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The annual report on the Michigan state penitentiary at Jackson shows a total population of 720, the lowest in twenty-five years. The tailors' shop had but one man at work.

In the future the United States steamship Scindla is to be known as Ajax. The Scindia, it is said, acquired an unenviable reputation by the amount of soot and cinders she emitted from her smokestack. The men on board the Scindia acquired a disrespect for her and altered her name to the

Various scientific departments in England recently held a conference in which they sought to obtain government powers for protecting the delicate instruments in the Kew and Greenwich observatories from any magnetic disturbances that arise from the working of electric tramways and railways in their vicinity.

The New York socialists have commenced a crusade that has for its object the enlistment of the women in their cause. To this end they have incorporated a Woman's Socialist soclety, which has just held a session in Brooklyn. All the orators were women. Their purpose is to set on foot a movement for the incorporation of like organizations in all the states.

No orders have yet been sent out to the Oregon looking to that ship's coming home, but it is said at the navy department that she will be brought to the Mare island navy yard within the next three months. Extensive repairs will be required by the Oregon and it is not unlikely that the Union iron works may get the contract for the work.

Eccentricities of genius do not figure very largely in Mr. Howell's recentreminiscences of our great writers of the last generation. There is no comfort in his book for silly young men who try to excuse their own lapses from decency by the examples of Byron and Poe; for Mr. Howells shows that our foremost Americans were clean-living as well as high-thinking citizens. The possession of genius does not confer exemptions; it imposes weightier responsibilities.

Forty-two English citizens during the last ten years have changed their surnames, because they were the same as those of famous villains in wellknown books and plays. For this privilege they paid the country £420. Dickens is responsible for over a third of the name changes, and, among others, seven Quilps have sued for a new name during the past six years alone. Quilp in "The Old Curiosity Shop" was such a detestable villain that victims of the same name said it did them and their business harm. Uriah Heep, the cringing rogue of "David Copperfield," is responsible for five people of that name seeking new cognomens. Another name that has been changed by seven different families is "Legree," spelled in several different ways, the tory of our import trade. The total name of the scoundrelly painter in "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

When the usual committee representing the two houses called on President McKinley on the day they assembled, it is said the president cordially remarked that he was glad to see them and glad that congress was again in session. This is a pleasanter attitude than that of dread with which many people regard the assembling of the national legislature. When great national political conflicts are taking place there is sometimes reasons for apprehension. At the present time there is need of constructive legislation, and we ought rather to be sorry that congress has but three months in which to accomplish it than to regret that it has met to undertake the task.

The anecdote which follows must undoubtedly be accepted as both authentic and official, since it is contained in a report to the state department by an American consul. One of the duties of a consul is to discover, if he can, and make known to his countrymen all openings for profitable business in the district within which his jurisdiction lies. Accordingly, we are told how the Germans at Aix-la-Chapelle received an American circus. The magnitude and character of the bill posting and the rapid erection of the huge tents filled them with astonishment. On the day of the circus not a workman went to the factories, and spindles lay in astonished idleness. The tents were crowded at each performance. Vague antipathies against the United States were changed to respect and awe, any farther achievement being deemed possible for Amerisans. That commerce follows the flag is a trite assertion. The Aix-la-Chapelle consul seems to add, "especially when the flag waves above an American circus!"

That the young queen of Italy stands on a good footing with the ladies of her court may be inferred from a remark soon after her elevation to the throne. "When one has to stand so long and make so many courtesies, it is best to seek comfort. My own practice is to wear easy corsets and shoes that do not pinch." An innovation, certainly! Hitherto, royalty's attitude toward the discomforts of court dress has been rather the philosophy of Rip Van Winkle on seeing his wife at the wash-tubs: "Well, I suppose somebody has got to do it!"

SENATORS TALK OF THE ARMY.

Attack Upon President's Discretionary Power.

QUESTION OF ARMED MENACE.

