TERRIBLE MURDER IN FRANCE.

Six Children Butchered and Their Father Left For Dead.

Chartres, France, April 23.—This town has been horrified by the brutal murder of five children and the attempted murder of their father, a farmer named Briere, residing in the neighborhood of Chartres. Two tramps entered the farmhouse in the absence of Briere, killed four girls, aged respectively 14, 11, 5 and 4, and a boy 7 years old with knives and cudgels while they were in bed and apparently asleep. Briere returned while the murderers were robbing the house. They attacked him and after a desperate struggle left him for dead with four stab wounds in the head. The murderers then escaped with 1,600 francs and a number of objects of value.

Inside the farm house there was a ghastly spectacle. The bedrooms were bespattered with blood and brains. The murderers had battered out the children's brains and then cut their throats. The little girl of 5 years of age had evidently waked up, for she was found in her cot with her arms outstretched as though appealing for mercy.

The watch dog was killed with a bludgeon. Briere, when he was attacked by the two murderers, shouted for help during his struggle, but the nearest neighbor was stone deaf and did not hear his cries. The gendarmes are scouring the country for the murderers.

THE MARLBOROUGHS REUNITED.

Papa Vanderbilt Succeeds in Getting the Couple Together.

Paris, April 22.—The Duke of Marlborough, after traveling for a month in the south of Spain, came to Paris a week ago and stopped at the Hotel Bristol, on the Place Vendome. While the duke was in Spain the duchess had been in Paris, and for the past three weeks she has been staying at her father's mansion in the Avenue des Champs Elysees. After the duke returned from Spain he went to the house of his father-in-law, where he saw the duchess. The duchess drove to the Hotel Bristol, where she was joined by the duke, and together the Marlboroughs proceeded to London. This would indicate if discord existed between the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough that her father had succeeded in smothering it. The couple had been practically separated since Christmas.

[illegible]nity Bank Officials Commit Suicide

Vancouver, Wash., April 22.—Charles [illegible]rown and E. L. Canby, president and cashier, respectively, of the First National bank, of Vancouver, which was closed on Saturday by the controller of the currency, committed suicide Saturday night two miles from this city by shooting. Their bodies were found yesterday morning lying together in a small clump of bushes. Both used the same weapon. They confessed to Bank Examiner Maxwell on Friday that they were responsible for the $81,000 shortage in the bank's cash. They had been speculating.

Girl Strikers Undismayed.

Williamsport, Pa., April 23.—The 400 employes of Goldsmith Brothers, who operate a large silk mill in this city, and who went out on strike early in January, held a meeting yesterday afternoon to discuss a proposition received from the firm looking to a settlement of the strike. The mill owners [illegible] in its concessions and agreed to recognize the union, but they said nothing about the reinstatement of the four discharged officers whose suspension was the [illegible] of the last [illegible]. The girls voted not to accept the proposition.

May Settle Lake Engineers' Strike.

Cleveland, April 23.—It was learned [illegible] by the officials of the [illegible] that President Arnold, [illegible] will very likely be some important developments within the next day or two. It is [illegible] the strike will be settled before another week [illegible] the company has opened negotiations with the engineers' association with a view to having its men return to work.

Boat Capsized and Four Drowned.

Erie, Pa., April 23.—Four men belonging to the Rockefeller fleet, laid up here in the upper bay, went ashore in a yawl boat Sunday afternoon. They were drowned on their return, the first knowledge of the accident being the finding of the boat upside down yesterday. Those lost were: Percy B. Durand, of Florence, O., aged 17 years; Thomas Greer and Charles Carmer, of Buffalo, and Guy Lapham, of Painesville, O., the last three being engineers.

Swept Over Niagara Falls.

Niagara Falls, April 23.—Men at work on a new factory on the bank of the Niagara yesterday report that they saw a man in a rowboat swept over the falls. They say the man evid[illegible]y tried to cross the river, but found the current too strong. He turned his boat and tried to get back to shore, b[illegible] a awful current was too much for h[illegible] and he was sucked into the upper rapids and carried over.

