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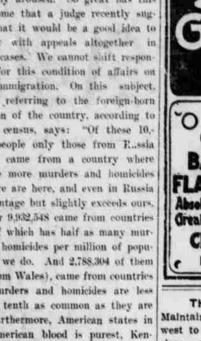
warm time in Tabasco.

Great Britain is more successful in killing Japanese than the Russians. A British steamer collided with a Japanese transport-126 invalided soldiers were drowned.

be interested on hearing that Professor Merriam, paleontologist of the University of California, has discovered a new and peculiar specie of the canidgenus hygaenognathus.

try is in the form of a disc bearing the British mark and obtainable only by mighty hard work.

The creditors of the Continental Finance company, a "get-rich-quick" concern of Chicago, according to a statement just issued by the receiver will get realize on reading the figures on the checks they receive that they 'got left"



before they "got 'whatever was left.""

The San Francisco grand jury has just filed a report in which it recites that "violation of the law is open, notorious and flagrant; it meets with the acquiescence of the mayor, receives the approval of the police commission," etc. And then the caustic declaration that punishment overtakes "only such of the vicious and criminal who cannot pay the price of humanity." There was no such showing in San Francisco half a century ago, in vigilance committee days. a concer

stay of execution, and areview of the case will take place in the supreme court during the October term. If there is the slightest possibility of the man being innocent of the charge of murder we are glad that Justice Magruder has seen fit to issue a supersedeas. The victims of circumstantial evidence have been too many, not alone those who have come to the hangman's noose, but those who have been freed with the stigma of suspicion that years cannot eradicate. On the other hand, it would seem that a stronger case could not be made than that against Johan Hoch. From beginning to end all evidence has pointed to his absolute guilt. Still the point has been raised that he is innocent and we accept the decision of the Illinois tribunal. We hope the new trial will demon-trate without fear of doubt that Hoch is either guilty or innocent and that the public at large will forever be free from apprehension as to the possibility of "Bluebeard" and his operations being given further publicity.

A few months ago, in McClure's magazine, there was published an article by S. S. McClure, on the increase of lawlessness in the United States. The startling fact was brought out that there are at present four and one half times as many murders and homicides for each million of people in the country as there were in 1881. The mere statement of this fact should certainly be sufficient to cause even a superficial thinker to pause and reflect. In seeking for the causes of this lamentable condition of affairs we run, first, against the delays of justice. Appeals are allowed on the most trivial technicalities, so that it is proverbially difficult to convict a man who has plenty of money at his command to hire able lawyers. When a gonviction is reached, in such cases, it is

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