WHO IS THE COWARD?

Slavin and Jackson Both Want to Talk Fight.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN IS READY

George Miller Says a Few Very Plain Words.

THE SPORTING NEWS OF THE DAY

A cablegram shows that there is lots of money in England to back Slavin against Jackson. An effort is being made to match Mitchell against Smith. George Miller says a few words about boasting ball players.

[BY CABLE TO THE DISPATCH.]

LONDON, December 30.—There is still considerable talk about the international pugilistic champions. Of course Slavin is being boomed because of the deal given him in his fight with Smith. Everbody is convinced that Smith was badly beaten, and that Slavin, the Australian, is the champion of England. There is no dispute about that at all. Slavin is really being lionized, and the bloods are giving him what he wants and taking him to whatever place he desires to go. In the pugilistic sense, Slavin is the great man in England to-day.

American Club has again come to the end the club's desire is to have a go between Slavin and Jackson. The club has offered £200 (one thousand pounds) for such a match. It seems improbable for some time to come.

PLUCK IS NEEDED.

Jackson sails for America on January 15, but unless genuine pluck he will stay and meet Slavin in a glove fight. However, the notion prevails that Jackson is under management and he has show business to attend to in America and he, therefore, cannot stay here to meet a man who is generally considered to be better than him. Jackson has made a good impression here, but Slavin has made a better, because he has always put up the money to fight in a real old-time ring. Jackson is more of a glove man, and has a manager who looks after the business nature of every move. All the talent is convinced here that Slavin would meet Jackson in a 24-foot ring to-day and beat him. At any rate, the Jackson party won't put up the money for a match.

SOME GOOD JUDGES.

The good judges think that Jackson is intended to take advantage of the big American purses for glove fights.

It has been learned that President Fulda, of the California Athletic Club, offered any amount of money to Sullivan to fight Jackson, and that the latter must hold himself in readiness to meet Sullivan. The purse here is estimated at $10,000, but Slavin can be matched here to fight Jackson for that amount. It is useless for Jackson to come to America and say he is champion of any territory.

CHAMPION OF ENGLAND.

Slavin is now champion of England, and he wants to fight either Jackson or anybody else for the title.

The Pelican Club has offered $5,000 for a battle between Smith and Mitchell. The contest may take place, but Mitchell is much out of condition. He is now eager to meet Smith since the latter's recent defeats, and Smith just wants to have revenge at Mitchell. The general opinion here is that Smith has met a class of men better than either himself or Mitchell. Smith is supposed to know this, and he wants to impress the fact on Mitchell's mind. At any rate, there is lots of money in England to back Slavin against Jackson.

A BRIGHT FUTURE PREDICTED.

President Phelps Says There'll Be Twelve Clubs in the Association.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

LOUISVILLE, December 30.—President Phelps stated to-day that the American Association next season would be represented by 12 strong clubs. The Finance Committee, which has for several weeks past been investigating the financial standing of the different clubs, wrote Mr. Phelps a letter to-day, in which they pictured for the Association a bright future. The financial backing of the numerous applicants was carefully examined into, and the result was so satisfactory that the committee could not distinguish between them. A 12-club league was then proposed, and a letter was accordingly written President Phelps, apprising him of the scheme. A meeting will be called next week at Rochester, when the clubs will be admitted and the Association of 1890 made complete.

"Yes," said President Phelps to-day, "a movement is on foot to organize a 12-club league, and I think the project an extremely favorable one. Each day the prospects for the Association grow brighter, and when the season opens, in my opinion, the Association will be equal, if not superior, to any other baseball organization. The Rochester people were anxious for us to hold the meeting in that city, and I will call it next week, although I have not decided upon the day. The many applicants have all been reported in good financial standing, and I have no doubt as to the success of the Association. I cannot say what clubs will comprise the new association. Syracuse was admitted, but they withdrew shortly afterward, and now they are anxious to be taken back and will make their formal application in a few days."

In regard to the report sent out from Washington yesterday, to the effect that the Association had made overtures to the Washington club, President Phelps said to-day: "It is true that a committee went to Washington to look over the ground, as it had been stated on good authority that Washington would withdraw from the League. The committee, so far as my knowledge extends, went there for the simple purpose of asking the Washington people to join the Association in the event of their withdrawal from the League."

President Phelps sent out the following yesterday: Contracts for 1890, bulletin No. 3: With Columbus—Charles Crooks, John J. Doyle, John Easterday, Edwin Bligh, John E. Munyan, Ralph Johnston, Charles T. Riley, Harry Esterday, William W. Widner.

