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USE OF BOMBS FAVORED.

Louise Michel Defends the Methods of the Anarchists.

A reporter yesterday visited Louise Michel, the woman anarchist, who occupies a little house at East Dulwich, a suburb of London, as she is not permitted to live in France. In the course of his conversation with her the representative asked: "Do you think that bomb outrages do any good to the anarchist cause?"

The well-known defender and teacher of anarchy replied: "In all revolts for liberty and justice the people can only use the weapons that are the nearest equal to those of the enemy. Those who are training the people for an imminent fight would lead them to slaughter if they employed ordinary weapons against the frightful war machines of governments. Our comrades, while sacrificing their lives, used what means conscience told them was best for the necessary act. Universal suffrage has failed to alter the miserable conditions of the people. Force alone procures justice. The complaints and protests of the sufferers will have no more effect to alter anything than appeals from oxen and sheep could stay their slaughter. It is strange that the miserable masses have not before tried to avenge themselves."

"But," queried the representative, "cannot the governments successfully unite to crush anarchism?"

"A union of the strong against the weak," replied Louise Michel, "has existed since governments existed. The masses can unite equally against a common enemy. They may rise like the springtide of the ocean and overflow the world. I cannot believe that England will commit the infamy of joining an alliance against anarchists. If asylum is everywhere denied anarchists, the restraints which protection naturally imposes on them will be removed. The hour of despair may drive them to deeds giving victory."

RIOTING IN SICILY.

Police Subdue an Angry Mob After Several Bloody Conflicts.

There was a serious demonstration Sunday at Monreale, Sicily, organized by the Fascia Del Lavoratori Society. The members of the society gathered at the place mentioned and shouted: "Down with the municipal authorities." The mob maltreated several customs officers and burned the sentry boxes.

The police authorities did their utmost to stop the rioting, charged upon the mob, arrested several of them and took the prisoners to the barracks. This caused the rioters to attack the barracks in order to try and rescue the prisoners. This attack was repelled by the police and soldiers after a violent conflict, during which a sergeant and two soldiers were wounded and twelve rioters and two policemen were badly hurt. The police made thirty-two arrests and brought all the prisoners to Palermo.

The demonstration was renewed yesterday amid shouts of "Long live the king and queen," "Down with the octroi." The crowd, however, was dispersed after a sharp conflict.

Reinforcements of soldiers and police have been sent to Monreale, and the mayor of that town has been suspended from office.

POPE AND CZAR DISAGREE.

The Former Objects to Russia's Treatment of Polish Catholics.

The statement is made on the best of authority that the relations between the Vatican and Russia are less cordial than they were some time ago. The pope, in his recent autograph letter to the czar, complained of various acts against the liberty of Polish Catholics.

The Russian charge d'affaires had an audience recently, and is reported to have conveyed the czar's reply to his holiness. The terms of this reply have not transpired, but should the czar decline to accede to the pope's request it is confidently stated that the pope may make the question the subject of a public pronouncement.

FRED. MAY TO PLEAD GUILTY.

His Defense of American Sailors in Chile a Plea for Clemency.

Final disposition will be made in general sessions at New York today of the case of Frederick May, indicted for assault in the first degree for attempting to murder Policeman McGowan in June, 1887. May will plead guilty. The maximum penalty for his crime is imprisonment for ten years, but it is possible that he will not be punished at all.

The plea which his lawyers will make is the aid which he gave to several American sailors in Valparaiso, saving their limbs and perhaps their lives in the course of the attack by the mob on the seamen of the United States cruiser Baltimore. Mr. May was in Chile at the time, having forfeited his bail and fled from the United States.

District Attorney Nicoll has recommended that clemency be shown to May. It is known that great influence has been brought to bear in the defendant's favor. Last April May returned to New York city and submitted to rearrest. He was promptly released on $5,000 bail.

DANGEROUS FOOT BALL PLAYS.

Proposed Convention of College Men to Check Them.

The suggestion of "Coach" Crosby of Harvard, that Princeton call a foot ball convention to modify the playing rules, meets with high favor at Princeton. It is recognized that some step must be taken to curb the introduction of dangerous momentum plays. The Princeton foot ball men declare that most of the season's innovations have tended to increase the hazard of playing. There are many, Walter Camp among them, who favor the revival of the old Rugby rule, forbidding "off side interference." In the Rugby game, players are "off side" when between the ball and the opposing goal. When the player holding the ball is made the apex of a wedge of players instead of the center the danger of momentum play is much reduced.

