

EUROPE'S GRAIN CROPS.

A Deficiency in Nearly Every Country on the Continent.

The Losses Will Have to be Made Up by the United States.

The United States hopes to reap some benefit from the misfortune of Europe in the failure of her grain crops. Mr. James H. Smith, the Commercial Agent of the State Department at Mayence, says in a recent report that this country will have to be looked to supply the European deficiency. The average wheat crop of Europe annually from 1881 to 1888 is put at 1,211,072,193 bushels; in 1888 the crop amounted to 1,240,370,225 bushels. This year it is estimated to be about 15 per cent. less. The grain harvests of Austria-Hungary are said to be the worst of the last decade. The consequence is that Hungary has a deficit of about 13,000,000 hectoliters (34,000,000 bushels) in wheat, and Austria about 3,000,000 hectoliters, making a total of 42,000,000 bushels for the Austro-Hungarian Empire; 31,200,000 bushels for the rest of Europe. The crop of barley less, and 31,810,000 bushels less of oats than in 1888. Austria-Hungary is one of the countries to which those countries of Europe which do not produce grain enough for their own consumption, have always looked. But Austria-Hungary will have no wheat to export this year, or at the most very little, which may be made possible by an abundant potato crop, leading the people to use potatoes much in the place of bread. In rye and oats there will be no capacity to export.

In Prussia the harvest did not come up to original expectations. Rye turned out to be better for several years, but the crop of wheat, barley and oats the yield was not up to that of the preceding year. Wheat gave 87 per cent. of an average harvest; rye, 87; barley, 82, and oats, 85. In Silesia more wheat was cultivated than before, but the yield was only 75 per cent. of an average harvest. Rye is officially put at 75 per cent. in the estimates, but that figure is thought to be too high. Silesia requires a great supply of rye, and will be compelled to import a considerable quantity. Barley did very poorly, and the product is much worse than that of the year before. For a fine yield of potatoes the prospects in Silesia are good. The Scotch wheat crop is estimated to be 80 per cent. of an average harvest, the rye crop 70 per cent. Barley and oats are reported to be satisfactory. Germany never produces grain enough for its own consumption, and has always looked abroad for a large supply—to Austria-Hungary, Russia, Roumania, the United States and India. This year Austria-Hungary will be unable to supply her, and Russia and Roumania have experienced unfavorable harvests, the Russian wheat crop being about one-half as much as they harvested last year. Potatoes, fortunately, promise well, and when bread becomes dear, poor people turn to them for sustenance.

The Russian crops have been on the whole poor, and it is remarkable that those districts which showed the best results last year, the north showing the best. Barley has been harvested but one-third of a crop this year, while last year the yield was 125 per cent. Likewise unfavorable are the reports from the Charkov, Poltava and Odessa districts, which had good harvests last year. The quality of the grain, however, is fine. In northern districts the wheat crops have been better, but an average crop was not raised in any of the districts. Barley crops were a little better than the wheat crops, but not much.

The wheat yield of the different countries in percentages, the average crop being taken as 100 per cent., shows the following comparison between this year and last:

Country.	1888.	1889.
Austria.	83	75
France.	87	80
Prussia.	87	80
Saxony.	80	75
Roumania and Sardinia.	105	87
Bavaria.	88	80
Italy.	88	75
Baden.	80	82
Württemberg—Spring wheat.	91	75
Summer wheat.	92	94
Italy.	92	75
Switzerland.	100	75
France.	103	80
England.	100	75
Belgium.	95	80
Cherson.	120	120
Central Russia.	50	90
Moldavia.	60	130
Wallachia.	70	110
Egypt.	70	110

The average in wheat for all Europe is 81 this year, compared to 92 in 1883 and 110.5 in 1887.

AT THE WHIPPING POST.

Thirteen Lashes Laid Upon a Wife Beater's Back.

John Eisenburger, who was sentenced at Baltimore, Md., to thirteen lashes and a term of thirty days in jail for brutally beating his wife, has been introduced to the whipping post.

Eisenburger was brought out from his cell clad in only trousers and shirt. The latter was removed, and Eisenburger was forced against the crosslike post with his back exposed. His legs were fastened to the post and his arms were stretched along the crossbar, his hands being fastened to the ends, thus stretching his skin and rendering it more susceptible to the lash.

