

## ECHOES OF THE WEEK

## European.

The Imperial Parliament was opened with the usual ceremony at two o'clock on Tuesday afternoon. The members began assembling as early as eight o'clock with the object of securing seats. At eleven o'clock a detachment of "Beef Eaters" arrived from the Tower of London, headed by a sergeant. They made the usual search of the vaults of Westminster Hall but found nothing. The interest of the aristocrats, especially the sporting class, was centered in the House of Lords where the Earl of Dudley, noted for his skill as gentleman rider, had been selected to make his maiden parliamentary effort by moving the address in reply to the Queen's speech. At 2 o'clock there was a fair sprinkling of members in the House, though ministers and ex-ministers were, as a body, conspicuous by their absence. There was a general buzz of conversation until Black Rod called Her Majesty's faithful commoners to the bar of the House of Lords to hear Her Majesty's speech read. The commoners walked to the Lords' Chamber, where standing by the woolsack near the throne, the Lord Chancellor read the queen's speech.

A first class carriage attached to an express train bound for Braila was burned last night, and eighteen passengers who were asleep when the fire broke out perished in the flames, the doors of the carriage being locked.

A meeting was held at Devonshire house on Monday to select a successor to Lord Hartington, now Duke of Devonshire, as the Liberal-Unionist leader in the House of Commons. Mr. Jos. Chamberlain, M. P. for Birmingham, who has long been talked of as the successor of Lord Hartington as Parliamentary leader, was formally elected to the position. Mr. Chamberlain in a speech said the Duke of Devonshire would still direct the policy of the party. He maintained that his position was that of a Liberal. All the opinions he had expressed throughout the fight for the maintenance of the Union he still firmly adhered to.

## American.

Charles Farnham died in Binghampton, N. Y., the other day in supposed poverty. His effects consisted of a threadbare suit of clothes and a dilapidated valise which it was believed contained only a quantity of soiled linen. Farnham was a bachelor about 45 years of age, and came from Honesdale, Pa., five years ago, and made a living dealing in cigars. The valise was discovered to be packed full of pieces of dirty underwear, which were rolled in wads. When they were undone they were found to contain greenbacks, gold and silver, Government bonds and other securities amounting to about \$40,000. Farnham is survived by one brother and three sisters.

A few evenings ago evidences of an attempted burglary were found at the residence of Henry S. Ottenheimer, a clothing merchant of Peoria, Ill. All the silverware in the house was found tied up in a tablecloth in the hallway, the thief having been scared away. A policeman was put on guard at the residence to prevent a similar occurrence, but last night the thief returned and carted away all the valuables.

Messrs. Van Houghton and Duffing, of New York, executors of the will of Emma Abbott, the famous singer, on Monday took the ashes of the deceased to Gloucester, where they were sealed into the beautiful monument in Oak Grove cemetery, erected by Miss Abbott before her death. The ashes were encased in a box about 8 inches square.

Dr. Chuy Suez Ye, a San Francisco physician, well known and respected, died Monday from a wound inflicted on him by two Chinese hiberners Saturday evening. The murder was most wanton and unprovoked.

The Merchants bank of Moorehead, Minn., closed its doors to-day with \$170,000 on deposit, including a considerable amount of county funds.

## Canadian.

A very sad sudden death occurred at four o'clock Monday afternoon. Mrs. Collingwood Schreiber, of Ottawa, was in her sitting room sewing and rose to get some thread, when she staggered and fell dead. The cause was heart disease.

Mr. Mackintosh, of the Ottawa Citizen, left rather suddenly for England on Monday, accompanied by his daughter. He said he would be back in about six weeks.

The Ottawa Fish hatchery last week received 1,000,000 salmon trout eggs from the Newcastle hatchery. This week 4,000,000 white fish eggs from the Sandwich hatchery and 40,000 speckled trout eggs from Newcastle will arrive.

Although the revised voters' lists are being rushed through as fast as possible and the preference given places where there were protests, still so far only sixty of the revised lists have been completed, revised, signed by the revising officer and printed.

Daily orders prohibiting the transportation of grain from one district to another in Russia alarm merchants, who fear they are a prelude to the confiscation of their stocks.

The British Chamber of Shipping has adopted a resolution in favor of Great Britain negotiating a convention with the United States to prevent "crimping" and desertion of British sailors in American ports.

