

CHICAGO'S BIG BLOW.

Its Vainglorious Citizens Fairly Take Away an Eastern Man's Breath.

THINK THEY ARE GREAT, But the Visitors to the Big Fair Will Be Disappointed.

STOCK-YARD FLAVOR OF HOTELS. Highway Robberies in Daylight and Depravity Everywhere.

HOW THE TOWN STRIKES A VISITOR FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—There is a stock-yard flavor about a big Chicago hotel that is depressing in the extreme. From what I have seen I infer that this applies only to those who are accustomed to the select, clean, quiet hosteries of Eastern cities.

Perhaps these corridors and rotundas are scrubbed down at night—I don't know. I never sat up late enough to get up early except to go to bed. To me they are always filthy and crowded, and the air is always reeking with stale tobacco smoke and the faint breath of a sweaty stork who have apparently never used a tooth-brush or a bath.

I wonder what the continental traveler will say when he comes to Chicago in '93 to visit the great fair. Then the Chicago hotels will be fuller and dirtier and more repulsive than ever they were. The spectacles of continental Florence, the noiseless temples of entertainment of lovely Lucerne and the German spas—a thousand quiet hosteries from ancient Rome to the German Capital, where spittoons and chewing tobacco are unknown—how they will cry out against this horrible pollution!

Another newspaper man asked me where I was stopping, and I told him. "Fair hotel—Chicago has the greatest hotels in the world," he said. "I have never seen one like it before. It is a masterpiece of architecture, and the furniture and fixtures are of the most superbly magnificent material. In every detail, and every inhabitant thereof is a special committee of one, chairman, secretary and executive board to impress these things on the stranger's mind."

Robberies in Broad Daylight. There are now more robberies committed in the open streets of Chicago in a single day than are committed in New York in a week. Twenty-two cases of highway robbery were reported one day last week at a single police station. The unreported may have been larger. This largely is due to the extraordinary influx of population owing to the World's Fair. The city is full of men who probably came here for work and have turned thieves and robbers through desperation. The streets are full of loafers and vagabonds of every description and every degree of rascality. No man's purse and pocket are safe if he is abroad at night unprotected. Men whose business takes them out at night go armed.

Another Kind of Robbery. The pretty typewriter at the Palmer has been stolen. It is a valuable piece of property. It is believed to have been taken by a man from Omaha who had a 50-cent job for him, "he said. "He was a very pleasant man and had a daughter about half-grown. Four or five days ago he was in business around town, he asked me one morning if I would be kind enough to look after him. He said they were young and innocent, and he was afraid they couldn't take care of themselves. As they were pleasant, nice girls, I didn't object. It finally came my dinner hour, and I said to them that I'd be glad to take care of them. They would dine with me, and papa would square it. We went—We dined. Those girls had some port, porter house steak and ice cream and cake and soup and pie and everything right and left. I never saw such appetizing. The bill nearly paralyzed me—it was \$4.65. 'I'm dreaming of that bill now every night. I can't sleep. I never saw them again. Well-to-do people, too. Next time my sick old man leaves his girls with me I'll turn 'em over to the police.'"

Courtesies of the Wild West. "There goes the richest man in Dakota," said a man in a Palmer hotel behind room door. "How do you do, Sam?" he asked, turning to the richest man in Dakota with extended hand. The richest man in Dakota took the extended hand and shook it softly. He was dressed in a blue coat, and the man himself and stepped up to the marble bar and drank alone.

Lansing School Boys Carry Revolvers. LANSING, MICH., Feb. 20.—At the Towns street school one of the teachers had occasion to punish a 10-year-old pupil named Guy Cottling. She had struck him twice when he pulled out a revolver and said if she struck him again he would shoot her. She got it away from him before it was discharged. A canvass of the school was made and 12 boys of tender age were found who carry revolvers and who are accustomed to carry them.

MANY SHINING MARKS

Among the Deaths Reported by Cable in the Last Few Days.

MOMMSEN'S PLACE IN HISTORY. The Man Who Captured the U. S. S. Chesapeake in 1812 Just Dead.

STORIES ABOUT RECENT EVENTS

THE FATE OF LA PEROUSE.

