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WAR IN THE AUTUMN.

The Newfoundland Embroglio Will Lead to Trouble.

WHY FRANCE DECLINES TO SELL.

Her Final Move in the Long Game Preluding War.

The Fisheries Trouble Has Become a Mere Pawn on the Diplomatic Chessboard, on Which the English Occupation of Egypt Is King—Russian and French Governments Reported to Have Reached an Agreement in Regard to Simultaneous Mobilization of Troops and Other Military Manœuvres.

LONDON, March 27.—Lord Salisbury, just before starting for San Remo, held a long conference with Lord Knutsford and Mr. Currie, the permanent secretary of the Foreign Office. A work of supreme difficulty requiring the most delicate handling was confided to Mr. Currie relating to engagements of England to protect Belgium. King Leopold during his recent visit pressed for an answer as to what practical co-operation England would give under the existing treaty for the defence of Belgian neutrality in the event of war. Lord Salisbury, according to a report credited within the Foreign Office, promised English aid by a fleet and contingent of troops if demanded to defend Antwerp, leaving the Belgian army free for defensive operations in the forts of the Meuse.

Something occurring behind the scenes of European diplomacy sharpens apprehension that the final move in the long game preluding war will not be long delayed. Apart from the renewal of the concentration of troops on the Russian-Austrian frontiers and the Czar's demonstrative friendship for President Carnot it is reported that an agreement has been reached between the French and Russian Governments in regard to the simultaneous mobilization of troops and other movements in the event of war. The heads of the European powers are soon to be informed of a Russian scheme of attack, which is likely to declare itself in the autumn. The question of English neutrality is intimately associated with England's attitude in such a conflict, and it will be Lord Salisbury's justification if the agreement with King Leopold comes up in parliament.

The presence of Lord Knutsford at the conference with Lord Salisbury was probably due to the relations of Newfoundland with other dependencies with France. Questions of which notice has already been given in the House of Commons, to be answered after the Easter recess, demand that the government explain whether or not the fisheries trouble has become a mere pawn on the diplomatic chess board on which the English occupation of Egypt is king. Lord Knutsford's damaged his reputation among Conservatives through his tactless treatment of the Newfoundland matter. He required coaching by Lord Salisbury, who is blamed within his own circles for allowing the Colonial Minister too free a hand.

Sir Charles Dilke, in an article written for to-morrow's papers, discloses a source of uneasiness prevailing among Ministerialists. "If," he says, "the strange foreign arbitrators picked up in the Russian foreign office and elsewhere should for political reasons declare against us then the modus vivendi under the Knutsford Bill becoming an act will have to be forced on the colonists by deeds of civil war. If Newfoundland was an American state France would sell her rights in five minutes to the United States. She only refuses to sell them to England because she is irritated about Egypt."

Sir Charles Dilke is right. The inner official circle distrust arbitrations. They fear the results of the proposed arbitration and know that the fate of Newfoundland is interkniit with the Government's Egyptian policy.

Irish Affairs.

Tim Healy was hopeful to-night that he will be able to go to Sligo Tuesday. The Parnellites got up a deputation of Sligo dock laborers in order to give their chief a chance to expatiate on his labor sympathies. Replying to deputations Mr. Parnell declared that ever since he was 21 years of age he had felt keenly for the cause of laborers, that he had encouraged his own employes to form unions, that he never had any workman in his mines who had struck and that there had always been perfect accord between him and his employes. Michael Davitt will opportunely arrive on the scene to-morrow to dispel the Parnell glamor. Mr. Healy's accusing Mr. Parnell and Valentine Dillon of inciting the Dalton outrage will be the subject of an action by Mr. Dillon after the North Sligo contest has been decided. The general feeling is that Mr. Healy ought to have had substantial evidence before speaking. The language used on both side is becoming utterly unrestrained. The Parnellites' Dublin evening organ calls the McCarthyites "stinking carrion floating on a stream of corruption." It apologizes for Dalton's attack on Healy as being provoked by "the libelous work conducted under eminent Christian patronage. "The priests' practical response to the continued abuse of their order has been to suppress the circulation of the Parnellite press. The leading Parnellite paper has lost over 5000 clerical subscribers.

The Message from Leo.

Archbishop Walsh will leave Rome Tuesday bearing a deliverance of the Pope, invoking the people to sustain the church during her present trial. Communications wired to the Vatican urged that the papal message be read in the churches on Sunday prior to the Sligo election. But Archbishop Walsh obtaining information that the district needed no external impulse to go solid against Parnell has postponed announcing the message until his return. The securing of Sligo will give a total to the Nationals in Parliament, counting John Dillon and William O'Brien, of 58 members against the Parnellites' 32. The funds of the National federation are daily increasing, while the Parnellite funds are nowhere.

