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Correspondence N. Y. Journal of Commerce. THE PANTIN MASSACRE—THE MOST

HORRIBLE CRIME OF THE AGE.

Paris, Oct. 1, 1869. I resume my pen at a moment when all Paris is ringing with the details of the most horrible atrocity which has ever, perhaps, figured in gotten in presence of the shock inflicted on society by this most fr ghtful violation of the primary law on whish its constitution dependsthe security of human life. We had enough of sensational matter, and more than enough, Heaven knows, before this terrible Pantin mas sacre occurred, to keep public attention alive and in a state of excitement. A government tumbling, or rather having already tumbled to pieces, and nothing apparently being got ready to replace it; a half-constituted legislature; a sick Emperor; a weak, wavering, reactionary and unpopular ministry; a clamorous revolutionary press, growing belder every day in its language and attacks; a discontented and disappointed population, full of vague aspirations, but in reality hardly knowing w at it wants, or how to carry out in practice its new-born enthusiasm for political liberty. Here were elements sufficient already for confusion and bewilderment. But all these, and foreign affairs and troubles to boot-Spain, Cuba, Prussian, Baden, the reported insanity of the Emperor Alexander, as much as the decaying strength and intelli-gence of the Emperor Napoleon-all, all have been swept aside in presence of the horrors of that field of Pantin, of which posterity hereafter may well relate that it is called a " field of blood" until this day! A mother and six children murdered and gashed and mangled, and just thrust under the sod, with their hands almost sticking out of the ground, as though that were sufficient burial for concealment, on a spot within half an hour's walk from the walls of Paris, and traversed by railway trains from morning till night. Pantin lies between Paris and St. Dennis (itself a mere faubourg now of the capital), and passers to and fro "nose" the unsavory locality, which was already a byword of abomination to the inhabitants as a receptacle of the night carts of the metropolis. Truly, indeed, may it now be said to be a field of bad odor, for here has been enacted a scene of which the relies, when found, remind one of a quarry of wild beasts, or rather of wild men; such, for instance, as that which Defoe describes when he makes Robinson Crusoe visit the carnage which remains after a banquet of cannibals. The disjecta membra and ripped bodies of the victims, cut up and lacerated as well as murdered, might well seem to have first provide a horrid feast for the monsters who so mangled them after slaying. The details of their condition when drawn from the slight layer of earth which covered The Mail Train connects at Portsmouth with them, and of the subsequent post mortem examination of their injuries, are perfectly sickening. What a spectacle rises up to ones mind's eye as one attempts to realize the scene of horrors! The screams of the woman and her children, rising upon the darkness and silence of the night; the fearfully intermingled sounds of blows and gashes, and shricks of lamenta. tions-" Rachel weeping for her children"which must have intervened before the assas sins could have pursued, overtaken and done their work on all their victims, and reduced all again to silence more awful even than their cries! And then, immediately comes the involuntary question. Who could have done all this? Who, and how many and with what suddenness, for him, or them, to have escaped detection or observation by sight or sound, even in the very act? The mother was strong and resolute; there were boys of sixteen and fourteen years of age, beside the younger children, whose first instinct, one would think, would be to fly, shouting for help, in all directions at once, and who were to be followed, overtaken and brought back to the shambles. Yet at the moment when I write justice has as yet laid her hand but upon one man, or rather youth, barely twenty years of age, and far from robust in appearance, and stamped him as the sole or chief perpetrator of the dreadful deed. Here is one, certainly, of the chief mys-

> at any length, the endless details, more or less relevant, which will reach you in the published statements of this dreadful transaction. At the present moment the shocking story, divested of extraneous circumstances and irreverences, seems to amount to this: An industrious and saving mechanic named Kinck, with his wife and six children all by the same mother) lived at Roubaix. The eldest son, Gustave, was eighteen, the second sixteen, and so on down to the youngest child of three or four years. They had accumlated considerable property for people in their station, to the extent of 70,000 to 80,000 francs.

teries to be yet cleared up in this terrible crime.

It is scarcely necessary for me to repeat here,

The family appears to have been for some future movements and residence, the father wishing to return to his native province of Alsace, and the mother not liking to do so .-Hence a good deal of gossip and talking of their affairs and prospects among themselves and their neighbors. Among the latter were the Traupmans, and chiefly the son, a young man of about twenty, with whom Kinck the elder seems to have been connected both in business matters and also to have been very communicative as to his property and future intentions. This Traupman, who is clearly described as being of that class of young Frenchmen, so numerous in the present age, who are indocils pauperiem pati-who will brook anything but poverty, and yet have no mind to wait till they can possess himself, some time or other, of the property of the Kinck family, and to avail himself of his knowledge of their affairs only for that purpose. Accordingly, when he knew ot, and

