

WALKERTON INDEPENDENT.

WALKERTON, INDIANA.

WILL ADMIT WHEAT.

GERMANY REMOVES THE DUTY ENTIRELY.

Killed by Drinking Strong Coffee—Fatal Collision in Minnesota—A Warning to Cigarette Smokers—San Francisco Shaken—Attempt on the Premier's Life.

To Admit Our Wheat.

REPORTS are revived in Washington that American wheat and flour will soon be admitted to Germany free of duty. That the convention is completed to all intents and purposes, lacking only the little final touches, is generally believed. The negotiations have been in progress for some weeks, and have been occupying a great deal of the President's time. The German Government desired that the present conditions governing the importation of beet sugar from that country into the United States be continued. In return, the President requested that Germany reduce its tariff on American breadstuffs. Germany, according to the report, has not only acceded to this request, but has gone farther and removed the duty on wheat and flour altogether. President Harrison desired to include canned meats in the articles to be freed from duty, and it is possible that he has succeeded, but the only authority obtainable confines the articles to breadstuffs.

Northwestern Wheat Stocks.

THE Northwestern Miller gives the stock of wheat in private elevators of Minneapolis at 1,159,000 bushels, or 131,000 bushels more than last week. The Minneapolis public stock increased 301,000 bushels for the week, and Duluth decreased 103,200 bushels, leaving the total stock of all kinds at these two places 6,387,504 bushels. The Market Record reports the wheat in country elevators of Minnesota and the two Dakotas at 2,434,300 bushels, an increase for the week of 282,000 bushels. The aggregate stock in the Northwest is this made 8,821,804 bushels, an increase for the week of 701,051 bushels. A year ago the total Northwestern stock amounted to 9,931,000 bushels.

Strong Coffee Killed Him.

DR. F. C. FOWNESE died in New York, his end being brought about by an inordinate slavery to strong coffee. At one time his practice was one of the longest enjoyed by any homeopathic physician in New York. In the course of his practice some twenty years ago he became addicted to the use of coffee, and the taste grew on him to such an extent that he drank from three to five quarts a day. The coffee was made almost as strong as life, and could not be swallowed by anyone but himself. Dr. Fownese became such a slave to the drink that he gradually lost his practice and at the time of his death was reduced to penury, for he had become a palsied wreck.

Arrested on a Novel Charge.

AT Aberdeen, S. D., Mr. C. M. Switzer has commenced action against Dr. W. E. Duncan for \$5,000 damages. She alleges that the Doctor repeatedly "pumped morphine into her husband so that he had become a morphia fiend," and she was deprived of his support and companionship. Also that her husband is physically, intellectually and morally a wreck on account of said treatment. Switzer is in jail in default of bail. He is said to have made a written confession in the presence of the Sheriff and notary.

He Charmed the Bloodhounds.

BOB ATKENS, a tough citizen hailing originally from Nashville, where he is connected with good families, escaped from the County Work-house at Chattanooga, Tenn., by assaulting and stabbing the guard. Bloodhounds were put on his trail and caught him, but he evidently stood in with them and the brutes went away with him, leaving the officers in the lurch.

Fatal Collision Near Shakopee.

A HEAD-ON collision occurred on the Minneapolis and St. Louis Road, near Shakopee, Minn., between an Omaha and Minneapolis and St. Louis freight train. Fireman Thomas Rogers, of Albert Lea, was killed, being wedged between the cab and tender. The engineers and the other fireman saved their lives by jumping.

Sad Warning to Cigarette Smokers.

JAY SOULES, 18 years old, was found dead in bed at his home in North Norwich, Conn. He was an inveterate cigarette smoker and was subject to severe attacks of headache and bedding at the nose as the result. It is said his death is directly traceable to the cigarette habit.

Attempt on Premier Mercur's Life.

THE Chief of Police at Montreal, Que., received a telegram from Premier Mercur to send a detective and a sergeant to Toureville, the Premier's country residence. The reason for the call is unknown, but it is stated that an attempt was made upon the life of the Premier.

The New Mexican Tariff.

