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WHAT WAS BISHOP'S POWER?

Claims That It Was Muscles Instead of Minds That He Read.

Was Washington Irving Bishop really a mind reader, as he claimed to be, or was he a mere trickster? Here is a question that is being asked and asked again without receiving a satisfactory answer. Drs. Janeway and Spitzka were confronted with it by a Press reporter yesterday. This is how the former replied:

"There is no such power as mind reading possessed by any man. The successful performance of Bishop's tricks was due to his extraordinary will power, which, when exercised over a man of weaker mind, caused his subject to do almost anything that Bishop wished.

"His bank note trick was undoubtedly muscle reading, or, rather, muscle following, pure and simple. When he took his subject's hand in his to write down the number of a bank note he followed the line of least resistance in a subject who was simply passive, and the line of greater resistance in one who was on the alert to defeat his plans. This was palpable by his method of operation.

"After writing the numbers once he would go over them again, sometimes backward, and often erase and change the figures until he was convinced by the involuntary action of the muscles of his subject that the figures, as inscribed on the blackboard, were correct."

Dr. Spitzka met the reporter's question in this way: "There is nothing Bishop ever did in public which had not been done before, and a great deal better, by Stuart Cumberland, the English mind reader—so called. The apparently inexplicable phenomena of mind reading has been written about and explained time and time again. It is nothing more nor less than following the unconscious vibrations of the nerves, and I know of no better way to illustrate what I mean than to quote the old lecture room explanation.

"To explain this subject to medical students a drum head, made to revolve on wheels by turning a crank, was used. Over the surface of the drum head lampblack was lightly sprinkled, and a needle was arranged above the drum head just high enough so that its point came in contact with the lampblack. The person selected for a subject was required to turn the crank and at the same time peruse a book.

"The person so engaged was supposed to concentrate his entire attention on the book, the act of turning the crank being purely automatic. This was necessary to insure the success of the experiment.

"As the person turned the crank it was possible to ascertain by the little concentric curves described by the needle on the lampblack whether he was interested in what he was reading or whether he was bored, and to just what degree he was interested or bored. The involuntary tremors of the nerves acting upon the muscles left their tell tale marks on the lampblack.

"This is the foundation of what is popularly known as mind reading, but which is nothing more nor less than the following of the involuntary movements of the muscles by an extremely sensitive person. Bishop was above all things a close observer and a superlatively sensitive man."—New York Press.

Civil Service Examinations.

Different is this from all other school rooms in the intensity of application displayed by the pupils. There is not a whisper, nor a shuffle of a foot, not a cough or any other sound. Heads are bent over desks in a most studious way. The yearning, anxious expression everywhere seen is almost painful to behold. The near sighted girl in her earnestness fairly blots her paper with her nose, while the colored man who sits next to her wrestles with an arithmetic problem till the perspiration pours off his face and he mops himself in obvious distress. A large majority of the candidates are of the shabby genteel order. On every side poverty and pride may be seen hand in hand. These pupils are struggling for prizes which mean more to them than diploma, medal or scholarship to the conventional student—prizes which mean bread and butter, life itself. And how hard some of them do work! Over there in the corner sits a little woman who, the chief examiner says, married a worthless fellow who ran away and left her to support herself and three little children. It is now nearly 6 o'clock in the evening, and from 9 in the morning the little woman has sat in her chair, almost motionless, eyes riveted upon her paper, thinking of nothing in the world, perhaps, but her children and the work before her. It does not look like a tragedy, but it may be one to her. This is the climax, for if at the stroke of 6 she shall not successfully have completed her task, she alone will know how to measure the disappointment.—Washington Letter.

Effect of Creosote Upon Chimneys.