father's name, thinking, propably, that the son it made such a strange noise up there. would be sure to get the money; and then he goes off to Paris himself, calculating, first, to through this fleecy bed below; in its mist it draw Gustave after him, with the 5,500 francs in his pocket, and then the wife and family, with all their other securities and property, and thin gossamer curtain, and now came such a there murder them all and take possession .-And extraordinary as it may seem, this astounding plot proved very nearly successful. Gustave Kinck went to Guebwiller, and though he | the clouds. did not get the money from the postoffice, he did go to Paris, lured by Traupmann writing to hanna, and here and there a village peering him in his already dead father's name, and was from behind a dark cloud, and the people bethere murdered in the expectation, doubtless of low hallowing all around us, and I heard a finding the 5,500 francs in his pocket, or at least voice distinctly cry, "Charley, come down, as one more of the family put out of their way. Pursuing his horrible plan, Traupmann next proceeds (still personating Kinck the father) times, going up and down, and I was almost to lure the rest of his prey to destruction, and |led to believe that when we shall change from actually succeeds in bringing to Paris the mother and her five other children; in murdering or | py destiny to soar through the realms of space, having them murdered as above; in possessing | visiting on spiritual wing, this globe; for the himself of all their securities, and in arriving at Havre, en route for America, with the property in his possession. There he was arrested felt, when I was way up above the clouds, and made a confession, implicating the Kincks, father and son, as principals in the murder of solemnly grand and sublime. their son, as principals in the murder of their family, and representing himself only as an accessory. His story was utterly incredible from the first, and every circumstance has since gone to prove its falsehood. There can, indeed, be little doubt that Traugmann has been the sole concoctor and instigator of the crime, though it is hardly probable that he could have been the sole perpetrator of it, unless he had succeedthis reception is an honor and a pleasure ed in first drugging his victims. The chief mysteries still remaining to be unraveled are, elder Kinck, and the place of concealment of his body; secondly, whether the younger Kinck was murdered before, as seems probable, and how long before, his mother and brothers and sisters; and lastly, who and what persons, if any, assisted Traupmann in the final butchery. No doubt all these incidents will ere long be cleared up and explained either by the confession of the chief criminal or by the investiga-

UP IN A BALLOON—A WOMAN GIVES HER EXPERIENCE.

Mrs. Charles Wise, a wife of the æronaut made a balloon ascension with him the other day, at Lancaster. She writes.

When my husband announced that he would sell the vacant seat in his balloon chariot, "Jupiter," I resolved to be the highest bidder, though it should be a thousand dollars, when he gravely suggested to me about the pay, having, as he said, two cash offers of fifty dollars each. I told him mine was a hundred dollars-paid in advance by numerous charges against him for darning stockings and sewing his buttons on for ten years past, From this he made no appeal, but said all right, you shall go."

At ten minutes past four o'clock on Saturday afternoon, Jupiter being sufficiently inflated, I stepped into the wicker car thereto attached, and with a throb of delight loomed up over the centre of the city. The multitude below, with upturned faces-the rattling sound of martial music-the shouts of applause-and the earth with its life gradually sinking down—down—down—still deeper down, excited me very much, and I involuntarily began to wave my kerchief in response to the happy salutations of good friends below.

My husband handed me the talismanic flag to wave, while he would throw overboard ballast composed of bundles of business circulars, and up, up we went at a glorious rate. My replies to his questions for awhile were only -"Splendid! splendid!" My heart was palpitating with joy over the beauties spread out beneath and around, so that I could do nothing but gaze upon the grand scene before

When we got beyond the built-up part of the city, I ventured my head through the barrier of ropes to look straight down, and beneath I spied what seemed a nice little Christmas garden, with little buildings in the middle, which my husband told me was Franklin and Marshall College, and just at this moment a milk-like vapor rushed down before and underneath us, entirely obscuring the world below. All at once my joy and observation changed to a feeling of amazement—amazement most profound. Oh, what a solemn silence surrounded us. It was an awfully mysterious thing to me, how this heavenly curtain of dewdrops could so suddenly wrap itself around us. The big puffed-up globe above our heads,

scarcely visible, seemed to bend and stagger with this load o. vapor weighing upon it .time what the French term en l'air, as to their | Presently a cheerful, mellow glimmer of light came from above, which cheered us again into a considerable bundle of business cards, and as they scattered through this illuminated cloud they cracked like little torpedoes. I wondered what caused it. Mr. W. said: "It sounds like electric sparks." As they floated about, they shone like silver and gold.

