

# The Farmers Leader.

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#### Defiant Until the Last.

Paris special: Auguste Vaillant, the anarchist who December 9 threw a bomb in the Chamber of Deputies, was guillotined. His last words were:

"Death to society; long live anarchy." Extra precautions were taken by the authorities to prevent the possibility of Vaillant's friends of carrying out their threat of avenging his death by committing another dynamite outrage at the time of the execution.

Preparations for the execution were made in a drizzling rain but it cleared away before the time for the execution and every point of vantage around the Place de la Roquette was occupied. Judicial authorities arrived at the prison at 6.15, went to Vaillant's cell and awakened him. He turned deadly pale, but quickly began dressing with the remark to one of the prison attendants:

"You see I was right in saying my sentence would not be commuted." Noticing his hands trembling one of officers consoled him to have courage. Vaillant smiled in a sickly way and replied:

"Never mind, I will know how to die."

At 2.30 o'clock the march to the guillotine was begun. Vaillant marched between the executioner and his assistants, his head erect and defiant, while persons in the crowd cried out: "He dies like a true anarchist," accompanied by an occasional cry of "Vive l'anarchie."

Among the crowd gathered to witness the execution was a large number of maskers, male and female, from the balls held during the night.

#### FUNERAL OF CHILDS.

#### All the Arrangements Complete—Will Be a Big Attendance.

Philadelphia special: Arrangements for the funeral of the late George W. Childs, which occurs from the St. James Protestant Episcopal Church are complete. There will be delegations from the Boston and New York Press Clubs and a number of New York publishers and prominent editors will come over from New York on a special train. St. James Church has a seating capacity of only 1,200, and this will barely accommodate the relatives and immediate friends of the family and honorary pall bearers, Ledger employees, and delegates from various organizations which desire to be present. The floral tributes will be very elaborate. The interment will be in the Drexel mausoleum at Woodland Cemetery and will be private.

Typographical Union No. 2 of this city held a meeting, and after adopting a suitable memorial, initiatory steps were taken toward the erection of a monument by the union printers of Philadelphia.

#### More Trouble in Africa.

Liverpool special: A dispatch received here from Sierra Leone announces further disturbances on the frontier of that colony between the British and French forces. According to the news just received a detachment of British frontier police, while encamped in the Sofa country, has been fired upon by a force of French native troops. It is added that during the conflict which followed one Frenchman and five native police were killed. Latter advice from Sierra Leone says the detachment of frontier police which has been in conflict with the French forces is the detachment which was previously attacked by the French in Warina. The detachment, it would now appear, was returning to the coast when attacked.

#### Rich Jews Poisoned.

Berlin special: The Lokal Anzeiger has a dispatch from Minsk, Russia, which says a rich Jewish family of the name of Milandovich, consisting of thirteen persons, including the servants, have been poisoned to death. They all partook of food in which poison had been placed, and every one of them were dead within fifteen minutes. A number of arrests have been made in connection with the tragedy.

#### Midwinter Fair.

San Francisco special: The midwinter fair will be extended a month beyond the time first proposed. The managers decided that as there was a delay of a month in opening it should be made up at the other end. The fair will not close until the 31st of July and probably not until August.

#### Big Forgeries by Dutchmen.

The Hague special: The police have unearthed an enormous forgery of bank notes. Notes to the value of 227,000 guilders have been seized and eight men, including the leader, a man named Krause, arrested.

#### To Go to Venezuela.

New York special: It was learned abroad the steamship Venezuela, which has arrived from South American points, that the Louisiana Lottery Company was about to change its headquarters to Caracas. All the necessary arrangements have been made with Venezuelan government. The terms arranged are that the lottery company furnish the government with two men of war and a portion of the spoils of the lottery.

## GEORGE W. CHILDS DEAD.

### The Noted Philanthropist Passes Away.

Philadelphia special: George W. Childs is dead. Mr. Childs' last illness began with a fainting spell which seized him while he was in his office in the Ledger Building January 19. He became unconscious and Dr. Dacosta, the family physician, was hastily summoned. Restoratives were applied, with the result that in an hour the patient was able to walk, with assistance, to his carriage. He was conveyed to his home and Mrs. Childs, who was at the country place in Wooton, was summoned. To all was given the assurance that Mr. Childs was not seriously ill. On the following Sunday night, however, his physicians reluctantly admitted that paralysis of the lower limbs accompanied the attack.

There was but little reason to doubt that the immediate cause of the attack that ultimately produced death was overwork and anxiety attendant upon his efforts to see that the memory of his lifelong friend, the late A. J. Drexel, was properly honored. The day upon which the attack came was spent by Mr. Childs in preparing for the Drexel memorial services held in Drexel Institute Saturday, January 20, two days after the fatal Thursday. His enforced absence from the ceremony worried him profoundly, and to this fact was largely due the relapse which occurred on the night of Sunday, January 21, since which time there has been an uneasiness in the minds of the physicians as to his condition that amounted to almost a certainty that he could not recover.

