

# A SIBERIAN EXILE.

## A POLISH-AMERICAN'S HORRIBLE EXPERIENCE IN RUSSIA.

### A Private in the Polish Army, Fighting Against the Czar, He Was Captured and Sentenced to the Mines of Siberia. A Desperate Fight.

Pursuing the peaceful occupation of a brewery manager in this city is a well known citizen upon whose head a good price is set by the Russian government, and whose story has all the horrors of and intensity than the narrative of George Bender, manager of the Co. brewery, is a well known south president. He walked into Attorney Bendor's office last week.

"Cold morning," he said by way of greeting. "Yes," responded the lawyer. "There's a touch of Siberia in this." "Siberia—ha, ha, ha!" laughed Mr. Bender. "I could give you a few points upon that." He was urged to tell his story, and he did so.

At about the time the civil war was raging in this country the inhabitants of Poland made their last determined stand for freedom. Bender was a boy of eighteen years. In 1861 he entered the Polish army, and for a year and a half did not know what it was to sleep under a roof. In three great battles which were fought he received wounds. The troop of which he was a member was surrounded by the czar's forces and a siege begun. The provisions of the besieged were exhausted, and they were compelled to kill their horses for meat. Mr. Bender says that young horse meat is as sweet as chicken. After untold privations a break for liberty was made. A bullet struck Bender in the back of his head and he tumbled from his horse. He remembered nothing until he recovered consciousness in a hospital. When he had partially recovered he was confined nine months in jail.

A FIGHT WITH RUSSIAN GUARDS. No trial was given him, but he was sentenced to twenty-five years at hard labor in the mines of Siberia. In the nine months of his imprisonment he was allowed very little food and barely sufficient water to drink. He asked for water to wash in but was refused, and the slime of the cell was crusted over his skin and clothing. Finally he, with over 200 prisoners, men, women and children, were started for Siberia under guard of sixty soldiers. He tramped through the snow for seven months. Every day some of the weaker ones fell from exhaustion. They were placed on sledges which the other prisoners were compelled to drag.

At some of the villages the inhabitants took pity on them and gave the prisoners covering for their exposed feet, food and water. At other places the inhabitants belted them with dirt and filth. The soldiers offered them no protection. At Miensk—civilization having been left behind and escape being deemed impossible—the chains by which the convicts had been bound in pairs were removed. In the prison pen at this point the horrors endured by the prisoners are scarcely describable. Vermin attacked them with the ferocity of anger. Some of the creatures, it is declared, were as large around as an ordinary pencil and half an inch long, and they covered the ceiling, walls and bunks completely.

One night of such existence, added to the suffering of the exiles in the previous seven months, decided a number of the more hardy of the men. They realized that of those who endured the march few would survive the expiration of their sentence, and a general agreement was entered into to attack the soldiers and escape or die in the attempt. The exiles had no arms, while the soldiers carried rifles and other effective weapons. Sticks, stones, and even bare fists were to be employed by the desperate rebels to secure their freedom. They waited until the train reached a spot where the underbrush was thick. Then eighty of the men dropped their burdens and rushed upon the soldiers. Some were rammed down at once by the horses. Others fell under the murderous fire poured into their midst by the soldiers as soon as they could bring their guns to bear.

A REMARKABLE ESCAPE. In all thirty or forty of the exiles were left dead upon the ground. About twenty, after alternately fighting and running for two hours, got into the brush and left their pursuers behind. The little band scattered to make pursuit more difficult. A half dozen, among whom was Bender, kept together. They skulked and starved for four months and seven days, avoiding the towns and living up a precarious living until the human frontier was reached in safety. They were kindly treated by the German people, and Bender spent three months in the empire. Assistance reached him from friends in New York, and he took passage, arriving here July 4, 1865. Being well educated and intelligent, he found no difficulty in securing employment, and is now well to do. He has not, of course, ever dared venture back to Russia, where the police would enforce severe punishment upon him for his escape. He learned after his arrival that his father was a convict at the mines, and later heard of his death there.

Mr. Bender married after his arrival in this city. His wife was a Polish girl. She had possessed of information concerning a plot to again rebel against the rule of the czar. She was arrested and required to divulge all she knew. She refused to give the information which would lead to the death or transportation of fifty or sixty of the conspirators and was sent to prison. For a year and five months she was starved and tormented in the filthy prison. Periodically she was subjected to examinations, which she professed her entire ignorance of the conspiracy. The Russian officials finally became convinced that she knew nothing and let her go. She was required to take an oath that she would never return home, but did not hold herself to the extorted promise and came back here, where she met Mr. Bender. Her experience is barely outlined. The details are many of them too long for print. He declares that Kennerly's picture of life in Siberia is not overdone.—Cleveland World.

# REMARKABLE INCIDENT.

## A Lecturer Discovers His Danger and Loses His Life—A Terrible Warning to Others.

It is a scene in the lecture-room of a medical college in New Orleans. The professor is lecturing before an intelligent class of medical students. He is describing the human body, its defects and the danger by which it is surrounded. In order to illustrate it he has fluids from the human body, which he is subjecting to chemical tests.

"Gentlemen," he said, "I have described to you the appearance of the human fluid in a diseased state; I will now show you how the same fluid appears in a healthy state," and he subjected his own to the test. As he held it up to the light for a moment, his hand trembled, he caught his breath, he paled and exclaimed: "Gentlemen, I have just made a most horrible discovery; I myself have Bright's disease of the kidneys."

