

EN ROUTE TO TRIESTE.

Curious Scenery in Austria—Semi-Tropical Vegetation of the Adriatic.

St. Peter is scarcely more than twenty-five miles as the crow flies from the shore of the Adriatic at Trieste. But as far as resemblance or suggestion is concerned it might be at the antipodes. Imagination can scarcely conceive that a semi-tropical sea shore as dreamy as that of the lots enters lies so near to barren, wind swept hills, towering into peaks that are the abomination of desolation.

But though the region is curious, with its scooped out valleys and its summits as bald as the high Sierra, the district that you traverse in going to Trieste is far more singular. The circular valley gives first its distinguishing characteristic to the scenery.

I am not in the secrets of the geologists, but these valleys seem to be a repetition on a larger or smaller scale of the depressions in the limestone districts of the western states, called "sink holes." A great part of the region is made up of them. Sometimes they have a diameter of 100 feet, sometimes of a mile. In one or two cases the formation broadens out into a circular valley several miles in diameter, containing several villages.

They are generally, however, of moderate dimensions, and their depth usually has a certain correspondence with the diameter. The sides are barren nearly to the bottom, which is usually surrounded by a circular wall, within which may be a patch of grass in summer, a vineyard or a little crop of some cereal.

The road descends at first almost imperceptibly. Towns with Italian names become more frequent. The aspect of nature gradually brightens. There are vineyards of good size, orchards that begin to show the semi-tropical vegetation of the Adriatic.

There are hillsides on which the work of afforestation is evident. There are others in which the little farms are laid out in long, narrow, parallel tracts, with the stripes of level ground which has received equally rigidly treatment from nature, elsewhere and not far distant so prodigal of her gifts.

What a paradise this must have been for the men of the stone age, with the material for tools, weapons and domestic utensils so plentiful and cheap! But men who were not savages came here and toiled and delved in the very dawn of antiquity, and later, when Rome absorbed Italy, when its valleys plowed the Adriatic and its cities and villages dotted its brown shores, its effervescent life bubbled up and frothed over this rim of hills on to this plateau that I have endeavored to describe.—Austria Cor. San Francisco Chronicle.

St. Louis' Mining Promoters.

There is one class of men in this city who should be gotten rid of, if possible, and that is the class of mining "promoters." These men are leeches, at once upon the mine owners and the public, and have done more than any others to bring mines and mining into disrepute. These are the men who boom worthless mines, and nearly all properties which have resulted in loss to St. Louis investors were handled and boomed by these men. To the mine owner they are perfect sharks, and rob both him and the public. Their mode of procedure is as follows: A mine owner comes to them with a request that they place his property at a certain price, offering a fair remuneration for his services. This promoter will not accept, but says that if the owner will represent his property as being of a greater value, he (the promoter) will negotiate a sale, giving the owner the amount of his original valuation, and retaining the excess himself. Thus a mine, which would pay well upon the price at which the owner is willing to sell, fails to yield an adequate return upon the inflated value due to the manipulations of the promoter, and miners and mining are brought into disrepute, and the public robbed for the benefit of the broker. All honest miners are most anxious to get rid of this old man of the sea, who has fixed himself upon the mining trade, and it is to be hoped that the public will soon learn to treat these men with the neglect they deserve.—Globe-Democrat Interview.

Civil Courts on the Continent.

I was very much interested in the mode of procedure in civil trials in courts on the continent on the occasion of my visit to Europe. In England a trial is conducted very much like it is in America—the attorneys examine, cross examine and re-examine witnesses at length, and the judge has very little to say. On the Continent the witness is examined by the judge, who asks all the questions and the lawyers have nothing to say. Especially is this true in Germany, France and Austria. I was much interested in a trial that I witnessed at Paris. There were three judges on the bench, and one of them, as if endeavoring to bring out all the facts, interrogated a witness in a very searching manner. It looked odd to see the lawyers in the case sitting opposite the judges but saying nothing; I don't think the average American lawyer could have stood it. At the conclusion of the evidence the lawyers can address the court, and when the verdict is returned can appeal to a higher court if they want to.—Globe-Democrat.

A Generous Collector.

Thomas Collier, the New London poet, has a passion for collecting. His book of autographs of poets and literary people from all parts of the world is very complete and he takes much pride in exhibiting it to callers. At one time he was interested in collecting coins. He had a valuable series near completion when he learned that a friend had a similar series even nearer the full number than his own, and, further, that the coins missing from his friend's collection were all in his own. Without hesitation he despatched his series of the coins required to complete his friend's, and sent them to him. It was an act of generosity that only those who can fully appreciate who have been possessed of the collecting mania. Said Collier, making light of it: "What a mean man I would have been to play the dog in the manger just for a few coins. It was better that one collection should be complete than that both should ever remain imperfect."—New York Sun.

A Skebel of Christ's Time.

A young woman of Boston was recently presented with a very valuable coin, a skebel of the time of Christ. She took it to a jeweler to have it mounted with pearls as a bracelet; and when she went for it was horrified to find that the jeweler had scoured off all the sacred accumulations of ages, and the skebel shone as bright as a new nickel.

It was all right to forgive your enemies, but if you can hit 'em first it comes easier, and will last longer.—Carl Dunder.

