COLD COMFORT FOR ITALY.

THE NEW ORLEANS GRAND JURY MAKES ITS REPORT.

It Justifies the Action of the Citizens in Summarily Putting to Death the Mafia Murderers and Finds No Indictments.

NEW ORLEANS, May 5.—The long delayed report of the grand jury on the parish prison-Italian affair last March, was presented late last evening to Judge Marr, in the Criminal Court. The report, which is very voluminous, reviews the circumstances connected with the murder of Chief Hennessey, the trial of the prisoners and the affair at the prison, and concludes by justifying the citizens, and presents no indictments. The report is signed by all the jurors. The report concludes as follows:

"The extended range of our researches has developed the existence of the secret organization styled 'Mafia.' The evidence comes from several sources, pretty competent in themselves to its truth, while the fact is supported by the long record of blood-curdling crimes, it being almost impossible to discover the perpetrators or secure witnesses.

"We find a general sentiment among the witnesses, and also in our intercourse with the people, that the verdict as rendered by the jury was contrary to the law and the evidence, and secured mainly through the designing and unscrupulous agents employed for the special purpose of defeating the ends of justice.

"We are so deeply impressed with the facts of the case, as partially summarized in the foregoing, that the moral conviction is forced upon us that some of the jurors were subject to a money influence to control their decision. Further than this, we may say it appears certain that at least three, if not more, of the jury were so unduly and unlawfully controlled.

"The public meeting of the citizens, which resulted in the killing, was general and spontaneous in its character, as truly indicating an uprising of the masses, and we doubt if any power at the command of the officers would have been sufficient to overcome its intentions.

"Evidence is before us from official sources that eleven persons were killed in the attack on the parish prison. In the careful examination as to citizenship of those men, we find that eight of them were beyond-question American citizens, and another had 'declared his intention in this court,' which act carries with it the renunciation of allegiance to his native country.

"It is a noteworthy fact in connection with the uprising that no injury was done to either person or property beyond this one act, which seemed to be the object of the assemblage at the parish prison.

"We have referred to the large number of citizens participating in the demonstration, estimated by judges at from 6,000 to 8,000, and regarded as a spontaneous uprising of the people. The magnitude of the affair makes it a difficult task to fix guilt upon any number of the participants. In fact, the act seemed to involve the entire people of the parish, and the city of New Orleans, so profuse is their sympathy and extended their connection with the affair. In view of this consideration, the thorough examination of the subject has failed to disclose the necessary facts to justify this grand jury in presenting indictments."

NOTHING ELSE WAS EXPECTED.

WASHINGTON, May 6.—The failure of the grand jury in New Orleans to find indictments against the leaders of the mob that lynched the Italians in the parish prison in New Orleans last March is the general discussion here. This disposal of the case causes no surprise here, for nothing else was expected. Government officials will not talk about the matter, and the Marquis Imperali refuses to discuss the subject.

At the State Department the attempt on the part of the jury to excuse the infraction of the law by offsetting it with the alleged attempts at jury-fixing is deprecated, but there is a well defined opinion that on the whole the outcome of the case will be beneficial in its effects upon the turbulent foreign elements in the United States, inasmuch as it will make clear to them the fact that they cannot rely on treaties to escape responsibility to the great public for their unlawful acts.

The report, it is believed, differs in the matter of the nationality of the victims, from the report of District Attorney Grant, now in the hands of the attorney general. The grand jury found that eight of them were naturalized citizens, and that one had declared his intention to become naturalized, while the District Attorney, it is believed, found that one of the victims was an Italian, but an escaped convict, and that another's nationality was so doubtful as to make it unsafe to hazard an opinion. So at its worst, the Italian complaints will be narrowed down to two persons, and one of them an escaped convict.