THE new Mexican tariff will go into effect Nov. 1, and the custom-house officials at Nueva Laredo and Piedras Negras, the two principal gate cities, are being deluged with business on account of merchants rushing in goods from the United States so as to avoid the high duties.

Earthquake Shock in San Francisco.

A SEVERE earthquake shock occurred at San Francisco. It lasted fully half a minute and was the most severe experienced in that city for a long time. So far as known no damage was done.

Two Months Old and Weighs a Pound.

A GIRL baby two months old and weighing less than one pound is the object of much interest to the residents of Norwalk, Conn. The child at birth weighed nine ounces. It is perfectly formed and seemingly as strong as babies usually are at that age.

Oregon Stage Robbery.

WELLS, FAIRGO & Co.'s stage was robbed near Linkville, Oregon. It is not known how much money the robbers secured.

EASTERN OCCURRENCES.

NEARLY two hundred acres of ground in the northwest corner of Carbonade, Pa., under which Coalbrook colliery of the Delaware and Hudson is tunneled, is sinking, and there is danger of one of the most extensive cave-ins in the history of the coal regions.

A WAGON at Erastina, N. Y., with four occupants, consisting of a man, woman, and two children, was struck by a train. The man and woman were instantly killed and their bodies were hurled a considerable distance. The children were picked up in a dying condition.

THREE Burgettstown, Pa., hostlers found a bottle of liquor and almost drained it. Alex. Chapple took convulsions and died in two hours, and the others are lying at the point of death. An analysis of the liquid remaining in the bottle showed equal parts of strychnine and whiskey.

FIRE destroyed the mansion occupied by August Belmont and family, at New York, completely ruining its costly contents and involving a loss estimated at \$20,000. Mrs. Belmont, two children and the servants had narrow escapes from death. The fire started on the second floor and was caused by a curtain coming in contact with a lighted gas jet.

AT New York news of numerous disasters was received. The storm seems to have cropped up all over the Atlantic Ocean as far north as the banks of Newfoundland, as far south as the West Indies and as far east as the coast of Great Britain. The most serious disaster reported was the loss of the steamer Volverson. Her crew of thirty persons was rescued and brought to St. John's.

AT Buffalo, within a week about forty men have been discharged from the employ of the Wagner Palace Car Company at East Buffalo because they were members of an organization of anarchists. A short time ago a number of men had arranged to strike on a certain day, but on arriving at the works found a force of men ready to take their places. They mixed ly with paint used in finishing cars. Trouble is likely to follow.

THE Oliver & Roberts Wire Company, of Pittsburg, one of the largest concerns of its kind in the country, has made a request of its creditors for an extension. The amount of its indebtedness could not be learned, as the members of the firm could not give figures, but it was confidentially said that the creditors would be paid every dollar. The suspension was not wholly unexpected, as it was known the firm has been closely pressed for several weeks. The plant employs a large force of men, boys and girls.

AT Bordentown, N. J., Mrs. Parnell has been prostrated ever since her son's death. Her friends fear that she who has been too great for her and that she may lose her mental balance. She has been confined to her bed, her old servant, Edward Sloan, and her friend, Mrs. W. J. Knott, of New York, being in constant attendance. At one time Mrs. Parnell left her bed and burst into the dining-room, her eyes ablaze and her features haggard. She was greatly excited, and declared she would go at once to New York, and thence sail for Ireland to see her beloved son. Sobbs and hysterical laughter shook her frame, and the attendants were greatly frightened.

WESTERN HAPPENINGS.

A BLACK bear weighing 200 pounds passed through one of the most popular streets of Duluth, Minn., and jumped into the bay, where he was killed. The bear was headed for the wreck of the steamer Winslow, and had undoubtedly been attracted to the city by smelling the odor of the burning sugar in the unlucky vessel's cargo.

R. C. VAUGHAN, a well-known Fremont (Neb.) business man, committed suicide by lying down under a freight car, with his neck across the railroad track, and when the train started up his head was cut off. The waywardness of a son, wanted for burglary, is supposed to have driven Vaughan insane.