Mr. Hoar Thought 100,000 Armed Men Would be Within the Limit of Domestic Safety to Liberty—Reapportionment Bill Passes.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 14.—In the senate a vigorous attack was made upon that portion of the army reorganization bill which confers upon the president discretionary power to increase the strength of the army to the maximum limit fixed by the bill. Mr. Bacon (Ga) began the attack and Mr. (Conn.), replying, maintained that discretionary power ought to be conferred upon the president, and expressed astonishment that anybody should entertain a fear that the power ever would be abused. Mr. Bacon declared he would rather see his party condemned to universal and neverending banishment from political power than to see such authority placed in the hands of the president. Mr. Hoar expressed the opinion that an army of 100,000 at present would not make the executive more formidable than he was made by an army of 25,-000 when that limit was fixed. He did not regard an army of 100,000 as a menace, as that number, in his judgment, was far within the limit of domestic safety to liberty. The bill in addition authorized the presdent to reduce the number of the army still lower, but on account of the use to be made of that army he would have to vote against the bill. Senator Hoar's resolution providing that the United States army should only be used to keep order in places now actually under the peaceful control of this government was voted down, 32 to 19. The division was strictly along party lines, with the exception that Senator Morgan (Ala.) voted with the republicans and Senator Hale (Me.) and Senator Hoar (Mass.) voted with the democrats. The consideration of the army reorganization bill is proceeding slowly, and a vote on its passage may not be reached for several days.

Passes Reapportionment Bill. The senate passed the reapportionment bill as it came from the house. The bill now goes to the president for his signature.

For Paeumatic Tube Service. The house committee on postoffices and postroads decided today by a majority of one to report favorably the recommendation of an appropriation of \$500,000 for the pneumatic-tube service. Representative Lorimer expects Chicago to get \$100,000.

Wisconsin Man Gets an Office.

The president has nominated William G. Wheeler of Wisconsin to be attorney of the United States for the western district of Wisconsin.

Heavy Imports by Manufacturers.

The manufacturers of the country have imported more raw material for use in manufacturing in the year 1900 than in any preceding year in the hismaterial of foreign production imported in a crude condition during the year just ended amounts to over \$275,-000,000, and if this is added to the total of "articles wholly or partially manufactured for use as materials in manufacturing" the grand total of materials imported would amount to over \$360,000,000, or nearly 45 per cent of the total importations.

Breaks Record Over \$4,900,000. Washington, D. C., Jan. 14.—George E. Roberts, director of the mint, in his annual report shows that the coinage of the last year was in excess of that executed in any previous year in the history of the service, aggregating \$141,351,960, as compared with \$136,-855,676 in the previous fiscal year. The value of the gold coinage was slightly below that of the previous year, being \$107,937,110, as compared with \$108,-177,180. The coinage of silver dollars was \$18,244,984, as compared with \$18,-254,709 in the previous year. The chief increase was in the output of subsidiary and minor coins, which surpassed all records. The coinage of subsidiary silver amounted to 57,114,-270 pieces, of the value of \$12,876,849. and of minor coins to the extraordinary total of 101,301,753 pieces, of the

value of \$2,243,017. Cleveland Back from Hunt. Charleston, S. C., Jan. 14.—Former President Cleveland, Captain Robley D. Evans, Captain P. B. Lamberton, and General Anson G. McCook came up from the Santee Gun club preserves to Georgetown to-day, and, boarding their private car Iolanthe, left at 4 p. m. for their homes. Mr. Cleveland looked ruddy and in excellent health. The marshes are full of ducks, and the party had fine sport.

Kruger Is Seriously Ill. Paris, Jan. 14.—Private advices received here say that a German physician who recently examined President Kruger pronounced him dangerously ill, scarcely likely to live more than a fortnight longer. The President was prostrated by an attack of bronchitis two weeks ago and the severe climate has facilitated the progress of

New Way to Trisect an Angle. Lebanon, Mo., Jan. 14.-Miss Ger. trude Cutcheon, a member of the 1901 graduating class of the Lebanon High School, has figured out a new method BRIEF NEWS PARAGRAPHS.

Charles Alexander, grand duke of Saxe-Weimar, is dead. He was born at Weimar in 1818.

