

portance, and the government had no interest in the manner in which the United States government disposed of the money.

Jacob Bright, member from Manchester, offered a motion declaring that in the interest of the growing commerce of Great Britain in South-west Africa, no treaty should be made by the government sanctioning annexation by any European power of territories on and adjacent to the Congo, or interfering with the commercial freedom hitherto enjoyed in that region by Great Britain. Bright subsequently withdrew his motion in favor of an amendment offered by Edmond Woodhouse, member of Bath, to the effect that no treaty should be made affecting the territory on the Congo that would not afford adequate securities to all agencies working there. Woodhouse's motion was carried, the government agreeing thereto.

Late reports from Coomassie, Upper Guinea, say the King of Ashante has relinquished the throne, and retired. The coast of Western Africa is in a state of confusion. No details.

Victor Gully, notorious in connection with the Bravo case, is dead. Charles de Louncey Turner Bravo, barrister, died suddenly and mysteriously at Balham, Surrey, in April, 1878. Suicide was first suspected, but the verdict of the jury was wilful murder, by the administration of tartar emetic, but the perpetrator was not sufficiently evident to fix the guilt.

Germany and Spain have come to a final agreement in regard to the conclusion of a treaty of commerce. Each made concessions.

The Standard says on account of the threatened division of the Irish party, it is probable Parnell will not go to America.

Cork, 3.—Documents were found on Featherstone, the American who was arrested with O'Hertly, and said to be a newspaper writer, showing him to be in direct communication with O'Donovan Rossa. Letters were seized from Rossa, giving elaborate orders with regard to the mode of using explosives, similar to those found in the box carried by Dennis Dessy, arrested at Liverpool on Thursday on his arrival from this city.

Berlin, 3.—A telegram from Kiel announces that Herr Volmer, socialist, was arrested there this morning.

Vollmar was returning from the Socialist Congress at Copenhagen, wherein resolutions strongly denunciatory of Bismarck were passed.

The Emperor took an hour's drive to-day, the first since his recent illness. The drive benefited him greatly.

Copenhagen, 3.—The German socialists have just concluded a three days secret congress. Sixty members were present including Babel, Liebknecht, and Havenclever. All members of the Reichstag, together with delegates from Paris and London decided to oppose at the elections in 1894, Bismarck's policy chiefly in regard to his social programme, and force the fight against capital. The German police believed the congress was held in Switzerland.

Catania, 3.—A severe shock of earthquake occurred at Riposto. Oscillations continue. Two slight shocks were felt here.

BERLIN, 4.—At this hour, 3 p.m., the National Theatre is on fire and the flames are rapidly spreading. It is feared that the structure itself will be completely destroyed and other buildings go with it. The fire department seems wholly unable to cope with the flames.

Vienna, 4.—Baron Wertheim, the wealthiest manufacturer in Austria and celebrated as a fabricant of iron safes, is dead.

LONDON, 4.—The Queen is improving slowly.

A dispatch from Paris says: Prime Minister Ferry informed President Frey that the government had decided to take energetic action in Tonquin, with a view of establishing protectorate.

Limerick, 4.—The public meeting held here yesterday for the purpose of giving to Parnell a substantial testimonial of the estimation in which he is held, proved to be a success; only 40 persons subscribed to the projected fund for raising the sumbrance on his farm, and the same was temporarily abandoned.

4.—Simon Phillippart, a speculator, was arrested here yesterday, upon representations made by the Belgian public prosecutor. The charge against him is that he falsified accounts at his bank. The prosecutor, instructed by his government, demands that Phillip-

part be handed over to the authorities, to be dealt with according to the laws of that State.

Nice, 4.—The principal pier burned to-day; loss \$1,000,000.

Berlin, 4, 4 p.m.—The theatre is completely destroyed, with contents, including wardrobe, theatre properties, scenery as well as the building; nothing saved. No loss of life and no injury to persons. An entertainment was being given in the theatre. Damage to the surrounding buildings comparatively small. When the engines arrived, the flames had spread to the auditorium. The iron curtain separating the stage from the auditorium was not proof against the heat, and the proscenium boxes quickly ignited, the royal box first catching fire.

Investigation leads to the conclusion that the fire originated under the stage. The proprietor of the theatre only arrived when the structure was nearly consumed.

Four other Socialists arrested at the same time with Vollmar and Frohne, members of the Left of the Reichstag, will vote in a body against the bill proposed by the ministry to increase the duties on wool. The bill was referred to the committee, 138 to 135.

