

## ECHOES OF THE WEEK

## European.

A fresh decision of the Russian Government concerning its policy towards the Jews debar the children of Hebrews not having the right of sojourn in Russia or the residents of any Russian district without a permit from admission to the middle and higher schools. The Novoe Vremya says this order will take effect at the beginning of the next scholastic year and praises the regulation as assisting to reduce the Jews to their natural social level.

A letter from Wm. O'Brien is published in London, in which the writer, referring to his being adjudged a bankrupt, reproaches Lord Salisbury "for taking advantage of a legal technical point" to drive him out of public life. In conclusion Mr. O'Brien offers to submit the matter to the arbitration of any three members of the House of Commons Lord Salisbury may select, and abide by their decision.

Mr. Gladstone attended Hawarden Church on Sunday, and to all appearances he was nearly as robust as ever.

Major Wissman started on Saturday on his return to East Africa, where he will head another expedition into the interior. The expedition will leave Saadomi in September. It will comprise 500 native troops and 30 Europeans.

The Times' St. Petersburg correspondence reports a rumor that the Czar has approved and that the ministers have signed the draft of a treaty brought to Russia by Admiral Gervais, of the French squadron.

M. Ribot, French Minister of Foreign Affairs, in an address at St. Omer on Monday dwelt upon the warmth of the hospitality accorded to the officers of the French squadron at Cronstadt by the Russian Government, and said the reception given the French fleet was a striking proof of the friendship of Russia, which went straight to the heart of France.

Despatches received at London from Zanzibar state that the tribe of Somalis, which recently made a treacherous attack upon Athale, an Italian coast station in Northeast Africa, situated in about latitude 3 degrees north, was repulsed after a sharp struggle, during which 30 men were killed on either side.

News has just been received at London that a collision occurred between the steamer Concordia and a Hamburg pleasure boat. Four persons were drowned.

There is great energy shown at the Russian dock-yard at Sebastopol in the construction of the first-class line-of-battle ship George Pobiedonosetz. The mechanics are even working at night with the aid of the electric light to get the vessel finished.

The people of Switzerland have been celebrating the 600th anniversary of the establishment of the Confederation.

A severe loss by fire has been suffered by the commissary of the German army. A heavy thunderstorm prevailed on Tuesday morning at Rathenow, 34 miles from Potsdam, and during the height of the storm lightning struck the building in which was kept the garrison stores. The storehouse was filled with straw and oats and with thousands of tins of preserved meats. The building with its contents was entirely destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$375,000.

Dillon and O'Brien appeared in the House of Commons on Tuesday for the first time in many months. They were met in the lobby by members of both sections of the Irish Parliamentary party and were recipients of hearty congratulations upon entering the House. Mr. Dillon took a seat by the side of Justin McCarthy.

## American.

A movement of considerable magnitude is now on foot to arrange for the deportation of the negroes of the Southern States to Liberia.

There is much excitement in Barre, Vt., over the unexplained deaths of two young daughters of Jeremiah McCarthy. One was taken ill on Tuesday and died in a few hours, and was followed on Wednesday by her sister. The mother and another sister are very ill, having the same symptoms as in the cases of the dead children, and six local physicians who have been called in confess themselves baffled. Another family living in the same house are unaffected.

The eight hour law passed by the last Nebraska Legislature went into effect on Saturday. The only trouble growing out of the enforcement of the law so far is a lock-out of job printers. The employing printers refused to grant eight hours, and when the men came to work on Saturday morning they were told their services were no longer needed.

In an interview between the U. S. Immigration Commissioners, now in England, and the Mormon elder in charge of Mormon emigration at Liverpool, that official, who is acting in the place of Brigham Young, stated that while he and all Mormons believed polygamy to be right, yet as the United States Supreme Court had decided the anti polygamy law to be constitutional, the Mormon Church had adopted a rule against its practice in the United States,

and all Mormon converts abroad are so informed before their embarkation for America.

