

**Very Bad Cough.**  
Bring on Lung Troubles.  
Flesh through illness.  
Eaten with Consumption.  
**Dr. Emulsion.**  
REQUIRE.

me again repeat that when Sir John Abbott was premier he wrote Mr. Meredith asking him if he would enter his cabinet if such an arrangement could be made. That was the only letter that Mr. Meredith got for Sir John Abbott could not write him again to say that the deal was off. And why was it off? Simply because Sir John Abbott of Kingston would not consent to stop his warfare against Mr. Meredith if he became a minister at Ottawa, despite the fact that Sir John Thompson assured the bishop that he would become a member of the cabinet. Mr. Meredith naturally feels a little indignant, but no explanation was ever vouchsafed him in this delicate matter. As to Messrs. Angers, Guimet and Costigan resigning over the school matter, I do not think they would ever think of giving up \$7,000 a year without some satisfactory provision being made for them. It is not political principles, but dollars and cents they are after.

SLABTOWN.

## UP BARCLAY SOUND.

Surveyors a Little Too Early.—The Government Agent.

Albion, March 6.—The steamer *Manda* came in on Saturday with a full cargo and 40 bales of hay on deck. Surveyor A. S. Goring and about five men came up to survey China creek from the mouth up. They are at least a month too soon and cannot accomplish much now.

As announced a week ago, a meeting was held in the court house on Saturday afternoon to protest against the appointment of Thos. Fletcher as government agent here. Messrs. Bayne, Bishop, Faber, Heath, Huff, Smith and Thompson were nominated for the office. The choice eventually falling on G. A. Huff, with 32 votes. A. Huff is supposed to be going out to Victoria to present it early this week, but the government nominee will no doubt be appointed.

Some one has been misleading the Nanaimo newspapers respecting the Chinese question here. Nothing has been done or can be done in the matter, except a few who have amongst themselves agreed not to employ the Mongolians. All the Chinamen here are at work.

## CANADIAN NEWS.

The News of Eastern Canada in Short Paragraphs.

The Patrons of North Brant have nominated S. G. Kitchen (Liberal), of St. George for the legislature.

T. B. Byrle, barrister, of Brantford, has skipped to the States, leaving a number of sorrowful creditors.

A winding-up order has been granted for the George Bishop Printing and engraving Company of Montreal.

The traffic receipts of the C. P. R. for the week ending Feb. 28th, were \$207,000; for the same week last year, \$345,000.

The auditors have discovered a shortage of \$3,000 in the public school books of Secretary-Treasurer's accounts of Benford.

A protest was entered on Saturday against the election of J. O. Tillenue as mayor of Montreal, bribery and corruption being alleged.

The Conservatives of Addington have nominated J. W. Bell, of Camden, the sitting member, for the legislature.

Edward Langvin, a French-Canadian from Sherbrooke, died at the hospital in Montreal from lock-jaw, caused by his legs being crushed by accident.

A Hamilton widow, Mrs. Lawrence, has proved her claim to the estate of her father, Captain Reid, who died at Sioux City on October 18, 1892, and will get \$70,000 or \$80,000.

It is announced that St. Peter's cathedral, Montreal, which has been under construction since 1876, will be open to the public for worship on Easter Sunday. The edifice has cost over half a million dollars.

James Moore, market gardener, and poultry raiser at Milton, suicided by hanging. He left a note saying he was in poor health and financially embarrassed. He has a daughter married to the Rev. Mr. Allan, a Presbyterian minister at Denver, Col.

The shoemakers in the employ of J. D. King & Co., Toronto, manufacturers of boots and shoes, who two months ago struck against the reduction of 20 per cent. in their wages, have agreed to accept a 10 per cent. reduction and have gone back to work.

Judge Horne at Windsor sentenced Joseph and John Munger, two brothers, both over 60 years, to two years each in Kingston penitentiary. The prisoners are convicted of having enticed, by offers of candies and coppers, ten little girls, all under ten years of age, into the store of a man named Devers at Leamington, where they were criminally assaulted on different occasions.

Stetson, Cutter & Co. will not run their big sawmill at St. John this year because of the low prices of lumber in the United States. The lumber statistics show a big falling off in the cut throughout this province during the past year. As lumber is the chief industry, the other traders will be affected. The total cut of logs of the Anroostok this year is but eight million feet which is forty million less than last year.

