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MURDER IN FASHION.

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Murder is the fashionable thing just now in England. The success of the Whitechapel fiend in eluding detection has spurred many imitators on to emulate his awful crimes. As the police and detectives seem unable to obtain any clew to the perpetrators, it is suggested that young Britons be trained to tell the truth, so that when they do murder they may go straightway and tell of it. Tories are exulting because the Parnell fund in America is growing smaller. Sackville's defense admittedly weak. The Belgian Queen and her daughter go into business as publishers of a magazine.

[BY CABLE TO THE DISPATCH.]

LONDON, January 12.—It is sad to have to say so, but murder in its most unattractive shape is becoming positively fashionable on this island. Stories of wanton butchery come from every part of England to help the sale of the dull London papers and to increase the growing panic. The British maiden is fairly hysterical, the matron is chronically faint, the steady Briton painfully worried in his mind, while the citizen with tendencies not toward law-abiding gives daily evidence of the spirit of emulation which fires him.

That pat and favorite phrase of Toryism, "crime-ridden Ireland," it may be incidentally mentioned, is not quite as popular as it was, for Ireland, unlike England and Scotland, has yet to furnish an instance of a desire to outdo the Whitechapel fiend. The Whitechapel murderer's exploits were promptly and universally credited to some foreigner, an American preferred, on the ground that the slaughter of defenseless women was incompatible with the noble instincts of Englishmen; but this characteristically British theory has been damaged by the readiness which the English mind has shown to imitate the Whitechapel methods, and the American with the low-hat theory is being gradually abandoned.

None Genuine Unless So Marked.

A review of the list of crimes apparently founded on the Whitechapel series would be useless. Though very imperfect imitations, these crimes all recall those of Whitechapel, through the unvarying success displayed by the murderers in keeping clear of the simple-minded English detectives. The man who strangled the woman at Poplar is still at liberty to plan improvements on his presumably first attempt. So is the cowardly brute who killed and mutilated the little boy at Havant, and the murderer who killed another boy, 7 years old, at Bradford, under such horrible circumstances, and a lot more.

One murderer the police have got and they are very happy over it, though it is hard to tell why, for this murderer was only a weak-minded, self-styled artist, and gave himself up to the authorities voluntarily. This man brutally murdered his sweetheart, Emily Joy, and could give no better reason for it than that a sudden impulse came over him. He is not insane, and Miss Joy had given him nothing to complain of. To prove his original good faith, the young murderer, whose name is Jenkins, but who calls himself E. S. Wheatcroft, M. R. S., produces a lengthy agreement, part of which runs as follows:

A Crank in Every Line of It.

Ebenezer Samuel Wheatcroft, M. R. S. A., etc., December 25, 1888:

MISS EMILY JOY—I, the undersigned, agree to marry Emily Joy at any time she may state, and I can further state that I have a standing income besides my small capital, which amounts in cash to £500.10, and that I will swear I will never give said Miss Joy any reason to complain of any unhappiness. I will also state that since I have been with the said Miss Joy I have never been in company with any young lady, and that I have never in my life wronged any young lady, and that I was never married during my past life, and I agree to make said young lady happy all her life. All I have said I will swear to on oath.

EBENEZER SAMUEL WHEATCROFT,
M. R. S. A., Artist.

This illustrates how useless a contract sometimes is.

Another captured murderer is a Scotch peddler named Mackenzie, who relied on his wife not to accuse him, and took no pains to conceal his whereabouts. The poor woman, bearing in mind, perhaps, the habit which judges over here have of treating brutality to a wife as a very trifling offense, was several days in the hospital before she said that her husband had attempted upon her the devilish Whitechapel atrocities, which he had read about, and that it was only when frightened by the neighbors that he began kicking and beating her to make it appear that nothing unusual was happening.

Not Believed Until Dead.

The hospital authorities, who had been treating the poor creature simply as in need of rest and freedom from kicks, had barely time to verify the truth of her statement before she died. It was found that she had suffered the most shocking mutilation.

The good old theory that murder will out has suffered in reputation through the immunity of the Whitechapel murderer, and now that all his humble imitators go free, the murder-will-out idea is abandoned, and the popular verdict has changed the saying to "murder will out, providing the murderer goes and tells the police about it." A great many believe that the great number of murders is largely due to the abolition of the theory that a murderer is always discovered sooner or later, and that England is now suffering from the development of all the murderous instincts which have been lying dormant through fear of the gallows.

To add to the general disquiet, there is also a panic about burglars. These gentry have lately got into a bad way of shooting as well as robbing their clients, and these burglars have also been going scot free. Everybody is alarmed and busy increasing the alarm of his neighbors.

A Great Wave of Bloodshed.

