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OUR FOREIGN NEWS.

War in Afghanistan and Hayti-Bismarck Worse - Preparing for the Czar's Coronation. India.

CALCUTTA, May 11 .- A fight has occurred between the forces of the Ameer of Afghanistan and Shinwarris, resulting in the defeat of the latter, with 200 killed.

Ireland.

ROME, May 11 .- Archbishop Croke has sent a communication to Cardinal Jacobini maintaining that his conduct in relation to the agitation in Ireland has been perfectly regular, and that his object is not to stimulate revolt, but to obtain for the people right and justice.

DUBLIN, May 11 .- It is stated here that further revelations have been made by an informer covering several missing points in the evidence against Sheridan and others, and intended to prove that the idea of the Invincibles originated among the prisoners in Kilmainham Jail and at a time when members of Parliament and other leaders were confined there.

DUBLIN, May 11.—Edward O'Brien, Thomas Doyle and Edward McCaffrey, recently indicted for conspiracy to murder, were arraigned this morning. O'Brien and Doyle pleaded guilty and McCaffrey pleaded not guilty. McCaffrey, who was subsequently indicted for the murder of Burke, was Burke, was arraigned to plead to that charge. He said he was not guilty, and asked that counsel be assigned him. The trial was then postponed until next week, when a new panel will be called.

DUBLIN, May 11,-Joseph Mullett, who yesterday was sentenced to penal servitude for life for participating in the attempt to murder Juror Denis Field, exclaimed on leaving the dock, after receiving his sentence, that he would get justice elsewhere. The Irish, he said, would get justice for him.

England.

LONDON, May 11 .- Childers, Chancellor of the Exchequer, stated in the Commons last evening that the Government would consider, during the present year, the question of permitting the growing of tobacco in the United Kingdom.

Rev. Randall Thomas Davidson has been appointed to the vacant Deanery of Wind-

In the House of Commons last night the Ireland Revenue Bill came up. There was considerable discussion over the clause in .. the bill relating to the collection of income taxes. The Government warmly favored the clause, but the Conservatives voted solidly against it, and, assisted by the votes of the Irish members and several Scotch, succeeded in defeating it.

LONDON, May 11 .- Right Hon. George J. Dedson, Chancellor of the Duchy of Laneaster, introduced a bill in the Commons yesterday, by which agricultural tenants will be entitled to receive, when their tenancies expire, compensation from landlords for improvements they may have made to the lands they occupied. This will be the principal measure brought before the House during the session. By it the landlord's right of distress will be limited to a sum equivalent to one year's rent.

Germany.

Berlin, May 11 .- Prince Bismarck condition is much worse, and he is suffering from neuralgia to such an extent that his physicians are obliged to be in constant attendance, and are able to furnish little relief.

Russia.

St. Petersburg, May 11 .- There are already 55,000 troops and 3,000 military officers quartered at Moscow, in anticipation of the coronation ceremonies. The preparations are advanced almost to com-

SEVERE STORMS.

Lacrosse and Rock, Wisconsin, Badly Shaken.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., May 11 .- A Granville dispatch says: The town of Rock in this county (Rock) was visited yesterday at 4 o'clock by a tornado. Wisner Tripp's farm suffered extensively, two buildings being completely wrecked, and two were moved several yards from their foundations. At F. S. Eldred's dairy farm, occupied by S. E. Otis, every building, except the cheese house and dwelling. was wrecked. The storm was about forty rods wide, and traveled two or three mile without lifting. The total damage to the buildings and orchards was \$10,000. No

one was injured. STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

LACROSSE, WIS., May 11 .- During a severe storm yesterday afternoon lightning strue the house of James Egan, severely if not fatally injuring Mrs. Egan, and in a less degree her daughter, aged thirteen.

Ar Osgood, Ind., at 7 o'clock yesterday morning, as the local freight engine was backing over the Main-street crossing, Alfred Deal, a weak-minded boy, eighteen years old, who habitually wore a slough hat pulled down over his eyes, stepped to the middle of the road and walked directly against the moving engine. He was thrown to the ground; one leg was horribly crushed from the ankle to the knee, and he was cut and bruised about the neck and head, with fatal internal injuries. He was unconscious from the time of the accident to his death, which occurred at 3 p. m.