The preliminaries were quickly arranged, and Deputy Sheriff Roseman, pronouncing the platform and rails to be slightly uneven, brought down the lash with a sharp, quick movement upon the bare back. A great long welt showed where it had fallen. Eisenburger winced, gritted his teeth and threw his head back to receive the other twelve lashes. They fell at short, regular intervals of about one second each until the baker's dozen ordered by the court had been administered. Eisenburger endured the ordeal without a murmur, never opening his mouth throughout the whipping. There were thirteen fresh welts across his back, which were rather gory looking, the blood having spurted from the places where the ends of the cat struck and broke the skin.

TURNED INTO TRAGEDY.

A Terrible Accident Results from a Proposed Gas Well Display.

The citizens of Jerome, a small town in Indiana, arranged for a gas well display the other night, and took for the purpose the Diamond Plate Glass well, just drilled there, and the strongest well in the State. A sixty-foot four-inch pipe was laid from the well, and to this was attached a four-inch pipe vertically. When the torch was applied the end which projected upward was pushed over on the ground and the immense pressure hurried the sixty feet of pipe among the spectators with terrific force.

Most of the younger people in the crowd were able to escape from the roaring flames which burst from the pipe, but several were caught. Among these were Chas. Varnum, pastor of the Friends' Church. The flames struck him full in the face, and he fell to the ground a corpse. He was burned to a crisp. Frank La Rue's leg was broken, John Hague was fatally burned, the flesh falling from his body. Hiram Overman's skull was crushed in the flight for life. He was dead when found.

A little town was in mourning. The flag on the village hall was nailed at half mast and all business was suspended.

FATAL FAMILY FEUD.

Three Killed and Three Wounded in West Virginia.

A bloody family feud is now raging in Lincoln County, W. Va. Floyd Dingess, a son of a justice of the peace and a prominent man, married one of the Hall girls. He quarreled with his wife. They separated, and the next day Dingess and his wife's brother met, and Dingess was shot dead. Alfred Blumfield was seized on Hall and fatally wounded one of the Hall brothers. A few days ago Blumfield and his wife were waylaid and Mrs. Blumfield was terribly wounded. Two days later Purvis Blumfield was shot. Then George Dingess, a brother of Blumfield's wife, was shot through the leg in a fight with one of the opposing party.

THE NEWS EPITOMIZED.

Eastern and Middle States.

The Bishops of the Episcopal General Convention held in New York City adopted the eighteenth resolution involving changes in the prayer-book and the House of Deputies passed sixteen of them.

GENERAL LESTER B. FAULKNER's trial at Buffalo, N. Y., on a charge of making a false report of the condition of the Danville National Bank to the Comptroller of the Currency, resulted in a verdict of guilty, and he was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment.

The 25th anniversary of the settlement of the town of Stratford, Conn., was celebrated by great popular rejoicings, and the unveiling of the soldiers' and sailors' monument.

An explosion in the Scottville Iron and Steel Works, Penn., killed one man, and badly burned two others.

By the fall of a staging at a church in Rockford, Conn., one man was killed and another fatally injured.

The Mount Mansfield Hotel at Stowe, Vt., has been burned to the ground. The loss is \$105,000. The cause of the fire is unknown.

The President has appointed Stephen Moffitt to be Collector of Customs for the District of Columbia.

THE delegates to the International Congress visited the chief places of interest in Boston; the city's institutions were inspected, and some of the delegates made speeches.

THREE Chinese highlanders tortured one of their countrymen almost to death in New York City for refusing to tell where his employer's money was hidden.

THE Protestant Episcopal Convention at New York City adopted the proposed change in the Prayer Book in connection with the Nicene Creed.

THOMAS A. EDISON, the inventor, has arrived in New York from Europe.

THE Rev. Dr. Talmage is about to start for Palestine, to be gone two months. His object is to obtain fresh material for use in a life of Christ, which he is writing. His pulpit in Brooklyn will be supplied by ministers from other cities.

JOHN FITZGERALD, alias Liverpool Jack, convicted of kidnapping men in New York City and sending them to become virtually slaves in Central America, has been sentenced to nine years in Sing Sing prison.