The entire press, with singular unanimity, announces that a wave of bloodshed is passing over us. The *Daily News*, grown hysterical, says "the trap is always falling or ready to fall. No wonder Mr. Berry walks the streets with a swagger. He is the busiest of our public functionaries. A strike of the hangman would paralyze our administrative machine."

Every one, of course, accuses every one else of making things worse by sensational talk and loathsome details. The British father turns up numerously, as he always does, with a demand through the *Times* that every one shall be flogged, especially burglars, and that would deter them, and the police probably think, though they do not say, first catch your burglar. The only sound remedy would appear to be to cultivate truthfulness in the British child, so that when he grows up and murders, his early training will prompt him to go and tell the police about it.

An unhappy man is C. Shuckfath Dixon, who keeps a public house in Whitechapel road, and is now passing through bankruptcy because the Whitechapel fiend frightened away his clients, consisting of Whitechapel wretched women and their acquaintances. His place got a bad name because the murderer was supposed to have picked up one of his victims there.

OUGHT TO SWELL OUR PRIDE.

An American Prima Donna Specially Favored by the British Royalty.

[BY CABLE TO THE DISPATCH.]

LONDON, January 12.—Mr. Blaine and Mr. Depew shed glory on their respective towns by knowing the Prince of Wales, and now Geraldine Ulmar, the attractive young woman who does the high notes at the Savoy, has done as much and more for her town of Boston. Miss Ulmar saw the Prince and raised Blaine and Depew considerably by seeing all the Prince's family, wife, boys and daughters. She saw them all Sunday evening and part of Monday morning at Lady Randolph Churchill's dinner party and was favorably impressed. The Prince's womenfolk, it seems, are very nice, and not above learning new points about singing negro songs, of which they are fond.

The Princess has a foreign accent which is pleasing, and takes a childish interest in finding out about things that happen on the stage. The daughters are jolly, and the oldest boy is not dull, as he is ordinarily described. The fact that an American should have been the first comic opera prima donna ever invited to join the quiet royal party and help royalty to sing negro songs of a Sunday night has filled many English comic opera breasts with rage. It should swell our national pride in proportion.

MUST HAVE HER CIGARETTE.

A Well-Known Englishwoman Whose Nerves Need Tobacco Smoke.

[BY CABLE TO THE DISPATCH.]

LONDON, January 12.—A society sheet accuses the Comtesse de Paris of smoking a short clay pipe, and not in private either, but as she drives about. This is probably one of the tales for which society sheets are famous. Cigarette smoking by women, however, is becoming more common every day in England, where it used to be considered an awful crime, and only yesterday I heard a certain well-known woman mourning because she had been over two weeks at a house where she could not smoke cigarettes after dinner without exciting comment, and had been troubled by her nerves in consequence.

A VICTIM OF OPPRESSION.

Edward Harrington's Jailers Shave Off His Luxuriant Mustache.

[BY CABLE TO THE DISPATCH.]

LONDON, January 12.—Poor Edward Harrington has been the victim of oppression, both serious and ludicrous, because he refused to promise not to report any more speeches. He was sentenced to six months' hard labor, a brutal piece of tyranny, and then, to vent their spite, the authorities not only had his head shaved, but had him held by the warders while his mustache, the luxuriant growth of years, was taken off.

This last outrage Harrington proposes to resent. The law provides for cutting off the hair and beard, but Harrington declares his mustache is not his beard, and he means to prosecute the authorities for an assault.

WHY THE TORIES LAUGH.

They Rejoice to See the Slow Growth of the Parnell Fund in America.

[BY CABLE TO THE DISPATCH.]

LONDON, January 12.—Irishmen in America ought to know that the Tories are exulting over the slow growth of the Parnell defense fund in America, and upon this the Tory papers base the assertion that the decent Irish in the States see through the collecting game by now and are tired of it.

It is to be hoped that Irishmen in America will soon cause Parnell's and Gladstone's enemies to give up the pleasing delusion that Irishmen at home are in the future to be left without substantial encouragement from across the Atlantic.

DETERMINED TO GET THEIR MAN.

A Wisconsin Officer Sails for England to Identify a Prisoner.

LONDON, January 12.—The police authorities to-day informed the magistrate at the Bow Street Court that an officer named Sangeroud sailed from New York to-day for the purpose of identifying Johann Kuhne, who was arrested December 29, on board the steamer Lord Gough, from Philadelphia, on her arrival at Queenstown, charged with the murder at Primrose, Wis., of William Christen, and who was arraigned yesterday on an extradition warrant.

Sheriff Estiss, of Dane county, Wisconsin, is conferring with the officials of Scotland Yard.

NOT MUCH OF A PRODIGY.