The "Nypano" Not Purchased.

President Whitehead of the New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio says concerning the rumored purchase of that road by the New York Central road: "I first heard the rumor this morning. It is without the slightest foundation."

CLERKS AND COMMISSION

Is the Board of Experts a Prejudiced Body?

Bebinning Their Work With Preconceived Disgust and Horror of Old Methods—The Treasury.

The views attributed to the expert commission investigating Treasury Department business methods for Mr. Dockery's committee do not meet with general acquiescence among clerks and officials. A correspondent of The Star writing over the nom de plume "Clericus" makes some vigorous comments on the views of the commission as reported in an article published by The Star on the 9th instant from George Grantham Bain. "If the article referred to," says 'Clericus,' "may be taken as a fair and impartial statement of facts, representing truly the views of the expert commission, one cannot but entertain well grounded fears as to the correctness and justice of the conclusions at which they may arrive, or doubt whether reforms which they may recommend will be for the best interest of the public service.

"Any jury, commission, or other body, whether laymen or experts, charged with the duty of investigating any particular fact or state of facts, or of examining into and reporting upon the merits or defects of any system, are by all elementary principles of right and justice required to enter upon their duties with minds free from bias or prejudice of any kind, and without any preconceived notions or opinions which would tend to influence their impartial judgment.

"Your correspondent adverting to an alleged fact, that since 1800 the government has been vainly endeavoring to simplify the business methods of the departments; that the needed reforms never went very far because the work was undertaken by department officials who had 'every reason to be satisfied with the existing condition of affairs,' proceeds to say: 'The experts who are doing the work now are not department people. They have no interest with the department people, and no sympathy with department methods. In fact they have about as strong a disgust for the system as they can possibly have.'

Does such feeling as this on the part of the experts augur a fair, impartial and judicious investigation?

One having some familiarity with the history of our country would reasonably suppose that the great men and able financiers who have filled the office of Secretary of the Treasury since the days of Alexander Hamilton with honor and marked success had some knowledge of the business methods of the department over which they presided, and that if they had found the system to be as faulty and defective as it appears to the expert commission, they would have so expressed themselves, and put forth efforts for reform.

What a mistake it was on the part of Mr. Cleveland in not appointing some railroad official as Secretary of the Treasury, instead of Mr. Carlisle, who has for long years rendered honorable and distinguished service in the legislative department of the government, but is not "fresh from the management of real business matters for active business concerns," and must therefore be considered an old official, "satisfied with the existing condition of affairs."

"Clericus" suggests that no railroad company desiring an investigation of its business methods would consent to rigorously exclude from the board of investigation all railroad officials or persons familiar with railroad business methods, and to put the investigation in the hands of persons having no sympathy with railroad people or railroad methods, but entertaining the strongest possible disgust therefor.

"Doubtless," he says, "the business methods of the departments may be simplified, and excrescences which have fastened themselves to the original system may be judiciously lopped off, and methods adopted which will expedite the dispatch of the public business. This, however, will be accomplished only by fair and reasonable investigation, with a spirit ready to accord to the existing system such merit as it has, and without 'disgust' and 'horror' therefor.

"The system," the writer continues, "is by no means wholly responsible for the congested state of the public business. The result would be quite different if every clerk devoted his best energies and abilities to his work. The expert commission will find out, by proper investigation, that some clerks (including a goodly number of old clerks) do four or five times as much work as others, who seek by all manner of devices to do as little as possible. Again, under the existing system of the civil service, chiefs of division are excepted from classified service, and appointed directly from the outside. They come in entirely ignorant of the important duties of the divisions over which they are to preside. Consequently they are more of a hindrance than a help to the clerks placed under them, and they perform no work themselves. How different from the old-time systems, under which the best equipped clerk was promoted to be chief of division, and came into the position able to assist and instruct those under him, and to perform a large amount of work himself.

