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W. SOUTER & Co.,

Commercial.

KYENING STAR OFFICE, Tuesday, February 26, 1878. Amount of Revenue collected at the Port of Thames this day :---

Customs Duties Arms Act Fees Wharfage Port Charges

THAMES STOCK EXCHANGE. The following are the quotations of the Thames Stock Exchange at 2 p.m. this day :--SALES LAST NIGHT-

Queen of Beauty-4s 9d ALES THIS DAY-Prince Imperial-19e to £1 Nonpareil-1s 7d LOSING PRICES-Moanatairi-Sellers, £3 13s 6d Alburnia--Buyers, £3 10s Tookey Tribute—Sellers, 58 Prince Imperial—Buyers, £1

Alburnia—£3 10s

Queen of Beauty-Buyers, 4s 9d Waitekauri-Sellers, 3s 6d JOHN H. SALMON, D. R. GELLION LOUIS MELHOSE. M. HENNELLY, SAMUEL TURTLE. JOHN FRATER, J. L. WHITFORD. R. McD. Scort, G. A. BUTTLE. B. C. FRYER J. H. WRITE. RICHD. HUDSON

POST OFFICE NOTICES. Mails Close-

For Auckland, per s.s. Rotomabans, to-morrow, at 1 p.m. For Southern Ports and Australian Colonies (for transmission per s.s. Wanaka), tomorrow, at I p.m. For Coromandel (via Auckland), to morrow,

at 1 p.m. For Kaipars, via Auckland, to morrow, at

For Sandwich Islands, North and South America, British and Foreign West Indies, Continent of Europe, and United King-dom, via San Francisco, on Monday

J. E. CONEY. Chief Postmaster.

Chief Post Office, Thames, February 20, 1878.

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SPECIAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

GREAT SALE

DRAPERY, CLOTHING, &c.

COSGRAVE AND CO.'S ANNUAL SALE

DRAPERY

CLOTHING, &c.,

is now on.

The Whole Stock will be submitted to the Thames Public at Cost Price.

J. COSGRAVE & CO.

OWLN STREET.

DEATH.

FATHERS—On February 25, at Mackay street,

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Ethel, daughter of Mr John W. Fathers, aged 16 months.

THE

PUBLISHED DAILY AT FOUR O'CLOCK P.M.

Resurrezi.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1878.

THE schedule of exhibits for which prizes will be given at the opening show of the Thames Horticultural Society, to be held in the Academy of Music on Saturday next, appears in our advertising columns. It is very much to be hoped that there will be a good number of Steerage, 5s. RETURN TICKETS-SALOON, exhibitors, and that the show will be one answered the Bishop; then I don't won-TEN SHILLINGS; STEERAGE, SEVEN of the best ever held here. It has been der at your adopting the new pronunciaa reproach against this district that a society like that now established could not survive one year of existence, and we hope the present one will have a long career of prosperity.

> THE business for disposal at the Quarterly Licensing Meeting for the districts of Thames and Hauraki, to be held on Tuesday next, is limited to five applications for transfer of licenses.

ME JAMES CRAIG sold by auction today at the Exchange, the Golden Arrow Goldmining Company's machine site, at Tairua, baving £10 arrears of rent. Mr Wickham bought the site for £6. Some new stamper shoes and false bottoms were sold at 8s per ewt.

THE proceedings at Mr Craig's auction to-day of the Golden Arrow machine site were temporarily interrupted, and for a few seconds something like a scene occurred. After the conditions of sale had been read, the sale itself was denounced as "a piece of sharp practice," and several gentlemen present affirmed that the auctioneer, at the sale of the battery, had distinctly stated the purchasers could 0 have the option of leaving the same on the ground or removing it. This the auctioneer denied. Another gentleman 0 | put in his spoke, and was informed by the auctioneer that "he didn't want to call him a liar, but, in plain terms, he was telling a deliberate falsehood." The bailiff then made an explanation, which did not seem to afford much satisfaction to some present, and further altercation took place, the sale being designated a swindle. 'I he auctioneer, however, brought them back to business. He said if there was any swindle in it, it was not on his part. He had the machine site for sale, and would sell it to the highest bidder; with which the business proceeded, Mr Wickhem purchasing the site, the owners of the battery having, according to the conditions of sale, to remove their plant

Last night's Auckland Star says :- " A man named George Pennyfield, who has structions from the Government as to been in the employ of the Piako Swamp Company, was found near Hamilton in a state of semi-nudity, and was taken into custody as a person of unsound mind." A man of the same name was formerly in business on the Thames, which place he eft for the Waikato, where he had resided prior to his coming to the Thames.

within sixty days from date.

