

ECHOES OF THE WEEK

European.

Queen Victoria has gone to Windsor. She is not enjoying her usual good health and walks with difficulty.

General Sir Frederick Sleigh Roberts has been gazetted Baron Roberts of Candahar and the City of Waterford.

The Premier of New South Wales announced in the Assembly Wednesday that a federation bill will be introduced at the next session.

The Pope has ordered that his recent encyclical be translated into Latin and sent to the Catholic bishops throughout the world as a general guide to political policy.

Floods are doing much damage in the following provinces of Spain: Granada, Malaga, Almeria and Cordova. Many towns are inundated or threatened with an inundation.

The famous London pawnbroker, George Attenborough, is dead. A special says he leaves a fortune valued at £811,155 on personalty, besides a considerable amount of real estate.

The Vienna correspondent of the London Times says that negotiations for the establishment of reciprocity relations are about to be commenced between Austria and the United States.

Gustave Jovanovitch, the greatest cattle breeder in Russia, and called the "King of the Steppes," owns 600,000 acres of land, and possesses more than 1,000,000 sheep and 34,000 shepherd dogs.

Muley Hassan, the Sultan of Morocco, has a strain of Irish blood in his veins, for his great grandmother was a blue eyed daughter of the Emerald Isle, the widow of a British sergeant of Engineers.

At the investigation held in Liverpool Wednesday as to the burning at sea of the steamer Abyssinia, several witnesses admitted that there had been smoking going on in the cotton compartment while the cotton was being stowed.

Robrigno Vasconcellos, an ex-director of the Portuguese railway, has committed suicide by cutting his throat. He was implicated in the financial troubles that have led to the arrest of several prominent officials, including the president of the Lusitano Bank.

The manufacturing town of Cleckheaton, in the west riding of Yorkshire, eight miles from Leeds, was on Wednesday the scene of a frightful accident, resulting in the loss of a number of lives. A massive chimney sixty yards high at Marshmill's factory in that place collapsed and fell on the roof of the factory just as a number of young women operatives were leaving work. The fall of the chimney converted the wing of the factory on which it crashed into a heap of debris made up of fragments of masonry and the shattered remnants of machinery. The piteous cries of those caught in the ruins could be heard, and the horror of the scene was soon augmented by the breaking out of fire, in which numbers of the imprisoned victims were more or less burned. A force of workmen and the fire brigade of the town speedily got to work to move the tons of debris. A girl who was rescued from the garret was found with her head jammed between two beams. She gives a horrifying account of the spectacle presented by the ruins beneath her. At 3 o'clock Thursday morning twelve bodies had been extricated from the ruins.

American.

The National Electric Light Association Convention was begun at Buffalo Wednesday with 200 delegates present.

The Irish National League of America has issued an appeal for funds, to be used in fighting for Home Rule in Ireland.

The Interstate Artificial Rain Company, of Goodland, Kan., has started a process for making rain. Farmers have the rain company under contract.

General Enriquez, of Guatemala, was killed Wednesday by Guatemalan soldiers near the Honduras coast. He had been proclaimed dictator by the constitutional party.

Serious trouble took place on Monday between the different classes at Wabash College, Ind., which culminated at midnight in blowing up some of the buildings with dynamite.

The captain and part of the crew of the German ship Clara, which was burned at sea, were brought to San Francisco, Wednesday, by the British steamer California from Australia.

At New Albany, Indiana, Wednesday, John Kaiser, photographer, shot and seriously wounded his wife because she refused to live with him. He was chased, and on being cornered, shot himself dead.

Canadian.

It is said that Rev. Jas. Kines, of Queen street Methodist Church, Kingston, has received a call from a large congregation at London, Ont.

Charles Hedden, a plumber who came to Toronto from England two years ago, while in a fit of despondency early Wednesday morning made a great cut in his throat with a knife and speedily bled to death.

Trouble still exists in connection with the building of the new drill shed at Toronto. The contractor is having the stone dressed in Quebec, and is also bringing in outside non-union labor. The city council, in its endeavor to stand in with the labor unions, will exercise its influence with the Government at Ottawa with a view to having the work on the building done by union labor, and as far as possible by Toronto workmen.

THE SPORTING WORLD

SKATING.

The annual championship figure skating races of the Canadian Amateur Skating association took place Wednesday night, with only three competitors. It was the most evenly matched contest held in Montreal for several years and Rubenstein won with Bacon, of Boston, second, and Dumais, of Montreal, third.

