

Moresnet, the little neutral district whose wickedness has caused its downfall, is an odd patch in the map of Europe, at the junction of Prussia, Beigium and the Netherlands. It is about a mile and a half square, contains not more than 2,500 people, and until 1814 was a part of Austria. The reparceling of Europe after the downfail of Napoleon in 1815 resulted in an agreement to leave the little strip as neutral ground, upon which all the adjoining countries could meet. So the district has been practically a republic until a few days ago, when the letting of gambling privileges by the councilmen and the consequent debauching of young men from the surrounding country led to diplomatic "notes" between Germany and Belgium and the sale of Germany's claims to Belgium. It is said that Moresnet will now be disciplined, taxed, swallowed up by Belgium, and her men forced to military and other odious service.

WAYS OF FOREIGN NOBLEMEN. Systematically Invade the American

Heiress Market.

The story of the Austrian Count Monnich, who is being sued by a syndicate of money lenders to recover money advanced to him to enable him to marry a fortune, should, but probably will not, open the eyes of rich Americans whose daughters are woodd by foreign noblemen.

It does not seem to be denied that the loan was made for the distinct purpose of matrimonial speculation; the defense is that the money was horrowed to enable the count to marry a certain lady, whereas that lady. not being an American heiress, refused him and he had to look elsewhere.

The point is that he deliberately set out to marry a fortune, and, having failed in Europe, turned his at tention to the United States, where he succeeded

There is no particular occasion for regret or sympathy on either side. The count won a fortune with his bride; the lady bought a title with her husband; both got what they wanted

But such proceedings are disgraceful from the American point of view, which contemplates love as an essential element of marriage. They are an offense to the American sense of honor, and all true Americans are ashamed of them-Philadelphia Inquirer.

Turned Hose on Prisoner.

Jafler Towson, of Carthage, Mo., has been bothered for some time by the rebellious conduct of the prisoners in a good deal of disturbance because, as they alleged, the prison food was not good enough for them. Towson tried in several ways to quiet them, but this more impudent. Then he sent for a company of firemen and had the hose turned on the rowdy rogues. At first they jeered at the firemen, but the latter kept a full-head stream going. until every last one of them begged of from further punishment and promised to behave in future, "S'pris- genarian. ing thing," says the jailer, 'how them fellers hates water, either outside or in Chicago Chronicle.

From \$1,000 a Month to Jail. Charles S. Holmes, at one time reprieter of the Monongahela House Staburg, Pa., was charged at Alany, N. Y., with passing a bogus ck on the proprietor of the Hotel renercke for \$150, drawn on the Iron City Trust company of Pittsburg. He is a son of the late W. H. Holmes and the family fortune was wiped out ten or twelve years ago.

Holmes married the daughter of Francis Murphy, the temperance apostle, but they did not get along, and his wife secured a divorce ime ago he married again.

Holmes managed three hotels in Chicago during the World's Fair at s salary of \$1,000 per month.

Alexander Selkirk's Gun. ann belonging to Alexander Selkirk the original of Defoe's Robin-Crusos, is shortly to be placed In the British Museum. It is a flint k and bears upon the stock the cription, rudely carved, "A. Sel-Irk Largo, N. B., 1701." On the her side is "Anna R.," referring to Anne, who was then on the There is also a figure of a st upon a rock and under if the d "Sealcraig," the original of Sel-

irk's name.

Material Change in Name. Creek brave in Indian Territory for an allotment under the be found on the citizenship roll, was eventually discovered that ame which is as follows: tabry yah lah-pon-co-conthawas beyond the power of the

FOURTH OF JULY HARVEST.

Hundreds of Deaths From the Deadly Tetanus.

The Journal of the American Medical association in its issue of Aug. 29 publishes some impressive statistics on the tetanus harvest caused by Fourth of July accidents.

The deaths from the disease have numbered 406 in the United States, so far as learned by the medical paper, although the list is not regarded as complete. The highest number so far recorded by the daily press has

"Aside from tetanus in the celebration of the Fourth of July," says the Journal, "this year 60 deaths were caused, 10 persons made blind, 75 persons lost one eye. 54 lost bands, arms or legs, 174 lost one or more fingers, and 3,670 received other injuries, making a total of 3.983 persons injured. Adding the deaths from tetanus and from other causes, 4.419 persons are dead or injured."