The damage which the Boers did to the Kleinfontein mine is officially estimated at £210,000. The residence of E. H. Taylor at

Model City, N. Y., burned on the 8th, and Taylor, his wife and three small children perished in the flames. President McKinley, who has been ailing for the past few days, was so much improved in health on the 13th

as to permit of him taking a short carriage ride. The Bucharest correspondent of the London Daily Express says that five Roumanian soldiers, while going home were attacked and caten by wolves,

after a desperate struggle, one day recently. Among the Philipinos there seems to be an organized band of assassins, their object being to just gratify revenge or envy against the rich. Only the other day two more Americans

were captured and ordered killed. Most of the miners in the Weir City ine mining district, Kas., are on strike. The trouble resulted over vages and the introduction of nonunion miners. There has been a riot in one of the mines in which an attempt was made to hang one of the superintendents.

It seems certain that a ministerial crisis will occur in Spain after the suspension of the sittings of the chambers. Some of the ministers say the marriage of the Princess of the Asturias to Prince Charles, second son of the Count of Caserta, will occur during the first fortnight of February.

Consul-General Gudger cables the state department from Columbia that the revolutionists are approaching Panama and making preparations for a fight. The state department intends taking vigorous action if necessary to protect our interests and to carry out the duties we have assumed by treaty for the protection of the isthmus of Panama.

Copies of the North China Daily News received by the steamship Tacoma have a long article on the plot by Corean Boxers to massacre foreigners and follow the recent Boxer programme in China in Corea. The Seoul correspondent of that paper says that without question there has been orders sent to every prefect to this end durng November.

Thomas J. Minnock, the newspaper man who made the original charges against Nurses Davis, Dean and Marshall, of Bellevue hospital, New York, which led to the exposure of horrible abuses in the charities department and caused the nurses to be held on the charge of having murdered a patient, has disappeared, and all efforts of the authorities to locate him have been futile. It is feared that he may have met with foul play at the hands of some of the thugs of the charities department whose situations were threatened by the exposure.

The application of Attorney Stevenson for a writ of prohibition to restrain the Ingham county circuit court from proceeding with the case against ex-Gov. Pingree, was denied by the supreme court on the 8th. The court ield that inasmuch as no proceedings had been instituted in the lower court to quash, they would adhere to the rule laid down in the 42d Michigan that the question must first be raised court. The supreme court did not pass upon the merits of the

The United States transport Ingalls, from San Juan, P. R., December 27, and Havana, January 1, reached New York on the 7th, after a very tempestuous voyage. For 40 hours the vessel was buffeted by enormous seas, stirred ! alted. by high winds first from the north and later from the northeast and east. Doors and port lights were smashed, ladders were broken and the bridge was damaged. The hand steering gear was carried away and the saloon and dining saloon were flooded, the furniture being broken or ruined. The special apartment on the upper deck aft was also wrecked.

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The nitrate building of the Eastman Kodak Co., was destroyed by fire on the 8th. Two firemen were killed by the fumes of burning chemicals, and one other was so seriously injured that he will die.

While Wm. Chidester and his wife who reside near Marrietta, O., were absent on the 6th, Thomas, a 9-yearold son, emptied both barrels of a shotgun into his sister Florence, aged 14, of trisecting an angle. It is said to ror possession of the gun when a neighkilling her instantly. The boy fought simplify greatly the present solutions bor arrived on the scene, but seemed

TALMAGE'S

HEAVEN AWAITS TRUE DISCI-PLES OF CHRIST.

Tells What May Bo Expected in the Next World by Those Who Faithfully Serve God and Help Their Fellow Men -Reward of Self Sacrifice.

(Copyright, 1901, by Louis Klopsch, N. Y.) Washington, Jan. 13.—In a very novel way Dr. Talmage in this discourse describes what may be expected in the next world by those who here bend all their energies in the right direction; text, II. Peter i., 11: "For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly."