The St. John, N. B., Sun of the 23rd inst. says: "Last evening representatives of Fred C. Been and Hugh J. McCormick met at the Sun office, and agreed to skate three races for the championship of America. On the signing of the articles each party deposited with D. C. Clinch (who was present) \$150—\$50 on each race, and the remaining \$150 is to be posted with Mr. Clinch at least twenty-four hours before the date named for the first race. At the conclusion of each race the stakeholder is to pay over to the winner \$200, being the stakes posted on both sides for one race. The first race of two miles is to be skated on Friday, March 18th, the second of one mile on Friday, March 18th, and the third on Monday, March 21st.

HOCKEY.

The Royal Military College hockey team will play McGill Hockey club this morning at the Crystal rink and the officers of the Prince of Wales Rifles in the evening at the Victoria rink.

The intermediate championship was decided Wednesday night at the Crystal rink when the junior teams of the Shamrock and M. A. A. met. The continued mild weather had rendered the ice soft and treacherous and where the roof leaked there were holes in the ice inches deep. No sooner was the game started than the first and only goal of the evening was scored. The M. A. A. made one straight rush down, and inside of ten seconds A. Mussen sent the puck spinning between the Shamrock poles. This was all the advantage either side was destined to get. Both were evenly matched, both in skill and roughness of play, and neither could score again.

THE RING.

A New Orleans despatch of the 24th says: It has been reported here upon good authority that after Bob Fitzsimmons had completed his work yesterday morning, and after being rubbed down with alcohol, he weighed 164½ pounds. Jimmy Carroll now expects to put him in the ring weighing 173 pounds or over. Stripped to the skin Fitz measures 43 inches around the chest, 51 inches around the waist, 37½ inches around the hips, 22 inches around the thighs, 14 inches around the calf, 14 inches around biceps, 12 inches around forearm, 8 inches around wrist, and 17 inches around neck. He is just six feet tall barefooted, and will be 30 years old on June 4.

About 200 visitors were at the Robertson cottage yesterday when Fitzsimmons was read to begin his work. For over an hour he boxed without an intermission, taking Felix Vanquelin, Van Heest, a local blacksmith, and a big, strapping young colored man, one after the other, and yet when the rain came on and drove the boxes into the little gymnasium Fitzsimmons appeared as fresh and strong as when he stripped for work.

SNOWSHOEING.

The Crescent Snowshoe Club held their annual steeplechase over the mountain course on Thursday night, when both the club and green events were decided by the one race. D. Logan, who entered as a green runner, surprised every one by winning both medals in 20 min. 30 sec. There was a good muster of members and friends at the Club House.

Interest in the Holly open steeplechase this afternoon is greatly increased by the offer of a valuable gold medal to the competitor beating the record made by Mr. J. G. Ross, namely 17.20. A good field have entered among them being five from the Lachine club, two from Montreal and several from Argyle.

MISCELLANEOUS.

An extraordinary accident at Newark on Wednesday afternoon at a clay pigeon shooting contest on New London avenue. During the progress of the sport there were gathered on the grounds a crowd of spectators. As Charles Peters was handling a

double barreled gun preparatory to shooting it accidentally went off and discharged its load right into the crowd, which was hardly twenty-five feet distant. Those who witnessed the accident expected to find a dozen or more killed or maimed. Strange to say, however, only four men had been struck and two of them seriously injured. These were Joseph Jacobs and George Batson, the latter colored. Jacobs was literally covered with shot wounds in the face and breast. His eyes were put out, and it will be remarkable if he recovers. Batson will also be deprived of his sight and will carry shot around his head for life. The other two victims, George Messimer and Charles McCarthy, were only slightly injured.

The New York World of the 24th inst. says: Peter Jackson arrived in town yesterday. He expects to sail to-day on the White Star steamer Germanic for Liverpool. The Australian pugilist who accompanied by his manager, "Parson" Davies, and Con. Riordan, the young Californian who spars with him in the theatres. As to the probable result of his fight with Frank Slavin he would say nothing save that he proposed to try his best to get first money.

Steve Brodie is confident that Fitzsimmons will defeat Maher. Steve says he is going to New Orleans \$5,000 strong to bet on Fitzsimmons.

Gypsy Miles, an ex-St. Louis pug, says he lost 15 minutes of his life once. It was six years ago when he faced John L. Sullivan. He was always proud of the fact, however, of having once faced John L., and at times will insist that the lick Sullivan gave him was "accidental."

Michael Conroy, the champion high jumper of Australia, claims to have created a world's record by clearing 6 feet 5 inches. G. W. Rowden, the ex-English champion, is said to have beaten this jump by three-eighths of an inch.

LABOR AND WAGES.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Japan women load vessels.

Machinists have 230 unions.

New York has 60,000 Swedes.

A glass combine is announced.

Toledo bakers were locked out.

