

ECHOES OF THE WEEK

European.

Two of the leaders of the recent Mongolian revolt have been executed.

The Spanish Senate has approved the commercial convention between Spain and the United States.

The Grand Duke of Hesse, who on Saturday last was stricken with paralysis, shows marked improvement.

The University of Edinburgh will confer the degree of LL.D. on Sir Charles Tupper, the Canadian high commissioner.

There has been further frontier fighting in the Lushan and Lushan country against the British. Four Sepoys have been killed and six wounded.

The French Chamber of Deputies has approved a resolution making September 22 a national holiday, that being the 100th anniversary of the founding of the first republic.

A deputation from the Mercantile union of Madrid have waited upon Prime Minister Canovas del Castillo and submitted a request that the coinage of silver should cease and gold only be coined.

A despatch from Athens says the Constitutional ministry has been unable to obtain a working majority of the Legislative chamber, and that the dissolution of the House is therefore inevitable.

The municipal authorities of Leipsic, where there has been much distress and discontent among the poor owing to lack of employment, announce that they will provide work for unemployed persons.

The election to fill the seat for East Belfast, made vacant by the recent expulsion from the House of Commons of Edward S. W. De Cobain on the charge of gross immorality, has resulted in a victory for Mr. Wolff, the dissident candidate. Mr. Wolff received 4,748 votes, against 2,801 for his opponent, Mr. Charley, the Tory candidate. At the last election in East Belfast Mr. De Cobain, Conservative, received 5,068 votes, against 1,239 cast for Robert McCalmont, Nationalist.

The French Foreign office announces that the commercial treaty with the United States has been concluded. The hitch in the negotiations regarding the value of the articles to be mutually admitted free of duty was overcome by the friendly attitude of both parties to the treaty. The value of the free articles is fixed at nine million francs annually.

The Standard's correspondent at Zanzibar telegraphs as follows: Unverified reports have been received here to the effect that the British East Africa company's troops have sustained a severe defeat in Witu at the hands of a large force of natives, losing many men and a Maxim gun. The company's troops were commanded by Captain Rogers.

Emperor William is confined to his bed. His physicians say he is suffering from a slight cold. Some alarm, however, is felt concerning his condition for it is known that he has not received the reports on state business which it is customary for the heads of departments to make to him.

Heavy wind and snowstorms have swept England and Scotland the past three days, and numerous wrecks are reported all along their coasts. The past winter will be a memorable one in the annals of English weather from the frequency of such storms.

Emperor Francis Joseph has commuted the sentence of Rosalie Schneider to penal servitude for life. Her husband, Frank Schneider, will, in all probability, be executed. The Schneiders were found guilty of robbing and murdering a number of servant girls whom they enticed to their home on the pretence of giving them employment.

The Czar's birthday, besides being observed with festivities, was marked by the launching at Sebastopol of the ironclad George the Victorious, of 3,000 tons. Another warship of 12,000 tons, the largest in the Russian navy, will soon be launched at Nicolaiev.

Count Von Sedlitz Turtzsoher, Prussian minister of education, has requested the senates and faculties of the various universities to express to him their opinions as to the advisability of admitting women as students at the universities.

Several of the ministers believe that the letters of Count Tolstoi, published in foreign papers giving accounts of the distress prevailing in Russia, should be stopped, and as a means to this end they urged the Czar to place the Count under arrest. His Majesty refused.

American.

A terrific blizzard swept the Western States of America on Thursday resulting in considerable destruction to property and loss of life, several people being reported as frozen to death.

It was stated at the Department of State, Washington, that there was no truth what-

ever in the report that the United States has offered to purchase the Congo Free state.

Prince John Kobieski, a grandson of the King of Poland, was arrested at Mount Kisco, N. Y., on Thursday, charged with stealing a horse and waggon from Theodore Myers.

Canadian.

The Legislature of Nova Scotia has voted down by a majority of four the bill to extend the provincial electoral franchise to widows and spinsters now qualified to vote under the municipal franchise. The measure was advocated by T. B. Smith, member for Hants, and eloquently opposed by Attorney-General Longley. The Attorney-General did not think women would be able to fulfill their divine mission of rearing families if given the electoral franchise.

THE SPORTING WORLD

THE RING.

George Wright, the 110-pound champion of Canada, and Pat Daly, the Brooklyn 120-pounder, have been matched to fight with two-ounce gloves or less, within four weeks, for a purse of \$250 offered by Jeff Carpenter, and \$200 a side. Daly is a good and game man, his friends say, and ought to defeat any 110-pound chap. He went to England a year ago and knocked out a couple of 130-pound boxers. Since he came home he has matches with men who had much superiority in weight, but has always shown up well. Wright is known as a stiff puncher. He has a severe right hand that generally finds its way to its destination, and produces red-hot results. Those who are well known in the sporting world say that Wright will have his hands full with Daly in a catch-weight match, as this is. Wright will scale at 115 pounds, while Daly will not be more than five or seven pounds heavier. Wright is a hard puncher, but Daly is clever and game, so the "go" ought to be of the interesting kind.

ATHLETICS.