The steamer Earl of Dumfries ran into and sank the schooner Railway at Cardiff on Wednesday. The schooner's crew consisted of five men; three of them were drowned and the other two were rescued by the steamer.

A despatch from Landsberg, close to the frontier, states that a conflict has occurred between a body of Russian gendarmes and band of emigrants. The fight took place on Russian territory a short distance from Landsberg. Three emigrants were killed and ten were wounded. A number of the emigrants were taken prisoners.

At a meeting of the members of the Parnellite party in London Mr. John E. Redmond was formally elected chairman.

In the House of Commons on Wednesday afternoon James Lowther, parliamentary secretary of the foreign office, said Great Britain and the United States had agreed that France, Italy and Sweden should act as arbitrators of the Behring Sea dispute. Mr. Lowther added, however, that although France, Italy and Sweden had been agreed upon they had not as yet been asked to appoint the arbitrators. Great Britain and the United States, he said, would each have two representatives before the arbitration commission.

The four leaders of the Anarchists who attacked the town of Xeres were executed at Madrid on Wednesday. The platform upon which the garrotes were fixed was in the plaza directly in front of the jail. The four men passed their last night on earth in their cells where they, or at least two of them who professed to be Christians, received religious consolation from the priests in attendance. Early in the morning the final mass was said and shortly afterwards the prisoners, escorted by a number of guards and the priests, who marched before and behind the condemned saying the prayers for the dying, were taken to the plaza. Here they ascended the platform and taking seats in the chairs the executioners fixed the collars about their necks and in an exceedingly short time they paid the penalty of their crimes with their lives. The names of the men executed were Busigna, Sarzella, Lama and Lebrigano.

## Domestic Service.

The North American Review published a paper by Mrs. M. E. W. Sherwood on "The Lack of Good Servants," which repeats the usual story about the difficulty or impossibility of procuring skilled and faithful domestics. Judging from the tone of her article she belongs to that numerous class of monied people who take it for granted that the poor were created entirely for their comfort, and think themselves very hardly used and deprived of what they have come to regard as their birthright because working girls prefer to maintain themselves by seeking employment in stores and factories rather than to go out to service. It is the class feeling such as is manifested in the writings of nearly all who take the mistress' side in the discussion of the servant girl question that is at the root of the whole difficulty. When domestic service is put upon the same basis as any other form of employment, and the feudal idea of cast eliminated, the difficulty, if not removed will be very considerably lessened. So long as domestic service is supposed to imply social inferiority on the part of the domestic, it will be unpopular, and deservedly so. In the early days of the republic it was not so, nor is ever now in the country districts. But so far as the cities and the homes of the wealthy and fashionable are concerned, the acceptance of a servant's position carries with it the implication that the employe is of an inferior order to the employer. Moreover, there is another and a stronger reason always ignored by writers who ask plaintively, "why do not girls go out to service instead of into shops and factories?" viz., the brutal licentiousness of a large proportion of the wealthy class. It is a matter of frequent occurrence that servant girls, if at all good-looking, are debauched by the master of the house or his grown-up sons. Public sentiment in this matter is very lax, and young, unsophisticated girls, whose friends supposed they were safe under the roof of a "respectable" family, have often to lament the loss of their virtue. The servant girl is regarded as the legitimate prey of the lustfully-disposed old and young men, who, as inmates of the same house, possess greater opportunities for effecting her ruin than if she was merely brought into contact with them in business hours. It is the libertinism which forms so prominent and disgusting a feature of modern plutocracy which, more than anything else, makes it difficult to induce respectable girls to go into service.

## THE SPORTING WORLD

## CYCLING.

The managers of the Madison Square garden have issued circulars announcing that they will hold another six-day bicycle race at the garden during the week commencing Monday, March 7. In connection with this tournament there will be held the first cycle exhibition ever given in New York. The men will ride from one o'clock p.m. to one o'clock a.m., and it will be more enjoyed by the public, as the men will ride faster and spurts will be more frequent.

