# THE PITTSBURG DISPATCH.

PITTSBURG, SATURDAY, JANUARY 24,

WEALTH OF A RIVER.

SECOND PART.

Supplies of the World Largely Drawn From the Mississippi Valley.

## THE FIVE-FOLD MEASURE

Needed to Extend the Seaboard to the Great Lakes and the

LAKES TO THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS.

Cheap and Easy Communication With the Orlent and Occident.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SHIP CANAL

### PAPER NO. 9. The Mississippi Valley is the great fact of

the age. Together with its front door and northern

outlets, the Great Lakes and Mohawk and Hudson rivers, it dominates and determines the condition and comfort of every man. woman and child in the United States; aye,

and in Europe. Abundance or scarcity, dearness or cheapness of food depend upon its harvests and its herds.

The price of clothing the world over is determined by the pick of its cotton fields and the clip of its fleeces.

All the world looks for light to its oil wells, which also supply lubricants for its machinery, ungents and ointments for its sores, colors for its fabrics, insulating materials for its wires, wax for its threads, and a thousand things beside.

Its lumber and wooden wares control the markets from the Atlantic to the Rockies.

It is the greatest producer of copper, lead, iron ore, iron and steel; and the supply and prices of these metals and of their manufac-Inres depend upon its output.

Its gold and silver are the principal additions to the world's money. Its coal measures are the richest, the most

extensive and the easiest worked, and with first-class water transportation to the East will determine the price of fuel both in Europe and America. But five of the great necessaries of modern

life are not here produced, to-wit: tea, coffee, quinine, rubber and gutta percha; and no doubt rubber and gutta percha could be profitably cultivated in the lower latitudes.

Its manufactures are most extensive and its commerce is vaster than that of any other polifical or geographical division of the earth

Its one united people excel all other in patriotism, virtue, culture, education, wealth, energy, adaptiveness, inventive

ness. The dawning century holds what gift of priceless blessing for this noble people? That which will add to the earnings of

every worker and reduce the cost of living to each individual, not only in this country, but in Europe as well, which will add one-ourth to the savings of every family; which will lift the Western farmer out of his mortgaged fate, double his net earnings, equadruple the value of his land and make his sons iree-born, proud, independent citizens -not, as now seems imminent, a servile ten-

which will enrich fart



vision of what it will be to our children and our children's children. To comprehend it even partially it is best considered in six divisions, each imperial in proportions.

The Northern gateway and great arterial canals.

From New York Bay, a peerless harbor, the Hudson extends tide level through the

the Hudson extends tide level through the Appalachian chain; and its work accom-plished shrivels into insignificance atter sending a mighty arm, the Mohawk, west-ward to touch the lakes; which vast reser-voirs, central summit of the continent, ex-tending navigation 1,000 miles to North and West, invite and make feasible the great arterial canals to connect lakes, rivers and oceans. From tidewater at Troy the Erie Canal and lake with the Hennepin Canal, extend in almost a straight line to Chicago. Behind Chicago is the lowest point, only 14 feet elevation, between the lakes and the Mississippi val-ley. Through this low ridge will be cut the Michigan and Mississippi Ship Canal, con-necting the Great Lakes with the Mississippi by way of the Illinois river. By this by way of the Illinois river. By this waterway Chicago is scant 1,000 miles and St. Louis not 1,500 miles from New York. South from Lake Erie the Erie and Pitts-burg Ship Canal will extend first-class navi-

source of the Dakota river; its southwestern source of the Dakota Fiver; its southwestern near Leadville, Col., 700 miles distant; its southeastern apex at St. Louis; its northwestern at the 113th meri-dian and the northern boundary, over 1,400 miles away or 3,000 miles by the me-anderings of the river. These far North-

western waters pierce the Rockies, and con-stitute the natural avenue of trade with the Pacific. Here the upper Missouri, the Yellowstone, and numerous tributaries are

open ways into Wonderland, and will bring forth the vast stores of mineral now hidden in the mountains. Gold, silver, copper lead, iron, coal and other minerals are here in abundance. The Yellowstone and Powder, together

with the Missouri and Platte, enclose a vast triangular plateau 100,000 square miles in area, rich agricultural and mineral lands drained by the Little Missouri, the Niobara,

drained by the Little Missouri, the Niobara, the Cheyeune, whose forks surround the Black Hills, and nine other rivers. The central thoroughfare, the Platte river, opens a roadway through the granary of Nebraska into the mineral regions of Wyoming and Colorado, whence the water-ways of the Pacific and Salt Lake systems extend easy communication westward and southward. The Platte occupies a most

