

LITTLE REPUBLIC OF MORESNET WHICH IS SWALLOWED BY BELGIUM



Moresnet, the little neutral district whose wickedness has caused its downfall, is an odd patch in the map of Europe...

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...

It does not seem to be denied that the loan was made for the distinct purpose of matrimonial speculation...

The point is that he deliberately set out to marry a fortune, and having failed in Europe, turned his attention to the United States...

There is no particular occasion for regret or sympathy on either side.

The count was 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.

Turned Horse on Prisoner.

Jailer Towson, of Carthage, Mo., has been bothered for some time by the rebellious conduct of the prisoners in his charge.

From \$1,000 a Month to Jail.

Charles S. Holmes, at one time proprietor of the Monarch House, Pittsburg, Pa., was charged at Albany, N. Y., with passing a bogus check on the proprietor of the Hotel Toneyoke for \$150...

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

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

Alexander Selkirk's Gun.

A gun belonging to Alexander Selkirk, the original of Defoe's Robinson Crusoe, is shortly to be placed in the British Museum.

Material Change in Name.

A Creek brave in Indian Territory applied for an allotment under the name of John Buck.

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.

"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 hands, arms or legs, 174 lost one or more fingers, and 3,670 received other injuries, making a total of 3,953 persons injured."

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 exerted a wonderful influence among the countryfolk for miles around.

The tottering old vine-clad wall is the last vestige of this denomination, which began to lose its strength after 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 nonagenarian.

Fortune Made Rapidly.

Henry G. Well, leader of the young 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 credited 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 pancy time he demanded \$50,000 in currency on his check.

The board claimed that such action was bad policy.

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 court-martial 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 weekly, gravely announces that "Honorable Oliver Wendell Holmes, son of the author of the famous 'Breakfast Tables' series," has been promoted to "the lord chief justiceship of the United States in Washington."

ONE OF THE LARGEST IRRIGATING 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.

The climate of the valley is ideal. Cyclones, hot winds, floods or destructive storms have never been known.

Grain, grass, vegetables and all varieties 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.

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 quinine 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 adding to the sum of human knowledge by its marvelous passenger train service.

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, Tenn. Mention this paper.

European Hotel Service.

Simcoa 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 hostilities, much to the disadvantage of the former.

"Don't you think that our cuisines are inferior to theirs?" was asked. "Not at all," was the reply, "and our service 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 of craps at Tozaph, 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 imposed by law upon recalcitrant 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 fiscal year ending with June were \$1,808,976, an increase over the previous year of \$128,632.

HIDDEN PICTURE PUZZLE.



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

MAY GO TO WAR WITH COLOMBIA

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 matter between President Roosevelt 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 successfully 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 informed 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 previous 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 falls, 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 report of the Isthmian canal commission the administration is convinced that the Panama is the only route for the canal and either of them 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 be subdued. We would not only have

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. It 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 were enlarged. Colombia was then known as New Granada. This treaty secured to the United States the right of way of transit across the isthmus of Panama, or Darien, upon any means of communication then existing or that might thereafter be constructed. This treaty is still in operation, and under the obligations imposed the United States repeatedly has sent warships to both sides of the isthmus and landed marines to keep the railroad in operation.

The object aimed 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.

World's Exports.

The value of manufactures exported from all the countries of production amounts to about \$4,000,000,000 annually, the share which we supply of this grand total being only about one-tenth.

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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.

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will have Defiance Starch, not alone because they get one-third more for the same money, but also because of superior quality.

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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 relation to common sense.

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 verdict.

Raise Bank Cashiers.

One hundred and twenty-one men who were born and reared at Owen-ton, Ky., have become cashiers of banks since setting out for themselves in the world. This fact was brought out at the funeral of Walter S. Gable, 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 graded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Dr. J. C. Cheney's Catarrh Cure is the only medicine ever known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh cure is now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh cure is now known to the medical fraternity.

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TRAIN FALLS INTO THE RIVER

Crew of Freight That Drops Through 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 one-half inches of water fell over this region in six hours, washing out tracks and destroying much stacked hay and grain.

BROOM MEN TO FORM COMBINE

Manufacturers' Agents Meet in East 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.