A PLAN TO MURDER.

Anarchist Chlebowa Tells of the Terrible Plot.

TO AVENGE THE "MARTYRS"

He Was Supplied with Bombs and Dynamite and Was Told to Take Care of Capt. Schaack—The Best of the Gang.

CHICAGO, July 30.—Frank Chlebowa, who, with John Hronek and Frank Chepok, were arrested for conspiring to murder Judges Gary and Grinnell, Police Inspector Bonfield and others, has made a full and complete confession. Chlebowa was not locked up at the armory with the others, but was taken to an outlying police station, where he was induced by Mr. Bonfield and two Bohemian secret service detectives to tell all he knew of the plot. Through the interpreters Chlebowa told the whole story, from his first meeting with Hronek and Chepok. After explaining how he became acquainted with them, he said in substance:

Hronek unfolded his plans for revenge and told him of a bomb which he (Hronek) had invented. It was small, no larger than a baseball, and was to be loaded with dynamite and bits of broken glass. It was denied by Chlebowa that the plot was to murder the judges and the police inspector—that is, that he heard of no such definite scheme. They were talked of, as was Capt. Schaack, and he understood that he was to pay more attention to the captain than to any one else. There was no concerted plan of action, but it was agreed that when all preparations were made he and two others were to be informed by Hronek just what they were to do in the way of avenging the death of the "martyrs."

About July 1 he was visited by Hronek, who brought him two bombs of the broken glass variety and two sticks of dynamite, from which he was to make bombs of gas pipe after the usual pattern. The other two men were also supplied with bombs and dynamite. He had the stuff in his house for about a week and then grew so afraid that it would be discovered that he made away with it by throwing it into a privy vault.

This was the substance of the confession which Inspector Bonfield today placed in the hands of a type writer operator for the purpose of having it put in shape for use in court. The confession is much more in detail and covers about thirty closely printed pages.

By his confession, it is understood, Chlebowa has virtually secured immunity from prosecution. He is in reality much less guilty than either Hronek, Chepok, or any one of the men not yet arrested. He has agreed to give his testimony in open court, where it will corroborate the other evidence secured by the inspector through the conspirators.

The other men are still at large, but may be arrested at any time.

PATERSON'S PUBLIC BUILDING.

The Town in a Peck of Trouble Over Its Location.

PATERSON, N. J., July 30.—The wrangle over the postoffice site becomes fiercer every day, until now the town is divided into two parties, respectively the poor men's and the rich men's party. As soon as the bill appropriating \$50,000 for a public building in Paterson went through congress corner lots and eligible sites went up with a rapidity that alarmed even the natives. The boom progressed so swimmingly that it soon became evident that the entire appropriation would just about pay for the price asked for a site. The favorite place selected was that on which St. Paul's church now stands.

While the rich men were working to close a bargain for this site a small number of property owners selected another site and subscribed enough money to limit the amount necessary for land, so that the building could be finished when once begun. The rich men's party then called on Senator McPherson and told him that it would require \$75,000 more to carry out the work, and that gentleman has promised to lay the matter before the senate and President Cleveland. The poor men's party will probably send a committee to Washington to present and urge their side of the question.

A Chicago Street Car Strike Improbable.

CHICAGO, July 30.—The outlook now is that the threatened strike of street car employees will not take place. Two conferences have been held, and were both of an amicable nature. The committee from the North Side held a consultation with President Yerkes, and said afterwards that they had come to an understanding with him, and that he had made certain concessions. The committee will report to the association Saturday evening. The minor grievances of the West Side employees have been righted, and although there are still some important differences, it is thought they will be settled amicably.

A. G. Tyng's Bad Business Record.

PEORIA, Ill., July 30.—The real estate belonging to the firm of A. G. Tyng & Co., grain dealers of this city, has been levied on by the sheriff upon an affidavit filed by Charles M. Weeks & Co., of Knoxville, Ill., who shipped the firm eleven cars of oats some weeks ago for which they had not received any money. A. G. Tyng, the senior member of the firm, is noted as an ex-secutor, this being his fifth failure. The total indebtedness caused by the five failures would foot up nearly \$1,000,000.

Lamont Looking for Burglars.

WASHINGTON, July 30.—Col. Dan Lamont, the president's private secretary, went to his home at McGrawville, N. Y., it is said, to investigate a report that his house had been robbed, and that important papers relating to the Cleveland campaign of 1884 and the Hill campaign of 1885 had been stolen. The report proved true and the colonel is greatly worried over the loss. An army of detectives have been placed on the track of the thieves.

He "Made Up" with Carbolic Acid.

CINCINNATI, July 30.—The 2-year-old son of Mr. Richard Stoltz, a German actor, who had often seen his father "make up" for the stage, endeavored to imitate him, using carbolic acid instead of grease paint. He smeared the acid all over his face and into his eyes. His condition is quite serious, and if he recovers he may lose the sight of both eyes.

Three Drunken Men Drowned.

LOUISVILLE, July 30.—William G. Malone, Jack Pendergrass and Dan Monill were drowned here. Seven drunken men and a keg of beer were crowded into a little skiff about 10 o'clock at night for a ride. The next thing heard was a cry for help. The life saving crew started out and pulled four of the men ashore. The other three drowned.

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