A WILD, WEIRD TALE. An Incident of an Epidemic of Spir-

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., Jan. 23 .- What night be termed an epidemic of spiritualism is now raging in this city, and a number of quite startling cases of materialization have been related. The circumstances of one case of particular note were related to a reporter by a lady whose husband died a few months ago. The chief interest lies in the partial sundering of the veil that separates this world from commanding situation, and when improved will be one of the greatest transportation routes in the world. South of the Platte

again, but the command was impera-tive. I felt a power bearing me down that I could not resist. There was the same plunge through intense darkness, followed hy the cramping of my spirit as it An Incident of an Epidemic of Spir-itualism in Arkansas. MESSAGE OF A DYING HUSBAND, And the Brief Visit of His Widow to the Farther Shore. SHE TELLS THE STORY IN HEROWN WAY

"The similarity of our experience led us into closer sympathy with each other, and often furnished the opening for a long con-versation upon the subject of the soul's con-dition after death. My husband was al-ways a believer in certain spiritual mani-festations, but did not go to extremes. He thought the inhabitants of the spiritual world could see us at all times, and upon very rare occasions were permitted to mani-fest themselves in some way to a loved one who had been left behind. We never talked about death with any feeling of dread. On the contrary, in the light or the foretaste enjoyed by both of us, we were inclined to look forward to it with feelings of pleasure and satisfaction. But in order that our re-



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ANOTHER SUIT FOR A SMALL AMOUNT The affairs of the Westinghouse Electrical and Manufacturing Company are moving along on the road to success and the preferred stock is rapidly being disposed of. The local creditors' committee made a report to Vice President Bannister yesterday, in which it made some suggestions as to the proper action to be taken. The committee "We, the committee appointed at the meeting of the Pittsburg creditors on the 17th inst., desire to report that we are

meeting with good results in soliciting sub-scriptions of the Pittsburg creditors for the preferred stock in settlement of their claims. and we have carried the matter far enough to feel justified in saying we believe we can accomplish what we set out to do, namely, to get the majority of the Pittsburg creditors to subscribe for preferred stock in settlement.

**OUTSIDE AID ASKED** 

By the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company.

FOREIGN CREDITORS GET A CHANCE

To Chip in to Get Rid of the 40,000 Shares of Preferred Stock.

said in its report:

"We believe that it would facilitate the accomplishment of the object that we all have in view, namely, the putting of the Electric Company upon a proper financial basis, if you would immediately address a circular to every creditor outside of Pittsburg, requesting a subscription to preferred stock and settlement of their claims in that way, asking them to reply immediately."

Preferred Stock for Foreign Creditors. In accordance with the suggestion the above letter was printed and will be mailed to the creditors of the company who live in other cities, and it is hoped that there will be good returns. Members of the company believe that they will thus get rid of the

believe that they will thus get rid of the major portion of the indebtedness. Vice Président Bannister was seen at his office yesterday afternoon and is in the best of spirits. He said he considered the idea of the local creditors' committee a good one and he acted upon it at once. "Everything is moving nicely," said he. "And we ex-pect to see the matters all straighten them-calves out Of course there are rumors selves out. Of course, there are rumors floating about, but that could be expected under the present circumstances." Rumors of different sorts were flying

Rumors of different sorts were flying about yesterday, but the more solid financial men are begiuning to look upon them as the work of some one who has not the most friendly feelings for the company. After a story is once started it flies about very rapidly and gathers strength from every direction. For this reason the most sensa-tional stories are now looked upon as the imaginings of someone's mind.

Affairs Still Look Encouraging. J. B. Haines, Jr., Chairman of the Local Greditors' Committee, said yesterday that the members are having splendid success in disposing of the stock, but as there has been no meeting of the committee, the exact number of shares taken is not known. There will probably be no full report made before the time for securing the 40 000 shares of the store the time for securing the 40,000 shares ex-pires. That will be on January 31, when everything in regard to the standing of the company will be settled. Until that time company will be settled. Until that time whatever rumors that may be set afloat will have no bearing on the company affairs, as there will certainly be nothing done to effect the matter one way or the other until every effort has been made to secure the 40,000 shares. No one believes that the company will be other than successful.