WHILE Indianapolis firemen were at work in the Van Camp Building, the wall was jarred by a passing train and fell, burying five men. As Walter Kerr struggled to his feet another train passed, and he was struck again, inflicting fatal injuries. Two others were killed. Four men were injured at the same place when the fire started, two days before.

GOV. CAMPBELL, of Ohio, is indignant over an article copied by the Cincinnati Commercial Gazette from the New York Recorder, relative to his financial condition. The Governor has telegraphed his attorneys in New York to demand a full retraction from the Recorder, and if it is refused, to bring suit for libel. A retraction was also demanded of the Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.

WHILE Miss Millie Wood, Miss Josie Buskirk, and Mrs. Mary Welch, of Nebraska, Ind., were crossing the Big Four tracks in a buggy, their vehicle was struck by five loaded coal cars backed by an engine. Mrs. Welch suffered a broken leg and the other ladies are badly cut and bruised all over. Their horse was killed and the buggy broken into kindling wood.

By an explosion in mine No. 7 of Keith & Perry Coal-Mining Company at Keith Hill, No. 1, Riley Metz was killed and Amos Alger seriously wounded. Half a dozen mules were also killed, and about \$5,000 damage done. A rescuing party had a close call, they being overcome by choke damp. At the hour of the explosion only two men were in the mine, otherwise, with the regular working force, half a hundred miners would undoubtedly have been killed. The cause of the explosion is not known.

THE male population of Kiowa, Kan., has grown tired of petticoat rule, and every man in the place, including the incumbent's husband, has signed a petition calling on the lady Mayor to resign. Last spring the people thought it would be a fine thing to fall in line and advertise the place by electing a woman for mayor. But since her installation she has waged relentless war upon the saloons, effectually banishing the cow boy trade. She refuses to resign, but appeals to the Governor and Attorney General.

ED NEAL, the murderer of Allan and Dorothy Jones, was hung at Omaha, Neb., in an inclosure built just outside the county jail. Ninety-four people witnessed the execution. The condemned man passed a restless night, but he walked to the scaffold without a tremor. There was no hitch in the proceedings, and Neal's neck was broken by the fall.

death being instantaneous. The murderer's real name is unknown, and on the scaffold he refused to disclose his identity, although he confessed his crime.

AN incendiary fire at Washington, Ind., destroyed the court house together with all the records. The fire was started simultaneously in the office of the recorder and auditor, and only a few of the records from the clerk's, sheriff's and treasurer's offices were saved. Charred papers from the recorder's office which were saved were found to have been saturated with coal oil, showing that the incendiaries had used oil to insure destruction. Every land title, every mortgage and all the papers relating to the assessment of the county were destroyed. The court house was built in 1877 at a cost of \$135,000.

INDEPENDENCE, Iowa, was insane with joy over the success of her idol, Allerton, in his race with Nelson at Grand Rapids. Men, women and children attend to the necessary duties with a waltz step and a boundless smile. The telegraph office, American Trotter office and bulletin boards of the police were besieged by a host of yet a xious mob watching with feverish interest for reports of the great stallion race. The news that Nelson had won the first heat was followed so quickly by reports of Allerton's success that the disappointment was not felt. Three husbands blared lustily, and even the chant contributed his song. The boxes until the city was

Oct. 9 conductor Richardson was held up by a footpad at Helena, Mont. A day or so after, Policeman Grozan found a suspicious character lurking about and halted him. The thug instantly fished a gun and shot the policeman through the right lung. The officer fired three shots after him without effect. Three hours later the robber held up Mr. Ray, getting a watch and some silver. A boyish-looking fellow was arrested, who proved to be a woman in disguise. Under pressure she broke down and was permitted to send out a note, which was followed and led the officers to the hiding place of her partner, one Clark, who was identified by both the victims and the officer, and Ray's watch was found on his person.

