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What notes of what ditty can sound from the city,
From out to the dust and the din,
Where the sun's pallid taper is dim through the vapor
That shrouds all the sorrow and sin?
At evening I listen—the murky lamps glisten,
The stars peep by two and by three;
The harsh Babel noises replace your sweet voices,
Dear sea!

Yet past the fog-curtain, I know it for certain,
The barn roofs have caught the last ray;
The smoke of the threshing is softly enmeshing
Brown gables with delicate gray;
The red leaves are falling, the plovers are calling,
The sea wind is salt o'er the world
The bryonies blacken, the tufts of green bracken
Turn gold.

O scents that redouble where slow through the stubble
The plow cleaves a pathway of hope!
O woods fading yellow, and orchards grown mellow,
And flocks on the far-away slope!
O sea songs that mingle on boulder and shingle,
O fields that of old-time I knew!
My heart swells to bursting with infinite thirsting
For you!

—M. C Gillington, in Chambers's Journal.

DELPHINE'S DEVICE.



"DELPHINY, your contrary - mindedness ez a wearin' me inter my grave but if yer don't want to try on yer weddin' dress, you kin wear it a-fittin' you good or bad fur all me," said Mrs. Long, or the "Widder Sam," as she was called by the neighbors, regarding her pretty daughter ruefully over her silver rimmed spectacles. "I never see a girl make sech a tinder about gettin' married, an' there hain't a likelier nor a genteeler man in the hull keountry then the elder," she continued excitedly.

"That's so," said Mrs. Sampson, the dressmaker, breaking her thread with the force of her conviction; "he hain't one o' them shif'less kind that preaches fur pork 'n' tallar candles, out er folkses sullars 'n the store, but jest sets up fur his pay in money like anybody else, and he gits it, tew," the dressmaker went on. "Mis' Isrl Baker don't git no chance to change the gospil fur a tub o' soft soap when he's consarned, I tell you. He's got ez good a farm as there is in the State, n' a frame house ez snug 'n' neat ez yaou please. He's a-goin' to put up a front yard fence, tew, come spring; he tole me so the oter day."

"But I detest the man, mother," said the slender, dark-eyed girl, whose brow wore anxious lines, but whose clear, brave eyes shone with a determined light which boded ill for the success of her mother's plans. "I have told you over and over again that I would never marry him. Still, if it will be any satisfaction to you, I will try on the dress."

"You're talkin' nonsense, Delphiny. You know ez well ez I dew thet the weddin' day ez fixed fur day after tew-morrer, 'n' tew morrer the elder's a comin' up with his friend, Elder Knight. Miss Sampson brought me word, by way of Seth Perkins. I can't say I'm sorry 't is so soon, nuther, fur you hain't bin a consolin' darter tew me, no way. The 'cademy edication 'at I gin you hez only set yeou 'fore yeour folks, 'n' when I lay myself eout for your own good, 'n' will thet yeou shell marry genteel 'n' intew the gospil, yeou go'n' get your mind sot on a young feller thet hain't got nothin' but store clothes 'n' a sarcy 'n' a glib tongue to reckermend him. A kind o' furriner, tew, livin' away off up in Canada, with the Lord only knows what kin' 'ur a bringin' up. The elder said I did wrong when I harbered sich a character under my roof, fur idleness is the mother ev vice, 'n' he spent two hull months a doin' nothin' but huntin' and fishin', with a plenty of sly courtin' thrown in when my back was turned, I 'spose proberable."

"It wouldn't make any difference if I had never seen Tom, mother; nothing would induce me to marry Elder Taylor if there wasn't another man in the world." And Delphine hastily removed the stone-colored silk gown which had been chosen by the united heads of her mother and three aunts as suitable for a preacher's bride, and left the room.

The wide kitchen door was open, overlooking sunny fields and the blue gloom of far-stretching pine woods. She stood there a few moments with her hands clenched tightly together, and with almost despairing eyes which were fixed on the road which wound beyond the fields like a brown thread into the hilly distance.

"Oh, why doesn't Tom come," she said, half aloud. "He must have got my letter in time, or can it be that he wasn't at home when the letter reached Stanford? I will not believe that he is the faithless, deceiving villain which mother and the rest of the family declare him to be. Oh, no! something must have gone wrong, or he would certainly have been here by this time to save me from this dreadful marriage. What shall I do?"