A Four-Year-Old Piano Player Who Can Play Only Chopin.

[BY CABLE TO THE DISPATCH.]

LONDON, January 12.—Another juvenile prodigy has just made his debut at St. Petersburg, but he hardly comes up to the average demanded of prodigies nowadays. He is already 4 years of age and plays only Chopin, beside which his father has to work the pedals for him, on account of the shortness of his legs.

His name, which will keep him from being very well known, is Raoul Coczulski.

Waiting Till Harrison is Seated.

LONDON, January 12.—The rumor that the Government will appoint a successor to Lord Sackville as Minister to the United States after the inauguration of President Harrison is confirmed.

SACKVILLE'S DEFENSE.

He Falteringly Says He Thought He Was Doing What He'd a Right to Do—His Government Not Censuring Him—Generally Written an Ass.

[BY CABLE TO THE DISPATCH.]

LONDON, January 12.—A parliamentary paper is issued to-day, publishing as much as is thought advisable of the correspondence relating to the Sackville matter. The interesting fact is that Sackville, doubtless because of his respectable relations, isn't in the least censured by his Government—a fact which makes little difference, since his country so unanimously pronounced him an ass. In his letter, Sackville defends himself in a weak kind of a way, as having thought his letter a private one, and as having done what he had a right to do. He also accused Mr. Bayard of unfairness, and declares that he did not attempt to do away with the effect of his letter, through the channel which gave it publication, namely, the press, as he knew that to contradict what newspaper reporters said would only get him into a disagreeable and unseemly controversy. Mr. Phelps figures in the light of a peacemaker, expressing grief and sorrow all around, dilating at rather unnecessary length upon the Irish vote and the struggle for its possession, and practically excusing Mr. Cleveland to Lord Salisbury on the ground that he had to do so to keep the Irishmen from abandoning him, and so forth.

The funny thing is that both Sackville and Salisbury, instead of realizing that one is a fool and the other at best a fool's defender, are inclined to take a high and mighty tone, half pugnacious and half of injured innocence. Lord Salisbury declines to accept the principle that the acceptance or retention of a Minister was a question solely to be determined by the Government to which he was credited, either with or without the assignment of reason, and in support of his opinion quotes Lord Palmerston on the occasion of Sir Henry Bulwer's sudden dismissal from Madrid in 1848.

The Foreign Office displays unusual enterprise by publishing à fac simile of the New York *Tribune's* front page which contained a reproduction of Sackville's written exhibition of himself.

AN ARISTOCRATIC VENTURE.

The Belgian Queen and Her Daughter Publishing a Magazine.

[BY CABLE TO THE DISPATCH.]

LONDON, January 12.—Maria Henrietta, Queen of the Belgians, has gone in for editing, like Miss Cleveland and other distinguished women before her. She and her youngest daughter, Clementine, have just started a magazine of an inoffensive type, which is called *La Jeune Fille*. The idea is to keep young girls up in household matters. The Queen writes about the way to keep house, and theater criticisms, while her daughter, who signs herself Marthe D'Orey, does art and literature. Carmen Sylva, which is the nom de plume of the Queen of Roumania, has been engaged on the staff to write a poem for every number, and it is expected that Stephanie, the Crown Princess of Austria, will do the pictures.

If the Archduchess Maria Valoya comes into the scheme, as is probable, this paper will be an altogether aristocratic affair. Their chance of journalistic success, however, would have been very much better had they started a society paper and each engaged to write all they knew about her husband and his friends, the King of the Belgians and the Crown Prince of Austria being among the most notorious types of European royalty.

FAITH IN THIEVES' CANDLES

Leads Four Russian Peasants to Commit a Useless Murder.

[BY CABLE TO THE DISPATCH.]

LONDON, January 12.—A curiously unpleasant peasant superstition has just been revealed at a trial in Southern Russia, which ended in the conviction of four peasants for the murder of a girl 11 years old. The superstition recalls that about the thieves and the candle narrated in connection with the Whitechapel murders. These peasants, it seems, were believers in the superstition that candles made of human fat rendered the bearers invisible. To obtain these articles they first attempted to murder a boy in the forest, next tried to kill an old peasant, thirdly a Russian clergyman, and being disturbed on all three occasions, at last succeeded in murdering Sukeria Cherkaschina.

With the fat from the child's body they made candles, and with their help attempted to commit robbery. The light of the candles betrayed them, which seems a singularly just happening, and on being arrested they confessed everything. The evidence in court showed the belief in the thieves' candles superstition to be very widespread in Russia.

EVICTED WITH TROUBLE.

Boiling Water, Pitchforks and the Knife Used by Irish Tenants.