Another suit was entered yesterday against the Westinghouse Electric Company. It

Yes! I will write it down at last! For excitable and emotional nature the long strain began to tell. I grew morose and gloomy, and had fits of terrible mental de-pression, which did not escape the notice of those about me. I knew it was whispered that Heimsdorf and I were getting into se-rious difficulties, and this knowledge was call and warmward to me. At hast I wrote years and years I have kept to the resolve that none should ever know the history of in event which was the turning point of my life, but to-day a change has come over me. fo-day has been for me a happy day; one of rious dimensities, and this knowledge was gall and wornwood to me. At last I wrote, in desperation, to my father. I sent him a penitent letter, stating that I was in great straits for money, finally imploring help, hinting that my reputation and the reten-tion of my commission depended ou a favor-able answer. Once before, in a less serious the happiest, indeed, I have every known. I am an old fellow now, and have served my Queen for many a long year, in many a distant land. It has pleased God to bless my career, and to have enabled me to do my futy to the satisfaction of my superiors. I have met with far greater rewards for my crisis of my affairs, I had made an appeal services than they merit, and to-day has come my crowning triumph. My Gracious

which was successful, but my father, while granting my request, had written in terms which made me teel far from hopeful when Sovereign (whom God ever bless and prewhich made me leel ar from hopeful when writing the second time. My foreboding proved true. One dull, dark afternoon Helmsdorf found me in my room in the casemate barracks reading my serve!) has this day sent me, with a letter so kindly and so sweet that it mades my old eyes dim to read it, the Grand Cross of the father's answer. It had come overland, and, as was not unusual in the dilatory Spanish Bath!-the soldier's blue ribbon of fame! As I sit in my quiet room it hangs over my mantelpiece in the place of honor over the little glass-protected case where hang my other decorations, my five war medals and --most prized of all-the bronze Victoria Cross I won at Delhi. It hangs, glittering

as was not unusual in the dilatory Spanish post of that time, was some days overdue. I looked up as Claude entered. I remem-ber his face as well as if it had all taken place yesterday. It was drawn, haggard and binched; his eyes were unnaturally bright and restless, while a hectic spot flamed on each check. "Bad nows, eb?" he asked quietly, but with a kind of bitter laugh. I handed him the letter, which he read aloud: in its silvery pride, where my sweet daughter Effie placed it this evening, amid the shouts of her curly-headed little ones. Then how my darling addressed the pretty I has mob about grandfather's new honor! How aloud:

her face, her figure, the tones of her voice, reminded me of her dead mother, my dear "MY DEAR EDWARD-The last time you wrote to me, to say you were in difficult



rife, whose absence was the one thing which | I managed at considerable inconvenience to wife, whose absence was the one thing which dimmed the happiness of the day. Could I help that feeling of choking in the throat as I listened to my Effie's words as, in tones which trembled now and again with her love for her old soldier father, she told them of the honor he had won, and bade the two sturdy blue-eyed lads, who gazed up at footsteps and gain, like him, the love of all round him, the admiration of his country, and the approbation of his Queen? Much she said—far too much for my

on an allowance which I had

have, good reason to believe sufficient for young officers of your standing, even with

out stinting themselves extraordinarily. "You exceeded this allowance very con-

sistance, which I gave. You now write to me for a far larger sum. "I regret that I must refuse your request.

Were I richer, I do not know that I should be wise to grant it; as it is, I cannot. You

Holmes, didn't you?" asked Helmsdorf,

slowly, I nodded. "And another to the quartermaster who

"And one or two besides other fellows, I think. Have they been honored, do you

I laughed-a bitter, joyless laugh in an-

swer to the cold, sardonic smile on Helms

siderably a year ago and wrote to me to

chant, manufacturer and common carrier miner and professional man; which will augment the volume of trade beyond our comprehension and create a thousand new

Stirred by memory of what our fathers did and suffered for us, longing to hold proud and equal place with them in the effections of our descendants, we of the last decade of this eventful century must bless and enrich that just about to dawn by in-augurating a five-fold measure. We must extend the Atlantic seaboard to the Great Lakes, the Great Lakes to the Rocky Mountains. We must provide tree water transportation from the Atlantic, and from the Guit to the remotest corner of cur valley.

First-The Eric Canal must be enlarged to accommodate ocean steamships, Second-The Ohio river and the Great

Lakes must be connected by ship canal. Third-A canal must be built connection lakes Erie and Michigan.

Fourth-Lake Michigan must be con nected by ship canal with the Mississippi.