A CIECULAR has been issued from the Postmaster General's department, Welington, stating that in consequence of a reduction from fourpence to twopence having been made in the fee for the registration of letters, &c., in the United Kingdom, a reduction will be made in New Zealand. In future a fee of eightpence instead of tenpence will be charged for the registration in New Zealand of letters, &c., addressed to any British Colony or Foreign Country and forwarded in transit through the United Kingdom.

Notice is given in the Gazette of a call " under the "Government Officers Guarantee Act, 1870," to make good a defalcation of £393 15s 4d by Thomas he had a loaded revolver in the bag be-W. Longuet of the Postal Department, and £5 16s 7d for the stamp. The rate per cent. on the sum assured required to

take the bag into the luggage van, when Eutler immediately pulled the revolver this morning in a paragraph referring to the death of young Reddish which is felt a smort blow on his left side, but be levied is one shifting. opposed to the evidence adduced at the nothing more. He seized Butler, and in a month's time. inquest. It is this: "A post-mortem with the aid of the passengers took the examination was, under the circumstances, revolver away, and bound him. Subsection of the colonial Cricket Management of the c unnecessary, as the deceased volunteer quently Heasemen found that the bullet was before known to be subject to fits." had struck him in the left side, but In the evidence of the father of the lad baving a purse full of copper god Moon's Last Quarter, 24th; 2.42 p.m.

New Moon, 4th; 3h. 48m. p.m.

"Pray sir," said Lady Wallace to David Hume, "I am often asked what age I am; what enswer should I make?"

Mr Hume immediately guessing her lady ship's meaning said, "Madam, when you are asked that question again, answer that you are not yet come to the years of dis-

WE notice by a late New Zealand | to take him there, but on reaching Gazette that Lambert William Loveday has been appointed to be record clerk and accountant in the office of the Inspector | lot of bad men and devils about him, and of Lunatic Asylums

WE are informed by a passenger per This his brother allowed him to do. Enterprise last night that she made the trip from Auckland in five hours and twenty minutes, having left Auckland Wharf at 6.10, and arrived here at 11.30. The Rotomahana left a few minutes after the Enterprise, and the two raced to Brown's Island, when the Enterprise was

THE funeral of Alfred Reddish, drowned in the Thames River on Sunday last, took place this afternoon. Decased having been a member of the Naval Cadets and a warrant officer, was honored with a military funeral, the sdult and cadet inc part need not give evidence, which companies turning out in good numbers. The Thames Scottish, Naval Brigade and No. 2 Haurakis, each with its band, paraded in Grahamstown, and proceeded at a quarter past three to join the Thames Rifle Rangers, No. 3 Haurakis, and Naval Cadets in Shortland. The funeral procession was a large and imposing one.

copy from the New Zealand Gazette the figures in the Registrar General's report on the vital statistics of the principal boroughs of the colony, showing population, number of births and deaths and rate of mortality during the month of January, 1877. The Thames does not show so favorably in the death rate as

Borovou.	Estimated Popula- tion.	Total Births.	Total Deaths.	Proportion of Deaths to 1000 of population.
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Total		303	127	

THE New York Herald says: "The aid of the telephone is being secured in Jersey City in connection with the law courts. A telegraph wire is being laid from the Hudson County Court House to the telegraph office in Montgomery street, and a telephone will be attached to each end, whereby lawyers can communicate with each other rapidly between their offices and the court house.'