Attention has lately been called to the peculiarly corrosive and consequently destructive effect of the creosote of wood soot upon chimneys, owing to the fact that creosote thus formed from the slow combustion of wood contains so large a proportion of pyroligneous vinegar or crude acetic acid; this acid being formed in large quantities when the cumbustion of wood is slow, many quarts, in fact, being condensed in cold weather where a large wood fire is very much checked, only a few hours being required for such condensation. The acid in question dissolves lime readily, carrying it away in solution, and in this manner the mortar is frequently entirely removed from the tops of chimneys in the country, new ones suffering the same way as the old, instances being numerous where the top courses of brick in chimneys only two years old have become entirely without support other than that afforded by the sand with which the lime was mixed.—Chicago Times.

PACIFIC COAST.

Light Catch of Salmon in the Columbia.

MARIN GETS THE COLLEGE.

The Umatilla Indians Want the Pay for the Improvements on Their Lands Without Delay.

There are now 673 patients in the Oregon insane asylum.

Crop reports from Oregon and Washington are very favorable.

A rate war on the Sound between rival steamboat companies is about to be inaugurated.

It is rumored at Butte, Mont., that the Anaconda mines have been sold to the Rothschilds of Europe.

Fishermen in the Columbia river complain that instruments are placed in the water to destroy their nets.

R. S. Gardner, United States Inspector of Indian Agencies, has arrived at Colton, Cal., from the East, and will give the Mission Indians a thorough investigation.

The Tucson *Citizen* says: Parties are contemplating the erection of a first-class restaurant at the top of Santa Catalinas, one of the loveliest spots in all Arizona.

Sacramento is endeavoring to get the Southern Pacific Company to fill up China slough, and Mr. Huntington has given promise favorably to consider the proposition.

The salmon catch in the Columbia continues light, the average per boat being only five. The dealers in Portland cannot obtain enough to supply the market, and are paying 8 cents per pound.

The pomological division of the Agricultural Department is distributing exclusively throughout Southern California added citron trees, from which preserved citron is being imported to Florida and the Mediterranean region of Europe.

The Spokane City Council has decided to submit a bonding proposition. It is proposed to issue $1,200,000 in blocks according to the pressing needs of the city. Of this sum half a million will be for the extension and improvement of the water system.

A steamboat mail service has been ordered established from Tacoma by Meridian, Long Branch, Vaughn and Detroit to Allyn, Wash., six times a week by a schedule satisfactory to the Postoffice Department, not to exceed five hours running time each day.

The Umatilla Indians want the pay for the improvements on their lands without delay. They are very much agitated over the matter and some of their leaders insist that unless they get their pay before giving up their lands they will never hear of their money.

The Madera Flume and Trading Company offered the government $4,447.65 in settlement of claims against it for the illegal cutting of timber. The government declined the offer, and a jury at Los Angeles awards the plaintiff $1,250, which is practically a defeat of the prosecution.

Reports to the Spokane Chamber of Commerce from all parts of the grain belt of Washington indicate the greatest grain crop in the history of the country. In some places the seeding is already finished, and everywhere it is well along. Reports agree that the condition of wheat is more favorable than a month ago. Nothing but the most unusual conditions can prevent a great crop this season.

Severe storms are reported to have occurred recently in northern ports, especially at Metlakatla, Fort Simpson and Charlotte Islands. Small boats were lifted off the beach, carried inland for some distance and broken up. At Metlakatla five houses were totally destroyed by the force of the wind. Several houses were demolished on Queen Charlotte Islands, and the Lundberg fishing station was totally wrecked.

At the California Board of Agriculture meeting at Sacramento W. H. Murray was elected superintendent of ramie culture and directed to fill at once all applications for ramie roots to the extent of $1,000, the amount allowed to be expended in this manner in any one year. The board favored the idea of establishing the proposed ramie culture experimental station in Capital park, provided the work shall be done by the State Gardener's workmen.

Archbishop Riordan has selected the site in Marin county for the erection of the new college for the education of young men who desire to take the vows of priesthood. It is on a high bluff that overlooks a wide and deep creek, known as Corte Madera creek. The bluff commands a beautiful view of Larkspur, nestling at the foot of Mount Tamalpais to the west, and the northern part of San Francisco Bay (with Oakland and Berkeley on its farther shore) to the east.

