RUSSIAN JAILS.

The Investigations Made by a Reformatory Official--His Fate-From New York Tribune

A man with a conscience has suddenly emerged from the Russian civil service. This is Pavel Birwanski, an imperial state attorney, who has recently been commissioned by the Government to make a special inves tigation of the judicial and administrative abuses in Orenburg. An account of his experience during the four months which his mission occupied has been published in the Sjeverny Viestnik, and translated by the Telegraph of London. It is a ghastly record of misgovernment, heartlessness, tyranny and barbarity.

The Commissioner describes himself as living in "an atmosphere of appalling groans and heartrending sighs." He liberated innocent captives who had been secretly tortured and closely confined for years after they had been publicly acquitted in statements of peasant women whose flesh had been pinched by red-hot irons as a punishment for their presumption in pleading for their husbands lives. He visited the State prisons, where hundreds of prisoners draped in rotton rags are condemned to lingering death without ever being allowed to know what has been laid to their charge or who has accused them of wrong The roofs of these charnel-houses wherein they grovel are ready to fall in upon them at any moment, the walls are lined with damp and clammy fungus, and the air in these loathsome dens is so rank and fetid from "the dirt of ages" and "exhalations from every sort of abomination" as absolutely to stop the visitor's breath. He learned that absent-minded prisoners, who used the familiar form of "Thou" in place of "You" in addressing the officials in charge of their dungeons, were tied to a horse's tail and flogged with thorney rods steeped in salt water, receiving sometimes as many as 125 blows. He found in the infirmaries the majority of the patients stretched upon the bare boards and often among the dead bodies of their companions. "So was it revealed to me," says the Commissioner, "how our Judges trample the laws under foot, how cynical and wanton is the behavour of our police; how savagely brute force is brought to bear upon the weak and friendless."

which the Commissioner makes, relate to the town jail of Ilzek, not far from Orenburg. All the prisoners had been led out on one occasion to a public square, and, not so much beaten as "half hammered to death, so that the populace "wept bitterly and crossed themselves in utter conhorrible outrage are recited, they were first flogged until they fainted; next they were soused with buckets of water until they regained consciousness, and then knocked about with prison keys, iron chains and rifle stocks; and finally, they were all tied together by the feet and driven into the prison yard. "where they fell sternation." As the details of this into the prison yard, "where they fell most populous, is something which clams, muscles, offal of fish, and garishment to be inflicted upon all the prisoners, without exception, and New York Sun. solely for his own amusement, was once a commissary of police and had been dismissed from the service for shameless corruption; yet he had retained sufficient influence in high retained sufficient influence in high quarters to secure another and more try, he will make a trip through Mexresponsible post, where he could nature and wreak his savage vengeance upon the helpless fellow creatures committed to his charge.

The man with a conscience, who used his eyes to such good purpose, was not allowed to pursue his investigations longer than four months. He met with resistance from bench, bureau and military headquarters. He did not attempt to accomplish from torture and inhuman punishment. service as one of the secret allies of the Nihilists, and the newspaper that a large sum was expected from which published his painful narrative was suspended indefinitely.

The New Minister to Spain

No charitable person will begrudge he should contribute anything, but, in Hannibal Hamlin the happiness of the event of President Garfield's No charitable person will begrudge living four years of absolute leisure in death, a calamity which he sincerely Madrid, upon a salary of \$12,000 per hoped would not take place, he would annum, as minister to Spain. Indeed, be found in the front rank with those he will be more of a representative of giving substantial aid to the president's the American politician at his best than sorrowing family. usually finds his way across the Atlantic. Young Alfonso, looking upon the wrinkled and parchment visage of Cincinnati Times. this venerable man, will get new never been out of office more than 1000. three months at a time since that date; who has been speaker of a state crease during the last ten years—or legislature, govenor of a state, repre-Spanish domain a virgin world. If 000. be a singularly unimpressionable young man.

A Mystery of San Jacinto Moun-

St. Paul Pioneer-Press. located in the north-eastern portion of San Diego County, and form the southern boundary of the San Gorgorio Pass. The region is a very wild and rough one, and extremely difficult to explore. There exists in one portion of these mountains a natural or super. cussion produced is such as to wake the grasp of the human mind in the a person from the soundest sleep, bulk of grain they represent. Tak-

side of the mountain, and having the around the world. appearance at the entrance of having been exposed to much heat. Many efforts have been made and large rewards offered to this Indian to persuade him to conduct some white man open court. He received the sworn The most common tradition with the aborigines is that old "Tah-quish" comes out of his evidently uncomfortable residence below for the purpose of obtaining a breath of fresh air, and that becoming alarmed at something he retires in haste, slamming the door after him, which produces the mysterious report referred to. For fear, therefore, of offending his Majesty by discovering him during one of his siestas they religiously re-

The Welcome to the New Bishop of Iowa.

frain from venturing near the spot.