Guttenberg Entries.

NEW YORK, December 30.—The entries at Guttenberg for to-morrow are:

First race, five furlongs—Little Mickey, Vanlter, Vatchem, Lord Beaconsfield 108, Slasher, Bass Clef, Festus, Fellsall, Nita 105, Bengaline 102, Clip, Dr. Jekyll, Remember gelding 100, Barrentoss 85, Alida gelding 82.

Second race, five furlongs—Bay Ridge, Hector 8, Pocahontas 125, Pat Donovan 118, Bordelaise, Harry Brown 115, Neptunus, Carlow 105, Thad Stevens 102, Goldfish, Hearst 103, Millie R, Felix 102, Vanity 100, Shakespeare 85.

Third race, six furlongs, extra—Atlantic B., Sardship, Trojan, Ban Dance, Flaco 117, James Morris 113, Border Minstrel, Bonnie Lass 110, Gendarme, Gold Vase filly, Teddington, Topeka, Crispino, Glenciff 108.

Fourth race, seven furlongs—Hamlet 108, Vigilant 106, Sherwood 101, Gay Gray 100, Little Jake 95, Buckstone 98, Lemon 97, Carrie G. 96, Count Luna 96, Sunshine 94, Hot Scotch 94, Redstone 87, King William 85, Arizona 82, Little Kinney 77.

Five furlongs—Carnegie, Glenmound, Dizzy Brunette, Con Noble, Drumblue Rock 103, Peregal, Ile 100, Sam Scratlin 88, Lasaquenna filly, Marie Kennedy 82.

Six and seven furlongs—Wayward 121, Belasis, Jim Irwin (formerly Lottery the Cheater), Banker, Harwood, Mamie Sawyer, Ofelius 113, Bettie L. 114, Ivo 110.

Clifton Winners.

[TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

NEW YORK, December 30.—The Passaic County Agricultural Society at Clifton brought the most successful season of its existence to a close to-day. The programme for the closing day was a good one, and notwithstanding the cold weather and threatening skies, a large crowd was present. The races resulted as follows:

First race, five furlongs—Saluda first, Cupid second, Dougan third. Time, 1:03¾. Betting: Saluda 8 to 1 and 3 to 1, Cupid 4 to 1 and 7 to 5, Dougan 12 to 1 and 5 to 1.

Second race, seven and a half furlongs—Fannie first, Triffer second, Gounod third. Time, 1:37¾. Betting: Fannie R 7 to 5 and 4 to 5, Triffer 10 to 1 and 4 to 1, Gounod 10 to 1 and 4 to 1.

Third race, one mile—Redlight first, Pericles second, Bralt third. Time, 1:42¾. Betting: Redlight 2 to 1 and 3 to 5, Pericles 15 to 1 and 6 to 1, Bralt 7 to 1 and 2 to 1.

Fourth race, one and one-sixteenth miles—Shelton, Frank Ward second, Belwood third. Betting: Shelton 1 and 2 to 1, Frank Ward 12 to 1, Belwood 7 to 5 and 1 to 2. Time, 1:89¾.

Fifth race, one and one-quarter miles—Miss Dixie, St. Paris second, Wahoo third. Time, 2:12¾. Betting: Miss Cody even and 1 to 2, St. Paris 3 to 1 and even, Wahoo 3 to 1 and even.

Sixth race—Ban Lassie first, Sophist second, Atwood third. Time, 1:52¾. Pool betting: Lassie 9 to 5, Sophist 4 to 1, John Atwood 6 to 1.

McKeesport Again.

Hank Torreyson is making a good ball team at McKeesport, that is, if hustling amounts to anything. Torreyson is hustling. Yesterday he signed H. L. Bayard, of Leetonia, O. Bayard is considered a good third baseman and a reliable outfielder.

LEAGUE PLAYERS SIGNED.

Official Statement of Men Under Contract for Next Year—The List Foots Up 113 for the Various Clubs.

CHICAGO, December 30.—Secretary Brunell, of the Players' League, to-day issued the following statement of men under contract with the various Players' League clubs, being the first sent out:

Contracts of the following persons with the Players' National League of baseball clubs for the season of 1890 have been approved by me:

Brooklyn—G. E. Andrews, H. Bierbauer, P. Cook, C. Dalley, C. Murphy, C. McGeachy, J. O'Connor, F. Seery, T. Tucker, A. Weyhing, J. M. Ward, C. Bassett.

Boston—D. Brouthers, T. Brown, W. Daley, A. Irwin, R. Johnston, M. J. Kelly, M. Kilroy, M. Madden, W. Nash, J. Quinn, H. Richardson, C. Radbourne, C. Sweet, H. Stovey.

