

make choice between complete idleness in such a prison as that of Al-

gachi or Ust Kara and regular daily labor in the mines, I should, without hesitation, choose the latter. So far as I could ascertain by careful inquiry among the convicts themselves, no one has ever been compelled to live and sleep in these mines day and night, and I believe that all the stories to that effect published from time to time are wholly

magicians and scitallous. The working force may occasionally have been divided into day and night gangs, or shifts sent into the mines alternately, but the same men have never been required to remain there continuously for twenty-four hours. At the present time there is no night work and all of the convicts return to their prisons before dark, or in the short days of midwinter very soon after dark. I do not wish to be understood as saying that the life of the

But these things are not the worst. The worst is that the Russian convicts at the Nerchinsk silver mines is an easy one, or that they do not suffer. I can hardly imagine a more terrible and hopeless existence than that of a man who works all day in one of the damp, muddy galleries of the Pokrovskii mine, and goes back at night to a close, foul, vermin-infested prison like that of Algiers. It is worse than the life of any parish dog, but at the same time it is not the

penitentiary terrible life of the fictitious convict described by Mr. Grenville Murray—the convict who lives night and day under ground, sleeps in a rocky niche, toils in hopeless misery under the lash of a pitiless overseer, and is slowly poisoned to death by the fumes of quicksilver. Such things might be effective in a sensational drama, but they are not true. The worst feature of penal servitude in Siberia is not hard labor, it is the mines. It is the condi-

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Japan and the World's Fair.

CHICAGO, May 12.—H. Shuglo, president of the Japanese Company of Tokio and New York, arrived this evening; also Robert Kihm, a

A Government's Message.

He Turns Up.
CHICAGO, May 12.—Charles Randall, ex-secretary of the Board of

rade, who has been missing for several weeks, has turned up in Portland, Ore. A letter was received from him today, announcing his intention of remaining at Portland permanently. He said nothing to his family on leaving, knowing that they would oppose his move.

Theodore Henry vs. the Travelers' Insurance Company, involving a large amount of bonds and irrigating canals in Colorado, which has been pending in the Federal Court for five years, was decided today by Judge Caldwell in favor of the insurance company. The matter involves over \$300,000.

In the Italian Chamber.
Rome, May 12.—In the Chamber

represents today the minister of the treasury announced amendments to the budget effecting a reduction of 500,000 lires on the army and navy estimates, and other retrenchments to the amount of 11,000,000 lires. There still remains a deficiency of 5,000,000 lires.

Dr. McGlynn.

As a Candidate.
KANSAS CITY, May 12.—The republican congressional convention for the Sixth Kansas District, after a day's fight, nominated Webb Neil of Smith County to succeed Hon. E. J. Turner, the present incumbent.

Battle Between Cowboys.
OKLAHOMA CITY, L. T., May 12.
 A report reached here tonight of

attle between two opposing forces of cowboys in Little River County, only five miles south. The difficulty is reported to have arisen over recent constructions of the herd. Five men are reported killed, three fatally injured, and four slightly wounded. Three deputy marshals have gone to the scene. No particulars are obtainable, as the scene of the fight is far removed from any telegraph station.

Three Thousand on Strike.
PITTSBURGH, May 12. — Three thousand employees of the National Ice Works Company at McKeesport, Pa., struck for a ten per cent increase in wages. All the departments are closed down except the hilling and rolling mills.

The Cyclone in Ohio.
CANTON, O., May 12. — The cyclone


From wheel at Akron Saturday visited Limaville in the north part of this county. Six houses were unroofed, and others badly wrecked. Mrs. Amos Hart and daughter were fatally injured and a son killed.

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