Delphine stared about her in despair, and suddenly her eyes were fixed on a huge brass kettle that was suspended from the rafters overhead. What a grand hiding place that would be! Rather cramped, but she was a tiny person, and it would hold her, she was sure. Tom would get her letter, and must come in twenty-four hours. She could see from her lofty perch the first moment the stage came in sight. She blessed her grandmother for having left this precious gift, only used once a year for making butter.

She climbed up on a great wooden bench, and from thence to the kettle to try it. Delphine was a squirrel for climbing. It held her. She could stay there and be on the spot when Tom came.

She rose softly at 3 o'clock the next morning and put on her wedding gown—bonnet and all—so that her mother might think she had gone on a journey. She smuggled some provisions and hid them in the eaves near by.

Through the chinks in the unplastered wall she could see the sun rise. Then she heard her mother's high-pitched voice, and Barbary came just under where the kettle hung to peel her potatoes.

"Wot's up this morning?" asked Seth, stopping near her.

"Why, don't you know to-morrow's Delphiny's wedding day. We're a-goin' to bake the cake," said Barbary.

"I did think thet Delphidy wouldn't give in to her ma, 'baout marryin' the elder. Did you know how awful sot she was agin it? 'Pears tew me the gal acts kind er queer, naow; tew resigned like all of a sudden. I shouldn't wonder if somethin' was goin' to happen thet ha'n't looked fur," biting a red apple with significant tightness.

"Sho!" exclaimed Seth, dropping his capacious pan, and opening his pale, blue eyes to their widest extent. "I want to knaow!"

"Barbary, I wish you'd run upstairs 'n' call Delphiny, she'd orter know enough to git up without bein' called this mornin', but I ha'n't heord nothin' of her yit," said the sharp voice of the mistress of the house in the open doorway.

Barbary made an awful sign, which meant keep silent, to Seth, and disappeared on her errand.

"She's up already," she reported, returning in a few moments. "Perhaps she came down the front way, 'n' ez a clearin' up the settin' room, as 'twasn't put ter rights last night."

"Delphiny," called Mrs. Long, lustily, "Delphiny, where be you? I warn't you to git breakfast."

But there was no response, and after repeated searching and calling, the lady finally decided that her daughter must have run over tew "Caroline's tew get the snow-drop table cover, which she promised to lend her for the important occasion, so near at hand. Caroline said we'd got to send for it early, 'coz she was goin' tew the Corner to spend the day, but there wasn't no need of sich dretful hurry. The stage don't start till half-past six," she remarked as she rigorously turned the crank of the coffee-mill. Barbary, still stationed under the brass kettle, sniffed loudly.

Delphine heard it, and quaked with fear, for Barbary never sniffed without meaning. She gave utterance to volumes in this peculiar, rasping, uncouth sound. Even her mother winced before it, and Seth, a lover, who hoped and despaired by turns, was driven to the verge of suicide when it was directed toward himself. Could it be possible that those sharp eyes had discovered her hiding-place?

Mrs. Long whisked into the kitchen, slamming the door after her. Barbary turned toward Seth, who was listlessly preparing food for a sick cow, and slowly, carefully opened her mouth.

"Ruther queer 't Delphiny should put on her travelin' dress 'n' her best bunnet, tew go over t' Aunt Caroline's to borrer a table kiver!"

"Sho! what a marster han' fur katilatin' you be, Barbary!"

"But you jist keep dark. Let Mis' Sam find eout herself, she's baound tew afore long but I hope 'twont be till the pore girl gits well eout the way. I don't know ez I 'se ever 'spressed my 'pinion freely afore, but I ha'n't no doubt but thet there elder, piousity 'n' all, ez a regular old crockerdile, Miss Sam she's so masterful she runs on an idee, 't Delphiny wouldn't dare go agin her commarnds 'n' run away tew git rid of marryin' him. He may be kivered over with the gospil shell, but lor, there ha'n't no more gospil inside or him then there ez inside the skin or a puff ball."

"O laws," exclaimed Seth, aghast at such bold heresy.

Delphine's three aunts were hastily summoned, and like Job's comforters, they gave their opinions. "Laws a massy," said the afflicted mother, "I'm 'feared she's gone and drounded herself. She's as like her poor diseased pa as two peas."

"Ef her pa'd been alive she wouldn't hev been driven to this," said Aunt Jane severely.

The widow's eyes flashed through her tears, but the only reply she deigned to give, was to rise with great dignity, and place her chair so that she should be seated with her back squarely to the offender.

"What's the elder a goin' t' dew?" questioned Aunt Jane after this very emphatic pause.