Millions of Caterpillars.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., May 2.—The Carolina Central trainmen have been having peculiar experiences with caterpillars for four or five days past, and it is something unheard of in the railroad history of this State. Just East of Lumberton is what is known as "Big swamp," and the railroad goes through it on a trestle work, broken here and there in the solid portions of the swamp by embankments of earth. Last Tuesday an army of caterpillars began moving out of the swamp, and when they reached the streams over which the trestles carry the rails, they massed on the railroad and proceeded to cross on the trestles. The rails and ties were covered several inches deep.

The first train that discovered them was brought to a stand still, the driving wheels of the engine slipping around as if the rails had been thoroughly oiled. The engineer exhausted the contents of his sand box before he got through the swamp and reached a clear stretch of the track. It was thought that the trip would be the end of the caterpillar trouble but the very next day the train encountered another army of caterpillers crossing the trestle and had same diffculty. The Charlotte bound passenger train yesterday had a similar experience and the passengers say the scene was something wonderful. The rails and crossties of the trestle were actually obscured from sight by the caterpillars and ground and swamp on each side of the track were littered with fragments of millions of caterpillars from the wheels of passing trains, and from this an unendurable stench arose. Where the caterpillars came from is not known. The farmers on this side of the swamp express no uneasiness for the safety of their crops so long as the advancing army persists in using the trestle as its means of getting across streams, for none of them have got more than half way across before a train would come along and convert them into fertilizers.

A Marderous Crank.

NEW YORK, May 6.—Inspector Byrnes has arrested a lunatic who threatened to kill Jay Gould unless he was bought off with a large amount of money, one million dollars down and ten annual payments of a half million each. His name is Charles J. Dixon, and he came from Pueblo, Colorado, for the purpose above set forth. He imagines, or pretends to imagine himself vice-President of a band of world reformers, styling themselves in his mind, "Christ's followers," and to be doomed to carry out the decree of the order. To-day Dixon was committed to await examination as to his sanity.

THE CHARLESTON DEMOCRACY.

Representaton to be Based on the State Constitution.

CHARLESTON, April 30.—The voice of the unterrified Democracy of Charleston was uplifted to-day and its song will be heard all over the land. The City Democratic Convention, which met in Hibernian Hall at noon, consisted of 115 out of the 144 delegates elected. In the ranks of the delegates were many of the men who answered to the roll call in 1876 and quite a number of the young Democracy who have grown up since. The object of the convention was to endeavor to heal the breach now existing in the party. It was presided over at the outset by Major Edward Willis, the Chairman of the Municipal Democratic Executive Committee, who, in calling the convention to order, said:

"I believe the best interests of the Democratic party will be promoted by open door deliberations. I urge the most liberal and unrestricted registration. I favor primary elections that will be fair and impartial, recognizing every organized faction of the party. I hope your deliberations will be such as many spare the citizens of Charleston dissension, bitterness and excitement likely to grow out of the long campaign which is before us. It is the duty and privilege of the municipal Democracy to so alter our rules as to adopt whatever there may be in the rules of the State Democratic Committee which will enable us to act in concert and harmony with the party. We owe it to the members of the Democarcy of Charleston to select the best men in our ranks to represent us." [Applause.]

B. H. Rutlege, Jr., was then elected Chairman of the convention. On motion of State Senator A. T. Smythe, a committee of twelve, one from each ward, was appointed to consider and report what changes, if any, were necessary in the constitution of the municipal Democratic party. This committee, after a recess, submitted a report, which in effect adopts the constitution of the party adopted by the State Democratic party in 1890. It provides for the election by the convention of a new executive committee which is to serve until the meeting of the Democratic Convention in the Fall. The members of the committee are to be suggested by the Democratic ward clubs. The representation in the convention is to be based upon the membership of the ward clubs as under the State Democratic party constitution. In other words, every concession was made to the demands of the reformers. After electing an executive committee, the convention adjourned, subject to the call of the committee.

