

Latest From Europe

Emperor William Out Again—Discontented London Policemen—General Matters.

Emperor William is to have a carriage drive to-morrow for the first time since his accident. It is said that during his tedious confinement indoors he has shown unexpected patience, and has whiled away the time by reading instructive literature instead of French novels and the like. On the 15th he will be present with his entire family at the consecration of the mausoleum of the late Emperor Frederick, which is to be a very solemn and imposing ceremony. On the 26th he and the Empress will start on the imperial yacht for Copenhagen, and proceed thence to Fredensborg, to spend the day with the King and Queen of Denmark. On the 30th the whole party will start on the yacht for Christiania, to visit the King and Queen of Sweden. Thence the Empress will proceed to Ems and the Emperor will start on his Norwegian cruise, which will occupy him at least a fortnight.

The discontented London policemen have been holding meetings and there has been wild talk of a strike. The movement is not serious, however, and is confined to young men who have not been long on the force. Grievances undeniably exist, but they are of a character that can be remedied without revolutionary methods, and Commissioner Monro enjoys the confidence of an overwhelming majority of the 14,000 men under his command. Cablegrams have been published here to the effect that the New York policemen are preparing to support their London brethren in the coming struggle. The facts of the case have evidently reached this country in a grossly exaggerated form, and it is hoped by friends of the policeman that the prospect of American dollars will not encourage the men to run their heads against a brick wall.

A case more worthy of sympathy is that of several thousand workmen employed by the London Gas Light and Coke Company, the gigantic monopoly whose operations embrace nearly the whole of the metropolitan area north of the Thames. Encouraged by the success last winter of a much smaller company in south London, the big company has apparently made up its mind to crush the men's trade union. The men have been called upon to sign an agreement by which they must give a month's notice of quitting work, but the company may actually confiscate all wages owing to any man so discharged. It is not surprising to learn that the men refuse to accept such outrageous proposals, and that public sympathy is with them. The company is enormously wealthy and could easily spend a million dollars in fighting the union, but money alone will not enable it to win a struggle in which public opinion would be at the back of the workmen.

Capt. Gerald Langley, who will act as naval attaché to the British Embassy in Washington, has a roving commission, being authorized to report upon naval matters generally in North and South America. Capt. Pyeshkoff, the young Cossack officer who has ridden one horse from eastern Siberia, arrived at St. Petersburg on Wednesday, having covered 6,000 miles. He has received a great ovation in the Russian capital from all classes of people and is already a social lion. The animal that carried him is a little shaggy pony.

Ruffianly Rascals.

TORONTO, June 6.—The moulder, William Duplex, who was charged and found guilty of intimidating Mr. Gurney's moulders, while out on bail pending sentence, brutally assaulted Mr. John Henry 341 Adelaide street, on Friday night, in O'Connor's saloon at the corner of Simcoe and Adelaide streets. Mr. Henry entered the saloon about ten o'clock, and as he was a juror at the Assizes, although he did not sit on Duplex's case, that individual spotted him and sailed into him, knocking him down and then proceeding to bite the unfortunate juror's face. After mauling Henry in a frightful manner Duplex and his chum, Joe Maroney, a notorious rascal, who was standing by threatening a beating to anyone who interfered, ran out and disappeared. They have not been seen since, and it is supposed they are both in Buffalo. The police hunted for Duplex and Maroney all Friday night and Saturday in vain.

Borax Baths.

Delicate women, writers and sedentary persons who feel chilly even in the summer should never sit without foot-warmers or fur-lined slippers if at all chilly. Mental exercise exhausts the bodily heat. You remember how George Eliot always was chilly when writing, and many a professional worker recognizes the familiar feeling. Hot baths, with plenty of borax in the water, and friction afterward, get up a healthy action of the skin, which leaves the face fair and opal-tinted hours afterward. One of the most beautiful complexion I know is kept by this practice, joined to care in eating. The eyes will be dark and bright after such a bath, but if you want to insure their brilliancy a pharmacist who studies these things says one must eat freely of tomatoes for the sake of the atropine or its kindred quality they contain. Certainly wholesome tomatoes keep skin and eyes in good condition as far as food can do it.