Expiating Their Crimes.

Four Murderers Put on the Black Cap to Vindicate Justice.

John W. Jackson, Sylvester H. Mack inson, Jesse Blalock and Henry Revels, Exit Before Select Audi-

JACKSON, O., May 11 .- The execution of John W. Jackson, for the murder of Samuel L. Hull, took place to-day. Jackson was born January 10, 1862, about one and a half miles southeast of Jackson, O. His mother died when he was eleven years old and his father left him about two years afterward. He lived with his aunt, but on account of his bad disposition he was sent to the Reform Farm at Laucaster, and remained three years. After his return he was employed at various times by farmers living in this county. During two summers he was in the employ of Mr. Hull, the murdered man.

For some time prior to the date of the murder he peddled jewelry and notions. On or about September 20, 1882, in his traveling with his "peddler's pack," he fell in with a family named Freeman, who lived two and a half miles north or Jackson, The Freeman family consists of Frank Freeman, his wife Mary and her sister Maggie. Mary and Maggie Freeman have bad reputations. Jackson became completely infatuated with Maggie Freeman, who is handsome and bright. Mary Freeman wished to purchase a piece of real estate, but did not have the the money. She called upon Jackson to borrow the necessary amount. He did not have the money, but promised to get it for her by Thursday the 28th of September, His mode of getting it was as follows: He assisted Mr. Hull and a boy to load a wagon with ore, after which the boy drove on, leaving Mr. Hull and the boy at the ore bank. Mr. Hull began working under the bank. This work required a stooping position; Jackson stood on the bank above him. While Mr. Hull was in this stooping position he drew the piece of iron from his pocket and harled it against the back part of Mr. Hull's heal, knocking him down. Jackson then jumped down into the ore bank and, seizing a sledge, sweighing sixteen pounds, struck Hull three licks on the side of the head. He then proceeded to search Hull and in his wallet found \$16.50. He took the money and replaced the waller, and just as he did that Hull began to show signs of life. He seized a shovel that lay near and struck him twice on the head, and then fled. This occurred about 8 o'clock in

Although one half of a mile away, Mr. Hull revived sufficiently to walk to his house, which he reached at about 5 o'clock. But he was unable to talk, never regained consciousness, and died October 4, 1882.

SYLVESTER K. MACKINSON.

CAMBRIDGE, ILL., May 11 .- Sylvester K. Mackinson was hanged here to-day for the following crime: On Saturday, August 26, 1882, Mrs. Maggie Copeland was murdered at her home in Wethersfield, Henry county, Illinois. The woman's husband first discovered the murder about 2 o'clock in the afternoon (be is a farmer and was in the field at work). An alarm was given, and in the search for the murderer suspicion was directed against Sylvester K. Mackinson, a young man formerly in Mr. Copeland's employ, and at that time a regular visitor at the house, and who also took part in the search. He was placed under ar-rest and a detective locked up with him, to whom he confessed the crime it all its details, viz:

On the day of the murder he went to the house and found Mrs. Copeland alone. She asked him to bring in an armful of wood. He did so, and threw all but one stick into the wood-box. With that stick he struck her a blow on the head when she stooped to kindle the fire. She then ran to another room imploring him for mercy. He followed her up and fired three shots with a revolver at her, two hitting and killing her instantly. He then robbed the house of about \$80 in money and a note for \$50 that Copeland held against him. He subsequently took the officers to where the money was hidden, and they recovered it.

JERRY BLALOCK.

JACKSONPORT, ARK., May 11 .- The murder which Jerry Blalock to-day explated on the gallows was committed November 20, 1880, nearly three years ago, the victim being Thomas Brandenburg. Both slayer and slain were well known in Jackson county, being generally respected and in comfortable circumstances. For a long time past a feud had existed between them on account of some slanders spread abroad by some mischief makers, and each had threatened the life of the other. At least that was the report, and in consequence of this threat each had carefully avoided a rencounter. On the day of the murder they very unexpectedly met and a quarrel at once ensued, ending in a bloody affray, during which Brandenburg re-ceived a death wound. He lived long enough to urge his friends to leave no means untried to bring his murderer to

the scaffold. Blalock was tried at the last term of court in Jackson county, and was ably defended, but nothing in extenuation of the murder could be found, and his conviction followed.