In less than one year he was dead. The above dramatic and strictly true incident shows the terrible danger and mysterious nature of this modern disease, which may well be called the demon of the present century. It steals into the system like a thief, manifests its presence by the commonest symptoms and fastens itself upon the system before the victim is aware. It is nearly as hereditary as consumption, quite as common and fully as fatal. Entire families, inheriting it from their ancestors, have died, yet none of the number knew or realized the mysterious power which was removing them. Hundreds of people die daily by what is called heart disease, apoplexy, paralysis, spinal complaint, rheumatism, pneumonia and other common diseases, when in reality it is Bright's disease of the kidneys. These are solemn facts, but all the more serious because of their solemnity.

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Two Strings to His Bow. "The prairies of the west are great places for wind," said a wild west telegraph operator. "I used to have a station out in Nebraska, right out in the open prairie, and the way the wind blew there was a caution. But it was a lucky wind for me. At a station about thirteen miles west my girl lived, and as I had no Sunday trains or business of any kind, I used to go up there and stay over Sunday. "But a lively horse from Saturday night to Monday morning cost me too much money, so I rigged up a sail on an old tie car. All I had to do on Saturday night was to hoist my sail, push the tie car out on the main track, and in less than an hour I was at my journey's end. For more than a year I went to see my girl every Saturday night by means of that sail car. Pretty sleek, wasn't it?" "Yes, pretty sleek. But you don't mean to say that the wind blew in the same direction every Saturday night during all that time?" "Of course I don't."

"Well, how did you manage on those nights when the wind blew in the other direction?" "Easy enough. I had another girl at a station fifteen miles east."—New York Ledger.

It Obeys the Law. In view of the contradictory rumors circulated regarding the intentions of the Louisiana State Lottery Company and in order to accurately answer numerous inquiries a representative of the Times-Democrat yesterday interviewed Mr. Paul Conrad, the president of the company, with the result expressed below: Reporter—Mr. Conrad, it was asserted some weeks ago in the Northern newspapers, and the statement has since been revived recently, that the company is about to remove to Nicaragua, and there, under a government franchise, open up the business on a grander scale than ever.

President Conrad—I have heard something of this, but there is no foundation for it. The company has officially stated that it bows to the decision of the Supreme Court and will respect the laws. Reporter—Then you have no plans of future action? President Conrad—I cannot state the case more strongly than was done at the time the company decided not to attempt to obtain a renewal of its charter. I can only repeat that the company will continue in business until the expiration of its present charter and then cease to exist. I cannot understand, after all that has been said, why there should be any confusion in the public mind about the matter. Reporter—Have you any objection to my stating this as a finality for the satisfaction of the public? President Conrad—None whatever. Reporter—Some of the Eastern papers, Mr. Conrad, persistently assert that the lottery company continues to use the United States mails in the prosecution of its business; will you kindly tell me if that is true? President Conrad—It is utterly untrue. We are obeying the law in its letter and spirit, and our agents everywhere are instructed to obey it. We are using the express companies only in our business, and in all our circulars are printed instructions to all persons dealing with us to avoid the mails.—Times-Democrat, New Orleans, La., June 1.

# Names That Fit Their Trade.

The death of Adam Forepaugh will recall the frequency with which this city has supplied illustrations of the curious adaptation of surnames to business occupations. The explanation usually found for such fitness is that a great many names were originally derived from occupations, and the number of such names is so great that after all it is not remarkable that some modern Smith should return to the occupation of the founder of his family.

But that the bearer of the name Forepaugh and the owner of a menagerie should be combined in the same person cannot be explained in this way. Nor will it account for the equally striking adaptation of the name to the profession of that famous Philadelphia physician, Dr. Philip Syng Physick. It does not explain how Professor Hartshorne came to be a physician. The ex-president of select council, Mr. Lex, is a lawyer, as his father was before him, and the same name translated from the Latin into English has been borne by another Philadelphia lawyer. The directory of any large city will furnish a great many similar instances, but not often where the persons have attained the prominence of those mentioned.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Satellite of the Star Algol. Professor Vogel, the German astronomer, has recently made an interesting demonstration of the existence of a companion to the big variable star Algol from photographs of the star's spectrum. Algol is 134 times as large as the earth, but suffers a partial eclipse at short and regular intervals, when it loses about five-sixths of its brilliancy, and falls from a star of the second magnitude to one of the fourth magnitude. Professor Vogel demonstrates by photographs of its spectra, what was before suspected, that Algol has a dark satellite, 100 times as large as the earth, and moving at a speed of fifty-six miles per second, the interposition of which between us and the big star perfectly accounts for its remarkable variations.

The final demonstration that this satellite exists is scarcely more remarkable than the fact that it has been more than a century since the astronomical observer Goodricke, who discovered Algol's variations, explained the phenomenon by the revolution round it of some opaque body. It has remained till this time for the spectroscope to verify his hypothesis.—New York Herald.

Oiling Troubled Waters. During the last five years more than 1,000 American vessels have used oil to insure their safety in storms, and at least 300 claim it prevented their total loss. The action of oil on waves was known over 200 years ago, but as oil costs money ship owners have refused to believe in its efficacy.—New York Telegram.

An Original Creation. Stage Manager—Mr. De Howler, did you ever see or hear of an Italian count talking and acting the way you do? Young Actor (proudly)—I should say not, sir. I pride myself upon the fact that the manner in which I perform this part is an original creation, sir—an original creation.—Detroit Free Press.

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