

over a hundred more as soon as the existing licenses expire.

Meanwhile the experiment has attracted immense interest on the continent, as well as in the British colonies, and any amount of inquiries have been received from the United States. The German emperor asked some time ago that the public house trust's reports should be supplied to his ministers regularly. Recently George Westinghouse contributed \$500 to the trust's funds and Bishop Potter of New York sent \$50, remarking that, in his opinion, the movement was "the first to deal with the subject of temperance reform in a really great way."

Of course, from the first, the success of this enterprise depended on whether saloons could be made to pay. Not only do the trust houses pay, however, but they seem to be a good deal more popular, even with moderate drinkers, as places where all kinds of "refreshments" are on a par, than under the old conditions.

LIKE REFORM "PUBS."

A recent report of the local trust company for Ulster county states that of the customers patronizing the reformed "pub" in their district, 43 per cent ordered temperance drinks and the report adds: "Beyond all doubt the main object of the promoters—viz., the reduction of excessive and injurious drinking, has more than justified the foundation of the company."

And this was written of an inn in the north of England. "It was formerly a public house of the lowest sort, frequented by disreputable women and roughs; it is now a clean and respectable house, doing a fair refreshment and non-alcoholic trade in addition to beer and spirits."

The report as to the Wharfedale Hotel, at Arlington, near Leeds, takes a like tone. "Among excursionists and the better class of villagers," it says, "the house is getting more popular every day. Workingmen drop in constantly for a pint of tea or coffee instead of beer."

Meanwhile an example of the way in which the profits of trust public houses are used for the benefit of the district in which they stand is to be found in the case of the Kelly Inn, Fifehead, Bowling, in the favorite sport in this section of the country, and out of the profits of the reformed "pub," a green had been laid out costing over \$6,000. The proceeds from other houses throughout the country have been used in fitting up reading rooms, gymnasia, and libraries.

BREWERS FIGHT TRUST.

Of course the brewers and all others interested in the retail liquor trade, are fighting tooth and nail to prevent the backers of the Public House Trust from fulfilling their ambition to "build a ring fence round the beer shops of the country." The latest move of the dealers in spirits has been to take a rather sharp advantage of a recent policy of the local justices who have the power of granting new licenses. Of late these officials have been in the habit of making the issue of a license in a new district conditional upon the surrender of three or four in localities where there are admitted too many public houses, and in this way, the liquor people have been able to give up several saloons formerly run at a comparative loss, to get away the license of a new "pub" from the trust people, who can make no such sacrifice. However, Earl Gray believes that the trust will be able to stop this game by an appeal to the courts.

If his lordship be correct, it is difficult to see what can prevent the Public House Trust from gaining control, sooner or later, of most of the saloons of the kingdom. Great landowners in almost every direction are now inclined to hand over to the trust the licenses of public houses on their estates as soon as they lapse. Incidentally, capital for the trust is plentiful, for a profit of 5 per cent is paid to shareholders before surplus profits are distributed locally, and in England where the rate of interest on investments is lower than in the United States, 5 per cent is looked upon as being a good thing. This investment is particularly popular with clergymen and hundreds of them, from the archbishops down, are getting dividends from saloon profits.

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One of the most beautiful women having the entire to smart set circles, both here and in Europe, is the Baroness de Pallandt, who combines social achievements with business ability. In mining matters she is considered an expert and not long since invested \$2,000,000 for the Astors in Mexico.

MARIE ANTOINETTE'S HARP.

Marie Antoinette's harp is to be put up for sale in New York. The unhappy queen of the revolution possessed two harps, both of which were built in the year 1780 by Jean Henri Nordenman, the principal fabricator of harps in France at that time. These two harps, one of which was the property of King Louis XVI himself and the other of the queen, were excellent instruments, though unlike in appearance. One had its arms carved in the same piece as the column of the harp and a blooming noose curled round the column, while the other had in quality of arms a little gilt pylon, fixed with a tape upon the pylon of the column.

ONCE FAMOUS BEAUTY DYING



Princess Mathilda, who was acknowledged to be, next to Empress Eugenie, the loveliest woman in the famous group of beauties about the French throne at the time of the Second Empire, as she appears since her accident at San Geronimo, which may result fatally.

Baroness Dornier, whose descendants afterward made a present of it to the instrumental museum of the Conservatory of Paris.