Blalock was hanged at 12 o'clock in an inclosure in the prison yard in the pres-ence of a large crowd. The prisoner fully realized his position, and made all the preparation possible for the great event. He did not appear to fear death, but met it bravely. He confessed his crime.

BATON ROUGE, LA., May 11.— Henry Revels, colored, who, it was reported, was hanged at Lake Providence, East Carroll Parish, last Friday, was not hanged until to-day. The execution took place in the presence of a large crowd who had gathered from early in the morning. Henry Revels was convicted before the Thirteenth Judicial District Court, July 22, 1882, of having, on October 5, 1875, murdered Henry Hyams in a brutal manner.

The Kentucky Derby.

LOUISVILLE, KY., May 11 .- Yesterday a special train of horses from Nashville, numbering 130, arrived at the Jockey Club grounds, followed by the stable of George W. Darden & Co., making a grand total of over 300 racers now at the track. The chute has been opened to the horses, and all stables and improvements on the grounds proper are about finished. The whole of the ground between the pooling and common stand has been newly sodded, giving a lawn which in extent and beauty is unequaled in this country. The pooling sheds and grounds alone are 222 by 148 feet. The Messrs. Churchill have consented to allow the jockey club the use of some seventy acres more for the park, many handsome groves of trees being embraced in the addition. Col. Clark intends making a lake between the present site and the new grounds, and have new drives, with such other improvements as will accommodate the vast rowds expected here this fall, when thirty days' racing will be afforded. The Third street road has been regraveled, and Fourth street is also to be made an outlet. Perby Day and Bondholders' recent performances at Lexington are two topics of conversation, especially as Ascender, who is in the same stables as Bondholder, is known to be more promising even than the victor of the Distillers' stake. Strangers from all sections are coming in, and the spring meeting of the Louisville Jockey Club promises to eclipse even its past successes.

Drake Carter will not go to Lexington, so his owner has decided, but will try conclusions with the cracks in the Derby, when it is supposed twelve to fifteen will pace the starter. Crowds gather at the grounds daily to witness Thora, Checkmate, Bootman, Ascender, Tangler, and other noted horses at exercise. The spring meeting begins May 22 and continues to June 6

A FAMOUS PICTURE SOLD.

Jay Gould Buys It for \$16,000, and Calls It Cheap.

NEW YORK, May 11 .- A transaction of great interest was reported on Wall street yesterday. It was simply the sale of a picture, but the seller was James R. Keene, and the purchaser was his most noted antagonist, Mr. Jay Gould. It has been subject of much remark on the street of late that Mr. Keene had forsaken his old brokers, Samuel Boacock & Co., and was doing business through Mr. John Pondier, and the report was that Mr. Pondier had negotiated the sale of the picture for Mr. Keene. The picture was sold at a great sacrifice, which was interpreted as meaning that Mr. Keene was in search of ready cash. The picture was a noted one. It was a cattle scene by Rosa Bonheur. The price paid for this picture by Mr. Keene, about a year and a half ago. was \$41,000. Mr. Pondier has been trying to negotiate the sale for some time, and Snally disposed of it to Mr. Gould for

Crop Prospects in Europe.

New York, May 11 .- A dispatch from the London statistical agent, under date of April 28, reports an improvement in European wheat prospects during last month. The severity of March was followed by three weeks of dry weather, which was succeeded by one week of invigorating rain. The season is still backward and a higher temperature is needed. The small area of spring sown wheat in England is thin, and much of it will be displaced by barley. In France and Germany rain is needed and higher temperature neces-sary. With reduced acreage in Western Europe, and some injury from freezing in March, a reduced crop appears inevitable. In Austria-Hungary the prospect is favor-

able for at least a medium crop. Returns of the progress of cotton planting show that the work is later than usual in every State, and indicate that on May 1 74 per cent, of the proposed area was planted, when the usual proportion is 84

Roasting Out Gamblers.

NASHVILLE, TENN., May 11 .- Five thousand dollars' worth of gambling apparatus was burned on the public square yesterday afternoon by order of the Criminal Court. Five hundred gamblers are leaving the city on account of the law making gambling a felony. A large number have gone to Chicago.

