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and responsible head of the Department. The President refers the remonstrants to his nominal chief, Secretary ROBERTSON. He turns them over to his real manager, Admiral PORTER, who sends them back to the Secretary. And so the moral and religious sentiment of the country is trifled with, and the reasonable wishes of the students are laughed to scorn.

It is high time that this disgraceful state of affairs was brought to a close. The first step toward reform should be the removal of Mr. ROBERTSON from a post which he would probably be incompetent to fill under any circumstances, but which, in the existing condition of things, he holds by false pretences and as a mere shadow. If the President will not displace him and give the Department a real, responsible chief, who will respect the rights of the students of the Naval Academy, and cease to outrage the religious sentiments of the people, then the Senate should refuse to sanction by its advice and consent the appointment of Mr. ROBERTSON.

A Pacific Generation. Never since the enslavement of the children of Israel and their escape from the land of the Pharaohs, and Joseph's resolute resistance to Mrs. POTIPHAR's flirtations, has the public been so entranced by the occurrences in Egypt as at the present time. All the European and American journals patronize the shores of the Nile, and rival each other in sensational descriptions of one of the most enticing sensations of this sensational age.

But Alexandria and Cairo are soon to become stale and obsolete subjects of discussion, and the appetite for the marvellous is next to be whetted by the great event in Rome. The journalist of the present age is fortunately blessed with elasticity, and whether the enterprise to be celebrated belongs to the sphere of navigation or to that of theology, he displays the same chameleon characteristics and the same sleepless energy.

As in Egypt the real drift of the Suez Canal enterprise is sunk for the present in picturesque reports of the pageantry attending its inauguration, so will the ecclesiastical bearing of the Ecumenical Council be subordinated to the external effect of the gathering and the description of the personages who happen to form part of it. It is, perhaps, as well for the mental repose of this generation that it is rather delighted with mammoth shows than excited, as in *l'ère virile*, over their bearings upon the future destinies of the world.

The Suez Canal represents the epoch of industry and commerce, and points to a future when all other interests will be brought into harmony with those that determine the progress of science and invention, and open new outlets to the ingenuity and the prosperity of the race. The Ecumenical Council represents the epoch of religious power, and points to the government of the human mind by spiritual influences, resulting in the diffusion of knowledge, happiness, virtue, and political and social equality among the mass of mankind.

For the love of the picturesque, however, these two events have in common the utmost magnificence of artistic display. The devotee of the Catholic faith, the follower of MOHAMMED, and even the canal-digging engineer, alike delight in surrounding themselves with a graceful and imposing spectacle, forming a pleasant rallying point for antagonists otherwise imperceptible.

Such things as Suez Canals and Ecumenical Councils would hardly have been practicable in former periods without producing violent political convulsions; but nowadays a better spirit happily prevails, and the *tableaux vivants* at Suez, as well as those that are about to be exhibited in Rome, attract public attention in proportion to the magnificence and elegance of their pomp, without provoking any new antagonisms, and almost without reviving any old ones. So far so good. Let us have peace.

John A. Kennedy. The General Superintendent of Police is not a popular man. As men of positive character are apt to be, he is earnest, decided, uncompromising, sometimes a little rough, sometimes very headstrong. He thinks more of doing his duty than of understanding it, and the way he thinks best, than of pleasing all the world. The thieves of all grades and descriptions hate him of course; and there are men who are not thieves who hate him also.

Mr. KENNEDY will soon leave his post. The abolition of the Police Commission, which the Democratic party is pledged to consummate, will necessarily lead to his dismissal. But after he is out of power, many of those who now denounce him will regret that he is gone. He is thoroughly honest. If he had been less so, he might not be rich. Men without half his brains and not a quarter of his opportunities have become millionaires here in various branches of the public service since he first took office. But it has never been said, never even suspected, that JOHN A. KENNEDY had a cent of property that was not honestly and legitimately his. This is a merit that would cover more faults than were ever laid to his charge. We may see more deferential officers in his place, but we shall never see one more worthy of public respect. A brave, sturdy, honest, obstinate man—that is what he is.