The other harp, the queen's favorite instrument, was to have been sold on the same occasion, but when the time came for it to be auctioned off no one could find it. Whether the harp disappeared long remained a mystery, but it was granted a Swedish Maecenas, the governor of a province, the Count Frederic Adolphus Ulric Cronstedt, from Stockholm, to discover its hiding place.

He found the harp in a garret in one of the little suburbs of Paris—Assieres—while on a journey to the southern countries. He had no occasion to fetch the harp at that time, so he left it there during 14½ years after which time it was sent to Sweden in the year 1833.

Upon its arrival in Sweden the harp was given by Count Cronstedt to his foster daughter, who became Lady Christina Louisa Gedda. After the death of Lady Louisa Gedda, in the year 1878, the harp was transferred to her daughter, Mrs. Amely Langenberg, born Gedda, and after her death, 1896, the instrument passed over to her son, Alvar Langenberg, and to his children.

The harp, as has been said before, was made by Nordenman, and stands nearly two meters high. The precious instrument has seven pedals, while all the earlier harps have no more than five. The strings are tuned over again by hooks, the construction for which became characteristic of all the harps of Nordenman. While the machinery represented the highest degree of mechanism of the time. The upper part of the column is adorned with beautiful gilt. There are plenty of certificates proving that the harp really is genuine.

The present owner of it is not rich enough to keep the precious historical instrument for himself, so he has at last decided to sell it. The Conservatory at Moscow has offered \$75,000 for it, yet Mr. Langenberg has found the sum too small. Now he intends to find a buyer in America. Marie Antoinette's harp will soon be sent from Sweden to New York, where it will be on exhibition.—Washington Times.

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ENGLAND'S CHIEF DETECTIVE

Destroyer of Anarchist Clubs, Protector of Kings, He Has Worked Hard for Thirty-one Years in the Detection of Crime.

THE MOST famous living detective, Superintendent William Melville, of Scotland Yard, who has recently been charged with the personal care of the king on his foreign journeys, retired yesterday.

Destroyer of Anarchist clubs, protector of kings, he has worked hard for 31 years in the detection of crime, and has lived to complete his service and earn his laurels in spite of the explosive bomb, the chloroformed bag, the dagger, and the revolver, all of which at one time or another have been casually prepared for his own personal destruction.

"The vile Melville" was the muttered phrase of hatred often heard in the anarchist haunts of Soho in the days when Superintendent Melville was breaking them down—and he was often there to hear it said.

Although at the head of a staff of detectives, he did not merely remain at his office in Scotland Yard and give orders. Taking his life in his hand, he provided Soho by night; he made friends of Italian and Frenchmen, members of the plotting clubs; "disguised as an Anarchist" himself he obtained invitations to their meetings; he went to their feasts and dances, and their masked balls were regarded by Mr. Melville as so many delightful bits of luck.

At these picturesque night revels every one present was supposed to be either an active Anarchist or a friend and supporter of "the great cause." Superintendent Melville was able to make himself to the Anarchist leaders unmarked and surrounded by their supporters.

hoped to kill all the crowned heads of Europe.

The frustrating of the chloroform scheme and the smashing of the Autonomic club made Mr. Melville the most hated man in England in Anarchist eyes. Threats poured in wholesale. Letters arrived at Scotland Yard promising the most terrible vengeance upon Mr. Melville if he did not cease to watch the Anarchists. One Anarchist with a loaded revolver in his breast-pocket succeeded in penetrating the strait corridors of Scotland Yard and getting into Superintendent Melville's own room.

He began to talk to Mr. Melville quite pleasantly but the trained eye of the detective caught the glint of a shining pistol-barrel behind the edge of the Anarchist's coat. Quick as lightning he snatched the weapon, coolly informed the visitor that he had nothing more to say to him and then flung him out into the passage.

"To handcuff and imprison him," remarked Mr. Melville once to an intimate friend, "would have been to have made him a martyr, to have given him just what he lived for; a chance to shine as the man who for the 'cause' had bearded Melville in his den. Publicity of the Anarchist's nostrils. By treating him with contempt and ignominy, I was throwing him out I deprived him of the help."

The harp Melville had a narrow escape of at Poplar in 1893, when Francois tried to shoot him to avoid arrest. But the powerful, athletic detective was too quick for the criminal, and pinned him down and took away his weapon.

A sharp struggle at Victoria station

HEADS IN POLITICS.



Women in England now are quiet organizing their forces for the great battle at the polls which is to decide the fate of free trade. The most able and energetic of these female politicians is Mrs. James Bryce, who is a first-rate orator on the hustings.