#### PUT TO FLIGHT BY BANDITS.

### California Officers Routed by Evans and Morell.

Fresno, Cal., special: A fight between the bandits, Evans and Morell, and Deputy Sheriffs Timmins and Boyd occurred in the Slippery Rock country about twenty mile east of Dinuba. The officers were looking for the bandits in that neighborhood, and were riding in a cart when they got near the place of a rancher named Robinson. Timmins alighted and started in the direction of the house. He had only gone a short distance when Evans and Morell came out of St. Clair's house, near by, and immediately opened fire on the officers. The latter had the advantage of being separated and could have raked the bandits from both sides, as Evans and Morell were in a line between them. Instead it is reported that the officers took to flight, the bandits diligently firing upon them. After the officers had fled a short distance they returned a few shots without, however, ceasing to fly.

In their flight Timmins and Boyd became separated, the former finally turning up at Dinuba and the latter at Reedley. Timmins telephoned the news of the fight to Sheriff Scott, who started for the scene. It is said that a dozen shots were fired, the robbers firing twenty and the officers four. Another report has it that the officers made a bold stand, but were under a disadvantage. No further particulars can be got here at present.

#### Must Have a Good Navy.

Washington special: The Senate Committee on Naval Affairs is in thorough accord with the recommendations of Secretary Herbert in regard to the continuance of the present policy of building up the navy. This was manifested at the meeting of the committee. Although no quorum was present an informal discussion was had, the general sentiment being that the policy inaugurated by Secretary Whitney, followed by Secretary Tracy, and endorsed by Secretary Herbert, should be maintained until the navy had reached a place commensurate with the greatness of the country and thoroughly competent to protect American interests in all parts of the world.

#### National Farmers' Alliance.

Topeka, Kan., special: Delegates are arriving to attend the national meeting of the Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union, which meets here. U. L. Upson of Buffalo, N. Y., said he would propose a new constitution for the alliance, which he believed should be more firmly bound together as an order similar to that of the Masons. He proposes to have more grips and passwords and make every local lodge subordinate to a grand master, who shall order, instead of, as does the president now, only suggest.

#### To Increase Its Stock.

Boston, Mass., special: The American Telephone Company will petition the Legislature for permission to increase its capital stock about \$30,000,000. The present stock represents \$20,000,000 and the company desires to make it \$50,000,000, ostensibly for the purpose of extending and improving its service and in order to place it beyond the reach of any competing company that may be organized.

#### The Cactus Bill Favored.

Washington special: Senator Hansbrough has secured authority from the Senate Committee on agriculture to favorably report his bill making an appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the extermination of the Russian thistle or cactus, which is gaining such a foothold in the northwest as to make many lands worthless.

#### Another Anarchist Plot.

Rome special: The authorities at Naples have seized documents which prove that an international anarchist plot against the Government has existed ever since the recent troubles broke out. There have been 2,000 arrests in Italy since the beginning of the riots.

#### Dinner for the Court.

Washington special: President and Mrs. Cleveland gave the annual official dinner to the Justices of the Supreme Court and other invited guests.

## FAIRY TALE FROM NEVADA.

### Fall of a Monster Meteor That Shook the Earth.

Carson, Nev., special: On the night of February 1, about 10:20 o'clock, a brilliant meteor shot over western Nevada and eastern California, illuminating the heavens for the space of several seconds. The illumination was followed by a low rumbling and a shock as if by an earthquake. As it rushed through the air it made a noise like the sound of a skyrocket just as it starts upward. At Candelaria, where it struck, many people were greatly alarmed at the sudden appearance of a great ball of fire. Suddenly it seemed to burst in the air, and then the light disappeared. Then came a strange rumbling noise, and also a shaking of the earth. The report here is that the houses in Candelaria were shaken as if by an earthquake.

Friday morning a party was organized and started in search of the meteor. Towards evening the searchers began to find broken branches which had been knocked from trees by flying fragments, sage brush torn up by the roots and holes in the earth which had been gouged out by pieces of the meteor. Finally they came upon a huge hole nearly 100 feet across, where the large portion had fallen. It struck on a bare knoll composed of sand and rocks. One report is that the ground was hot about the hole and hence a close examination was impossible. Pieces were found in the neighborhood within a circle a mile in diameter.

#### DRIVEN IN BY APACHES.

### An Arizona Prospector Has a Brush with the Reds.

Tucson, Arizona, special: News came in from Mammoth, sixty miles north-east of here, that the Indians are on the war path. Hualpa Clark, a prospector, while at work in the Bunker Hill district, was attacked by four Indians. Clark is an old Indian scout and knows the country and Indians. He easily evaded his assailants. Clark at once started for Mammoth, twelve miles away, for reinforcements. Coming in he found the camp of William Emerson, another prospector, looted clean of valuables and food. Emerson was not found and Clark believes he was killed. Clark aroused the camp at Mammoth and was soon at the head of a party of men bent on capturing the Indians. A second party followed them. About twenty men are now on the Indian's trail and their capture is expected. Clark is of the opinion that the party is either Kid and his gang or a general outbreak of the Apaches from the reservation. Neither event would surprise him. He says the scene of the supposed killing of Emerson is where Kid's party killed John Diehl six years ago.

