

AROUND THE EARTH

Occurrences Therein For a Week.

FLAPS AND FOOT ROT

Decimating Vast Herds of German Cattle.

Killed His Father in Revenge—Colombia
Wants the Guano Deposits—To Search for Capt. Vigano—French War Minister May Resign.

From Far and Near.

Washington dispatch: While the German Government's present attitude toward the Texas fever in Germany may have themselves to contend with another formidable cattle disease which has broken out again among the farm animals in Central Germany, notably in the district of Saxo-Altenburg. This disease is known as the flaps and foot rot, and United States Consul Stevens, at Annaberg, who reports the outbreak to the State Department, says it is the most unfortunate for farmers there, as only a few of the stock have escaped the stock considerably, and as the drought of 1885, with its subsequent fodder scarcity, compelled the farmers to slaughter large numbers of their cattle. Though the local authorities are doing their utmost to prevent an extension of the disease it appears they have not succeeded, for nearly every issue of the official papers mention new cases. The frequent appearances of these diseases in the same locality are certainly no evidence of a healthy condition of German farm animals.

A colored man named Milton Harman, living in Onachita Township, near Warren, Ark., was shot and instantly killed by his 15-year-old boy. The deed was done about 4 o'clock in the morning, while Harman was at bed. The boy crawled to the bedside and discharged the gun, the ball piercing the body of his father. When questioned as to why he committed the deed he said his father had whipped him.

Senor Rengifo, in charge of the Colombian legation at Washington, is about to urge the department to relinquish the protection the United States has long given to the Jinet Guano Company, established by an American named Jenett, to take the valuable guano deposits on the islands of the Colombian coast.

The Russian Government has chartered Melnich & Co.'s steamer Lindnesas to search for the steamer St. Jermom, on which Captain Wiggin, the Arctic explorer, left Yeniseisk on Sept. 15, with his own and two other crews, numbering in all fifty men. It is believed that Wiggin is ice-bound in the Kara sea. The captain of the Lindnesas hopes to get tidings of Wiggin at Chabarawa. Should he fail to do so he will send parties overland to the Siberian coast.

The standing Parliamentary Committee on French Military Affairs has voted unanimously that the government's plan to let 12,000 soldiers go before completing their full term is inopportune and reprehensible. The committee also voted, with a few dissenting votes, that the step should be illegal. General Marcer, Minister of War, told the deputation informing him of the committee's decision that the plan was the cabinet's, and not his entirely. Nevertheless, he added, if the cabinet will reconsider the matter he will resign.

Before McClelland called the list of half a hundred property-owners of Mamorone, N. Y., to land bought at foreclosure sale.

The Minneapolis and St. Louis has withdrawn from the Western Passenger Association, leaving it in a shaky condition.

Bookkeeper Louis H. Evers, of the Brooklyn Club, is missing, and \$5,000 of the organization's money cannot be found.

The body of a man was found hanging to a tree near Roscoe, St. Clair County, Mo., some distance from a railroad. It is supposed to have been hung by a mob. There has been considerable stealing in that county.

Monday's storm in Boston and vicinity was confined to heavy rains until about 10 o'clock at night, when the temperature began to rise and the wind fell. A heavy snow storm prevailed all night in the vicinity of Concord, N. H., Portland, Me., and Montpelier, Vt. Messages from points in Connecticut by long-distance telephone report that a regular blizzard of snow and sleet prevailed generally throughout the State. The snow blew at the rate of seventy-four miles an hour.

The Agricultural Department is about to issue elaborate information on the subject of good roads, and which Congress has directed the department to investigate. The publication will embrace the entire proceedings of the National Road Conference, held at Asbury Park, N. J., July 5 and 6, at which every shade of opinion on the subject was presented. Roy Stone, the special agent and road engineer of the department, will also include a number of addresses on the road question. He makes no report so that these addresses practically constitute a report.

The three-masted schooner Mary I. Peters left Galveston for Portland Dec. 26, with a cargo of cotton seed meal and was due at Portland two weeks ago. Nothing has been heard of her and her crew are supposed to be lost. She was commanded by Captain E. E. Brigham, of Lynn, and carried a crew of eight men. The schooner is valued at \$8,000, and the cargo at \$14,000, fully insured.

The ladies of the Pittsburgh Free Kindergarten Association, which has arranged for the reception and entertainment of the delegates to the first annual convention of the Waifs' Saving Association of America. This association, which was organized last year at the World's Fair, has already taken a high place among the charitable and benevolent organizations of the country.

Nicaragua is obtaining in France new machinery and a great quantity of ammunition.

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TALMAGE'S SERMON.

The Great Preacher Writes of the Heavenly City.

A Vivid Word Picture of the Joys of Immortality—Consolation for the Weary and Sorrowful—The Pains of Living and Joys of Heaven.

Victory Over Pain.

Rev. Dr. Talmage, who is now nearing the close of his globe circling tour, will shortly reach American shores, selected as the subject of this week's sermon through the press "Victory Over Pain," the text chosen being Revelation xxi, 4, "Neither shall there be any more pain."