Davenport Democrat, 18th. As announced in the Sunday Democrat the Very Rev. John or she is "wide across the transom." McMullen will be consecrated as Many of them have ships' cabin Bishop of Davenport on Monday July 25, at 101 o'clock, a. m., in the Cathedral of the Holy Name, North State and Superior streets, Chicago — and Revs. H. Cosgrove and M. Flavin well attend by special invitation of the Bishop-elect, as will Vicar Gener- "bells." Their babies are not rocked al Brazill, of Des Moines. Monday in cradles, but swung in hammocks. is selected for two reasons: It is a favorite saint's day and many of the drink a wild tea called "Yeopon." clergy of the diocese, who desire to They manure their land with seagrass, attend as a body, will be able to be and bury their yam potatoes in the present. The Consecrator will be sand-hills. When they want the docthe Most Rev. P. J. Feehan, arch- tor they hang a red flag against a hillbishop of Chicago, and the assisting side as a signal of distress. If he prelates will be chosen from those don't come, because the 'wind is fair,' who will be in attendance. Bishop Spatding of Peoria, O'Conner of Omaha, Dwenger of Fort Wayne, The most schocking disclosures Hennessy of Dubuque, Baltes of Alton, Hogan of St. Joseph, Ryan of a sand ridge; and when you see sever-St. Louis, and several others are ex- al sail-boats on the water in procespected.

Of course Bishop McMullen will looking at a funeral. receive a warm welcome from the

Mr. Mackay and Mr. Field.

ber, and, upon his return to this counico. His wife has made her home in satisfy the bestial instincts of his Paris, and the gorgeousness of her entertainments is the talk of both continents. Her hard-working and genial liberal of men. It seems that Mr. Cyrus W. Field, who boasted soloudly that he would raise \$250,000 in the twinkling of an eye as a gift to the president's wife, thought it merely necessary to write to Mr. Mackay for a contribution. Mr. Mackay received very much. He only aimed to give the note in this city on Tuesday. He the wretched captives a little more air read it several times, and said he was and a little light, and protect them displeased with its tone. He thought Yet he was dismissed from the public have dictated to Mr. Field to call on him in person. He knew, of course, him. After deliberation, he decided to do what he has seldom done in any such case, to refuse. He caused a note to be written to Mr. Field to the effect that the occasion did not require that

Looking Ahead

The growth of population in the ideas of the American people and United States during the last ten their greatness. He will see a septu- years amounted to an increase of a agenarian who began holding office in little over 30 per cent. The same rate 1836-when the king's mother, of increase in the next two decades Isabella, was 6 years old-and has will give a population of 85,000,000 in

sentative in congress, senator in con- seventy per cent. is native born. In gress, collector of Boston, or vice the next tweaty years, it is safe to president of the United States, during say, there will be no falling off in the forty-five years, and is now sent to number of emigrants annually seeking round up his half century of office our shores. Therefore, in the year holding at the ancient capital whence 1900 we are likely to have an addi Columbus and Cortez and De Soto tional foreign population—on a basis bore king's commissions to add to the of a total of 91,000,000—of 12,300,-

Alfonso, gazing upon this patriarchal Immigration will continue to flow fixture in the public crib, does not westward, of course, and the states gain fresh understanding of the and territories beyond the Mississippi grandeur of free institutions, he must will receive the bulk of it. It is hardly probable that emigration from the older states to the unsettled portions of the fertile west will decrease. Judging that in 1900 California should have a population of 960,500; Colorado 2,000,000; Kansas between 3,000, The San Jacinto Mountains are 000 and 4,000,000; Missouri, 3,500,

of these mountains a natural or super-natural curiosity, the source of which figure out that there will be in the has never yet been explained, although many attempts have been made to of corn, and if the season is favorsolve the mystery. At irregular able the yield will exceed 3,000,000, intervals a heavy report resounds through the region, which can be likened only to that of the largest cannon intensified tenfold. The con-

shaking and rattling everything in ing fifty bushels of corn to the wagonthe house more than is done by an load and thirty bushels of wheat, it ordinary earthquake. Sometimes would require 120,0000,000 wagons days elapse between these reports, and 240,000,000 horses to move these and on other occasions as many as three or four are heard in one night—that being the favorite time for their five feet to each, this magnificent prooccurence. This irregularity has cession would reach 508,000 miles, or operated to defeat all efforts made to nearly twenty-three times around the discover the exact locality of the world. It would be long enough to phenomenon. By the Indians of the extend across the continent from New regions this is called "Tah-quish," or York to San Francisco 177 times. the devil. They have many traditions Moving at the rate of fifty miles a day concerning it, and manifest the utmost this procession would not pass a given reluctance to make any search for the point in less than thirty-one years. exact spot. One old Indian, supposed This immense quantity of grain would to be upward of a century in age, fill 13,333,333 ordinary freight cars, claims to have accidentally discovered and 443,444 locomotives would be re the spot one day while hunting in his quire to draw the train, which, includ younger days. He described it as ing the locomotives, would be 53,025 simply a dark tunnel running into the miles long, reaching more than twice

A Peculiar People.