Austro-German Commercial Treaty.

LONDON, March 27.—The Vienna correspondent of The Times, speaking of the Austro-German commercial treaty negotiations, declares that the last difficulties were removed yesterday by Germany consenting to the desired reduction of duties on Austro-Hungarian cereals and timber.

The Berlin correspondent of The Standard confirms the forthgoing. The terms will not be published yet awhile, because they are to form the basis of negotiations to be opened for similar treaties with Italy, Switzerland and Belgium.

Sardou Wants Big Damages.

PARIS, March 27.—Victorien Sardou has brought an action against the managers of the Comedie Francaise for £4000 damages, by reason of the withdrawal from their boards of his play, "Thermidor."

The Grand Duke's Illness.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 27.—The Grand Duke George is at Algiers in a serious condition. The proposed visit of the Imperial family to Central Asia has been abandoned. The proposed summer tour of the Czarewitch also be abandoned unless the documents reconsider the trip for the benefit of the health of Grand Duke George.

More Allan Line Enterprise.

LONDON, March 27.—The Allan line of steamers has purchased the business, goodwill and the vessels of the State Steamship Company.

KILLED BY HIGH WINES.

Strange Death of a Township Clerk in Renfrew County.

EGANVILLE, March 27.—Eugene Straine, for many years known in this section as a highly respectable and efficient school teacher and clerk of the united Townships of Griffith and Matawatchan, came into the village to do some business in connection with the taking of its census, and while here fell in with some friends, one of whom produced a small bottle and both partook of the contents. A throwing off soon followed and an investigation proved that the professional friend had got hold of a bottle of high wines containing corrosives. The visitor got a heavier dose than his friend, and while the latter speedily recovered Mr. Straine, although under skilful medical treatment, gradually sank under the effects of the corrosive poison until yesterday morning, when he passed away. He was about 65 years of age.

MR. BLAINE IS BLUE.

Because Reciprocity with Newfoundland is Indefinitely Postponed—What the U.S. Expected to Gain by the Treaty.

NEW YORK, March 27.—A Washington despatch to The Herald says: The Newfoundland reciprocity treaty is off and indefinite. Though not a large one Mr. Blaine is known to regret its failure. It would have counted one in the list of reciprocity treaties that Mr. Blaine hopes to make between now and the next presidential election. It would have been of some value to our cod fishermen and would have made a small market for our manufactures in the colony. It would have planted American influence in Newfoundland against the time when the colony shall become important through the removal of the French control of the western fishing shores and the opening up of the rich interior resources of the country. For each and all of these reasons Mr. Blaine is disappointed at the collapse of the treaty, which is not likely to get on its feet during his official lifetime. Should Newfoundland wish to be included in any arrangement of reciprocity with Canada there would not be the least objection here. But the prolonged conference between Mr. Blaine and the Newfoundland delegate, Mr. Bond, last autumn left no room for expectation that Newfoundland would seek or accept any other than an independent arrangement looking entirely to the position and interests of that colony and unfettered by any regard for the circumstances of Canada. So extreme indeed were the views of Mr. Bond on this point that the reciprocity treaty drafted for him by Sir Julian Pauncefote, and against which the Canadian High Commissioner at London strongly protested, did not satisfy Mr. Bond, and he induced Mr. Blaine to propose a counter-draft still more objectionable to Canada. The idea of annexing Newfoundland to the United States, even if England would consent to relinquish her oldest colony to our possession and control, is scouted by all the leading members of the Administration. One of them said: "Let the people of Newfoundland re-possess themselves of their coast line and the French islands that lie within its moon gunshot of their shores before putting their island on the American market."

THEY CALLED ON DEATH.

Several Suicides in Canada Yesterday—A Defaulter Takes His Life.

ST. JOHN, N.B., March 27.—Newton Worden of St. Stephen, employed as a clerk in the store of F. Rose, was discharged Saturday and on Monday a deficiency of $1000 was discovered in his books. Worden was hunted up and he asked Mr. Rose to accompany him to his house, which he did. Arriving there Worden went into his room for something and while gone Mr. Rose heard the report of a revolver and he rushed into the room and found Worden lying on the floor with a smoking pistol in his hand and a bullet wound in the temple. Worden died two hours after the shooting. The dead man has a brother living near Toronto, Ont.

Preferred Death to Marriage.

