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The Tammany organization consists of 35 district leaders, one for each assembly district, and 1013 precinct captains, one for each voting precinct. These, meeting together as a general committee, and looking to one head, now Richard Croker, constitute Tammany. In each election precinct, in addition to the captain, are 14 paid workers, or over 15,000 in all, who are assigned to look after a certain number of voters and held responsible; and back of the workers are the precinct clubs, ranging in membership from 50 to 500 voters each, all enrolled members of Tammany Hall, and every man personally subject to Croker's orders day or night.

The little red Frankfurter sausage received a severe blow in the Baltimore courts the other day, when three vendors of the popular midnight luncheon delicacy were fined \$10 each on a charge of selling adulterated food. A chemist declared that the sausage receives its brilliant color from application of aniline dye which is injurious to health, and the judge imposed sentence as above. In its unadulterated state the juicy Frankfurter contains elements in the way of seasoning that are sufficient to make the individual whose digestive organs have not been recuperated by a long fast hesitate on the brink of investigation, and now that it has been demonstrated that in Baltimore at least, the rare bluish upon the link is produced by chemistry, this much sought number upon the midnight menu probably means a large demand. Look not upon the Frankfurter when it is red!

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tween Peking and the sea to be guarded by foreign troops. 11. Free worship in all parts of China. 12. Modification of existing treaties for the extension of trade. 13. All forts on coast of China to be dismantled and importation of war material prohibited.

These demands, to be effective, need the assent of the various home governments, and the United States, in opposing them in the manner and form as advised by the ministers at Peking, is actuated by certain well defined considerations. The ministers want their thirteen separate propositions put into one specific ultimatum, indorsed by all the powers. That would mean that if China refused the demand the powers would have to declare war upon her. Now war with China would mean not merely friction and trouble among the allies, together with the expense and horrors usually incident to war, but furthermore an absolutely hopeless undertaking. The Chinese army could not be reached; the immensity of China's area and population is such that there are not soldiers enough to Christianize to police the empire effectively in the presence of a hostile native feeling; and with no foe within reach and all food supplies for the maintenance of an invading force having to be imported, the experiment of declaring wholesale war on China would be like declaring war on a great fog or storm—an exhibition of stuperbous folly.

Hence it is that the American administration opposes the making of demands on China which, if persisted in, would involve war. Such a demand is the requirement that the eleven guilty princes be beheaded off-hand. Two of these princes control with their soldiers the persons of both the emperor and the crown prince. It would be easier to get these princes to behead their sovereigns than to get the sovereigns to behead them under existing circumstances.

Another point of difference is the question of indemnity. Most of the ministers at Peking want to exact \$600,000,000. They might as well ask for \$600,000,000,000, so far as China's ability to pay is concerned. The revenues of the empire are already mortgaged to their limit. Any increase in taxation is bound to be at the expense of future foreign commerce—a cutting off of the foreign nose to spite the foreign face. The powers realize this, but those among them which are believed to covet more Chinese territory—in which category the name of Germany is placed by common consent—proceed upon the theory that a big cash demand, followed by China's inability to pay, would make possible seizures of territory as indemnification. The United States has been successful thus far in preserving a concert of the powers in China along lines of reason and common sense; and it looks now as if this concert would continue.

Organized labor had its troubles even at this early date. By a statute passed in England it was enacted that all persons combining with others to advance their wages or decrease the quantity of work guaranteed, should be liable to control those who carried on any manufacture or trade in the conduct and management thereof, might be convicted and committed to the common jail for any time not exceeding three calendar months, or be kept at hard labor in the house of correction for a term of two calendar months.

William Murdoch made such progress in the discovery of practical methods for making, storing and purifying coal gas that he was able to supply the interior of his factory at Birmingham, England. Gas distilled from wood was introduced at this time by M. Lelion into his home in Paris, the success of the experiment attracting much notice and comment.

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The most extensive sewage farming in the world, perhaps, is carried on by the city of Paris. It has a total of 10,423 acres under cultivation, of which 3,900 acres are owned and operated by the municipality. The greater part of the area is under the control of private parties.

The sewage is conveyed to the farms by means of extensive pipe lines, several hundred miles in extent, all of which is under the management of the city authorities, so that the exact amount of sewage that is dealt out to each truck gardener can be easily ascertained at any time. The entire system is conducted upon the most sanitary basis to prevent any evil results in the surrounding country. The sewage is filtered through a bed of sand and gravel, and the effluent water is discharged into the Seine. This system of irrigation is carried on at a depth of four meters with concrete pipes which receive the purified effluent and take it into the Seine.

According to the law of 1880, the amount of sewage used must not exceed 4,200 cubic yards (10,000,000 gallons) per annum. Sewage is distributed in a systematically intermittent manner. On any given day no more than one-quarter of the total surface is being irrigated, and each part of the surface is irrigated at intervals, which depend upon the nature of the crop. The sewage farms at present available are capable of taking 202,000,000 cubic yards of sewage water annually. The sewage farms are owned and operated by the city authorities. As regards the others—those in private hands—the chief use made of them is for the raising of all kinds of vegetables for the market, including such articles as cauliflower, cabbages, etc. The total cost of all the farms foot up to \$3,000,000.

The maintenance of the sewers and outfalls, cleaning, disinfection, and sewage disposal, sanitation, etc., in short, the total expenses, exceed \$1,000,000 per year. This is far from being covered by the tax—it falls short by about \$800,000. The city authorities, therefore, are obliged to make the receipts foot up to about \$1,800,000.

The system is far from being perfected, but the city has stuck to its original plan, marked out in 1859. The system is a masterpiece of much criticism of the system, a large share of it has arisen from ignorance, and not because there has been a real foundation for it.

THE WORLD'S ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO TODAY

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A PARISIAN named Conte devised the process by which all black lead pencils, and indeed pencils of all sorts, were manufactured. Prior to this in 1701 the great pencil factory of the Faber family had been established in Nuremberg. Conte's process consisted of a most intimate mixture of graphite and clay, both first brought to a condition of the finest sub-division.

The reputation as a composer of Ludwig van Beethoven, who is in music what Shakespeare is in poetry, became established beyond the limits of his own country. It was at this time that his deafness, noticed first in 1795, became more pronounced. His deafness, however, did not prevent him from composing his great works, and the First Symphony, Opus 21, were published this year.

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OFFICE OF THE SCRANTON BOLT AND NUT CO. A meeting of the stockholders of this company, will be held at its general office, on the twenty-fourth day of January, A. D. 1901, to take action on a proposed increase of the capital stock of the company from \$100,000 to \$250,000. L. M. HORTON, Secretary.

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