A COERESPONDENT of Notes and Queries tells the following anecdots of the Bishop of Manchester :- " A class of school girls, says the story, highly educated on the newest principles, were pouring forth to his lordship a list of Latin words, with the English equivalents, and they came to the word which we elders should call vicissim. 'We-kiss-im,' said the girl; we-kiss-im-by turns.' 'Ob, do you!

FRIEND, to get a good Watch, Gold or Silver, Geneva, English or American, go to WILKES, Shortland, for there you will have the largest stock to select from; also, if you were thinking of purchasing a Brooch, or pair of Earings, Gold Guard, or Ring-for there you can see the most varied and best selected stock on the Thames. Watches, Clocks, and Jowellery repaired at Auckland prices, and guaranteed. Established 1867 .-

TELEGRAMS.

PER PRESS AGENCY.

WESTPORT.

This day. The New Zealand Insurance Company offer £100 reward for information leading to the conviction of the supposed incendiary of Clark's Rink Hall.

TIMARU.

This day. The Timaru Evening News ceases pub liction at the end of February.

GISBORNE.

Monday. The residence of Blake, a shoemaker, was destroyed by fire. It was insured in the Norwich Union Company for £103. The total loss is £500.

Monday. Mr Keyd has taken a contract for the erection of a flour mill, and had already erected a portion of it, besides a large raupo where for the accommodation of his men, when the Ngatatura tribe came and pulled down the whole fabric. The Ngatiraukawa tribe interfered, and placed sentries over the building and plant, and defied the Ngatatura to interfere. The Government officer is now aw_iting inhow he shall proceed.

KUMARA.

Sir George Grey arrived here by special train this afternoon. He was met by the Mayor and Council. Five hundred children were perent. All the frictaly societies were in regalia, and a band was present. He had a most entausiastic r ception. There will be a banquet to-

CHRISTCHURCH.

Monday. Jabez Hosseman, a guard on Southern Railway, had a narrow escape from death on Saturday evening. Heaseman, Thomas Williams, and Oate Butler were travelling with a step-brother between Timeru and Christchurch, and when ncar Dunsandel Butler became excited, asserting that he had been robbed. His step brother sent for the guard, and told him that Butler was deranged, and that tween his krees. At this time Batler had his right hand in the bag, and looked very excited. Heasemanasked Butler tolet him

Dunedin Butler said he would go to Canterbury, and also that there were a he would buy a revolver to keep them off.

DUNEDIN.

Monday. An important case came on in the Police Court to day. Cameron (the originator of the Duncdin Cup consultation) was prosecuted under the Town and Country Police Ordinance prohibiting Sa urday, to enable the magistrate to consider whether, participating in the by giving evidence, the lawyer holding that if the lottery was illegal, those takwould implicate them as aiding and abet ting a wrong. Three witnesses refused to rive evidence.

reat dissatisfaction is daily displayed re the Education Act. A number of de utations from country school commiltees have waited on the Education Board, asking for funds for school accom-ACCORDING to our usual custom, we | modation. Hundreds of children have been refused admittance in already overcrowded schools. £10,000 is available for Otago, and £50,000 would hardly be sufficient for proper accommodation. The people generally express a desire that fees should be charged, and as they do not want free education except for those unwilling to pay, they would be willing to pay as long as accommodation is provided, but there are no funds for this. It is admitted on all hands that the bill will have to be amended next session.

INVERCARGILL.

Monday. Cecil Jackson, late surgeon of the Invercargill Mospital, was arrested this morning on the charge of attempting to procure abortion in the case of Ellen Green, a patient in the hospital. He was brought up before the Magistrate. The evidence of the hospital matron, Mrs Williams, was taken, and the case was adjourned to Monday next. It was not settled whether bail would be allowed.

CALOGRAMS.

RUSSO-TURKISH WAR

New Peace Conditions.

EXTRAVAGANT DEMANDS

RUSSIA.

Indemnity of Fourteen Hundred Million Roubles.

Cession of Turkish Fleet.

Four Cities and Captured Territory in Asia Minor.

(REUTER'S SPECIAL TO PRESS AGENCY.)

LONDON, Monday.