He chatted volubly with them in French or Italian, he studied their features, learned their aspirations, discovered their programs of murder, and in some cases was able to quietly arrest, red-handed and in the possession of deadly bombs the very men with whose wives and friends he had been dancing.

The way in which he imprisoned an Anarchist in a wine cellar is typical of his methods. The man was a German, and he had made arrangements to assassinate the Kaiser on his visit to London for the exhibition in London. Having got his man to the wine cellar steps by a ruse, and having no specific charge or warrant upon which to arrest him, Mr. Melville took the law into his own hands, pushed the man into the cellar, locked the door, and kept him safely "bottled up" until the Kaiser had departed.

One of his Soho vigils unearthed the Walsall scheme.

Following up shadowy clues inch by inch, and maintaining his fine system of surveillance by a corps of detectives, he traced the Italian bomb expert Battola to Walsall. There the Anarchist leaders not only preached the doctrines of Anarchism, but taught their disciples how to carry them out. In a secret cellar Battola held a bomb class, and had all the paraphernalia for making bombs. He instructed pupils in the various explosive mixtures, gave them lessons about time fuses, with the intention of sending them forth a host of men to destroy the royal palaces of Europe. These castles were rulely stopped by Superintendent Melville and his fearless men, and four conspirators were sent to penal servitude for 10 years and one for five years.

Superintendent Melville discovered that this plot was arranged at the most formidable of all the Anarchist rendezvous in London, the Autonomic club, in Windmill street, Tottenham Court Road. The smashing of this gang by Mr. Melville was the heaviest blow ever dealt at Anarchism in England.

When Dornain was literally "hoist with his own petard," being killed by the bomb which he had prepared for the destruction of the Royal Observatory, there was found on him a card of membership of the Autonomic club. This sent Mr. Melville down to Windmill street. He sat at the receipt of custom, placed his men at various points, and arrested each man as he sauntered into the club, keeping this going for four hours, until he had secured a cellarful of Anarchists.

The chloroform scheme was one of the most important of the Anarchist systems discovered by Mr. Melville. The detective met one member of the Walsall gang as the latter, on his arrival in London from Walsall, was on his way to the Autonomic club.

"What have you in that bottle?" asked Superintendent Melville, and on the man refusing to tell he ran him into the nearest police station, searched him, and discovered that the bottle contained chloroform. Following this new clue, Superintendent Melville found that the Anarchists of the Autonomic club had devised a terrible scheme for the sole purpose of obtaining money for their murderous propaganda, and spreading far and wide the gentle doctrines of Anarchism.

Their scheme was to keep observation upon members of the aristocratic clubs, to "shadow" them as they left late at night, and at the first opportunity to chloroform and rob them. Pini and Duval had carried out a long series of chloroform robberies on the continent, the proceeds of which had been conscientiously devoted to the same purpose. Pini is now in prison in New Caledonia. The man arrested in the street by Mr. Melville was sentenced to 14 years' imprisonment by Mr. Justice Hawkins at Stafford Assizes.

This was but a part of an international scheme by which the leaders

occurred when Mr. Melville left his wife's side, went up to the French bomb-thrower, Meunier, and started to put him under arrest. Meunier drew his fully loaded revolver, but the detective showed that he had muscle as well as brains, and gripped the Anarchist's arm in time to prevent him from firing. Meunier was secured, and in addition to the cartridges in the revolver, Mr. Melville found a large stock of ball cartridges in his captive's pockets.

Mr. Melville knows his "seamy" London as well as any man, but he knows his "seamy" Paris well, too. One of the narrowest escapes he ever had occurred there. In company with a French detective Mr. Melville walked down the narrow streets of the Montmartre and entered an Anarchist den. The moment he entered, some of the Anarchists recognized him. There was a yell of anger, a flash, and a bullet took the ash off Mr. Melville's cigar.

"Oh," he observed calmly, "I was not aware that you objected to smoking," and thereupon arrested a man who had baffled the officers of justice for months.—London Mail.

BLUFFING FOR HIS LIFE.

"Look at the rakish way that young turkey gobbler is strutting around these days," remarked the duck.

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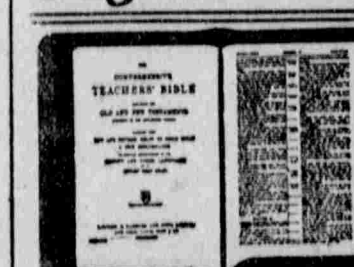
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