Was Hon. Thompson Insane?

The Case for the State Closed With Evidence of the Killing.

All the Testimony Thus Far Taken-The Important Questions-Had Thompson Time to Cool Off? and Was He Insane?

HARRODSBURG, Ky., May 11 .- The picture in the court-room yesterday morning was just what it has been from the beginning. The day was cloudy and the air was much cooler than usual. The tired Sheriff wearily called the witnesses for the prosecution, and the tired Clerk wearily swore them to testify truthfully in the case. Then the witnesses for the defense were called and sworn. Among them were Phil. Thompson, sr., the father, and Dr. Davis M. Thompson, the brother of the defendant. Young Phil, requested that Mary Thompson be called for the defense. This is the first suggestion anybody on the outside has heard him make in the case. The defense announced that Miss Buckner would be ready whenever her services were needed. All of the witnesses were put under rule not to talk to each other or any body else about the case, and then the trial began. Altogether about fifty witnesses were sworn in. A marked feature of the trial was that his Honor, Judge Hardin, took no notes of the pro-

During the morning Joe Blackburn re-

ceived the following dispatch:
"GUTHRIE, KY.. May 11.—Twenty thousand men in Southern Kentucky say little Phil. was right. SOLDIER."

During the proceeding the interest mani-'ested by the little Congressman was narked. He drank in every word of the testimony; nothing escaped him, and he made numerous suggestions to his counsel. The first witness introduced was K. C. Smith, formerly Town Marshal of Harrodsburg, who testified that he saw Phil, Thompson on the morning of the 27th in a passenger car at the Harrodsburg depot. Mr. Thompson sat in the rear part of the car. and with him in the coach were J. P. China, Mr. Wellman and several others, including a young lade and a negro The witness did not Walter Davis until the accommodation train reached the Harrotsburg Junction. Then be was hailed by Davis, who was standing in the baggage car. The witness then detailed the meeting between Thompson and Davis. He saw Davis come in the car and extend his hand to Thompson. He carried a valise in one hand and an overcoat was thrown over his arm. When Davis extended his hand, Thompson started toward him, and exclaimed: "Do you have the impudence to speak to me, you d-n s-n of a b-b, after having treated my wife as you did, and reined myself and family 2" Davis, upon hearing this remark, reached his band behind him; whether to draw a pistol or open the door witness did not know. At all events, Davis went out and slammed the door after bim. Thompson immediately drew a pistol from his overcost pocket and fired through the window, just to the right of the door. Davis dodged downward just before the pistol was fired. Witness saw Davis lying dead afterward on the platform. He never saw the deceased draw a pistol, but saw one fall from his pocket after he was killed. The most minute de-

tails of the tragedy were then described. The defense put the witness through a rigid cross examination, but elicited nothing that had not already been told.

The next witness was Patrick Nester, a newsboy. Nester was on the train on the morning of the tragedy. Like the other witnesses, he simply told the threadbare story of the killing. He remembered that the first words he heard either of the parties speak on that eventful morning were these: "For God's sake don't." He heard this plaintive cry just after Walter Davis entered the car where Thompson was. He saw Davis struggling with the car door, attempting to get away from his fate, and be saw him later on lying dead on the platform. The boy told a straightforward story of the tragedy, but said nothing new, either upon the direct or cross-examination.

HARRODSBURG, Kr., May 11.—John Wilmore conductor, J. M. Wilson, Dr. Forsythe, Turner J. Fisher, Davis' partner. and Judge John J. Hughes testified for the prosecution, developing no new facts. Five men from Cincinnati were brought in and sworn, and placed under the rule to stay out of the Court-house until their testimony has been given. Their names are John Maurer, Bruno Balz, John Ryan, porter at the Burnet House, and James C. Schuyler, of the Gibson House, who will testify for the defense as to the doings of Davis and Mrs. Thompson in Cincinnati. The Commonwealth then closed and Judge Jacob mened for the defense, after which John Chinn and R. Coleman testified for the defense, and court adjourned at 6 p. m.