The great majority of tetanus cases come from wounds received by the explosion of blank cartridges. Incfficient medical treatment is blamed for many deaths.

ONE LEFT OF QUAINT SECT.

Franklin Parsons and a Vine-Clad Ruin All That Remain.

One of the interesting sights to be seen along the Chester (Pa.) pike is the ruin of old Plummer's meeting house, near Crum Lynne station, on the Pennsylvania railroad.

Half a century ago the edifice was a prominent meeting place for the followers of Frederick Plummer, who his charge. They have been raising exerted a wonderful influence among the countryfolk for miles around.

The tottering old vine-clad wall is the last vestige of this demonination, which began to lose its strength after aind of treatment only made them the death of Plummer, who was the elder pastor of a Free Christian church in Philadelphia

In the rear of the ruins is an unused cemetery. The only living heir to the ground occupied by the ruins and the cemetery is Franklin Parsons of Glenolden, who is an agile nona-

Fortune Made Rapidly.

Henry G. Weil, leader of the young er set in the Waldorf crowd of Wall street speculators, has retired from the street for good, having sold his seat in the Stock Exchange. He is redited with having made \$3,000,000 in three months. From the beginning of the slump last March he made large profits, persistently working for lower prices, and a great many men who followed his advice have made small fortunes. He is going on a tour of the world for two years. Mr. Well was suspended by the board for a year because in what he regarded as panicky time he demanded \$50,000 in currency on his check. The board claimed that such action was bad pol-

Brutality of German Officer.

Berlin newspapers give details of the case of a commissioned officer of the German army named Dunkel, who has been sentenced to two and a half years' imprisonment and degradation to the ranks, for brutality to enlisted men of his command. Five hundred and seventy-six specific charges were cited against him, of which the courtmartial found 336 to have been proved. The evidence showed Dunkel's inventiveness in novel methods of punishment, such as compelling a soldier to run at full tilt across a room and ram his head against a wardrobe

Comical Error of English Paper. M. A. P., T. P. O'Connor's London John Buck. No such name weekly, gravely announces that "Honorable Oliver Wendell Holmes, son of the author of the famous Breakfast Creek had been entered by his Tables' series," has been promoted to "the lord chief justiceship of the United States in Washington." The Massachusetts jurist is referred to en's tongue to master this as "an interesting personality, a typigromen, so the brave cal American, tall, thin, intellectually called "John Buck" for strong rather than physically robus and a good linguist."

ONE OF THE LARGEST IRRIGAT. ING CANALS IN THE WORLD.

A Project of the State of Idaho. On the west side of the Snake river in Idaho, between Blackfoot and American Falls, there is being constructed by the American Falls Canal & Power company, under a contract with the state of Idaho, an irrigating canal 85 feet wide and 60 miles long. When finished, this canal will be one of the largest and most perfect irrigating systems in the world. By its means a valley of 100,000 acres of the most fertile and productive fruit and farm land in America will be reclaimed.

The climate of the valley is ideal. Cyclones, hot winds, floods or destructive storms have never been known. Grain, grass, vegetables and all va-

rieties of fruit grow in abundance. A healthful climate, a sure crop, a heavy yield, high prices and a ready market, are features of this country. Ten thousand acres of this rich land

are now ready for irrigation and settlement. Purchase tickets to Blackfoot via, Oregon Short Line Railway Co. For full information concerning land, water rights, low prices, and easy terms, write, Evans, Curtis & Sweet Co., Salt Lake City, Utah.

THE USE OF QUININE.

Medical Men Long Fought Against Valuable Drug.

Quinine was first introduced into

Europe by the wife of a Spaniard who was viceroy of Peru. Then Jesuits carried it to Rome and throughout Spain and Italy, proclaiming it an infallible remedy for all ills and selling it to the rich at unheard-of prices. An Englishman at last got hold of some of the quinine powder, cured Charles II. of a tertian fever and on the strength of it was appointed court physcian and granted a knighthood. Later he similarly cured the dauphin of France and induced Louis XIV. to purchase his "secret." Still the medical faculty fought against quinine. Not even the patent efficacy of the thing could overcome the fact that it was introduced by one not of themselves. For many years the contest waged; men faithful to the faculty died for want of quinine; others, not caring a snap for the associated pedants, took their quinine and lived to see their children's children congratulate the medical schools of their day on climbing down and admitting that quining was a good thing.