Uncle Sam has 73,045 paupers.

Chicago has 30,000 unemployed.

London has 4,000 letter carriers.

Revolutionist Garza is a printer.

Toys employ 32,000 in Thuringia.

Nevada miners want \$3.50 a day.

Wood fibre underclothing is new.

England has 20,000 women farmers.

Warsaw has women car conductors.

New York bakers won another shop.

Norway has a waterproof paper church.

Chicago has a woman's baking company.

California printers formed a State union.

There are 30,000 Brotherhood Engineers.

New York insurance clerks are organized.

Some New York plasterers struck against a cut.

Russia makes 30,000,000 wooden spoons a year.

Lowell spinners average \$9 and \$10 per week.

London button hole makers get 25 cents a day.

New York has 1,500,000 tenement residents.

Seven thousand miners in Austria are on strike.

Baltimore compels a new license.

New York unions want Castle Garden for meetings.

Less than 800 persons own half the soil of Ireland.

Printers are requested to keep away from New York.

El Paso cigarmakers struck for \$1 per 1,000 advance.

The Amalgamated Society of Carpenters has 35,429 members.

A scab employment bureau has been opened in New York.

Some New York steamfitters struck against non-union men.

K. of L. building constructors in New York are 4,000 in number.

A workman was fined for calling another an Anarchist.

Ex-President Strasser, of the cigarmakers, is going to deliver lectures.

One million children work in factories and mills in the United States.

The Brotherhood of Painters organized 86 new unions during the past year.

The printers of Michigan are going to organize a State union in a few days.

Union printers in Utah succeeded in securing all territorial printing for union offices.

Cigarmakers of Syracuse unionized a scab shop, and the barbers also gained two shops last week.

Brassworkers have established a general labor bureau with branches at New York and Chicago.

Textile workers in New York have \$6,000 in the strike fund and \$2,800 in the sick benefit fund.

Union printers of England brought eight large offices under the union banner during the past few days.

Convict labor contractors in the United States last year cleared \$300,400 according to the official census.

In 1856 only eight trades had the eight hour day in Melbourne, Australia; to-day over sixty trades are working only eight hours.

A co-operative cabmen's society has been formed in London. The first to take shares to the amount of \$250 was a tramway conductor.

An Indianapolis clerk sued a firm for the time he worked over eight hours. He got \$125, but the case has been appealed by the employer.

Twenty-three immigrants, who arrived at New York on Friday last in the steamer Aller, were debarred from landing under the alien contract labor law.

Several miners in the southern collieries of New South Wales have been fined from \$5 to \$25 for failing to give forty-eight hours' notice before going on strike.

The agitation for a legal eight hour day among the miners of Great Britain is progressing with unabated vigor. Over 200,000 organized miners are in favor of the measure.

A despatch from London states that 6,000 engineers employed in works on the rivers Wear, Tyne and Tees have struck in consequence of a dispute regarding payment of overtime.

One of the most extensive of the minor industries in Russia is the manufacture of wooden spoons, of which 30,000,000 are produced every year in the Czar's domains. They are made of birchwood.

For the State Labor Bureau of New Jersey only \$4,000 have been appropriated by the Legislature of that State this year, while at least \$5,000 would be necessary to make the service somewhat efficient.

Mexican bricklayers can only lay 500 bricks in a day of eleven hours, while an American can lay 2,500 in a day of nine hours. Wages vary greatly. Field hands receive from 12½ cents to \$1 a day.

There is no society for the prevention of cruelty to animals in Paris, the consequence being that horses are badly used as a rule, flogged with heavy whips and run in carts until completely worn out. But the labor organizations have adopted resolutions threatening to boycott employers who refuse to treat their animals humanely.

In the British House of Commons, Wednesday, the bill amending the Shop Hour Regulation Bill so as to include women passed its second reading by a vote of 172 to 152. A workshop, as defined in the bill, includes saloons, restaurants and drapers' shops, and limits women's work to 74 hours weekly, including meal times. At present there is no law regulating the hours women shall be employed in shops.

In their appeal to the workmen of the country to assist them in their effort to abolish the sweating system, the United Garment Workers of America say: "Moral suasion alone will not do the work. If moral suasion was of any benefit mankind would long ago have had its conscience pricked so sharply that it would have wiped out this curse of the nineteenth century. If a contribution of dollars was all that was needed the sweating system would not be alive to-day. Two men nor twelve men cannot kill this pestilential system of industry. Every one must come to the rescue of the operative tailors. The system is worse than chattel slavery, but it will be abolished if the public conscience revolts against it."

Two hundred thousand dollars worth of mortgages and notes have been lost in the mails between Minneapolis and Superior.

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