LANSING, Mich., March 27.—Miss Myrtle Coates, 17-year-old daughter of well-to-do parents living at North Lansing, committed suicide last night by poison. Miss Coates was a bright and pretty blonde. She was engaged to a young man named Conklin and next Wednesday had been fixed for the date of the wedding.

Despondent, He Cut His Throat.

STRATHROY, March 27.—James Fraser of the town line, Adelaide, under a temporary fit of insanity attempted to take his life by cutting his throat with a razor. It seems he has lately had a long spell of sickness and at times became very despondent, and in one of these the rash act occurred. He inflicted a gash about four inches long, severing some of the smaller arteries, which caused a great loss of blood.

GORED TO DEATH BY A BULL.

Terrible Fate of a Farmer Near Whitby—Mangled Beyond Recognition.

WHITBY, March 27.—Sylvianus C. Brown met a horrible fate last evening, being gored to death by a Jersey bull. The animal has been in Mr. Brown's possession two years and was not regarded as dangerous. It turned upon him whilst he was leading it to drink. He was powerless to protect himself against its mad attack and was mangled in a very short time. The fury of the brute after smelling blood was awful, and 20 men failed to capture him until a rifle was secured and he was shot. Mr. Brown was one of the leading members of an old Quaker family residing here, and was widely known as a progressive farmer. His age was about 45. He leaves a wife and family well provided for.

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Next Week—Dixey in the 7 Ages.

Murder Does Not Always Out.

ALLISTON, March 27.—William Marshall of Orangeville is at present administering the estate of John Frederick Marshall, bailiff of the Mono Mills Division Court, who was foully murdered at Loretto, in Adjala, one night nearly 20 years ago. The perpetrator of the crime is still unwhipt of justice.

Easter Week—Dixey and his merry players in the 7 Ages.

For Forging His Father's Name.

DUNDALK, March 27.—Constable Sweeney of Barrie came here in search of William Fleming, who has been wanted for the past two or three years. The charge against him is forging his father's name to a note and drawing $100 from McKeggie's bank in Barrie.

Grand Next Week—Dixey and his company of 60 people. First production of the 7 Ages.

Shot in the Right Breast.

STEVENSVILLE, March 27.—N. Kline rested a rifle against a dwelling yesterday, when it fell to the ground and discharged, a 44-calibre bullet entering his breast and coming out below his shoulder. The injured man is still alive.

Grand Next Week—Dixey's elaborate production of the 7 Ages.

Catarrh—Hay Fever—Catarrhal Deafness

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John Watson, Practical Tailor, has opened up at 88 King-street east, where he hopes to see his numerous friends. 246

THE TORCH AND THE TRIAL.

CORK COURTHOUSE TOTALLY DESTROYED BY FIRE.

While the Judge Was Summing Up in the Tipperary Trials—The Building Was Crowded With People, and the Coolness of the Presiding Officer Alone Prevented a Panic.

CORK, March 27.—While the judge was summing up to-day in the Court House here in the case of the Government against Michael O'Brien, Dalton and others charged with assaulting the police and with rioting at Tipperary at the time of the trial of William O'Brien and John Dillon the court house was suddenly set on fire and a scene of alarm and confusion followed. All the occupants of the building escaped safely into the street. The police are investigating the affair.

The fire was discovered by a barrister, who noticed the reflection of the flames on the glass dome of the roof. The court was packed at the time and only the coolness of the judge and the police prevented a panic.

Despite all efforts to extinguish the fire the flames spread rapidly and the building was soon all ablaze. The court house, including the municipal chamber and the city and county offices, was totally destroyed. A heavy wind, which was blowing at the time, baffled the efforts of the firemen and aided in the rapid progress of the flames. The intense heat melted the lead on the roof, and molten metal poured to the ground in streams, further hindering the work of the firemen. During the height of the fire the roof of the courthouse suddenly fell in with a crash and the walls collapsed to the imminent peril of a large number of bystanders. Some of the archives were saved, but many documents, some of them dating back for centuries, were destroyed. When the flagstaff which surmounted the building was burned away and the Union Jack fell into the flames the onlookers sent up a great cheer.

This fire, it is now thought, was caused by a defective flue, which ignited the woodwork of the roof.

Justice Monroe in summing up the Tipperary case said Mr. Morley was justified in visiting Tipperary to see how justice was administered, provided he gave an accurate version of what he had seen. The justice referred sympathetically to Dillon's evidence. When the fire was observed the prisoner and witnesses were hurried away. Justice Monroe will resume the summing up to-morrow in the School of Art.