The first questions that you ask when about to change your residence to any city is: "What is the health of the place? Is it shaken of terrible disorders? What are the bills of mortality? What is the death rate? How high not reasonable in asking. What are the sanitary conditions of the heavenly city into which we all hope to move?" My text answers it by saying, "Neither shall there be any more pain."

"Victory over pain" means that there will be no pain of disappointment in Heaven. If I could put the picture of what you anticipate of life when you began it beside the picture of what you have now realized, I would find a greater difference than the picture of life upon Earth. Perhaps you expected riches, and you have worked hard enough to gain them. You have planned and worried and persisted until your hands were weary and your heart faint, and at the end of this long strife with misfortune you find that if you have not been positively defeated it has been a drawn battle. It is still a struggle, still a struggle, still a struggle, pulling down faster than you build. For perhaps twenty or thirty years you have been running your craft straight into the teeth of the wind.

Perhaps you have had a domestic disappointment of your children, upon whose education you lavished your hard earned dollars, have not turned out as expected. Notwithstanding all your counsels and prayers and pious taking of the Lord's supper, your father has had a bad boy. Absalom trod on David's heart. That mother never imagined all this as twenty or thirty years ago she sat by that child's cradle.

No More Blasted Hopes.

Your life will be a chapter of disappointments, and appointments with me, and you will have a bitter and a disappointing end. Your God's grace, entering the other city you will never again have a blasted hope. The most jubilant of expectations will not reach the realization. Coming to the top of one high joy, there will be another rising, and another on the vision. This song of transport will but lift you to higher anthems, the sweetest choral but a prelude to more tremendous harmony, all things better than you had anticipated—the more rich, the more glorious, the more temple grander than the throng mightier.

Further, I remark, there will be no pain of weariness. It may be many hours since you quit work, but many of you are unrested, some from overwork, some from the weariness of trade, some from more exhausting than the former. Your ankles ache; your spirits flag; you want rest. Are these wheels always to turn, these shuttles to fly, these axes to hew, these shovels to dig, these nets to cast, these sails to be posted, these goods to be sold?

All, the great holiday approach! No more course of tuskamasters; no more stooping until the back aches; no more calculation until the brain is bewildered; no more wearying of the cart, no more masonry, for the walls are all reared; no more diamond cutting, for the gems are all set; no more gold beating, for the crowns are all complete; no more tanning, for the furs, for the harvests are spontaneous.

Further, there will be no more pain or poverty. It is a hard thing to be really poor, to have your coat wear out and no money to get another, to have your shoes worn out and nothing to buy bread with for your children, to live in an unhealthy row, and no means to change your habitation, to have your child sick with some mysterious disease and not be able to secure competent medical aid; to have a son or daughter being the world and you not have anything to help them in starting, with a mind capable of research and high contemplation to be perpetually fixed on questions of mere livelihood.

Poets try to throw a romance about the poor man's cot, but there is no romance about it. Poverty is hard, cruel, unrelenting. But Lazarus waked the dead, and he was raised and so all of Christ's poor wake up at last without any of their disadvantages—no almshouses, for they are all princes; no rents to pay, for the residence is gratuitous; no garments to sew, for the work is done for you; no seats in church for poor folks, but equality among temple worshippers; no hovels, no hard crusts; no insufficient apparel. "They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more, neither shall the sun light on them nor any heat."

No Farewells.

Further, there will be no pain of parting. All these associations must be broken. You will be separated and walk together and talk together and weep together, but we must after awhile separate. Your grave will be in one place, mine in another. We look each other full in the face for the last time, and we are separated, and so all of Christ's poor wake up at last without any of their disadvantages—no almshouses, for they are all princes; no rents to pay, for the residence is gratuitous; no garments to sew, for the work is done for you; no seats in church for poor folks, but equality among temple worshippers; no hovels, no hard crusts; no insufficient apparel. "They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more, neither shall the sun light on them nor any heat."

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rebellions, and then to resolve to feel that way, and to use as you have come to what you think is perfect self control to suddenly come upon some little coat or picture or shoe half worn out, and how all the things that have been around you will fall of agony! Oh, my God, how hard it is to part, to close the eyes that never can look merry at our coming, to kiss the hand that will never again give us a kind word or smile, to give good-byes good-byes in such an hour, and we ought to be comforted, but anyhow and anyway you make it, it is awful.

On steamboat wharf and at rail car window, may smile when they say farewell, but these goodbys at the deathbed, they just take hold of the heart with iron pinchers and tear it out by the roots until all the fibers thick blood vessels, the reparations are wine presses into which our hearts, like red clusters, are thrown, and then trouble turns the windlass round and round until we are utterly crushed and our life ceases. No fires to burn, or floods to drown them, or racks to tear them. All well. Here are the Scotch Covenanters, none to hunt them, the dark cave and imprecations of Lord Claverhouse exchanged for their sermons, and the presence of him who helped Hugh Latimer out of the fire. All well. No more pain.