Another convention under the auspices of Mr. Ocktv Cohen will be held on Monday next. At this convention the delegates will be selected by the Democratic ward clubs recently organized in the city, and it is expected that a municipal ticket will be put out. The regular Democracy will not nominate its ticket until fall.

It should be mentioned that a very considerable number of the Democrats of Cherleston have enrolled themselves in the newly organized ward clubs. It is not improbable that the May convention will be captured by the regular Democrats. There are in the city not over 3,500 registered voters, white and black, Democrats and Republicans.

At the Democratic primaries yesterday nearly 1,300 votes were polled. No report was made to-night of the number of reformers who voted at the ward club meeting for delegates to the May convention.—Register.

A Remarkable Surgical Operation.

CLEVELAND, May 6.—A remarkable surgical operation, and one rarely performed, has just taken place at the Huron Street Homœopathic Hospital, Dr. H. F. Biggar being the surgeon. It was practically that of building a new nose for a young woman. The patient, Miss Mamie Miller, is 16 years old. A cancerous affection had destroyed the left side and lower portion of her nose. The operation was performed last Saturday afternoon.

Firt, the diseased flesh was cut away. Then a flap of skin and flesh of the proper size and form to replace the lost portion of the nose was cut from above the muscle of the left arm. The flap was allowed to remain attached to the arm on one side. The arm was then raised to the face and over the head in such a manner as to permit the flesh of the arm to be grafted and stitched to the edges of the lost portion of the nose. The arm was then placed in a specially constructed harness and securely strapped up to the face in that position.

The operation promises to be entirely successful. The living flesh of the arm has grown to the nose, and it is expected that Saturday the flap will be severed where it still adheres to the arm, and the slight remaining operation of fitting and stitching the remaining edge to the nose will then be performed. From present appearences the healing will be so perfect as to leave little or no scar.

Do You Wear Pants?

WASHINGTON, D. C, May 6.—A telegram went out from this city on Saturday that caused a gleam of satisfaction to spread over the presidential face on the Pacific coast. It was to the effect that Benjamin Harrison McKee, who had been left in charge of the government while the rest of the family went swinging around the circle, had donned pants. This was his first pair, and of course created a mild sensation at the White House. The promotion seems to have been authorized by Lieutenant and Mrs. Parke, relatives of Mrs. Harrison, who have been left in charge of the domestic arrangements of the White House during the President's absence. In the exuberance of his delight the favorite grandson of the President strutted all over the building, calling upon everybody to take notice of his manly appearance.

All would have gone well had it not been for the fact that the youngster met the wife of a cabinet minister in the East Parlor, who had several young ladies with her. Young McKee called out to the lady in a loud voice:

"Do you wear pants? I do."

There were blushes, a slight scream, and Baby McKee was rushed off to the conservatory.

Tell-Tale Letters.

WASHINGTON, May 6.—Dr. John A. P. Baker and Mrs. W. R. Gilmer are under arrest charged with the murder of Mrs. Baker, wife of Dr. Baker, and an attempt to murder W. R. Gilmer, husband of the woman under arrest. Mrs. Baker died suddenly more than a year ago. Recently some tell-tale letters were found, which were written by Mrs. Gilmer to Dr. Baker. They show that a criminal intimacy existed between the two, and that they had ploted Mrs. Baker's death. Mrs. Gilmer has made a confession that Dr. Baker poisoned his wife and sent her poison with instructions how to administer it to her husband. She did so, and nothing saved his life but the timely arrival of Dr. Gilmer, a brother of the poisoned man. All parties are prominent in Abingdon, and the affair has created the greatest sensation the town has ever known.

Terrible Tale of Woe.

RACINE, Wis., May 3.—Two weeks ago the brother of Mrs. James W. Palmer, a prominent railroad man of Omaha, shot himself while suffering from an attack of the grip and was brought here for burial. Last Wednesday her husband died and was buried and yesterday her mother died. Her little 6-year old son is very sick and Mrs. Palmer herself is lying at the point of death. The prevailing disease being the cause of all the sickness and death.

