

DISGRUNTLED GRENADIERS.

IF THE dispatches from London are correct, the discipline of the British army is sadly deteriorated from its condition in other days. There was a time when the British soldier at the command of his superior officer would walk, and as Tennyson says, did walk, "into the jaws of death." The latest army accounts from the "Tight Little Isle" are that the Grenadier Guards disobeyed a command to appear on military parade in full marching order. This was mutiny of a serious kind. It was enough to make the body of the old iron Duke of Wellington turn in its tomb.

The Grenadier Guards are composed of the picked men of the British infantry. Physically and intellectually they are the flower of England's foot soldiers. The Queen's Guards, composed of two regiments, are cavalry troops. They, of course, stand first. Most of their duty consists of burnishing their steel cuirasses and their brazen helmets. They act as royal escorts, and attend on occasions of State ceremonial where her Majesty is present.

The duties of the Grenadier Guards are much more onerous. They are kept continually in London and Dublin. In both places they are almost constantly on duty. In London, the Bank of England, the Tower, Buckingham Palace and several other important places are under the custodianship of these troops. About one year ago, the second battalion of the guards broke out into open mutiny, and were sent to Bermuda, where they still remain.

The third battalion of this regiment is now stationed at Chelsea, in London. A few days ago the order to parade in full marching order was absolutely rejected by many of the men of this battalion, while others slowly and sullenly took their places on the parade ground. The mutineers were placed, under arrest. A report of the affair was submitted to the Duke of Cambridge, commander-in-chief of the forces.

Only a few days before the mutiny of the guards the men attached to a battery of artillery at Portsmouth also disobeyed orders. Excessive drilling and onerous duties were the grievances complained of by both branches of the service. It is said that discontent of this kind prevails to an alarming extent in the whole army.

The regiment of Grenadier Guards is composed of three battalions. The first is now stationed in Dublin, the second in Bermuda, and the third, the mutinous one, in London. The Duke of Cambridge is colonel of the regiment as well as commander-in-chief of

the forces. The regiment is part of what are known as the household troops. The Coldstream Guards and the Scots Guards form the remainder of the infantry of the household troops. Their duty is principally around the palaces, banks and public buildings. This in addition to excessive drilling makes a soldier's duty much more irksome than active campaigning in the field. The wages of the British soldier are very small. The officers are not of the same type as those of the old style who ruled before the purchase system was abolished. The investigation ordered will no doubt disclose many interesting particulars.

A CITY OF HORROR.

DENVER is in a fair way to become the capital city of horrors on the continent. Seven deaths from arsenical poisoning have been reported within a few days. The people are terror-stricken, and patients undergoing medical treatment handle the potions and pills given them with considerable misgivings. The details of the notorious Millington trial, which has been dragging its slow length through the courts for many weeks, has shown how easily it is to remove by poison an objectionable person. At present there seems to be a disposition to hold a *post mortem* investigation on the bodies of all persons dying of any disease.

The last victim died on Saturday last. Her name was Annie Armstrong. She was employed as a domestic in the family of the Rev. Mr. Hanssen, a Swedish Lutheran minister. An analysis of the stomach disclosed arsenic enough to kill a dozen persons.

A few weeks ago several members of a family named Hartung died under mysterious circumstances. The deaths, however, at that time were attributed to trichinosis, but now it is demonstrated that they were the direct result of arsenical poisoning.

Late on the evening of the 27th inst., another member of the Rev. Mr. Hanssen's family was taken sick. The physicians are mystified. When signs of vomiting appear they remain continually at the patient's bedside.

A printer's apprentice died last week under rather strange circumstances. The doctor who attended him now says that the direct cause of death was most likely poison. The body is to be exhumed and the stomach analyzed.

The death of a wealthy Rhode Island woman in Denver a few days ago, is now causing the most exciting kind of gossip. The city police, and the private detective agencies are all working hard to unravel the mystery at-

tending these deaths from poisoning. It looks as if some monster or gang of monsters are engaged in this fiendish thuggery, merely for the gratification of some foul instinct implanted in their natures by a depraved constitutional taint.

THE NEW IMMIGRATION LAW.

THE New York papers have announced the arrival of a company of "Mormons" at the Barge office in that city. They also called attention to the fact that under the new immigration laws polygamists are excluded. Some of them are anxious that this provision shall be applied to the new-comers, but most of them concede the point that the information as to their status must come from the immigrants themselves, and they think it unlikely that the facts will be obtained.

If these doubting editors would take the trouble to think a little, which they seldom do when the "Mormon" question is agitated, they would perceive the fact that even if polygamy was being taught by the "Mormons" and some of the immigrants had polygamous intentions, the possibility that any of them are practical polygamists is extremely remote.

Polygamy was not practised by the "Mormons" in the countries where they embraced the faith, even when the doctrine of plural marriage was proclaimed by the Church. And now that its practice has been interdicted, it is the height of folly to try to include the immigrants who come to this country under "Mormon" auspices, in the term polygamists and seek to prevent their landing on this ground.

The people who form the companies of "Mormon" emigrants are not law-breakers, nor do they have any intention of breaking the law, but they are among the very best materials that enter into the composition of the commonwealth; honest, industrious, sober, thrifty, God-fearing workers, who come here to stay, to be American citizens, and to identify themselves with the nation and its institutions.

Those persons who desire to restrict immigration so that incongruous elements may be kept out of the United States, should turn their attention and energies against the criminal and pauper classes, and never worry their souls about the "Mormon" immigrants, who would be a profitable accession to the population of any country on earth.

HARRISBURG, April 28.—The house today passed a compulsory education bill requiring that all children between the ages of 8 and 12 must attend school at least 16 weeks each year.