They Lodge at Different Inns.

SLIGO, March 27.—As soon as Mr. Parnell arrived at the Imperial Hotel yesterday evening a number of McCarthyite members of Parliament, including Mr. Sexton and Dr. Tanner, secretly left and went to another hotel carrying their baggage with them. When Mr. Parnell and his friends were informed of the action of the McCarthyites at breakfast this morning they cackled and chuckled and Parnell asked a waiter if the McCarthyites had paid their bill. A truce was declared in the electoral hostilities to-day.

Capt. O'Shea's Suits for Libel.

DUBLIN, March 27.—It is announced Capt. O'Shea has brought suit against the Catholic bishop of the united dioceses of Galway and Kilmacduag, the Most Rev. Francis J. McCormick, D.D., and against Canon John O'Mahoney of the Catholic diocese of Cork. O'Shea sues the two reverend gentlemen mentioned for alleged libelous utterances in regard to his relations with Mr. Parnell which have been attributed to the bishop and canon in the public press.

£5 Notes Flying Around.

DUBLIN, March 27.—Ald. Collery, the anti-Parnellite candidate in North Sligo, avers that the Parnellites are distributing £5 notes among the rowdies of Sligo.

Dilke's Candidature.

LONDON, March 27.—Over 2000 dissenting ministers have signed the protest against Sir Charles Dilke's return to public life. Sir Charles persists that he will stand as a candidate for Parliament until he receives the official veto of the Liberal chiefs. He has invited the opinion of Mr. Morley and Sir William Harcourt on his candidature without response. Mr. Schnadhorst, the Liberal caucus chief, disapproves the candidature on the ground that if the Forest of Dean electors return Sir Charles Dilke many thousands of dissenters will withdraw their votes from Liberals at the coming elections.

British Labor Commission.

LONDON, March 27.—Sir Michael Hicks-Beach and Sir John Gorst will represent the Government on the Labor Commission. John Morley declined to serve. Messrs. Fowler and Mundella are still considering whether to serve or not. Otherwise the list of members is complete, and it will probably be gazetted during the Easter recess.

Anarchists Arrested for High Treason.

BERLIN, March 27.—An anarchistic conspiracy has been discovered in Constanz. The Baden papers are proving international relations between the German, Swiss and American anarchists. The proofs were found while searching for the murderers of the woman Schladeback, who was killed for turning traitor to the anarchist cause. Three men have been arrested secretly on a charge of high treason and others have escaped to Switzerland.

Unpaid Tailor Bills at Auction.

NEW YORK, March 27.—At the Real Estate Exchange in this city to-day Martin F. Hatch, acting for the Merchant Tailors' Society, sold to the highest bidder about 31 unpaid tailor bills. These bills bore the names of well-known New Yorkers. The lucky fellows who could settle up had their names stricken from the list. Several bills, amounting to seven hundred odd dollars, were sold in a bunch to a Hebrew tailor for $1.

A P. M. Fined.

ALMONTE, March 27.—Postoffice Inspector Hawken was on an inspection trip up the Ottawa River last week. At one office he found that the postmaster had been in the habit of using cancelled stamps. An information was laid before a justice of the peace, and, the evidence being conclusive, the postmaster pleaded guilty to the offence and was fined $10.

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Not Long Parted.

BRAMPTON, March 27.—Two weeks ago was recorded the death of Mr. John McKenna, 5th line east. To-day his wife died. The cause of death was consumption.

Have you seen Dixey's great characterization of the 7 Ages of Man?

Herbert Gladstone Mulcted.

LONDON, March 27.—A decision of the Court of Appeals holds Justin McCarthy, Herbert Gladstone and some others liable for £7000 due by the Ireland Exhibition of 1888 to the bankers Coutts & Co.

The Sheffield House Importing Company (Registered),

65 Yonge-street (below King). Wedding presents in solid silver and best English silver plate. C. E. Robinson, Manager.

Capewell Out on Bail.

MONTREAL, March 27.—Herbert Capewell, who was arrested in Toronto on a charge of obtaining goods under false pretences from the firm of John Watson & Co., was let out on $1500 bail yesterday.

STRYCHNINE IN THE PORRIDGE.

Narrow Escape of a Family from Death by Poisoning.

CORNWALL, March 27.—The family of Mr. W. Pennston had an exceedingly narrow escape from being poisoned. The breakfast had been prepared and the youngest member of the family, a little girl, was given some oatmeal porridge before the rest of the family sat down. She remarked that it had a peculiar taste and only swallowed a small quantity, leaving the table and complaining of pains in the stomach. As the symptoms became worse a doctor was sent for and pronounced it a case of poisoning. Fortunately the child had not taken enough to cause any serious consequences and soon recovered. It was afterwards found that there were traces of strychnine in the oatmeal, but how it came to get there is a complete mystery.