SAMUEL W. HOBBS, an ex-Alderman of Boston, was run over by a train at Stoughton, Mass., and instantly killed.

THE three-story brick building of Oliver Brothers' mill in Pittsburgh, Penn., has been burned. Loss \$300,000.

In the election which has been held in Connecticut the prohibitory amendment was defeated.

THE New York Committee on Finance of the International Exposition of 1892 have made a report suggesting that a public subscription be taken for a preliminary fund of \$5,000,000.

THE General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of North America has met in convention at Pittsburgh, Penn. The Council embraces 846 churches and 250,000 members.

South and West.

A TERRIBLE explosion has occurred in the Chamberlain mine, near Rockwell, Pa. Three men were killed, two fatally injured and seven men badly hurt.

CHARLES SANDERS, colored farm hand, was shot and instantly killed by an employer, David Strange, in Woodford County, Ky., because the man had cursed him.

CHARLES HARTMAN, a saloon keeper at Sandusky, Ohio, shot and fatally wounded his wife and then killed himself. Jealousy was the cause.

SHALLPOX is raging at Socorro, New Mexico, and eight hundred fatalities are reported. The city is quarantined.

FIRE BUGS are again at work in Helena, Mont. The old vigilance committee, which is posted on the streets, and special officers are searching for the fiends.

THE savage warfare between the McCoy's and Hatfields, the two Kentucky factions, has been renewed, and a number of people have been killed.

In a railroad wreck, eight miles from Rome, Ga., the fireman and a brakeman were killed, and the engineer was fatally injured.

THE trial of Boyle, the Catholic priest, at Raleigh, N. C., for felonious assault, has ended in his conviction and sentence to death.

FELIX KAMPE cut his son and daughter to death at Charleston, W. Va. He was drunk, and the bodies of his children were found in the river.

By the bursting of a boiler near St. Thomas, Dakota, three men were killed and one fatally injured.

LATER returns from Montana give a Democratic majority of seven in joint ballot in the Legislature. Toole (Dem.), for Governor, received 10,000 votes, and Carter (Rep.), for Congress, has a majority of about 1200.

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publicans, 100 Royalists, 88 Bonapartists, 48 Boulangists.

GENERAL BOULANGER has removed himself and his effects from London to the Island of Jersey.

A TERRIFIC gale has prevailed in the Irish Sea, causing a large number of shipwrecks. The British gunboat Enterprise was wrecked on the island of Anglesey, North Wales, during the recent gale. Everybody on board was saved.

THE steamship City of Paris reports that on her passage eastward her decks were swept by heavy seas. A female steerage passenger and her child were swept overboard and drowned, and ten other passengers were severely injured.

THE Grand Jury of Kingston, Ontario, has returned a true bill in the case of Twichell, son of the United States Consul there, charged with burglary and assault.

SIX Chinese highlanders were executed as the result of a conspiracy at Sarawak, a British settlement at Borneo.

T. TANDY, General Freight Agent of the Rock Trunk Railroad, dropped dead at Montreal, Canada, of heart disease.

BOXES of poisoned candy were sent to three clergymen in St. John, New Brunswick. Mrs. Macrae, wife of one of the clergymen, died in great agony.

THE United States warship Galena has arrived at the island of Navassa, where the fatal riot recently occurred.

A TERRIBLE hurricane has visited the island of Sardinia, in the Mediterranean Sea. One hundred persons were buried in the debris of buildings shattered by the storm and thirty persons were killed.

LATER NEWS.

THE New York Electrical Execution law, which came up before Judge Day at Auburn on a habeas corpus proceeding in the case of Kemmler, the Buffalo murderer, has been sustained.

THE Triennial National Congregational Council opened in Worcester, Mass.

FIRE in the wholesale grocery establishment of William Edwards & Co., Cleveland, Ohio, destroyed the upper part of the building and most of the stock. Loss \$125,000.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL ROGERS, of Louisiana, has made public the statement that Major Burke, ex-State Treasurer, deliberately issued or failed to destroy State securities to the amount of \$400,000. Major Burke is now in England.

MAYOR ORWAN, of Horace, Kansas, was burned to death in the caboose of a freight train on the Missouri Pacific Railroad. The caboose caught fire from the engine of a passenger train.