Different styles of welcome at the gate of heaven are here suggested. We all hope to enter that supernal capital through the grace that is ready to save even the chief of sinners. But not now. No man healthy of body and mind wants to go now. The man who hurls himself out of this life is either an agnostic or is demented or finds life insufferable and does not care where he lands. This is the best world we ever got into, and we want to stay here as long as God will let us stay. But when the last page of the volume of our earthly life is ended we want enrollment in heavenly citizenship. We want to get in easily. We do not want to be challenged at the gate and asked. to show our passports. We do not want the gatekeeper in doubt as to whether we ought to go in at all. We do not want to be kept in the portico of the temple until consultation is made as to where we came from, and who we are, and whether it is safe to admit us, lest we be a discord in the eternal harmonies or lower the spirit of heavenly worship. When the apostle Peter in the text addresses people, For so an entrance shall be administered unto you abundantly," he implies that some will find admission into heaven easy, rapturous and acclamatory, while other will have to squeeze through the gate of heaven, if they get in at all. They will arrive anxious and excited and apprehensive and wondering whether it will be "Come!" or "Go!" The Bible speaks of such persons as "scarcely saved," and in another place as "saved as by fire," and in another place as escaped "by the skin of the teeth."

The Morey of Christ.

Sometimes in our pulpits we give a wrong turn to the story of the dying thief to whom Christ said, "This day shalt thou be with me in paradise." We ought to admire the mercy of the Christ that pardoned him in the last hour, but do not let us admire the dying thief. When he was arrested, I think his pockets were full of stolen coin, and the coat he had on his back was not his own. He stole right on until he was arrested for his crimes. He repented, and through great mercy arose to paradise, but he was no example to follow. What a gigantic meanness to devote the wondrous equipment of brain and nerve and muscle and bone with which we are endowed, these miracles of sight and hearing and speech, to purposes unworthy or profane, and then, through hasty repentance at the last, enter heaven! Cheating God all one's life-asked the manager of an insane asylum bankrupt law and made free of all liabilities. I should think that some men would be ashamed to enter heaven or asked the same question of the manawould prefer some medium place in the wide universe where the palaces are not nia, and the same question of the manthan six instead of twelve manner of fruits, and the social life is not so ex-

Again, the bigot will not have what my text calls an abundant entrance. He has his bedwarfed opinion as to what all must believe and do in order to gain celestial residence. He has his creed in one pocket and his catechism in another pocket, and it may be a good bing, knitting, mending, year in and them as sharp swords against those who will not accept his theories. You must be baptized in his way or come to him though apostolic succession or be foreordained of eterniay, or you are ting, fitting, completing garments, out in an awful way. He shrivels up and shrivels up and becomes more splene- must have something else. The newsat hand. He has enough of the salt of there is no time to read it. No selecgrace to save him, but his entrance into tion of good books. The neighbors callheaven will be something worth watch- ing in are full of the same grinding ing. What do they want with him ir routine. No wonder so many of them heaven, where they have all gone into eternal catholicity, one grand commingling of Methodists and Baptists and place in which to spend summer, and if Episcopalians and Lutherans and Congregationalists and Presbyterians and amusements or go where they are or a score of other denominations just as good as any I have mentioned? They social life it is a good place to stay and the betterment of the world which companied by harpers on their harps thousands of good and noble women God, if you had never thought of it "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain tudes! to receive blessing and riches and honor and glory and power!"

Necessity of Denominations.

Denominations of Christians on earth were necessary in order to better work and to suit preferences—as an army one army; as a neighborhood must be divided into families, though one neighborhood. But there is no need for such divisions in heaven, and therefore all belong to one denomination of sainthood. Christ said in one of his sermons that there would be laughter in heaven. "Blessed are ye that weep now, for ye shall laugh." And what could cause more merriment among the glorified than a rehearsal of the early differences between Christians, differences once seeming of such vast importance, but differences unknown amid through the gate as easily as ever she the heavenly worshipers? What will be the bigot's amazement when he sees ing from the old country meeting of an inch, it is seen that the total dis-

SERMON. preacher of the gospel who never grad- all your aches and pains and wearluated, one who on earth was robed and minister who in the log cabin meeting house preached in a linen duster? Among the great surprises of heaven friendliness of those who on earth opposed each other in wrathiest polemics. He will get through the gate, for he has a spark of divine grace in his has become like that of the bounding heart, but there will not be an inch roe. Just as I expected, you aged, glorof room to spare on either side of him. ified soul, you had an abundant en-It will not take long for heaven to educate him into a glorious big hearted-

Christian Benevolenco.