Buffalo—F. Beecher, D. Clark, J. J. Carney, A. Ferson, G. Haddock, W. F. Hoy, W. Halligan, J. Irwin, G. Keefe, G. H. Krock, C. Mack, J. C. Rowe, S. Wise, J. L. White.

Chicago—John Boyle, C. A. Bastian, Charles Bartson, M. Baldwin, Hugh Duffy, D. Darling, F. Dwyer, Charles Farrell, W. A. Latham, Charles King, James O'Neill, N. F. Pfeffer, James Ryan, J. K. Tener, G. Van Haltren, E. N. Williamson.

Cleveland—E. Bakely, J. L. Faatz, H. Gruber, H. Larkin, James McAleer, J. F. O'Brien, J. Radford, John Stricker, E. E. Sutcliffe, C. N. Snyder, O. Tebeau, L. Twitchell, C. L. Zimmer, E. J. McKean.

New York—W. Brown, E. Crane, R. Connor, W. Ewing, G. Gore, T. J. Keefe, H. O'Day, James O'Rourke, D. Richardson, M. J. Slattery, A. Whitney, G. Hatfield.

Philadelphia—C. G. Buffington, L. Cross, W. Clements, F. Cunningham, E. J. Delehanty, J. D. Fogarty, S. D. Farrar, J. Fogerhan, M. J. Griffin, S. L. Thompson, W. Halligan, J. Husted, J. Mulvey, John Milligan, A. Myers, A. B. Sanders, W. Shindle, W. Schriver, George Wood.

Pittsburg—J. Beckley, F. Dunlap, J. Fields, James Galvin, J. Hurley, Ed Hanlon, W. Kuehne, G. Miller, Ed Morris, Al Maul, H. Staley, J. Visner.

The following men in the above list are reported as having signed National League contracts:

C. Bassett, J. Beckley, W. Clements, E. J. Delehanty, K. J. McKean, Al Myers, J. Mulvey, C. Miller, S. L. Thompson.

The following men signed Players' League agreements, but refused to sign contracts, and are reported as having signed National League contracts:

D. Scattin, H. Boyle, H. Buckley, J. Clarkson, J. Denny, J. Gleason, J. L. Glasscock, C. Ganzel, C. Getzein, A. Rusie, W. Schriver, A. Sommer, M. Tiernan.

Released—By Pittsburg club, W. Sunday.

F. W. BRUNELL, Secretary and Treasurer.

Players signed, 113; agreement breakers not included in above list, 13.

MILLER'S WARM WORDS.

He Says a Few Things About One or Two Ball Players.

George Miller, the famous catcher and hitter of the old local team, arrived in the city yesterday. He was looking well and clings to his first love, the National League.

"I want to keep with people who made me," he said last evening, "and I have a word or two to say to one or two conceited characters who call themselves ball players. Nobody will take them at a premium. I mean a man or two whom the old club wouldn't have if Brunswick & Balke would give all their tables in and even on top of that all the 1,000-for-a-$1 cigars that we could get. I mean no good ball players; but I'll let somebody know what I mean one of these days. My name is George Miller, and I'm a ball player. I'm also a man. I was never released, because I was a monkey. I am still playing ball, and will play under the same conditions on which my companions, the mill-workers, work—viz: for the highest prices. Some exploded boasters couldn't get on a diamond if they would even get the color of beer from their faces. I am always George Miller."

TO-MORROW'S BIG RACE.

Starts for the Peds to Kick a Little About in a Preliminary Way.

The echoes of the recent big pedestrian contest at the London Theater were heard all along the streets yesterday. Hegelman won, of course, and won honorably and pluckily. Moore, Guerrero and Hart have arrived from Cleveland to take part in a 12-hour race to-morrow. The other starters will be Day, Spicer, Noremac, Glick, Siebert and Smith.

The race is on handicap terms, and Sammy Day is discounted because he hasn't more than four miles start of Guerrero, who is at the scratch. Guerrero is kicking because Spicer has two miles start. Moore and Noremac each have two miles on Guerrero. Glick has four and Sieber has five. Hart has two miles. Notwithstanding the kick of Guerrero, he seems to have a good race in hand.

SULLIVAN'S CHALLENGE ACCEPTED.

The Colored Champion Prepared to Meet the Big Bostonian.

LONDON, December 31.—Jackson, the colored Australian pugilist, has cabled his acceptance of the Sullivan challenge of the California Athletic Club.

Maryland Club's Collapse.