"Upon the whole, the system of the Treasury Department inaugurated by Hamilton, and which remains practically the same today, has been a remarkable success. It has received the unqualified approbation of distinguished persons from other lands, who have carefully examined it, and whose opinions are entitled to respect. It has stood the practical test of 104 years, during which time the losses arising from fraud or mistake within the treasury in its accounting system have been trivial and insignificant. Can as much be said for railway corporations, banks and other business concerns, which are managed by business experts?"

The correspondent suggests that the spoils system has much to do with the spirit of unkindness and injustice manifested toward "old clerks."

SAYS THEY WERE TRICKED.

Assertion of the Prosecution in the Prendergast Case.

A sensation was sprung at the adjournment of the morning session of the Prendergast trial at Chicago yesterday, lawyers for the prosecution boldly charging that they had been betrayed. "The state has been tricked," said A. S. Trude, "and some of the doctors who will take the stand for the defense are the very doctors who were called together by the state, along with others, to formulate a lie of prosecution. Some of these men attended the conferences, gave their opinions to the representatives of the state, learned the policy of the prosecution and how they are to take the stand for the other side armed with every particular of data that the prosecution has gathered. You can say for me that certain organizations have raised money for the defense of the murderer of Carter Harrison, and I would not hesitate to say that money has been freely used by the defense in securing expert testimony."

Most prominent among the witnesses examined yesterday afternoon were Dr. Archibald Church and Dr. D. R. Brower. Dr. Church said last evening: "I was employed by State's Attorney Kern to make an examination of Prendergast and to report to him as to his mental condition and whether he was mentally responsible for the crime. Since that time I have been subpoenaed for the defense. Of course, I had to obey the law and come. I have told what I think of the man and that I consider him crazy."

Other witnesses examined during the afternoon were Dr. Eugene Talbot and Dr. Kiernan, who testified that they believed the prisoner to be insane.

It is stated that the Russian troops in military districts will maneuver in the spring at Smolensk. The czar is expected to be present.

THE TIMES AND THE REMEDY.

Assistant Secretary Hamlin to Young Massachusetts Democrats.

Yesterday was the annual election day of the Young Men's Democratic Club of Massachusetts and the officers elected for next year are nearly the same as the old board. The banquet was held at the Quincy House, when the members and invited guests to a large number gathered around the board. Henry W. Lamb, treasurer of the club, presided, and it was after 9 o'clock before the speech-making began. Mr. John E. Russell of Leicester was the first speaker.

Speaking of the hard times Mr. Russell said he thought "the country has greatly suffered from the unwise legislation of Mr. Harrison's term, but there are other abundant causes of business depression. Time, industry, frugality are the slow means of restoration. Every pretense of politicians that government can by announced taxes or financiering devices make prosperity is folly or wickedness."

Mr. Russell was followed by Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Charles S. Hamlin. After paying high tribute to the President and Secretary of the Treasury Mr. Hamlin said:

"If there was one fact more clear than another in the late crisis it was that the sole cause of the panic was vicious monetary legislation. Our republican friends did not deny this; the fact was too apparent, and they never dreamed of attributing the lack of confidence to any other cause. But since the panic has subsided they have sought a new cause and have found it in the fear of tariff reduction on the part of the American people. If true, such a fact would indicate a strange lack of stability; it would be surprising if after having deliberately adjudged that taxation must be reduced our people should suddenly be thrown into spasms upon the action of Congress in doing what they deliberately directed it to do. Our political opponents with almost perfect unanimity talk of cutting down their laborers' wages, saying nothing about their own profits, but laborers remember that the McKinley bill did not increase their wages and they will shortly find that the Wilson bill will not diminish them. They know they earn the wages they are paid and resent the assumption of protectionists that such wages are a mere gratuity, given by manufacturers who profit by tariff taxation. The Wilson bill will double the work to do; it will create foreign markets and stimulated by the advantage of cheap raw materials our industrial activity will be marvelously quickened. We must remember that not a pound of goods can be imported into this country without an equal amount in value of goods being exported to pay for it. Increased imports mean increased exports and increasing prosperity."

Other speakers were Josiah Quincy, ex-Judge John W. Corcoran and John T. Wheelwright.

MR. CLEVELAND GAVE $1,000.

Gen. Lee Tells About Contributions to the Virginia Campaign Fund.

The committee investigating the election of members of the Virginia legislature reassembled at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon at Richmond, when Mr. Litchfield testified that it was the general opinion in his county (Washington) that money was sent there in the interest of Martin. He saw a gripsack which he believed contained money, but he could not swear to it.