BUBLIN, January 12.—A party of officers engaged in evicting a tenant named John Heany from his holding on the estate of Lord Lurgan, at Lurgan, County Armagh, to-day, met with a vigorous resistance, the inmates of the house assailing them with boiling water and pitchforks. A bailiff was stabbed and Lord Lurgan's agent and a policeman were seriously injured. The riot act was read, when a number of arrests were made. Heany is a prominent member of the National League.

Father Marriman, a priest of Castle Connell, County Limerick, has received three summonses to appear in court to answer charges of inciting tenants to commit outrages. Mr. Daly, proprietor of the Connaught *Telegraph*, has received three summonses under the crimes act, for publishing articles calculated to incite the people to commit crime.

NO WASP BEAUTY NEED APPLY.

A Prize of £200 to be Awarded to a Modern Venus of Milo.

[BY CABLE TO THE DISPATCH.]

LONDON, January 12.—A man who makes soap and advertises very largely is organizing a beauty show for next June. The advertisement promises to be successful, and there is one grand feature which will recommend itself to sensible folk, namely, no wasp-like beauty need apply, and a good old-fashioned Venus-of-Milo shape will not prevent the modern Venus from getting £200, the first prize. Royal Academicians will select 30 beauties to compete, and the public will ballot for the best of them all.

STEAMER STEWARDS UNDER FIRE.

A Crusade Against Their Extortion Breaks Out in the Newspapers.

[BY CABLE TO THE DISPATCH.]

LONDON, January 12.—A crusade has broken out in the newspapers against fees paid to the stewards on the trans-Atlantic ships. Excited correspondents are very numerous who tell how much they had to pay for having things brought to them in their cabin, and for having their wives looked after when they were ill.

The companies are accused of underpaying or not paying the stewards, and so practically pocket the 10-shilling pieces extorted from their passengers.

TO MAKE THEM WHOLE

Liquor Men Insist That the State Shall Reimburse Them

IF PROHIBITION IS TO PREVAIL.

A Strong Effort to Continue the Soldiers Orphans' Schools.

A VERY LONG SESSION EXPECTED.

Department Employes Would Like the Privileges of the State Library.

There is not much interest being taken at Harrisburg in the prohibition question. There appears to be a movement on foot among the liquor dealers of the State to insist that if prohibition becomes a law they shall be reimbursed by the State for the damage to their property and business. It is believed that the prohibition amendment will be submitted to the people with that understanding.

[FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]

HARRISBURG, January 12.—Prohibition is not an exciting topic in and about the Capitol of the Commonwealth. The constitutional amendment is hardly discussed by the legislators, and obtains more prominence in the judicious hands of the correspondents than the mouths of the Pennsylvania lawmakers give it.

It is a foregone conclusion that the present Legislature will send the amendment to the sovereign people in the same form the last Legislature left it. The Republican party is pledged to this course, and the Republican leaders do not need to use a glass of any description to find their majority when it is wanted. Consequently liquor dealers, distillers and brewers who have money to spend to fight prohibition will make no mistake in saving it to use later on where it will do the most good.

The Republican members of the Legislature are by no means a unit in their advocacy of prohibition, but the general feeling among them is that they are in honor bound to give the voters a chance to express their opinion on the subject, and it is with the voters the liquor people must deal. The missionary work will probably begin immediately on the report of the constitutional amendment to the House for action, and the form it will take will probably be a demand for compensation for the property destroyed, should the people make the measure a part of the State's organic law.

It is not thought the Legislature is any more likely to give such a pledge this session than it was the previous one, but the voters will be given to understand that such compensation is demanded and expected and that should the amendment succeed at the polls the Legislature on which will devolve the duty of passing the laws necessary to make it effective will also be required to appropriate money to make good the losses of the liquor men.

Such is the drift of the talk as drawn out by pointed questions put to some of the older members, not all of whom expect a majority at the polls for a measure whose principal utility is thought by many of them to be in the line of clipping what the Brooks high license left of the wings of the Prohibition party in the Keystone State.

SIMPSON.

SOLDIERS ORPHANS' SCHOOLS.

Captain Billingsley Will See to It That They Are Continued.

[FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]

HARRISBURG, January 12.—The old soldier has already been made to understand that patriotism is by no means dead in the Pennsylvania Legislature, and fresh evidence on the subject will be given him before the session ends.

Captain Billingsley, of Washington, is one wearer of the Grand Army buttons who thinks it too late in the day to close the soldiers orphans' schools of the State against the children of the veterans, and he is prepared to give substantial backing to his views. There are yet children to be educated whose fathers were as faithful to their country in its hour of peril as were the fathers of children who reflect honor on the State that saved them from the almshouses, and Captain Billingsley wants all to be treated alike. He thinks the number of schools can be reduced, the industrial features extended, and the schools continued for some time yet as a credit to the great State that has led the Union in substantial tokens of gratitude to the old boys in blue.

