

OVER TWO SCORE DEAD.

And Upwards of One Million Dollars Worth of Property Destroyed. Fort Smith, Ark., Jan. 12.—Two score of human lives and upwards of one million dollars' worth of property was destroyed by a tornado, which burst upon this city a few minutes past eleven o'clock last night.

LIQUOR STATISTICS.

Statistics published recently by the British Board of Trade regarding the consumption of intoxicating liquors show that Canada stands upon a very high temperance plane. The average of consumption in Canada per head, per year, is about three and a half gallons of beer, three-fifths of a gallon of spirits, and one-thirtieth of a gallon of wine.

THE SEASON'S NOVELTIES.

The Fashions in the Jewelry Line This Christmas Tide.

Every year brings some novelties in Christmas gifts—new designs in jewels, as well as in furniture, in silver, in glass, and in a thousand and one pieces of bric-a-brac, either useful or ornamental, sometimes possessing both qualities.

HERE IS A PEACE THAT COMETH AFTER SORROW.

"There is a peace that cometh after sorrow," Of hope surrendered, not of hope fulfilled; A peace that looketh not upon tomorrow, But calmly on a tempest that is stilled;

CHICAGO TO BE A VENICE.

Five Hundred Years Hence the Windy City Will Stand in a Great Lake. Chicago has troubles ahead of her—none of your ordinary, every-day troubles, but the real thing in mental disquieters.

Professor G. K. Gilbert of the United States geological survey is responsible for this prediction. For a number of years the professor has been making notes of the rise and fall of the great lakes from his own observations and from the records of the government surveys.

In fact, 500 years will have elapsed before the cry of the gondolier will begin to be heard in the waterways of the western Venice and the clang of the cable car is hushed forever.

After Chicago has been disposed of the professor predicts trouble for the Niagara Falls hack drivers and newly wedded couples. The latter will have to seek new fields to exhibit themselves in, and this will take away the sole support of the former.

The only consolation remaining for Chicago in all this is that, even if New York does exist, she won't have Niagara at her doors any longer.

An Explanation.

It was in the smoking room of the hotel. There was one big fellow who was blustering a great deal and telling of how many duels he had fought, and behind him sat a small man reading a magazine.

"Refuse to fight," was the quiet reply. "Ah, I thought as much. Refuse and be branded a coward! What if a gentleman offered you the choice of a duel or a public horsewhipping—then what?"

"I'd rise up this way, put down my book this way and reach over like this, and take him by the nose as I take you, and give it a three-quarter twist—just so!"

When the little man let go the big man's nose, the rest of the company held their breath, expecting a terrific scene. But the big man turned red, then pale, then looked the little man over and remarked:

"Certainly—of course—that's it exactly!" And then the conversation turned on the general prosperity of the country.—Pearson's Weekly.

Lord Ava the son of Marquis of Dufferin and Ava, formerly governor general of Canada, viceroy of India and British ambassador of Paris, has arrived in Montreal from England. It is the intention of his lordship to proceed to Ottawa where he will be the guest of their excellencies, the Governor General and Countess of Aberdeen.

On the Wrong Lay.

Green had been in new lodgings just one week and had arrived at the conclusion that his tenancy would not be of long duration unless there was a material difference in the quality of the breakfast.

"Didn't you tell me you were fond of reading Macaulay, Mrs. Bluff?" he asked her as he broke the shell of the egg.

"It was my lamented's favorite reading, Mr. Green," returned the widowed lady.

"What ever makes you think that, sir? They came from a farm near here."

Stow at Seeing.

Fog—Fenderson is a good enough fellow, but he is terribly slow at seeing a joke.

Fog—Is he? Fogg—He slipped on a piece of orange peel the other day and had a fall. Everybody laughed, but Fenderson couldn't see the point of the joke.

Fog—He saw it about 24 hours later, however, when another fellow did the same thing.—Pick Me Up.

Delay Would Be Dangerous.

"According to this cablegram, they were married in Paris yesterday," he said. "We must send our congratulations at once," she returned.

"By mail or cable?" he asked. "From what I know of both of them," she replied, "we ought to send them by cable if we wish to be sure that they will be acceptable when they reach them."—Chicago Post.

GLEANINGS.

No two clocks can be made to keep time exactly alike and strike simultaneously.

The old storehouse at Tappan in which Major John Andre spent the last days of his life has been converted into a public resort.

Godstow, near Oxford, with the ruins of the nunnery where Henry II first saw Fair Rosamond and where Queen Eleanor put her to death, has just been sold at auction.

One of the dry goods stores in Boston has substituted the cry "teller" for "cash," to the great delight of the natives, who seem to think it a choicer word for use in a cultured city.

The Italians who live in the neighborhood of the Wellington statue and Hyde park corner in London have named the place "Cavallinton," a corruption for "cavallo alto Wellington" (high horse Wellington).