The most important feature of the evening session was the appearance of Thomas S. Martin, the democratic caucus nominee for United States Senator, who quietly took a seat near the committee without the slightest sensation being observed among the audience.

Shortly afterward Gen. Fitzhugh Lee resumed the witness chair. He said:

"I do not know of my own knowledge of any money having been used improperly in the recent senatorial fight, but, in common with the people of Virginia, I have heard that there was, and I get my information from a gentleman in whom I have the utmost confidence. I believe railroads have a right to contribute money for campaign purposes to protect their property and interests."

He was asked if he collected any money for the state committee last fall. He replied in the affirmative, and among the names of those whom he gave as contributors was that of Grover Cleveland for $1,000.

Dr. Priddy, a member of the house from Charlotte, was on the stand for more than half an hour explaining his canvass and his vote for Martin, after which Mr. Martin took the stand and made a brief speech.

Among other things, he said: "I feel it is due to myself and friends to deny that I was privy or party to any attempt to use any improper means or methods to advance my claims for the position of United States Senator. I feel that my friends have a right to vote for me, a Virginian, without their motives being questioned."

PERIL OF THE TROLLEY.

A Wire Drops Into the Street and Causes a Lively Time.

Snapped by one of the arms of a trolley car, one of the wires fell into the street at Locust and Juniper streets, Philadelphia, and caused a lively time for a half an hour yesterday morning. This is the second similar accident during the three days in which the 13th and 15th streets line has been in operation, and luckily no one was injured either time.

The accident happened at about 7:30 o'clock. The trolley car was running down Locust street briskly, when suddenly there was a catch of the arm, a snap and a wire fell past the rear of the car and into the street. Some one ran to a box nearby and shut off the current. The street at this point and at the corner of 13th is a network of wires. Half a dozen or more smaller wires are used to take the main wire round the curve, making it look like the net beneath an aerial performer in a circus. At the point where the accident took place, too, the wires are complicated. The feed wire and its support extend from one pole to the other directly opposite and four other wires are used as braces, connected with the four neighboring poles. The severing of the wire is supposed to have been caused by a catch in the trolley arm.

The accident happened at an hour when there were no pedestrians on that street, so the danger was at a minimum. The proximity of the Episcopal Academy, which an hour later was the meeting place of many boys, who played for some time right near the scene of the break, and the nearness of the Philadelphia library made it a dangerous place for such an accident.

The cars were blocked for half an hour before the sagging main wire could be braced up and a new wire adjusted. The old one hung to the pole for some time, but everybody kept as far away from it as possible. Two policemen stood guard, so as to prevent too inquisitive children from taking hold of the wire, but their services were hardly necessary.

Considerable trouble is being experienced in getting the cars around the curve at 15th and Locust. The conductors are still new at the business and the arms often slide down the wire on 15th street instead of being held off as the car rounds the curve. Several pretty bad wrenches have been received and delays caused.

A slight block occurred at 15th and Sansom streets by one of the cars getting somewhat out of gear. A dozen or more became lined up before the "balky" car could be started again. A number of new motormen were being "broken in" all day yesterday, so that they will be in readiness for the 12th and 16th lines.

Federation to Meet at Denver.

The convention of the American Federation of Labor at Chicago was not adjourned yesterday as was expected. The delegates were unable to transact the large amount of business brought for their consideration and another session will be held today for the purpose of completing the work.

The location for the convention of next year was chosen before the adjournment of the day's session. The cities of Indianapolis and Denver were both candidates. The mayors of both cities sent an invitation to the Federation to hold its next convention in their municipality. In addition to this the real estate exchange of Denver asked for the selection of that city. A vote was taken, which resulted in the selection of Denver.

HIGH SCHOOL AFFAIRS.

Doings Among the Pupils and Clubs at Different Sections.

Foot Ball Games and Orders for Drills—The Regiment Well Advanced in Tactics—Short Notes of Interest.