The defense put Mrs. Louisa Roth, of the St. Clair Hotel, Cincinnati, on the stand this morning. This raised a discussion of the question of the competency of evidence in regard to this episode. Morton and Owens argued such testimeny was irrelevant. Bell and Voorhees argued it was competent, and cited the Sykes case.

They also foreshadowed that temporary insanity would be pleaded by the defense;

also that the defense will make the most of he fact that Davis himself was armed on hat tatal morning.

The discussion handled the question of a cooling off time for a man who kills. The t sense denied there was any such thing

is cooling off in the present case.

Voorhees argued that the door had been opened by the prosecution for showing the state of Thompson's mind at the time of the killing by admitting the statement of their witness, Smith, to language used by Thompson after the killing.

The Court after listening two hours shut lown on the argument of the question. Judge Hardin said he would only decide he competency of this class of testimony. He would have to take the matter into consideration in charging the jury; therefore he admitted the testimony.

NEW YORK OPIUM DENE.

One Hundred Girls Ruined by Chinamen-They will be Raide !.

NEW YORK, May 11 .- The revelations of the past few days with regard to the abominations practiced in the opium dens of the Sixth ward have made a good deal of a stir here. The organized effort to break up the Chinese resorts in which young girls are corrupted is daily gaining strength. A committee of the Young Men's Catholic Association has asked Superintendent Walling to put at their disposal at such a time as they may specify a sufficient force of police to make a simultaneous raid on all the dens. The parish of the Catholic Church of the Transfiguration includes most of the Chinese colony, and this action was brought about by the very apparent and increasing corruption of young girls and children by the Chinamen who crowd the district. The evil is so great, and so very horrible, that the details can not very well be spoken, "Father Barry said this evening. The priest and respectable residents of the parish have helplessly watched the iniquity. I know that within the past year at least one hundred girls who live in this neighborhood have been ruined by these Chinamen."

Mr. O'Brien said: "The opium dens are increasing, and unless some decisive action is taken respectable people will be driven from the neighborhood. Three of the largest real estate owners in Mott street called upon us to-day and promised their co-operation. We intend to drive these keepers of opium dives and gambling dens away. We will go so far if other means fail to have their landlords indieted. It is difficult to find out who these landlords are, but we will do it."

"Was there any particular occurrence

which caused your present action?"
"No individual case. It was the general increase of immorality. Not long ago a member of the association rescued a girl from one of these dens, and it is with great difficulty that we have kept her from being enticed back. There are often people apparently well-to-do who frequent these dens, but such people go mostly to the uptown joints."

"Do these opium dens bring their proprietors in much money?

"Apparently they do, or how could these wners afford to pay \$40 a month for a hole of a room. A woman who lives near here received \$100 from a Chinaman to vacate her rooms, which a Chinaman wanted. She asked him how he could afford it, and be replied that he often made more than that in one day. One Chinaman offered \$500 for the use of the basement of the building in which our association has its rooms. The most flourishing points are in Mott and Pell streets.

Ultimatum of Iron and Nail Men.

PITTSBURG, PA., May 11 .- A meeting of the association of iron manufacturers of the West was held here to-day. All the mills of the West were represented, as it will probably be the final meeting prior to June 1, when the mills will close down, unless the differences existing between em" ployer and employe are settled before that date. A lengthy discussion developed the fact that the time intervening since the last conference had wrought no change in the situation, and that the manufacturers, to a man, were in favor of a general shut down unless the workmen accepted the reduction, as the present condition of trade would not justify the payment of the present wages. The action of the committee in refusing to sign the scale presented by the Amalgamated Association, and in adjourning the conference sine die was uuanimously indersed.

A special meeting of the Nail Association was also held yesterday afternoon, but nothing could be learned as to its nature, the manufacturers refusing to throw any light on the proceedings.

A Brother's Self-Sacrifice.

LOUISVILLE, KY., May 11 .- Governor Blackburn to-day pardoned James Sizemore, sent to the penitentiary from Clay county in 1880, for six years, charged with murder. His brother, a man with a large family, being the real criminal, he voluntarily took the odium and penalty on himself for the sake of the brother and his family. The brother dying the other day made a declaration of his guilt, and gave such unmistakable proof of the truth of his confession that the Governor issued a pardon at once when the facts were made known to him.