FOUR successive failures of crops in Stevens County, Kansas, have rendered the people there destitute.

THERE is an epidemic of typhoid fever at Aurora, W. Va., and in that vicinity. Scarcely enough people to nurse the sick remain well.

THE magnificent stone residence of Clem Studebaker at South Bend, Ind., which cost about \$300,000, has been almost entirely destroyed by fire. Mr. Studebaker was dangerously injured.

THE east wing of the prison at Jackson, Mich., has been burned, and fire destroyed the jail at Pineville, Ky.

A NUMBER of Knights Templar were entertained at a brilliant reception by President Harrison.

SIR BENJAMIN SAMUEL PHILLIPS, ex-Lord Mayor of London, and the second member of the Jewish faith to occupy the position, has died in that city.

A RIOT occurred at Bristol, England, on the arrival of a number of laborers to replace 600 gas stokers who were on strike.

CARDINAL TASCHEREAU, of Quebec, presided at the creation of several canons and the unveiling of a statue to the late Bishop Guignes at Basilia. Over 150 priests were present.

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The Grand Encampment began its session immediately upon arriving at Masonic Temple at the close of the parade. Mr. Myron M. Parker delivered an address of welcome on the part of the local commandary and introduced Commissioner Douglas, who welcomed the Knights in behalf of the city. To both addresses the Grand Master responded, and his closed the public exercises. The encampment then began its business in secret convocation.

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Their Twenty-fourth Triennial Conclave in Washington.

The twenty-fourth triennial conclave of the Knights Templar of the United States opened at Washington with a grand parade, great in numbers and unique in character. The National Capital wore a holiday garb. The days of chivalry, with all their pomp and display seemed revived.

The long columns of soldiery, with their gorgeous plumes and uniforms, the gaudy mounted equestrians, the glittering banners, the martial music and the shrill and commanding trumpet-calls were here. Only the fields of picturesque tents, the mounted and dismounted knights, the noise of the Middle Ages were wanting to make the picture complete.

The streets of the city were thronged early in the morning with strangers and residents eager to witness the grand pageant. The Templars formed early in the morning at their various headquarters, and with bands playing, marched through the crowded streets, and the place of starting.

Along the line of march stands had been erected for the use of the families and friends of the visiting Knights, and before 9 o'clock the choice places were occupied by spectators. A large number of admirers would place the number of visitors in town at about fifty thousand. The number of Knights in the city has been estimated at from fifteen to twenty thousand, comprising over two hundred and thirty foreign knights from all the country. There were fully seventeen thousand in line.

The twelve divisions of the procession formed in the streets adjacent to the Capitol, and some of the debris lying across the lower limbs, but was suddenly released and found himself floating in the river. She sank twice, but was luckily picked up, escaping few painful bruises.

L. C. Rawlins, the pilot of the Corona, was asleep in the Texas at the time of the explosion. He says he does not know how it occurred and was awakened by the noise. He was painfully burned on both hands.

Captain Blanks, of the Corona, was instantly killed and his body was not recovered. He lived in the Corona, and leaves a widow and family. The body of one of the barkeepers was recovered and taken to Baton Rouge. None of the passengers or crew of the Corona, could account for the disaster. Captain Blanks was in immediate command of the boat at the time, and everything was working smoothly when the boiler suddenly collapsed.

The Corona left New Orleans for the Chesapeake River with a cargo of general merchandise, the value of which is unestimated. The boat had recently been put in thorough repair for the winter trade and was valued at \$30,000.

Many of the crew were on the steamer John H. Hanna, which was destroyed by fire at Plaquemine, La., last Christmas morning, with a loss of forty-five of the passengers and crew.

Captain T. C. Sweeney, one of the owners of the line, who assumed command on the death of Captain Blanks, says the explosion was not due to a too high pressure of steam. The boiler was in good condition, and he had more than one hundred and thirty-five pounds. The boat had a moderate cargo. She was in midstream, just below the landing of Arkansas, and had just whirled to pass the City of St. Louis, fortunately coming down at the time. The explosion had a downward tendency and blew out the bottom of the boat, causing her to sink immediately.

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