JOSEPH L. WILSON, of Chicago, until a few days ago the trusted minute clerk of Judge Murray F. Tuley and the receiver of several concerns, is a defaulter and a fugitive upon the face of the earth. How much in dollars and cents he is "short" is not known. It may not be more than \$5,000. It may be \$100,000. Another fact is that the missing man led a dual existence. On Wabash avenue his wife and two grown children lived. On Burling street lives a young woman who has generally been regarded as Mrs. Wilson. There is no excuse for Wilson. He has brought disgrace upon the woman who for twenty-five years has borne with him the cares of a busy life, and that at a time when the hectic flush of the fever of consumption is upon her cheek and when she is much less able to fight the battle with the world.

SHORTLY after Joe Coe, the Omaha negro, had been lynched, it developed that the child Lizzie Yates, whom he assaulted, was not dead as reported. The matter became serious, and arrangements were made to arrest leading members of the mob who were reported to be in the city. County Attorney Mahoney refused to allow the prisoners bail, and a large crowd surrounded the county jail and threatened that if the prisoners were not given their liberty the jail would be attacked and the men liberated. The men under arrest are Joseph Neushofer, Patrick O'Brien, John Fritz, R. G. Bloom, H. H. Brandies, Ed Fitzgerald, and John O'Donoghue. Under the law of the State of Nebraska any man who took part in the lynching is guilty of murder in the first degree and punishable by hanging. The mob was composed of the best citizens, and while the affair is deprecated there is a determination to prevent the leaders suffering from the affair.

SOUTHERN INCIDENTS.

THE dead bodies of Deputy Sheriff Bill Castor and a bartender were found lying in Ghio's saloon at Arthur City, Texas. The men were shot in the back and death must have been instantaneous. There is no clue.

FIRE at Montgomery, Ala., destroyed Hunter & Co.'s compress and 2,500 bales of cotton, causing a loss of \$125,000. At Mayfield, Ky., six acres of ground were burned over. The loss is placed at \$100,000, with but little insurance.

NEAR Norfolk, Va., Dr. William M. Lockwood was found choked to death. Robbery is supposed to have been the motive for the murder, as the deceased was thought to have some money. No trace of the murderers could be found.

FOREIGN GOSSIP.

THE German Government has placed an order in the hands of their American agents for eighty five tons of aluminum. It is intended for use in military applications.

A SPECIAL cable dispatch from Theima City says it is not a very serious result occurred there. There was some slight excitement, but nothing important happened. Nobody was hurt. The rumor that an army is marching on the city from Quesalimango is false.

DISPATCHES from China state that there has been serious rioting forty miles from the town of Amoy, in the province of Fo-Kien. The population of Amoy, amounting to about 200,000 people, is in a state of great excitement. The riot was caused by official abuses. Several mandarins and other officials were killed by the rioters.

BRIGANDS attempted to wreck a train at a desolate spot on the Haidar-Achamand Railway in Turkey for the purpose of robbery. The obstructions were discovered in time, and the brigands decamped. The Oriental Railway Company, as a result of recent outrages by brigands, has demanded special guarantees from the Porte if it is to carry on its traffic.

The Right Hon. William Henry Smith, First Lord of the Treasury, Government leader in the House of Commons and Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, died at London. Mr. Smith had been very ill for some time past, but no serious consequences were expected until it was suddenly announced that his condition was critical. A conference of physicians

was hurriedly called, but their efforts were unavailing.

SKELETONS of British soldiers of the war of 1812 were found at Lundy's Lane, at Niagara Falls, Ont., in a trench in the sand pit opposite the cemetery, where the bones of many others are supposed to lie. Some of the red coats were in perfect condition. Many buttons were found, also tobacco pouches, knives, buckskin vests and officers' braid. About fifteen skeletons have been dug up. The regiments, as shown by the buttons, were the Sixty-ninth and the One Hundred and Third. The British Historical Society will have the bones buried in the trench, in the cemetery. The cemetery is on a knoll of ground where there was an English battery.

RHEUMATIC fever is given out as the cause of the death of Mr. Parnell, but a post-mortem examination will be held in order to decide definitely. The prospect of an Irish reunion over the grave of Parnell is less encouraging. The news from Parnellite associations, both in Great Britain and Ireland, confirms the anticipation that an attempt will be made to keep up the organization with the same motives and aims as heretofore. Much depends upon a meeting of the Parnellite members of Parliament, which takes place soon after the burial of Parnell. If they should resolve to give up the contest it is thought that the various leagues would follow suit.