The fresh peace conditions demanded by Russia include the prohibition of the passage of the Dardanelles by sil war vessels, but free navigation for merchant ships; on indemnity of fourteen hundred million of rorbles, to cover which Turkey is required to cede her Ironelad Squadron; the cities of Kars, Batoum, Bayszid and Ardahan, and the territory comprised in Russian occupation in Asia Minor; forty millions sterling of the indemnity to be secured by bonds chargeable on the sinking fund and interest which is guaranteed by tributes now paid by Bulgaria and Egypt to the Porte.

(SPECIAL TO THE ARGUS.)

LONDON, February 23. Coomassie won the Waterloo Cup. Seagu!! ran her up. Adelaide won the purse, and Palm Flower the plate.

The University boat race is fixed for the thirteer h. An attempt to shoot the Master of the

Rolls by an insane sailor failed. His Holiness the Pope will be crowned Leo XIII. to-morrow, in Sistine Chapel. Peace has been effected in Cuba, the

rebels have been pardoned, and the con-

fiscation law repealed.

The German Government are making large purchases of gold in London. Consols are ninety-five and a half.

Australian securities are very steady The corn market is weak, with a downward tendency.

AUSTRALIAN.

SYDNEY, Tuesday. Fifteen of a combined New South Wales and Victorian team have been chosen to play the Australian Eleven on Friday and following days.

SYDNEY, Monday. The Colonial Secretary has communicated with the South Australian Government with regard to holding an Inter-Colonial Cable Conference at Melbourne New South Wales won the Inter-

Colonial Cricket Match with one wicket

BESIDENT MAGISTRATE'S COURT

(Before J. Kilgour and H. Goldsmith, Esqs., J's.P.) WANDERING ANIMALS, John McLaughlan and O. D. Grant were fined 2s and 1s cach respectively for per-

THIS DAY.

and 2 runs.

OUR MINES.

in a day or two.

PIAKO. The crushing of a small parcel for

Daniels and party has realised loz 9dwts

MOANATAIRI. The No. 9 reef in west drive, 150 feet level, is hardly looking so well as usual it now being hard rock and low grade stuff. It will be remembered that I reported some time ago that the manager intended to cross-cut the country between the two slides-in fact repeat the experiment tried in the 80-feet level with payable results. A start has been made at this work, 33 feet having been put in in a southerly direction, but so far no lode has been struck, the only quartz met with having been small stringers and threads of stone. Though the lode should be to hard now it is not unlikely that it has taken a bend or even split up into stringers, and to prove this the drive will be

Christie and party finished crushing at the company's mill to day, for the yield of 16ozs 4dwts gold.

put in some few feet further. In the

topes the show is not so encouraging as

hitherto. The country in the tunnel has

again become extremely hard, only 20 feet

having been driven during the past

Boyle and party and Peak and party cleaned up and retorted to-day, for the respective returns of 20ozs 11dwts, and Soxs 3d wts gold.

CURE Yesterday the manager made a start at sinking the winze below No. 1 level on Gilmour's leader, and some golden stone is to hand. The appearance of this lode is so promising that it is likely soon to become one of the chief gold producing lodes of the mine. To-morrow a start will be made at rising to the No. 2 lode at the junction, which it is expected will be reached in about 30 or 40 feet. It is intended shortly to let a contract for driving a cross-cut from the surface on the Waiotahi side of the spur to a point between the Red Queen and Cure shafts. This is to be done with a view of proving the country above the Crown level, nearly all of which is maiden ground, and, in-deed, very little work has been done at all in the mine except between the No. 1 and Crown levels. The cross-cut above referred to will give 70 or 80 feet of good backs from drive to surface, and it will have the advantage that the heavy tax on low-grade stuffwinding-will not be required, and the stone can be taken out to the Waiotahi read, which with the recent improvements is much better then the Moanateiri road In vesterday's isques of both Advertiser and Herald appeared reports which if allowed to go uncontradicted would have a very injurious effect on both this mine and the Red Queen. One part of the reports (both of which emanate from the same source) taken exception by the manager of the Cure where it is stated that the Red Queen shaft is unfit to be used, "as the first 200 feet of it is much too small and would need to be stripped and re-timbered." It is also asserted that it would cost £4 or £5 per foot to make the shaft deeper, as it is in hard country. The first statement re the unfitness of the shaft is quite incorrect. The shaft is of quite sufficient size, and is in excellent order. As to the tightness of the country in the bottom of the shaft, to show that that is a myth, it is sufficient to say that a cross-cut put in by the Cure Company to the bottom of the shaft, cost only 12s 6d per foot to drive, the country being almost too easy. How all this affects the Cure is easily explained. For a long time the Caledonian Company have charged the excessive hauling charge of 2s per ton on the company's and tributers dirt, which is far too much for low grade

