



POLICE INTELLIGENCE

FURTHER DISTURBANCES IN THE EASTERN DISTRICTS

From our own Reporter

Police inquiries continue respecting the mysterious and disturbing recordings reported during recent days in several quarters of the Metropolis. No official statement has yet been issued, and, to the best knowledge presently available to the public, the person or persons associated with the matter remain at large.

The articles in question are described by certain observers as small waxen impressions or cylinders, though the authorities have declined to confirm their precise nature. Several gentlemen acquainted with recent experiments in sound reproduction are understood to have been consulted, but no conclusion has been made public.

A related concern has arisen near Whitecastle, where Mr. Horace DeWitt, a resident of that quarter, has been reported missing. DeWitt was last seen near his residence after what locals describe as a prolonged evening at a corner public-house. One neighbour, speaking to our street interviewer, remarked that he had “vanished after a long night of drinking,” though others expressed unease at the lateness of the hour and the present condition of the neighbouring streets.

Further alarm has been occasioned by renewed reports of the so-called “Nevermore,” a supposed raven-like creature or apparition whose appearance has now been alleged three times within the past month. The most recent sighting, said to be the first in Whitecastle, was reportedly followed by cries of distress from a nearby alleyway.

Police officials continue to dismiss the matter, one constable stating plainly that there is “no such thing as a monster raven.” Nevertheless, the persistence of these accounts has

contributed to considerable anxiety among residents, particularly those obliged by trade or necessity to pass through the eastern streets after nightfall.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE

ORDER AND INDUSTRY UPON THE CONTINENT

From our Foreign Correspondent

Berlin, June 10

Advices from the German capital indicate that the Imperial authorities continue to regard the maintenance of urban order as a matter inseparable from national strength. Public discussion has lately turned upon the relation between railway administration, telegraphic communication, and the more exact supervision of persons moving between the principal cities of Europe.

While no extraordinary disturbance is presently reported, commercial men observe that the modern speed of travel and correspondence has altered the character of public administration. Events formerly confined to one province may now be known in another within hours, and rumour, no less than fact, travels with a rapidity unknown to previous generations.

Similar reflections are heard in Paris, where memories of former civil disorder remain sufficiently near to shape present policy. Governments throughout the Continent appear increasingly persuaded that the city itself has become an instrument requiring constant observation, repair, and discipline.

CITY INTELLIGENCE

WORKS UPON THE NORTHERN THOROUGHFARES

From our own Reporter

Improvements presently undertaken

upon several northern thoroughfares have continued with moderate inconvenience to the public. Excavations connected with drainage, paving, and the laying of municipal conduits have occasioned delays to carriage traffic, particularly near those districts where commercial passage is already considerable.

Officials connected with the works insist that such interruptions are unavoidable if the Metropolis is to be rendered fit for the demands of modern industry. Several shopkeepers, however, complain that the works have proceeded with insufficient regard for local trade.

It is further reported that certain sections of newly laid conduit have been examined twice within the week, owing to irregularities discovered after the first inspection. The nature of these irregularities has not been made clear.

COURT AND SOCIETY

A PRIVATE DINNER IN BELGRAVIA

From our Society Correspondent

A dinner of some elegance was held Saturday evening in Belgravia, attended by a company drawn from the older families of the West End and several gentlemen whose distinction has arisen more recently from commercial and scientific enterprise.

Conversation is said to have touched upon the recent theft of an ornament of uncommon workmanship from a private residence, a matter which has renewed recollection of a similar affair of a prior decade. Those present were careful in their remarks, though it is understood that certain names once associated with the earlier occurrence have again been mentioned in private.

No person of standing has suggested that the resemblance between the two events proves more than coincidence. Still, the recurrence of such circum-

stances has produced uneasiness in households possessing articles of antiquity or unusual manufacture.

COMMERCIAL REPORT

MUNICIPAL ENTERPRISES WATCHED WITH INTEREST

From our City Correspondent

Commercial attention remains directed toward enterprises connected with municipal engineering, electrical signalling, and the organisation of metropolitan traffic. Investors proceed with caution, yet there is confidence in several quarters that the future of London must belong increasingly to firms capable of imposing method upon its vast and irregular movement.

Railway securities remain steady, though not vigorous. Companies associated with telegraphic apparatus and mechanical regulation are observed with particular care, especially where their prospects depend upon public contracts.

Some concern persists that excessive enthusiasm for mechanical solutions may invite popular distrust. Others reply that the Metropolis has grown beyond the capacity of older habits, and that some new system of civic management is no longer optional, but inevitable.

GENERAL NOTICES

MISSING

Horace DeWitt, last seen near his residence in Whitecastle on the evening of Friday last. Any person possessing information respecting his whereabouts is requested to communicate with the nearest station-house.

NOTICE

Residents and tradesmen are advised that street works in portions