Raleigh News and Observer. The people of this region are of an amphibious nature, and live so much CHICAGO ROCK ISLAND & PAin and on the water that most of them I am sure, are web-footed. They live mainly on fish, clams, oysters, crabs, terrapins, and wild fowi. When they leave home they go in a boat, and whether they go to court or go courting, or to trade, or to mill, or to a funeral, they always go by sail. Their funeral, they always go by sail. Their corn mills are run by sails, and some of them pump their water with wind-mills. They don't go upstairs, but "go aloft;" and when they go to bed they turn in;" when they are ill they are "under the weather." and when they are "under the weather." and when

mills. They don't go up.

"go aloft;" and when they go to bed they turn in;" when they are ill they are "under the weather," and when in robust health they say they are "bung up and bilge free." They speak of a trim-built sweetheart as "clipper built." If she is a little stout "clipper built." If she is a little stout they say she is "broad in the beam," they say they are citions at all points of intersection with or coads.

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In some they say they are the wather are in kansas. Nebraska, Black Hills, Wyoming, Utah, Idaho, Nevada, California, and New Mexico.

As liberal arrangements regarding baggage as any other line, and rates of fare always as ow as competitors, who furnish but a tithe of the competitions. doors in their houses, that slide on grooves, and to their buildings they give a coating of tar instead of painting them. The "old woman" blows a conch shell when dinner is They chew black pig-tail tobacco, and they take a dram of whisky and copperas, soak their feet in sea water, "turn in," and trust to luck. If they die, they will be buried on the top of sion, with a flag at half mast, you are

They ornament their houses with people of Davenport—the people of whales ribs and jaws, sharks teeth, the Protestant sects as well as those sword fish snoots, devil-fish arms, of the Catholic communion. For the saw-fish swords (six feet long), miniadisfigured heaps." The governor of this jail, who had ordered this puncovers their backs, to feed on sea grass, and if they are carried upcountry, and fed on corn and fodder,

BITTERS Mr. John W. Mackay, of Nevada, they will not live.

Tuolumne Pocket Mines-

ockton (Cal.) Independent, The gold fever is raging with peculiar fierceness at Sonora. Men have left their vines and their orchards, and have taken to the hills with picks and shovels, and fresh dirt is visible at husband is known as one of the most every hand. A new light has recently dawned on the people of that section. They find that the miners of twenty years ago failed because their search was for gold. They should have looked for ledges and pockets. They looked for rich gravel and failed; men to day are searching for rich pockets and ledges, and are finding them. They enter old tunnels, and seeing a slip of clay, may be no thicker than a piece of paper, they follow on, and lo! a pocket. They dig into the hills and strike a blue streak and detect the contact line betect the contact line be-tween the state and limestone, and see where water has found its way in and carried its ingredients way in and carried its ingredients with it and rotted the rock, and they take out the yellow dirt and put it through a battery and pocket from \$100 to \$200 per ton for their venture. Sometimes the vein of quartz is found, and that is taken and milled with good results; but the richest finds of all are the little pockets of oxigenized quarts, which yields sometimes half their weight in solid coin. A man named Lewis, who has been prospecting lately, left Stockton for A man named Lewis, who has been prospecting lately, left Stockton for San Francisco with a leg of a pair of overalls filled with rock, which was nearly or quite one-half gold. He made no secret of the fact that he got it from a ledge near Sonora, and that it was taken from the surface. He pounded out \$610 with a mortar in a short time before taking out this rich rock. Lewis says he has a boulder worth \$15,000 which he took from his

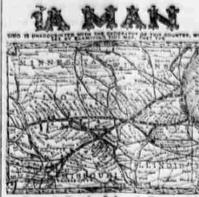
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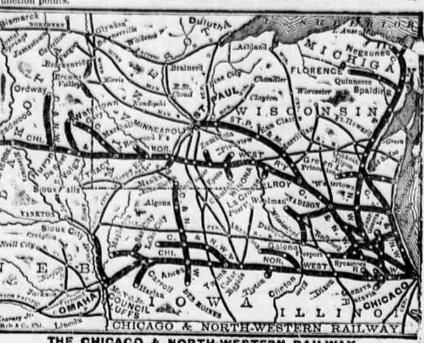
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