

were lying there. A continual chorus of moans rose through the tree branches overhead. The surgeons, with hands and bared arms dripping with blood, were straining every nerve to prepare the wounded for the journey down to Siboney. Behind me lay Capt. McClintock with his lower leg bones literally ground to powder. He bore his pain as gallantly as he had led his men, and that is saying much. I think Maj. Brodie was also there. It was a doleful group. Amputation and death stared its members in their gloomy faces.

"Suddenly a voice started softly:

"My country, 'tis of thee,  
Sweet land of liberty,  
Of thee I sing."

"Other voices took it up.

"Land where my fathers died,  
Land of the Pilgrims'—pride."

"The quivering, quivering chorus, punctuated by groans, and made spasmodic by pain, trembled up from that little group of wounded Americans in the midst of the Cuban solitude—the pluckiest, most heart-felt song that human beings ever sang.

"There was one voice that did not quite keep up with the others. It was so weak that I did not hear it until all the rest had finished the line:

"Let Freedom ring."

"Then halting, struggling, faint it repeated slowly:

"Land—of—the—Pilgrims'—pride,  
Let Freedom—"

"The last word was a woful cry. One more son had died as died the fathers."

#### FRANCE.

That was a strange error of our eminent compatriot—or, let us hope, of the reporter who misconceived him—"Our heart is not on that side; it goes out toward France." Toward France, the close ally and bosom friend of absolutist Russia; France, dominated by militarism and clericalism, France, with her Jew-baiting, her travesties of public justice, the condemner of Dreyfus and Zola! But for the name of it, a Caesar or a Napoleon might as well be at the head, where such things are done. Freemen respect the brilliant national intellect which seems of late to have gone so far astray; they admire the splendid literature of France; they are thankful for her great though spasmodic services to liberty in the past; they have watched anxiously her efforts to steer between the rock of Bourbonism and the whirlpool of anarchy; and they sigh to think that her destiny may be like that of the other Latin races—that she may sink into decadence, the victim of her own passionate errors, rent by internal convulsions, destroyed by false ideals and moral incapacity. Her watchword is glory, not duty. She stands not for humanity, but for herself alone, chauvinistic to the core. She has only angry jealousy when another power opens the wilderness or delivers a nation from oppression; she would seize these wild lands (if she could) in the old Spanish manner, and told them by methods not wholly dissimilar to those of Spain. Three hundred years ago she was ruled by a hero who fought at once for his crown, for national rehabilitation, and for human rights. In her days of real glory she was the land of Henri IV.; now she is a republic, forsooth,—and the land of Paty du Clam.—Lippincott's.

A. Harris, one of the Tennessee soldiers who was arrested at San Francisco for malicious mischief on Tuesday, appeared in the police court with a colored lawyer as his attorney. He was discharged by the court.

## WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Omaha Stockman, Sept. 15: C. O. De Wolfe, of Milford, Utah, had sheep on sale today.

Private Henry Ganet, Company M, Twenty-third Infantry, has died at the division hospital, San Francisco, of typhoid fever.

John J. Neary met death Friday by a blast in the Green Mountain mine at Butte, while his cousin, J. F. Neary, was badly injured.

Rather than answer to charges for drunkenness before a court martial, First Lieut. A. H. McRoberts of Company L of the Twenty-first Iowa regiment has forwarded his resignation to the secretary of war.

The Republican county convention at Seattle Friday endorsed the candidacy of Mayor T. J. Humes for the United States Senate and instructed its legislative nominees to use very honorable effort to secure his election.

Brig. Gen. Miller will urge the immediate erection by the war department of commodious barracks at the Presidio. He will try and have the matter attended to before the rainy season begins, as it now seems likely that many division hospital, San Francisco, of typhoid all winter.

Victor Emanuel, count of Turin, and nephew of the king of Italy, has arrived in San Francisco on his way to the Orient on a pleasure trip. Last year he attained international fame by engaging in a duel with Henri, Duc d'Orleans, who had criticised the conduct of the Italian army in the Abyssinian campaign. The count was declared the victor, and has since been lionized by his countrymen.