Fifth-Last and most important of all, be-cause affecting not alone material prosperity, but as vital to the salety, health and very live of the people, and in ther making serviceable and profitable the above mentioned great arterial canals, we must improve the Mississippi and its tributaries, put an end to disastrons floods, reclaim the lands now waste and ex-end to every part and corner of this vast valley the inestimable be cheap water transportation, free to all the

people. The Mississipni and its tributaries, when improved, will furnish 17,500 miles of first-class waterways, navigable by large steamships of 20 feet draft; 35,000 miles of ways navigable by vessels of 10 to 15 feet draft, and 60,000 miles of waterways navi gable to steamboats and barges.

This yast system, the natural highways of the nation, extending parallel and converging lines through 1,272,000 square miles, or 824,080,000 acres of the richest country on the grobe, covering its face with a network magnificent waterways, nowhere more than 40 miles apart, bringing every farmer within a practical wagon haul of a cheap transportation route; the whole connecte by ship canals with the great lakes and the Atlantic, having an outlet to the gulf and summit connections with the waterways of Hudson Bay and British North America, piercing the Rocky Mountains to the Co lumbia river, and establishing cheap transportation to the Pacific slope-this is worthy gift from century to century.

Provided with such a system, we can load ships for Europe at the 110th meridian; debark the cargoes of the Orient and of the Occident at the wharves of our great Western plateau.

Our vast stretches of farms and factories. cities and mines will bave cheap and easy communication with one another, with Eu rope. Africa and the east coast of South America, and, when the Nicaragua Canal is done, with both shores of the Pacific Ocean Nature placed our peerless continent cen tral on the globe. Central, commanding dominating all she set our valley; planning it on ideal lines, seeming to have always in view the ultimate uses of our rivers, an their connections with the Great Lakes and the Atlantic

The map well illustrates the splendid possibilities inherent in that Continental System of Highways, of which Eads aptly

says: "It is the great arterial system of this Republic. Its vital branches and wonder-ful reticulations permeate and envelop the great body of our country, giving unity to amplitude, value to productiveness, and to the State, resistless power and existence as enduring as human liberty and intelligence. Through its copions channels, for all time to come, are destined to circulate the sustenance and abundance of its per

ple," The more one studies this vast subject, the more the mind is overwhelmed by its vastness, astounded at its incomparable pro-portions and opportunities; thrilled by the

gation to the Ohio and all its waterway From New York to Pittsburg the sailing its six great branches through the wheat and cornfields of Kansas, Nebrasks and Colorado. Last of the streams south and distance will be 700 miles. These distance are scarcely greater than by the best practicable railroad routes.

II. The Southern gateway and the waterways

of the Alluvial Plain. As New York is the natural outlet for Northern and Northwestern products in European exchange, so is New Orleans and the Mississippi river the natural channel of trade to South America and Asia, and to Europe for Southern products. When the outlet of the Mississippi has been improved, the river corrected and lowered so as to drain the bottom lands, and

of eight great States at St. Louis, must swell that city's trade to a most stupendous the floods prevented by the development of volume. St. Louis has such a command-ing position, is such a central point, from navigable waterways in the water courses the condition of a vast commerce will exist at New Orleans; the 7,500 miles of lakes, which radiate the natural roadways of our valley, that it seems destined to be our great central city, as New York is our great searivers and bayous in the bottom lands will collect the vast agricultural surplus of the 57,280 square miles of fertile alluvial plains port.

bordering the lower Mississippi. TIL.

The Southwestern Division. Red and Arkansas rivers. Watershed

286,000 square miles. Navigable waters, 20,000 miles, These rivers, piercing great cotton, tobacco and corn fields, and extend-ing to the mineral region of Colorado, will swell the trade of New Orleans.

IV. The Ohio Division. Area of watershed, 211,680 square miles.

Miles First class navigation. Second class navigation......

Total ... 15 000 The Ohio valley is now the principal source of the floods which yearly devastate 100,000 miles. the Mississippi bottoms. Therefore, the first step in any rational plan for the im-provement of the Mississippi, must be the development of the reservoir action of the water courses of the Ohio river and its tributaries. This will create a wide-branching system of navigable waterways, which, when connected by ship canal with the great lakes, will provide an tlet for the many productions of this nature's treasure house, and make it for the first time a factor in and a competitor for the world's commerce. The entire section is rich beyond belief, both in soil and mineral. Its treasure vaults will be least outlay. at last unlocked. Ships will load with coal at the mine's mouth; oil will flow from well

and still directly into tank steamers; steel and iron will leave the rolls to hide in the holds of ships built at the mill-side, whose maiden voyages full-freighted with the pro ductions of this marvelous region, will carry ships and cargoes to purchasers in the farthest clime.

v. The Upper Mississippi Division. Area of watershed, 171,800 square miles; 10,000 miles of navigable waterways, all of the second and third classes.