The final inspections of the nine companies of the regiment were gone through with on the afternoon of Monday last and the organization is now declared to be in a most flourishing condition. The early success of the regiment is very probably due to the manner in which the four military instructors are assigned to the separate schools on drill days and the undivided interest each seems to take in not allowing the others to make more progress in each two hours' drill. On Monday an order was issued at all of the schools to the effect that hereafter each two hours' drill shall be divided as follows: The time from the beginning of the drill until 2:30 to be devoted to the setting-up exercises, and the officers are ordered to make the boys work with as much vigor as they are able to draw from them; from 2:30 to 3:30 company drills shall take place on the street, to include the manual of arms on the march and the foot movements; from 3:30 to 4:00, or later, the setting-up exercises are to be again taken up. Some consider the order as rather severe, but Maj. Ross appears to know what he is about and has the very best of reasons for publishing the above order. It seems that when a captain receives his commission his first thought is of those red ribbons and the winning of the company competitive drill in the latter part of the school year, and accordingly he secures a copy of the previous year's program of commands and puts his company at work on them at once. He puts so much time to this that there is very little left for the street drills, on which almost entirely depend the popular favor and success of the regiment. Plenty of time is allowed to drill for the competitive contests when the programs are distributed among the officers, and the new order will have the effect of giving more time to the outward and soldierly appearance of the corps than to the secret "machine" work which characterizes the competitive drills.

Central.

A complete program of the complimentary entertainment to be given at the Central has not been made known as yet, but one feature is now being vigorously rehearsed—the love affair between Pyramus and Thisbe from Shakespeare's "Midsummer Night's Dream." The cast of characters as selected is as follows: Prologue, Mr. Test; Pyramus, Mr. H. H. Adams; Thisbe, Miss Jenny Young; The Wall, Mr. Wall; The Lion, Mr. Brandebury; Moonshine, Miss Ross.

The "Four and Twenty" met Friday night at the residence of Miss Minnie Stutz, 1507 Rhode Island avenue. The business matters of the club were first transacted, after which dancing and refreshments were indulged in. Those present were Misses Katie Evans, Sadie Lamborne, Kate Lamborne, Mamie Sherman, Nellie Stetson, Fanny Thomson, Pauline Stutz, Bessie Dunn, Gertrude MacCullough and Celeste Moritz, and Messrs. J. Clay, C. Clark, L. H. Reichelderfer, Wm. Wahly, R. Horton, Fred. Stutz, Albert Normand, Albert Clemons, Ralph Darkam and William Mussey.

It has been decided that the Philethea shall meet but once a month, on the third Thursday of each month.

The other two members of the "Quatris Amis" have been brought to light—Miss Biddis and Mr. Donnelly.

The Senior Club will meet this evening at the residence of Miss Hubbard.

Although Central came out victorious in the game with Business, everybody regretted that De Silver's injuries were so severe that he was prevented from going in the game. He was injured in the last 0 to 0 contest between the two teams.

Eastern.

At a recent meeting of the Senate the following officers were elected: J. C. Fitzpatrick, president; S. Miles Bouton, vice president; Edwin H. Etz, secretary, and Bertram G. Foster, sergeant-at-arms.

Mr. William Fraser, formerly of the class of '94, is now publishing a church paper, called The Metropolitan Baptist.

This school owes the success of the scenic features of the entertainments to Etz, Fitzpatrick and "Benedict" Floyd, who headed the Christmas tree expedition across the Eastern branch.

The most popular song at the Eastern now is "It's All Over Now."

Business.

Tickets for the entertainment are on sale at the office, but have not been distributed among the pupils. The reason assigned for this is that the hall only holds 450 people, and it was feared that if the tickets were put on general sale a number of the pupils would be left out.

The stage can accommodate only eight girls drilling with brooms, so Misses Hunter and Vincent have very kindly dropped out of the squad.

The Senior Club will not meet until Christmas week, when Miss Milligan will entertain the club and its friends.

The Pedestrian Club will make another trip to Soldiers' Home on next Friday afternoon, this time in search of "greens."

Section B, second year, will not choose class colors, as most of the other sections have done, but will select an appropriate class pin.

Misses Parker and Hudson, who have been sick for nearly the whole week, have returned to school. Miss Andrews, who has been out all of the week on account of sickness, has not returned yet. Miss Baldwin, teacher, was sick Wednesday and Thursday, but returned to her pupils yesterday morning.

The "Banks" will be opened at the beginning of the quarter and not in January, as anticipated.

Mr. Muth now sings in the gl