GENERAL NOTES.

THE Brotherhood of Railway Conductors and the Order of Railway Conductors were formally consolidated at Cedar Rapids.

THE sum of \$100,000 was subscribed by members of the Spanish colony of the City of Mexico for the relief of the sufferers by the late floods at Consuegra, Spain.

THE United States Government will reserve, under the act of Congress passed at the last session, 1,200,000 acres of land on the headwaters of the White River in Colorado.

THE committee appointed to pass on the acceptance of the marble statue of Jefferson Davis for the vestibule of the Confederate monument in Jackson have finally decided to accept the statue.

AT the City of Mexico, anxious creditors whose claims aggregate over \$400,000 are seeking the whereabouts of Salvador Ma'o, a prominent contractor. He is said to have gone to Europe by way of New York.

IT is reported on excellent authority that Flora Frances is to be the name of the little daughter of the ex-President and Mrs. Cleveland. The first name is to be given to the baby in honor of Mrs. William C. Whitney, wife of ex-Secretary of the Navy Whitney. The Frances will be added, it is said, at the earnest request of Mr. Cleveland, who has not shared his wife's distaste for her name.

THE Census Bureau has made public a bulletin in relation to iron ore. It shows the quantity of iron ore produced in the United States during the year 1889 to have been 14,518,041 long tons, valued at \$33,251,978, an average of \$2.30 per ton. The four leading States were Michigan, Alabama, Pennsylvania and New York, aggregating 10,234,259 tons or 70 per cent of the total production. Capital invested, \$400,726,140.

A FUGITIVE car that contained Chinese lepers is missing. When last heard of, the car, bound for New York, was being pulled out of Vancouver. The lepers were inside, with a cask of water and a barrel of bread. The car door was sealed. The car should have reached New York a week ago, if the Canadian Pacific Railroad, supposed to be getting it past the authorities on the United States border. Friends of the lepers would like to know what has become of them, and so would the New York Health Board.

R. G. DUN & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: From all parts of the West and South come advices that business is gradually improving, and the improvement is felt in Eastern centers. There is still a most encouraging absence in any trade of that speculative excitement and over-confidence which is so often a presage of disaster. Purchases are governed by unusual conservatism, and yet are large volumes. Failures are rather numerous, but are in nearly all cases the results of a long continued commercial strain, since the foreign disaster of last November. It is true that prices of nearly all products are very low, and the margin for profit is very narrow, while competition is severe; but the volume of trade is larger than in any previous year, in spite of the fact that some branches of business are retarded. It is also true that collections in some quarters are slow, but the latest reports from various sections are on the whole more favorable. The news regarding the chief industries is decidedly favorable.

MARKET REPORTS.

