

EUROPEAN GOSSIP.

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A Lively Fight Expected for the Carlow Vacancy—An Interrupted Marriage Ceremony.

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THE GERMAN CORN DUTIES.

LONDON, June 23.—There is no doubt that the German government has taken a serious step in refusing to reduce the duties on imported corn. The harvest in Germany will certainly prove deficient this year, and although the deficiency may not be very serious, that is not the sole consideration. In France, the winter wheat crop will be an almost complete failure, and the prices of wheat have, during the last few weeks, been rising everywhere. Germany must necessarily import a very considerable quantity of grain food and if to the advanced prices current in the free trade market, there must be added the German import duty it is quite certain that the food of the people will be exceedingly dear. The most forcible comment on the refusal of the Government to lighten the duty was the immediate and very serious riot which occurred in the German wheat markets. The mass of the people in Germany live upon grain products mainly, meat being only to a scanty extent within their reach, and the prospect of dear food of course a political leading, and has furnished a new weapon of which the Social Democrats have not been slow to avail themselves. It is quite possible, indeed, that there may be seen during the next few months unless the Government should change its mind, something like the trouble and agitation which led to the abolition of the corn laws in England. No doubt the present circumstances are very different from those which were experienced in England in 1846. Germany will be abundantly supplied with wheat from the United States, from Austria, Hungary, and perhaps India; but if the duties are maintained the prices will be very high, and except where wages have been recently advanced, as in the coal mining districts, there will be widespread, and in some cases, very severe suffering.

THE PRINCE OF WALES' POPULARITY.

The Prince and Princess of Wales and several of their family are staying at the fashionable watering place of Eastbourne. So far from any outward incident marring their visit, the place is an *en fete* in their honor. Everybody in the crowd of prominent idlers and health seekers contribute to the general stock of enthusiasm which is made manifest whenever the Prince or any member of his family make an appearance in public, and signs are already apparent that the wave of criticism which threatened for a time to overtake the Prince is receding rapidly as it is erode and that his royal highness' popularity will soon be as great as ever.

SIR JOHN GOSSET'S RESIGNATION.

of the office of political secretary for India is something of a surprise, but many people are already saying "I told you so," and recalling the famous forecast of Sir John's independent sayings and doings. The crisis came, a few nights ago, when he sneered at the methods in vogue in the management of domestic affairs in India, and revealed the fact that he had intended in similar actions on a smaller scale. His leaning towards Radicalism has long annoyed his more slowly going colleagues, and they could hardly conceal their chagrin at seeing a member of the Tory Government hobnobbing with Tom Mann, his fellow member on the Royal Labor Commission, with whom the rest of the Conservative members have a little to do as the devil is supposed to have with holy water. Gosset will probably retire from politics for the present, and at some convenient future time bob up serenely as a Liberal, with an office in his eye.

THE LANCASHIRE AND CHESTER MINERS' FEDERATION.

The Lancashire and Chester miners' federation have been holding their annual celebration at Southport. The parade today was a grand affair, fully 30,000 people being in the procession, with 50 bands of music and hundreds of banners. The demonstration was witnessed by 120,000 persons. The mayor, several labor candidates for parliament and Sir Charles Dilke, Liberal candidate for Parliament, for the Forest of Dean, were among the speakers.

AN INTERRUPTED WEDDING.

A singular scene occurred to interrupt a wedding ceremony, today, in a church in the London suburb of the Crystal Palace. The couple who were to be married had taken their places before the altar, and the clergyman was about to pronounce the words that should make the twin one, when the father of the intended bride suddenly rushed into the church and shouted out a vigorous objection to a continuance of the proceedings. He based his objections on the ground that his daughter was not of age, being still under 18, and that he had refused his permission to the marriage. There was a stormy and tearful scene, and the father and his would-be son-in-law nearly came to blows. The scandalized clergyman then gave the party out of the sacred edifice very glad to be rid of them, even at the loss of his prospective fee. The lover did not leave, however, without vowing vengeance upon the stern parent, who had dashed his matrimonial hopes.

SACRILEGIOUS THEFTS.