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Blackening the nose all over with burnt cork is said to prevent the eyes being dazzled by the reflection of the sun on the water. If young ladies will only remember this when they go yachting with their young gentlemen friends they will save themselves lots of discomfort.

A Message for Mamma in Heaven.

"Is this the telegraph office?"
Asked a childish voice one day,
As I noted the click of my instrument,
With its message from far away;
As it ceased I turned; at my elbow
Stood the merest scrap of a boy,
Whose childish face was all aglow
With the light of a hidden joy.

The golden curls on his forehead
Shaded eyes of deepest blue,
As if a bit of summer sky
Had lost in them its hue:
They scanned my outfit rapidly
From ceiling down to floor;
Then turned to me with eager gaze,
As he asked the question o'er:

"Is this the telegraph office?"
"It is, my little man,"
I said; "pray tell me what you want,
And I'll help you if I can."
Then the blue eyes grew more eager,
And the breath came thick and fast,
And I saw within the chubby hands
A folded paper grasped.

"Nurse told me," he said, "that the lightning
Came down on the wires some day;
And my mamma has gone to Heaven,
And I'm lonely since she is away;
For my papa is very busy
And hasn't much time for me,
So I thought I'd write her a letter,
And I've brought it for you to see."

"I've printed it big so the angels
Could read out quick the name,
And carry it straight to my mamma
And tell her how it came:
And now won't you please to take it,
And throw it up good and strong
Against the wires in a funder shower,
And the lightning will take it along."

Ah! what could I tell the darling?
For my eyes were filling fast;
I turned away to hide the tears,
But I cheerfully spoke at last;
"I'll do the best I can, my child,"
"Twas all that I could say;
"Thank you," he said, and then scanned the
sky;
"Do you think it will funder to-day?"

But the blue sky smiled in answer,
And the sun shone dazzling bright,
And his face, as he slowly turned away,
Lost some of its gladsome light;
"But, nurse," he said, "if I stay so long,
Won't let me come any more;
So good-bye, I'll come and see you again
Right after a funder shower."

Plowing too Deeply.

It is many years ago that Horace Greeley, reasoning theoretically on the advantages of more room for the roots of plants, took to advocating deeper plowing as the best means to that end. He was strongly controverted at the time by many practical farmers, but never gave in that he was wrong until some New Jersey farmers on the light, sandy soil common in parts of that State tried both deep and shallow plowing, and thus practically demonstrated Mr. Greeley's mistake. Even then the most that the theoretical philosopher could publicly acknowledge was the fact that under some circumstances deep plowing was a blunder, and that light soils, with only a thin layer of vegetable matter on their surface, seemed to be especially unadapted to it.

Farmers on many other kinds of land have found too deep plowing an injury to the present crop and to future fertility. The fact is, indeed, becoming generally recognized that on any kind of soil, if deep plowing is to be successful, it must be preceded by clover, and accompanied with a heavy dressing of manure of some kind. We have never yet seen a good piece of corn on a timothy sod plowed more than six inches deep. No better test of soil fertility can be found than the corn crop. If the soil is full of clover roots, a plowing of six or seven inches depth may do no harm, but if there is no clover in the piece, then all below four inches from the surface will be found cold and inert. If turned to the depth of six inches, the bottom two inches will be made the seed bed. A hopeless, worthless planting place it must prove for a crop which more than any other loves not merely light, but warmth and fertility. Cultivation, top-dressing with manure, and mixing this with the soil turned up will improve it to some extent, but not enough to make the vigorous early growth that is needed if corn is to be a good crop.

