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A STRONG STAND.

Mr. Powderly's outline of the policy which ought to be pursued by the State in pushing the fight against corporations which disobey the Constitution to the point of forfeiture if necessary is a radical one.

When such evidences of corporate nullification are sounded abroad, it is time for some one to speak out boldly in favor of using the extreme powers of the State to assert the supremacy of fundamental laws.

Having indorsed Mr. Powderly's position in the main, we can express our dissent in his sarcasm at those who opposed the Constitutional Convention last year. The fact is that the State's Constitution is one of the most perfect and complete in existence.

It is not necessary to say that the Convention of 1872 was a success, but it is necessary to say that it was a failure in that it failed to amend the Constitution to meet the needs of the present day.

Viewing the thing as a possibility the practical results of such an alliance are worth considering. Suppose for the sake of the argument that the aid of Russia would enable us to defeat England on the seas, what would the United States be expected to give in return for that assistance?

INTERNATIONAL CHARITY. About a day after the newspapers chronicled the sailing from New York of a vessel laden with a cargo of flour, the free gift of people of the United States to the starving people of Russia, the cable reports the arrival at a Russian port of another shipload previously sent from Philadelphia.

mate that the supplies thus sent may rescue 50,000 or 75,000 souls from utter starvation. But, with the knowledge that the starving people are counted by the tens of millions, should not the good work go on?

TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY. Mr. A. B. Farquhar, the new Executive Commissioner of the Pennsylvania Board of World's Fair Managers, is eminently right in his opinion that our State should be in the front rank at the Exposition.

But, so far, there is reason to believe that as a State, and as individuals, we shall make a satisfactory display of our capabilities. It only remains to maintain a vigilance which shall prevent the relaxation of private effort or the misuse of public funds.

TO SUPPRESS ANARCHY. It is reported that the King of Belgium proposes to call a conference of European powers to discuss the question of anarchy and to study the best means for its suppression.

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A WALKING NEWSPAPER.

Mr. Perkins Turns Up With a Huge Fond of Intelligence.—Few Places in the United States That He's Not Posted On and Willing to Talk About.

On the Erie train last night was Eli Perkins, just arrived from an extensive trip down through the Southern States. "I am just from Texas and Missouri by Charleston, Savannah, Atlanta, Birmingham, Vicksburg, San Antonio, Galveston, the Staked Plains of Texas, Arkansas, Kansas and Missouri, and I can give you the latest news of the entire United States.

Mr. POWDERLY's ideas on the powers and duties of a Governor are so sweeping that in Louisiana because they are in the State that the Governorial chair is otherwise engaged.

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EVOLUTIONIZED BY GOOD ROADS.

The Imperative Demand of the Industrial Conditions of Civilization.

Something like appreciation of the importance of good roads in their practical effects is aroused in the minds of the farmers and merchants and all people who have to do with or are in any way dependent upon them.

DEFECTIVE and bad roads are the result of a defective system of taxation. It is a mistake to suppose that the farmer could contribute to the cost of road construction by any method of taxation.

"Did you see anything funny in the South?" asked the Texan as he was making fun of the Arkansas man. The Texan replied: "I saw a little Texas boy in the depot. Fatting him on the head, I asked indignantly: 'You bet I am, he said proudly. 'I'm the best boy in Texas; you ask my father and mother.'"

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LIVE WASHINGTON WAITS. Items of Interest Gathered During a Day at the Capital. WASHINGTON, March 16.—The sub-committee of the Appropriations Committee charged with an investigation of the World's Fair expenditures, has definitely decided to begin on the 26th instant in Chicago an investigation into the matter.

HER LADYSHIP IN TOWN.

Lady Henry Somerset With Miss Willard to Spend To-day in Pittsburgh—They Will See for Themselves How the Mills Grand Stair—A Lenten Wedding.

OUR Chicago correspondent writes THE DISPATCH as follows: Lady Henry Somerset, who has been spending some months in this city, associated with Miss Frances Willard in editing the Union Signal, the organ of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, departed for the East yesterday afternoon.

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CURIOS CONDENSATIONS.

—English main roads cost £35 11s. per mile yearly to maintain.

—It is said that there are more than 30,000 people of Welsh birth in London.

—A fairly expert deaf and dumb person will speak 43 words per minute. A person in possession of speech will probably speak 100 words in the same space of time.

—The inhabitants of the Cook Peninsula, in Australia, are passionate smokers. Their pipe—a bamboo 8½ feet long and 4 inches in diameter—passes round the company after each has smoked, the patient has filled it with smoke from the tube.

—At Cotta, in Saxony, persons who did not pay their taxes last year are published in a list which hangs up in all restaurants. Any one who is not named on the list can get neither meat nor drink at these places under penalty of loss of license.

—Not a great way from Monterey, Mexico, is the famous Carhusian table, one of the greatest natural curiosities of the American continent. It is a tableland, 1,400 feet high and 2,500 above sea level. The figure of the tableland is an almost perfectly level plain, about 30,000 acres of perfectly level land, abounding in running water.

—At one time the number of swans in England must have been enormous. Pausanias, writing three and a half centuries ago, declared that he never saw a river so thickly covered with swans as the River Po, which he described as "a vast multitude of swans." Pausanias, writing three and a half centuries ago, declared that he never saw a river so thickly covered with swans as the River Po, which he described as "a vast multitude of swans."

—The Curlew is a bird of the marshes, and is one of the most numerous of our waterfowl. It is a bird of the marshes, and is one of the most numerous of our waterfowl. It is a bird of the marshes, and is one of the most numerous of our waterfowl.

THE POPE'S BLESSING.

Bestowed Upon the World's Fair as a Memorial to Columbus.

ROME, March 15.—The following is the text of the papal blessing bestowed upon the World's Fair in honor of Columbus.

"While we see on all sides the preparations that are eagerly being made for the celebration of the Columbus quadricentenary feast in memory of the most illustrious and deserving of Christians and all unlearned humanity, we bear with great pleasure that the United States have, among other nations, entered this competition of praise to the memory of the greatest of the world's men so great as he to whom these honors are being rendered."

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