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SWELL THE RELIEF FUND. Although Pittsburg and Allegheny are justified in feeling entitled to credit in having raised nearly \$30,000 for the sufferers from the Oil Creek floods in a little more than a week from the receipt of the news, the good work should not stop there. Much more money will be needed before the victims of the flood can be held to be safe from the dangers of pestilence or want.

The Pittsburg Relief Committee estimated the needs of the district at \$300,000, while the Philadelphia committee placed the requirements at \$500,000. The fact that the attention of the country at large does not seem to have been attracted to the need of contributions renders it peculiarly incumbent on Western Pennsylvania to relax its charitable efforts until the stricken valley is placed on its feet again. A great many people in Pittsburgh probably omitted to contribute, simply because they do not think of it at the proper time. They should make a point of swelling the fund, with the assurance that they cannot give to a charity where it will be more directly useful in the relief of human suffering.

AS TO RIVER OBSTRUCTIONS.

The sharp debate in the Chamber of Commerce yesterday with regard to the pending measure for the removal of the obstructions in the river channels warrants the statement of two principles on which the question can be settled. The law should not permit suits to be brought in a manner which can be decided without a fair hearing or by insufficient authority. There will be no gain by such proceedings. On the other hand, the experience of past years shows that more active measures are needed to prevent encroachments on the river, and, as manufacturers have been among the prominent offenders in this respect, it is becoming for them to confine their opposition to new measures within the bounds of reason and fact.

Inasmuch as the proposed law requires a decision of the United States courts for the removal of any obstruction, it does not look as if anyone need fear hasty action without a fair hearing. In the light of that fact it is also singularly inapplicable to talk of people going before an alderman and compelling railroads to tear down bridges and manufacturers to cut away embankments.

THE HOPE OF THE CONFERENCE.

There is a disposition among both the extreme monometallists on the gold side and the radical free coinage men on the silver side to assert that the International Silver Conference can be productive of no results on account of England's opposition to silver. There is foundation for this opinion in England's past record on this subject, but there is equal reason for believing that England is receiving new light on it. In the first place the assent of the English Government to be represented at a conference for increasing the use of silver as a money metal is a recognition of the wisdom of some measures in that direction. Next, the experience of England's monetary interests conveys a strong suggestion that the lack of gold is not now sufficient to meet all demands. When the accumulation of gold by one Government can bring the Bank of England to a pass where it has to seek relief from the Bank of France, there is a very strong argument in favor of enlarging the world's stock of available money metals.

THE HUNGARIAN EXAMPLE.

The death of the Hungarian Minister, who introduced on the state railways of that realm the system of zone tariffs, causes a new direction of attention to the operation of that system. As usual the real point of the zone system is widely misstated, one paper asserting that it embodies the principle of charging exactly the same fare no matter what the distance traveled.

STOOD THE STORM.

The cyclone reported from Chicago as having swept over Northern Illinois days before yesterday affords some basis for estimating the character of those wind storms. The frequency of violent atmospheric disturbances of late has exercised a decidedly disturbing effect on the nervous system when we are able to test their results with accuracy. It appears that their prevalence is more the result of the energy which such news is sought out and made the most of than in any new development of the destructive tendencies of the elements.

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The experience of the Miantonomoh, the new vessel of the monitor class, on its recent voyage is analyzed by the New York Herald with more particularity than the general reports. That journal finds that, while the vessel can float in heavy seas, she is almost unmanageable under such circumstances. This would prevent her from doing effective service in time of war, and, the Herald says, "makes her an undesirable craft for peace cruising also." Beyond that the impossibility of using her heavy guns in a sea way restricts her field of action to harbor defense.

HOW TO DO IT.

There are some decided examples from the other side of the Atlantic which it is well for Pittsburg to study. The little city of Newcastle-on-Tyne spent \$50,000,000 some years ago in digging out a stream which originally in some spots was not more than two feet. The income from that investment has since then been \$28,000,000 while an immensely larger sum has been realized by the increase in trade and the enhanced value of property. The Clyde used to be fordable. Glasgow expended \$60,000,000 on it and the improvement has yielded \$40,000,000 in revenue and made Glasgow one of the shipping centers of the world.

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NEW YORK, June 14.—[Special.]—Calm, cool, and smiling, seemingly satisfied with himself and announcing that he was more than satisfied with the result of the Minnesota convention, Dr. Dewey yesterday afternoon in his private car at the Grand Central station this afternoon. He had been there since his arrival from the West on his private car at 9 o'clock in the morning. His family and Senator Frank Stockhouse had arrived with him, waiting his coming was Secretary of War Stephen B. Elkins, who had come on from Washington to convey to the man who led the Harrison forces to victory his congratulations as an expression of the President's official and personal gratitude.

The evidence of Presidential gratitude did not come in the substantial shape of an appointment to the portfolio of State, which had been hinted might be offered to the Senator. Mr. Dewey acknowledged this in reply to a question by a reporter, and said that that was a matter which he would not decline the honor if it should be offered. Whitehall Reid, the candidate for Vice President, called while Secretary Dewey was still in the city. Mr. Reid had a conference with the Senator, who said he would decline the honor if it should be offered.

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WORK that Harrison and Reid have had during the last few days in acknowledging congratulations is nothing to the similar labors that will fall to their lot after the election in November.