The Bible and the Empire State Express.

A Bible student has recently been figuring on how long it would have taken the people to make the journey from Dan to Beersheba if they could have had the benefit in the olden times of the Empire State Express He figured that the train would have made this journey in less than three hours, although from a reading of the account in the Bible one would think it was a long journey, and it was for those days with their limited means of transportation. Ezekiel, the Chaldean prophet, had in his mind's eye something like the Empire State Express when he uttered the words recorded in the first chapter of his prophecy. Look this up and see if you do not agree with the idea .- From the Troy Daily Times.

The New York Central is every day edding to the sum of human knowledge by its marvelous passenger train

An Historic Old Railroad Engine.

The Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway is distributing free of charge an attractive little booklet entitled "The Story of the 'General,' which contains an exceedingly interesting account of the raid of Capt. James J. Andrews and men during the Civil War. It is profusely illustrated.

The "General" has been sent to Chattanooga, Tenn., by the N., C. & St. L. Ry., and is there to remain permanently. It can be seen at any time by travelers passing through Chattanooga over this railway. Write to W. L. Danley, G. P. A.,

N., C. & St. L. Ry., Nashville, Tena. Mention this paper.

European Hotel Service. Simeon Ford, the New York hotel man and wit, who has just returned from a visit abroad, was discoursing upon the relative merits of European and American hostelries, much to the disadvantage of the former. "Don" you think that our cuisines are in ferior to theirs?" was asked. at all," was the reply, "and our ser vice in many instances is infinitely better. Why, the only two warm things that I could absolutely rely upon getting abroad were the ice water and the butter."

Lost Fortune in Crap Game. Herr Jules Block, the Swiss iron magnate, lost \$30,000 in a game craps at Tozapah, a Colorado mining camp, last week. He merely smiled at his ill luck and the next day drew on his New York bankers for a sufficient sum to make good his losses.

Jail for Runaway Husbands. One year in state's prison, or \$100 fine, or both, is the penalty now im-

posed by law upon recream New Jersey husbands who willfully desert their wives and children and go out of the state to escape the responsibility of caring for their families.

Theodore Roosevelt has made application at Dallas, Tex., for enlistment in the navy. He is an Austrian by birth and disavows any relationship with the president.

The postal receipts for the fiscayear ending with June were \$1,608, 976, an increase over the previous year of \$128,632.

HIDDEN PICTURE PUZZLE.



This Prospector Has Lost His "Pardner." Find Him.

OO IO MILLI

Serious Consideration Is Being Given to This Solution of Canal Question.

TO ACT UNDER AN OLD TREATY

Pact of 1846 With New Granada Gives United States Government Full Power to Build Waterway Across the Isthmus of Panama.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., special: In a discussion of the Panama canal mat ter between President Rooseveit and Secretary of State Hay three courses the administration could pursue were taken up.

The first is to ignore Colombia and proceed to construct the canal under the treaty with New Granada in 1846. to fight Colombia if she objects, and create an independent government of Panama out of the present state of Panama. This would give the United States what is expected to be a short and inexpensive war, but would insure a permanent settlement of the question of the sovereignty of the canal across the isthmus of Panama.

May Wait on Colombia.

The second course is that the president shall act in accordance with the provisions of the Spooner law, and, having failed to make a treaty succeasfully with Colombia, turn to the Nicaragua route.

The third course is to delay this great work until something transpires to make Colombia see the light and resume negotiations for another treaty.

The administration has engaged with the difficulty arising through the failure of the Colombian congress to ratify the Panama canal treaty without amendment and seeks a speedy solution.

The president and Secretary Hay both regard the treaty as probably dead and take little interest in the dispatches from Minister Beaupre at Bogota, which purport to detail the efforts which are being made by the Colombians "to save the treaty" by amending it.

Term Demand Blackmail.

