

Catholics the Government of Austria-Hungary was entirely independent. At the same time the alliance with Italy forms the basis of their policy, and the question of the Pope's sovereignty could not be raised by Austria without wounding Italy's feelings.

**Exploration of Locomotives.**  
Akron, Ohio, Nov. 27.—This morning a locomotive at the Cleveland Locomotive Works exploded about a mile south of this city, instantly killing Engineer John Byron and Fireman George Parker.

**The Great Case.**  
Denver, Nov. 27.—The attorneys in the Graver case worked hard today to secure a jury and an adjournment to night and had some temporary success. It is not known whether or not the issue of the trial will be decided to-morrow.

**The Change is Small Not Radical Enough.**

Lima, Nov. 27.—The Santiago correspondent of the Times says that the people of the provinces of Rio Grande think that the changes arising from the new constitution are not radical enough, and new complications are feared.

**Death of Mrs. Anthony Drexel.**

Philadelphia, Nov. 27.—Mrs. Anthony J. Drexel, wife of the head of the great banking firm of Drexel & Co., died this morning at her country home at Bunnymead, Delaware county.

**Not Afraid to Die.**

Massillon, La., Nov. 27.—The Senate on the subject began in the Redistricting bill. The secretary of the treasury said it was expected there would be a deficit of \$1,000,000 during the present fiscal year. With this in view, custom showed the effect of the commercial treaties, in restricting the exports. He also said that nothing was yet decided regarding the new law.

**Mexico and Guatemala.**

City of Mexico, Nov. 27.—Over 100,000 Mexicans are engaged in hostilities with Guatemala. It is believed that they are endeavoring to set up a revolution to secure the annexation of the northern provinces of Guatemala to Mexico.

**Reeve's Eligibility Questioned.**

Cincinnati, O., Nov. 27.—At a meeting of the State Republican Central Committee tonight, called to consider whether any steps should be taken to test the eligibility of Reeve to sit in the United States senatorial seat on the ground that he is not a resident of Ohio, a letter was read from Senator Sherman, stating that Reeve's certificate be considered prima facie evidence of his title to the seat. This, however, would not determine his right to the seat, if it could not be shown that he was an inhabitant of the State. In his judgment the only way to institute an inquiry would be by a joint resolution of the general assembly. A majority of the committee voted that no action be taken by the committee, the claim being made that Reeve had established the point of citizenship. A resolution was adopted, however, to make an investigation of the evidence bearing upon Reeve's right to sit and report to the committee.

**The President Preparing His Message to Congress.**

Washington, Nov. 27.—The usual Friday afternoon cabinet meeting was postponed today in order that the President might have time to devote to the preparation of his message to Congress.

**"JERRY'S" RUM STORY.**

**THE KANSAS STATEMAN TELLS A GOOD TALE OF AN ENGLISHMAN.**

**London Correspondent.**

One of the best stories of the year is told by Jerry Duncan, popularly known as the "Kansan" member of Medicine Lodge. He had been talking about the Englishman who had captured the Atlantic vote, when he compared the astute politician to the Kansas man.

"But in Kansas," says Mr. Duncan, "a boy who taught him to swap the flank with his heels, and one day, when he was riding beside an Englishman, the master-burglar, got on his horse, and said to the Englishman, 'Way,' and the boy, 'he's a rascal. Don't you see that rascal over there?' The Englishman, with a smile, admitted it."

"They rode on until the male equated again. 'What's he doing now?' said the Englishman. 'He's settin' again,' said the boy. 'Don't you see that rascal over there? He's settin' again.' The Englishman was dying to open the mule.

"An animal he could ride that was also a wett would be priceless to such a master." The boy didn't want to sell him. Finally he consented to swap the mule for the Englishman's fine bay horse, which cost him \$100.

"After the exchange, the mule, the boy mounted the horse, and they rode on together. After awhile they came to a creek, and the Englishman drew up his horse to wash. The boy, who was a jockey, and a good one, too, was dying to open the mule.

"As long as the boy touched the mule's flank he quieted right in the middle of the creek. 'What's the matter with your learned mule now?' said the Englishman. 'I told you he was a wett, and I just as good for suckers as he is anything else.'

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