The escape of a swindler by means of a balloon, and his discovery through the pigeon post is the latest sensation in criminal intelligence that comes from Vienna.

Despatches from Crete report that 15 of the insurgent villages have submitted to Chakir Pasha, the newly appointed governor, upon his assuring amnesty to the inhabitants.

Lord George Hamilton says that England's naval display in 1890 will exceed that of this year, and that England's purpose is to maintai... her navy at an equality with the navy of any two foreign powers combined.

A Paris correspondent reports the Shah as expressing himself as much impressed with the power of England. He referred frequently to the kindness shown him by the English royal family, particularly the Prince of Wales.

The new steamer *City of Paris* has made an unprecedentedly quick trip from New York to Queenstown. The time consumed in the passage was 5 days, 23 hours and 40 minutes. This is the first time that the eastern passage has been made inside six days.

The Shah's avowal that as a sequence of his visit he should henceforth seek closest relations with England and not be deterred by any foreign intrigues, has caused much adverse comment in Russia. Leading Russian newspapers violently attack the Shah for the declaration in question.

The largest ship afloat when completed will be the giant steamer Kaiser Wilhelm now building at Kiel. She will be ten feet longer than the City of New York and will also have a greater depth and breadth. She is to be employed in exhibiting German manufactures in all the important ports of the world.

Lord Kintore, Governor of South Australia, telegraphs to Lord Knutsford that both Houses of the Legislature have unanimously adopted an address to the Queen praying Her Majesty to speedily extend to Western Australia full responsible government, thus advaucing the interests of federation, and completing Australian unity.

The Czar has conforred the cross of St. Stanislaus upon ex-Capt. Grueff, the notorious abductor of Prince Alexander of Bulgaria, and a persistent plotter against the present regime in Bulgaria. This act of the Czar is regarded as one of open hostility to Bulgaria, as well as a menace to the Porte, Grueff being a Turkish outlaw.

A new use for rabbits has been found by the physicians of the Birmingham Lunatic Asylum. A number of wild rabbits have been turned loose in the fields adjoining the institution, so that the inmates will be amused by seeing the rabbits run about, and to divert the minds of the patients is one of the great objects of the institution.

It is reported that the recent interviews between Prince Bismarck, Emperor Francis Joseph and Count Kalnoky resulted in a modification of the Austro German treaty, whereby the casus forderis was established whenever the vital interests of either nation are threatened. Hitherto only open attack constituted a cause for joint action.

Constantine, heir to the Greek throne, is in his twenty-second year. He is handsome and has a fascinating manner. He is fond of military matters, but has devoted a great deal of time to literature. He reads and speaks English, French, German, Russian and Danish. His mind is active, and he is more of a thinker than appearances would indicate.

Apropos of the Prince of Wales' supposed views on the subject of the Union, a London correspondent states that Mr. Parnell is aware of them, and that he has consequently suppor ed the increased grants, and used his influence with his party to induce them to do likewise. Mr. Parnell and the Prince have met more than once in the somewhat exclusive but luxurious rooms of the Marlborough club.

The conversion to Catholicism of the aged widow of the Emperor William First of Germany is now definitely announced, and has created a great scandal at court. The Empress has been leaning toward the Catholic church for more than twenty years, and she has been unable longer to resist her inclination. The present Emperor appears to have made no public comment upon this change of faith, which was officially announced to him.

People who have only seen the Duchess of Fife sitting in her carriage or with the quiet demeanor required for State ceremonials have no idea how great a pleasure she takes in exorcise and rapid motion. The Duchess delights in gymnastics and is an accomplished mistress of the art of fence. Her fencing master is Mons. B. Bertrand, professor of fencing to the late Prince Imperial, and he speaks in the highest terms of the courage and prowess of his Royal pupil.

Only five of the British officers who fought at Waterloo were alive when the seventy fourth anniversary of the battle came around, on the 18th of last June. They are Gen. George Whichcote (as Lieutenant of Fifty-second