The United States long ago in formed the little republic that if any amendments were made the treaty would not be acceptable to this government, and therefore it is impossible that this government should recede from its previou; statement and talk of negotiating a new treaty which would give Colombia greater advantages and an annuity of \$500,000. instead of \$250,000, which some Colombians demand. This demand is termed blackmail.

There are three courses for the administration to pursue if the treaty fails, and none will be taken till after a full consultation with the leaders of congress.

Would Require Big Army.

The first and third courses would imply that notwithstanding the re port of the athmian canal commission the administration is convinced that the Panama is the only route for the canal and either of means delay. Even if we went to war with Colombia we could not do much in the way of canal digging until the mountain republic could subjugated. We would not only have

Crew of Freight That Drops Through | Manufacturers' Agents Meet in East

Iowa Bridge Swims Ashore. Kent, Ia., special: The engine and seventeen cars of a freight train on the Burlington road went through a bridge that had been weakened by high water, carrying down the engineer and fireman. Both escaped by swimming to shore. Ten and onehalf inches of water fell over this region in six hours, washing out tracks and destroying much stacked hay and

to take the cities of Panama and Colon, but would be required to keep a small army on the isthmus to guard the workmen. If Colombia should show a deeply resentful spirit toward the invaders and be disposed to make a long guerrilla fight we might be compelled to send an army to Bogota. There also would be delay while we were creating an independent sovereignty in Panama and making a treaty with that country.

Seriously Consider War.

It will doubtless be a surprise to the public that the course which is sure to involve us in war with the South American republic is one of the methods of procedure now being soberly contemplated by the United States. There is little doubt that if we began to dig the canal under the terms of the treaty of 1846 Colombia would declare war. !t is admitted that such a war would go far to destroy the good feeling entertained toward us by most of the Spanish-American republics, though it might be expected that the republics of Ecuador, Peru and Chile, which, from their geographical situation, would be greatly benefited by the canal, would sympathize with us.

Old Treaty Still in Force. The treaty of 1846, under which we may claim the right to build the canal without further permission from Colombia, was negotiated at the time of our controversy with Great Britain over the Oregon boundary and our war with Mexico, and as a result of both of which our interests in the Pacific vere enlarged. Colombia was then known as New Granada. This treaty secured to the United States the right of way of transit across the listhmus of Panama, or Darien, upon any means of communication then existing or that might thereafter be constructed. This treaty is still in opl eration, and under the obligations imposed the United States repeatedly has sent warships to both sides of the | nually, the share which we supply of isthmus and landed marines to keep this grand total being only about onethe railroad in operation.

RIOTERS GUILTY OF BREAKING THE PEAC

Danville Jury Frees Two of the De fendants and Judge Will Pass Sentence on Others.

Six out of the eight rioters on trial at Danville, Ill., were found guilty. Those convicted are Winfield Baker, Adam Murray, Thomas Bell, Isaac Slade, John Walton and John Robertson. The jury acquitted William Redwine and Clay Biddle on the ground that the evidence against them was insufficient. The latter is but 16 years of age, and his boyish appearance had much to do with his escaping conviction.

The verdict expresses the prevailing sentiment of the community that the law must be upheld. The delay in the verdict was caused by William Pate of Catlin, a coal miner, who stood out against conviction. Several of the defendants are miners, and Pate was the only miner or laboring man on the jury. The miners are inclined to protect the prisoners, as it is claimed the rioters were urged to attack the jail by the wealthler classes, who surrounded the city hall and the jail in their carriages and automobiles, but took no active part in the lynching or storming of the

The verdict in this case aroused comparatively little interest because is only a misdemeanor. Judge Thompson has reserved passing sentence until after the main case against all twenty-four defendants is

TRAIN FALLS INTO THE RIVER | BROOM MEN TO FORM COMBINE

to Plan for a Merger. New York dispatch: Many representatives of the largest firms in the country engaged in the manufacture of brooms met in the office of C. E. Locke to discuss the need and opportunity for forming a combination of broommakers. Further conferences will be held. It was reported that the Trust Company of North America would finance the combination if formed

NEW STORIES OF CARLYLE.

Great Philosopher Was Sometimes a Trial to His Friends.