KAUFFMAN'S IDEA

To Have an Early Report on Appropriations Meeting With Favor.

[FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]

HARRISBURG, January 12.—Representative Kauffman, of Lancaster, seems to have placed an idea before the Legislature that threatens to become popular. Members remaining here to-day expressed the opinion that something should be done to prevent the rushing through of appropriation measures, good, bad and indifferent, at the end of a session on the strength of the simple assertion that to endeavor to amend them so late is to kill them.

A member of the Appropriation Committee expressed himself in favor of some action in line with Mr. Kauffman's suggestion, his principal objection to which is the early date fixed for the report.

Much of the talk heard to-day on the subject was to the effect that the idea of bringing the appropriations more under the control of the House is a good one in the light of history. But if someone else had brought it up it would have given greater pleasure.

WANT SOMETHING TO READ.

The Employes of the State Department Desire Access to the State Library.

[FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]

HARRISBURG, January 12.—The employes of the various departments have been laboring along under a grievance that has become so heavy that they have determined to rid themselves of it if possible. The rules governing the State Library provide that only the heads of departments and members of the Legislature may take books therefrom, and so strictly does the Librarian adhere to the law, as laid down for his guidance, that it is said even the Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth couldn't have his order for books honored on a recent occasion when the Secretary was absent.

To-day a petition was circulated in the departments and was generally signed by officers and employes. It asks the Legislature to relax the rules and give the clerks a show for reading matter out of office hours.

WON'T ADJOURN UNTIL JUNE.

A Long Session of the Legislature Confidently Predicted.

[FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]

HARRISBURG, January 12.—Senator Rutan and ex-Speaker Graham agree that the session of the Legislature is quite likely to last until June. The spring elections and the inauguration of President Harrison will cause two adjournments of a week each, and with these before them the members are not apt to feel like making haste. These views are born of long years of experience with legislation and legislators.

WARY PROHIBITIONISTS

Will Take Nothing for Granted, But Will Watch and Wait.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

HARRISBURG, January 12.—The Prohibitionists are everywhere getting ready to make a systematic, persistent and united effort to pass the amendment prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors. It is almost universally conceded that the Legislature will stand by its action of two years ago and provide for the submission of the amendment to the people, but some of the more cautious cold water advocates will not take anything for granted, and propose to have representatives sent here to watch the progress of the amendment so that no calamity befalls it.

The formation of a State League of Prohibition Clubs is one of the main agencies that will be employed to make the prohibitory amendment a part of the Constitution. On Tuesday afternoon next Dauphin, Chester, Lancaster and other counties will be represented by Prohibitionists at a meeting to be held at Lancaster. The object of the conference is to lay the ground-work for a State League of Prohibition Clubs. On the 22d of February a convention of all kinds of temperance organizations will be held here for the purpose of making systematic preparation to win a majority of votes for the amendment.

STOLE A BRICK HOUSE.

A Kentucky Woman Robbed in a Queer Manner—Her Loss the Neighbors' Gain—She's Glad That the Lot Was Not Taken Too.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

LOUISVILLE, KY., January 12.—A highly peculiar robbery was reported to the police to-day. Mrs. Jane Ross, a wealthy widow, who resides in Jefferson county, some distance from this city, is the complainant. She owns, or did own, a two-story brick building on Fifteenth street, between Kentucky and Prentice. This is that portion of the village known as "California," and is a very quiet suburb, inhabited mainly by working people. The house had eight rooms, a nice stable and other outbuildings, and was valued by Mrs. Ross at about $2,500. A tenant moved out of it one year ago, leaving it in fairly good repair, and, as the owner demanded a stiff rent, there has been no one living in it since. This did not trouble Mrs. Ross much, and, as she does not need money, it happened that she was never interested in her property enough to pay it a visit until yesterday.

There are boys in the neighborhood, and these began a work of destruction by breaking the windows with stones. Then somebody tore down and carried away the front fence. Perhaps other people concluded after this that the house was a stray one, for they tore down the stable and other outbuildings. The shutters, doors, windows, floors, etc., next disappeared. "California" does not have many brick pavements, and an idea struck some of the people that these pavements were good things. This was why large loads of bricks began to leave the house, and in a short time all the neighbors had paved yards and sidewalks.

The walls crumbled away and fell in, and in a short time scarcely a semblance of the house remained, however, and possibly few of those who were appropriating a few bricks at a time had any idea that they were committing a theft. The owner came in yesterday to see how her property was getting along. After she had recovered from the shock she made inquiries of some of the neighbors, and learned what had become of her house. She knew she could make nothing by a prosecution, and took her loss coolly. Across the street is a sand pit. As she turned to leave she remarked: "Well, I'm glad my property wasn't over there, or they would have stolen the lot too."