HER LIFE FOR HER BOY.

A Captain's Wife's Heroism—Refused to Leave the Ship Without Her Babe and Both Perished.

NORFOLK, Va., March 27.—The Norwegian bark Dictator, from Pensacola, Fla., to West Hartlepool, Eng., laden with pine lumber, with a crew of 15 and the captain's young wife and little boy of three years, came ashore in a strong easterly gale this morning two miles north of Virginia Beach Hotel. Crews from life-saving stations rescued eight men. At nightfall there were still nine persons on the bark and among them the captain, his wife and child. The captain had urged his wife all day to take the boy and come ashore, but she steadily refused, as she would not leave her husband and child and only one could take the boy at the time. An attempt to continue the work of rescue was made, but to-night the bark went to pieces and those who remained on her were lost, including the wife of the captain. The captain, just before the ship went to pieces, sprang into the sea with his boy strapped to his back and reached the shore alive, but the boy was lost, making a total loss of 8 lives.

A Verdict of Wilful Murder.

BELLEVILLE, March 27.—The coroner's inquest respecting the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Kane, who was murdered by her husband James Kane on Monday last, was concluded last night. Dr. Yonker, who made the post mortem examination, testified that the wound made on the left side in the region of the heart was the immediate cause of death. The jury returned a verdict of wilful murder against Kane, who will be tried at the assizes which open here on April 13 before Justice Rose.

Later developments in the Kane murder case show that the prisoner had intended to murder the entire family and then cut his throat with a razor.

$800 Damages for Seduction.

BERLIN, March 27.—An action by George Nicoll, farm laborer, who resides near Ayr, against Robert Elliott, machinist, who formerly lived at Ayr, for the seduction of plaintiff's daughter, Mary Nicoll, a girl of 16, was tried at Waterloo Assizes. Defendant is a married man, and it was while Mary Nicoll was living with his family as a domestic servant that defendant seduced her. A child was born in September last when the girl had just arrived at the age of 16. The defendant did not appear and evidently had no defence to the action. The jury awarded plaintiff $800 damages.

Spent $2,000,000 in Six Years.

NEW YORK, March 27.—Alcade Vadore, a Greek, 28 years old, told a weird story at the Barge Office to-day. He arrived on the Aurania yesterday. He says that he inherited £425,000 in 1885, upon the death of his mother. His father, he said, was chief engineer of the Suez Canal. To-day Alcade has not a cent of the $2,000,000 of money he inherited and he is in America looking for work. Speculations in cotton futures and "pinnging" on the race tracks of England and France are the causes attributed by Vadore for the complete disappearance of his fortune in six years.

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Taps from the Telegraph.

The Queen will remain at Grasse for a month.

Eleven persons have died in New York this week from the grippe.

A heavy fall of snow is reported from the Shenandoah Valley and other parts of Virginia.

Sixteen Providence, R.I., druggists have been convicted of illegally selling liquor.

The Pope has sent his apostolical benediction on the World's fair to the managers at Chicago.

Charles Arbuckle, the millionaire coffee merchant of New York, is dead. His remains will be cremated in Pittsburg.

The National Bank of Italy and the Bank of Tuscany are intervening to save the embarrassed houses in Leghorn.

In a wreck on the Philadelphia & Reading, near Ashland, Pa., last night, three men were killed and many injured.

Seven hundred thousand dollars in gold coin was taken from the sub-treasury at New York for shipment to Paris yesterday.

By a collision between passenger trains at Wells' Bridge, N.Y., yesterday, Fireman Fred Pierce was killed and Engineers Frank Waite and William Lagrange badly hurt.

The Lake Seamen's Benevolent Association at Chicago last night resolved to demand $3 a day from the opening of navigation till the end of fair weather season. Rates will be fixed later on for the last months of the season.

There will be a brilliant period of court festivities in June during the stay of Emperor William at Buckingham Palace. The program will include reception balls, concerts and other entertainments.

If you have a cough use Hallamore's Expectorant.

Hat Fashions for Spring.

To-day the great and only hatter, "Dineen," will have all the new spring fashions in gentlemen's hats opened up for public inspection. Very few outside of the trade understand how difficult it is to get the newest styles shown in this city so early. Fashions emanate across the ocean, but with fast ocean steamers and lightning express trains Dineen is able to show the new shapes of British manufacture as soon as they are seen in the London hatters'. Dineen is agent in this city for Dunlap's New York hats. Those will be also seen to-day. If you want to be up with the spring style buy one of Dineen's hats to-day. Price $3.