A pretty woman may increase her charms by clearing her skin of sallowness and discoloring eruptions *Emulsion's Liver Lozenges*. 25 cents.

Every household should be supplied with a bottle of

## STAMINAL.

It makes delicious Beef Tea in one minute by merely adding hot water.

It contains the virtue of Beef and Wheat and the tonic qualities of Hypophosphates.

Sold by all Grocers and Druggists. Prepared by The Johnston Fluid Beef Co., Montreal.

## YATES'S PRATTLE.

The Garrulous Retainer of Aristocratic Small Beer

## GIVES HIS TONGUE ITS WEEKLY WAG

What Her Gracious Majesty Will Do and Won't Do.

Mr. Gladstone Declines the Doubtful Honors of a Peerage.—The Authorship of Letters of Junius.—Lord Rosebery Owns the Derby Favorite.—The Radicals Organizing.

New York, March 6.—Edmund Yates, in his letter to the Tribune, says: The Queen proposes to leave Windsor for Florence next Tuesday afternoon. The Queen intends to reside at Florence for nearly five weeks, then she will proceed to Cologne for a stay of about nine days, returning from that place direct to London. Her Majesty is expected to arrive at Windsor Castle from the continent on April 28th.

The Queen has offered Mr. Gladstone an earldom either for himself or for his wife, but he declined any such honor, desiring in this matter, as he informed her majesty, to follow the example of his political master, Sir Robert Peel, who refused similar distinctions in 1846, and they were again declined by Lady Peel in 1850, after her husband's death.

The Queen was asked to purchase the necklace, earrings and brooch in the Eglington collection of jewels which had belonged to Mary Queen of Scots, but Her Majesty declined, as Queen Mary is not one of her favorites. Some time ago a fine portrait of Charles II came into the market and the Queen was urgently requested to buy it for the royal collection at Windsor Castle. Her Majesty refused, and then an elaborate memorandum was sent to the palace in which the reasons for buying the picture were enumerated. Ultimately the Queen decided to purchase the work, and thus endorsed the memorandum. "I don't like Charles II."

Mr. Gladstone's resignation has caused a flutter in every political dovecote, but among the Anti-Parnellite M. P.'s its effect has been little short of consternation. If the grand old man be the apostle of home rule, John Morley is its prophet, and to lose both at one stroke is a grievous blow to them. Their suggestion that Herbert Gladstone should succeed Mr. Morley in the Irish office sufficiently indicates the demoralization the event has produced. Fancy the home rule bill passed by the Commons with Sir William Harcourt as leader of the house and Herbert Gladstone as chief secretary for Ireland. The proposition is a frantic effort to retain a hold thus indirectly upon the veteran champion of their discarded cause, who has so egregiously sold them by withdrawing from office.

A well known member of the House of Commons, I hear, entertained 25 Radical members at dinner a few nights ago, when they were one and all personally invited to join the opposition in a vote of want of confidence if any peer was made prime minister and then, having turned out the government, they would consolidate the Radical party quite independently of the present organization. Several other Radicals had intimated their cordial adherence to the plans of these arousing "stalwarts of the mountain." As the gross majority of the government is only 38, it is quite clear that the Radical war is a war of masters of the situation if they hold together, and they have deliberately decided to take a stand or let the party fall, on the principle that the prime minister must be a member of the House of Commons. However, the Radical bark has hitherto been a great deal worse than the bite, and no doubt the gasconading will end in a collapse.

What a comfort it will be when the controversy as to who wrote the "Letters of Junius" is satisfactorily settled. There is yet another book on the subject, the author of which is a grandson of Sir Philip Francis. He claims to prove conclusively that Francis was Junius.

It would almost seem as if the much desiderated days when the prime minister owned a favorite for the Derby, and the leader of the opposition bred the prize or, were returning. At the present moment the owner of the favorite for the Derby is prime minister of England, and if all goes well is likely to be returned the winner.

The arrow is to be congratulated upon his most recent achievement. He has constructed a vessel capable of steaming 28 knots in an hour, which is considerably in excess of the speed attained by the fastest trains between, say, London and Hastings, or Portsmouth.