For thirty years this man has been practicing an economy which prided itself on never passing a pin without picking it up, and if he responded at all in church would put on the collection plate so insignificant a coin that he held his hand over it so that no one could discover the smallness of the denomination. Somewhere in the fifties or sixties of his life, during a revival of religion, he became a Christian. He is very much changed in most respects, but his all absorbing acquisitiveness still influences him. To extract from him a gift for an orphanage or a church or a poor woman who has just been burned out is an achievement. You and I know very good men, their Christian character beyond dispute, and yet they are pronounced by all as penurious, and they know it themselves and pray against it. We all have our bad habits, and yet expect to get to heaven, and this skinflint has his mighty temptation. The passion of avarice well illustrated its strength, when in one of the houses of exhumed Pompeii was found the skeleton of a man who was trying to escape with 60 coins and a silver saucepan. For those and many a good man has been held mightily by avarice. But the day is coming for that penurious Christian's departure from the world. He has an awful struggle in giving up his government securities. The attorney who drew his last will and testament caw how hard it was for him to leave his farm or his storehouse or investments, especially those that in the markets are called gilt-edged. Those that yield only 3 per cent he easily resigns to the care of his executors, but those that yield 8 or 9 or 10 per cent, how can he give them up while the market is still rising?

Reward of Self Sacrifice.

But that brings me to the other those who will, when they leave this life, bound into heaven amid salutations infinite. "For so an entrance shall be administered unto you abundantly." Such exultant admission will await those who enter heaven after on earth living a life for others and without reference to conspicuity. On the banks of the Ohio or the Tuscaloosa or the Androscoggin is a large family, all of whom have been carefully and religlously reared. In the earlier stages of that family there were many privations. The mother of the household never had any amusements. Perhaps once in a year a poor theatrical play was enacted in the neighboring schoolhouse or a squawking concert in the town hall, and that was all the diversion afforded for the winter season. I in Kentucky, "From what class of persons do you get most of your patients?" ager of an insane asylum in Massachusetts, and got the same reply, "We have on our rolls for treatment more farmers' wives than persons coming from any other class." That answer will be a surprise to some; it was no surprise to me. The simple reason is, farmers' wives as a general thing have no diversion. It is breakfast, dinner, year out. That mother is the milliner, the mantua maker, the nurse, the doctor, the accountant of the whole family. She plans the wardrobe of spring, of which the children soon grow and go into dementia! Oh, the country is beautiful to look at and a recuperative you have the means to bring yourself you can surround yourself by inspiring all the year round. But, alas for the who are dying by inches in its soli-

Gladly Welcomed to Heaven.

Now, the mother of whom I speak as living on the banks of that great river in Ohio or Alabama or Maine has gone through all the drudgery mentioned, and her children have turned out well, must be divided into regiments, yet good and useful men and women, ornaments of society, pillars in the house of God, and that whole family, after the years have passed by and their work is done, will meet in the heavenly country. From such a family some will certainly have preceded her, and the time of her expected arrival will be announced to all the members of that family already glorified and to the old earthly neighbors who put down their toils a little sooner than she did, and she will have the warmest kind of home coming, and she will go lifted the latch of her front door comhouse where she used to worship. Go tance traveled in a lifetime of fifty to have no idea of what he had done. | Siver of life Calvin and Arminius, Arch- in, mother: Heaven has been waiting | to have no idea of what he had done. | bishop Cranmer and some dissenting for you a good many years. Got rid of one-third way around the globe. siver of life Calvin and Arminius, Arch- in, mother! Heaven has been waiting years is no less than 7,200 miles, or

noss, have you? Go anywhere in heavsurpliced ecclesiastic, and a backwoods en, and they will be glad to see you. On the highest throne you will find one who said, "Behold thy mother." Sit anywhere you please. You will be for the bigot will be the celestial at home anywhere. Take your pick out of that sheaf of scepters. What! The wrinkles have all gone out of your face, and the once rheumatic step trance.

