

ENGLISH FACTORY LAWS.

Brought About by Pittable Conditions in Cotton Factories.

The first English factory laws were made in 1802 and were enacted mainly because of the pitiable condition of the young pauper children employed in the Lancashire cotton factories.

An outbreak of fever in the Radcliffe Cotton works, 1784, was traced by Manchester doctors to overcrowded and insanitary factories and the long hours of the workers. The magistrates made an attempt to lessen the evils, but in spite of their success in slightly reducing the hours of labor things grew worse and other epidemics occurred.

The Manchester board of health took the matter up in 1796 and urged the necessity of legislation to deal effectively with it. Public interest was aroused, and further revelations of the flagrant ill treatment of apprentices so deeply stirred public feeling that in 1802 Sir Robert Peel brought in a bill known as the "health and morals of apprentices act," which was passed without difficulty and placed on the statute book.

Cheerful Philosophy.

When I could not obtain large pleasures I put together as many small ones as possible. Small pleasures, depend upon it, lie about as thick as daisies in summer and for that very reason are neglected, trodden under foot, instead of being worn in our buttonholes. We cannot afford to buy roses at Christmas or carnations at any time, and so we couple buttercups with vulgarity, and things that grow in the hedge side we let wither where they grow for no other reason than that the king's highway is not a royal garden.—Woman's Life.

He Was Safe.

A teacher in one of the public schools asked a little Irish boy why he had been absent a day, to which the youth replied:

"My mother had the mumps, and I had to go and get the doctor."

"But don't you know that the mumps is catching, Johnny?"

"Yes, but this is my stepmother, and she never gives me anything."—New York Times.

Qualified.

He—Here is an account of a minister's wife who took his place in the pulpit when he was ill. She—Had she had any previous experience? He—Why, I suppose she had frequently preached at him when he was well.—New York Press.

Good Suggestion.

"I proposed to Miss Tallun, and now Miss Pert, whose good opinion I covet, says I am a fool."

"Well, propose to Miss Pert, and she will think you have lucid moments."—Houston Post.

Gems and Their Days.

In the old mystic books of the ancients it is found that they believed in the power of precious stones to bring good fortune through planetary affinities of certain days. They imagined that gems as well as metals were produced through the chemical operations of the planets working secretly in the body of the earth. Therefore certain stones must be worn on certain days of the week for good luck.

The table of stones as given by the Hermetic brethren is as follows:

Sunday, the sun's day, gold and all yellow stones.

Monday, the moon's day, pearls and all white stones except diamonds.

Tuesday, Mars' or Tyr's day, rubies.

Wednesday, Woden's day, sapphires and all blue stones.

Thursday, Thor's day, garnet and all red stones except rubies.

Friday, Freja's day, emeralds and all green stones.

Saturday, Saturn's day, diamonds.

Reclaiming The Desert.

On the 17th of June the sluice gates were opened in the Truckee River reservoir by which thousands of acres of arid Nevada land are to be brought under cultivation. The issue of public opinion appearing on the same date, there is an article by Rufus Rockwell Wilson, on the "Conquest of the arid West" Mr. Wilson, in writing of the general situation, says:

"There are in the West 100,000,000 acres of arid land which experts declare can be reclaimed by irrigation. When that is done the reclaimed lands will add nearly one-fourth to the actual crop-producing area of the country, and will exceed by a liberal margin the tillable land of all the states on the Atlantic coast. Cut up into 40-acre plots, the average size of irrigated farms, this area will make 2,500,000 farms. The occupants of these farms will add directly to the population 12,500,000, and indirectly at least 6,250,000 more, an increase of nearly one-fourth in the population of the country.

These figures have been cited because in no other way can be so clearly shown

the promise bound up in the reclamation act passed in 1902 by Congress—a clear and explicit measure which provides that the money derived from the sale of public lands shall be devoted to the erection of dams, reservoirs and canals to be used in the irrigation of the arid lands and districts of the West. Since the passage of the act the ablest engineers in the employ of the Government have been continuously in the field examining sites with reference to their fitness for the erection of irrigation works. Aside from the Truckee Canal, the most important of the undertakings upon which work has already begun have to do with the regions through which flow the Colorado, North Platt and Snake Rivers.