The highest speed hitherto attained is 27 knots.

## The Gaylor Victim.

Plymouth, Pa., March 6.—The car which the thirteen entombed miners in the Gaylor mine were using when buried under the cave in, was rescued today by the rescuers. It is expected the bodies will soon be recovered.

## Stamp Mills Necessary.

St. Paul, Minn., March 6.—The gold field near Bally lake is no place for poor men. The ore is in ledge and to get the metal stamp mills are necessary. As there is much tale in the rock, it is to be seen whether it can be worked.

## Thomas P. Gregory, of Elkador, Iowa.

was prosecuted for the murder of some boys in the rock. From these when they were cleaned out, he took 131 1-2 ounces of gold nuggets, worth about \$2,400.

## Freaks of a Crank.

Central City, Colo., March 6.—In passing through the town of Central City, yesterday morning made the discovery that the grave of Alfred Hooking had been opened and robbed. Hooking died in Denver about six weeks ago, after a protracted illness. He was about 60, and possessed considerable means. On his deathbed he requested that as much money as could be spent should be lavished upon him after death. He wanted

the most expensive coffin that could be had, and his shroud must be of the best. His own words were: "I'll wear up like a dude." His jewelry also must be buried with him, he said. All his requests were carried out. A ring on one of his fingers was valued at \$400 and other jewelry and valuables were buried with him for a long time. He was an eccentric man, and when drunk was ferocious. His wife feared for her life and left him and is now in England. A daughter lives in this city.

## EVERYTHING READY.

What the Government is Doing to Shorten the Session.

Ottawa, March 6.—A minister stated today that the estimates would be ready to be laid before parliament immediately after the speech from the throne was delivered. Tariff revision is so far advanced that the budget and tariff changes can be announced within a few days after the meeting of the house. In this way the government expects to shorten the session, as the tariff can be debated at the beginning instead of at the end of the session.

## SEALING REGULATIONS.

British Government Said to be Dissatisfied With Them.

Washington, March 6.—There is understood to be a hitch in the negotiations between this country and Great Britain looking to an enforcement of the decrees of the Paris tribunal, relative to the protection of seals in Behring Sea. It is learned that the British government is dissatisfied with the regulations adopted by the Paris arbitrators, and is now seeking to secure their modification. The season begins on May 1st, and it is important, therefore, that some agreement should soon be reached as to the instructions to be given to the commanders of the United States and British ships which will cruise in Behring Sea from that date until July 31st.

Unless the British government shows a more prompt desire to execute the findings of the Paris arbitrators than it has shown up to the present time, there may be some delay in getting the patrol vessels to the sealing grounds in due season.

Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British ambassador, is understood to contend that the regulations suggested by the Paris tribunal are unduly severe in prescribing the length of the closed season and the extent of the prohibited zone.

With respect to the construction of the regulations, there is no immediate prospect of an agreement being reached between Secretary Graham and Sir Julian Pauncefote. Relative to the claim of Great Britain that the duration of the closed season is too great and that the territory in which sealers are prohibited from entering is too large, state department officials contend that the matter is not one for discussion, as the restrictions imposed were framed by the arbitrators, to whom by the mutual agreement of the United States and Great Britain, the whole question of the rights of both countries was submitted.

It is urged on Sir Julian Pauncefote's part that a strict enforcement of the arbitrators' regulations will seriously injure the Canadian sealers' interests; also that a reduction in the seal catch will have a depressing effect upon an important industry in England, namely, the preparation of seal-skins for the market.

Whether or not Sir Julian Pauncefote's diplomat will win Secretary Graham to the English point of view remains to be seen. It was said at the state department today that no concessions requested by England have been granted, and no action looking to such an end was contemplated.

## Railway Suits Decided.

Washington, March 6.—In the supreme court yesterday in the case of the Southern Pacific against Isabella Zeley, administratrix of B. Zeley, the court reversed the judgment of the court below in favor of Zeley. In the case of the Montana Co. Limited, et al, against the St. Louis Mining and Milling Co., the court held that the survey of mining property ordered by the court of that state, is not a deprivation of property without process of law, and is not in conflict with the 14th amendment to the constitution by Justice Brewer.