A BUCKEYE EPIDEMIC.

Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria and Smallpox Raging in Small Towns.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH]

COLUMBUS, January 12.—Scarlet fever and diphtheria of the most malignant type are raging in many parts of Ohio. At New Holland these diseases are declared epidemic and the public schools have closed. At New Washington, Crawford county, in addition to these terrible scourges, smallpox is raging, there having been six cases and two deaths in one family alone. Often the little sufferers die before complaining much about sore throat.

In other cases the disease, diphtheria, which appears to be the most fatal of the three, is accompanied with a high fever, utter prostration and delirium, sometimes for a week before death. Physicians differ as to the large number of cases now, but all agree that poor drainage and uncleanliness have a great deal to do with scourge.

A REMARKABLE AURORA.

Rochester Observers Witness a Phenomenally Beautiful Sight.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., January 12.—A remarkable aurora was observed here this evening at 7 o'clock. It consisted of a vast circle of white light, its center near the zenith and the circumference passing over the moon. Streamers reached up to it from the north. The diameter of the circle was about 75 degrees. At 7:45 a similar circle of shorter diameter formed. It also passed across the moon.

As the moon rose still higher another circle of still smaller dimensions, still passing over the moon center removing at zenith. The approach of the moon toward zenith seemed to regulate the size of the circle. The semi-diameter of the circle was on each occasion the distance from the zenith to the moon.

KEELY AGAIN IN COURT.

The Inventor's Attorney Arraigns the Conduct of a Judge.

PHILADELPHIA, January 12.—The Supreme Court this afternoon heard argument in the habeas corpus proceedings by which John W. Keely, the inventor, was released from the county prison last November, after having been committed by Judge Finletter for alleged contempt of court in not obeying the order to exhibit and explain his motor to experts appointed by the Court at the request of counsel for Bennett C. Wilson, plaintiff in an injunction suit against Keely.

Wayne MacVeagh, the counsel for Keely, in his argument to-day criticized Judge Finletter's judicial conduct in the case with most unsparing severity. Upon conclusion of the argument the matter was held under advisement.

AFTER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS.

An Ohio Couple With Eight Children to be Divorced.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

AKRON, O., January 12.—A sensational divorce case filed to-day is that of Clara McAlpine against Zebulon McAlpine, the defendant being one of the largest land owners in Medina county, and the plaintiff a resident of Akron since separation from her husband. Charges of cruelty are numerous.

At one time the defendant, the petition says, seized a butcher knife and was about to cut plaintiff's throat. At other times he threatened to shoot her. They have been married 25 years, and have eight children.

WEAVER'S A WINNER.

He Wore Out All Opposition, and Will Be Quietly Permitted

TO CALL UP THE OKLAHOMA BILL.

Republicans Confident of an Extra Session Being Called.

A PINK AND WHITE DINNER PARTY.

Dalzell's Christmas Gift to Veterans Causes Trouble at the Treasury.

General Weaver's obstruction methods have succeeded, and an arrangement has been effected whereby the Oklahoma bill will be called up under a suspension of the rules. There is considerable talk of an extra session, which is confidently predicted. There are a number of claimants for the $14,000,000 Private Dalzell presented to the old soldiers as a Christmas gift.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

WASHINGTON, January 12.—After a siege of ten days, during which the galleries have been emptied of visitors, and the floor of the House nothing but an unceasing round of dilatory motions and roll calls, filibustering has ceased and the business of the House began to proceed in the old way, with a look of serious purpose in it that it has not had previously this session. General Weaver has subsided. Though he defeated the most wily attempts of the Speaker and others yesterday to throw him off his guard and get the start of him with other business, he cunningly met all the assaults and maintained his ground.

THE HOUSE SURPRISED.

Everybody expected that the same tactics would exhaust the session of to-day and everybody was surprised, when after the reading of the journal, the obstinate Iowan sat silent in his seat. There was no demonstration when it was found that the famous deadlock was at an end, except a few humorous remarks in undertones, from such perennial jokers as Tom Reed, and the Speaker in a very commonplace manner began to clear his desk of a mass of matter that had accumulated during the deadlock. It is generally understood that this very pleasing change in the conduct of the House is due to the fact that the persons against whom Mr. Weaver particularly directed his obstructive tactics, surrendered to him almost unconditionally, and that he has an understanding that the Oklahoma bill will be called up and treated fairly as soon as possible, under suspension of the rules.

MADE A COMPROMISE.