The plant of the Richmond Electric Light, Heat and Power Company, at St. George's, Staten Island, was destroyed by fire on Monday night. The loss is put at \$200,000. The principal owner is William Wiman, son of Erastus Wiman. At about 9 o'clock an explosion occurred, and when the employees rushed out they found the whole plant in flames. One of the employees, Findlay, had both legs broken and will probably die.

Rev. Isaac Lea Nicholson's election as bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Milwaukee has been approved by 27 dioceses, a majority of the whole, and it is thought his election will be unanimous, as no dissenting vote has been received.

## Canadian.

While the emigrants on the steamship Polynesian were being landed at the sheds on the Louise embankment, Quebec, from the tender on Saturday night the cry was raised that a woman had fallen into the water. She was picked up immediately and brought ashore, but she was already dead. It is supposed that she must have been killed by striking the water, which was 30 feet below the wharves. Two bargemen say they saw the woman throw herself into the water and what renders it more likely that deceased committed suicide is the fact that her husband dropped dead in Liverpool while taking out their tickets, and she was very despondent during the passage. Deceased, whose name was Mrs. Bolhan, was going to her son in Chicago.

The efficient work of the Toronto police prevented further disturbance in Queen's Park on Sunday. Some 15,000 people congregated and there was a plentiful sprinkling of the hoodlum element. Several attempts were made to provoke disorder, but all failed.

It is stated at Ottawa that the Dominion Government has received an intimation from the Imperial Government that it sees no objection to allowing American cattle to be admitted into Canada for slaughtering purposes, provided that the proper regulation for the safety of Canadian cattle from infection is enforced. This, it is believed, will ensure the success of the International Abattoir Co. at Three Rivers.

Three ladies, who claimed to be American tourists, went into a Quebec jewellery store on Saturday, and while looking over some trinkets the shopkeeper noticed one of them slip a valuable ring into her pocket. She was only too glad to disgorge in order to avoid exposure.

A boy of 15, the son of Joseph Mercier, of Berthier, Montmagny, had gone with his young brother to Thomas Lavallee's blacksmith shop, and was amusing himself by dropping percussion caps into the fire. Lavallee, who was repairing an old gun at the time, asked for one in order to test it. Mercier gave him the last he had and Lavallee adjusted it, presented the gun at Mercier and pulled the trigger, thinking the gun was unloaded. There was an explosion and Mercier fell dead with a bullet in his heart. The ball came so near the younger brother's head that it took part of his ear off.

Mr. Geo. A. Keifer, C. E., of Victoria, B. C., after securing credentials from Premier Abbott, has sailed from Vancouver, B. C., per the steamship Empress of India, for Japan, en route to Siberian Russia. He goes there on behalf of a syndicate of Canadian capitalists who have been invited by the Russian Government to tender for the construction of a 400 mile section of the trans-Siberian Railway.

The Halifax police are of opinion that they have made a big capture in the arrest on Saturday of Oliver Hurd. Detective Power had been shadowing Hurd for some days. He was informed that Hurd had approached about a dozen persons in Halifax and offered to sell them "green goods." Various samples of counterfeit money were found on Hurd. A number of the notes are stamped only on one side, while others are completed, ready to fill in the figures.

The steamer Nova Scotian, which sailed from Halifax on Monday for England, took six messenger pigeons from the Marine Fisheries Department, left at Halifax, to be released at sea. These birds are being trained to connect Sable Island with Halifax. The birds employed, and now being for the first time seaward, are the progeny of some imported from England last year.

At a largely attended representative meeting of Liberal-Conservatives of Argenteuil, held at Lachute on Tuesday, Mr. W. D. Simpson, of Lachute, was unanimously selected to contest the county in opposition to the Mercier candidate.

Principal Grant has challenged Attorney-General Longley, of Nova Scotia, or any other man to a public discussion on Imperial Federation and kindred topics. So far the challenge has not been accepted.

The Belfast Morning News, which has hitherto supported Mr. Parnell, to-day declares that public opinion is setting in the direction of the policy of Messrs. Dillon and O'Brien.