Caledonian shaft is so unsatisfactory that a scheme has been mooted to connect with the Red Queen shaft, and work the mine by it, of course erecting an engine and winding gear over it. The reports referred to, it will be seen, throw cold water on a scheme which, though detrimental to the Caledonian company in putting a stop to the extoring of heavy winding rates would be beneficial to the Cure and Red Queen, if the latter is floated again, and the directors of both of these companies are justly indignant that such damaging

lodes to stand. Besides the heavy cost

of winding, the company's and most of the tributers' quarts and mullock has had

to be trucked through some 700 or 800ft.

of drives, creating a greater loss of time

and wear and tear of material than would

be necessary if the distance to the shaft

was shorter. In short, the using of the

ments are based are wrong.

reports should be circulated, especially as

the facts on which the principal argu-

BOADICEA Hawkins and party finished a crushing from the above claim to-day for the yield of Sozs 4dwts gold.

COLIBAN. A crushing from this claim yielded 7ozs 5dwts 12grs gold.

CENTENARY OF THE OLD CORNISH LANGUAGE.

The centenary of the old Cornish

language was held a few days ago at St

Paul, near Penzance, the parish in which

the old Celtic language of Cornwall dicd out, and where the last persons who spoke i it were buried. The occasion was a ing with the mail. singular one, as the Cornish is almost the only European language which has died out in modern times, and the date of the disuse of which as a vernacular can be approximately fixed. The only other part of Europe, probably, in which a similar centenary might be held would be the interior of Russia, where certain Finnic languages have yielded before the modern Russian in recent times. The and Chairmen of County Councils is proto signify their peed of food. There were corpish, on the other hand, is an Aryan posed, to consider the hospital and charitfaint whispers of "Some water;" Some language which the Cornish people gave able aid questions.
up voluntarily in exchange for English. There are seven The interest in the centenary on the spot was very great, and more than double the number of persons applied for tickets versity.

In the lest hours of his agony in hope of the promoters had anticipated. A youth named Morris, native of Ox-succour, or at least of a breath of fresh large portion of these were Mousehole ford, Northern Canterbury, made his air; for in the unventilated room the air fishermen or farmers, showing the interest debut here last night as an imitator of g-nerally taken by all classes in the sub-Cornish ten in the National Schoolroom

which followed, Mr W. C. Borlase, the author of " Nemice Cornubienses," and a descendant of Dr Borlase, the Cornish an-ALBURNIA.

Retorting for the month takes place at tiquary, presided. In his introductory address he bri fly explained the early history of the country, and how the ancient Britons were driven by the Saxons to Weles will be put through the single stamper proper and West Wales, or Cornwall, carrying with them their ancient language. Of the Cornish language no literary relies prior to the twelfth cetury had been yet found, although the Welsh literature was very rich from an early date. The date of their centenary was selected, because on December 17, 1777, the last person known to have spoken Cornish, was buried at the churchyard of Paul. The president then read letters expressing interest in the subject from the Lord Lieutenant (the Earl of Mount-Edgeumbe), the Bishop of Truro, Sir J. St. Aubyn, M.P., and others. The Rev. W. S. Lach-Szyrma, vicar of Newlyn St. Peter, a part of old St. Paul parish, then followed with an explanation of the position of the Cornish in the Aryan family of languages. He said the Kuropean languages were like a chain, of which Cornish was one link, and that link was of great interest to philologists. The integral unity of the European languages was shown by examples of the commonest words-e.g., the number three, "father," "mother," &c. The Cornish language belonged to the Celtic division, and was nearest to the Breton and Welsh, and, like the Irish, the Manx, and the Gaelic. He then gave a brief summary of the existing relics of the Cornish literature, especially speaking of the "Beunane Meriasek," a drama describing the life of St. Meriasee, of Camborne, and the final struggles between heathenism and Christianity in West Cornwall, and then briefly mentioned the other miracle plays, the "Origo Mundi," the "Passio Christi," the "Resurrectio" (with the the vicar of St. Just had to translate the