## May Have to Fight.

San Francisco, March 6.—The Canadian Pacific road will probably enter the rate war as one of the representatives that road said: "The Canadian Pacific wants to keep out of the trouble if it can, but if it continues much longer, the seaboard business in which we are interested will become so demoralized that it will compel us to take some action."

## The Pilot Chart Memorial.

Washington City, March 5.—Senator Squire will make good use of the memorial of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce praying congress to appropriate \$10,000 for the publication of a pilot chart of the North Pacific coast. The memorial points out "that the growth of the marine interests of the North Pacific ocean which has taken place of late years, as evidenced by the numerous fleet of sailing vessels engaged in the sealing industry, and the consequent detail of a large number of the vessels of the United States navy and the revenue marine service for the patrol of portions of that vast stretch of water by the establishment of direct lines of communication from Puget Sound and British Columbia to the Orient; by the increase of the number and class of the vessels engaged in the fisheries and the rapid increase of all the interests referred to, it is promised for the future, as well as the growth of the commercial interests directly involved in the shipments of wheat, lumber and coal from Puget Sound; the coastwise traffic generally, and the establishment of new lines of steamships to Japan, China and Siberia, and the consequent increase of the demand for the publication of the proposed chart." If other Chambers of Commerce and Boards of Trade act as promptly as Seattle has done, this important work may be secured.

## EARNED HIS ACES.

Captain Bourasse Adds to His Stock of Olive Branches.

## THE TWELFTH EXISTING MEMBER.

The Proud Papa Thus Secures One Hundred Acres

Of Choice Quebec Land.—The Captain Making Out the Papers.—Reported that Non-Treaty Indians are Slaughtering Wood Buffalo and Musk Ox Out of Season.

Montreal, March 6.—A son was born yesterday to Captain Bourasse, deputy harbor master for Montreal. This makes the twelfth living child in the family, and the captain is preparing his papers to claim from the government the 100 acres of land to which he is entitled.

Ottawa, March 6.—The minister of the interior will introduce a bill at the next session of parliament designed to protect the fur-bearing and game animals of the unorganized districts of the Northwest. The non-treaty Indians are now in the habit of slaughtering such animals as the wood buffalo and musk ox, out of season.

Montreal, March 6.—Yesterday afternoon a farmer, Gustave Lambert, was coming up to the city with a load of grain on the river road, when in front of Longue Pointe, the ice broke, and man, horse and sleigh went through. Fortunately a number of other farmers were following, and with their prompt assistance Lambert, and the horse and sleigh were rescued, but a portion of the grain was lost.

## Baron Tweedmouth Dead.

London, March 5.—Baron Tweedmouth died suddenly today.

Dudley Courts Marjoribanks, first Baron Tweedmouth, was born in 1820 and created a peer in 1881. His son, Right-Hon. Edward Marjoribanks, M.P., born in 1849, succeeds to the title. The deceased was father of Lady Aberdeen.

## The Unionists May Return.

London, March 6.—The Duke of Devonshire, Joseph Chamberlain, and other notorious Tories, conferred this morning with reference to the speech to be made by the Duke of Devonshire at Yeovil to-night. It is believed the duke will make reference to the reported negotiations between Rosebery and the Liberal Unionists' leader, with a view to the return of the Unionists to the Liberal party.

## Rascals Fall Out.

Henderson, N. C., March 6.—A referee has been appointed by the court in a controversy between A. M. Basket, a farmer, and R. Moss, a Republican "hold-over" politician, here. It is alleged that Moss offered to sell the property to Basket for \$300. Basket mortgaged his farm and paid \$20 to a lawyer to draw up papers, and agreed to pay the expenses of Moss and the lawyer on a trip to Washington to make this transfer. Moss and the lawyer went to Washington, it is alleged, but reported their return that they could not deliver the goods. They demanded \$102 as expenses from Basket. He refused to pay and the case got into court.

## Miners Killed.

Saratoga, Pa., March 6.—Four men were killed in the Richmond shaft this morning by the falling of rock. The mine is on fire.

When the rock fell three men working directly under it were crushed to death. Six others rushed into the opening, one of them carrying a naked lamp went further into the opening than the comrades and instantly he was enveloped in flames and before the others could extinguish them, he was dead. The after-damp quickly gathered, and it was only by prompt action that the survivors reached the foot of the shaft, and signaling the engine, were hoisted to the surface. As soon as the flames were extinguished and the shaft cleared of gas, the bodies were brought to the surface.