Delphine strained her ears to hear the reply to this direct question. It was just what she wished to inquire herself.

"He says it's his dooty to find her in spite of everything."

Here Barbary's sniff echoed loud and distinct from some unseen corner. Mrs. Long started. The four aunts turned and fixed their eyes upon the "help" with severity.

"What if he can't find her?" queried Aunt Loisy, snapping her needles.

"The elder's a terrible understandin' man, ez well's a good man," remarked Aunt Jane as if she had been contradicted, and with her stern gaze still fixed in the direction of Barbary, quite ignoring Aunt Loisy.

"Hev you looked everywhere raound here?" came from Aunt Polly, who evidently feared open war was near, and was anxious to avert it.

"Yis, everywhere, they're searchin' in the woods now, I s'pose," sighed the widow dismally.

"But, lor! she ha'n't there, I shouldn't wonder if she was merried to Tom Barrington afore this time," said Aunt Loisy with an aggressive pucker.

The day passed. Night came on and Barbara could get down and ease her cramped limbs. The wedding day dawned and its hours wore on. Tom did not come! Delphine's heart grew heavy.

Late in the afternoon she heard her mother's quick, energetic step across the floor, and pause in the open doorway. For some moments she stood there quietly. The crickets were singing dismally under the rude plank floor. A pale amethystine mist had settled round the distant hills. The sun, which was near its setting, looked like a great crimson wheel through the thin floating haze.

Delphine trembled in her hiding place, but the next moment the sound of wheels reached her, and she saw some one driving at break-neck speed. In two minutes more Tom was standing before this startled pair, indignantly demanding of them what they had done with Delpine.

"O laws, ha'n't Delphiny with you after all?" screamed Barbary, rushing in from the kitchen. "On, where kin the pore girl be? I've been consolin' myself all the while a thinkin' she wuz with you." And, for the first in her life, almost, she burst into tears.

"Here I am, Barbary! here I am, Tom," spoke Delphine cheerfully from the depths of the brass kettle. "And now if you only help me down, I think all will be right."

O yeou wicked, wicked girl, to sceare me so," cried her mother. But Delphine heard nothing, saw nothing, but Tom, who had her in his arms and was gazing into her eyes. "I was away from home when your letter reached Stanford, Delphine, but I have traveled every moment with a horrible fear that I might be too late, making my blood curdle all the way. You are certainly not married to the elder?" with an awful glance at his would-be rival.

She shook her head.

"I told you that I would never marry any one but you, Tom."

"All's well that ends well," and there never was a fresher, prettier or rosier bride than Delphine, though she had been a prisoner for two days in a brass kettle.

Each of us as we travel the way of life has the choice according to our working of turning all the voices of nature into one song of rejoicing, or of withering and quenching her symphony into a fearful withdrawn silence of condemnation or into a crying out of her stones and a shaking of her dust against us.

THE NEWS.

The Atlanta Typographical Union declared off the strike instituted some weeks ago against the Constitution. The strike has been a failure from the start, and has never had the sanction of the International Union. ——Hiram McIllvaine, a lineman employed by the Camden Heating and Lighting Company, while changing the carbons in an electric light in Camden, N. J., grasped a live wire. The unfortunate man was jerked from the pole and hurled to the pavement below, dashing his brains out on the stones. When McIlvaine's body was picked up it was found that both of his hands had been charred to the bone by the electric current. ——An adjourned meeting of the Allegheny Presbytery was held at Pittsburg, Pa. The presbytery voted against revision of the Westminster Confession of Faith, and decided to oppose the introduction of deaconesses.——Frank Conroy was clawed to death by two eagles in the wilds of Utah.——The United States authorities seized three hundred pounds of smuggled opium in Detroit.——The citizens of Sedalia, Mo., who are alarmed at the prevalence of crime and the apparent inability of the officers of the law to check it, in a mass-meeting organized a vigilance committee.——Judge Smith, of South Dakota, decided that Indians dwelling upon a reservation have no right to vote.——An eastbound train on the Fort Wayne Road was run into at the Washington street crossing, Allegheny, Pa., by the Keystone express train, also going east. Four of the freight cars were thrown onto the track in front of a westbound passenger train and knocked into kindling wood.