The most complete collection of desert-inhabiting mammals ever secured has been obtained by the members of the Death Valley expedition, covering over 2,000 specimens, among which are many new species. In the collection of birds the range has been extended so far as some of them are concerned. In the botanical work a most complete collection of desert flora has been obtained, and the limits of vegetation have been determined. The entomologist reports the valleys barren of insects, but plenty in the mountains and canyons.

The most remarkable case in the annals of San Quentin history is the case of one Slocum. John Slocum was on February 2, 1887, convicted of burglary in the first degree and sentenced to San Quentin for fifteen years, and on July 16, 1888, he made his escape from prison. In February of this year he was arrested and returned to the prison. When landed in San Quentin he denied that he was Slocum, claiming that his name is William Allen, despite the fact that he has been identified by many of the prison officials as Slocum. The other day, when he was brought before the Justice, he said that he was not Slocum, but William Allen, and that at the time of the escape of Slocum he was doing time in the State prison in Kansas.

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

General Schofield Well Pleased With the Progress Made in Enlisting Indians.

In seeking full and trustworthy information of the seal-fisheries controversy Secretary Foster has selected J. S. Brown of the geological bureau as special agent to proceed to the Pribilov Islands and make an examination of the condition of affairs.

The Secretary of Agriculture is sending out quantities of German and French beet-sugar seed to various portions in Oregon as requested by Representative Hermann to supply persons having solicited seeds for experimental purposes in Oregon.

Assistant-Secretary Chandler directed the Commissioner of the general land office to make a thorough examination of the lists of land withdrawn for irrigation reservoirs in California, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, Utah and New Mexico, with a view of making these withdrawals absolute.

The Department of the Interior decides in the case of the Agricultural College of Oregon that, while music and calisthenics form a proper part of the curriculum of an agricultural college, the expenditure for them cannot be obtained from the appropriation provided by the act of Congress approved August 30, 1890.

There is good authority for saying the United States has not had any negotiations with France respecting the Mole St. Nicholas. The squadron of evolution was not sent to Port-au-Prince with the intention of creating a naval demonstration. An effort was made by representatives of the government to secure Mole St. Nicholas by purchase or otherwise, but these efforts, it is learned, resulted unsuccessfully.

It is said that the Secretary of the Navy contemplates seriously making a trip to the Coast this summer, and that he will do so about the time he directs his attention to applying civil service to Mare Island yard. He has spent the last two summers inspecting the interests of the department on the Atlantic, and it is thought he will set apart a few weeks this year for an inspection of naval affairs on the Pacific.

The Secretary of the Navy has an extensive mail from the Pacific Coast from those who desire to be entered for examination for work in the Mare Island navy yards. All such letters are sent to Commandant Benham at Mare Island. He is instructed by the Secretary to keep a list of all applications in the various departments, and when the civil service is organized for the Mare Island yards all applicants will be given due notice.

General Schofield is well pleased with the progress made in enlisting Indians in the army. He says: "If we can get two well drilled and contented troops of Indians, we shall be doing all expected at this time. These will be the cause of many more Indians enlisting, and I think I can see the day ahead when there will be no more difficulty in getting good soldiers from the Indian reservations than there is to-day in enlisting white men.

The superintendent of the Porter census bureau has issued a bulletin on the subject of floriculture in the United States. There is a total of 4,469 establishments and 312 commercial floriculture establishments owned and managed by women. The 4,469 establishments had in the census year 38,823,247 square feet of glass, covering a space of more than 891 acres of ground. The establishments, including fixtures and heating apparatus, are valued at $38,356,000; tools and implements, $1,588,000; and gave employment to 16,847 men and 1,958 women, who earned in the year $8,484,000. The products for the year reached a total value of $12,036,000 for plants. Cut flowers brought an additional income of $14,175,000.

