

**THE MORNING STAR**  
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TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 17, 1879.  
There is something very grand and colossal in Egyptian history. Running back almost to the threshold of creation, including the dawn of science, letters and art, the beginning of the first great monarchies of the world; embracing in its long ages the career of the "wide, wide world" from infancy to maturity, indeed the story has been wonderful and fascinating, awe-inspiring and magnificent. It would seem that in this matter of fact day the brilliant period when Sesostris, the Amnophis and the Ramesses were renowned above their contemporaries is about to be reproduced in some measure, such has been the progress of the Egypt of the 19th Century under the last two enlightened sovereigns.

The progress, if progress it be, of the Russian expedition is shrouded in mystery. No definite news has been received from it for six weeks. Grave apprehensions are entertained, and it has been said that dispatches of an unfavorable character have been received at St. Petersburg. It is feared that the enemy has filled the walls in the desert through which the expedition is moving, and that there is great suffering on account of a short supply of water. The place where the last authentic dispatches were dated, Kaska Djul, is on the sea of Aral two hundred and fifty miles air-line from Khiva. The column supposed to be cut off or in danger is commanded by Gen. Kaufman, and is considered the right arm of the expedition. It is 8,000 strong.

All the previous expeditions against the Khivans have resulted in signal failure. The one sent out in 1839 was totally destroyed the year following. But it is said that profiting by past sad experience the generals of the Czar had planned the present invasion with great prudence and ability. However, when we remember the torrid, parched condition of the country and the dangers to which the troops are exposed from disease and want of water, we are led to place a small estimate upon the probability of military commanders of the excellence of the preparations made for the campaign. King Plagus and King Thrax are almost omnipotent where the opportunities for sovereignty are as good as they are in the deserts of Tartary. It would not surprise us if all-grasping Russia has met with a temporary, but heavy, reverse.

**THE CRIME CALENDAR.**  
Our Tuesday's issue usually goes out burdened with the story of brutal murders committed on the Holy Sabbath Day and its immediate successor. Latterly crime seems to have chosen these days that ought to be devoted to the arts of peace and honesty for his high carnival. This morning we print from the telegraphic reports sent from different parts of the country six heinous crimes. There were a large incendiary fire at Navasota, Texas; near New Iberia, Louisiana two persons were murdered and a store was burned; in New York a young husband who did not live with his wife, killed her; a disreputable person killed a laborer in a fight; a drunken man quarrelling with his wife, was fatally cut with an axe by her idiotic brother; a man, wife and child were found murdered in Maine. Here are seven persons murdered, one man fatally wounded and two incendiary fires, attended by a loss of over \$200,000.

When we get another cable, Spain will have two crises a day. The late Louis Napoleon villa, at Vichy, was recently sold at auction for 50,000 francs. Archie Johnston (colored), convicted in the Circuit Court of Russell county of the murder of John Hart, (white man), sometime in the year 1872, was hanged at Lebanon, Va., on Saturday. Glycerine is recommended as an anti-irritator of steam-boilers by M. Austin, in a communication addressed to the French Society of Civil Engineers. This report of a hotel arrival is in the Western "asked," "The Hon. C. E. Gorham, a distinguished Hoosier, is making havoc among the tooth-picks at the Grant House."

Long Branch is to have a riding school for ladies, so that Grant may not be annoyed by awkward horse-womanhood as he rides through the streets. "Make all things pleasant for the king" is an ancient saying. This is the latest from Jonesboro, Georgia: "An old lady selling eggs yesterday asked, 'as usual, what's the news?' 'The latest,' said the obliging clerk, 'is that the Yankees have got the Medgors.' The old lady struck her knuckles on the counter and exclaimed, 'I hope the last one of 'em will die of it!'"

The annual loss of life in India from snake bites was 14,529 persons in 1868, and it still continues as large. By some authorities it is computed as a much higher figure. Prof. Fayer, of Calcutta, says that in some years as many as twenty thousand persons are killed by snakes in Hindostan alone. While Leo Hudson, says an exchange, was lying ill at St. Louis, he called a favorite pet dog to her. He attempted to jump upon the bed, as usual, but fell back upon the floor and broke its neck. This, in connection with the death of her beautiful horse, "Black Bess," was believed by her to be an omen of fatality, and partly from the effects of this melancholy impression she died.

The Greenville Mountaineer has been sold to the Greenville Enterprise. The commencement exercises of Wofford College, at Spartanburg, will begin on Tuesday, the 24th inst. The Anderson Intelligencer understands that a daring burglary was committed at Pendleton on Monday night last, by which the store of Mr. E. G. Evans was forcibly entered and a considerable amount of goods stolen. In the Charleston Court of Sessions Cato Gaillard was acquitted of the murder of Gillet Bradford, both colored. On the 19th of April last, Cato Gaillard and Gillet Bradford were engaged in wrestling in the store of W. M. Hays, in Cape Church. In the scuffle both men fell, and Bradford was then seen to arise with his throat cut. In a few moments he expired. In the store, at the time, there were a half a dozen persons, only one of whom saw the wrestlers fall. None of them could testify as to how the dead man met his death. The evidence throughout was vague and contradictory.

But the power to control his army had been enjoyed, with some petty, vexatious efforts at restraint, for several years by the Khedive. The leading grant of power conveyed in the late firman from Constantinople is contained in the permission to make treaties independently of the Sultan. This will enable Ismail to fortify himself by contracting amicable relations and relations of profit with the more civilized and potential nations of the earth. With his sagacity he will not be slow to improve the advantage fortune rather than Turkish generosity has placed in his way.

The progress and future greatness if Egypt is assured. With a liberal and enlightened sovereign—a man, indeed, of great genius—that country having rich natural resources to back her monarchal and despotic spirit, is bound to improve; and we candidly think before many decades pass the spirit that has never deserted the mighty pharaohs and great pyramids of Old Nile will assert itself again, and powerfully, in making the line of the new Pharaohs as grand and as potent as was that of the old.

Four more persons are reported from New York as having died of yellow fever. They died on the voyage from Havana, and were buried at sea, the fact having been kept secret until after the death of Bacon. Vessels from Havana and Vera Cruz are subjected to rigid quarantine.

Again we would warn the authorities and the citizens of the dangers to which we are exposed. Let every precaution be taken to keep the yellow intruder at a safe distance. Make the streets keep it out. Exclude all the health regulations. Be sure no cases of fever or cholera are permitted to be brought into port.

Lydia Thompson is to wed Henderson, and drop the blonde business. We'd be our better dollar that she won't do the latter thing, even if she does wed Henderson.

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