While walking on the railroad track at Akron, O., W. J. Golden and Robert U. Conley were struck by a train and killed. Conley was a single man. Golden, who was his brother-in-law lived in Roanoke, Va.——A wreck occurred on the Norfolk and Western Railroad near Disputanta Station. Four ten freight cars and locomotives were badly wrecked. Two or three men were injured, and a white tramp was killed.——Mountain fires are still prevailing in Pennsylvania, and the drouth makes the matter all the more serious.——The Schuylkill Coal Exchange, in calculating the wages of miners and laborers of the Schuylkill region for last half of October and first half of November have fixed the rate at eight per cent. above the $2 50 basis. This is an advance of two per cent. over last month's wages.——Mrs. Mary B. Morrow, while insane, killed her old mother.——Grunewald Hall on Baronstreet, near Canal, in New Orleans, was burned. Loss $200,000; insurance $100,000. A number of persons who occupied rooms on the fourth floor were rescued by the firemen.——A. R McGowen & Co., wholesale notions, Philadelphia, made an assignment.——The Rome Rolling Mill, Rome, Ga., went into the hands of a receiver.——William Root, of Elizabeth N. J., found the sandwiches in his lunch basket sprinkled with broken glass and he charges his wife with designs on his life.

The overseer of the poor at Atlantic City, in examining the papers of an aged German physician recently found starving to death there, discovered that the woman's right name was Dr. Antoine Von Selmitz, whose husband had been an officer in the Prussian army and connected with the diplomatic corps. He also found an insurance policy for $1,000, issued by a ladies' branch of a Knights of Pythias lodge of Philadelphia. ——Four New Hampshire Iron Hall lodges voted to join the reorganized order.——Callery Junction, on the Pittsburg and Western, was wiped out by fire.——A terrific gale on the lakes caused considerable damage among the vessels in the vicinity of Cleveland.——The will of John H. Ripney offered for probate in Philadelphia, makes provision for several institutions in Frederick.——Judge Reed dismissed the application made in Philadelphia for a receiver for the order of the Tonti, and required the plaintiff to give security for costs.——Prof. Franciulli, of New York, has been appointed leader of the United States Marine Band at Washington.——Manton S. Watkins, of the grain firm of Watkins Bros., of Kokomo, Ind., was arrested on the charge of grand larceny.——Clarence Bruner, a commercial traveller, was killed by falling from an express train, near Evansville, Ind. He had $50,000 insurance on his life, a part of which was accident insurance taken out for that trip.——James R. Bartlett, a survivor of the Jeannette Artic expedition, whose mind has been weak for some time, shot and killed his wife's niece, wounded his wife, and then committed suicide.

Armed with a big knife, James Langdon, a desperate convict, attacked Patrick Lynch an employe at the county jail in Sunbury, Pa. Both are of powerful physique, and a desperate battle was fought. Lynch was stabbed a half dozen times, and will die.——Henry Poffenberg was struck by a small bag thrown from a train at Rahway, N. J., and died from his injuries.——Several train men were badly hurt in a wreck on the Reading, near Birdsboro.——A number of persons were killed by a runaway car in Huntingdon, Pa.——A collision of two freight trains on the Wabash river bridge, of the Big Four, broke the bridge span and piled two engines and a dozen cars into the water, with an engineer underneath.——John Hartnett, of Philadephia, who pleaded guilty to the murder of his mistress, Mary Siles, was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment in the penitentiary.——Michael Kine and wife were instantly killed by their carriage being struck by a Blue Line flyer at Chester, Pa. ——A fire that started in a oil store destroyed several blocks of property in Milwaukee and caused a damage exceeding $ 00,000.——At the meeting of the Humane Society, in Philadelphia, the vote was a tie on the resolution to condemn vivisection, and the president cast the deciding vote in the affirmative.

Robbers held up an express train near Piedmont, and got seven hundred and fifty dollars.——A steam pipe exploded on the tug Col. E. B. Grubb, lying at the foot of Summit street, Brooklyn. Michael Waters and Edward Gilson, deckhands, and William Butt were fatally scalded.——The two upper stories of Daniel Bacon's candy factory and warehouse, in Reading, Pa., were partially destroyed by fire. Good work of the firemen prevented the destruction of the entire establishment. Loss about six thousand dollars; fully insured.——The plant of the Haverford Electric Light Company, at Haverford, Pa., was destroyed by fire, together with the company's stable, and the stable owned by H. F. Bruner, and occupied by Smedley Bros. The Electric Light Company loses twenty-five thousand dollars; insurance ten thousand dollars. Bruner's loss on his stable is five thousand dollars; fully insured.——The Pennsylvania declared a semi-annual dividend of three per cent.——The Star Theatre, in Cleveland, was set on fire by an incendiary.——Peter Sweeney, of Philadelphia, was sentenced to twelve years in state prison for causing the death of his wife, by brutally beating her.

