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Apparently they have been having a 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.

There are, of course, a few who will be interested on hearing that Professor Merriam, paleontologist of the University of California, has discovered a new and peculiar specie of the canid genus hyaenognathus.

It is reported from Dublin that Irishmen in the United States are writing to inquire about alleged gold discoveries in the "old sod." The only gold that an Irishman is likely to see in his own country 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 "whatever is left." They will doubtless 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."

Johan Hoch has been given a third stay of execution, and a review 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 demonstrate 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 conviction is reached, in such cases, it is

usually because public opinion has been thoroughly aroused. So great has this evil become that a judge recently suggested that it would be a good idea to do away with appeals altogether in criminal cases. We cannot shift responsibility for this condition of affairs on foreign immigration. On this subject, McClure, referring to the foreign-born population of the country, according to the last census, says: "Of these 10,356,644 people only those from Russia (424,006) came from a country where there are more murders and homicides than there are here, and even in Russia the percentage but slightly exceeds ours. The other 9,932,548 came from countries no one of which has half as many murders and homicides per million of population as we do. And 2,788,304 of them (those from Wales), came from countries where murders and homicides are less than one tenth as common as they are here. Furthermore, American states in which American blood is purest, Kentucky for instance, have their full share of crime. So the records of murders and homicides in the various countries seem to show that foreigners in the United States acquire most of their disrespect for law after they come among us." One of the leading causes of crime may undoubtedly be found in the passing by states and municipalities, of a myriad of laws, many of which do not have the endorsement of a majority of the people. As soon as a law is winked at and disregarded, the seeds of lawlessness begin to sprout among the people, with dangerous results. If a law is bad, the best way to do is to enforce it strictly, then there will be a general demand for its repeal. To permit a law to remain on the statute books and to fail to enforce it is to hold out a dangerous object lesson to the growing generation.

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