BALTIMORE, MD., December 30.—The Maryland Jockey Club held a meeting to-day for the purpose of deciding whether or not running races in the future shall be given at Pimlico under the auspices of that organization. The opinion was almost unanimous that the club should disband, and a resolution to that effect was adopted. A committee of three, ex-Gov. Oden Bowie, R. C. Hall and John S. Getsings, were appointed to dispose of the club's property, which is valued at $60,000, divide the proceeds among the members, and wind up all the affairs of the concern.

O'Day Signs With New York.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

CHICAGO, December 30.—There is a letter now on its way from this city to New York, addressed to John R. Day, containing the contract of pitcher Hank O'Day to play with the National League club of New York City during 1890. O'Day is in town, but cannot be found. It is a fact, however, that he has signed a New York League contract, he having come here for that purpose. A. G. Spalding is authority for this.

DISAPPEARED ON HIS WEDDING DAY.

A Mystery That a Pretty Girl Would Like Cleared Up.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

NEW HAVEN, CONN., December 30.—People living in the borough of West Haven are considerably exercised over the sudden disappearance of William Hyde. Since last Tuesday, the evening of his wedding day, nothing has been seen or heard of him. Young Hyde belongs to a good family, and was engaged to Miss Nellie Conlan, one of the prettiest girls in the borough. He was a Protestant, while she is a Catholic.

Hyde's engagement to Miss Conlan exercised his friends greatly. His parents disowned him, and the social circle in which he moved ostracized him. He persisted in remaining true to the girl, and went so far as to engage the services of a priest to marry him on Tuesday evening. He spent the greater part of the day with Miss Conlan, and left her to prepare for the ceremony. That is the last that has been seen of him.

THE FAILURES OF 1889.

A Larger Number Than in Any Year in the Past Five.

NEW YORK, December 30.—*Bradstreet's* reports 11,719 failures in the United States for the year 1889, with liabilities of $140,489,490 and assets $70,599,769. This is the largest number of failures and greater liabilities than for any year in the past five.

The increase in the number of failures over 1888 is 1,132; increase in liabilities, $20,117,088; increase in assets, $8,599,858.

THE COLORED CITIZENS AROUSED.

The Massacre of Convicts Causes an Appeal for Enforcing the Laws.

CHARLESTON, S. C., December 30.—Great indignation is felt throughout the State at the massacre of prisoners at Barnwell, and the strongest appeals are being made to the Governor to make an example of the mob.

Two hundred colored people have issued a call for a meeting at Columbia January 2, for the purpose of formulating a plan to enforce the laws and preserve order.

B. & B.

Stores closed all day New Year's.

BOGGS & BUHL.

ROUTE OF THE CANAL.

This Phase of the Ship Waterway Project Broadly Discussed.

THE MAHONING AND SHENANGO

Valleys Nearer the Heart of the Commission Than the Allegheny.

AN ARMSTRONG CITIZEN ON THE LATTER

Possibility of a Spur Reaching Off to the Sharpsville Region.

There is going to be jealousy in the Allegheny Valley if the Beaver, Mahoning and Shenango Valleys get that ship canal. So much is certain. The probabilities of the route are discussed. An Armstrong county map puts in his plea for the Allegheny Valley. He does so, though, with an admission that the dice seem to be loaded the other way.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL COMMISSIONER.]

SHARPSVILLE, December 30.—In one of the former letters in this series it was stated that J. M. Goodwin, the practical engineer of the Erie and Ohio river canal scheme, said it must be borne in mind that the valleys of the Shenango and the Mahoning rivers would be both included in any ship canal which might be built. He would have, either way, a spur running from one to the other of the valleys.

It is something of importance to both valleys that a ship canal should be of benefit to the towns in each of the valleys. Without permitting any assumption of belief as to which valley, or whether either valley, may be the lucky one in the matter of an allotment of a ship canal, it may be said, generally, that the industries of each are so interlaced and so interdependent upon each other that the bond of sympathy between them is stronger than was that of the Siamese twins. These valleys are American giants, whether twins or not.

A SPUR IS PRACTICABLE.

But it is easily to be seen by a glance at the map that there would be little difficulty in running a spur up the Shenango Valley to Sharpsville, in case the main canal comes down the Mahoning. Sharpsville would be far enough up, because there is no place between it and Erie which would really need a canal. Clarksville, Greenville, Adamsville, etc., are but small places. It would be less costly to build the canal between New Castle and Sharpsville than from New Castle to the mouth of the Beaver.