HUNDREDS HOMELESS.

Many Lives Lost and Great Damage Done by Floods in Mexico.

Further particulars of damages and loss sustained by the recent overflow of the Saldo River in the State of Paxaca, Mexico, have been received. Thousands of acres of coffee and cane lands were inundated and fully $300,000 damage to those crops alone was done.

On the Hacienda of Fedro Cellis, 2,000 head of cattle were caught in the torrent of water and swept into the ocean. Fully fifty persons in all lost their lives. Fifteen employees on the Hacenda De Yotta were overtaken by the flood while at work in the fields and all were drowned. Hundreds of families were made homeless.

STEVENSON ACCEPTS.

The Vice-Presidential Candidate's Letter.

He Sends His Formal Communication to Chairman Wilson.

Adlai E. Stevenson, Democratic candidate for the Vice-Presidency, has sent the following letter of acceptance to the president of the National Democratic Convention:

To the Hon. William L. Wilson, Chairman, &c.:

"When in the presence of 20,000 of my countrymen I accepted the honor conferred upon me by the convention, over which you presided, I promised to indicate by letter in a more formal manner my acceptance of the nomination tendered me by the assembled representatives of the Democratic party of the United States.

"Since that time I have been engaged continually in the discussion before the people of many states of the Union of the issues emphasized by the convention and represented by our candidate for President, Grover Cleveland. Opportunity has thus been denied me to write with the care I would like the more formal answer promised to your committee. The full discussion of public questions commonly expected from a candidate for Vice-President has been rendered less imperative by the complete presentation of the Democratic creed by the gentleman with whom I have the honor to be associated as a candidate on the national ticket. His treatment of the issues now before the country for discussion and settlement was so complete that I can do little more than endorse his position and give it the emphasis of my unqualified approval.

"The greatest power conferred upon human government is that of taxation. All the great struggles of the past for a broader political liberty have looked toward the limitation of this power by right to tax, a right which should always be limited by the necessities of government and to benefits which may be shared by all. Whenever this power is used to draw tribute from the many for the benefit of the few, or when part of a people are oppressed in order that the remainder may prosper unduly, equality is lost sight of, injustice hardens into precedent, which is used to excuse new exactions, and there arise artificial distinctions which the beneficiaries come to look upon in due time as vested rights, sacred to themselves.

"There is no longer pretext or excuse for the maintenance of war tariff in times of peace, and more than a quarter of a century after armed conflict has ceased. The platform of the National Democratic Convention demands the reform of this system and the adoption in its place of one which will insure equality to all our people. I am in full and hearty accord with these purposes.

"The convention also declared its position on the currency question in no unmeaning words when it said in its platform: "We hold to the use of both gold and silver as the standard money of the country, and to the coinage of both gold and silver, without discriminating against either metal or charge for mintage, but the dollar unit of coinage of both metals must be of equal intrinsic and exchangeable value, or be adjusted through international agreement, or by such safeguards of legislation as shall insure the parity of the two metals and the equal power of every dollar at all times in the markets and in payments of debt, and we demand that all paper currency shall be kept at par with and redeemable in such coin."

"Another issue of great moment in the pending contest is the force bill, the magnitude of which cannot be overstated. It may mean control of the election of Representatives in Congress by the bayonet. The Republican party, by its acts in the Fifty-first Congress, and by its platform in its late National Convention, stands pledged to the passage of this bill. That it will pass it when it has the power no sane man can doubt. To all our people who desire the peace and prosperity of our country this question is all important.