Sweet Waters.
I set upon the door of Heaven until these blows on you this refreshing breeze. The fountains of God have made it cool, and the gardens have made it sweet. Do you know that Solomon ever heard on a hot day the ice click in an ice pitcher, but he wrote as if he did when he said, "As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a barren land." The Green Mountains I was tired and hot and thirsty, and I shall not forget how refreshing it was when after awhile I heard the mountain brook tumbling over the rocks and the cup on my chin. I got down on my knees and face to drink. Oh, my comrades on the journey, with cut feet and parched tongues and fevered temples, listen to the rumbling of sapphire brooks, amid lowered banks, and golden shavings. Listen! "The lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall lead unto living fountains of water." I do not offer it to you in a chalice. To take this you must bend. Get down on your knees and drink. Drink out of this great fountain of God's consolation. "And lo, I heard a voice from Heaven, as the voice of many waters!"

Why People Worship Gold.
Men are accustomed to regard gold as the epitomization of wealth; to associate it with ease and luxury; to consider it the apotheosis of security and power, says William Penn, Jr., in September Blue and Gray. This is merely a relic of barbaric ages, when monetary science was unknown and bits of the rare metals, coined or uncoined, were the particular possessions of kings and conquerors. This popular superstition of inherent value to the yellow metal, this silly notion that it by some means possesses a royal right to rule the commerce of the world, is so ingrained in the human nature that most men recoil in dismay when it is suggested that its use as money may be entirely discontinued. While silver shared the throne with gold, it, too, was held in as much and sometimes in greater reverence; but when, in 1873, concerted action condemned the white metal to take its place with corn and cotton and all the other subjects of the too many and too numerous gods, its value was doubled and made absolute. To go any man who regards gold as a ruler by inherent right forget that, during the long struggle for supremacy, silver was more than on a wretched silver of degrading her rival to the ranks, but at the end the gold power triumphed. Had the result been reversed the advocates of "honest" money might now be filled with horror at the thought of silver.

People who are influenced by this ancient and barbaric notion would do well to consider that it is a god of their own creation, whose power may and should be cut off whenever it becomes oppressive.

What Makes Ballistics?
The formation of hail through electrical action, according to the new theory of Sigior Maranzoni, is a very interesting, and even wonderful, process. The wind draws out a cloud into a long, narrow strip. In that form, owing to the great amount of surface exposed to the air, the cloud evaporates very rapidly, and rapid evaporation produces intense cold.

Fried particles of snow are then formed, and these, by friction with the water-drops, quickly become charged with negative electricity. But the water drops themselves carry positive electricity, and since negative attracts positive, a film of water is formed upon each snow-particle and is instantly frozen into a layer of ice.

At this thickness its outer surface remains moist, the water not freezing so rapidly there, whereupon the electrical charge changes from negative to positive, and the particle is repelled by the waterdrops and driven to the outer parts of the cloud, where the increased cold covers it with snow again, and friction charges it anew with negative electricity.

Repulsion is now once more changed for attraction, and the particle rushes back to the cloud, receiving upon its surface another film of water, is turned into a second ice-layer. Thus the growing ballstone zigzag through the cloud, piling up its alternate layers of snow and ice, until gravitation gains control and sends it, with a jingling crowd of its fellows, spinning to the ground.

The Deep, Deep Sea.
It is a remarkable fact that the deepest parts of the sea are in all cases very near the land. The deepest sounding known, 4,665 fathoms, or 27,930 feet, was obtained 110 miles from the Kurile Islands; the next deepest, 4,561 fathoms, was found seventy miles north of Porto Rico. With a few exceptions like these the depth of the ocean as far as now known does not reach 4,000 fathoms, or four sea miles, and the average depth has a mean depth of 2,600 fathoms, the South Pacific of 2,400, the Indian Ocean of 2,000, and the Atlantic, by far the best investigated ocean, has a mean depth of 2,200 fathoms.

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At Rockford, the wholesale brick grocery store of F. G. Shoudy & Co. was destroyed by fire Sunday. The loss was estimated at \$25,000, insurance, \$22,500.

GOV. ALTOBEL has restored the rights of citizenship to Robert F. Sellers, of Shawneetown, who served two years in the penitentiary for forgery.

A BARN, eight horses, several hundred bushels of oats and thirty tons of hay were burned on the farm of John Babb, near Champaign. No insurance. Most of the loss falls on a enter named Welch.

CHARLES A. FULLER, a well-known newspaper and city directory man of Alton, Ill., died last week. He died of heart failure and leaves a brother, S. Fuller, at 437 Orchard avenue, Chicago, and a sister in Albany, N. Y.

MAX WESSENTAL, a traveling salesman of Chicago's Supply House, was found in his room at Rock Island having succumbed to an overdose of morphine. He was 30 years of age. He had been despondent of late and the case shows strong symptoms of suicide.

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