Speaking of explorers reminds me of La Perouse, the French explorer, whose two ships were lost over a hundred years since on the New Hebrides. Some few weeks ago I referred to this story, but very briefly. The two vessels were wrecked on a reef near the little island of Vanuatu. The entire crew of one vessel was drowned in the surf or killed by the natives as they struggled to the shore. The crew of the other landed in safety. According to the natives of the party succeeded in constructing a rude two-masted craft from the timbers of the wrecked vessels and then sailed away to the westward.

THE CAPTURE OF THE CHESAPEAKE. It seems almost incredible that the commander of the vessel that captured the United States vessel, the Chesapeake, in Boston harbor in the War of 1812, should die only yesterday a week ago. I remember the interest I took in this incident when I read of it a score of years ago in my school history.

THE FATE OF A POPULAR IDOL. The body of the famous Mæzepsa, hero of Tartary, as he is called, has just been discovered in the Cathedral at Galatz, whither it had been conveyed from Bender in 1709. Sometimes I think too much has been made of Mæzepsa, especially on the stage. So tremendous a hero has he been made among certain classes that I am afraid the true story will likely be falsified. Facts of the matter are as follows: The hero was a Polish nobleman, who caused him to be stripped naked and bound on his own sword. He was carried to his home and not to the Ukraine, as the story goes, but Mæzepsa, out of shame, led to the Ukraine, joined the Cossacks and afterwards distinguished himself in many other acts during his later life that are not to his credit.

WHAT PEARY HAS FOUND. HE MAY NOW BE AMONG GREENLAND'S LOST COLONISTS. If They Exist They Have Been Prisoners for Six Hundred Years—A Race of Rip Van Winkles—Plans of the Lieutenant for the Summer.

England has just appointed a new Minister to Spain, Sir Henry Drummond Wolff, whose future career will, I think, be well worth watching. He is a born diplomatist and politician. As a member of Parliament for Christchurch and afterwards a member of the House of Commons, he was a powerful ally of Mr. Balfour in opposing Gladstone's policy of support of the Unionist party in the Foreign Office 46 years ago. In 1852 he became the Acting Charge d'Affaires at Florence, was secretary of the British Legation at Lyons, and Foreign Secretary in 1858, and then distinguished himself in 1878 as representative of Great Britain on the European Commission for organizing Eastern Roumelia. In 1885 the Government sent him on a special mission to the Sultan. Subsequently he was for two years Minister to the Court of St. James, and in 1891 has been stationed at Bucharest.

On his father's side Sir Henry is an Israelite and on his mother's but third in descent from the great Israelite, Joseph. He was the father of the eccentric and remarkable individual, Joseph Wolff, who, after visiting all parts of the world, reached the United States and created something of a sensation by being ordained to the Episcopal ministry. Dr. Wolff made three remarkable journeys through Central Asia and was the first missionary at Teheran. He married Lady George, sister of the Earl of Devon, and the second Earl of Devon, and Sir Henry, whose portrait is presented herewith, is his only child.

Fate of the African Explorers. Death is playing havoc with the brave men who have penetrated into the African wilderness in past as well as in quite recent periods. Within a few weeks of each other Dr. Brazza and Captain Del Brazza fell victims to the ferocity of the natives, and last week Colonel James Grant and Dr. Junker passed away. Dr. Junker was a Russian scientist who accompanied Captain Casati, of the Italian army. Dr. Junker was a much discussed individual, who has returned to Europe a couple of years since with the information that Emin intended to retain his dangerous

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FRESH PAPER MONEY

Will Be in the Hands of the People Before Next Dog Days.

BILLS HARD TO COUNTERFEIT. Intricate Scroll Work Based on Mathematical Formulae.

BLUE CAME NEAR BEING ADOPTED.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—"Greenbacks" as a synonym for paper money has come near being rendered a misnomer. The proposition has been seriously considered by the Treasury during the last few days to make the reverse of every note and silver certificate issued by the Government sky-blue. In fact, copies of the designs were printed in that color and submitted to show what they would look like. Unfortunately for the plan, the tint suggested Confederate shipmasters to somebody and that settled it.

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