

SHOCKS TO SOCIETY.

DEPLORABLE SOCIAL CONDITIONS IN ENGLAND.

The Marquis de Naves, Who is Accused of the Murder of His Stepson—The New Woman's Daring Breach of English Customs.

Two social sensations of somewhat similar nature are just now vastly agitating French and English people respectively. The first is the trial of the Marquis de Naves for the murder of his wife's son, in the

course of which not only certain characteristic tendencies of French life are brought out in strongest relief, but the extraordinary and to the Anglo-Saxons the seemingly infamous perversion of justice in French criminal procedure is dramatically illustrated. The Marquis is himself the son of a French officer and a young glove-maker, who subsequently married. He advertised for a rich wife, and the young daughter of a distinguished lawyer was offered to him by her parents with the frank statement, however, that she had a son by her father's gardener. The Marquis found no objection, and he and his wealthy wife lived many years in apparent happiness, two children being born to them. The Marquis is now on the dock on the accusation of his wife, but she lived with him, and even wrote him affectionate letters after the date at which she swears she became convinced he was the murderer of her first born.

He on his part swears the accusation is the result of an unbounded influence over his wife gained by the Abbe Rousset, their domestic chaplain, who, he says, desires to occupy his place as the master of his household. Incidentally it appears the mother-in-law took the warmest interest in the welfare of her daughter's son, that the grandfather had settled a handsome fortune upon him, and that he was to be educated as a priest. The trial has developed many other extraordinary, but apparently not unusual features of domestic



MARQUIS DE NAVES.

life among rich French provincials. The reports occupy many columns daily in the newspapers and no fiction was ever more dramatic nor apparently more improbable. But the most remarkable and to us the most shocking feature of the trial, is the revelation of how the full power of French law is exerted to bring an accused man to the guillotine. It will doubtless be news to most readers that a man may be accused in France of any crime on unsworn testimony; arrested absolutely at the pleasure of a magistrate, and that from the moment of his incarceration until the magistrate finally binds him over for trial, no legal process can either get him out on bail or even permit him access to his friends, to counsel, or to evidence against him.

There is no habeas corpus, grand jury or anything similar to them in France. Asked during the trial why he had signed without reading the report of the evidence before the examining magistrate, the Marquis declared had he not done so he might have been kept in prison for years before coming up for trial or being able to secure counsel. Not only is the examining magistrate automatically a prosecuting officer, but so is the judge who is trying the accused. The judge in the present case has several times stigmatized the accused as an assassin, and when the Marquis declared he had not given information to the police of the death of the boy because he did not wish them to make public his wife's dishonor, the judge replied that the mother, the Marquis, seemed to have been less careful of his own honor.

These are not extravagant examples of every effort and word of the presiding magistrate to assume the guilt of the accused. Reading the reports, one wonders if innocent men are not frequently judiciously put to death in France, the attitude, however, being the tendency of French justice to admit in face of the strongest apparent evidence of guilt. Considering that the French have shed more blood in defense of personal liberty than any other nation, it is certainly remarkable that the legal processes and tyranny, which led to the demolition of the Bastille and the revolution, are still unimpaired. Virtual lettres de cachet are now issued by republican magistrates, instead of by monarchs or aristocratic favorites.

The other case is the fact of intense excitement throughout England over the effort of Miss Edith Lancheater, a young and quite pretty school teacher, daughter of parents in middle class, to become the wife of a young laborer without the previous ceremony of marriage. They are socialists, and, like Grant Allen's heroine, catch the set to

be an open protest against legal matrimony. Americans have been informed of the various public proceedings in the affair, but probably not of the very influential aid and sympathy the young lady has received in the best press of London and the provinces and other notable quarters.

The fact is symptomatic of a recent great change in English public opinion touching matters of this sort. The outrageous public promenade in music halls are defended by half the London press. On the other hand, the established church is setting its face rigidly against the religious marriage of persons divorced.