Malcolm W. Ford writes as follows in *Outing*: A few statistics in regard to some who have made great records at the running high jump may be interesting. Leaving out Page, Nickerson and Hallock, the next important is Fearing, who is 6ft 1in tall, and weighs 170lbs, his record being 6ft 2 1/2in on boards. P. Devin, of Ireland, who has a record of 6ft 2 1/2in, weighed 165lbs and is 6ft 3in tall. M. J. Brooks, of England, who holds the Oxford-Cambridge record of 6ft 2 1/2in, weighed at the time 157lbs, and is 5ft 11in tall. Then we find a heavyweight in Ireland, P. J. Kelly, who in 1887 tied Page for the championship of that country at 6ft 1 1/2in. He is 6ft 2in tall, and weighed at the time 160lbs. Then comes a comparatively short man who has made a great record in England, J. W. Parsons, his record being 6ft 1in. He is 5ft 9in tall, and weighed 160lbs. In America there is Francis Sigel, jun., who is 5ft 5in tall and holds a record of 5ft 8in. He is a solid, compactly built athlete. When I made my first record (5ft 11in) my weight was 164lbs.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A New York paper offered a \$20 gold piece to the nearest guesser on the winner and time of the Fitz-Maher battle. Over 20,000 guesses were received and three-fourths favored Maher.

A five mile skating race for \$25 a side took place at Henderson's rink, St. Thomas, between J. S. Hammill, of Hamilton, and P. Devine, of St. Thomas. Devine won without much effort, beating his opponent three laps and could easily have doubled his lead if he desired.

Billy Frazier, the preacher pug, left the ministry because he had a radical change in his Second Adventist views, and also of the inconsistency of his brethren and the hostile attitude of the older preachers toward the younger men.

English trainers have some pretty large strings to look after. Joe Cannon has 79 horses under his charge. Ninety-four is young Tom Cannon's lot, and next comes Swatton with 64, Ryan with 61, Waugh 58, A. Taylor, and Wadlow 51 each and Jarvis only just misses the half century by one. Sherwood's team is now divided between him and his son, but the two together number 84.

From a London paper the following was taken: "I believe there are mightier wielders of the pencil in Australia than Joe Thompson, notably Oxenham, of whom the story is told that he offered to lay an even \$25,000 that one of two pigeons flew off first from a roof on which they were perched in Melbourne." Unlike some bookmakers I could name, Mr. H. Oxenham, after laying a mammoth bet, does not split it up amongst half a dozen of his friends.

Willie Windle, the champion amateur bicycle rider, has been connected with no athletic organization since the disbandment of the Berkeley Athletic Club. While a number of the crack clubs of the country have been desirous of securing this speedy wheelman, he has decided to represent the

Manhattan Athletic Club on the path this season. The Manhattans will have a very speedy team this year. They will comprise Willie Windle, Peter J. Berio, Harry Arnold, and George Banker. There has been some talk about the Manhattans sending Windle to England, but it is authoritatively stated that none of their riders will go abroad this year. It is understood that Windle will shortly go into training, and compete in all the big meets this year.

Sportsmen who visit Newfoundland are required to take out a license costing \$100 before they may shoot a caribou. Each one is limited to five stags; but the native fishermen may, and do, shoot all they wish during the deep snows of winter without let or hindrance. Fly fishing especially for salmon, is poor compared with Canadian streams, owing to over netting milldams and other drawbacks.

The winners of the late bicycle tournament are now in this city in a stranded condition. Morgan and Eck, managers of the tournament, left town without paying the participants.—San Francisco Exchange. These men compose the same band of fakirs who recently gave a hippodrome contest in this city, but the newspaper gives a different version of the race than that of Eck, who recently went east in a parlor car. If the whole gang could be dumped into the Pacific ocean it would be a good thing for cycling interests.—Chicago Mail.

Fitzsimmons' victory over Maher seems to be all the more to his credit considering the fact that he broke his right thumb in the first round of the fight. The dislocation has been reduced by a physician.

Rumor has it that "Parson" Davies will take Jim Hall to England in the hope of matching him with Pritchard. Jimmy Carroll, who trained Fitzsimmons, says that if Hall is a middleweight he will match Aleck Gregains against him at 158 pounds, or if he is a light-heavy-weight Choyneki will accommodate him.

There are probably more lady cyclists in Washington than there are in any city of its size in the United States, and they boast not only of their good riding, but also of their graceful position on the wheel. There are many lady riders there who think nothing of riding 40 or 50 miles during the day.

The Olympic Club of New Orleans has forwarded the preliminary articles of agreement to Sullivan and Mitchell for the \$25,000 fight to take place this fall. But, to make assurance doubly sure, the club will send on Capt. Williams, the club's matchmaker, this week to see the two men and, if possible, complete negotiations. It is probable, therefore, that all the terms will be arranged within a week.

Fitzsimmons, who is at New Orleans, is very anxious to meet Ted Pritchard, but thinks it would be well to postpone the affair until next Mardi Gras. The Sullivan-Mitchell fight coming in the fall, it would be unwise, he says, to have another fight so close upon his heels. The objection to a fight in ten weeks is that it would fall during the hot season and when so many persons are out of town.