This rich and resperous agricultural sec-tion, seemingly without phenomenal mineral resources, not so placed as to command an extended commerce or to intercept the trad between East and West, is yet remarkable as affording summit connections between the Mississippi waters, and those of Hudson Bay and British North America. Its destiny is tranquil local growth and referentered activity water the development

self-centered activity until the development of British North America and the Vafley of the Mackensie river, of which it is naturally the Southern outlet, creates a vasi North and South trade.

VL. The Missouri Division. Area of water shed, 545,240 square miles. Area of water shed, 545,240 square miles. First class navigation, 10,000 miles. Second class navigation, 20,000 miles. Third class navigation, 30,000 miles. Embracing nearly half the area of the Mississippi Watershed, more than half its wealth of agriculture, mineral and water-ways, the Missouri Valley extends in a vast Phombus its northeasters anwy at the

Rhombus, its northeastern apex at

persons whose spirits actually passed away and parallel to it, the Kansas river extends from their mortal frames, but at the last moment were recalled to continue a little while longer their earthly pilgrimage.

west of the Missouri, the Osage and Gasconade extend navigation to the rich "It was surely an unearthly experience," said the widow as soon as the correspondent agricultural and mineral lands of East had stated his mission. "Neither my husern Kansas and Missouri. That part of the band nor myself was inclined to be relig-ious, although we often talked about death Missouri Valley north and east of the main river, is watered by the Poplar, Big Muddy, and wondered what the condition of the soul was after it left the body. But as we were Dakota, Big Sioux, Nishnebottone, Grand, and many other rivers small relatively to constantly coming in contact with dead persons the feeling of horror and dread, so the giant stream, but actually important, and laying open a rich and prosperous common to other people, never affected us. The first thing that brought about a close country. The vast system, converging the commerce

study of the subject was an experience I had during a very severe spell of sick-ness. My friends had given me up as a hopelers case and were expecting death as a nopeless case and were expecting death at any moment. I was perfectly conscious, although very weak. I had heard them say that death was liable to come soon. Still, I did not feel afraid. I made no effort to make my feelings known, but laid perfectly still, It is a peculiar fact that there is no tabu-

carefully analyzing my thoughts as if I felt lation, and so far as can be ascertained no the dissolution approaching. My frame quivered. I gave forth a sound resembling authoritative statement of the lengths of the rivers of the Mississippi system, with the a gasp. I heard the attendants murmur, She is dead,' and then it seemed that my exception of the Mississippi, Ohio and Missouri. Captain Eads estimated the total waterways capable of development at 100,000 miles. This paper states them at 112,500 miles. This result was obtained by spirit floated out into a light of most dazzling brightness.

#### A Visit to the Other Shore.

wheeling off the watercourses exceed-ing 30 miles in length, as laid down on the best maps procurable, pref-"There were forms and objects moving about in myriads, but I could not distin-guish one from the other. All the while I erence being given to township maps, as being most detailed and easiest to check. was enjoying the most intense happiness. I was perfectly at rest. Looking back I could Some of these measurements gave results as close as within 1 per cent, some within 5 per cent, of known lengths. But in streams of many and short turns such accuracy is manifestly impossible; and it is likely that the total waterways are nearer 150,000 than 100 000 miles childhood to womanhood they marched along, alternately condemning or approving. The improvement of this vast continental

It seemed as if upon them depended my inture abode in the land of spirits. As memory brought to light things forgotten long ago, I felt an intense desire to go back to earth and live my life system of natural roadways is the most pressing business of every citizen of this Republic. Selfish interest, humane feeling, sound constructive statesmanship, conserva-tive wisdom, all unite to urge its speedy inauguration and earnest prosecution. The fact of its desirability-nay, its urgent neover again, the good deeds were so small in proportion to the bad ones. Then I began to sink. The bright light grew dim and cessity-no one can question. The only de-batable questions are, which part of the soon faded away. I was soon plunged into impenetrable darkness. It seemed that I work should be first begun; what amount can be done yearly, and what measures and had been sent back to live a little while longer on earth as a punishment for not showing a better life record. When my spirit struggled I felt the mortal prison devices will give the greatest results at the

EDGAR L. WAKEMAN has visited th once more. I trembled, opened my eyes, and then I heard someone scream, 'She's not dead! She has only been in a trance!' scenes upon which Dickens laid his wonder-ful Nicholas Nickleby. See TO-MORROW'S DISPATCH for a charming description. Little by little strength came back. I after-ward learned that the doctors had pro-nounced me dead. I had lain in a state re-sembling death for several hours. My hus-