The open protest of the church dignitaries, supported by the Duke of Newcastle, against such a marriage in a fashionable London church last summer, is to be soon repeated at the forthcoming similar notable wedding ceremony of a guardsman to the daughter of a peer. The couple have been duly warned of the intention of the members of the Social Purity League to denounce them at the very altar. The famous London doctor who signed the certificate of Miss Lancheater's insanity defends his action by quoting her admis-



EDITH LANCHESTER.

sion, "at she knew she would have no legal claim on her lover for the support of their children, and by saying that as he would be justified in pronouncing her insane if she declared to him her intention to commit physical suicide, so he was justified in forming the same opinion on her declared intention to commit moral suicide."

ACCUSED OF MURDER.

Jerome Concell Charged with Killing His Wealthy Adopted Parents.

The police of Baltimore have announced that they have discovered most damaging and convincing evidence against Jerome Concell, the 19-year-old boy who is under arrest, charged with the murder of his adopted parents, Capt. Frederick Lang and his aged wife. The victims lived in the suburbs of the city, and Capt. Lang is supposed to have been worth \$100,000. The house was entered on the night of Nov. 4, the two old people were literally pounded to death with a hammer, and the house riddled. Suspicion fell on young Concell and his brother, both of whom were arrested on election night. The brother will be released, but the police claim that they have found bloody clothes belonging to Jerome, and that he wore shoes which fitted perfectly the tracks left by the murderer. It is also asserted that gunny sacking was used by the murderer to muffle his footsteps, and that portions of this material were found clinging to the shoes of the accused. The boy maintains a stolid demeanor, and does



JEROME CONCELL.

not seem to realize the enormity of the charge against him.

George Wagner's Creed.
You may know all the stars
Clear from Neptune to Mars;
You may have every science by heart;
Be up in each term
And versed in each scheme—
In short, think you're fearfully smart—
And though you improve
Common minds move or lose,
You are not a philosopher till,
Casting learning behind,
The true secret you find
Is to look very wise and keep still.
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How Did You Take It?
If Arthur Lewis adopts the same tactics in the New York team the coming year that he is reported to have done in the Philadelphia team, he will come no nearer winning the championship in the former case than in the latter.
Boston Herald.

A Good Idea.
It is absolutely announced that the British public prosecutor has resolved on stopping the use of raising tips, and has intimated by instruction of entering prosecution against all special juries publishing such information.
It is not considered good form to wear a plug hat while rushing the growler.

THE OBEA DOCTORS.

THEY ARE STRANGLING THE REPUBLIC OF HAYTI.

They Have a Knowledge of the Uses and Ill Uses of Herbs, and Woe Betide the Subject Who Incurs Their Enmity—Human Sacrifices.

Two English travelers left Gonaves with the purpose of exploring the mountainous interior of the island of Hayti a few years ago. Two years later one of them reached Port du Pays a broken, enfeebled wreck of his former self. From him was ascertained the fearful fate of his companion and the awful tale of his own detention and sufferings among the natives. They had witnessed the sacrifice of a child to the voodoo fetish and one of them had paid the penalty of discovery with his life, while the survivor died not long afterwards from the effects of his frightful experience. While undoubtedly the conditions which made such an episode possible are improved by the interposition of a strong government, there are still in practice customs of which the public has little conception. The race instinct for fetish worship is strong. In the midst of the mountain fastnesses, there lives a savage race of full African blood, which retains the superstitions and practices of its ancestry. Even in the sea-coast towns and among the creoles the voodoo influence remains, especially in the lower quarter, such as Pisceat and Belleaire, in Port au Prince. The priest of this religion is the obea-man, and it is almost impossible to conceive of the fiendish nature of his hold upon the people. Not only is his power used among his devotees, but it is even directed against any white who may offend him or his followers.

Herbert Sierdet, a civil engineer of English birth, who had recently gone to Port au Prince, was engaged in the

possession of a remarkable knowledge of the toxic properties of herbs and shrubs. This knowledge, together with the other secret lore of their priesthood, is transmitted from father to son, although occasionally possessed by a woman, and in this manner the hold of the obea men upon the people is maintained as acquaintance with these matters is the possession of the priests or obea doctors only, they are enabled to perform many acts that are beyond the comprehension of their followers, and to sustain in their minds that superstitious reverence which is the basis of obea practice.

Since the obea man is feared as one possessed of supernatural power, disclosure of his hideous performances is rare. The negroes of Hayti are of Wagenda and Matabele descent, and their obea practice is undoubtedly the natural continuation of the witch-doctoring of the Congo basin and Zululand.

