

BRITISH MAIL BAGS.

A Billion and a Half of Letters Carried in Them Last Year.

The English Postoffice as a Kind Servant and Stern Master.

Taxes Which the Subjects of an Effete Monarchy Have to Pay to the Postman.

Queer Reports of Old Postoffice Officials--Strange Mail Packages.

Special Letter.

BRISTOL, Oct. 16.--Forty letters were written last year in England for each man, woman, and child there, thirty in Scotland, sixteen in Ireland, and thirty-six in Great Britain taken as a whole, against twenty-one in the United States, which comes next in the list of nations as a letter writer.

But the English postoffice was not only not dismayed at the contents of paper and oceans of ink represented by the 1,500,000,000 of letters delivered, but undertook, besides, so much of other varied business as to merit the title of the governmental rhapsodist, where all odds and ends were indiscriminately thrown.

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Their surveyor or special agent made a yearly visit to each postmaster in the kingdom. At Peterfield he found the postmaster unhappy in his circumstances, that he cannot appear but on Sundays, by which he means that the worthy officer was liable to arrest for debt if he came out of doors on a week day.

But the most mysterious item of all contained in these old postoffice records is "two letters of the crown for the use of the ambassador of the crown of Portugal." What mystery is here?

Up to the year 1784 the privilege of franking was allowed to all members of parliament and to official departments, and it had by that time grown to be a great abuse.

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MURDER MOST FOUL.

A Prominent Colored Readjuster of Hanover County Found Dead.

The Crime the Outgrowth of Political Excitement--Popular Indignation.

Special Letter.

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 2.--The citizens of Hanover, in the vicinity of Cold Harbor particularly, were thrown into a state of great excitement this morning by the finding of the lifeless body of Robert Robertson, a well known colored man of that county, in the road near the Old Church, about fifteen miles from Richmond.

It appears that Robertson, who was a staunch supporter of Col. A. W. Jones, the readjuster nominee for the senate against Gen. Wickham, the straightout endorsed by the democrats, was on his way to a readjuster meeting announced to be held within one hundred yards of the place where the dead body was found.

As soon as Mr. Parsons, who resides in the immediate vicinity, was notified of the murder, he sent for the officers of the law, and at the latest accounts preparations were being made to hold an inquest on the body.

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EXCITEMENT IN LONDON.

Reported Plot to Blow up a Train Bearing the Duke and Duchess of Connaught--War Certain Between France and China.

PARIS, Nov. 2.--It is reported that the first secretary of the Chinese legation here has stated that war between China and France is now certain.

The cabinet council to-day discussed Gen. Boutet's account of the French position on the Red river, the measures which it is advisable to adopt for strengthening their position, and the question of the amount of funds which may be necessary to carry out the project.

The journey of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught to London was accomplished without incident. The Daily Telegraph this morning says that the Marquis Tseng still enjoys the unreserved confidence of the Chinese government.

The World's Exposition at New Orleans. ALBANY, N. Y., Nov. 2.--Comdr' Gen. Morehead had an interview to-day with Gov. Cleveland on the subject of the world's exposition and cotton centennial to be held at New Orleans next year.

Proclaiming Against Fraud. Gov. Cleveland Calls on Peace Officers to Execute the Laws Against Bribery and Corruption. ALBANY, Nov. 2.--The following proclamation was issued to-day by Gov. Cleveland:

Four Men Drowned. ERIE, Pa., Nov. 2.--Four young men went across the bay Wednesday and never returned. Their names are John W. Eyster, a mail agent on the Philadelphia and Erie railway.

Sale of a Virgin. PETERSBURG, Va., Nov. 2.--Information has been received here to the effect that the negotiations which have been pending between the Southern Express and Norfolk Western Railway companies, for the control of the consolidated express, have been consummated.

PAYMASTER GENERAL'S REPORT.

Financial Exhibit of the Department--Recommendations and Suggestions.

The annual report of the paymaster general of the army shows receipts during the year of \$15,490,110.54, and disbursements of \$12,882,164.56.

A TRINITY OF LIBERTY.

Col. Ingersoll's Characterization of the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, and Fifteenth Amendments.

A Second Lecture at Lincoln Hall on the Civil Rights Decision.

A Remise of the Court's Utterances on the State Rights and Liberty Questions.

The Meaning and Intent of the Law--What Will the Great Parties Do?

INDICTMENTS BY WHOLESALE.

Numerous Officials and Citizens of St. Louis Charged with Corrupt Practices.

St. Louis, Nov. 2.--The grand jury made a final report to-day, and returned indictments against Joseph B. McIntire, state coal oil inspector; E. B. Butler, a leading democratic politician, and David W. Caruth, and Dr. Frank J. Lutz, police commissioners.

The Dakota Governor's Report. In his report to the secretary of the interior, Gov. Ordway, of Dakota, estimates the increase of population of the territory during the past year at 100,000, and says that assessments have increased more rapidly than the population.

The Storm Abating. CLEVELAND, Nov. 2.--The great storm is abating. No serious damage has been reported in this district, with the exception of the stranding of the schooner Minch and Merrill.

The Woman's National Christian Temperance Union. DETROIT, Nov. 2.--At to-day's session of the Woman's National Christian Temperance union reports were made upon the kitchen garden power station and state and county fair work.

Clarks Indicted for Larceny. NEW YORK, Nov. 2.--John Dolan, Sellick Schofield, and Michael Winn, clerks in the department of public works, have been arrested to-night. Dolan is indicted for grand larceny, and Schofield and Winn for grand larceny and forgery.