## THE SPORTING WORLD

## LACROSSE.

The Shamrock-Ottawa match in the Capital city proved a genuine surprise, and knocked the calculations of lacrosse enthusiasts endways, while former detractors of the Shamrocks have now veered around to an opposite extreme and proclaim them able to beat anything on the lacrosse field. The cause of this is that the Shamrocks laid out the Senators five to one. The play is described as being exceptionally poor, having more the character of shinny than lacrosse, and the game was also marred by a stand-up fight between two of the players. The Ottawa are much disheartened by their defeat, and there was talk of them disbanding altogether. On the Montreals and Torontos being voted out of the lacrosse league several of the Ottawa men retired, leaving the club in a crippled condition, from which it has not yet recovered.

There was a very large and enthusiastic crowd of spectators at the Orient-St. Gabriel match which, after a hard tussle, was won by the Saints, three to two. This victory practically gives the intermediate championship to the St. Gabriel.

The Shamrock-Capital match to-day is exciting much interest, and there will likely be a big gate to see the boys in green turn the tables on their opponents.

The Crescents and Montreal Juniors meet this afternoon on the M. A. A. grounds. The Crescents are in fine form and should put up a good game. The Montreal Juniors, however, think they can win as they have got together an excellent team.

## CRICKET.

An eleven of the Montreal Cricket Club and a scratch lot representing the various city banks played a match on Saturday, the former being victorious by 110 to 35.

The McGill-West End return match was played on the University grounds, the former being victors by 91 to 7. The most noticeable feature of the match was the bowling of Hill, who had six wickets for 0 runs. Bonaventure C. C. vs. Cutlery Works C. C.—The first named won, 46 to 37.

The G. T. R. Cricket Club played McGill University (a scratch eleven) and won by an innings and five runs.

Montreal Wanderers vs. Lachine—Won by the latter by an innings and 20 runs. Scores: Wanderers, 15 and 72; Lachine, 107.

## BASEBALL.

A match between the Clippers and Crescents was played on the grounds of the latter on Saturday afternoon, and in point of attendance was the most successful of any yet played under league auspices. The game was a very interesting one throughout, the Clippers winning by a score of 7 to 6.

The Hawthornes and Richmonds had quite a nice game, the former winning.

## THE RING.

Cal McCarthy is anxious to have another shy at George Dixon, the colored wonder.

Dick Burge, England's lightweight, is coming over by request of the California club.

Jack McAuliffe will commence his preliminary training for his contest with Austin Gibbons at Coney Island. The lightweight champion doesn't like work, but he fully realizes that he must buckle down to it this time. Gibbons' hope is that McAuliffe will conclude that he need not be in great form to win. Gibbons may as well abandon it, for McAuliffe is too sensible to underestimate any boxer whom he is to try on. The Patterson man is not popular. The fact that he fought in England as America's champion when he had not even a remote claim to that title has displeased sporting men who might have been his friends.

The New York Herald says: Ted Pritchard is the coming man in the middle-weight class. In spite of Mr. Abington's efforts to have him beaten the young Englishman has held his own and more, too. It was unfortunate for Pritchard that he did not accept Jack Dempsey's challenge, issued before the latter was matched with Fitzsimmons. It is more than likely that Jem Smith's conqueror would have beaten Dempsey in short order. Nobody can deny that Pritchard has made a truly remarkable showing thus far. He beat Jem Smith with even greater ease than did either Slavin or Jackson and gave away weight in the bargain. Pritchard's name is mentioned in this city nowadays about as often as any of the fighters. This in itself is a pretty good recommendation for a pugilist who has never seen these shores. It is, indeed, a long time since England turned out a really first class man in any of the classes. Pritchard breaks the record.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

The chess championship of Scotland has been won by Mr. J. D. Chambers, of Glasgow, who did not lose a single game during the tournament recently concluded in that city.

A catcher like Zimmer, of the Cleveleys, is worth his weight in gold. He isn't afraid of the base runner like some catchers, but

stands right over the plate when a man is coming in from third base on a hit.