CITIZEN AGUINALDO.

The Ex-Rebel Chieftain Talks to a Newspaper Representative.

HE REASSERTS HIS SINCERITY.

Declares That Every Word of His Address to His Countrymen Came From His Heart—Hopes Americans Will Have Faith in His Honesty.

Manila, April 23.—A press representative visited Emilio Aguinaldo yesterday afternoon at 56 Solano street, whither he was removed from the Malacanan, and found him in a large room upstairs, furnished with a table, a typewriting machine, three settees and 20 chairs. His wife, who was entertaining a number of Filipino women friends, sat at one end of the room, while Aguinaldo, smoking a cigar and chatting with Benito Legaro, occupied the opposite corner.

Aguinaldo, whose bearing was courteous and dignified, was dressed in white, looked well and altogether made an excellent impression. Legardo, who but recently returned from the United States, was telling him about the trip, and he seemed intensely interested, smiling frequently and asking numerous questions. He inquired particularly as to what President McKinley said and seemed anxious to know what was thought of him in the United States.

He was rather reluctant to talk for publication, and considered every question before answering. He said he was doing all he could to assist in the pacification of the Philippines and expressed himself as surprised at what the Americans had accomplished. When he was first captured, he went on to say, he was greatly astonished to find that a majority of the Filipinos entertained the opinion that American sovereignty was preferable to independence, but now he was inclined to believe that way himself.

He explained that since the dissolution of the insurgent congress and the declaration of guerrilla warfare the chiefs had operated to all intents and purposes independent[illegible] recognized him as comman[illegible] sending him reports occ[illegible]d he issued some orders, [illegible] last seven months commu[illegible] been difficult, and he had [illegible] disconnected.

He expressed the opinion that Tinio, Luoban, Malvar and other representative insurgents will surrender as soon as they come to understand the nature of the amnesty offered them. He said he hoped that when the work of pacification was complete and conditions were settled the prisoners in Guam would be released.

After referring in grateful terms to the courteous treatment accorded him by the military authorities, he declared his conviction that the civil government which would follow pacification would realize the highest hopes of the Filipino people.

When questioned regarding the report that he would visit the United States he replied that he would like to do so, but had made no plans as yet, placing himself entirely at the disposition of the United States government. In concluding the interview he observed:

"Every word of my address to my countrymen, the Filipinos, came from my heart. I hope the Americans believe me thoroughly sincere in my efforts to secure peace and, under American auspices, to promote the welfare and prosperity of the Philippines."

Jersey Central Employes' Grievances.

New York, April 23.—A conference was held yesterday between representatives of the trainmen and telegraphers employed by the Central Railroad of New Jersey and Superintendent Clausen, of the company. The trainmen's grievances were taken up first. After these have been adjusted the telegraphers will be considered. The meeting lasted several hours and progressed satisfactorily. Another conference is being held today. The agreement reached by the engineers and firemen with the company has not been signed as yet, and will not be until the troubles of the trainmen and the telegraphers have been adjusted.

Perhaps a Fatal Prize Fight.

London, April 23.—At the National Sporting club last night "Jack" Roberts, of England, knocked out "Billy" Smith, the American, in the eighth round. During the first three rounds everything was in favor of Smith, but for the remainder of the contest Roberts had his own way, and he dealt out a lot of severe body punishment. In the eighth round Smith made no attempt whatever [illegible] was twice kno[illegible] counted out. [illegible] was removed [illegible] was still uncon[illegible] morning. It i[illegible] juries will prov[illegible]

HARRISBURG LETTER.

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Medal of Honor For Those Who Risk Life in Saving Others and Two Thousand Dollars For the Families of Men Who Die in the Attempt.

Harrisburg, April 23.—There was a very slim attendance of senators in the senate last night, and in consequence little business was transacted. Three bills were introduced and the calendar was cleared of bills on first reading, after which adjournment was taken until today.