Acting Secretary Chandler has overruled the Surveyor-General of Washington and the Commissioners of the general land office and also a former decision of the Interior Department in ordering a survey of the bed of the meandered crab lake on sections 7 and 11, township 22, range 30, Olympia land district. The decision was rendered upon the petition of James Popple, Charles A. Desplaine, Andrew J. Finney, George W. Finney, Zacharias Fisney, Henry Mitchell and George Popple. These men drained the lake, settled upon the land and asked to have it surveyed, which was refused. Secretary Chandler says, the bed of the lake having become dry, it is government land and the men are entitled to it. There are about 1,600 acres of the land.

CABLEGRAMS.

La Grippe Prevails With Great Severity at the Norwegian Capital.

Queen Victoria is back at Windsor palace.

It is not believed that the Hurlbert libel case recently decided in London can be legally reopened.

Advices received from Senegal state that Adrien Marc, the French painter, died there from yellow fever.

It is rumored that Herr von Bulow, the German Minister in Switzerland, will be transferred to London or Paris.

Grand Duke Nicholas, uncle of the Czar, is dead. He became insane last fall, and his health has since been failing. He was 60 years of age.

Fritz von Kaulbach, the famous portrait painter, has resigned his position as head of the Munich Academy of Art. Professor Offty succeeds him.

The exhibition of American art, which opens at Paris in June, promises to be a success. A score of leading American artists in Europe will send exhibits.

A German government proposal has been submitted to the Bundesrath authorizing the acceptance of the invitation to take part in the Chicago Fair.

The British census shows, as did the last German, an increase of population in the cities and a decrease in nearly all the rural districts. Some of the cities are growing very rapidly.

The ungracious refusal of the Queen to open the forthcoming British naval exhibition has piqued the officers of the navy, and has revived stories of her Majesty's well-known disinclination to give any encouragement to that branch of the service.

Last week several Berlin papers published an advertisement by the Buda-Pesth Chief of Police, in which a fugitive from justice was described as the exact double of the ex-King of Milan. The Emperor at once ordered that the disrespectful sentence must disappear from the German prints.

EASTERN ITEMS.

Crusade Begun Against Tights at New York.

EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE.

The Havemeyer Sugar Company to be Prosecuted by Census Bureau for Refusal of Information.

New York talks of a thirty-four-story place.

Mexico is to have the continent's longest tunnel.

The New York State Farmers' Alliance has been organized.

A yellow-fever-infected steamer has arrived at New York from Rio Janeiro.

Senator Brice will be required to pay back taxes and penalty on his Ohio property valued at $600,000.

Land Commissioner Carter has appointed as his private secretary George O. Freeman of Montana.

Representatives of Texas cities recently met at Waco to discuss ways and means for inducing immigration.

The Northern Pacific has ordered $160,000 worth of new rolling stock to meet the increasing business of that road.

The Supreme Court of the United States has postponed the hearing in the Sayward and lottery cases until October 19.

It is stated a gigantic financial deal is in progress at Chicago, which involves a large expenditure of money near Salt Lake.

The Governor of Texas has appointed Mr. Chilton, a brilliant orator, United States Senator in place of Senator Reagan resigned.

Week before last more people died in Washington City than during any former week of the capital's history. La grippe is blamed.

The Wisconsin House of Representatives has indefinitely postponed a bill reducing passenger rates on railroads to 2 cents per mile.

It is announced that the Haytian government has refused to grant the United States a lease for the proposed coaling station at the Mole St. Nicholas.

The Havemeyer Sugar Company of New York will be prosecuted by the Census Bureau for refusal of information. Other prosecutions are contemplated.

It seems that Jose P. Macheca, the leading spirit of the Italians who were lynched at New Orleans, was the Consul for Bolivia at the time of his death.

To reduce expenses the Pennsylvania Company is doing away with all unnecessary telephones. In this direction a saving of $15,000 per annum is expected.

The International Convention of the Young Women's Christian Association in session at Scranton, Pa., has elected Mrs. J. V. Farwell of Chicago President.

A track of 1,000 acres of land on the road leading from Millville to Dividing creek, Cumberland county, Pa., has been purchased for another Hebrew settlement.