Bad Blue Blood. We learn from Europe that the Crown Princess of Prussia shows indications of insanity. The report is that the mind of her Royal Highness is affected by the idiosyncrasies of her husband. But the truth is that this Crown Princess is the first child of Queen VICTORIA. It is a matter of absolute certainty that the Queen is chronically subject to vicissitudes of mental balance. Excellent woman, wife, and mother as she is, her constitutional liability to this unhappy malady is universally understood. Every one who knows anything knows also that her father, EDWARD, Duke of Kent, was not right in his head. He said and did things at home and in Canada that should have given him an indefeasible title to a residence in some lunatic asylum; but he was gathered to his ancestors without undergoing the treatment of those institutions, because it was the part of policy to hide his hereditary weakness.

It was hereditary; for his father—the pigtail GEORGE, of Bowling Green memory—was admitted lunatic for the last twenty years of his life, and an unadmitted one for an indefinite number of years before. It

It would have been a great deal better for the world and the Administration. He is one of the ablest and holiest of our living statesmen, and it is to be hoped that his absence from public life will not be permanent.

STOLEN.—By Little CHIT'S paper, from THE SUN, the report of Mr. BROWN'S Thanksgiving sermon, without credit.

Mr. WILLIAM AUGUSTUS HOPKINS writes us a note from 38 Pine street, New York, in explanation of the unauthorized assumption of the Hoboken Postmaster in establishing an independent letter delivery for that city, and exacting a fee of two cents for every letter delivered. Mr. HOPKINS states that the population of Hoboken is not sufficient to entitle it to a free delivery of mail by the post office. The present system, he informs us, is a great commutation to the inhabitants, is simply a private one, got up by one of my sons, and sanctioned by the Postmaster, one of the purest men in Hoboken, who has known the young man for years as the soul of honor and integrity, all of which may be true, and we certainly do not care to dispute it. But suppose somebody else's son, and "the soul of honor," should step up to the Post Office and demand all letters addressed to particular streets and numbers; would he not be equally entitled to receive them, and, for that matter, do what he pleased with them?

But Mr. HOPKINS tells us that this particular "soul of honor" canvassed the city and received authority from persons to procure their letters from a Post Office and deliver them for a fee of two cents each, which may also be true. But does the Postmaster allow the young man to take letters for which he can show authority? We fancy he is not very particular in that regard. Indeed, we happen to know of those who never gave such authorization, but are compelled to wait the tardy coming of this young man or his agents, and are not then permitted to receive their letters unless they have the change at hand.

This whole business is illegal on the part of the Postmaster, who is not authorized to intrust letters for delivery to any such channel, and the delivery fee can no more be enforced than can an extra charge of five or ten cents for a postage stamp. Mr. HOPKINS tells us the business is not remunerative, and that the joint income of his two sons engaged in it—some of whom was a worthy lawyer—was hardly sufficient to support a family. We can see Mr. HOPKINS' view of the illegal business is profitable in the long run; but we know of several deserving men who manage to make a decent living and support their families by delivering THE SUN at the doors of subscribers in Hoboken for two cents each, and pay more than half that amount for the papers. Mr. HOPKINS' sons are advised to try that, which is a legitimate and profitable occupation.

The English newspapers are ridiculing, as well they may, the absurd formalities observed in the election of bishops and archbishops of the Established Church. Whenever a bishopric becomes vacant, the Queen sends a license under the Great Seal, and the elector has been accustomed to proceed to election; but this license is accompanied by another document containing the name of the person who shall be chosen; and the laws direct that "the Dean and Chapter shall, with speed, in due form, elect and choose the said person named in the lettersmissive, and none other." If the electing divines prove refractory, they subject themselves to the penalties of *prebendary*; and if they delay the election more than twelve days, the Crown may by letters patent nominate the Bishop to be formally elected by the Chapter. After the Dean and Chapter have made their return to the writ, the person designated as Bishop is to be consecrated, and the process of confirmation is accompanied by further anomalous ceremonies. A citation is published by the order of the Metropolitan, notifying the day of confirmation, and citing all opposers who will object against the election, or the person elected, to appear on that day and offer their reasons for dissent. At the time appointed an officer loudly summons all people within hearing to state their objections. The summons is repeated; but who beside the unhappy wight who accepts it as meant in earnest, and responds to it! He incurs a considerable risk of being ejected by a policeman. The audience are solemnly conjured to reveal all objections with the prompt acquiescence. If even a present is hidden to speak, he has ought to hold his tongue. The "prebendary," or oral summons of objects, is repeated at the fore-door of the church; where none appear, they are declared contumacious; and then a "sentence" of confirmation is decreed. The next step is that of consecration according to the form set down in the Book of Common Prayer. The Holy Communion is administered, and in the course of the sacrament two Bishops present the person designated to the Archbishop, by whom, after examination concerning his faith and intentions, he is ordained by imposition of hands. Subsequently he is installed in his own cathedral, and sees for his temporalities from the Crown. He is also to be introduced to the society and the honors of a gentleman.