SHARP PRACTICES IN LOS ANGELES. How the Manager of a Cable Street Railroa

city yesterday.

band had even gone so far as to prepare s casket in which to place my remains. Floated Its Securities. CHICAGO, Jan. 23 .- A morning paper "This awful experience seemed to change my whole nature. Instead of taking merely published a long story in regard to the

my whole nature. Instead of taking merely a casual interest in spiritual things, I began to study the matter with the utmost vigil-ance. I told my husband and a few friends of the sights I had seen when my spirit seemed to have left my body. It was too sacred to me and too strange to be told broadcast, so that very few of my friends even know of the incident, to say nothing of strangers. When I told my husband he showed the most intense interest, and re-marked at the close of my narration that he believed every word of it. He even startled me by saying: alleged irregular practices of C. B. Holmes, the cable railway manager of this city, in connection with the building of the Los Angeles road and the floating of its securities. The horse road of that company, it was alleged, was bought by a Chicago syndicate known as the National Railway Comdicate known as the National Kallway Com-pany, who reorganized it under the name of the Pacific Railroad Company, and cabled it at a cost of \$3,000,000; that bonds were issued as first mortgage bonds when the property was already covered by a mortgage; that Vennylle & Co., of New York, were amployed to flast a part of the samulting me by saving:

The Husband's Experience.

employed to float a part of the securities; that after they had sold some of them they discovered the fact, and sent an agent here "'I had an experience of almost the same "I had an experience of almost the same kind when I was a very young man. In-stead of sickness mine was caused by drown-ing. After struggling in the water until completely exhausted, I resigned myself to my fate and sunk. The first sensation was one of pain, then came a dreamy, delightful feeling in which I was supremely happy. After that came the bright light of a dar-ling intentity with the parime of lifed to investigate with a view to having Mr. Holmes arrested for making false represen The Pacific railway was a failure, and was put into the hands of a receiver in this

After that came the oright light of a dar-zling intensity, with the review of life's record and the command to go back on earth once more. I felt so light and free that I dreaded to assume mortal existence MOTHERS, do not be without Shiloh's Cure in your house. It will cure croup and whooping cough. Sold by Jos. Fleming & Son, 412 Mar-ketst.

and satisfaction. But in order that our re-ception in the land of spirits might be happy, we

was by the Falls Rivet Machine Company, of Cuyahoga Falls, O. The suit is to recover on a promissory note for \$2,449 30, given[Oc-tober 18, 1890, payable three months after Sought by Good Deeds to Make Amends for the errors of the past. We were con-stantly on the watch to find persons that we date. It is alleged that the note was presented and payment refused at the banks. The plnintiffs also claim \$1,754 22 for goods could make happy, either by friendly en-couragement or by financial aid. This work of atonement was carried on in a quiet way for years. We did not care to make a dis-play of it because it looked inconsistent with the high motives from which our confuruished.

CARDINAL GIBBONS, Powderly, Sens tors Dolph and Ingalls and others discuss the dangers that threaten the Republic in THE DISPATCH to-morrow. An interestduct sprang. A few months ago my hus oand took suddenly sick. He told me to be ing symposium. prepared for the worst, as he thought the end was near. But even then I did not realize

## PROPOSED LEGISLATION RIDICULED.

The Engineer's Brotherhood Criticis whisper told me that my husband was dving. Measures Before Ohio's Legislature. His eyes were wide open and his face was COLUMBUS, Jan. 23 .- The Ohio Division illuminated with an unmistakable spiritual light. I took his hand in mine. It was of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Enstill warm. I felt at that moment that the gineers to-day discussed the legislation dissolution was about to take place. He pending before the General Assembly. The Benfer bill, prohibiting engineers from running engines faster than ten miles an hour unless they can clearly see the rails at least 100 yards in advance and recognize the headlight of an approaching train 300 yards in advance, and attaching a penalty railroad companies employing men who

Many were anxious to know what was t be done in dense fogs, or when snow was on the rails. The opinion prevailed that the bill was ridiculous, and that slow movement bill was ridiculous, and that slow movement of trains would increase, rather than dimin-ish, the danger. As to drinking, they said that rules of the association and of railroad companies both prohibited drinking, and hey regarded the insinuation that were drunkards as an insult,

MISCHLEF MADE BY A MEDIUM.

