

THE WEEK.

MR BLAINE is visiting New York this week to consult with the party leaders, after which he may accept a few invitations to the West. General Logan has been visiting Bay City, Michigan.

THREE RUSSIAN COLONELS have been condemned to perpetual exile in Siberia for belonging to a secret society. Many subordinate officers and privates of these two colonels' regiments have also been sentenced.

GOVERNOR ROBIE'S majority in Maine, with 18 unimportant places still to hear from, is 19,709. He received 77,779 votes, against 58,070 cast for Mr. Redman. In 1880 the Democrats had a majority of 169.

COUNTESS LAZANSKY has been accidentally shot and killed during a hunting excursion in Bohemia.

THE LONDON "STANDARD," speaking of Lieut. Greely's paper read before the British Association at Montreal, says that every sanitary law seems to have been violated on the Greely expedition, and the disastrous result was due to looseness of discipline.

THE BRITISH SCIENTISTS, on their excursion along the Canadian Pacific Railway, arrived at Kicking Horse Pass, in the Rocky Mountains, on Saturday. Several of them narrowly escaped death by the falling of four miles of a tunnel.

A WELL-KNOWN FENIAN named Duggan has just died in Dublin. His funeral was attended by 15,000 persons, including Michael Davitt.

THE CONGRESS of the Argentine Republic has voted \$500,000 in order to definitely occupy the Chaco,—a territory of 240,000 square miles, inhabited chiefly by Indians, and which has been claimed to belong to the neighboring Republic of Paraguay. An expedition, commanded by the Minister of War, leaves Buenos Ayres for this purpose at the end of the month.

CAPTAIN RENAUD has been making another experiment with his balloon steering apparatus; he was able to sail against the wind for some seconds, but he did not arrive at his expected destination.

A TELEGRAM from Washington to the New York Times says that Mr. Gresham is believed to have been offered the late Mr. Folger's position of Secretary to the Treasury.

THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE of Odd-fellows of the world met on Monday in Minneapolis, when about 200 delegates were present. There are now about five or six hundred lodges, with 90,000 encampment members.

THE EMPERORS of Germany and Austria have been visiting the Czar of Russia in Poland; and so far they have escaped with their lives. The goals must be crowded by this time, and yet there seem to be plenty Nihilists left outside.

AN AWFUL CALAMITY is reported to have befallen Kiang-Si, an inland province in the South East of China. The news, which comes by way of Canton and Yokohama, is from King Tak, the centre of the pottery manufacture, and one of the four chief markets of the empire. It states that floods had submerged the country to a depth of sixty feet, sweeping away whole towns and destroying 70,000 lives. It was feared that a pestilence would be caused by the dead bodies. Cholera has already broken out at Amoy, on the coast.

THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES, it is said, want to travel over Ireland. There is no lack of bravery in either husband or wife, and if the government decides to allow it, the tour is likely to have a good effect.

THE PEOPLE OF JAMAICA are talking of getting their island made part of the Dominion of Canada. The proposal, which seems to be actually under consideration by the Government at Ottawa, has taken Canadians' breath away. Many think that it would be quite impossible to let Jamaica, with its colored population of 570,000 and its little band of 15,000 whites, bring their voting power into the northern confederation.

AMONG the Rocky Mountain ranches in the United States is one belonging to a French nobleman, Baron de Bonnesmains, who was an aide-de-camp to Marshal MacMahon when the latter was President of the French Republic. The Baron and two of his countrymen have just gone home to procure fresh capital. They are loud in praise of the English-speaking ranchers; even sons of English noblemen, they say, are splendid fellows to work. The cause of this is simple. English lads, whether their fathers are dukes or tallow-chandlers, are brought up to use their muscles in all sorts of open air exercise.

THE ANCIENT CITY of Quebec, it seems, is going deeper and deeper into stagnation. The cry in all quarters is "there's nothing doing!"

IT IS PROPOSED by the British to annex the Delta of the Niger. This river comes next to the Nile and Congo among the streams of Africa. The river begins to branch out about 100 miles from the sea, and the various mouths empty themselves at various points along 200 miles of coast, so the Delta contains about 14,000 square miles. The land is rich, but as yet covered with forest and jungle.

EVERY SATURDAY now is a field day in the campaign against the House of Lords in England. Last Saturday the Radicals, to the number of 50,000, held a meeting in the Victoria Park, London, when resolutions were passed demanding that the House of Lords should be abolished altogether. Mr. Gladstone, in one of three great speeches which he delivered to huge audiences in Edinburgh the other day, said that the issues at present at stake were wide enough without bringing in the general question of the reform of the House of Lords. He created much laughter by saying that it might be timidity or indolence that made him unwilling to begin another great fight. Assuredly, neither indolence nor timidity is a weakness of the "grand old man" of 73 years. The premier called attention to the fact that since the last reform bill, fifty years ago, there have been ten Liberal Governments in Britain and two Conservative,—and the Lords, who profess in some way to represent the people, have only been in agreement with two of those twelve elected parliaments.

VICTORIA MOROSINI, the daughter of a very rich broker in New York, has eloped with and married her father's coachman. The young lady, who is 25 years old, took several thousand dollars' worth of her own jewellery with her.

VARIOUS OPINIONS are expressed as to whether Russian petroleum is really going to drive the American oil out of European markets. The London Standard says,—Yes, no doubt about it. The American oil men say,—Not a bit of it!