On the other hand, if the canal should come down the Shenango Valley, it will not be any more difficult to build a spur up the Mahoning as far as Youngstown. Along the Mahoning, up as far as the place named, there are many heavy-tonnage industries which would be immensely benefited by a ship canal.

AN ALLEGHENY VALLEY KICK.

But all the people of Western Pennsylvania would not be satisfied with either route. Let me quote what a prominent gentleman of Armstrong county says to me in a private letter on the subject:

"The people of Western Pennsylvania," he says, "unite in the belief that this is one of the greatest schemes looking to the full development of the country ever proposed in any of our legislative bodies. We are proud of the fact that our national waterways are such as will be entirely sufficient to supply such a canal; that they flow through a country rich in soil and minerals, and that although many places of interest are hampered by lack of railroad competition, yet great manufacturing industries have sprung up in the very face of such disadvantages. It must follow, then, that to cut a great canal like the one proposed from the lakes to the Ohio river, to come into competition with almost every railroad interest in the country, would be a magnificent scheme for the country generally, and more especially for the particular localities through which it would pass.

"In this venture we are all interested," the gentleman continued; "but the people of the Allegheny Valley have begun to suspect that our river is not to be taken into consideration by this commission.

THE GOVERNOR SHOULD KNOW.

"I have even heard it charged that the members of that commission were selected either on account of residing in the Beaver Valley, or having a moneyed interest there that would be benefited by the selection of that route. However this may be, I am free to assert that, so far as I can learn, there is no member of that delegation who has either a residence, a boat, or a mill in the Allegheny Valley.

"We do not hesitate to say, further, that we think all the possible routes should have been represented on that commission, and that, because a Beaver county man introduced a bill, the full intent of which would cost the nation many millions of dollars, is no excuse for the Governor to make such an appointment as would invest that money in Beaver county.

"At the first or second meeting of the commission," the Armstrong county man continued, "a prominent engineer reported at length in favor of the Allegheny river route as being the most suitable, both from a point of water supply and cost of construction; but we have not heard of him nor of the Allegheny river route in connection with this project since."

TO EXAMINE ALL ROUTES.

These are the chief ideas of the gentleman's letter. Of course, I do not propose to discuss any route; but readers of THE DISPATCH will remember that on the last day the commission met, which was in Rochester, Mr. Shallenberger distinctly said that the commission was sure, in any event, to go over the Allegheny river route before making a final report, as he thought that much was due to all the people of the State. It is nevertheless true, however, that the present leanings are toward the Shenango and Beaver Valley routes, with the Mahoning Valley as a possible side issue.

C. T. DAWSON.

NON-PARTISAN W. C. T. U. CALL.

A National Convention to Be Held in Cleveland Next Month.

CLEVELAND, December 30.—The provisional committee of the Non-Partisan Woman's Christian Temperance Union, composed of Mrs. Ellen J. Phinney, Cleveland; Mrs. Ellen M. Watson, Pittsburg; Mrs. Harriet G. Walker, Minneapolis; Mrs. Florence G. Porter, Oldtown, Me.; Mrs. Mattie M. Bailey, of Iowa; Mrs. J. R. Webster, Monmouth, Ill., and Mrs. Harry White, Indiana, Pa., has issued a call for a National Meeting at Music Hall, Cleveland, on January 22, for the purpose of organizing a National Association.

A FAMOUS MUSICIAN DEAD.

When Only Seven Years Old He Played Before Nobles.

NEW YORK, December 30.—Henry Mollenhauer, a well-known Brooklyn musician, died suddenly to-night at his home in that city, of heart troubles. He was born in Germany in 1825, and at 4 years of age developed a remarkable ear for music.

When 7 years old he played the piano before the Grand Duchess of Weimar and was in later years a member of the Grand Orchestra of Stockholm. He came to this country in 1856 and has resided here since.

Confession of Bank Robbery.

MILWAUKEE, December 30.—A special from Depere, Wis., says that a man named Ingalls was arrested there to-day for stealing overcoats, and has made a confession, implicating himself and several others in the Hurley Bank robbery. The story is discredited here.

A SLICK SWINDLER.

His Plan of Operations Took in a Whole State—A Million Dollars in Bogus Insurance Policies—The Rascal Worked All Classes.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., December 30.—Detectives are hunting for Dexter G. Turner, who, according to statements of State Auditor Kyler, now in this city, is one of the most accomplished insurance rascals that ever operated in this section of the country. "Turner," said the State Auditor, "came to South Dakota in June representing himself as the State Agent of South Dakota for the Citizens' Life Association, of Cherokee, Ia. He immediately proceeded to organize the State in systematic manner to solicit life insurance for his company. Agents were appointed among the farmers and laboring classes. The attractive feature of his plan was to issue a conjoint policy covering both man and wife, and in some instances the entire family. Business came pouring in at an enormous rate, notes or cash being taken for premiums from the policy holders or anything that could be squeezed from their customers. When a note was taken it was sold at whatever figure the bank was willing to pay for it.

