

ANARCHISTS AND THEIR DOCTRINE

Questions Raised by the Houndsditch Affair—Raise Money by Fair Means or Foul

What are they striving for? What do they hope to gain by committing wholesale crimes? These questions have probably occurred to the minds of many readers since the amazing battle with Anarchists which the London police recently fought in the East-end. There are many aspects of Anarchism, which have been voluminously dealt with by a number of writers, but there is one idea common to all Anarchists, namely, that government of man by man constitutes oppression, and is an interference with freedom. Anarchists desire liberty for all men. They object to any regular government, and they object to any man possessing more land or capital than another. The latter should, they say, be the common property of society, at the disposal of everyone.

The following resolutions, drawn up at an Anarchist meeting some time ago, at which were present delegates from Anarchist societies in all parts of the world, explain the extraordinary aims and objects of Anarchists:—

"Destruction of the existing class rule by any means.

"Establishment of a free society, based upon co-operative organization of production.

"Free exchange of equivalent products by and between the productive organizations, without commerce and profit-making.

"Equal rights for all, without distinction of sex or race.

"Regulation of all public affairs by free contracts between the autonomous (independent) communes and associations, resting on a federalistic basis."

Father of Anarchism
It is, in order to bring about this

state of society, that Anarchists form their societies and their clubs and publish newspapers all over the world, persevering in their propaganda work in spite of the efforts of Governments to suppress them.

It is an error, however, to suppose that all Anarchists are of that extreme type who seek to attain their aims by spreading terrorism by assassination. There are moderates as well as extremists, who, in a quiet and unobtrusive way, spread the teachings of Proudhon, the famous French Socialist and acknowledged father of Anarchism, who died in 1855. There are about fifty genuine Anarchist journals in existence at the present time, but not more than a dozen of these openly preach a doctrine of violence, the majority contending themselves with denunciations of government and bureaucracy.

Audacious and Fearless
Concerning Anarchist newspapers, it might be mentioned that London has for the last few years been the headquarters of several Anarchist publications, which are printed for circulation in many other countries besides England. In countries like Spain and Portugal the fearlessness and audacity of Anarchists are strikingly illustrated by the fact that on the anniversary of the murder of King Carlos and his son busts of the murderers were placed on the graves of the two assassins, the celebrations being organized by a leading Anarchist newspaper. In Portugal the Anarchists openly flout the authorities, and it was the campaign of their newspapers which had a great deal to do with the revolution in Portugal which dethroned King Manuel.

Money is not lacking amongst Anarchists, but there are times when funds run short, and they are prevented from carrying on their work. And if they cannot obtain money by fair means they resort to foul, as in the case of the Houndsditch affair.—**Tit-Bits.**



THE BLIND SIDE
German Officer—"Glad to hear you're going to fortify your sea-front. Very dangerous people, these English."
Dutchman—"But it will cost much."
German Officer—"Ah, but see what you save on the eastern frontier, where there's nobody but us!"—**Punch.**

BUDGET FROM THE OLD LAND

Interesting Relic of Tudor Period—Old Quebec Bell Hangs in Tottenham Church

A hole gnawed by mice in a gaspipe is believed to have been the cause of an explosion that wrecked a house on at Darnall, Sheffield.

The Hastings Town Council has voted \$100 for the instruction of the local police force in Jiu-Jitsu. The men are also being taught to speak French.

A new and magnificent London and North-Western Railway engine—No. 5,000—is being built at Crewe. It will be called the Coronation engine, and will be used for Royal trains.

The oldest inhabitant of Pembroke-shire has passed away in the person of Mrs. Hannah Rowlands, of East End, Pembroke, who celebrated her 101st birthday on Christmas Day.

In just over two years the dog Prince at Reading Station has collected towards the Great Western Railway Widows' and Orphan's Benevolent Fund 22,741 coins, amounting to \$520.

The death is announced of the Rev. Humberston Skipwith, of Leamington, the last surviving member of the eight-teen children born to Sir Grey Skipwith, the eighth baronet, between 1801 and 1830.

During the New Year's entertainment at the Great Northern Hospital a little girl, who was recognized as an ex-patient, came into the hospital and asked to be allowed to sing. She had a beautiful voice, and was loudly applauded.

About twenty coter-barrows and six mourning coaches followed the hearse.

The unveiling of the Wolfe statue at Westerham recalls the fact that the alarm bell of old Quebec hangs in the parish church of Tottenham. It was brought to England by some British sailors who took part in the engagement of 1759, and sold to Mr. Jackson, of Tottenham, for \$100. He gave it to the church in 1801.

Most of the choir of Christ Church, Wellington, have resigned because the vicar refuses to accept the choir-master's suggestion that the singers should turn to the east during the recital of the Apostles' Creed. The vicar said that turning to the east was an old pagan custom and a relic of sun worship.

There is some talk about bringing Temple Bar back to London. It was removed from Fleet Street rather more than thirty years ago, and re-erected at Theobald's Park, the residence of the late Lady Meux. The old city gateway was rebuilt by Sir Christopher Wren in 1673, after the fire. Its predecessor was "a house of timber, erected across the street, with a narrow gateway and an entry on the south side of it under the house." That structure had stood for two and a half centuries before Wren put up the stone gate known to our day. It stood, of course, at the city boundary, which, before the "house of timber" was built, was marked by posts, rails and chains. Temple Bar had to go because it was an obstruction. It has had an interesting history, though, as was said about it, it "represents a little else but a gibbet." It has been suggested that it should be brought back to London and re-erected at the south end of Middle Temple Lane.