## Humorists or Crank.

New York, March 6.—Wm. M. Shinn of Ohio, had lodged a claim for a billion dollars against the city of New York. It is made in a letter which was received by the corporation counsel yesterday morning, as follows: "Dear Sir.—The city of New York, by its charter, is the owner of the county of Burlington and State of New Jersey, have deposited in your bank one billion dollars, and want to draw the money for our use. I am William Shinn, have been appointed general agent for all the heirs. You will send us a check for \$2,000 to pay our immediate expenses, also send me the amount of the residue, all the money in your hands. Please answer by return mail. Yours respectfully, Wm. Shinn. M. Shinn sent a stamped envelope with his letter on which was the address in lead pencil: "William M. Shinn, 924 Bonn street, Piqua, Ohio." Assistant corporation counsel Sterling says he does not know whether the man is a would-be humorist or a crank.

## To Restrict Sealing.

Washington, March 5.—The house committee on foreign affairs now has under consideration a bill introduced by Representative McCreary, which has the purpose of giving effect to the award rendered by the tribunal of arbitration at Paris relating to the preservation of fur seals. It provides that seals shall not be killed or pursued within sixty miles of the Fribourg Islands, nor to the south of the 55th degree of latitude and east of the 150th degree of longitude, from May 1 to July 31. No steamers are to be allowed to hunt seal and all sailing vessels must be licensed. The captain must enter in his log the number of seal caught, each day during the sealing season, and the date when he reaches port, the log calls for the excess will be forfeited and he will be prosecuted for perjury. Shotguns may be used during the season when the

killing of fur-seal is permitted, but no other firearm, explosive, airgun or net. None of these provisions apply to Indians hunting in canoes, provided they are not employed by other persons or are working on contract. The penalty is given power to make regulations to enforce this act. The penalty is a fine of not less than \$200 and imprisonment not more than six months, or both, and vessels and cargoes confiscated. All violations may be prosecuted either in the district court of Alaska or in any district court of the United States in California, Oregon or Washington. The burden of proof is placed upon the suspected and captured vessel. This act will be made to apply to the citizens of any foreign government which may signify its consent thereto and shall become operative whenever the president shall announce that Great Britain has adopted similar measures.

Whether that time comes the president will order two or more war vessels to cruise in the waters to which this act is applicable and enforce the law. This bill has been prepared with great care and meets the views of those who have made a careful study of the fur seal question. It is expected it will pass both houses with little amendment, and if so it is certain to receive the president's approval.

## GLADSTONE AND ROSEBERY.

Congratulations and Regrets Pour in Upon them.

London, March 5.—Mr. Gladstone today wrote Rosebery congratulating him upon his accession to the premiership. In his letter Mr. Gladstone promised to aid the new prime minister whenever his assistance was asked. It is understood that Rosebery's communication to Sir William Vernon Harcourt has resulted in the latter consenting to retain his position as chancellor of the exchequer and to accept the government leadership in the house of commons. Lord Rosebery has engaged all day. Herbert Asquith, home secretary, and Earl Spencer, first lord of the admiralty, visited him and remained for some time. Afterwards Lord Rosebery called upon the Earl of Kimberley and offered him the post of foreign secretary.

## Lord Rosebery Has Been the Recipient

of many congratulatory letters and dispatches. Among those who telegraphed were the Prince and Princess of Wales. Hundreds of letters and telegrams expressing regret because of his retirement from office were received by Mr. Gladstone. The ex-prime minister attended church twice today. He looked remarkably well. Lord Rosebery has not yet entirely recovered from his recent indisposition. The Nationalists propose to present to Mr. Gladstone an address in recognition of his great services in the past. The speech from the throne propounding parliament will be read by the Queen yesterday. The speech is the last official document prepared by Mr. Gladstone. It briefly refers to the protracted and laborious character of the session. It stated that Mr. Gladstone and his colleagues will go on Tuesday to Brighton, and that they will spend Easter at Hawarden castle.