The mysterious disappearance of Miss Lena Owen, a beautiful sixteen-year-old orphan girl from the home of her aunt at Des Arc, Ark., has caused a sensation in that section.

Anthony Comstock has begun a crusade at New York against tights. His aim is to prohibit the sale of pictures of scantily attired actresses. He is seeking legislative action.

Fourteen thousand dollars have been contributed and pledged toward the Salvation Army memorial building to be erected in New York city in honor of the late Mrs. General Booth.

A mammoth building, probably the largest piece of warehouse property in the country, is being erected by the Terminal Improvement Company in New York. Twenty-six elevators will be used.

The Treasury Department has awarded the contract for the public cartage of dutiable merchandise at the port of San Francisco to Max Popper, the lowest bidder. Mr. Popper is the present contractor.

The health-department officials of New York appear to be perfectly satisfied with the sanitary condition of the city despite the fact that the newspapers there print from three to five columns of death notices daily.

The decoration of an officer of the Order of Bolivar has just been conferred upon Frank Vincent, traveler and investigator, by the Republic of Venezuela in recognition of his "varied and valuable services to the literature of travel."

The Ohio Farmers' Alliance declares for a uniform system of school books, the Australian system of ballot, reduction of railroad rates to 2 cents a mile and the taxation of real estate at its assessed value, less mortgage indebtedness.

Mrs. J. G. Blaine, Jr., is at Sioux Falls. She has gone to South Dakota to secure a divorce from her husband, J. G. Blaine, Jr., who is at present in Spain. Seventy days' residence and sixty-eight days of publication are required in South Dakota.

The exports of merchandise from the United States for the twelve months ended March 31 were $872,010,377; imports, $823,631,420. During March the gold exports exceeded the imports by $4,541,566, and the silver exports exceeded the imports by $1,021,572.

The Michigan Senate in committee of the whole has agreed to the bill providing for the election of Presidential Electors by Congressional districts. Under this bill it will be possible for the Patrons of Industry to have two or three representatives in the next Electoral College.

The reports to the Treasury Department show that the number of immigrants arriving at the port of San Francisco is steadily on the increase. During the month of March there were 52,172, against 35,750 during the corresponding month of last year; 86,048 during the first three months of the present calendar year, against 64,021 during the corresponding quarter of 1890, and 301,247 during the nine months ending March 31, against 254,403 during the corresponding period ending March, 1890.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. Grover Cleveland Said to be a Liberal Purchaser of Rare Books.

The Archbishop of Erlau in Hungary has a yearly revenue which amounts to $275,000.

The most beautiful unmarried royal girl in all Europe is the Princess Alix of Hesse-Darmstadt.

Major McKinley has received a bar of American tin smelted at the San Jacinto mine in California.

Anna Dickinson's declared purpose is to lecture through the country on the iniquities of State insane asylums.

Jean Paul Laurens was elected to the vacancy in the French Academy of Fine Arts caused by the death of Meissonier.

Zola requires nine months to write a novel. He handles a pen as a laborer might a spade, and is a slow and painful toiler.

Fred Remington, the artist of the Sioux campaign, is going to Mexico for a season of rest and to get the frostbite out of his pencil.

The wife of Senator Stanford receives a large begging mail, among which the other day was a letter from a Texan gentleman who wanted $50 to get a new set of teeth.

Mr. Nebeker, the new Treasurer of the United States, is a short, stout man, with a round and rather florid face, marked by a black mustache. He is about 40 years old.

Lotta has been on the stage since 1856, when she appeared before a San Francisco audience at the American theater. Her fortune is estimated at between $1,000,000 and $2,000,000.

The questionable honor of having his bust displayed over the entrance to "The Jolly Bacillus Cafe" in Berlin has been paid to Dr. Koch. This is having greatness thrust upon him.

W. Burke Cochran, the great orator of Tammany Hall, now abroad, is a large and stout man, with a massive head and and commanding manner. He was once a clerk in A. T. Stewart's store.

George Francis Train is as agile and muscular as he was twenty years ago, and the recent Italian complications show that he can go through his mental acrobatics with as much eclat as ever.