"Since my nomination I have been in sight of the Southern and Southwestern States of the Union, and have talked to men of all classes and conditions there. I found a general and growing apprehension of evils, which it is believed would result from the passage of the Lodge bill or similar threatened legislation. I found that the industries established by Northern capital during Mr. Cleveland's administration were in a languishing condition; that the immigration of labor and the investment of capital invited to those states by their then peaceful condition, had in a large measure ceased. The enactment of the force bill into a law, while it would threaten the liberties of the entire people, would undoubtedly retard the material growth of the states, at which it is specially aimed; would incite in many communities race troubles, and invite retaliatory legislation, which would disturb property values and discontinue and destroy the security of Northern investments. And its reflex action upon the Northern States would result in a consequent loss of commercial and trade relations with the vast territory now becoming tributary to their wealth and prosperity. I say nothing now of the inherent vice of the un-American and revolutionary spirit involved in the Lodge bill, which was pronounced by a Republican Senator 'the most infamous that ever crossed the threshold of the Senate.' I appeal to the instinct of self interest and the sense of common justice in the American people. The area of good feelings and renewed commercial relations commencing with the election of Mr. Cleveland in 1884 should not be interrupted by the inauguration of a policy which tends to destroy popular representation and the purity of local self-government, which furnishes an instrument to discredited federal power to perpetuate itself, which seeks to keep alive sectional jealousies and strife, which threatens important and material interest, and which offers no excuse or palliation for its existence except the perpetuation in power of a political party which has lost public confidence.

"I accept the nomination tendered me, and, should the action of the convention meet the approval of my countrymen, will, to the best of my ability, discharge with fidelity the important trust confided to me.

Very Respectfully,
"ADLAI E. STEVENSON."

ABOUT NOTED PEOPLE.

GENERALS LONGSTREET and Wade Hampton were the only Confederate Generals who had, trained, and fired cannon during the War.

QUEEN VICTORIA not only speaks Hindoostance, but has a Hindoo secretary, through whom she conducts her Eastern correspondence.

THE Marquand family, of New York own the most costly piano ever built. It was designed and painted by Alma Tadema, and cost $46,000.

WILLIAM D. HOWELLS, the novelist, is planning to take up a permanent residence in Italy, a country for which he has always had a fondness.

COLONEL YAUOFF, leader of the Russian force in the Pamir, is said to be a man of most remarkable foresight. He is dignified and somewhat peremptory withal.

THE Czar has put his hand in his pocket for a good purpose. He has given $500,000 for the establishment of a medical school for women in St. Petersburg.

REV. NG. POORE CHEW, a native Chinaman, 36 years old, and a graduate of the San Francisco Theological Seminary, has been ordained a minister in the Presbyterian Church.

THE Rev. Dr. David Greer, pastor of St. Bartholomew's Protestant Episcopal Church, New York, having a sufficient private income for his own needs, turns over his entire salary for the relief of the poor, and as his salary is $15,000 a year the relief is a substantial one.

SIR ARCHIBALD GERKIE, of the British Association, who has come to the conclusion that the world is between 73,000,000 and 650,000,000 years old, is said to be a most tiresome to his friends because of the hyper-conscientiousness with which he verifies the smallest detail in his work.

GEORGE MEREDITH, the novelist, recently attended the wedding of his son Maxse (named after his father's old friend, the Admiral), and attracted more attention than the bride and groom. The old gentleman sat in a front pew, a striking figure, with a light salmon-pink tie and violet and pink boutonniere.

ZOLA's criticisms of various things in his latest book "The Downfall," have been taken so much to heart on the Continent that he receives a large number of insulting letters every day. From Bavaria alone, because he wrote slightingly of the Bavarians at the sacking of Raucourt, he has received 200 letters of protest and denunciation.

W. T. WANDREY, who died in Quincy, Illinois, in the poorhouse was the last of Blucher's drummer boys at Waterloo. About one hundred of them have died in this country alone, if reports are true, and the number of men now living in the United States who remember how Napoleon looked has been narrowed to less than a dozen.

CABLE SPARKS.

PRIME MINISTER FERREIRA, of Portugal, was defeated in an election for members of the Chamber of Deputies.

THE President of the English Board of Agriculture has refused to repeal the prohibition against the importation of live cattle into England.

AN English newspaper announces the discovery of a new process of producing caustic soda, chlorine and other chemicals direct from brine by electricity.

WHEN the reorganization of the German army under the new military bill is completed its strength will be 4,400,000 men. The war strength of France is placed at 4,052,000 and of Russia at 4,556,000

ANNE PARNELL, sister of the late Charles Stewart Parnell, the Irish Statesman, has sued the owner of a hotel on the Strand, London, for damages. The hotel keeper, ejected her from the hotel after having let her a room, and she sued him for damages.

PERSONS connected with the relief work in Hamburg, Germany, report that a house-to-house inquiry has shown 15,000 workingmen to be without employment and 8,000 small tradesmen to be financially ruined by the cholera epidemic in that city.

THE threatened strike of cotton operatives in England, which, it is estimated, will affect thirteen million spindles, is causing anxiety in England. The men oppose a reduction of wages. The Mayors of Liverpool and Manchester are trying to induce the disputants to consent to arbitrating their differences.