Arthur A. Zimmerman, the crack bicyclist of the New York Athletic club, sailed for England Saturday on the Aurania. A large party of friends gathered at the Cunard dock to bid the popular rider bon voyage. Zimmerman had been prepared to sail for the past two weeks, but was detained by his suspension from the amateur ranks. He is accompanied on his trip by James White, of Freehold, who will look after the American racer while he is abroad. Zimmerman contemplates taking up his residence in London at the home of J. B. Bowden, a well known bicycle manufacturer. He took no wheels with him, because it is his intention to have a special Raleigh racer constructed upon his arrival in England. He will go into active training at once. His early work will consist of road riding. He will not commence his track training until near Easter. The racing season opens at Herne Hill during Easter week, and it is here that all the fast racing men in England congregate. Zimmerman will compete for the first time on foreign soil. Zimmerman will remain abroad about six months, participating in all the big meets in Europe. He does not like to speak of his recent suspension nor criticise Mr. Atwater's action.

## WRESTLING.

Stedman, the English mixed wrestling champion, signed articles at Bradford Wednesday evening to wrestle, best three out of five falls, with Duncan C. Ross, of Philadelphia, the champion of America. The match will be for the championship of the world and £200, and will take place at Bradford on February 11.

## SNOWSHOEING.

The feature of last week's sport was the Star open steeplechase across the mountain. The entries were very numerous, some thirty-five in all, but only twenty started and eighteen finished. The track was in some parts heavy and the running was not made in record time. Gentleman, who was the favorite, came in second to Davis, of Lachine, a green man to the mountain course, whose victory was a surprise to all. Baillie, of the M. A. A., Mason and Steele, of the Argyles, were third, fourth and fifth respectively.

## SKATING.

The annual championship skating races of the Canadian association will be held on the M. A. A. grounds rink, on Saturday, February 20. The following are the events: Junior race, 1 mile, boys under 15 years of age; junior race, half mile, boys under 12 years of age; 220 yards, half mile, 1 mile, 5 miles, 220-yard hurdle, half-mile backwards. Entries close with the secretary, Feb. 18. The above events are open to all amateurs. Any entry, unless from a bona fide amateur club, will require to enclose credentials in support of amateur standing.

## THE RING.

Ed. Gorman, the Columbus lightweight, knocked out James Fielding, of the Pacific slope, at Columbus, O., in eight rounds. The fight was for a purse of \$2,500.

Neilly Gallagher, ex-amateur lightweight champion of the Pacific coast, knocked out Billy Mahon, of San Francisco, in the fifth round. The men fought in San Francisco for a \$1,000 purse.

Harry Gilmore, the well-known Canadian lightweight pugilist whose battles in the fistic arena with Billy Myer, Jack McAuliffe and George Fulljames are matters of record, has been matched to fight Jack Collins, of Detroit, eight rounds, with five ounce Police Gazette champion boxing gloves, at Detroit, on March 2.

Ed. Smith, the Denver heavyweight, whose prospective six round go with Mike Lucie in Montreal was objected to by the authorities has returned to Ottawa. He expects to remain in the capital for some weeks pending new engagements. He has sent an offer to Chicago to stop Jim Hall, the noted Australian middleweight, in ten rounds, and meanwhile hopes to arrange a fight with Gus Lambert the big Montrealer.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

"Mediator," writing in the World, says: I am just in receipt of reliable information that T. P. Conneff, champion amateur long-distance runner of the world, at the solicitation of his friends in the Manhattan Athletic club and at home, has decided to turn professional. Conneff will remain at home for a few months, and after he has had rest will train and compete in amateur races in Great Britain against the British "cracks," such as Kibblewhite, Parry and

others. He will return to America in time to take part in the American championship races. Conneff in all his competitions abroad will run in the name and under the colors of the Manhattan Athletic club.

The Hamilton Spectator says: A wrestling contest took place in the People's Theatre on Saturday night between Johnnie Haslett, of Buffalo, and Alice Williams, the champion female wrestler. George Blake, captain of the Queen City Athletic Club, Buffalo, was appointed referee and Dick Roach timekeeper. The style was Græco-Roman, best two out of three falls, for \$150, posted with the Buffalo News. Miss Williams won the first fall in seven minutes, and Haslett won the next two in six minutes each. Haslett weighs 125 pounds and Miss Williams 134 pounds. Haslett challenges any man in the world 125 pounds or under to wrestle, catch-as-catch-can, for \$250, which he says has been up with the Buffalo News for the past six months. Before the contest commenced Prof. Williams said he would bet anyone in the audience \$25 that the young lady would win. A Hamilton sport made the affair more exciting by taking his offer.

