BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Sofia, March 28.—Excitement over the murder of Minister Beleheff continues intense. Over thirty attempts have been made. A clerkess who was following Stambouloff and Beleheff says that four men suddenly confronted them on the street and began firing. Stambouloff escaped by having just before dropped somewhat behind Beleheff. The official organ echoes the universal opinion when it says the hand of Russian diplomacy is seen in the murder, and that Stambouloff was the intended victim, not Beleheff.

London, March 28.—The $10,000 billiard match between John Roberts, Jr., champion of the world at English billiards, and William J. Peale, the ex-pocket champion, was concluded this evening. The conditions were 24,000 points up, nine hours. Peale receiving 12,000 points start. Although Roberts played in a masterly fashion, he was unable to overcome the big handicap, and when the contest closed had only succeeded in reducing up a total score of 21,619 points. Peale's actual score was 12,000 points.

Cork, March 28.—The jury in the trial of Michael O'Brien, Dillon and others, charged with resisting and assaulting the police at the time of the trial of O'Brien and Dillon at Tipperary, today announced that they were unable to agree on a verdict in the case of Gilbert Dillon, but rendered a verdict of "not guilty" as to the other prisoners.

Vienna, March 28.—The official report on the Hungarian autumn crops shows the wheat crop in the best condition. Rye is greatly damaged and barley only fair.

Rome, March 28.—The Right Rev. A. J. Glorieux, D. D., Vicar Apostolic of Idaho, has arrived in this city.

Rome, March 28.—The will of the late Prince Napoleon leaves everything he possesses to his son, Prince Louis.

New York, March 28.—It was clearly established today that the handkerchief used as a gag and found crammed down the throat of Carl Emanuel Hattinger, whose body was found on the sand flats at Tottenville, S. I., belonged to William Wright, who was Hattinger's companion. Mr. Taylor, of the firm of Gerard, DeCosta & Guthrie, went to Tottenville yesterday with two handkerchiefs which had been sent by Wright's relatives to this country from London. He went to the police station and asked Sergeant Thomas Drummond to let him examine the handkerchief marked "W. W.," which was found crammed down the throat of Hattinger. The lawyer made a careful comparison of the handkerchiefs sent from London and the one in the possession of Sergeant Drummond, and they were identical in every detail.

New York, March 28.—The exports of specie from New York last week amounted to $729,000 of which $624,000 was in gold.

A Big Pie Display.

The greatest pie display of which history tells us took place in 1569, at a dinner given after the funeral of Albrecht IV, King of Bavaria, at the royal palace in Munich. There were seven great pies upon the table, representing the seven sons of the world. The first pie was made of apples. It represented Adam and Eve, the tree of knowledge, the snake and the apple. The pictures were made upon the crust with confections of sugar and almonds.

Another pie was made of doves, and bore a wonderful representation of Noah's ark in its center, while round the edge were placed figures of every created thing. A key went with this pie in order that it might be determined what these figures were intended to represent.

Upon the crust of these wonderful pastries appeared the tableaux of Abraham sacrificing Isaac, David slaying Goliah, the ravens feeding Elijah, Samson tearing open the jaws of the lion, and the last and most wonderful of all the pies when opened was found to contain four flying birds, which all began to sing.—New York Press.

Two Cruel Punishments.

The gauntlope, or gauntlet, was military and naval punishment for theft. A man had to run the gauntlet of a long file of his fellow soldiers, each provided with a switch, and to prevent the sinner going too rapidly, and to see that no man, impelled by motives of friendliness or kindness, failed to strike hard, a sergeant walked backward, facing the said sinner, with a halberd pointed at the latter's breast. After a lengthy experiment this was found to be inconvenient and degrading, so recourse was had to another method—a variety of the same species of torture. The offender was tied to four halberds, three in a triangle and a fourth across. The regiment or company then filed off, the end of nine-tails was placed in the hands of the first man, who gave the culprit a lash and passed on, handing the end to the second, who also gave a lash, and so the game went merrily on until the offender had been expunged.—London Graphic.

Dogs in Egypt.

"It seems very queer that in both the Old and New Testaments the dog is spoken of with such abhorrence," said a well known canine physician. "The animal among the Jewish people of old was considered an unclean beast, and the buying and selling of him were an abomination. The only reason I can imagine for this fact is that dogs were held in such idolatrous veneration by the Egyptians, from whom typically the Israelites had escaped. Figures of the beasts appeared on most of the temples of Egypt, and in the religion of that land, seemingly they were regarded as emblems of the deity in being. The people of every family actually shared themselves, when a dog belonged to them, in a sign of worship."—Buffalo Sunday Times.