BARON HERSCHELL, the British lord chancellor, received Mr. Stuart Knill, Lord Mayor elect of London, in the house of Lords, and, commenting on the fact that opposition was made to the election of Mr Knill because he was a Catholic, said the creed in which a man believed was no barrier to privileges, rights and honor.

THE Russian Government has recently demanded that the Belgian authorities in issuing passports to persons intending to visit Russia shall state therein the religion of the bearer. If Belgium complies with the demand Belgian Hebrews will be treated to many indignities if they visit Russia. If she refuses no Belgian passports will be accepted in Russia, and consequently no Belgians can enter that country, though the Russian demand is aimed solely at Hebrews.

IN the Old Bailey Court in London, Mr. Alexander Robertson applied to Justice Hawkins for a writ of Habeas corpus demanding that Sir Charles Russell, the English Attorney General, show cause for the detention of Mrs. Florence Maybrick, the American women now serving sentence in an English prison for the poisoning of her husband, a prominent Liverpool merchant. Justice Hawkins told Mr. Robertson to go to Mr. Asquith, the British Home Secretary.

DISASTERS AND CASUALTIES

JOHN DAWSON, a farmer, was struck by a train and killed at Northumberland, Pa

AN epdemic of diphtheria is raging at Columbus, Indiana. There are now about 50 cases, and a number of persons have removed from the city.

THE Colorado river rose between eight and ten feet within one hour at Austin, Texas, causing much damage to cotton in the bottom lands and to other property.

ENOCH J. JONES, aged 50 years, was killed by an explosion of gas in the Murray shaft, at Wilkesbarre, Pa. He had been a miner for 40 years, and had been in 13 different accidents.

A PASSENGER train on the St. Louis and San Francisco Railway was wrecked near Phillipsburg, Mo., and two of the trainmen were killed. Fourteen passengers were slightly injured.

A LOCOMOTIVE boiler exploded at Palos, on the Kansas City, Memphis and Birmingham Road, west of Birmingham, Alabama, and the engineer and fireman were blown to pieces.

GEORGE WOOD, a student at the Westinghouse Electric Company's Works at Pittsburg, was killed. While changing wires on a pole his hand came in contact with an electric light wire.

JACKSON TOMPKINS and Patrick Lavin, of Litchfield, Connecticut, were found dead in a field where they had been shucking corn. They are thought to have swallowed poison through some mistake.

BY a collision between a freight train and a working train on the Milwaukee Northern road, between Elkhart and Plymouth, in Wisconsin, Thomas Fitzgerald and Nick Ringle were killed. Four others were injured.

A CROWD, which had been attending a political meeting at Canton, Pa., was run into by a freight train, and Ellsworth Congdon and William Street, of East Troy, were killed, and J. J. Van Kirk was seriously injured. A band was playing and the people did not hear the train approach.

THE false work under one of the spans of a bridge under construction for the Great Northern Railroad, across the Wenatchie river, Washington, collapsed, and a track machine, three cars, &c., were thrown sixty feet into the river below. Seven men were killed, five fatally injured and six others seriously injured.

THE Danville express on the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad ran into a broken switch in Chicago and one of the coaches was thrown from the track. Mrs. William McDonald, of Chicago, was killed; Joseph J. J. Johnson was fatally injured, and 19 others were more or less seriously injured.

A SPARK from a blacksmith's anvil ignited a large can of giant powder and 100 pounds of dynamite at the sand quarries of I. N. Foust, near Huntingdon, Pa., causing an explosion that was heard for miles. The shops and other buildings at the quarries were demolished and Foreman Levi Mundorf was killed.

OVER 100 LIVES LOST.

The Anchor Line Steamship Roumania Goes Ashore.

The Anchor Line Steamship Roumania, Captain Young, went ashore at the mouth of the Arnoya, near Peniche, Lisbon, and 113 of the 122 passengers on board were lost.

The Roumania left Liverpool, Sunday, for Bombay. She carried fifty-five passengers, a crew of sixty-seven men, and a full cargo of valuable merchandise.

She went on the rocks almost without warning, for up to the last few minutes the ship's officers did not realize their peril. Heavy seas broke over the ship's decks, and many of the passengers, who ran on deck in a panic, were swept overboard and drowned. A life-boat was cut away and an attempt was made to lower it, but the boat was swamped by the waves. For two hours further attempts were abandoned.

