

The Weekly Independent

BY H. HUCKINS.

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA.

Fifty-three daily papers are printed in Tokio and only forty-two in New York.

Bill Nye denies that he was rotten egged in New Jersey. Probably the eggs were fresh compared with some of William's jokes.

Consuelo Vanderbilt is three inches taller than her purchase. Our American heiresses certainly stoop pretty low in such matters.

That Pittsburg man who was fined for smoking in church was served just right. He should go to church to escape smoking.

An authority on cats says that blue eyed cats are always deaf, and that pure white ones are often afflicted in the same manner.

The little patch of territory which England is trying to steal from Venezuela is a mere trifle about twice as large as the state of Illinois.

For the benefit of several esteemed contemporaries, we would state that the Chicago man's novel, "Forty Years With the Damned," is not an autobiography.

Five million dollars was the other day drawn from the United States treasury in gold bars by jewelers who are preparing for the holiday trade. Some folks seem to have money yet.

A New York saloonkeeper was fined for selling whisky on Sunday to be used by a veterinary surgeon in treating a sick horse. Such draught horses are dangerous nowadays in Gotham.

The Crane Iron Company, of Allentown, Pa., has voluntarily raised wages 10 per cent for the second time. Raising wages with a crane is something novel and as pleasing as it is new.

In speaking of the Venezuela question W. T. Stead remarks that "the United States is afflicted with a number of howling journalists." True; but most of them have been sent back to England.

Mayor Swift of Chicago is disgusted because the railroads will not elevate their tracks. If the mayor would stop petting and get his club he might notice a difference.

The Boston Globe says: "What is the good of having a platform, anyway, if the candidates can't stand on it?" The platform of a passenger coach is not intended to stand on, but to enable the passenger to get in.

The discovery of rich gold mines was the inspiration of Great Britain in advancing its boundary line in Venezuela. The British government claimed enough new territory to get the mines. The same thing, it appears, is going on in Alaska. Valuable gold mines have been discovered in the territory of the United States. As a result Great Britain has advanced her boundary so as to take in a large slice of our territory. At what Great Britain considers an opportune time we shall probably be handed an "ultimatum" to give up the territory or fight. This is Great Britain's Christian way of settling a dispute when she thinks she can win by force.

Postal statistics indicate that the quarter ending with September was probably the most prosperous in the history of the postal service. The receipts were over \$600,000 in excess of those for the corresponding quarter of 1892, almost \$800,000 in excess of those for the corresponding quarter of 1893, and over \$600,000 in excess of the receipts for the same period in 1894. The largest increase for any single city is credited to Chicago, where, though the total of receipts was considerably smaller than in New York, the increase over 1894 was over \$21,000 larger. These two cities head the list both as regards total receipts and the amount of increase over last year. Other cities showing large increases are Boston, St. Louis, Philadelphia and Brooklyn. In some of the smaller cities the proportionate increase is greater than in the cities mentioned, though the amount is smaller.

Mr. and Mrs. Warwyn Wiczorlewicz ever get to calling each other names there will be trouble right away.

Good reputation is good business capital. Good advertising helps to create good reputation.

The "sunshine" party should be able to appreciate its descent to the ridiculous. It came down off its high horse in mighty quick order when it comprehended the fact that the powers meant business in their demands for reforms for Armenia.

Four persons were fatally shot the other night at a New Jersey cakewalk. The cakewalk in New Jersey seems to do the same work for the footlather that the country dance does for him in Kent, Aukley.

The death of Mrs. Susan Cook at Quincy, Ill., last week is full of warning to cigarette smokers. She was in reasonably good health until recently, when she took to smoking cigarettes and strong cigars, and these are supposed to have hastened her demise at the age of 105 years.

SLAIN BY SPANIARDS.

WOMEN AND INFANTS ARE PUT TO DEATH.

Retreating Troops Annihilate Ten Women and a Dozen Infants Because Taunted with Cowardice—Two are Wives of Spaniards.