Through Wagner Vestibule Buffet Sleeping Car Toronto to New York via West Shore Route.

The West Shore through sleeping car leaves Union Station, Toronto, at 4.55 p.m. daily except Sunday, arriving in New York at 10.10 a.m. Returning this car leaves New York at 5 p.m. arriving in Toronto at 10.35 a.m. Sundays leaves Toronto at 12.30 p.m. connecting with through car at Hamilton.

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ASSASSINATED A MINISTER.

DELIBERATE MURDER IN THE STREETS OF SOFIA.

The Bulgarian Finance Minister Shot Down While Walking With the Premier—The Latter Believed to Have Been the Intended Victim—The Assassin Escapes During the Confusion.

SOFIA, March 27.—At 8 o'clock this evening while Premier Stambuloff and M. Batcheff, Minister of Finance, who had been walking together, were about to enter their official residences, which adjoin each other, a man suddenly confronted them with a revolver and fired three shots point blank at M. Batcheff, who fell dead. A crowd immediately collected at the scene, but the assassin escaped owing to darkness and the confusion which prevailed. A number of persons who witnessed the murder report that the assassin had three accomplices who assisted him to escape. The shooting of Minister Batcheff has caused the greatest excitement here and the police are scouring the city for all those connected with the deed. No motive has been suggested for the murder of the Minister of Finance. It is presumed the conspirators may have sought to take the life of Premier Stambuloff, but that in the darkness they mistook Batcheff for their intended victim.

A Boy Sentenced to Death.

LONDON, March 27.—The trial took place at Chelmsford Assizes of Arthur Leatherhead, 17, charged with murdering his uncle at Salcot, Essex, on Dec. 22 last. The case against the prisoner was that, after frequent quarrels with his uncle, who complained of his alleged habit of pilfering, prisoner left home on the date named and did not return, but stayed at Colchester, where he gave it out that his uncle had gone for a holiday. Suspicion was aroused, and the relatives searched the house a few days later and found the uncle's body with the head in a sack, the head being shattered by a gun shot. A plea of insanity was set up, but the accused was found guilty and Baron Pollock sentenced him to death.

Woman Suffrage.

LONDON, March 27.—It is rumored that the Government intends to introduce at the next session of Parliament a proposal to permit women to vote under certain conditions in Parliamentary elections.

Suspended for six Months.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 27.—The Government has warned the Hebrew journal, Weskhodsy, for the third time and has prohibited the issue of the paper for six months.

Something New.

Bonner is showing all the newest shades in kid gloves. Two-clasp kid gloves for $1 per pair. Our kangaroo gloves are the best for wear made. Twenty-five cents will buy gent's four-in-hand scarf, sold elsewhere at 50 cents; $1.50 will buy gent's silk umbrella, worth $2. Bonner's, corner Yonge and Queen-streets. 246

ASHBRIDGE'S BAY.

What About the Reclamation Scheme? Why Drag the Wheels of the Chariot?

Ashbridge's Bay seems to have a peculiar attraction for capitalists. Legal forms apparently are all that stand in the way of covering the place with a network of railways.

Last year Hamilton Merritt, C. N. Shanly and others applied for a charter to build a railway around and across Ashbridge's Bay and to go into a general warehousing business. At the request of the City Solicitor, who appeared before the Private Bills Committee, their application was held over for a year in order that the city may have time to formulate its objections.

The same parties are now seeking a charter again. In their wake, or a little ahead of them, is another group of capitalists who want incorporation for similar purposes, though not on so extensive a scale. Their scheme is denounced by the Shanly crowd as rank piracy. Neil McCrimmon is the legal tinfather and head lobbyist of this second scheme.

Both of these Provincial schemes seem in danger of being swallowed by a Dominion one. Notice has been filed at Ottawa for the incorporation of the Toronto Island Railway Company to construct an electric railway on the Island and around Ashbridge's Bay. H. C. Hammond and the C.P.R. are supposed to be behind this scheme by which passengers on electric cars will be fanned with the celebrated breezes of Ontario.

A lively time may therefore be expected when rival promoters explain their proposals to the Private Bills Committee of the Assembly.

In the meantime the people of St. Matthew's and St. Lawrence Wards are in vain seeking information regarding that grand scheme of reclaiming Asubridge's Bay.

A Terrible Affliction.