#### Her Alleged Revelations Drive a Wom Murder and Suicide.

BROCKTON, MASS., Jan. 23 .- Mrs. Ludwig Anderson, wife of Louis Anderson, purchased a drachm of morphine to-day and when her husband had left for his work she mixed the entire quantity, and dividing it into four parts, gave one each to her three children, aged 5, 4 and 2 years, and took the fourth driuk herself. She then retired to her chamber, taking the children with her, with the intention of never waking again. The Touch of a Hand. "Suddenly I felt the pressure of another hand clasping it firmly, yet gently. I turned, expecting to face some bold in-truder, but I was all alone. Slowly my waking again. They are now expected

die at any moment. The cause attributed for the rash act is worst of the lot. This exception, Claude Helmsdorf, was hand was raised to a horizontal position. Like a flash the thought came to me that my that of jealousy. She consulted a medium, who told her that her husband was keeping my most intimate friend. He was a German by blood, but his parents were naturalized husband's spirit was about to make itself known. I could see nothing, but I could English people. There was that in Claude's disposition which endeared him to me above all my companions. His tastes were the same, and he had the same half-sentimental, company with other women, and she solved to commit suicide. feel the hand upon mine as plainly as if it had been of flesh and blood. I knew it must be my husband. With sudden inspira-tion I asked, 'Is everything all right?' As

## GAYETY ABOVE, DEATH BELOW.

an answer I received the same pressure that wos given upon the deathbed. The hand suddenly released its hold, and my arm fell by my side. My husband had demonstrated Mrs. C. P. Huntington's Servant Kills Him self While She Entertains Friends.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.-While Mrs. C. P. to me that spirits could communicate with mortals at certain times. "A confirmation of the visitation came to Huntington, the wife of the railroad magnate, was entertaining friends in her home on Park avenue this evening, "she was kept me in a most singular way. Among the friends who knew of the experience through in ignorance of the fact that Julius

Lundell, a young Swedish servant in the house, had shot himself. Lundell killed himself in the cellar. His Lundell killed nimself in the cellar. His weakness was drink. A fellow servant heard the pistol shot and found the body with a bullet hole in the heart. He informed Mr. Huntington, who had the body removed without the knowledge of his wife and guests.

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Much she said-far too much for my humble deserts-but she spoke with the partial feeling of a loving daughter. She told them once more the story they had so often heard, of how the Victoria Cross on the little shelf was won, and then, as she

hung the last glittering trophy on the wall, she called on the little throng to give three cheers for their dear old grandfather; and the little childish trebles, as they cried out in my honor, moved me more than the cheers of the thousands who were welcoming back

the defenders of Harounabad, and I could only clasp my Effic to my heart as she cried letter on the floor, "never mind the sermon-izing part. The main thing is, he refuses with her kindly emotion. And now the old house is quiet; the nursery banquet is over and the little revellers are in bed. I sit to help. Now, what are you going to do?" 1 did not answer. My mind was full of the blackest despair. "You gave a check for your mess bill to

and the little revellers are in bed. I sit alone in my room, and think, and think. And more vividly than for many years comes up in my mind the memory of that avening, now so long ago, when, but for God's mercy-for never will I call it or think it chance-I should not have been living

now, enjoying an honorable old age, sur-rounded by loving children. Many a time since then have I looked death in the face, but it was always honor-able death. Numerous have been my perils and hairbreadth my escapes, but never was I nearer death, and shameful death, than that evening.

learn a lesson from it:

keenest enjoyment in adventure.

other more matter-of-fact comrades.

I have said none has ever heard the story. "As far as I can calculate," went on and none shall ever know it while I am alive, but I shall seal this and place it in my Claude, "these checks will be returned protested by the mail due to-day or to-morrow. desk, so that it will not be read until atter my death. I could not bear to tell Effic of I groaned, as the horror of the shame so near at hand oppressed my mind. "Garrison Orders, Gibrattar, 19th June," it, but I know she will forgive me anything after I am gone from her.

nurmured Helmsdorf, as if quoting to him Here is my story; it may be that some may "A general court-martial will assemble 

cashed it; didn't you?"

I did not answer.

suppose?

iori's face.

I sprang up with an oath. "What do you mean by playing the fool with me? By--!" "Gently, gently, old boy!" said Helmadorf, raising his hand deprecatingly. "There will be two prisoners tried at that court-martial; that is, if there are any!"

"What do you mean?" I asked, looking earnestly at him. what informations temperament, excitable and headstrong; F had never learned the value of self-control and was too much given to self-indulgence. Gifted with a strong imagination there was a romantic vein in my nature which led me to find the Helmsdorf laughed.