TAMPA, Fla., Nov. 21.—Colonel Fernando Figuerdo, the Cuban leader of this city, has received a letter from Havana giving details of atrocities committed by Spaniards in Matanzas province. Colonel Melino, who commanded a Spanish regiment, recently encountered the advance guard of Gomez's army in Matanzas and was defeated. While soldiers under Melino were in retreat they met a group of women and children near a little town called Cuyopino. As the soldiers passed one of the women made a sneering remark about the Spaniards. The remark was overheard by the soldiers and so enraged them that they fell upon the women and children and butchered every one of them. There were ten women and about a dozen children in the group.

The letter says that the Spaniards, after shooting down their victims, stabbed them with bayonets, inflicting the most horrible wounds. One baby was killed at its mother's breast, and the bullet that passed through the infant also killed the mother. Colonel Melino made no report of the butchery, but two of the women murdered were wives of Spaniards engaged in the sawmill business in Matanzas. When the husbands learned how their loved ones had been butchered they wrote to Captain General Campos, informing him of the affray and demanding that Colonel Melino be punished. It is said that Campos has ordered that Melino be court martialed and it is thought the butcher will be sentenced to death, as the massacre is condemned as bitterly by Spaniards as by Cubans.

THE POWERS SNUBBED.

Ambassadors Again Send Warning to the Sultan.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 21.—The professed determination of the sultan to act energetically in suppressing the disorders in Asia Minor had a decidedly good effect here and elsewhere, and the troubles which threatened to cause the disruption of the Turkish government were looked upon yesterday as almost ended. To-day, however, the outlook is almost as grave as ever, the sultan having appointed Bahri Pasha, who made himself so conspicuous by his cruelty to Armenians and maladministration of his district when governor of Van that the British ambassador insisted upon his removal, as military commander of the Aleppo district. Immediately upon receiving the news of this appointment the representatives of the powers held a meeting and, after discussing the matter from all its standpoints, joined in a note to the Turkish government saying that they could not answer for the consequences which might ensue should the Armenians of Zeitoun be massacred after their surrender, which the Armenian patriarch, at the instance of the representatives of the powers, is endeavoring to bring about in order to prevent further bloodshed. The British fleet is still at Salonica, and the French and Italian fleets are at Smyrna, about 200 miles from Salonica. Smyrna and Salonica, however, are about an equal distance from the entrance to the Dardanelles. According to the Turkish accounts, the Armenians provoked the disturbance at Marsovan, and it is also said that the American missionaries there were not in any way molested. Reports received here from the interior of Asia Minor announce fresh conversions of Armenian women and children to Islamism. Armenian refugees, who have arrived here from the different provinces from which they fled at the time of the recent massacres, have petitioned the patriarch to assist those of their co-religionists who were unable to get away, as famine is threatening their country, and that the most terrible sufferings may be anticipated when the cold weather sets in, thousands of Armenian families being without shelter.

SIR PONSONBY DEAD.

The Old Private Secretary of Queen Victoria at Rest—His Work.

ATCHESON, Kan., Nov. 21.—H. H. Wentworth, flagman at the Thirtieth street railroad crossing, claims to be able to perform cures very much the same as Schlatter, the alleged "Messianic healer," and he is attracting a great deal of attention. He is said to have performed a number of cures during the past few days, and a great many people are flocking to him for treatment. He is 84 years old, has long hair and is very quiet. He makes no charge for his services. He claims he can cure disease a thousand miles away if he knows of its existence.

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SILVER MEN DEFIANT.

Senator Dubois Voices the Sentiments of the Silver Men of the Free Coinages.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—Secretary Carlisle's New York Chamber of Commerce speech has elicited responsive defiance from the silver men of the senate. They are emphatic in asserting that the greenbacks cannot be retired. Their program, however, goes much further than merely blocking the way to the accomplishment of the administration's plans.

"We are determined," said Senator Dubois of Idaho, "to provide for the revenues by placing a duty on wool. In doing this we not only relieve the treasury, but we do an act of justice to every sheep raiser in the country and remove the cloud of bankruptcy from the great ranches of the West. Senator Sherman will have to support the proposition, for his State is vitally concerned. This wool bill will go to the President, and, of course, he will veto it. Then the Republican Congress, having done its duty in the premises, can afford to let him find his way out of his difficulty as best he can. He will issue more bonds and that will revive the whole silver question again. Secretary Carlisle is right when he says the question of free and unlimited coinage of silver is not dead. He will find, if he only waits long enough, that the National convention of his own party will adopt a free coinage platform next spring."

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