BRETON, March 27.—One of the saddest cases of bereavement that has ever been known in this neighbourhood occurred in the family of Mr. Harry Marr, a wealthy farmer who resides a short distance north of Thornton. Diphtheria broke out in the household and deprived him of his two boys and eldest girl; Miss Aggie Grant, who was staying at the house at the time, also took ill and died from the effects of the disease.

Mechanical Principles.

An interesting illustrated lecture was given last night in the rooms of the Inventors and Patentees Association of Toronto (Limited) in the Public Library Building by the president, Mr. John Gait, C.E. The lecture, which would have been listened to by more had there been larger accommodation, was under the auspices of the Canadian Association of Stationary Engineers. The subject was, "An Elementary Treatise of the Mechanical Principle of Work." Mr. A. E. Edkins, president of the Engineers' Association, occupied the chair. The association is increasing in numbers and usefulness.

Followed Her Partner Within a Week.

MITCHELL, March 27.—John Tait died here a week ago. Last night his wife passed away. She was affected with heart trouble, and never fully recovered from the effects of a shock received last fall when the Ball dynamo exploded when in her husband's charge.

In his report to the North American Life Assurance Company the consulting actuary said: "I have observed that during the past five years your mortality experience has been very favorable, thereby indicating that great care and experience have been exercised in your Medical Department. From an examination of your plans I know of no company having a better earning power and confidently believe that the future results will prove alike satisfactory to your policy-holders and all interested in your company." 246

One Year for Bigamy.

MILTON, March 27.—Hugh Foster, committed for trial for marrying two wives, one, Maria Smith, in 1873 and the other, Annie E. Clarkson of Islington, three weeks ago, appeared before Judge Miller this morning, was convicted and sentenced to a year in the Central Prison.

Grand Next Week—Dixey in the 7 Ages.

Death From a Parrot's Bite.

READING, Pa., March 27.—Gottlieb Rehm, aged 70 years, died at his home in this city to-night of blood poisoning, caused by the bite of a pet parrot one week ago.

HAD 43 HUSBANDS.

Her Last Victim a Viscount—An English Woman's Matrimonial Ventures.

PARIS, March 27.—A handsome English woman, Eveline Neal, has been arrested here for marriage frauds. She had inveigled 43 men to marry her by advertising herself as a wealthy widow. Her last victim was a viscount, who almost ruined himself by gambling.

GOOD FRIDAY DOINGS.

Solemn Services in the Sanctuaries—Events Sacred and Secular—A Dull Day, but Busy Holiday.

Good Friday was not this year much improvement meteorologically on the dullness of the holyday a year ago. The others were of leaden hues, the wind was keen, and outdoor enjoyment was not the order of the day. The theatres and places of amusement were, however, crowded.

At the Love Feasts.

The old-fashioned Methodist love feast still holds favor with that somewhat new-fashioned body. The service begins, as most of our readers will know, with singing and prayer. After that bread and water are passed around and finally experiences are given by those who feel disposed to do so. Yesterday four union love feasts were held in the city. In order to accommodate all the meeting places were as widely spread as possible, viz., Wesley Church, Dundas-street; McCaul-street Church, Berkeley-street Church and Carlton-street Church. The clergymen in charge were as follows, in the order of the churches: Rev. Dr. Pirritte, Rev. Dr. Harper, Rev. Dr. Young and Rev. James Gray. The services were all well attended and profitable.

The Three Hours' Agony.

The usual Good Friday services were held in the Anglican Churches yesterday. The rector, Canon DuMoulin, preached in St. James' Cathedral in the morning and service was held in the evening. In a few of the churches the service in commemoration of the Passion was conducted from noon until 3 p.m.

Some of the churches were in semi-darkness. This solemn ceremony is founded on the words: "There was darkness over all the earth from the sixth to the ninth hour." Addresses were given on each of the seven exclamations: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do"; "To-day thou shalt be with Me in Paradise"; "Woman Behold Thy Son"; My God, My God, Why Hast Thou Forsaken Me"; "I Thirst"; "It is Finished"; "Father, into Thy Hands I Commend My Spirit." In St. Luke's, corner of St. Joseph and St. Vincent, morning prayer and litany was conducted at 9 a.m. by Rev. Dr. Davies and Rev. A. Reid. The commemoration of the Passion lasted from noon until 3 o'clock, when addresses were delivered by Rev. Alfred Reid. At evening prayer Rev. Dr. Davies preached the sermon. On Easter Sunday Holy Communion will be celebrated in the church at 7 and 8.15 a.m., at the usual morning service, and the evening service will be held at 8.