A FIEND'S DEED.

A Prominent Merchant Disguises and Kills his Uncle.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., May 6.—It has been learned here that the murderer of old man Conoly, in Robeson county, this state, which occurred last week, was committed by his own nephew, A. McDougal, a prominent merchant of Laurinburg.

McDougal boarded a freight train, and left it a short way from Shannon.

He blackened his face and put on side whiskers. He was seen by several, and they all say it was a white man in disguise.

About dark he went to his uncle's—Simeon Conoly—and in a disguised voice called him out, and asked to be shown a path that led to Wilkes.

When 200 yards from the house he shot Conoly, and after he fell McDougal placed the pistol to the dying man's head and fired a second time.

The bullet was found in the ground about six inches deep, when Conoly's head was lifted up.

McDougal then started back, and at the river tried to wash the blacking off and change his clothing, but must have been frightened away, for he left his old pants and an undershirt, handkerchief and box of lampblack.

He explained his dirty, greasy appearance by saying he had been riding on an engine. When he came back to Maxton every one noted his restless manner. For a week McDougal has been very active in having Moore, Purnell and Kelly arrested. When he heard that his effects had been found at the river, he went and got them and said they had been stolen from him.

McDougal has been held in high esteem by every one. He was a prominent member of the church, is unmarried, and for some time had been paying his uncle's debts.

A few months ago, Conoly wanted a horse to run a farm. McDougal refused to advance the money unless his uncle would have his life insured for him—McDougal's benefit. This was done, and this, it is supposed, is the motive for the murder.

It has also come to light that Conoly's life had been insured for about a year, and last fall McDougal tried to poison him by giving him candy which contained strychnine. Officers are in pursuit of McDougal, who left, going in the direction of Charlotte.

Jewish Persecution.

LONDON, May 7.—The Moscow correspondent of The Standard dwells upon the utter disorganization of business through the sudden expulsion of the Jews. All who are engaged in various business agencies find it impossible to collect debts, and hundreds of bills are protested daily. The judge of the Commericial court has been obliged to telegraph to the minister of finance for instructions as to how to act in the emergency. Many traders in the Jewish quarters are fearing bankruptcy, owing to the departure of the Jews, who only left their belongings to cover debts amounthg to £130,000.

At St. Petersburg the synagogue has already been sold for $9000. The new and unused synagogue in Moscow has been offered for sale, as it is useless in the face of the exodus. A Moscow letter to The Times records the sacrifices made by the Jewish emigaants. In many cases they have sold their belongings for the merest trifle, chairs being bought for twopence and beds for sixpence. Many persons destroyed their goods in preference to selling them at a sacrifice. Many Russians have declined to pay debts owing to Jews.

Heartrending scenes are witnessed daily in the synagogue, people weeping and praying to Jehovah to help them. Thousands of workmen are idle who have hitherto been employed by Jews. Foreign importers are keeping back goods on frontier. It is reported that one Swiss silk firm has lost $8,000 in a single week. A letter confirms The Standard's dispatch as to the business collopse. Neither Jews nor Gentiles paying their debats. The correspondent declares it a shame that the rich Jewish bankers are not touched by the government's decrees, and yet do not appear to help their unfortunate brethren as they might.

His Second Victim.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., May 7.—Tom Smith, now under $10,000 bond in the Circuit Court of Lincoln County for the killing of young John Brooks, about three years ago about a young lady, is reported to have killed James Wakefield, whom she married since the first killing. Wakefield and the lady were on their way to McDowell's mills, near Pulaski, to visit her fathrr when Smith met them, killing Wakefield and firing twice at his wife.

Mice Eat His Money.

BANGOR, Me., April 30.—Nathaniel Leavitt, a farmer of St. George, put away in a canvass purse, money to pay a mortgage due this month. Upon going after the purse, he found that mice had totally destroyed every bill.

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