"The company Turner represented had no authority to do business in this State, nor did Turner or any of his agents have a certificate of authority issued by my office. Anyway, their work has been a fraudulent scheme from its inception. The amount of business done is enormous, and policies written will reach $1,000,000. The matter has been placed in the hands of the County Attorney of Davison county, who will institute proceedings in the United States Courts for collection of fines against the company, which are $1,000 for each policy written.

"Turner is an old offender in this line of business. He came to Dakota for the distinct purpose of swindling all he could in the insurance line. All his agents, of whom there are at least 50, are guilty, and I shall be lenient with them, for they are innocent parties to the swindle."

DESPERATE BOOMERS

Armed and Determined to Take Indian Lands—An Ex-Ohio Legislator Leader of the Gang—Redskins Preparing to Fight.

PIERRE, S. D., December 30.—The feverish excitement over the attempt of boomers to found a town site on the reservation across the river from this point continues unabated. The boomers have been acting mysteriously, and it has been learned that they are still making preparations to execute their scheme. They held a secret meeting to-night in an old building about half a mile from here, and it is learned that they contemplated moving over the river to-night or to-morrow night. It has also developed that the portion of the land which they intend squatting on is not a portion of the reservation, but a part of the famous Mile Square, but which has heretofore been occupied by half-breeds and squaw men as part of the reservation. In this case there is certainly some probability of their success.

They have a thorough organization, and are led by very shrewd men, who will not stop at anything to carry their point. The half-breeds are reinforcing themselves, and will undoubtedly fight a desperate battle before they will yield. J. W. Shinn, a former member of the Ohio Legislature, is the leader of the boomers, and he has undoubtedly laid his plans well. Dr. Brown, of this city, and a party named "Jesse James," are his seconds. They have a large installment of arms, thus showing that they are desperate.

Business has been almost entirely neglected here to-day, everybody being busy, excitedly discussing the situation. The boomers are constantly making converts for their cause and with reinforcements will probably be able to take possession.

APPEAL TO THE PUBLIC.

The Striking Gripmen Ask the Moral Support of the City.

At the meeting of the Street Car Employes' Assembly, to which other men now on strike were admitted, held in K. of L. Hall on Fifth avenue last night, the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, The Pittsburg Traction Company has seen fit to organize a powerful corporation, and, in order to make it a success, has called into its service the Pinkerton thugs and scabs, who have been a stink in the nostrils of the honest public, not only here, but in Chicago, New York and Philadelphia.

They lay forth the claim that their former employers should not have the rights of American citizens, while they are slaves to the company. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the former employes of the Pittsburg Traction Company, believing we have done nothing wrong as American citizens in connecting ourselves with whatever organization we deem best, and having been discharged for simply joining an organization for our own protection, appeal to all labor organizations and the public in general for support.

We ask that you will not patronize the road while it is run by such unprincipled scabs as are employed in our places.

We can assure the public in general that we have no desire to commit any depredations that would make us liable to the strong arm of the law, believing that the company would be only too glad should such steps be taken. We are out on principle and are determined to carry this to an honorable and honest termination.

We tried all honest means to bring about an amicable settlement, but without avail, as our committee did not have an opportunity to effect a settlement, as the President, Mr. Elkins, refused point blank to treat with any committee save that of scabs and Pinkerton thugs.

THE ERIE STRIKE SETTLED.

A Satisfactory Agreement Reached on the Terms of the Men.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

NEW YORK, December 30.—A sub-committee of about a dozen engineers and other trainmen was sent over this morning to see General Manager E. B. Thomas, by the standing grievance committee of the entire Erie system which has been in session in Jersey City since Saturday. The instructions from the general committee had been very explicit. The sub-committee demanded that the book of rules, with its 296 examination questions, be abolished, and that the four suspended engineers be reinstated, with full pay during their idleness. It was also decided to get a written agreement from the Company, signed by the officers.

After the conference, Manager Thomas said:

The matter has been settled satisfactorily to both the men and the management. We have reinstated the four engineers and withdrawn the written examination. The men expressed a willingness to take an oral examination, and it will not differ much, probably, from what was contained in the seemingly objectionable book of questions. The whole trouble arose from a misunderstanding as to what the company requested, and as soon as the men found that out, the difficulty was soon adjusted.