Heimsdorf laughed. "We have been through all sorts of troubles together before now!" he said, "and I shan't desert you in this. I am in the same sort of fix as you are; the charge will run much the same-that is, if there is a charge!" he added in the same slow tones. "I don't know what you mean, Claude!" The recents enjoyment in adventure. The youngsters of the regiment were rather a loose lot and were considered by the other corps in the garrison as being a decidedly "fast" set of men, but even among these I soon acquired a "bad eminence," and, with one exception, I was looked upon as the ment of the lot

I said at wength. Heimsdort laughed again.

"My dear boy, you know I have been act-ing paymaster for Dolby while he was on

"Yes!" I said.

"Weill Dolby's leave is up, and he is due back by the mail expected to-day; the mail which brings your checks back, in fact."

"Yes!" I said again. "He will look in the treasury chest for £150 which ought to be there:" I looked fixedly at Helmsdorf. half-grotesque sort of philosophy which made me something of an enigma to my

"Well! He won't find them!" There was a long silence.

At first a horror of what he had done made me feel sick, but with a rush the re-

We were neither of us happy without ex-citement. The dull monotony of garrison citement. The dail monotony of garrison life at Gibraltar, where the regiment was quartered, gave us scant openings, but what we could do we did. Drinking, gambling and other kindred vices, so far as means were available, we indulged in without stint. Occasionally we used to go on short have its Snail where in a somewhat here flection came upon me with awful force that I was no less a thief than hel\*

What are you going to do?" asked Helmsdorf at length. I did not answer. A sullen despair was

filling my heart. "I have made up my mind!" went on

Helmsdorf. I looked up inquiringly. Heimsdorf pointed to my

which lay on a table near the wall. I started, as I seemed to see the embodiment of dark ideas which had of late flutted like baleful shadows over my mind. He pro-

ceeded quietly. "They shall not have more than one

the gaming table would keep matters straight for a short while, but the luck

would soon turn, and again the clamoring

"Ay, let us go together! I care for nothing then! You are the only being in

stint. Occasionally we used to go on short leave into Spain, where, in a somewhat less strict society, we could plunge more deeply into our favorite vices. We got into numer-ous scrapes, some of them very serious ones. More than once we nearly lost our lives in mad escapades after women. On these oc-casions each had found the other true as casions each had found the other true as steel, and our mutual affection grew daily stronger and stronger. Pleasures such as those which alone had any zest for us can-not be obtained for nothing, and after two years of this life money troubles began to harrass us. Now and then a lucky coup at

"They shall not have any!" I broke in

fiercely. Heimsdorf laughed loudly-a wild, dis-

cordant laugh. "What! Will you come, too, Ned?"

of creditors would assail us. No troubles wear down a man's courage and patience like money troubles, and on my

which my husband and myself had passed was a very strong believer in Spiritualism pure and simple. She called upon me soon afterward, and during the visit told me of a little incident connected with one of their "We called your husband's spirit up one

"We called your husband's spirit up due night," she said, 'but could get only a few words from him. The appearance was nat-ural, but he seemed to be held under a spell that kept him from talking. Finally the medium asked him if he had any message to send to you. "Yes; tell her not to forget the last hand pressure," and vanished." "Upon further questioning, I found that the seame and my visitation took place on the same night within the same hour." Cough Syrup.

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seemed to be enjoying the most intense hapseemed to be enjoying the most intense hap-piness. 'Can you see the bright light?' I whispered eagerly. He did not speak, but gave my hand a slight pressure that meant 'yes' to me. In an instant more the chill of death came over his brow, his grasp upon my hand lossened, his body stiffened and I could see that his spirit had gone to return no more. "I feel that his spirit is watching mine. I do not feel like giving way to any storm or grief, because I am confident it will only be a short time before we will be reunited.

that death was so close upon him. In a few

moments the doctor came to me, and in a

But at times, when I am alone in the little parlor, in which we used to sit and talk about death so much, a feeling of intense loneliness comes over me and I long to pass through the mysterious well that separates this world from the next. At times like this I can feel a presence that seems to tell me to be calm and patient. One evening it was much stronger than usual. The pres

tinctly that I almost expected some one to speak. I was thinking of my hashand and the deathbed scene. I was wondering if he ever would make an effort to communicate with me from the spirit land. I was sitting near the window at the time. My left elbow was resting on the window sill, while my chin was supported by my leit hand. My right hand was swinging at my side. The Touch of a Hand.