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GENERAL STACKHOUSE'S DEATH.

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WASHINGTON, June 14.—General Eli T. Stockhouse, member of Congress from the State of Virginia, died at 1:30 p.m. this morning. He was one of the party that accompanied the remains of the late Colonel L. P. Polk to the grave at Washington yesterday morning. He went over to the House of Representatives, which is only one block from his residence, and at 3 o'clock went home to luncheon. He complained of a slight attack of indigestion, but seemed to be in good spirits. He remained at home for a while, but returned to the House before the adjournment of that body yesterday.

The General did not return to the hotel for dinner. About 9 o'clock he called on Mr. Cato and was told that he was dying. A physician had immediately summoned him before his arrival General Stockhouse was dead. The only persons at his bedside when he died were his wife and two children, a son and a daughter. The remains will be taken to Little Rock, S. C., to-morrow for interment.

General Stockhouse was born in Marion county, S. C., March 27, 1834. He was educated in the public schools, which he attended a few months each year and worked the remainder of the year on his father's farm. He spent four years between the ages of 19 and 23. In 1857 he settled on a farm. In 1861 he left his farm to join the Confederate army. He served in Longstreet's corps, Army of Northern Virginia. Most of his life was devoted to agriculture and stock raising. He was elected President of the State Alliance in 1888, and was elected to the Fifty-second Congress as a Democrat.

AN INCREASE TO THE MARINE.

The Steamship China to be Added to the American Mercantile Navy.

WASHINGTON, June 14.—Representative Fowler to-day reported to the House from the Committee on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries a bill granting an American register to the steamship China, which has been granted by Congress to the Inman Steamship Company of New York. The vessel is owned by a British company, the Inman Steamship Company, Limited, the whole of whose capital stock is owned by British subjects. The bill, which will, upon its passage, grant the same privileges to the ship as has been recently granted by Congress to the Inman Steamship Company of New York.

The vessel has no contractual relations with the British Government such as the Inman Steamship Company in the event of hostilities, and the committee is assured, the report says, that the Navy Department will not object to the bill. The bill will not only build a vessel in an American shipyard equal in tonnage to the China, as required by the bill, but the committee is assured by the report that it will be built in two vessels of at least 8,000 tons each. The China is a vessel of about 5,000 tons register.

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They Listen to Interesting Papers and Attend Meetings on Scientific Subjects.

WASHINGTON, June 14.—The morning session of the American Institute of Homoeopathy was largely devoted to routine business matters. The address of the Bureau of Hygiene, prepared by Dr. D. H. Beckwith, of Chicago, and read by Dr. Buchrod W. James. The question of holding the next year's institute in Chicago was discussed, and the proposal seemed to meet with general approval. The speakers were taken steps to have homoeopathy represented at the Exposition was also discussed by Dr. James. Some of the transformations of the whole matter was finally referred to a committee to be appointed by the Chairman.

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CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

—New York City has fewer alleys than any other city in the world, notwithstanding it is one of the largest.

—A woman by the name of Mary Evans, living in Harlem, New York, is believed to be the only woman in the city who has a chief engineer.

—The largest telephone switchboard in the world is in the exchange at Berlin, Germany, where 7,000 wires are connected with 150,000 calls in office.

—Of the 200,000 women working at 100 different trades in New York City, 2,000 support their husbands. No doubt the same ratio exists in other large cities.

—A gold coin passes from one to another 3,000,000 times before the stamp or impression upon it becomes obliterated by friction, while a silver coin changes between 3,500,000 times before it becomes entirely effaced.

—Glasgow is famous among Scotch cities for its captive song birds. Belgian canaries bred in Glasgow frequently sell at \$50 each. The birds are bred in Glasgow, and the bird singers, though it does not breed in captivity.

—A company engaged in the manufacture of excelsior in New York has for sale now a lot of excelsior, which is made of manila, with which it is alleged the farmer can bring down small showers of rain whenever it rains in his office.

—An extra census bulletin, recently issued, shows that the size of families has been steadily decreasing for a number of years. In 1850 the average size of families was 5.29 persons. In 1860, 5.09 in 1870, 4.96 in 1880, and in 1890 it had gotten down to 4.94.

—Many tons of beewax are imported to New York from tropical and sub-tropical parts of this continent and from Spain. It is used in the manufacture of wax figures for museums, milliners and mantua makers, and also for candles for ecclesiastical use.

—The smallest pony in the world recently arrived in the world on the famous Sheldahl pony farm on the island of Bressay. It is little colt foal that weighed but 16 pounds, and was only 19 1/2 inches high at its birth. It is said to be the smallest pony ever born in the world.

—A Spanish gentleman, accompanied by his wife, has succeeded in performing the feat of crossing the Andes in a carriage. They started from the Argentine Republic and landed at Antofagasta, a distance of 39 miles. The carriage was broken up, but the journey was accomplished in 11 days.

—A brilliant young London surgeon has arrested the progress of the hostilities of his outspoken denunciation of overdosing, and his advocacy of dietetic treatment of disease, and as a result his name is known all over the world. He has taken action to have his name restored.

—Insects have recently destroyed whole forests in Powhatan county, Virginia, and in several other parts of the State. It is noted landmarks in the Old Dominion. It stood for years on an eminence from which it was visible for 30 miles or more around, and towered high above all surrounding trees.