A RUSSIAN GIRL, named Katersky, has just been sentenced to twenty years' penal servitude, for attempting to murder a government official at Odessa.

CHARLES DALLY, a defaulting town collector at Woodbridge, New Jersey, has been sentenced to two years' hard labor. This is good news. That sort of criminal is generally allowed to enjoy his ill-gotten gains in some neighboring country.

LONDON, the city of five million people, has never been healthier or freer from nuisance than now, and the City Sewers Commissioners say that if cholera comes it cannot remain long, nor become very serious.

ON THE RE-OPENING of the British Parliament next month, Mr. Gladstone will describe his scheme for re-distributing the representation of the country. He will, however, insist on the Franchise Bill being passed before the other.

THE NEW BRUNSWICK bank failure in New Jersey has had a terrible effect. Mrs. Hill, wife of the cashier, attempted to commit suicide because of her husband's disgrace. Trade is at a standstill in the city. The city itself is hopelessly bankrupt, having been depending for years on the bank.

THE MAINE ELECTIONS resulted in the return of a Senate containing 31 Republicans and no Democrats, and a house composed of 82 Republicans and 21 Democrats.

THE FINAL FUNERAL of MacGahan, the famous war correspondent, took place on Thursday, at New Lexington. MacGahan, who died a few years ago in Constantinople, was the man who exposed in the London Daily News the horrible atrocities committed in Bulgaria in 1876 by the Turkish regular and irregular soldiers.

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT having refused to open a new enquiry into a murder for which some people now claim an innocent man was hanged some time ago, the Irish Nationalists have decided to vote with the Conservatives against the Franchise Bill, which they supported last session. However, the session, which begins on the 23rd of October, is not expected to last more than four weeks.

THE TAMMANY WING of the Democratic party, who opposed Governor Cleveland's nomination at the national convention, have just had a large and excited meeting in New York. After a long denunciation of Mr. Cleveland, the committee submitted a resolution offering cordial support to him as the nominee of the party. This was carried by 810 to 87, although ex-Senator Grady vehemently declared that he was for General Butler.

QUARANTINE is to be enforced against American cattle crossing into the Canadian North-West.

LORD DUFFERIN, the popular Irish nobleman, European diplomatist, and Canadian Governor-General, has now reached the top of the official tree. He has been appointed Viceroy of India, and in December next will wield the sceptre over an empire containing more than two hundred and fifty million human beings. The only doubt that anyone expresses about the wisdom of this appointment is whether he can be spared from Turkey, where he is now the British Ambassador. He is certainly the man for India. His predecessor, Lord Ripon, has offended his countrymen in India by his sincere attempts to do justice to the people of the country themselves, and it would be a pity to fill his place by some old aristocratic stick who cared about nothing but upholding the dignity of his office.

AT THE NEXT GERMAN ELECTIONS the Socialists are likely to show some increase of strength. Many of the Liberals will vote for them, and some say that the Catholics would prefer a Liberal to a Conservative majority, and will help the Liberals.

THE HEAT last week was very great over the greater part of the country. At New York the temperature was up again to 94°.

AT A WEDDING FEAST in Barnside, Illinois, the bride, the minister and fifteen other persons have been poisoned by eating canned fruit.

THE PRESIDENT of the Trades' Assembly says that in Cincinnati alone there are over 20,000 workmen idle.

THE EDGAR THOMPSON Steel Company, of Pittsburg, has announced that its works, employing 5,000 men, must be stopped unless the men accept a reduction of wages. There is already great distress in the city, and the reduced wages will probably be agreed to.

A BAND OF FORGERS has been arrested in Vienna, consisting of the father and seventeen children. They were working in connection with the Anarchists.

THE POPE has now some quarrel with Costa Rica, and his Nuncio, or ambassador, who was about to go there, has been ordered to stay at home. Costa Rica is a little republic at the other end of Central America, with a population of 175,000, mostly Spaniards.

AN OUTBREAK of a very obnoxious disease, sometimes called "cæste," has occurred at Halifax, Nova Scotia. A colored girl having been admitted to the vice-principal's department of a certain school, many of the other pupils have left.

HENRY LAMB, a man who died the other day in Fairfax County, Virginia, at the age of 97, persisted to the last in declaring that George Washington's skull was stolen by French sailors and sold to some phrenologists in France.

A MOST DISASTROUS FLOOD has come to Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, doing great damage both in the city and around it. At Eau Claire, 200 houses have been swept away.

THE AMERICAN FORESTRY CONGRESS met at Saratoga on Tuesday the 16th.

THE RAJAH of TENOM, yielding to the serious threats of the British Government, has released the crew of the "Nisero," who have been kept by him in Sumatra since the 12th of November last.

THERE IS ANOTHER CLAIMANT to the throne of France, whenever France resolves to have the luxury of a throne again. The Countess of Paris has given birth to a son.

YELLOW FEVER and small-pox, according to one report, have appeared in Sierra Leone,—the "graveyard of the British Army."

THE CZAR has attended a grand ball at Warsaw, but only half of the 800 invitations were accepted. Several Polish noblewomen did not attend the Czarina's reception. Hundreds of arrests have been made, and yet thousands of revolutionary placards have been circulated in the city.

GOLD, in profitable quantities, is reported to have been found in the Little Rock Mountains, Montana.

THE FRENCH have bombarded and occupied Mahanoro, another coast town in Madagascar; and still there is no sign of the brave Hovas surrendering their independence.