CHICAGO.		
CATTLE—Common to Prime.....	\$3.50	@ 6.50
HOGS—Shipping Grades.....	4.00	@ 5.25
SHEEP—Washed to Ch. Res. 100 lbs.....	3.10	@ 5.25
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.....	.98	@ .98 1/2
CORN—No. 2.....	.53 1/2	@ .54
OATS—No. 2.....	.26	@ .27
RYE—No. 2.....	.26	@ .27
BUTTER—Choice Creamery.....	.25	@ .28
CHEESE—Full Cream, flats.....	.10 1/2	@ .11
EGG—Fresh.....	.29	@ .30
POTATOES—New per bu.....	.32	@ .38
INDIANAPOLIS.		
CATTLE—Shipping.....	3.50	@ 5.75
HOGS—Choice Light.....	3.50	@ 5.25
SHEEP—Common to Prime.....	3.50	@ 4.50
WHEAT—No. 2 Hard.....	.98	@ .99
CORN—No. 2.....	.53 1/2	@ .54
OATS—No. 2.....	.26	@ .27
ST. LOUIS.		
CATTLE.....	3.50	@ 6.00
HOGS.....	3.50	@ 5.25
SHEEP.....	.96	@ .97
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.....	.96	@ .97
CORN—No. 2.....	.53 1/2	@ .54
OATS—No. 2.....	.26	@ .27
CINCINNATI.		
CATTLE.....	3.50	@ 5.25
HOGS.....	4.00	@ 5.00
SHEEP.....	3.00	@ 5.00
WHEAT—No. 2 Hard.....	.98	@ .99
CORN—No. 2.....	.53 1/2	@ .54
OATS—No. 2.....	.26	@ .27
DETROIT.		
CATTLE.....	3.00	@ 5.25
HOGS.....	3.00	@ 4.75
SHEEP.....	3.00	@ 4.50
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.....	.96	@ .97
CORN—No. 2 Yellow.....	.54	@ .55
OATS—No. 2 White.....	.31	@ .33
TOLEDO.		
WHEAT—No. 2.....	.99	@ 1.01
CORN—No. 2 Yellow.....	.55	@ .57
OATS—No. 2 White.....	.29	@ .30
RYE.....	.27	@ .28
BUFFALO.		
BEEF CATTLE.....	5.00	@ 7.00
LIVE HOGS.....	4.25	@ 5.50
WHEAT—No. 1 Hard.....	1.02	@ 1.04
CORN—No. 2.....	.54	@ .55
MILWAUKEE.		
WHEAT—No. 2 Spring.....	.98	@ .99
CORN—No. 3.....	.50	@ .52
OATS—No. 2 White.....	.29	@ .30
RYE—No. 1.....	.28	@ .29
BARKLEY—No. 2.....	.61	@ .62
PORK—Mess.....	12.40	@ 12.50
NEW YORK.		
CATTLE.....	3.50	@ 5.75
HOGS.....	4.00	@ 5.25
SHEEP.....	3.50	@ 4.50
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.....	1.01	@ 1.03
CORN—No. 2.....	.51	@ .52
OATS—Mixed Western.....	.31	@ .32
BUTTER—Creamery.....	.16	@ .27
PORK—New Mess.....	11.50	@ 12.00

PARNELL IS NO MORE

THE IRISH LEADER EXPIRES SUDDENLY.

His Unlooked-For End Due to a Chill Contracted Last Week—Intense Surprise Caused Throughout England and Ireland by the Startling Event.

Caused by a Chill.

Charles Stewart Parnell died suddenly at Brighton. Death was the result of a chill with which the great Parliamentary leader was attacked last week. He gradually became worse and was compelled to take to his bed, from which he never arose. Shortly after Mr. Parnell had been induced to retire to his bed his condition became so grave that Mrs. Parnell and the attending physician decided it advisable at once to summon additional medical advice. Two other physicians were at once called in, but notwithstanding their efforts Mr. Parnell continued to grow steadily worse, and it soon became obvious that the Irish leader was gradually sinking and that death was but a question of few days, perhaps hours. Since then it appears to have been simply a matter of awaiting the arrival of the inevitable. The announcement of Mr. Parnell's death caused a tremendous sensation here, says a London cablegram, the news coming while the public mind is still agitated by the death of William Henry Smith and other distinguished men. At first it was feared that it was another suicide, and this was fully believed in by many in London, by whom there was a frequent grouping together of the suicides of Balmaceda, Boulanger



and Parnell. This impression was kept up for some time until details came showing that the death was from natural causes, the result of a severe cold. Expressions of surprise were at first more numerous than of sorrow, although now that the facts are learned these are succeeded by a feeling of pity. The death was a great surprise. Nobody was aware that Mr. Parnell had been ailing and it is no wonder that rumors of suicide took possession of the public mind, but it seems that his physicians had frequently warned him that he was not strong and that he ought to cease public speaking for a time. He made his last speech in Ireland a week ago. It was noticed at all recent meetings that he worked himself up to a high pitch of nervousness, the tension of which lasted for days after. Despite the entreaties of his wife he persisted in talking, although he promised soon to take a rest.