Goldwin Smith tells two new stories about Carlyle. Once he was staying with the sage at Lady Ashburton's house. After dinner the party came out on the lawn. A glorious moon met their eyes. There were a few moments of painful silence; then a voice was heard exclaiming: "Puir auld thing!" The audience was left to guess whether the moon was "puir" in itself or because it was doomed to look down upon vile humanity. At that time Tennyson was one of the circle at Lady Ashburton's. He was asked to read one of his own poems aloud, but, to the general surprise and disappointment, he refused. Looking across the room, Prof. Smith saw the cause of the difficulty. Close to Tennyson was Carlyle, who had not failed in the universal sweep of his philosophy to pass an opinion on poetry in its realtion to common sense. Prof. Smith, devoting himself to the public good, went across and invited Carlyle to a stroll in the grounds. He accepted the invitation and during the stroll the reading came off.

The J. P.'s Agree.

Staunton, Ark., Aug. 31st.-News comes from Duff, Searcy Co., this state, that Mr. T. E. Reeves, a justice of the Peace at that place, has written a letter recommending Dodd's Kidney Pills in which he says:

"I think Dodd's Kidney Pills can't be beat for Kidney Trouble, and I

wish them every success." The local J. P. Mr. E. B. Cox agrees with his brother Justice on this point for he says:

"I had a bad case of Kidney Trouble and was not able to do a day's work without great distress. I bought six boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills and after I had used three boxes I was all right. I am as well as ever, and I cannot praise Dodd's Kidney Pills too highly.

"I have given the other three boxes to some friends of mine who had found out what it was that had cured me so satisfactorily and quickly and they all speak highly of Dodd's Kidney Pills,"

No one disputes this unanimous

Raise Bank Cashiers.

One hundred and twenty-one men who were born and reared at Owenton, ky., have become cashlers of banks since setting out for themselves in the world. This fact was brought out at the funeral of Walter S. Gazle, the cashier of a local bank, who died last week. A majority of the surviving cashiers of the town were present on the occasion.

\$100 Reward, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that evicuos has been able to cure in all its stages, and that to Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive ire now known to the motical fraternity. Catarra be no a constitutional discass, requires a constituin a) treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure to taken tote-naily, acting directly upon the blood and mucous perfects of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giring the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer Ine Hundred Pollars for any case that it falls to cure. Send for list of testimonials F. J. CHENEY & CO., Tolodo, O. Address

World's Exports.

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Ha I's Family l'ille are the best,

The value of manufactures exported from all the countries of production amounts to about \$4,000,000,000 antenth.

Irrigated Lands.

The object simed at by The National Irrigation Association, whose ad, appears in another part of this paper, is to give prospective settlers reliable information concerning Irrigable Lands in the West, and to awaken a public sentiment throughout the East in favor of reserving what remains of the public domain for actual settlers only. Our readers are urged to write them for full particulars.

Algeria's Grape Trade. The exports of table grapes from Algeria amounted last year to 8,000. 000 pounds. Of this quantity, 7,000,-

000 pounds went to France. Sensible Housekeepers will have Defiance Starch, not alone because they get one-third more for

the same money, but also because of

superior quality.

Don't you know that Defiance Starch besides being absolutely superior to any other, is put up 16 ounces in package and sells at same price as 12-ounce packages of other kinds?

The tonnage passing the Suez canal last year was: English. 6,772,911 tons; German, 1,707,322 tons; French, 769,110 tons; all others, 1,999,070

Dealers say that as soon as a customer tries Defiance Starch it is impossible to sell them any other cold water starch. It can be used cold or boiled

A flock of ostriches at Phoenix. Ariz., now numbers more than 1,000 birds.

I am sure Piso's Cure for Consumption saved my life three years ago.-Mrs. Thos. Rosams. Maple Street, Norwich, N. Y., Feb. 17, 1900.

It is usually the faithless ones who exact the most inflexible loyalty.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.'
For children teething, softens the gome, reduces infammation, allays pain, cures wind coile. Esca Sottle. Wise is the man who doesn't write

a truthful story of his life.

Stops the Cough and Works Off the Cold Laxative Bromo Quinine Tableta. Price 25a.

When we get what we want we generally don't want it.

PUTNAM FADELESS DYES fast to light and washing. You never know how little you can do until you try.