FAILURE OF MARK TWAIN'S DAN.

He Was Unable to Meet Notes Indorsed by Sheffield & Son.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

NEW YORK, December 30.—Daniel Slote & Co., manufacturers of blank books at 119 and 121 William street, suspended to-day on account of the failure of J. B. Sheffield & Son, of Saugerties. The members of the firm, Mrs. Sarah B. Slote, Frank Bowman and William A. Manterstock, made an assignment to-day to Charles F. Cantine, of Kingston, giving preferences for $65,602, all on notes for money lent, of which notes $36,702 were indorsed by J. B. Sheffield & Son, and are the last preferred.

Daniel Slote was the *Dan* of Mark Twain's "Innocents Abroad," and the firm for many years past have made a specialty of Mark Twain's scrap book.

DISGRACE IN THE END

The Ultimate Result for Captain O'Shea in Hitting Parnell.

A THUNDERER HEAVILY INVOLVED

And Evidence That the Great Newspaper is Interested in the Issue.

GLADSTONE MEETINGS EVERYWHERE,

But Still There are Tories Who Bitterly Assail the Statesman.

Evidence is accumulating that the O'Shea divorce suit was brought in the interests of the London *Times*. This is denied, however, by the Captain. More celebrations were held in Gladstone's honor. A Tory paper makes a scurrilous attack upon the aged statesman.

LONDON, December 30.—Apropos of the allegation of Mr. Parnell and his friends that the action brought against the Home Rule leader by Captain O'Shea was instigated by Mr. Houston, in the interest of the *Times*, in the expectation that it would have the effect to weaken Mr. Parnell's suit for libel against the *Times* and draw public attention away from the commission's report on the forged letters, it is stated on authority that the hearing of O'Shea's case is fixed for a time concurrent with the examination of Parnell's suit against the *Times*. The coincidence may be accidental, but nobody can be found who believes that it is, and as to the issue of the O'Shea action, opinion is general that the Captain will emerge from the contest the most discreditable and despicable man in all England.

An attempt was made to-day to interview Captain O'Shea regarding the statements made by Mr. Parnell in connection with the divorce suit. Captain O'Shea refused to discuss the matter, but said he advised Mr. Parnell to assume the usual position of co-respondent and to allow himself to be served with a citation. Captain O'Shea subsequently stated that there was not the slightest truth in Mr. Parnell's assertion that the suit had been instigated by the *Times*. Neither the *Times* nor Mr. Houston, he said, knew anything of the action before it became known to the public. In proof of this assertion he produced a letter from the editor of the *Times*, dated last evening, asking him to confirm or correct the report that he had filed a petition for a divorce.

GLADSTONE HONORED EVERYWHERE.

Only a Rabid Tory Organ Has Unkind Words for the Ex-Premier.

LONDON, December 30.—Hundreds of meetings and banquets are being held here and elsewhere to-night in honor of the 80th birthday of Mr. Gladstone, and all of the newspapers pay their respects to him in notices more or less complimentary in proportion to their leaning toward Liberalism, or the closeness of their affiliations with the party of the other extreme. Only one paper, however, has had the bad taste, not to say downright brutality, to seize the opportunity afforded by the occasion to openly attack the ex-Premier.

This exhibition of virulent party spite is made by the *St. James Gazette*, which declares that he is only supported by "Jacobins, Guttler Rapoos and Irish disloyalty." To this scurrilous outburst, however, nobody has paid the slightest attention and doubtless the author is now heartily ashamed of the work.

CONVICTED OF CONSPIRACY.

Socialists Found Guilty and Sentenced, After a 6-Weeks' Trial.

ELBERFELD, December 30.—The trial of the 91 Socialists, who were accused of belonging to a secret society and of conspiring to disturb the public peace, was ended here to-day. The taking of evidence and the speeches for the prosecution and the defense have occupied six weeks. Of the accused, Deputies Debel, Grillenberger and Schumacher, and 44 others, were acquitted. Deputy Harm was convicted and sentenced to six months imprisonment. Berbe, a carpenter, and Huettenborger, a tailor, each received a four months' sentence. Neumann, a cigar dealer, was sentenced to five months, and Finke, a confectioner, to 18 months' imprisonment.

The others who were found guilty were sentenced to terms ranging from 14 days to three months.

HOPE FOR OLD IRELAND.

The New Viceroy Rejoiced at Evidences of Her Prosperity.