A bill was introduced by Mr. Drury, of Luzerne, providing for the rewarding of miners or other persons for brave or heroic deeds in saving life and valuable property inside and around the mines of the state. The bill provides for a gold medal of honor, to cost not less than $100. If a life be sacrificed in the performance of such deeds $2,000, in addition to the medal, shall be awarded to the family or legal heirs of such person. The awards are to be made by the department of internal affairs on the recommendation of any district inspector of mines.

A short session of the house was held last night, at which the appropriation bills for the state and semi-state institutions were read the first time.

Among bills read in place were: By Mr. McCandless, of Allegheny, providing that in suits to recover damages for any injury causing death it may be competent for the jury in assessing damages to allow compensation for the mental sufferings of the plaintiff and plaintiffs; by Mr. Voorhees, of Philadelphia, providing that at the next general election the question of changing the location of the capitol from Harrisburg to Philadelphia shall be submitted to a vote of the people.

A bill introduced in the house Tuesday of last week by Mr. Fox, of Chester, requires all shippers of milk from other states into Pennsylvania to accompany such shipments with a veterinarian's certificate that the cows from which such milk had been drawn had been found to be in a healthy condition.

Among bills passed finally by the house Tuesday of last week were: Prohibiting employment of women under 21 years old, without the consent of their parents or guardians, for theatrical or athletic performances, singing exhibitions or for playing upon musical instruments; providing that the district attorneys in all counties whose population does not exceed 150,000 shall be paid a salary in lieu of fees; licensing the manufacture of "boiled" or "process" butter, and requiring it to be labeled [illegible]

A [illegible] passed fin[illegible] last [illegible] was one [illegible] the [illegible] judges c[illegible] sup[illegible] on pleas[illegible] cou[illegible]ently d[illegible] reason of p[illegible]sical or men[illegible] to perform their functions and duties, with half pay for their unexpired term, and the filling by the governor of vacancies caused by such removal.

The Fox bill providing for the construction and completion of the state capitol building and appropriating $5,000,000 therefor and creating a commission consisting of the governor, State Treasurer Barnett, Auditor General Hardenbergh, President Pro Tem. Snyder and Speaker Marshall to carry on the work was again taken up in the senate last Wednesday and defeated, 21 to 20, but was subsequently considered.

Mr. Wentz, of Montgomery, offered a concurrent resolution providing for final adjournment on May 16. Referred to committee by a vote of 21 to 15.

Mr. Stiles, of Lehigh, offered a bill making it a misdemeanor to sell, exchange, advertise, etc., lottery tickets or policy writing and providing a punishment of imprisonment not exceeding two years and a fine not exceeding $1,000, or both; also a bill making it a misdemeanor for any telephone or telegraph company to transmit any numbers of policy or lottery drawing, and providing a fine of not less than $3,000 nor more than $5,000.

In the house on Thursday last the Kennedy capitol building bill was reported from committee. The bill appropriates $5,000,000 for the completion of the capitol by a commission composed of the governor, auditor general, state treasurer, president pro tem. of the senate and the speaker of the house. The work is to be done by Jan. 1, 1905.

Among bills passed finally by the house last Thursday were: Amending the renovated butter act of May 4, 1899, to provide that nothing except the words "renovated butter" shall be printed on the wrappers of such article.

A bill was introduced by Mr. Kennedy, of Beaver, making it unlawful to employ any laborer, mechanic, foreman, expert architect, contractor or other person who is not a citizen of the United States in the construction, alteration or repairs to any public building. It also prohibits the use of any material, except such raw material as can not be obtained in the United States, in the construction or decoration of such building.

A bill was introduced in the house Friday [illegible] by Mr. Brown of [illegible] providing [illegible] p[illegible] [illegible] is so[illegible] in [illegible] Philadelphia [illegible] a bill [illegible] liquor dealers from selling liquor to females to be taken from the premises.