"It is estimated that 1,200,000 acres of land that can be reached by division canals border on the Colorado River between the Grand Canon and the Mexican line. The plans of the Government engineers call for a series of reservoirs at points along the river where the conditions for storage are most favorable, to be formed by building dams from 100 to 300 feet in height. Each dam will have a sluice way through its base, so that the water may be drawn off as desired, and also to provide means of flushing out the sediment brought down by the river in great quantities from its upper courses. So slight is the fall of the Colorado that dams of the desired height make possible reservoirs of an enormous capacity. It is calculated that each reservoir will gradually fill with sediment. When this occurs its surface will be drawn down from 20 to 40 feet, and all of the site, except the river channel, converted into farming land. The crops planted on this land will be irrigated as they need it by closing the sluices, and this, with the semi-tropic climate, will make farming possible the year around."

Jap Spies Now Excluded.

The action of the naval authorities in excluding Japanese attendants from warships in the maneuvers in Chesapeake waters is timely. The intimation that the order is the beginning of the ridding of the navy of all Japanese help is even more important. The Japanese servant is much in evidence in the mess-rooms of our warships, some vessels carrying as many as a dozen of these very competent and always willing helpers. Admiral Evans had a serious shock the other day when he discovered in a prominent Japanese naval officer—commander of one of Togo's battleships, in fact—the Japanese "boy" who had attended the admiral as a servant on his flagship. Many other American naval officers have had similar experience—so have European naval officers. The Japanese spy system is the most perfect in the world. Japanese of the highest rank will perform the most menial work to gain information for the strengthening of their country's position. The "Coolies" who loaded coal on Admiral Rojestvensky's ill-starred fleet are now known to have been in many instances Japanese naval officers in disguise. Togo was probably better informed as to the condition of the Russian fleet than was Rojestvensky himself. That the Japanese have detailed plans of American battleships down to every "blow hole" left in the ship's armor by rascally contractors is something more than probable. They certainly know more than it is well for us that they should know. The shutting off of their chief source of information by excluding all Japanese from our warships should not be delayed.

Western Pacific Loans.

San Francisco, June 22.—Meetings of the directors and stockholders of the Western Pacific Railroad company were held today. Fifty million dollars of first mortgage bonds were authorized and a mortgage was directed to be made of all the property of the railroad to the Bowling Green Trust company of New York as trustee. The interest on the bonds is guaranteed by the Rio Grande Western Railway company. Certain traffic contracts between the

Western Pacific and the Denver & Rio Grande Railway company and the Rio Grande Western Railway company were authorized.

The board of directors called a meeting of the stockholders for the purpose of increasing the capital stock of the Western Pacific from \$50,000,000 to \$75,000,000. This increase of the capital will be authorized at a stockholder's meeting to be held August 23.

W. J. Barnett tendered his resignation as president of the Western Pacific and E. T. Jeffery, who is president of the Denver & Rio Grande, was elected president.

Mr. Barnett was elected vice president and general counsel.

Cost of Telegraph.

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Successor to Chief Joseph.

Nepalem, Wash., June 23.—Albert Waters, an educated Indian, has been chosen chief of the Nez Perce Indians at the big powwow in progress on the

reservation near here. There is considerable dissatisfaction over the election, many of the Indians claiming the office should properly go to the hereditary chief, Yellow Bull, who followed Chief Joseph all through the Nez Perce campaign of 1877. Yellow Bull says there could be no disputing of his rights if he chose to assert them.

The unveiling of the monument erected by Samuel Hill, vice-president of the Great Northern railway company, on behalf of the State Historical society, took place Tuesday at 4 o'clock p. m.

There is one large council tepee 30 by 16 feet, and 15 or 20 smaller ones.

The Indians came very near barring all cameras from the Indian cemetery on account of their superstitions. The big potlatch, when all of Joseph's clothes and property will be distributed gratis among his kindred and members of the tribe, will not be held for a few days yet.

Teopeteous is the principal dissenting candidate for chief. There were probably 50 or 60 prominent men present on the occasion of the unveiling ceremonies. Captain M. C. A. Webster, Indian agent for Colville reservation, was among them.

Terrific Race With Death

"Death was fast approaching," writes Ralph F. Fernandez, of Tampa, Fla., describing his fearful race with death, "as a result of liver trouble and heart disease, which had robbed me of sleep and of all interest in life. I had tried many different doctors and several medicines, but got no benefit, until I began to use Electric Bitters. So wonderful was their effect, that in three days I felt like a new man, and today I am cured of all my troubles." Guaranteed at Slocum Drug Co.'s drug store; price 50c.

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