It is probable that the national swimming championship of the United States will be decided this year at Philadelphia, Pa., on August 29. George Hyslop, the champion of Canada, will be a competitor, and will represent the new Toronto Athletic club.

A complimentary benefit was tendered Mike Walsh, the well-known middleweight, in the Victoria Rifles' Armory on Monday evening. The hall was packed, even standing room being at a premium. Tommy Boyle acted as master of ceremonies. After some preliminary sparring by a couple of novices, Jack Fitzpatrick and Slocum, of Bristol, Eng., had a lively set-to, which was well worth seeing. The wind-up was a four round bout between Walsh and Dick Guthrie, which gave great satisfaction to the audience, and showed that the men were pretty equally matched. A benefit to Guthrie is spoken of in the near future.

## Rapid Transit.

If any one doubts the popular demand for rapid transit, let him look at the following figures. In New York city the surface and elevated roads during the past year carried about 400,000,000. Taking the population of the city at 1,500,000, this would allow every man, woman, and child 266 2/3 rides each during the year. In Boston the number carried was over 100,000,000, or 222 2-9 rides each of an estimated population of 450,000, and in Philadelphia 150,000,000 passengers were carried, giving an average to each Quaker City resident of 136 4-11 rides. The amount of money it costs the public for the luxury on the basis of 5-cent fares is in New York, \$20,000,000; Boston, \$5,000,000, and Philadelphia, \$7,500,000. It is but a very few years since the street railway was introduced, and walking was considered good enough for most folks; but all this seems to have been changed, and no one walks if he has the necessary nickel, and the number of fortunate ones in the three great cities mentioned footed up to over 650,000,000, who pay annually \$39,000,000, rather than walk to and from their places of business. It is difficult to estimate the average distance each passenger rides and the amount it costs per mile, as it ranges all the way from one or two blocks to several miles, but it is doubtful if the average cost per mile is more than two cents. If the above amount was all in 5-cent pieces, and taking the average diameter of a nickel at 13-16ths of an inch, placed in a line these 650,000,000 nickels would reach over 3,332 miles; if piled up one upon another they would make a tower a little over 637 miles in height, and this would weigh something over 5,222 tons. To convey this mass of wealth from New York to Boston would require a train of 261 cars, carrying twenty tons each. If it were to be shipped across the ocean it would tax the freight-carrying capacity of the largest and most powerful steamer afloat, and when it arrived would require the combined force of all the bank clerks in England some little time to count.—American Cultivator.

Correspondence by Reduced Gentlemen.

A new industry has been added to the several permitted to reduced English gentlemen belonging to the aristocracy. It is the establishment of a system of paid correspondence from titled London women who are cognizant of the town and country doings of high social personages, and who write to their customers in New York light, chatty, and familiar letters, duly scrawled on heraldic paper, with all the insignia complete. It is considered very "swell" to be able to retail latest London gossip, be it a mot, fad, or scandal, and to say that Lady B. or the countess of C. sent it over in a letter just received. Now, this hitherto priceless privilege is purchasable, although like the other privileges for sale by English female gentry, such as invitations to desirable houses, tickets for exclusive balls, presentations at court—negotiations for it must be conducted in a delicate and very tactful manner.

## Favoring Child Labor.

Opponents of wise laws restricting child labor are sometimes found among the work people themselves. Not long since some of these short-sighted individuals got up a petition opposing a bill fixing the age at which children could enter the factory at twelve years, by showing the aggregate wages of the little ones for the years they ought to be in school, and declaring that it was so much money lost. These selfish and grasping parents were too ignorant to see that they were using their own off-spring to compete with themselves. If the children and the married women were kept out of the factories the head of the family would be in a better condition to demand increased wages, and instead of father, mother and infants all having to toil in order to earn enough upon which to exist in some semblance of decency, to the utter destruction of everything like homelife and proper training of the young, the earning of the father alone would be sufficient to keep them.—American Pottery Journal.

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