## Coffee as a Disinfectant.

Lady M. L. W. writes to the London Daily Telegraph extolling the virtues of coffee as a disinfectant. She says: "I feel sure you will be ready to make known through your columns the use of coffee as an excellent disinfectant. A physician ordered its use many years ago, and I have four times over proved its efficacy in serious cases of measles, which so treated never extended beyond the one patient. I also used it with great advantage during the influenza epidemic of the last two years, and I firmly believe it prevents the extension of infection by changing and purifying the air with its stimulating aromatic smell, which lasts some time, and which nothing can escape. Two or three red hot cinders in a dustpan sprinkled over with, say, a quarter of a teaspoonful of ground coffee at a time, not enough to flame but simply to smoke, not more than three or four teaspoonfuls in all, will in five minutes, if used, say, at the bottom of a staircase (the room doors being previously opened) pervade the whole house. Gently shaking the dustpan promotes the volume of smoke. Two servants do this regularly morning and evening with very little trouble and trifling expense. In infectious illness such as I have alluded to, coffee is also burned on the landing outside the invalid's room. I hope this simple suggestion may become widely known and largely adopted."

## Railway Tunnels Over a Mile Long.

On the extensive system of the London & Northwestern Railway Company there are five tunnels each of which exceeds a mile in length. The longest tunnel owned by the company is at Festiniog, North Wales. It measures 3 miles 206 yards. The other large tunnels are: Standage, 3 miles 62 yards; Morley, 1,500 yards; Kilsby, 1,663 yards; and Wapping (Liverpool), 1 mile 490 yards.

The Midland Railway Company also possess five tunnels which are of considerable length. The longest tunnel, known as the Brunmor, is 1 mile 840 yards long. The tunnel at Dove's Hole measures 1 mile 660 yards; that at Dronfield 1 mile 264 yards; that near Claycross (Derbyshire) 1 mile 44 yards, while the Belsize tunnel is 1 mile 132 yards in length.

The longest tunnel in England is owned by the Great Western Railway Company. It is constructed under the river Severn, and is 4 miles 624 yards long. On the same railway system are two other long tunnels, Box tunnel, 1 mile 1,452 yards, and Sapper-ton, 1 mile 88 yards.

The Sevenoaks tunnel, on the Southeastern Railway, is 1 mile 1,692 yards in length. The Polehill tunnel, on the same system, is 1 mile 850 yards long, and the Abbots Cliff tunnel 1 mile 173 yards.

The longest tunnel on the London, Chatham and Dover Railway is at Shepherd's Well. It measures 1 mile 616 yards. The Sydenham tunnel is 1 mile 430 yards long.

Three tunnels on the London, Brighton and South Coast Railway are severally over a mile in length, viz., Clayton, 1 mile 506 yards; Merstham, 1 mile 70 yards; Oxted, 1 mile 506 yards.

The London and Southwestern Railway Company have only one tunnel which is over a mile in length. It is situated at Honiton and measures 1 mile 80 yards.

The Littleborough and South railways on the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway exceed a mile in length. The former is 1 mile 1,126 yards long, and the latter, situated between Bolton and Darwen, 1 mile 255 yards long.

Other tunnels exceeding a mile in length are: Mersey tunnel, Liverpool, 3 miles 924 yards; Woodhead tunnel, on the Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway, 3 miles 17 yards; Bramhope tunnel, on the Northeastern Railway, 2 miles 233 yards; Queensbury tunnel, on the Great Northern Railway, 1 mile 742 yards; Drewton tun-

nel, on the Hull and Barnsley Railway, 1 mile 856 yards; and the Harecastle tunnel, on the North Staffordshire Railway, which exceeds a mile by three yards.

## UNION.

The simple word "union" means a great deal, and the sooner the workmen who belong to the different branches of organized labor get to thoroughly understand it, the better for their own interests. The workmen will never succeed until they are educated up to a due appreciation of pulling together. The word "union" must mean something more than a motto. It must stand for some force acting and operating to keep them not only together, but working together. Men must be anvils or hammers. We wonder at the horse and say, "What would he do did he know his strength?" Let us look at home. Do we know ours? Do we use it? Do we use it, not as brute force, but as intellectual force to lift up ourselves? We have schools, we have books and papers. Let us, above all things, think. We have the ballot; that is a weapon; it is all-powerful. The snow-flakes stop the huge locomotives and trains. The little white ballots can beat down into dust the mountains of political iniquity that time and cunning have built up around us.—Workman and Farmer.

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