Kiel, 4.—Deputies Vollmar and Frohne, arrested in returning from the Socialist Congress at Copenhagen, have been released.

Schleswig, 4.—The persistence of the Danes of Schleswig in refusal of the demands of Prussia that they serve in the army are as strong as ever. Thirty of them are just expelled from the country for refusing to inscribe their names for such service.

Booth's "Othello" was loudly applauded. The closing scenes, although marked by certain beautiful passages, were not satisfactory to the critics.

Vienna, 4.—The Bishop of Bohemia, alarmed at the rapid spread of Spiritualism, has declared any one professing a belief in Spiritualism guilty of heresy.

It is stated that China has agreed to recognize the French protectorate over Tonquin, upon condition that France continues to pay tribute to China.

Rome, 4.—The story of a triple defensive alliance between Germany, Austria and Italy against France, is made the occasion by the press of Italy for many anti-French articles. *Liberta* sets forth that if the Republic assumes arrogant airs in her dealings with other countries of Europe she will find herself confronted with the unpleasant spectacle of several powers united for mutual protection. The *Journal de Rome* (clerical) goes still further, and says from the Baltic to Sicily the French Republic has none but enemies, who are ready to attack her if she but moves a finger. She is at the mercy of her enemies if there is the slightest *caus belli*, and Italy will not fall, when the chief of the alliance gives the smallest sign, to find such cause on a few minutes notice.

Constantinople, 4.—Gen. Von Hobe Pasha, an officer of the German army, who in 1882 came here to reform the Turkish army, has been appointed aide-de-camp to the Sultan, and his master of horse.

St. PETERSBURG, 5.—Developments of the utmost importance are expected in connection with the forthcoming great trial of Nihilists in this city. It was originally believed that this trial would be the last of the kind on the list. Recent arrests, however, make other Nihilist trials probable, and it is the present intention to arraign the newly discovered plotters either before the coronation of the Czar, or directly after. The accused have, with three exceptions, already pleaded guilty of belonging to the party, which they assert is in fact as well as in name, "The will of the people."

Frankfort, 5.—The *Gazette* publishes a special from Moscow stating that a large mine has been discovered connecting with the Kremlin where the coronation of the Czar is to take place. The telegram also states that a request has been wired to St. Petersburg for one hundred sappers and miners to be sent at once to Moscow for the purpose of destroying the mine.

LONDON, 5.—A semi-weekly newspaper called the *City Press*, in the edition published yesterday evening announced the reception of a letter without a signature wherein the writer threatened to blow up the government offices.

The affair was referred to the police, and late last night detectives, assisted by members of the Irish Secret Service, succeeded in arrest-

ing a man who had in his possession a quantity of stuff supposed to be dynamite. The arrest caused a decided sensation. Detectives had followed the prisoner from Manchester, as he appeared to be a suspicious character, and when he appeared he was as once arrested, being then in the vicinity of Fleet Street. He is now at Bow Street station, to await the report of army officials at Woolwich, who are engaged in a chemical examination. The police regard the arrest as a most important one; this is evidenced by the fact that since it was made precautionary measures have been renewed.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Duty cannot be neglected without harm to those who practice as well to those who suffer from the neglect.

That this is a great country is incidentally illustrated by the fact that while, three weeks since, the ice in the Straits of Mackinaw was twenty feet thick, corn was ten inches high in Georgia.

When the total population of the United States was 17,000,000 there were 3,700,000 persons engaged in agriculture. This was in 1840. Now with a population of 50,000,000 the number of farmers is 7,000,000.

The Cleveland *Herald* says, "Ninety Mormon missionaries are said to be laboring in the South. In the light of past events the prospect for decrease in the adherents of the polygamous sect is very faint." Just so; decrease is not the order of our progress. Don't look for it.

The value of a woman's jaw has been determined. A New York dentist broke one while pulling a tooth, and the owner sued him for \$5,000 damages. The jury, after long and careful deliberation, and doubtless mindful that they were to establish a precedent, awarded her only \$1,200.

Engineers in Berlin are making interesting experiments in war balloons, photographing the earth from a height sufficient to be out of range. Good views of the surrounding country have been obtained in spite of the rapid rise of the balloons, by the use of electric apparatus that limited the exposure of plates to a fractional part of a second.

A scheme is proposed for lighting

the whole of the Swiss Canton of Vaud by electricity. The motive force would be derived from turbines of 5,000 horse power at Vallorbee, and the water supply being constant and abundant, it is believed that gas, which is very costly in Switzerland, may be entirely dispensed with throughout the district.