Prime Minister Rosebery held his first cabinet council this morning. All the ministers were present except Mr. Asquith and Henry Fowler, president of the local government board. Upon its conclusion Lord Rosebery sent a message to the Queen expressing his thanks for the members of the new cabinet. Interviews had today by a representative of the Associated Press with leading members of the house of commons showed that while a number of Liberals continue to strongly resent the selection of Lord Rosebery as Mr. Gladstone's successor, there is a large preponderance of Liberals who favor accepting Lord Rosebery. Lord Rosebery continues to be the irreconcilable. He thinks that they will soon find an opportunity to present in a practical form in the house of commons against the selection of Lord Rosebery.

## Colonna's Sues for Libel.

Paris, March 5.—Upon information given by Prince Colonna, John W. McKay's son-in-law, the Paris officials seized today all copies of the New York World of February 5, which were offered here for sale. Prince Colonna declared that an article published in the World of that date was libelous. The paragraph to which he objected strenuously said: "The duke of Colonna, who is a member of the house of the jockey club in Rome for cheating at cards. His lawyers have served a writ upon Joseph Pulitzer, of the World, claiming \$100,000 damages. Maitre Desjardins, the prince's chief counsel, says his client will divide the amount of damages which he expects will be awarded him."

Count Rosponi, an attaché of the Italian embassy, said in an interview this morning that he had been told by Prince Colonna was expelled from the jockey club for cheating at cards is a palpable falsehood. The jockey club is not a real club as clubs go, but merely a sporting association society. There is no gambling whatever in it, of course, owing to its nature. It is a fact that, years ago, Lamberto Colonna was expelled from a Roman hunting club called the Circolo della Oca because he hid cards, but this is not related in any way to the community, which have been running wide open for 18 months under a city ordinance by which keepers are fined monthly for conducting disorderly houses. The fight of the law and order people finally became so formidable that Chief of Police Seavey was compelled to recognize it, and accordingly two weeks ago an order was issued notifying the owners and managers of all gambling houses, disorderly houses and policy shops to close up their business by this morning under threat that every state law and city ordinance against them would thereafter be enforced. The order has created much commotion, but those concerned realize the fact that the chief is in earnest, and have therefore decided that opposition either open or covert would be useless.

## A Law and Order Victory.

Omaha, Neb., March 7.—The municipal boycott on the social evil and the gambling houses went into effect at midnight, and to-day many brights and darks and keepers of questionable resorts are preparing to seek green fields and pastures new. For over a year the law and order element has been making a determined fight on many two classes of the community, which have been running wide open for 18 months under a city ordinance by which keepers are fined monthly for conducting disorderly houses. The fight of the law and order people finally became so formidable that Chief of Police Seavey was compelled to recognize it, and accordingly two weeks ago an order was issued notifying the owners and managers of all gambling houses, disorderly houses and policy shops to close up their business by this morning under threat that every state law and city ordinance against them would thereafter be enforced. The order has created much commotion, but those concerned realize the fact that the chief is in earnest, and have therefore decided that opposition either open or covert would be useless.

## THE GOLDEN STATE.

Ex-President Harrison at San Jose.—The Emerald Snugglers.

San Francisco, March 6.—Passengers by the steamship Walla Walla which left today: T. M. Henderson, Henry C. Long, Miss Lucy Vrooman, D. H. Rose, J. C. Doe, J. Dobert, Mrs. J. Munroe, E. H. Bracwell, L. Redon, W. G. McDonald.

San Jose, Cal., March 6.—Ex-President Harrison, accompanied by Mrs. McKim, arrived here yesterday morning at 9:12 this morning and will return this evening. Rev. Dr. Haynes and Private Secretary Tibbets will take up their permanent residence at Palo Alto during the general's stay. The first lecture to the students of Stanford university begins to-morrow afternoon.

Riverside, Cal., March 6.—Andrew Morales assaulted and shot Ramon Aruse at Rocky Hill, a Mexican settlement near here on Saturday night, the latter being in the company of a friend, when the crime. The murderer was tracked to Perris, about six miles from the scene of the murder, where the trail was lost. A posse is still in pursuit.

## HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.

More Correspondence Submitted to Congress To-day.

## THREE DISPATCHES FROM WILLIS,

Giving a Brief History of Events on the Islands.

The People Anxiously Waiting for Congress' Decision.—The Chinese Protest Against Special Licenses.—They Claim the Same Protection and Rights as Are Accorded Other Nations.