DUBLIN, December 30.—The Earl of Zetland, the new Viceroy of Ireland, in reply to a number of addresses which were presented to him to-day, said he was rejoiced that the condition of Ireland was so far different from what it was when Lord Londerry, the late Viceroy, was welcomed to Dublin in 1886.

The happy results that had been achieved induced the Government to persevere. The Government, he said, was sanguine of further progress toward the prosperity, peace and contentment which all desired.

A GROWING EVIL IN ENGLAND.

The Labor League Protests Against the Importation of Paupers.

LONDON, December 30.—A crowded meeting of the Labor League was held today at which resolutions were passed protesting against the importation of foreign pauper labor and urging the Government to emulate the action of the United States with regard to this growing evil.

PROSTRATED BY HIS GRIEF.

Dom Pedro Unwilling to Converse or Even Answer Questions.

OPORTO, December 30.—Dom Pedro continues utterly prostrated. The doctors have advised that efforts be made to rouse him by conversation, but he does not respond to any one's questions. The Count and Countess de Eau arrived here to-day.

The ex-Emperor's meeting with his daughter was of a painful character.

17,000 MINERS ON STRIKE.

The Labor Situation at Charleroi Continually Growing Worse.

BRUSSELS, December 30.—The situation at Charleroi is more serious. There are now 17,000 strikers. There is a great scarcity of coal, and supplies are coming from England and Germany.

The Governor of Hainault has summoned a meeting of strikers and employers to try to effect a settlement.

SCARED NEARLY TO DEATH.

The Czar's Illness Caused by Extinction of Electric Lights.

LONDON, December 30.—It is stated that the latest illness of the Czar was brought on by excitement caused by the sudden extinction of the electric lights in the Gatschina palace.

There was a violent rush of blood to the lungs and the consequent congestion of these organs.

DR. PETERS NOT DEAD.

A Member of the Expedition Reports Him Safe and Sound.

LONDON, December 30.—Lieutenant Tiedman, of the Peters Expedition, sent a dispatch from Addo Baruch Royal, dated November 28, to Lieutenant Borchert, in which he was told he wished him not to believe the gloomy reports about Peters and himself, as they were both safe and sound.

England and Bulgaria Agree.

LONDON, December 30.—England and Bulgaria have signed a provisional commercial agreement which will take effect January 1, and continue in force for two years.

Funeral of the Ex-Empress.

OPORTO, December 30.—The funeral of the late Empress is fixed for the 4th of January. The Pope has sent his benediction to the deceased.

The Sultan to Suppress Slavery.

CONSTANTINOPLE, December 30.—The Sultan has signed a measure to suppress negro traffic in Turkey.

FAIR

THE WEATHER.

For Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia, fair, colder Tuesday morning; warmer by Wednesday morning; northerly winds.

PITTSBURG, December 30, 1889.

The United States Signal Service officer in this city furnishes the following:

Time.	Ther.		Ther.
8:00 A. M.	34	Maximum temp.	37
12:00 M.	35	Minimum temp.	30
1:00 P. M.	—	Range	7
2:00 P. M.	36	Mean temp.	34
5:00 P. M.	—	Precipitation	0
8:00 P. M.	31		

River at 5:20 P. M., 7.5 feet, a change of 1.3 in 24 hours.

River Telegrams.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAMS TO THE DISPATCH.]

BROWNSVILLE—River 6 feet 9 inches and falling. Weather cloudy. Thermometer 34° at 7 P. M.

MORGANTOWN—River 5 feet 10 inches and falling. Weather clear. Thermometer 35° at 4 P. M.

WARREN—River 3 4-10 feet and falling. Weather cloudy and cold.

A Serious Mistake

Corrected. Much mischief is done in treatment of constipation. The common opinion is that all the indications are fulfilled if medicine forces unloading of the bowels. A great error. Medicine simply cathartic, corrects no morbid condition, consequently their use is followed by greater costiveness. A remedy to be effectual and permanent must be composed of tonic, alterative, corrective and cathartic properties. These qualities are admirably combined in Dr. Tutt's Liver Pills. They cure chronic constipation and all the sufferings that result from it. They give tone to the intestinal mucous membrane, stimulate the secretions and correct imperfect action of the stomach and liver.

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Statistics from six of the largest morgues in the world show that in nine out of every ten suicides the fatal act is committed when the mind and brain are overstrung, congested, and excited. Taken in time, a few doses of Rogers' Royal Nervine would have calmed the excitement, eased the care and worry, and in quiet, refreshing sleep have carried away this mad impulse. Your turn may be next. Spend a dollar, and be on the safe side. R. R. N. acts like magic, and can never harm.

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