ANCIENT SILVER
In a statement to the effect that the Stuart period is coming into fashion in the decoration of private houses, and that the Georgian period is going out, it is mentioned that Stuart silver plate is becoming much prized.

What small tree is a letter of the alphabet?—**The tea.**

CRIBBING COWARDLY.
Professor Stoddard Urges Honesty in Examinations.

New York, Jan. 28.—Prof. Francis Hovey Stoddard, dean of New York University, yesterday, addressed the students on the value of honesty in examinations.

"To give seriousness of treatment to all examinations," he said, "we consider them a legitimate part of the training of a student, comparable to the tests which a man in business or professional life must afterward expect, and valuable in themselves as discipline as well as in furnishing a means of estimating the progress made during a given period of study. Cribbing destroys efficiency. He who relies on immoral assistance accumulates his own powers. He has lost the value of discipline and the time he has spent in college. No man ever developed his powers by cribbing. It is a cowardly practice."

Too many candidates for office run in the wrong direction.



PROVISION FOR THE FUTURE
Governess—"Eat up your food, you ungrateful child. The day will come when you will wish that you had such a nice rice pudding to eat."
Little Girl—"Will it, Miss Fearshall? Perhaps I'd better keep it all then."—**Punch.**

ROYAL HOUSEHOLD STAFF

The King and Queen Make Several Appointments, Including a Position for Lady Minto

King George has just appointed Mr. Montague Elliot to be a Gentleman Usher in the Royal Household, so that Mrs. Elliot, who was Miss Helen Post, will be seen much about the Court next season. Mr. Elliot was given the post in the last reign, just before King Edward's death, but his resignation had come as a pleasant surprise to his friends. The Hon. Sidney Grenville, a brother of Lord Warwick, who was Groom-in-Waiting to King Edward, has not been offered the post by King George. Mr. Grenville will devote himself to the Court of Queen Alexandra. The two new Groom-in-Waiting are Mr. Harry Varney, and Captain Philip Hunloke, who is a well-known yachtman, and was a friend of King George in the old days in the Navy. Queen Mary has taken a very long time to complete her household. The three new Ladies-of-the-Bedchamber are Lady Minto, wife of the ex-Viceroy of India, Lady Arnpill, and Lady Desborough, the last named being one of the most charming and exclusive of hostesses in the country and the wife of the splendid athlete and sportsman who was formerly known as Mr. W. H. Grenfell. The new Maids of Honor, who will not have to work so hard as their predecessors in Queen Victoria's time, are Miss Syd Bradock, Miss Venetia Baring, of banking fame, Miss Katherine Willers, who is a descendant of King William IV., and Miss Mabel Cope, wife of the Hon. Alexander Nelson Hood, the Queen's private secretary.

JUSTIN MCCARTHY AT HOME
Eighty Years of Age, He Continues Literary Work

The popular author of "The History of Our Own Times," and the quondam Irish leader, is passing the evening of life in a pleasant villa at Folkestone. "I arrived at the house just as Mr. McCarthy was returning from his morning bath-chair ride along the Leas," says a writer. "On November 12 he was eighty years of age, but his face is fresh and ruddy, and though his movements are slow and measured, he carries that fine, noble head of his well thrown back as of yore, and his figure is smart and upright."
Mr. McCarthy has continued his literary work while in retirement, bringing his famous history up to date, writing Lives of Sir Robert Peel, Pope Leo XIII., and Mr. Gladstone, and publishing some entertaining volumes of reminiscences.

PEARY'S GEOGRAPHY
North Pole Peary is apparently not strong in geography. He addressed a letter to "Dundee, Ireland."

THEIR OWN TAILORS
Young officers in the Scottish Command are now to be graciously permitted to choose their own tailors.

MERCY PLEA SWEEP ASIDE.
Court Scathingly Arraigns Prisoner at Malone.

Malone, N.Y., Jan. 28.—After scathingly arraigning former County Treasurer O. S. Lawrence as a betrayer of the people's trust in having misappropriated public funds, and declaring that his social advantages had been such as to deny him the right to clemency, which might be extended to the ordinary criminal, County Judge F. G. Paddock, sentenced the defendant

BLACK SNOW
A Remarkable Phenomenon in Emmenthal Valley

Black snow has fallen in the valley of Emmenthal and on the surrounding mountains to a depth of 15 inches in the valley, covering the white snow which lay on the ground and giving the district a dismal appearance. The first flakes were of a grey color, as if mixed with ashes, but as the downfall increased the snow took the hue of soot, and how it lies frozen on the ground black in color. Swiss scientists attribute the phenomenon to the volcanic dust thrown into the air by the recent eruption of Mount Etna and carried by the wind over the sea and Alps into Switzerland. The incident, though rare, has been experienced in this country on previous occasions, when "red" snow and "grey" rain fell, after volcanic eruptions in various parts of the world.

There has just been placed in the National Portrait Gallery a picture by the Hudson Dutch artist of Jeffrey Hudson (1618-82), the famous dwarf of Henrietta Maria. The picture shows him to be about 3 feet 4 inches high at the age of eight, thus disposing of the legend that he was only 18 inches high till thirty, when he shot up to his full stature of 3 feet 8 inches.

to Clinton prison at Dannemora for a minimum of one year and six months and a maximum of three years and six months.

When Lawrence was indicted by the grand jury last November he entered a plea of not guilty. He changed this to one of guilty on one of the lesser counts when he faced the court this morning, and his counsel made a strong plea for mercy for him.

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