After midsummer corn roots may reach down to the vegetable mold and richer soil turned below. But even then this cannot be warmed sufficiently for them to get the same benefit from it that they could nearer the surface. More damage to corn has been done by plowing heavy sods deeply, so as to smother the grass roots, and bring up loose soil for seed bed, than by any other one cause. Clover sod will bear deeper plowing than will the grasses, because the roots of clover extend into and to a certain extent warm the subsoil. Yet for corn crop we would not plow generally more than six inches deep, and unless the soil is very rich, five inches is a still better depth. Only for winter wheat, where a somewhat hard surface is required, is deep plowing advisable, and even then the compacted surface is better secured by judicious use of the roller than by turning up subsoil.

What is wanted to deepen heavy soils is a judicious use of the subsoil plows. This does not turn down the worst of the surface soil and bring the worst to the surface. It leaves the subsoil where it belongs, but pulverizes it so that all roots can more easily penetrate it, and it is made much more absorptive of water. In this condition it is admirably fitted for clover, and a few seedlings of this crop, allowed to reach full growth, will extend fertility downward as fast as it can be done without the application of more manure than any farmer can afford. It must be remembered that the under soil, which has never been exposed to light and air, is much poorer than even the poorest surface soil, that has been long cultivated. There may be mineral plant food in it, giving the elements of fertility, but it requires to be brought to the surface to be made available, and this can only be done gradually. It is as great a mistake to spread the manure too thinly downwards as to spread it too thinly on the surface. If one or two inches of new subsoil is brought up there will be received as much manure as would be required by doubling the surface acreage plowed at the usual depth.

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Some Warm Weather.

It will perhaps assuage the discomforts of the coming summer to read some past experience with heat, compiled by a German statistician. In the year 627 the springs were dried up and men fainted with the heat. In 879 it was impossible to work in the open fields. In the year 993 the nuts on the trees were "roasted" as if in a baker's oven! In 1000 the rivers in France dried up and the stench from the dead fish and other matter brought a pestilence into the land. The heat in the year 1014 dried up the rivers and the brooks in Alsace-Lorraine. The Rhine was dried up in the year 1132. In the year 1152 the heat was so great that eggs could be cooked in the sand. In 1227 it is recorded that many men and animals came by their death through the intense heat. In the year 1303 the waters of the Rhine and Danube were partially dried up, and the people passed over on foot. The crops were burned up in the year 1394, and in 1538 the Seine and the Loire were dry land. In 1556 a great drought swept through Europe. In 1614 in France, and even in Switzerland, the brooks and the ditches were dried up. Not less hot were the years 1646, 1679, and 1701. In the year 1715 from the month of March till October not a drop of rain fell; the temperature rose to 85 degrees Reaumur, and in favored places the fruit trees blossomed a second time. Extraordinarily hot were the years 1724, 1746, 1756 and 1811. The summer of 1815 was so hot that the places of amusement had to be closed.