In the Catholic Churches.

Good Friday was observed with solemnity in all the Catholic churches of the city yesterday. In the morning solemn requiem mass was sung, followed by adoration of the blessed sacrament. In the afternoon the faithful were present at the stations of the cross and in the evening the office of Tenebræ was sung. In fact, the churches were kept open all day.

Grand high mass will be celebrated at St. Michael's at 10.30 Sunday morning. The orchestra will play Haydn's second mass. Miss Pringle, soprano; Miss Todd, alto; Mr. Kirk, tenor, and Mr. McNamara, bass, are the soloists. Vespers will be sung at the evening service, when the soloists will be Mrs. Smith, soprano; Major Todd, alto; Mr. Curran, tenor, and Rev. J. R. Teefy, bass.

Entertainments.

In West End Y.M.C.A. Hall, Dovercourt-road and Queen-street, there was a recital by Mrs. Caldwell and Miss Alexander, with Mrs. H. M. Blight as accompanist. This program was rendered in first-class fashion: Piano solo, selected, Mrs. H. M. Blight; reading, "Come Under My Plaidie," Miss Jessie Alexander; song, "Grand Aria," Mozart, Mrs. Caldwell; reading, "The Christmas Ballad," Denison; reading, "Proof," Marcus D'Alberta, F.S.S.L.F." Miss Jessie Alexander; song, "Will ye no come back again," Mrs. Caldwell; reading, (a) "The Roman Soldier," Atherstone, (b) "Up the Aisle," Baker; piano solo, "Recollections of Home," S. B. Ellis, Mrs. H. M. Blight; reading, "The Ragglesses' Dinner Party," Miss Jessie Alexander; song, Mrs. Caldwell; reading, "Curvature of the Spine," J. Whitcomb Riley, Miss Jessie Alexander.

PRIZE COMPETITIONS.

All is Not Gold that Glitters—Magnificent Prizes that do Not Materialize.

A man named H. S. Martin recently proposed to start an American branch of a newspaper to be called "Fun." He also proposed to issue in connection with this paper a prize competition. But how a paper which proposes to give away magnificent prizes can do so when it cannot pay ordinary commercial debts has yet to be learned.

One of those frauds which are occasionally unearthed in large cities was yesterday brought to light by a World reporter. Mr. H. S. Martin, the "proprietor" of a Toronto branch of Tue Fun here, seems to have been working advertisements in this Queen City. According to his own account Mr. Martin is a loyal follower of the American eagle and he has proposed to give prizes for the nearest figures on counting a certain number of letters in certain pages of Fun. Mr. Martin advertised in Toronto, and also in certain provincial and Dominion weeklies and dailies. But the trouble seems to be that he has neglected to pay certain accounts. Among the Toronto dailies with which he has negotiated are The Empire, World, Globe, Irish Canadian, Mail and The Telegram.

When the Toronto papers discovered the nature of the fraud they refused him further advertising and to still further gull the public and the Toronto papers he took the outside papers.

Failures of the Week.

NEW YORK, March 27.—Business failures during the last seven days, as reported by Dun, Wiman & Co., number for the United States 228 and for Canada 28, or a total of 256, as compared with a total of 275 last week and 273 the week previous to the last. For the corresponding week of last year the figures were 243, representing 217 failures in the United states and 26 in the Dominion of Canada.

Lost His Forearm.

ALMONTE, March 27.—While holding a piece of wood in his hand and whittling it with an ax to form a wedge James Lowe accidentally inflicted a gash in his thumb. Deeming it nothing but a bad cut he had it bandaged, but it seems that the bone was so injured as to prevent the flesh from healing. On a consultation of doctors it was found necessary to amputate the arm above the elbow.

Traced by a Picture He Gave His Sweetheart.

CORNWALL, March 27.—A young man named Honore Gauvreau was arrested at the Canada Cotton Mill at the request of the chief of police at Valleyfield. The constable received a portrait (which, by the way, the young man had presented to his sweetheart), and had no difficulty in locating their man. He is charged with seduction.

Plead Guilty to the Charge.

KINCARDINE, March 27.—Bailiff Alex Campbell of this town, who was shot by George Oustrum while seizing stock on the latter's farm near Bervie, was only slightly injured. Oustrum pleaded guilty at the assizes and sentence was reserved. Oustrum is a bachelor and is looked upon as a crank.

At last! A healthful confection that cleans and preserves the teeth, Adams' Tutti Frutti Gum, sold by all druggists and confectioners, 5 cents.

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