death of Pilate and the Ascension), and finally Jordan's "Creacon" of 1611. The gradual decline of the language before the English was then described, from the period when, as at Buryan in 1336, Bishop of Exeter's sermon to the Buryan people, down to the time when in the Lizard region and in the parishes of St. Paul and St. Just in the Land's End district the old Cornish was alone spoken, and then at length died out at Mousehole. The event was not altogether to be regretted. It was an expensive luxury for a people to be belingual; however, the language ought always to be of interest to Cornishmen. The language was not quite dead, for it still affected the Cornish dialect, the accent of which was foreign, and also many expressions. A number of local words were then given (etill in use), with their Welsh and Breton congeners and connection in other Aryan languages. Mr Victor, of Mousehole, followed, and gave some sentences which he recollected sufferings or save the wretched creatures hearing from childhood. One was (as from their painful death. Even in the written in Mr Ellis's Glossic mode) " Paji kulaa tu vee un polee un du moi onas.y." He also gave the numerals (according to tradition) up to twenty (igans). Mr Kelynack, an aged man, of Newlyn, also gave the fisherman's cry, "Breeul meta trooja biswandhu pemper whether all isserowed all along the line, oh !" Breal is mackerel (Welsh brith, Breton brir), the other Cornish words merely the ordinals. Mr Pentreath, of Mousehole, also made some remarks on local words. The proceedings were enlivened during the tea by the local band, and between the speeches with old Cornish carols and the song, "Shall Trelawny Die ?" in the chorus of which the audience heartily joined, and concluded, after the usual votes of thanks, with "God save the Queen."- Home

THE LATEST CALOGRAMS.

MONSTER Anti-Russian Meeting

The Absurd Demands of Russia

in Hyde Park.

They Embrace Occupation of Bulgaria.

(SPECIAL TO THE ARGUS.)

Austria Poising a Special Vote.

LONDON, February 25.

A monster anti-Russian meeting has been held in Hyde Park. The new peace conditions are that fifty thousand Russians occupy Bulgaria for

indemnity. Austria is raising a special vote. Bartle Freere dismissed by Moltono.

publish it as received .- Ep.] The Ministry of the Pope have dismissed General Kanizler, commandant of the Papal dominions.

Australian.

MELBOURNE, This day.

(PER PRESS AGENCY.)

CHRISTCHURCH. This day.

A conference of Canterbury Mayors There are seven local candidates for

matriculation in the New Zealand Uni-

Blondin. The performance included several of Blondin's best tricks and was at Paul Churchtown. At the meeting remarkably good.

PLEVNA AFTER THE SURRENDER.

Shooking Sufferings of the Sick and Wounded.

Horrible Scenes among the

Living and the Dead.

[FROM THE DAILY NEWS]

PLEVEA. December 17: Plevna is full of borrors, and after the

turmoil of the past four months the complete vilence now seems strange and oppressive. As I rode into the town along the Lovicha road the other evening just after sunset, not a sound broke the dead quiet, and the only living thing I met was iere and there a stray dog, which slunk way to his horrible meal among the shallow graves in front of the redoubts on the The deserted breastworks that crossed the road at frequent intervals seemed quite purposeless. It was utterly impossible to realise that here on the