President Balmaceda of Chili is a stern and arbitrary man, with cold gray eyes, thin lips and an angular chin. He possesses more education and ability than are usually found in a South American dictator.

William H. Crane is said to have laid away $500,000. Neil Burgess is credited with $150,000, and Francis Wilson's check would be good for $75,000 over and above his liabilities if he were foolish enough to draw it.

Grant Allen, the English novelist and essayist, is a thin and intellectual-looking man of 45. His eyes are light blue and his hair gray. He was born in Canada, but has passed the greater part of his life in England.

Emperor William is said to be fond of playing Caliph Haroun al Raschid by going about disguised at night to certain liquor shops and music halls where his soldiers and sailors are to be found in order to pick up criticisms on his army and navy.

Prince Dolgorouki, the perennial admirer of Mrs. J. C. Ayer and her millions, is now at Monte Carlo, dividing his time between the widow and the board of green cloth, upon which, it is said, the croupiers are raking in big piles of his napoleons.

Charles Stewart Parnell has a brother, John H., living in West Point, Ga. It is surmised that his brother will be wanted by the warlike leader to stand for election to Parliament from one of the Irish constituencies before the next general election.

Stanley took with him $110,000 as his compensation for the 100 lectures delivered by him under the direction of Major Pond between November 11 and April 4. The receipts for the lectures, Major Pond said, averaged $2,780, so that an aggregate of $305,800 was taken in.

Mrs. Grover Cleveland is said to be a liberal purchaser of rare books. She has a passion for unique bindings, and knows a genuine article from an imitation. She has a very finely bound and complete selection of Spanish authors, and a Barcelona edition (1663) of Cervantes is included among it. It is the only one of this edition in the United States.

Sir Provo Wallis, English Admiral, has completed the 100th year of his age and the eighty-seventh in the British naval service. Americans feel a special interest in him, because in 1813 he was a Second Lieutenant on board the Shannon, which captured the Chesapeake off Boston harbor; and, his two superior officers having been killed in that action, it devolved on Wallis to take his prize to Halifax.

CRIME AND CRIMINALS.

An Embezzling Ex-Secretary of State Returns and Surrenders Himself.

There are at present four persons in the Sacramento county jail accused of murder, a limit probably never reached before.

J. W. Smalling, who killed his brother-in-law near Bursin, Calaveras county, Cal., has been sentenced to State's prison for life.

A report is current in London that the unknown man who committed suicide at Wimbledon three weeks ago has been identified as "Jack the Ripper."

Lizzie Bogard, an unmarried woman of Milan, Tenn., has been placed in jail at Mayfield for burying her child while it was yet alive. She acknowledged her crime.

Eugene Piquet, who fled to Switzerland from New York in October last with $18,000 belonging to the Lancaster Insurance Company, has pleaded guilty to grand larceny in the first degree.

Ex-Secretary of State Strong, who walked out of the court room and disappeared many years ago while on trial for embezzlement, returned to Baton Rouge, La., the other day and surrendered. He said he had been in Mexico and had had a hard time.

A terrible tragedy occurred at Roanoke, Va. Nick Flood, a son of Major Flood, a prominet citizen, and Charles L. Rose, who recently went there from Washington, engaged in a duel. Rose was killed and Flood shot in the mouth and breast, but will probably recover. The shooting was the result of a quarrel at gambling a short time ago.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Buffalo Bill Exhibiting at Strasburg.

ITALY OPPOSES EMIGRATION.

Prince Bismarck's Speech to a Deputation of Kiel Conservatives Shows Indomitable Opposition

Italy seeks to check emigration.

London has 80,000 theatrical people.

England is transplanting our oysters.

Influenza has been very deadly in Japan.

Portugal is in a fever of excitement against England.

Sweden and Norway sent to the United States 45,000 people in 1890.

Children under 9 have been prohibited from working in India factories.

The grip is spreading in the south of Russia, and many deaths are reported.