Consecrated Affluence. Well, this man of consecrated af-

fluence is about to go out of the world. He feels in brain and nerve the strain of the early struggles by which he won his fortune, and at 60 or 70 years collapses under the exhaustions of the twenties and thirties of his lifetime. When the morning papers announce that he is gone, there is excitement not only on the avenues where the mansions stand, but all through the hospitals and asylums and the homes of those who will henceforth have no helper. But the excitement of sadness on earth is a very tame affair compared with the excitement of gladness in heaven. The guardian angel of that good man's life swept by his dying pillow the night before, and on swift wing upward announced that in a few hours he would arrive, and there is a mighty stir in heaven. "He comes!" cries seraph to seraph. The King's heralds are at the gate to say, "Come, ye blessed," and souls who were saved through the churches that good man supported and hundreds who went up after being by him helped in their earthly struggle will come down off their thrones and out of their palaces and through the streets to hail him into the land which they reached some valuables he dared the ashes and scoria time before through his Christian philof Vesuvius, which overwhelmed him, anthropy. "Why, that is the man who, when I was a-hungered, gave me bread!" "Why, that is the man," says another, "who encouraged me when I was in the hard struggle of business life!" "Why, that is the man," says another, "who paid my rent when I had nothing with which to pay!" "Why, that is the man through whose missionary spirit I heard the gospel call in Bombay!" "Why, that is the man," says another, "who helped send the gospel of Christ to the aborigines of America and caused me to exchange the war whoop of the savage for the song of Christian deliverance!" "Stand back," commanded the gatekeeper of heaven, "all ye throng redeemed through this man's instrumentalities! Make way for him to the feet of the King, where he will cast a crown, and then make way for him to the throne, where he shall reign forever and ever!' Now, that is what I call an abundant entrance. You see, it is not necessary to be a failure on earth in order to be a success in heaven.

Demand of Filial Devotion. After years of filial fidelity on the part of this self-sacrificing daughter, the old folks go home. Now the daughter is free from marital alliance, but the damask rose in her cheek is faded, and the crows feet have left their mark on the forehead, and the gracefulness is gone out of the figure, and the world calls her by a mean and ungallant name. But, my Lord and my God, surely thou wilt make it up for that girl in heavenly reward! On all the banks of the river of life there is no castle of emerald and carbuncle richer than that which awaits her. Its windows look right out upon the King's park, and the white horses of the chariot are being harnessed to meet her at the gate, and if there are no others to meet her, father and mother will be there to thank her for all she did for them when their strength failed and the grasshopper became a burden, and they will say: "My daughter, how kind you were to us even until the last! How good it is to by together in heaven! That is the King's chariot come for you. Mount and ride to your everlasting home!" Now, that is what I call an abundant entrance.

The Stringer in Heaven. But imagine one of these "scarcely

saved" Christians entering the shining realm! He passes in a stranger. Saint says to saint, "Who comes there?" And angel says to angel, "Who is that?" He moves up and down the streets and meets no one whom he helped to get there. He goes into the great temple and finds among the throngs of the white robed not one soul whom he helped to join the doxologies. He goes into the "house of many mansions" and finds not one spirit whom he helped to start for that high residence. I am glad that he got in, but I am amazed that in the 30 or 40 or 70 before, I present the startling fact that you are now deciding not only the style of your heavenly reception, Lut the grade of your association and enjoyment of the world without end. Are you satisfied with yourself that you can afford to throw away raptures and ignore heavenly possibilities and elect yourself to lower status and classify yourself amid the less efficient when you may mount a higher heaven?

"As Qu'ck as a Wink."

"As quick as a wink," is a proverb of comparison. The rapidity of the wink is, however, of more interest to scientists in Germany, who have lately computed that in our waking hours by winking once a second on an average man performs the involuntary function no less than 50,000 times in a day, or in a year something like 19,-000,000 times. Measuring the distance