A battalion composed of companies D, G, H and I, Eighth California volunteer Infantry, Lieut. Col. F. Del Carlington commanding, arrived at Vancouver barracks from San Francisco Friday evening and went into camp on the government flat, where they will remain until the barracks now occupied by the independent battalion of Washington volunteer Infantry and battery I, Oregon volunteers, is vacated, which will be in about a month.

For twenty-four days John Wolf of San Francisco, president of Wolf, Wreden & Co., the wholesale liquor dealers at 412 Front street, has been missing. He was last seen on an out of the way road in southern Oregon, with considerable money on his person and in the company of a comparative stranger. He should have reached Rossburg on August 27th.

The Democratic territorial convention met at Prescott, Ariz., Friday. The only business of importance was the nomination of a delegate to Congress. There were four candidates in the field, Mark Smith, E. E. Ellingwood of Flagstaff, J. F. Wilson of Prescott, and Wiley T. Jones of Graham county. Smith withdrew on account of the unexpected opposition. Five ballots were taken without result, and an adjournment was taken.

The Red Cross society is considering the expediency of building a large home for convalescents in the foothills back of Oakland, Cal., but will not do so unless the government first consents to allow convalescent volunteers to be sent there. If this project be not carried out, a large annex to the present home at the Presidio will be built to accommodate the demand from the division hospital and also to make room for convalescents returning from Manila.

The gunboat Bennington has come

down to San Francisco from Mare Island, under sailing orders for Honolulu. It is possible that she may ultimately go to Samoa, though the Mohican, which has just come up to the navy yard, is destined for the Apia station. The Bennington will relieve the flagship Philadelphia at Honolulu, and the latter vessel will probably return to San Francisco, where Commander Kautz is expected to relieve Admiral Miller.

The Social Democracy of America has selected a body of land in western Washington and will establish its first colony within thirty days. The exact location will not be divulged for a while, as the negotiations are not sufficiently matured. The deal is being made by C. F. Willard and a Mr. Ingalls, who are members of the national commission. The colony will include several hundred people, each of whom will contribute \$1 per month to help out the enterprise. Each man will have his own home and his own share of the land and will receive the profits from what he produces. The Social Democracy differs from the Social Democracy party of Eugene Debs in that as an organization it has nothing to do with politics.

The second day's session of the California Bankers' association was well attended, only one or two absentees being noted. The principal subject under discussion was the exemption of city funds from taxation. Lovell White of the San Francisco Savings Union read a comprehensive paper and led the argument. Other financiers spoke on the same lines with Mr. White. The subject of a uniform law of negotiable instruments was introduced by James A. Thompson and a letter was read from the National association stating that there was every indication that many states would soon adopt the law proposed by the association. The subject was not discussed at length, it being the general opinion that such a law would soon be in vogue.

James L. Bortend, Pacific coast manager of the National Surety company, has taken possession of the lot of steel rails recently attached by the sheriff for the debts of the Stockton and Tuolumne county railroad (the Woman's road.) The surety company, acting for the Pennsylvania Steel company, gave Sheriff Cunningham a bond for \$30,000, and the attachments were released. The Pennsylvania company claims the rails because they have not been paid for. The Sierra company, a rival road, is ready to take all the rails for use in the extension from Jamestown to Summerville in Tuolumne county, the very country which the Woman's road was organized to tap.

Three captains from the Arctic whaling fleet have arrived in San Francisco. They are Captain A. C. Sherman of the wrecked steamer whaler Orca, Captain W. P. Porter of the wrecked steamer Jessie Freeman, and Capt. E. W. Newth of the Jeannette. "Had it not been for the wrecked whaler Navarch and the arrival of the relief expedition, fully 10 per cent of the frozen-in whalers would have died," said Capt. Sherman. "The Navarch was wrecked in an Arctic storm, you will remember," continued the captain, "and many of her crew were drowned. No one ever expected to see the hull again, but one day it came drifting past Point Barrow, and out of it we got 350 sacks of flour. There were just a few of those sacks left when the Bear arrived, and then the men had only been getting a four-inch square of bread every twenty-four hours."