On receipt of the news at Tucson word was at once telegraphed by Marshal Eads to Fort Grant with the request that troops be sent there. The request will doubtless be complied with.

#### Where No One Can Interfere.

Kansas City special: Local sporting men are endeavoring to push a scheme which they assert will furnish a permanent fighting ground where all prize fighters can perform without fear of molestation. Just opposite Kansas City in the Missouri River lies a small island. The proposition is to construct a club house upon the island, where the projectors aver, prize fights may be pulled off without legal interference. It is claimed the state authorities have no jurisdiction on the island and that the United States authorities would not likely interfere. It is the purpose of the projectors to bid heavily for the Corbett-Jackson contest.

#### Foreign Miners Leaving.

Uniontown, Pa., special: There is a regular exodus of the foreign element from the coke region at the present time. When the coke works were closed down the foreigners left for other parts in large numbers, but still a large number remained to wait for the resumption of work. Owing to the fact that thousands of American workmen in this section are now out of employment, they are being given preference at the works now resuming operations. This deprives the foreigners of all hopes of getting employment and they are leaving for other districts.

#### Takamine Whisky.

Peoria, Ill., special: Another test of the Takamine process of distilling has begun at the Manhattan distillery, which has been turned over to the Japanese chemists by the whisky trust, and will continue for a month. Some alterations have been made in the machinery, and instead of using his koji exclusively, Mr. Takamine will use with it a proportion of bran. Fifteen hundred bushels of grain will be used a day, and this is to be the final test so far as the trust is concerned. Mr. Takamine claims that he will be able to make a much better showing than ever before.

#### Held a Corpse for Fees.

West Superior, Wis., special: Papers were issued to replevin the body of John Hellin, who died of typhoid fever here. A local firm of undertakers here has the body and refuses to give it to an undertaker from Minneapolis, sent here by Hellin's mother, who is in Minneapolis. The Superior undertakers claim the body is a county charge and want their fees first.

#### Great Numbers of Tramps.

Cadiz special: The Governor of this province reports that thousands of people out of work and starving are tramping through the country and that, in consequence, he anticipates disturbances in the rural districts.

#### Ravages of the Wolves.

Odessa special: The weather in the Caucasus has been fearfully cold. Wolves near Grivan have devoured eighteen persons.

## AS TO IRRIGATION

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#### Some People Lead to Believe That Irrigation Is a Necessity—Miners' Strike Still On and Industries at a Standstill in the Black Hills.

Irrigation Not Necessary. FROM present indications it would seem that people are waking up on the question of irrigation and there begins to be a vigorous kicking against the continued advertising along up the James River valley of the necessity of irrigating in order to raise crops. The kick does not appear to be made against the attempts to irrigate by artesian water as much as against the continued widespread advertising regarding the idea that irrigation is a necessity, and by so doing is retarding instead of advancing the settlement of a large portion of the agricultural district. As yet no thorough or practical test has been made—so it is claimed by the strongest irrigation advocates—but what trial have been made have shown that so far the second year's crops were much below the average as to offset the increase of the year previous, and the farmers who have been successful in diversified farming without the aid of irrigation are tiring of having it announced to the world that as a farming state South Dakota is a failure without irrigation. There are thousands of farmers in this state who have made hundreds of dollars on each dollar they had to invest, ten or fifteen years ago, and you can't make them believe that what we can raise crops without artificial water supply. The fact is, if there is any portion of the state that needs irrigation that part that does not need it is doing no kicking on that part that does, but they propose from now on to be no party to the false advertising that the whole state needs irrigation. One real estate man says that he personally knows of several instances where parties in the East contemplating making a change of location declined to consider South Dakota's advantages on account of the necessity of irrigation and the expense connected with the sinking of a well, the building of reservoirs, ditches, etc. that were necessary before a crop could be put out with any reasonable hope of success, and this impression has become so general that steps must soon be taken to counteract the great injury being done to the state. Let irrigationists practically state that the crops and then make a comparison of their crops as with those raised by equally as good a farmer on land that is not irrigated, and give these figures to the world, and there will be no occasion for a kick, but those who have raised an average of over twenty bushels of wheat per acre for ten or twelve years—as has actually been done by good farmers—and other crops proportionately good, don't want the world to understand that as farmers they are failures.

#### BAD FOR THE BLACK HILLS.

### Miners Strike Still On and Industry at a Standstill.

The labor situation in the Black Hills still remains in an unsettled condition. Neither side in the struggle at present being waged has made a decided move since two weeks ago, when members of several Labor and Miners' Unions to the number of several hundred went to the scene of operations of the South Dakota Mining Company at Spearfish Canyon and compelled the workmen on a large flume to quit work. Since then the Mining Company has ceased all operations for an indefinite period. The wood chopping or clearing crew, which was not molested by the mob, and all miners at work for the Company at Bald Mountain and Garden City, where the Company has interests, have been laid off. All that is now left of what a short time ago was a scene of life an activity is a few men who are kept to guard the movable property of the company.

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