LABOR AND WAGES.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Typesetting is a popular industry among the women of England, of whom 4,500 earn a living thereby.

The boilermakers of Boston are preparing to enforce their demand for a nine hour working day after May 1.

In consequence of the printer's strike in Germany about 3,500 union members have been blacklisted, among them over 500 women.

The receipts of the railroads owned by the Belgian Government increased from \$9,000,000 annually to \$24,000,000 within the last thirteen years.

The hours of labor of waiters in the hotels of New York City are from 10 to 16 per day, the average being 13. The men are agitating for a reduction.

In making lard pails a machine is now in use by which one man with one boy as tender can produce as much as was formerly produced by ten skilled men.

The employees of the machine and blacksmith shops of the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad Company at Renovo, Pa., on Wednesday began to work ten hours per day instead of eight.

The Shearers' Union of Australia contracted a debt of \$25,000 during its recent strike, and now the members have assessed themselves \$5 each to repay that debt; as the notes are about to fall due.

The street car strike in Indianapolis continues without any indication of a settlement. Attempts to run cars continue to be thwarted by the strikers, and the police refuse to disperse the crowds of men around the stable.

At the Columbus, Ohio, convention of the United Mineworkers of America two additional members of the National Exec-

utive Board were elected by acclamation. These were J. A. Crawford of Illinois and W. Scott of Iowa.

Michael Fleurschein, the well known single tax reformer, late of the United States and now proprietor of an iron foundry at Gagganau, Germany, has been indicted by the courts of Carlsruhe for refusing to pay his taxes.

The Union Pacific Railway officials at Omaha have granted the demand of the conductors and brakemen that overtime be computed by the rules that govern in the case of engineers and firemen, which was the main point at issue.

The Grand Division of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers will convene in annual convention at Chattanooga, Tenn., on May 16. Most of the local divisions are now electing their delegates. Suggestions are to be sent to Secretary S. O. Fox, Vinton, Iowa.

At the Produce Exchange of St. Petersburg a tin box was placed upon a pillar some weeks ago to collect contributions for the starving peasants of Russia. After two weeks \$1.40 were found in the box. The men assembling at produce exchanges are not workmen.

A secret meeting of employees of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company was held in Harrisburg last Sunday to discuss certain grievances relative to the hours of work. A committee was appointed to formulate and present the grievances at a meeting to be held next Sunday.

A despatch from Bessemer, Mich., says that 800 timbermen from the Ashland, Aurora, Norris, East Norris and Pabst mines at Ironwood are on strike. They demand an additional 25 cents per day. The companies will not yield. It is liable to result in a general strike, covering the Gogebic and Penokee ranges.

Mayor Washburn, of Chicago, has been asked by the labor organizations of the city to make an announcement through every country in the world that Chicago has all the laborers necessary to meet every extra demand of the World's Fair. There are over 30,000 unemployed men in the city, and nearly every train brings more.

At a recent rousing mass meeting of the citizens of San Francisco the following was adopted: Resolved,—That we denounce the culpable and criminal interference of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company in politics as the first cause of the vile corruption that exists everywhere, and we warn them to desist and let us govern ourselves.

The strike of the longshoremen at New Orleans, La., is on and 2,000 men are out of work. The demand is an hour's pay for fractional parts of an hour. The ship agents have decided to stand by the employing stevedores, giving them the time needed to secure new hands for the unloading of vessels. A number of new laborers have been obtained, and it is proposed to put them at work. Trouble with the longshoremen is anticipated, and the mayor has been asked for protection.

At a special meeting of the Spinners' Association, held in Fall River, resolutions were adopted favoring a reduction of the hours of labor for women and minors employed in mechanical and textile industries in Massachusetts, from 60 hours to 56 hours a week, and a committee of five was appointed to act in conjunction with a like committee from the Weavers' Association in drawing up a petition, and having the same presented to the Legislature. They also appointed a delegation to appear before the Labor Committee of the House when a day is assigned for hearing.

Senator Wolcott has introduced in the U. S. Senate a bill applying the civil service requirements to all employees of the national government. The bill is the same as that introduced in the House several weeks ago by representative Andrew of Massachusetts. The House passed a resolution authorizing the Committee on Labor to investigate the operations of the eight hour law, whether it has been evaded, and what amendments are required to secure its practical enforcement; and empowering the committee to investigate whether the Government has employed convict labor on public works.—The Voice.

The Legislatures of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania have ordered investigations into the alleged combination of the Philadelphia and Reading, the Lehigh Valley, the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, and the New Jersey Central Railroads, to control the price of anthracite coal. The special committee of the New York Senate began their inquiries at the Hotel Metropole, in New York, last Monday. The committee appointed by the New Jersey Assembly met in Jersey city on Friday of last week, but the persons summoned failing to appear they adjourned until Friday of this week. The special committee of the Pennsylvania Legislature began their inquiries in Harrisburg last week. Up to last Monday no facts of importance had been brought out by either of the committees.

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