The storm abated and another boat was lowered. This boat was loaded with passengers. A hundred yards from the ship it capsized and all were drowned. Two boats were started out from the shore, but put back, as the men were convinced that they could not live in such a heavy sea. Another boat was lowered from the Roumania, but when half loaded was dashed against the ship's side and capsized. Fifteen persons who had descended to her were drowned.

Meantime wave after wave had broken over the Roumania, smashing her deck houses and ventilators, carrying away her masts and sweeping many of the passengers and seamen overboard. Those still left decided to wait until the storm had abated before attempting to get ashore. After an hour of suspense the seven men and two women who had remained on board, lowered her last boat. The storm had subsided, and although obliged to ride through a heavy surf they reached shore in safety. The two women were the only passengers saved. Captain Young is reported to be among the lost.

THE DROUTH AND FIRES.

Water Famine Growing Worse and Burning Mountains Unquenched

All over Western Pennsylvania much inconvenience is occasioned by the drying up of the sources of water supply. At two points on the Pittsburg division of the Pennsylvania Railroad it has been found necessary to bring water miles by train. One is Grapeville, near Greenburg. Daily a train makes several trips between Walls, where the East Pittsburg Improvement Company has a reservoir, and Grapeville, a half dozen miles apart.

At Gallitizin, water is also at a premium and the supply is brought from Portage, ten miles distant.

The city reservoir in Altoona, is proving entirely inadequate to supply the city, and the reservoir of the Pennsylvania Railroad has been called upon. The same story is told in other towns.

AMBROISE THOMAS, the aged composer of "Mignon" and "Hamlet," whose life was despaired of last Summer, is completely restored to health. He is traveling about France like a young man, having recently taken part in the exercises at the unveiling of the monument to Mehul, the French composer, at Givet.

TERRIBLE EXPLOSION.

Three Men Killed and Many Hurt—Houses Damaged a Mile Away.

A special from Lima, Ohio, says: A nitroglycerine factory, two miles south of Lima, exploded with a terrific report at 11 o'clock the other morning. The report was heard for 20 miles, and the force of the concussion shook buildings and caused the windows to rattle in all parts of the city. Three persons are known to have been killed and two badly injured. In addition two teamsters are missing, and it is possible their bodies are in the wreck.

The terrific force of the explosion can be imagined when it is stated that the farmhouse of William Hooker, 1,800 yards from the factory, was totally wrecked and a servant girl injured by falling debris.

A farm-house nearly a mile distant was badly damaged and a $5,000 plate-glass front in the Metropolitan Bank, three miles away, was shattered.

There is a big hole in the ground where the magazine formerly stood and it is close to the track of the Chicago and Erie Railroad. When the explosion occurred several firemen were immediately in front of the Canal street building and five of them were caught beneath the falling wall.

The Teacheout Company occupied buildings fronting on Michigan street and extending through to Canal and over Canal to the river front. The loss is total not even the walls remaining, and will be not less than $100,000, partially insured.

George Wood & Co., sewer contractors, were cleaned out; the four-story brick building occupied by H. Mittleberger, hide and tallow dealers, was gutted; the Phœnix Paint Company suffered a slight loss; a large amount of valuable stock was destroyed for W. H. Gabriel, carriage ironer and blacksmith.

FULLY A SCORE KILLED.

Wreck of an Express Train in England--Roasted to Death.

An appalling railway accident occurred near Thirsk, in Yorkshire by which 20 persons were killed and a large number injured.

The express train which leaves Edinburgh every evening for London was running at full speed as it approached Thirsk, when ahead of it appeared a heavily-laden goods train. The engineer of the express train reversed his engine and put on the brakes, but the momentum of the heavy express was too great, and it dashed into the goods train, making a most terrible wreck.

To add to the horror the carriages caught fire and were destroyed. A large number of persons from nearby places were soon at the scene and did everything possible to extricate the dead and injured. The burning cars greatly hampered their efforts, but had it not been for their bravery the loss of life would have been much greater.

The scene at the wreck was pitiable. Some of the bodies taken out of the debris had been burned beyond all semblance to humanity. The clothing was destroyed and in some cases the jewelry worn had been melted by the intense heat. This will render the identification of the dead in some cases extremely difficult, if not altogether impossible.

A wrecking train was despatched to the scene as soon as the fact of the disaster became known. A number of physicians were carried to the wreck, and they at once devoted themselves to relieving the sufferings of the injured.

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All the convicted persons seem entirely indifferent regarding their fate.

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