very spot only a few days before we had scurried across the open places; and dodged behind the mounds of earth, while the rattle of the rifles went on continually. and the zir was filled with the singing of bullets that just here had swept, again and again, the lines of the assatling forces, and that many thousands had fallen within a stone's throw. From the shoulder of the bill called aroden, where the road winds around

under the embrasures of the redoubts which were stormed by General Skobeloff with such fearful loss, Pleyna was seen lying down in the valley, and only one or the two twinkling lights showed that it was inhabited. All around on every side the whole landscape was quiet as the desert. No lines of blue smoke and little camp fires now marked the trenches. Not a single tent broke the bare surface of the hillsides, and only the great square re-doubts and the zig-zag line of breast-works proved that this was the Plevas of week ago. With all the vivid recollections of the various incidents of the siege. the most active imagination could not pieture the thousandth part of the frightful suffering, the awful misery and wretchedness that are found within the narrow imits of the town, nor draw the faintest outline of the sickening spectacle, the pan-orama of ghastly horrors, that is almost unparalleled since the terrible plagues of past centuries. Human beings lying like sheep in the streets; houses filled with dead; hundreds stretching their hands feebly heavenward for a morsel of bread or a drop of water, and no help that could be commended to alleviate their midst of these scenes, which the pen of Dante alone could render, with all the terrible rhythm of the poem attracting every ear with its irresistible force—even after days of constant contact with human suffering in every form, with death in every aspect, I can scarcely bring myself to repeat the story of what had passed in Plevna since the surrender. I have become in a measure callous now to what I see every hour in the day, yet the horror of the first few momentary impressions is still so vividly impressed upon me that I cannot refer to it without pain. When the Turks made the sortie they

pital in Plevna, the sick being transported !! to Sofis, and the small ambulance corps was at all times insufficient to care for the wounded, even before the town was surrounded. Of course the attendants at the hospitals thought only of their own cafety when the sortie was made, and they joined their lot with those who tried to break through the Russian lines. The day and night of the battle passed, and the sufferers received no food or water, and their festering wounds were undressed. The following morning the Russians entered and took possession, and mede the day one of rejoicing with the visit of the Czar and the Imperial staff : but this celebration of the event, however short it may have seemed to the victors, was a long season of horrible suffering for the wretched helpless captives, who stretched their skeleton heads in vain towards beaven, praying for a bit of breed or a drop of water. Neither friend nor foe was there to alleviate their sufferings, or to give the trifle needed to save them from a painful death, and they died by hundreds; and before the morning of the third day the dead crowded the living in every one of those dirty, dimly-lighted rooms which served to shelter the wounded from the cold and wet, but confined them in a foul and fetid atmosphere of disease and death. It was only on the morning of the third

eft the sick and wounded, of whom there

were thousands, entirely without atten-

dants. There was never a regular hos-

day after those wretched, tortured ereatures had been left to their fate that the offe Russians found opportunity and means to begin, first, the separation of the living from the dead, and then the care of the former. The mosques, the largest houses, some and many of the small dwellings had been filled with sick and wounded. Overtwo years, with forty million pounds crowded in every case, and as I have before said, from the first without proper attention, these temporary hospitals were. at the best, most filthy and pestilential, and the air was tainted with the steneh of We can make nothing of this item, so undressed wounds, and the corpses which lay unburied in the courtyards. The first room entered in one of these

charnel - houses contained ninety odd

Turks. Of these, 37 were dead, many others on the point of death. Pilips, and painful cries for water, and some made feeble signs for food. Une or two of the strongest raised themselves, and fixed their hideous, sunten eyes with The Arawata leaves on Thursday morn- such a beseeching saire on those who had come to free them from the company of the dead, that it would have softened the hardest heart. The small room, dimly lighted by a high window with one pene of glass, was crowded with the forms of thirty or forty ragged, filthy, human beings. Many of these forms were motionless, and scarcely audible grouns were heard from one or two who raised with water!" piteous to hear. The dim light was concentrated on the half-naked body of an old man stretched across the en-trance, whither he had dragged himself

was thick with put a chours which burst out when the door was opened, overpowering strong men, and causing them to turn sick and faint. The old man's hands were clutched in the rigonr of pain-