A case which came to the writer's notice in the vicinity of Port au Prince illustrates a further source of power possessed by the leaders. The captain of a Norwegian bark which had been wrecked upon the Gonaves coast fell into the hands of the natives, who detained him in Pisceat. It is supposed that he had pried into the secrets of the obea practice, which is under the ban of the government, and that the blacks held him to prevent exposure. As these agencies are necessarily constrained to secrete near the cities, investigation in this case was extremely difficult. However, the writer with the guidance of a friendly negro, visited the house where the unfortunate victim was at the time concealed, and found him apparently deranged. Close examination proved, on the other hand, that the seaman's condition was that of a hypnotic trance, in which he had already remained for nearly three weeks, absolutely under the control of the obea doctor. Three of these fellows were present in the hut at the time, all wrinkled and bent with extreme age, but betrayed much mental power in their keen black eyes. So completely was the captain subject to their will that no effort could induce him to make his escape.

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ercised apart from the rational faculties, its possession is far more frequent among the strongly imaginative and the less rationalistic races than among Europeans and Americans. The Hindoo priesthood and among the Japanese the Shinto are, by the exercise, enabled to affect seemingly supernatural wonders. In like manner this power predominates among the African races, and has been carried to this Western world by the slave people who swarmed into the West Indies a hundred years ago. The voodoo doctors possess it, along with their knowledge of vegetable and animal poisons, and so maintain their supremacy in Hayti and San Domingo, and to a lesser degree among the other islands, in spite of the efforts of the government and the preaching of missionaries.

Living as they do in little hamlets of about a dozen huts, a hundred or so blacks of both sexes form a complete community. Each village has its obea doctor, generally a repulsive fellow in advanced years, whose word is the law of the place. The belief in witches being strong, it often leads to their punishment at his bidding, to the extent even of death by strangling or by stoning. Such occurrences are becoming rare at present, as the hand of the government is stronger than formerly, and if the culprit can be reached, vengeance is sure to follow disclosure.

The regard for human life is, however, very slight in the mountains, and the white stranger who dares to make his way among them may well tremble at the prospect of their terrible machinations in the hands of an ignorant and superstitious population. Fortunately the negroes are by nature mild toward strangers, and the writer experienced little difficulty, other than that presented by lofty and almost impassable mountains. Then, too, the native party whom as much reverence to a South Sea woman as to his fetish. These attitudes are to be found sometimes upon the mountain side, among the overgrown of the lofty altitudes, or walking among the sanctuaries of the narrow valleys, usual hidden by the clovered palms. The huts in which they live are all made of mud, woven into wicker work by the walls, and are thickly veiled with straw.

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construction of a bridge at Petit Goave, a small town upon the Gulf of Gonaves. During his work he was one day provoked into chastising one of the negro workmen, and as a result he became the object of bitter hatred. Before a week had passed he was afflicted with a rapid swelling of the right leg, which soon became so serious that he was compelled to abandon his work and to return to Port au Prince. Although he consulted the best medical aid available he could obtain no assistance, and the edema became so

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AMERICANS ABROAD.

Foreigners Enjoy Taking Advantage of Their Ignorance.

In a quiet way the Italians get a great deal of amusement out of the English and American tourists, says the Chicago Record. On a steamer on Lake Como the captain was interrogated by an English woman as to the name of a certain mountain peak to which she pointed. The captain did not know, but he did not intend to confess his ignorance. He glanced at the mountain in question, then at the woman. Her main characteristic was ebullience. And the captain, suddenly inspired, gravely replied: "Monte Stomacho." The woman, in all seriousness, described in her little note-book the mountain and gave to it the name the captain had used. An American lady was visiting the Pitti gallery at Florence, when she came to a picture of Pope Leo the Tenth, in which the pope is represented in a sitting position. The lady studied her Baedeker industriously, then looked at the picture, then again sought information from Baedeker. She was puzzled, and, finally turning to a gentleman near, who happened to be a professor from the college at Padua, said: "Could you tell me, sir, what madonna is this?" "La madonna della seggiola," said the professor gravely.

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