Dr. A. M. Berger has found in the Vatican library prescriptions and directions for treating various eye troubles in Michael Angelo's own handwriting. He has published them in the original Italian, with a few German notes.

One of the important officials of the German court is said to be the "imperial pants stretcher." As the emperor has over 100 pairs of trousers and changes them with considerable regularity, the position is far from being an honorary one.

French song writing is despaired of by the Academie Francaise. The first set of songs sent in for the prize established by M. Montaliro two years ago was so bad that the academy has decided to turn over the bequest of 10,000 francs to the founder's heirs.

A Real Poll Tax.

Boulevard loungers in Paris were amused the other day when ten men, correctly garbed all exactly alike, walked into a cafe and gravely ordered drinks, for, as they removed their hats, each man had painted on his bald head one letter of a word advertising a new dramatic sensation. They were arrested, however, for evading the law that requires sandwich men and posters to pay a tax of 62 francs, but they were discharged on promising to affix the necessary stamps to their skulls, a poll tax, as it were.

Stagnation.

Stagnation is more dangerous than revolution, but sudden change means a house on sand. Action and reaction is the miserable seesaw of our child world. If these extreme men had their way, the end of the century would be plunged in blood, a universal French revolution. What we have to bear in mind is that, even in a republic, there must be a guiding hand; men of education, experience, weight and wisdom must continue to come forward. They who will not be ruled by the rudder will in the end be ruled by the rock.—Tennyson.

Liquefied air can now be ordered by the dozen bottles in Munich, but just what it can be used for in a general way is in doubt. It is so cold that it blisters the skin at a touch, but its excess of oxygen is a valuable feature. At present chemists are the only customers for it.

Giblin the famous cantab and international footballer, has left for the Klondike. Rye flour for sale at Beer & Goff's.

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I have nothing to sell and therefore want no money, but as I know through my own experience how to sympathize with such sufferers, I am glad to be able to assist any fellow-beings to a cure. I am well aware of the prevalence of quickery, for I myself was deceived and imposed upon until I nearly lost faith in mankind but I rejoice to say that I am now perfectly well and happy once more and am desirous therefore to make this certain means of cure known to all. If you will write to me you can rely upon being cured and the proud satisfaction of having been of great service to one in need will be sufficient reward for my trouble. Absolute secrecy assured. Send 50c silver to cover postage and address Mr. G. Strong, North Rockland, Mich. 135 p & w.

Piano Practice.

The poor girl who is forced to practice on the piano two or three hours a day may take heart and hope. She has a friend in the world of music. He is a power among pianists, and one of his distinguished pupils is no less a celebrity than Paderewski. Leschetzky, for that is his simple name, does not believe in long hours. A pupil may practice two hours a day if she cares to, but one hour of good work is in his opinion sufficient. This is certainly delightful news and would surely horrify the professors of the Berlin Conservatorium, where 10, 12 and 14 hours are considered none too much for an earnest student. Leschetzky's playing is described as "airy, delicate and beautiful," and he is the favorite master in Paris now. He was a pupil of Czerny's, who wrote those desperately difficult exercises, and who was, as all pianists know, Beethoven's favorite pupil.—New York Commercial.

Perseus and Andromeda.

"I have come," announced Perseus, "to strike off thy chains!" Andromeda cast down her eyes and fingered her dance programme nervously. "Do you really think the bevel gear is an assured success?" she finally faltered. It was rather difficult, in fact, for the unhappy maiden to protect her own interests and yet not appear ungrateful.—Detroit Journal.

It is not generally known that by an act of the English parliament, passed in 1855, it is enacted that all wedding rings must be of standard gold, the enactment being intended more to raise the amount of the gold duties than to protect the public from imitations.

Find a way or make one. Everything is either pushed or pushed. The world always listens to a man with a will in him.—Mardon.

NEW WAR IN AFRICA.

Fighting in Uganda Results in Several Deaths.

The rebellion among the Soudanese soldiers in Uganda broke out in the early part of October last, and the danger has been a general rise of the Soudanese throughout the country, and a massacre of the Europeans. Uganda is about as large as France. The Government stations between twenty and thirty in number, are manned by Soudanese, perhaps 1800 in all. In the early part of October 300 Soudanese soldiers from the Kampala garrison at Mengo, capital of Uganda, on the north shore of the Victoria Nyaza, were sent to the Eldo station, better known as the ravine. There they mutinied and looted the Government agent's store. Then they resolved to march back to Mengo, raising the standard of general revolt, to kill the Europeans and establish a Soudanese kingdom in Uganda. They looted the station at Nandi, obtaining 3000 rounds of ball cartridges. Fortified by this and provided with plenty of ammunition, they pushed on toward Mengo,ooting the stations as they advanced. At Juba station, the garrison revolted and joined the mutineers, seized Major Thurston, commander of the fort, and occupied the fort.

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