Washington, D. C., March 7.—The president sent to congress to-day more Hawaiian correspondence, including three dispatches from Willis, one dated Feb. 10, and the others dated Feb. 14 and Feb. 15 respectively. The dispatch of Feb. 14 gives a history of events on the island as already published, and states that while the present month has been unusually quiet, the action of congress is awaited with great interest as indicating the future policy of the United States towards this country.

The decision to increase the number of members of the advisory council from 14 to 24 is referred to by Willis, who mentions the rumors of the poisoning of a number of government soldiers, but says there seems to have been little cause for such suspicions. He also speaks of the rumored Chinese uprising, which also is in his opinion, was utterly without foundation. Willis says a spirited contest is in progress looking to the introduction of the representative system into the councils of the provisional government. Under date of Feb. 15 Willis mentions the appointment of a committee by the provisional government to prepare an act for holding a constitutional convention, also the election of Mr. Hatch as minister of foreign affairs. He says at a mass meeting of the Chinese held on the previous night 3,000 attended. Resolutions were passed denouncing an injustice the act before the provisional government obliging Chinese residents to obtain a special license as requisite to conduct business in the country, and asserting their right to dwell in Hawaii and be accorded the protection of the law upon terms of equality with those of other nationalities.

## A Terrible Brute.

West Union, Iowa, March 7.—The details of horrible murder have just come to light through the death bed confession of Michael Joyce, of Alhambra county. Four years ago he ordered his nephew, James Joyce, to clean out a distillery. The boy obeyed, but as soon as he reached the bottom, his uncle pulled up the ladder, he then procured a shotgun and fired both loads into the defenceless boy. Michael disclosed the rumor that the boy had gone south and was sought stealing horses and was hanged. The murderer was a terrible brute and confessed having frequently dragged his aged, sickly mother out of her bed just to hear her scream and groan.

## Witnessed the Murders.

Liberty, N. Y., March 7.—Stewart Gross said here last night that he was a witness of the murder of the veteran Jacob Moore, and his housekeeper, in their cottage near Bushville recently. He said John O'Dell, who is now in jail as a suspect, did the killing. Gross said he got none of the booty and had for some time been willing to testify if he could be assured of exemption from prosecution. Gross left here on a freight train, but will be arrested. Sheriff Bercher has a standing offer of \$500 for the conviction of the murderer, and the county has offered \$300 additional.

## A Victim of Morphine.

San Francisco, March 7.—Miss Alice Alderdy, who was found with Dr. J. Leek in an unconscious condition in the doctor's room on Monday morning last, both suffering apparently from morphine and cocaine poisoning, died shortly after 1 o'clock this morning. Her father and mother were present, and the scene was most affecting. Dr. Leek had slightly changed for the better at a late hour this morning, and there are now hopes for his recovery.

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## A Question of Religion.

Washington, D. C., March 7.—The judiciary committee of the house of representatives met in the committee room at noon to-day for the purpose of listening to arguments on the resolution of Representative Morse, of Massachusetts, proposing an amendment to the preamble of the constitution of the United States, "acknowledging the supreme authority of the just government of Almighty God in all the affairs of men and nations." This question has been before congress at intervals ever since the constitution was adopted. Of late the pressure from those who believe that such an amendment should be made to the constitution has been so great that it could not be ignored.

The proposition is antagonized by representatives of various societies of free thinkers, atheists and agnostics, and it will be supported ten times more strongly by representatives of the various religious denominations. The hearings will occupy several weeks.

## WILL PRODUCE PROOF.

Serious Charges Made Against Civil Service Administration.

New York, March 7.—Last Sunday Rev. Madison C. Peters, of the Bloomingdale Reformed church, this city, made charges reflecting on the civil service administration in Washington. He said in effect that Romanism was the ruling power in the governmental departments in the capital city, that Roman Catholics were privileged to receive advance copies of civil service questions, that Protestant clerks had been discharged on religious grounds, etc. These charges stirred up civil service commissioner Roosevelt, who made an emphatic statement, denying them in toto, and challenging Dr. Peters to give names and facts.

Yesterday he announced that some "guttering generalities," which he was accused of having indulged in last Sunday, he will take pains in