came into vogue in all the cities of the country.

How have the mighty fallen! The Shapira manuscripts, which only a couple of years ago created such a sensation in the theological world and were held at a valuation of \$5,000,000, have just been sold in London for 80 cents.

One of the most striking features of American literary development is the sudden success of the magazine Outing, which, as its name indicates, is devoted to outdoor nature. It is strange that in our varied magazine literature and the flood of class publications that pour out of the country, the field occupied by Outing has not been taken up before. With our thousands of miles of sea coast, our wide domain, mighty mountains and rivers, vast plains and forests, much of our best literary work has been inspired by such associations. Cooper and Irving, Dana and Bryant, were essentially interpreters of nature and found the secrets of their power in her hiding places.

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