Mrs. Parnell is prostrated by grief and fatigue, and the physicians are apprehensive as to her condition. She has been nursing her husband constantly since the cold settled on his lungs. Both were hopeful of recovery until nearly the last, when death came with terrible suddenness.

The effect of Mr. Parnell's decease on the political situation is already being discussed. The healing of dissensions in the national party is looked for which will immensely help the cause of home rule, removing all obstacles to its progress in Ireland itself. The liberals in England have reason to hope for the restoration of harmony with the entire body of Irish nationalists and for the assistance of its undivided vote in the next general election.

Mr. Parnell had only just reached his forty-fifth year and there seemed no reason why he should not have lived to attain a ripe old age and to enjoy the full realization of his political aspirations. His death, occurring just at the present critical period of Irish affairs, is calculated to produce a complete change in the disposition not only of the Irish political forces, but to bring about at first a disintegration and then a reconstruction of two political parties of Great Britain. Under any circumstances the Tory coalition with the followers of Mr. Parnell is now at end, and, curious as it may appear, there can be little doubt that his decease will be a furnished the occasion for forming all Home Rulers under one leader, thereby putting an end to the chaotic confusion which has now existed for nearly a year.

The death of Mr. Parnell calls up to any person who is interested in and has closely followed the Irish movement since 1875 memories of a period into which has been pressed more events of first importance than in any previous century in the history of that race. All those remarkable struggles and episodes cluster around one striking personality, the story whose development will constitute a long and pregnant chapter in the narrative of modern society.

He Was a Corker.

IT is reported from Panama that a monster shark was captured in the harbor there recently. It measured nearly twenty-four feet in length, and was four feet in diameter at the greatest width. The skin was about half an inch thick. It was captured by a harpoon, thrown by a fireman on a steamer, and the steamer was completely turned round by the powerful fish when it was first made fast.

FRESHLY laid sod is much more likely to succeed if covered with about an inch of fine soil. This will save it even in a dry time, when otherwise it would fail to get a good start.

During the past decade, while the United States has diminished its debt about one half, France has added \$950,000,000 to hers.

A DOLLAR in the pocket is worth two in the hand.

PUBLIC OPINION.

General Boulanger.

The suicide of Boulanger removes the Diss Debar of French politics.—Indiana Sentinel.

At last Boulanger has attempted something in which he has succeeded.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

His suicide, like Balmaceda's, was the only way in which he could save himself from a worse fate.—Boston Herald.

When he stood over the grave of his mistress and decided to solve the mystery of the future, perhaps he made no mistake.—Minneapolis Tribune.

Balmaceda-Boulanger. These are alternative examples for you, Barillas. The world will not complain if you follow where they have led.—Detroit Free Press.

Boulanger, the man of destiny, is dead, and it may be said of him as of another, "the last state of that man was worse than the first."—Baltimore Herald.

It will be fortunate if France profits by the exposure of Boulangerism. But it does not take much to make a hero in France, as this man's life shows.—Philadelphia Press.

The assertion that "General Boulanger's death will strengthen France" is bosh, of course. For more than a year past he has had no following.—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

The next lesson of the career thus pitifully ended is a simple one. It is summed up in Boulanger's familiar advice to Cromwell. "Wolseley could not fling away a mean ambition for a noble one."—Boston Post.

With one sentiment in Boulanger's "political testament" there will be a general agreement—the expression of regret that he did not die on the field of battle fighting for his country.—Grand Rapids Democrat.

He overreached himself in his attempts to attain the height of his ambition, and instead of becoming the dictator of France and a second Napoleon, he ended his life miserably on the grave of the woman for whom he deserted his family and disgraced himself.—Philadelphia Call.

The mob of Paris and the aristocracy of France might have forgotten the wound in Boulanger's neck; they might have overlooked the liaison with Bonnemain and the desertion of the wife; but they could not conceal their disgust at the cowardly flight from danger. This disgrace, added to the others, marked the end.—Rochester Post Express.

Grover's Little Girl.

Baby McKee to Baby Cleveland: "Keep off the White House grass."—Washington Post.

Papa Cleveland feels "a heap bigger" now than when he was elected President.—