There is to be a national tunnel under the Detroit river. An interrupted line of rail runs from New York to Chicago, with the one exception of the interval made by the river at Detroit. The transportation of freight by the ferry at this point causes great delay, and this frequently blocks up the road so as to produce serious inconvenience. To obviate this, the Michigan Central and the Great Western Railroad of Canada have decided to tunnel the river. The project of a bridge was abandoned because a draw would have been necessary to allow the shipping to pass. Mr. CARSON, the engineer of the Chicago tunnel, has examined the strata under the bed of the river, and reports that the formation is fit for the work. There will be two distinct borings for the tunnel. The length of the width of the river at the place chosen is half a mile, and the depth varies from twelve to fifty feet. The cost of the work is two and a half millions of dollars.

Mr. ROBERTSON has taken a small house in Concordia Row in Washington City, where he proposes to reside during his occasional absences from New Jersey. It is near the White House, not far from the mansions of Mr. FOSTER and Mr. SUMNER, situated in the midst of glaring fashion, as becomes the gallant pilot of the Talapoosa.

The Sun is sharp-sharp politically—sharp financially. It is near the new series was born—with earnestness, but it is not the most valuable pieces of real estate for real purposes in the city. We have no doubt its rental income equals, and it does not surpass, that from the printing office, both paper and job departments. And now we see it is availing itself of a little profit arising out of a business which is the victim of a speculation, so it looks for the prosecution. Nothing is more profitable than the crime of election, and the man who had one, which was kept hanging by the eyelids some five years, estimated his profit at \$50,000 a year. There is no man in the city who has already made \$50,000 at least out of the speculation.

Will JOHN RUSSELL YOUNG please hurry up his libel suit? We want it tried before he forgets who he is. The Hon. JAMES F. WILSON, of Iowa, refuses to be United States Senator. Last year he declined one or two different places in Gen. GRANT'S Cabinet. It is to be regretted that he will not go into the Senate; and if he had become Secretary of State when it was urged upon him,

THE WELL-KNOWN HUTCHINSON FAMILY will give one of their popular concerts at Steubenville Hall to-night. This is their first appearance in New York since we and we predict a full house.

TAMMANY.—A grand meeting will be given at the Tammany to-day. An afternoon could not be spent more profitably than in the theatre. FIFTH AVENUE THEATRE.—"Castle," so well acted and so elegantly mounted, will be acted to-day at a matinee for the last time, and will receive its final representation in the evening. Ladies should take advantage of the matinee to see this brilliant comedy brilliantly presented. Mr. DAVENPORT will reappear here on Monday at "London Assurance."

The Second Philharmonic Rehearsal. The rehearsals of this Society are such only in name. In reality they are concerts, and wonderfully good ones at that. In old times Beethoven and more recently Berlioz were in the habit of doing much rough drilling on these occasions. The orchestra went over and over a passage till the audience lost in temper all that the musician gained in correctness. The continuity of every piece was most annoyingly broken up, and but for enjoyment could be had. But now the audience are so large that it would show a great lack of judgment to persist in this plan, and with a wise discretion it has been laid aside. The *Tribune* was led into the mistake of supposing that the Society had none but public rehearsal, and in its issue of the first rehearsal it somewhat overrode on the crudeness of the work, and suggested that it would be well if at least one private one was had before each concert. It is just practice to the Society to say that this has been its practice for years, and that six private rehearsals had been had before the first public one was given this season.

It had been announced that Mrs. Charles Moulton was to sing, but that distinguished amateur at a late hour changed her mind, much to the public disappointment. The following notice was appended to the programme: "The friends of Miss Moulton will not regret at the same time, for the sake of proceeding in order, the insertion of some other name in the list of performers. In the place of Mrs. Moulton, we have the pleasure of announcing that Miss Moulton will sing at a late hour changed her mind, much to the public disappointment. The following notice was appended to the programme: "The friends of Miss Moulton will not regret at the same time, for the sake of proceeding in order, the insertion of some other name in the list of performers. In the place of Mrs. Moulton, we have the pleasure of announcing that Miss Moulton will sing at a late hour changed her mind, much to the public disappointment. 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