All the American owners of the British cattle are now in Mexico or looking to lease a possibility for the use of the Sierra Madre of Colorado. But to sort of mine will be of any good unless the silver bird Resolution so clearly suggest as the name of the American Union. Half way along, like that at present whooped in the Dominion of Canada, works cost instead of good. The old silver mines called a fellow-feeling, found it would not work and showed it into a canon.

A Blunder Refuted.

Sir Lyon Playfair and some years ago that, during the Middle Ages, "for a thousand years there was not a man or woman in Europe that ever took a bath." Rev. T. H. Bridges has discovered that this was not true, that there is mention of a bath for the wife of King Edward I, and that in 1327, twenty years before America was discovered, the Earl of Winchester had a bath covered with bits of white cloth.

So we breathe easy once more. Our ancestors, if they were quality people, certainly did use baths.

Those of us who did not have noble ancestors need not hurt our feelings by pursuing the subject too closely. But what a comfort it is that a thousand years from now our descendants can point with pride to the latter part of the Nineteenth century, when everybody took a bath at least twice a week. Then was a story current, it will be remembered, that a young lady who was dressing for a party called down stairs to her mother to ask whether she should wash for a low necked or high necked gown, but that will be proved to be a slander, like Sir Lyon Playfair's statement that nobody bathed for a thousand years in Europe. Oh, yes! What a comfort it is to know that everybody bathes now and changes his body linen frequently, and everybody is clean and sweet smelling as to his body and that history will so record it.

An Old Portrait.

The Magazine of American History publishes a striking portrait of Cotton Mather, the Puritan divine who went in for hanging witches. The peculiarity of this portrait is that it is exactly what one would fancy that the portrait of Cotton Mather would not be. It shows a face with large, dreamy, poetic eyes, and idealistic, artistic brows. It is a face of much beauty, full of fire and sensitiveness. The features are classically beautiful. We might expect him to be a poet, a dreamer, an artist, but what had a man with a face like this to do with hard and gloomy theology and hanging witches? How could he do it? The wonder grows as one studies the portrait.

He seems to have known almost intuitively the knowledge that others toil so painfully to get. He graduated at 16 from Harvard college, something over 200 years ago, and wrote of himself: "I am able with little study to write in seven languages. I feast myself with the sweets of all the sciences which the more polite part of mankind ordinarily pretend to. I am entertained with all kinds of histories, ancient and modern. I am no stranger to the curiosities which, by all sorts of learning, are brought to the curious."

Yet this beautiful faced, learned man wrote in 1692: "An army of devils is horribly broke in upon the place which is the center and, after a sort, the first born of our English settlements." It was, in truth, his very excess of learning that tended to make him put faith in witches. He had read volumes after volume of lore, recounting how hundreds of witches had been hanged and burned in Europe. What wise judges and lawyers approved of in Europe certainly it did not behoove ignorant American colonists to dispute. All of which goes to prove that the highest learning of one century may be silly and wicked nonsense in the next.

The same process continues constantly, too, and this we should pause to remember occasionally.

Dr. Johnson wrote: "When I was running about this town a very poor fellow I was a great sharper for the advantages of poverty. Sir, all the arguments which are brought to bear to represent poverty as an evil show it to be evidently a great evil. You never find people laboring to convince you that you may live very happily upon a plentiful income."

Writing of the Panama canal failure, an American who visited the deserted scene of operations says: "Today about all that remains on the isthmus of Panama as evidence of the human greed for gold are millions of pounds of what was once magnificent machinery, but is now little more than old iron, and the bleached bones of tens of thousands of men."

Thirteen lines of steamers will shortly be established from the southern ports of Mobile and Pensacola to Central and South American countries. Now we shall have reciprocity with all the sister republics south of us, and then will come opportunities for making fortunes that are only to be compared to the East India trade in its glorious splendor, to the days of Spanish conquests in Mexico and South America, or to the years immediately following the first gold discoveries in California. The United States will enter on an era of commercial prosperity such as it has never known before, and reciprocity and cultivation of the trade with Mexico, Central and South America will bring Canada and go off on such oscillant or away from republican principles to get it. The interests of North and South America are one and inseparable. The next step in this splendid path of progress before us will be the building of the international railroad from Alaska to Patagonia.

The Broken Idol.

Mrs. Keyes—I'm getting tired of them Indian souvenirs you bring home. Why don't they ever provide something about a girl when they make a trip?

Mr. Keyes—Darling, Maria, that's his business a soldier for my business paper to tackle.—West Shore.

Dreamy Evidence.

"Honey, I want to know who that woman is you have at your office?"

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