Presently we came out at the top of this cloud and here again came a new sceue. How beautifully strange up here-great big masses of white, soft-looking, fleecy clouds below. Oh, they looked as soft and silky as the finest down, and they rolled about, as it were, in a wanton voluptuousness. "But, where are we now-we are entirely partitioned off; how enrich themselves by honest exertions-appears will we get down?" Mr. W. said: "I will to have formed the deliberate determination to take you down now; but before we go, let us eat a bite of our provisions, kindly furnished us by our friend, John Sides. "No, indeed," said I, "this is a feast of

reason; I can only feast with my eyes."perhaps instigated, the departure of Kinck the But, to please him, I ate a few grapes off a father to Alsace (who had previously remitted bunch placed in the car by John Adams thither, through the postoffice at Guebwiller, a which he was devouring with a gusto that sum of 5.500 francs with a view to his projec- indicated a keen appetite, as he also got out tive settlement in that part of the country,) of the basket a roasted fowl to regale himself Traupmann either joins himself to or follows with. While in this solemn stillness I was Kinck, murders him (as is supposed) on the suddenly startled. "Oh, what was that?" road, and attempts to get the 5,500 francs out Mr. W. said; "I let off some gas to go down."

of the postoffice in his name. Failing in this, When the valve snapped shut, it cracked like he allures Gustave Kinck, to Guebwiller in his a gun, and made me tremble for a moment-

> Now we gently and softy sank down was more dark this time, and as we came out gradually below, I saw the city as behind a chattering of iron wheels, and puffing of steam engines, and ringing of bells, contrasting strangely with the bright, silent world above

Here we could see the beautiful Susquedown-come down-come down!"

We repeated these cloud scenes five or six mortality to immortality, it will be our hapgood book tells us that, "In my Father's house there are many mansions," and I verily that I was in the house of God-it was so

SPEECH OF EX-PRESIDENT FILLMORE

On Monday ex-President Fillmore had a handsome reception at Louisville. In reponse to an address of welcome he said :

Mr. Mayor and gentlemen of Louisville,

which I had no reason to expect. Were I a candidate for some high political office, or did first, the time and manner of the murder of the I come with the prestige of official power, I might account for this assembly here to-day. Nearly twenty years have elapsed since I have taken part in political matters. I belong to no party, but I do belong to my country, [applause], and I cannot express to you the gratification I feel to-day at seeing in prospect a deliberative body gathered from every State in the Union, the Union restored, that patriotic and glorious Union which has been tions which are now being actively pursued in endangered, but I trust not lost. [Applause]. Fifteen years ago I visited your city for the first and last time, and had I been placed in it to-day unawares, I could not have recognized it. True, there is the grand old river flowing along its edge; here is the great natural obstruction of the falls which has placed it with the great commercial cities of the country, but now when I see your splendid houses and your beautiful streets, all seem to be changed. It would seem as though a magic hand had passed over it. How you could be so prosperous under all the vicissitudes of the past ten years is unacconntable, but I congratulate you on your good fortune and your prosperity. Kentucky, if there be a State in the Union except that which gave me birth, is the State of all others I have

learned to honor. [Applause.] I knew your illustrious citizen, who did honor to his State, as he did to all the Union. and who now sleeps within your border. I need not say I allude to Henry Clay. [Applause.] He was my early and best devoted riend, and I was his, and I can never revert to his memory without reverence and respect. I beg your pardon, gentlemen, I came here with no prepared address; the time has long since passed since I have attempted such a thing. I came here simply to thank you for this unexpected reception and honor, and to express the hope that you may continue to be prosperous, and that our country may be one and united forever. [Applause.] Pardon me, therefore, for not adding to this address, and for contenting myself by simply thanking you for this honor. [Applause.]

FIENDISH OUTRAGE.

Miss Dooley, of Washington city, a beautiful, intelligent and interesting young lady, who, for some time past has been teaching school in Prince George's county, Maryland, about a mile from Fort Washington, was met on the road yesterday morning, while walking from the house of Mrs. Schaaff, where she boarded, to her school house, by a colored man, who has a wife living in this city, and knocked down, brutally outraged and robbed. Her screams attracted the attention of some gentlemen who were hunting in the vicinity, but who, when they reached the spot found her totally unconscious, and her ravisher gone. As may read. ily be imagined the news of the outrage spread rapidly through the neighborhood, and, in a short time the adjoining country was being scoured by parties in pursuit of the villain, and towards nightfall he was caught near the scene of his crime, and taken to Piscataway, where he is now chained to another of his race who had been previously arrested on suspicion. Of his guilt there is, it is said, no doubt, for in his scuffle with the unfortunate young lady a cotconversation. Here Mr. W. threw overboard ton bandage was torn from his hand, left on the ground and found there afterwards by those who examined the locality.

On Saturday last he had cut his hand with a scythe, and having no rag convenient, he had torn off a piece of the leg of his drawers, and made a bandage of it, and the rag found corresponds with the piece torn off. He lived with Mr. Adams, who farms a portion of Mrs. Schaaf's land, and was driving an ox cart, when he met Miss Dooley in the road, which, between the houses of Mrs. Schaaf and Captain Beasley, runs through a thick piece of woods, and perpetrated his fiendish crime, by first knocking down his victim, and then dragging her into the woods. This is the supposition, for the young lady has not yet recovered her consciousness, and received such injuries that Dr. Dyer, the attending physician, is uncertain about her recovery. Her three brothers, who live in Washington, have been sent for, and it is said that the punishment usual in such cases will be inflicted upon the criminal as soon as the necessary arrangements can be effected .-

Reports from the wine districts in France state that the present vintage will be good, in fact, better than that of 1858.

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