The exact character of the arrangement is only known to the three or four parties to it, but whatever it is, it is perfectly satisfactory to Mr. Weaver. It is possible that some one of the opponents of the bill may filibuster against it when the attempt is made to get it up, and, therefore, it is probable that before that time the appropriation, river and harbor, and other important and indispensable bills will be got out of the way.

Aside from these measures there will be very little legislation this session. The Republicans are quite indifferent about the enactment of any laws on the side of the House which are absolutely necessary, as it is nearly certain that there will be an early extra session. Very few of the members of that party oppose the extra session, and the information that come from Indianapolis on the subject indicates pretty clearly that President Harrison has made up his mind to call an extra session as soon as practicable after his inauguration.

PINK AND WHITE.

Senator and Mrs. Stanford Give an Elaborate Dinner Party.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

WASHINGTON, January 12.—Senator and Mrs. Stanford gave a magnificent dinner party last evening, the guests of honor being Secretary and Mrs. Whitney. The prevailing colors of the table decorations were pink and white, and the center piece of roses and lilies of the valley was flanked with high pots of roses in silver brocade bags tied with heavy cord. The candelabra held pink tapers with pink shades, and the corsage bouquets for the ladies were La France roses, tied with pink satin ribbons. The boutonniers were Parma violets and lilies of the valley, and the cloth was strewn with clove pinks.

The place cards for the men were prettily inscribed parchments, and those for the ladies had California flowers painted in water colors upon rough-edged cardboard. Other guests were Postmaster General and Mrs. Dickinson, Senator and Mrs. Palmer, Justice and Mrs. Field, Justice Lamar, Senator and Mrs. Manderson and Secretary Bayard.

DALZELL'S CHRISTMAS GIFT

Being Eagerly Sought by Numbers of Old and Needy Soldiers.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

WASHINGTON, January 12.—Among the myriad of letters received at the Treasury Department in regard to the Christmas gift of Private Dalzell was one received to-day from a soldier in Decatur, Ill., in which the writer states he understands that Private Dalzell has deposited $14,000,000 in the Treasury for the benefit of old soldiers, and he urges that the authorities of the Treasury remit to him his share as soon as possible, as he is much in need of it.

If Dalzell makes his deposit of that amount the Treasury clerks will be set to work at once to calculate the pro rata share of each applicant and remit, but as yet no word of the deposit has been received at the department.

CONTRADICTS THE PRIMA DONNA.

Minister Von Taver Says Di Murska Was Assisted by the Austrian Consul.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

WASHINGTON, January 12.—Chevalier Schmit Von Taver, the Austrian Minister, said to-day in regard to the allegation of Madame Ilena di Murska, the prima donna, that the Austrian representatives in this country had absolutely refused to assist her.

"There is very little truth in the statement. I was in Europe all last summer and I know of no appeal that has been made to our office in this city. I am acquainted with her case, however, and know personally that she received quite a sum of money from the Austrian representative in New York City."

Harrison in Henry Clay's Carriage.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 12.—"The Father of Protection," as Henry Clay was called, was presented by his admirers with a carriage in 1833, during the excitement of the tariff. This carriage is still in existence in Louisville, and has been prepared for use. A suggestion has been made to Chairman Britton, of the Inauguration Committee, that it might be made a feature of the inauguration parade, and will be used by the President-elect.

Iron for Pittsburg's New Postoffice.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 12.—It is anticipated at the office of the Supervising Architect of the Treasury that within about a week or ten days invitations will be advertised for proposals to construct the iron work of the new Government building in Pittsburg. The Seavy has arrived at Baltimore with a cargo of stone, and another vessel is on her way to the quarries to take in a cargo, as navigation is still open.

COUNTY SEAT WAR.

Two Men Killed and Many Injured by Deputy Sheriffs—Officers Will be Lynched if Not Rescued—The State Troops Ordered to the Scene.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

WICHITA, KAN., January 12.—General Murray Meyers received a dispatch this morning from Governor Martin, informing him of a county seat war in Gay county between the towns of Ingalls and Cimarron, and ordering him to proceed at once to the scene of trouble and restore order. Companies A and H, of the State Guard, were ordered to be in readiness to move, and General Meyers, with the members of his staff, left at 5 o'clock, intending to take Company F, of Larned, with him.

Only the most meager reports could be obtained, but late to-night a private dispatch was received which confirmed the wildest rumors. There has been trouble for a year over the election of the county officers of Gray county. At the last election all the Ingalls men had been elected and commissioned except Surveyor and Clerk. The commissioners refused to canvass the vote until ordered to do so last Monday by the Supreme Court. In pursuance of this order three Deputy Sheriffs went to Cimarron to place N. F. Watson in charge of the office of Clerk, and also to take the records of the county to Ingalls.