A correspondent of a western paper thus gives his plan for cutting limbs from trees: "The direction to 'saw off a limb as closely as possible to the stem,' I consider unwise. Nature indicates precisely where every limb should be removed. On every limb, close to the body of the tree, can be seen a collar or ring. Just outside of this collar is the place to cut off the limb. If cut at a distance from this point the limb will die down to it and in time will slough off. If cut inside of it and close to the tree there is danger of a decayed spot resulting in time, and a long time will elapse before the wound will heal. If a limb is cut at the point I have indicated, and at the proper time, which is when the sap is descending to form a new layer of wood, the wound, unless a large one, will heal over the first year."

brated here to-day with great pomp. A bronze bust of the great artist was unveiled at the tomb.

Pesth, 28.—An earthquake in the neighborhood of Miscalose during a performance in a theatre, caused a panic. Many persons were severely injured.

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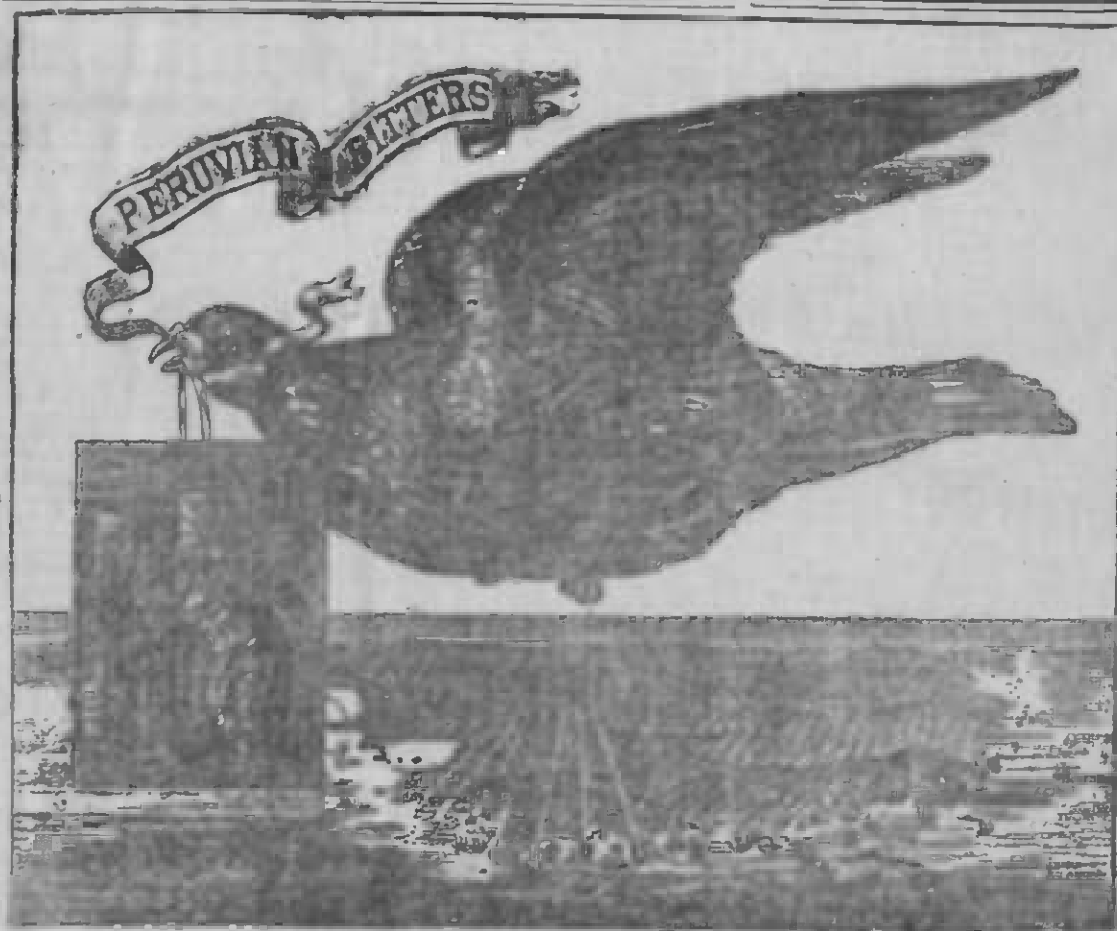
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