A scheme for a Sunday theater is being promoted in London, and is expected to succeed.

A Salvation Army refuge in the Belleville quarter of Paris has been closed by the police.

Russia has ordered the closer protection of the seal rookeries on Copper and Robbin Islands.

Bremen is thronged with Russian emigrants, who expected to be carried to Brazil gratuitously.

The Chilian envoy to Europe has not yet found any one who is willing to lend money to Balmaceda.

The Spanish gunboat Cano has been lost on a rock off Porto Plata, a seaport on the north of San Domingo.

Prince Bismarck's speech to the deputation of Kiel Conservatives is considered to presage his indomitable opposition to the government.

The longest bridge in the world is to be built on the estate of Prince Radziwill in East Prussia. It will be of wood and four and three-fifths miles long.

The ex-Emperor of Brazil is going to reside with the Duke of Nemours at Bushey Park in England this summer. He is in good health and spirits.

All along the coast of the African possessions of Germany gibbets are erected, and it is a common sight to see an Arab strung up as a warning to others.

Russia is reaching out by way of Abyssinia for her slice of African territorial cake. Rossia is apt to get territorial cake sooner or later everywhere she tries.

Bulgaria has in curt language requested the Turkish government to recognize Prince Ferdinand and warned the Sultan that in the event of refusal Bulgaria would proclaim her independence.

The Berlin *Nachrichten* says the removal of the prohibitory restrictions on American pork has been arranged for as soon as the United States government issues regulations for carrying out the inspection law.

It is said that Lord Randolph Churchill carries to Africa an ore-crushing machine, and that the mining engineer who accompanies him represents the Rothschilds, and that a search for gold is the real purpose of the trip.

The officers and crews of the revolutionary Chilian squadron are said to have signed a "round robin" binding themselves not to lay down their arms until they hang President Balmaceda in the principal square of Santiago.

A dispatch from Rome says: Baron Fava in his report on the New Orleans affair expressed the belief that there is no way out of the situation, as the Federal government has no power to give Italy the satisfaction demanded.

The condition of many of the refugees at Iquiqui, Chili, is declared to be horrible. Provisions were so recently scarce in Iquique, owing to the blockade, that $20 were paid for a can of condensed milk, and beef sold at $10 a pound.

Buffalo Bill is at Strasburg exhibiting twenty-six bucks and two squaws, just arrived via Antwerp, as his personal captures in the recent Indian war. He claims to have saved several of them from the gallows by his intercession.

French naval officers are in a turmoil over the supposititious worthlessness of their torpedo boats. That some of the boats are quite useless was shown recently by the experience of two of them built after the plans of Admiral Aube.

Triple screws on war ships are being introduced by all the principal naval powers except England, the experience of engineers showing that 15,000-horse power is the maximum that can be effectively transmitted through one screw.

A year ago the fastest train between London and Aberdeen, 542 miles, ran in in fourteen hours. Last fall it was reduced to twelve hours and fifty minutes. This year it will cover the 542 miles in twelve hours, or a little over forty-five miles an hour.

The British troops have burned twelve villages occupied by the rebellious Manipuris. The latter retreated to the hills. The British then shelled the hills, killing and wounding a large number of the enemy. The latter is now believed to be completely subjugated.

The Cardiff *Mail* says editorially that Mr. Stanley's contemptuous treatment of the later proposals made to honor him suggests the thought that the easiest way of showing admiration for him is to leave him to the undisturbed enjoyment of the comparative solitude which he seems to prefer.

Gladstone has decided to support the divorce reform bill introduced by Hunter. This amazed the Liberals, who believed he would oppose any extension of divorce as a matter of religious principle. The bill entitles a wife to the dissolution of the marriage tie in the event of adultery or four years' desertion on the part of the husband.

The Vienna *Fremdenblatt* and *Neue Freie Presse* in commenting upon President Harrison's speech at Galveston agree that a European zollverein is the only answer to American protection. The *Fremdenblatt* suggests that European nations look to Africa and Asiatic colonies for goods which they have hitherto bought from America.