While thus engaged they were fired on by a mob of 300 Cimarron men and a bloody fight followed. The shots were returned with a vengeance, and when the firing ceased it was found that J. W. English and J. Bliss, two prominent citizens of Cimarron, were killed, and quite a number wounded. George W. Bolds, a Deputy Sheriff, was shot in the leg, and Lemuel Breeks and C. Rothfelter, two other deputies, received flesh wounds in the arm and head. The mob, infuriated by the death of English, charged upon the brick building in which were Watson and the deputies, and at last reports had them hemmed in and brisk firing was in progress between the two parties. Only the arrival of soldiers can save the deputies from destruction.

WOULDN'T DRINK UP HIS SALARY.

A Fashionable Champagne Boomer Sued for Not Spending Money Freely.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

NEW YORK, January 12.—Schreck & Co., wholesale liquor dealers of 37 Beaver street, have brought suit to recover from Alfred Claggett $200 paid to him to boom a new champagne of which the complainants are the American agents. They say he did not spend money as he agreed to. In the latter part of August Mr. Claggett came unsolicited, they say, to the office and offered to crack up their champagne among his "fashionable acquaintances" for a consideration. He told them that he used a large quantity of champagne daily, and found the expense a great burden. If they would pay his champagne bills he proposed, so the lawyers said, to confine his purchases solely to their brand, and praise it in the fashionable circles in which he moved. When asked what these circles were he mentioned most of the big clubs, and among many personal names those of Jordan L. Mott, Mrs. Langtry, the Vanderbilts, Jay Gould and Mrs. Frank Leslie.

Schreck & Co. investigated and found that Mr. Claggett's social connections were really likely to be advantageous to dealers in champagne. Thereupon they verbally contracted to pay him $50 a week, all of which, their lawyers say, was to be spent by him in purchasing the firm's brand of wine. He drew his salary regularly, but failed to spend any great amount of it for the firm's wine. Claggett's explanation is that few of the high-toned restaurants and bars which he patronized had the wine for sale.

RUNNING FROM LYNCHING.

The Colored Murderer of a Woman and Her Boy Obliged to Flee.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., January 12.—A double murder was committed at about noon to-day at Praat's mines, six miles from this city, and if the murderer is caught it is doubtful if even Sheriff Smith and his posse will be able to prevent a lynching. Mrs. J. S. Kellan, wife of a machinist, and her 9-year-old son were murdered by a young negro whose name has not yet been learned. Mrs. Kellan and her boy went out in the woods, a short distance from the house, to look for a milch cow. Meeting a negro man, they asked him if he had seen anything of the animal. He replied that he had, and said: "Come with me and I will show you where the cow is." He led the way a short distance, going further into the dense woods. Then suddenly turning he struck Mrs. Kellan on the head with a large stick which he carried. She fell senseless to the groun. The boy started on a run toward home, screaming for help.

He had gone only about 100 feet when the negro overtook him. With one blow with his stick he crushed in the boy's skull, killing him instantly. The boy's screams had been heard, however, and at the sight of a white man approaching the negro fled. As quickly as possible the bloodhounds kept at the mines for trailing escaped convicts were brought out and a party started on the trail of the negro.

REPUBLICANS AHEAD.

The Situation in West Virginia Seems Favorable to Goff.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

CHARLESTON, W. VA., January 12.—At present the Republicans seem to have the best of the situation. The Supreme Court to-day quashed the motion for a writ of prohibition to restrain Judge Guthrie from going on with his mandamus proceedings against the Secretary of State, and also decided that Judge Campbell had no right to interfere with the Secretary of State in the discharge of his duties, unless some other heretofore unthought-of action is taken before the courts. The full returns will be laid before the Legislature in joint session, and it is presumable that the Republicans will promptly organize the Senate on Monday afternoon. This being the case Goff will have the majority on the face of the returns, and Judge Fleming's only hope will be in contest before the Legislature on the ground of illegal votes being cast.

THE WHITE CAP LUNACY.

It Has Attacked the Weak Minded in Suffolk County, New York.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

NEW YORK, January 12.—The White Cap mania has attacked several little towns in Suffolk county. In Flushing this notice has been served upon all members of a social club which meets between 1 and 5 o'clock every Friday morning:

HEADQUARTERS WHITE CAPS,
FLUSHING DIVISION, No. 82.

Special Order.

DEAR SIR—You are hereby requested to remain at home with your family evenings, and stop visiting hotels, drinking whisky, and neglecting your business, or take the lash.

WHITE CAPS.

MAHONE IS THE MAN.

At Least Virginia is What a Big Delegation Of Democrats Said to General Harrison.

VIRGINIA'S MOTHER DEMANDS

And Says the Appointment Would Terrify Southern Democrats.

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