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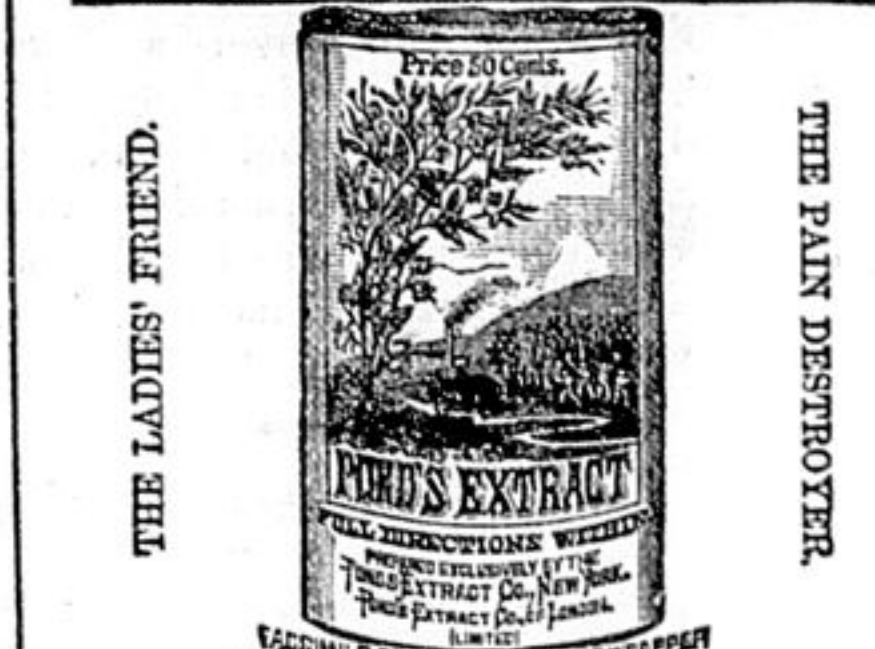
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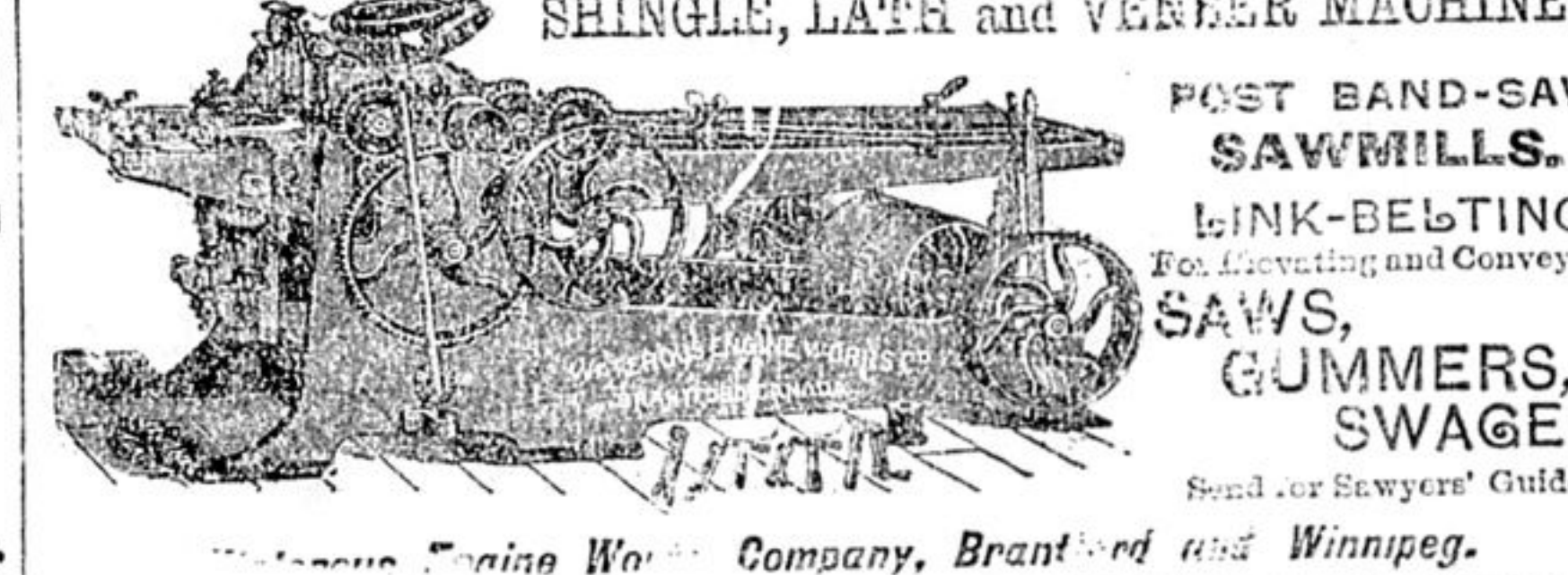
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