LONDON, June 22.—A singular case of robbery is reported from Betherham, a pleasant village in Friesland, on the Loosdrecht. The pastor of the village was spending the evening of Sunday quietly in the parsonage after the usual church service. Suddenly masked robbers broke into the building, and with terrifying threats demanded all the valuables in the house. The only person present, besides the priest was his housekeeper, and she was too paralyzed by fear to answer the robbers, much less to assist in repelling them. The priest's resistance useless, handed over the result of the day's collec-

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SMITH-BARRY'S ESTATE.

The attempt to stay the reconsecration of Smith-Barry and his tenants has proved a failure. Father Humphrey and other Nationalists tried to establish a boycott against old Tipperary, in order to prevent the reconsecration of the land. The town which was founded by the National League as a trade centre and refuge for the evicted tenants. The boycott, however, could not be made effective in face of the fact that New Tipperary was made up of the old tenants, and the great movement to punish Smith-Barry for his interference with the plan of campaign on another estate has wholly collapsed after the loss of its friends. Smith-Barry's tenants are back on their holdings, and have paid up the rent for the time they were away.

TO ROW ON THE FRASER.

McLean and Peterson Matched for a Three Mile Race. (Special to the Colonist.) NEW WESTMINSTER, June 22.—Muirhead, the baker of Peterson, the San Francisco oarsman, arrived in this city, yesterday, and met McLean today, when, after five minutes chat, a race was arranged. The race is for a purse of \$2,500, to be rowed on the Fraser river, opposite Westminster, three miles with a turn. The articles of agreement were drawn up and signed, today, and a deposit of \$500 made by each party in the stakeholder's hands. The boats are either to be lapstrake or shell bottom skiffs, with outriggers, and not over 20 feet long. The race is to be rowed on Saturday August 8. Peterson will leave San Francisco on July 4, after a race he rows that day, and will come to Westminster and settle down to work for the race. McLean will begin training as soon as his new boat is finished.

VANCOUVER NOTES.

Sara Bernhardt Engaged For Two Nights in September.—Miss Trans. For the Vancouver Coal Co. (Special to the Colonist.) VANCOUVER, June 22.—Sara Bernhardt will play in the Vancouver Opera House September 29th and 30th. By her contract, she cannot play in any other city north of Portland.

A SPLYER LABEL SUIT.

COX, June 22.—In this city, today, the action for libel brought by Henry Campbell, Member of Parliament for South Farnham, and private secretary to Mr. Parnell, against the *Cork Herald*, for asserting that while other parliamentary members were attending to their duties the plaintiff, (Mr. Campbell), was hiring horses for immoral purposes, was begun. Considerable interest attaches to the proceedings because of the fact that both Mr. Parnell and Mrs. O'Shea are expected to give some testimony. Mr. Campbell stated that he had not, in any way, interested himself or performed any duties, in connection with the private affairs of Mr. Parnell. He explained his delay in bringing the present action by saying that there were so many false statements in circulation that it had been impossible to immediately take cognizance of them. In particular he speaks of the "fire escape incident" as a myth, and an invention of Mr. Parnell's political opponents. In his testimony, Mr. Campbell also denied that he was the author of certain letters which had been widely discussed, and which were said to bear his signature.

THE HANDEL FESTIVAL.

LONDON, June 22.—The Handel festival, today, in the great orchestra of the Crystal Palace. The oratorio of Messiah was given by a chorus of five thousand, before an audience of 20,000 people. Mr. August Mauze conducted the performance.

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LONDON, June 23.—Mr. Emerson, of the Newfoundland delegation, sailed, today, for home. Sir William Whiteway and Mr. Harvey remained to continue on the negotiations, which are making satisfactory progress. The principal obstacle to the settlement of the whole controversy is the attitude of the French Chamber of Deputies, which is not disposed to pledge of Sir Julian Paucot, that matters would be kept strictly secret. He, however, offers to give the Canadian delegates a cordial welcome to Washington in October.

FRANCIS JOSEPH AT FIMME.

VIENNA, June 23.—At Fimmo, today, courtesies were exchanged between the Emperor of Austria and the officers of the British fleet. The Austrian Kaiser had an enthusiastic reception at Fimmo. He gave a banquet to the officers of the British fleet, after which Francis Joseph attended the theatre with his guests, concluding the entertainment with a drive around the town.

BY SPECIAL LICENSE.

DUBLIN, June 23.—A leading Parnellite stated tonight that Mr. Parnell has obtained a special license to marry Mrs. O'Shea, and that the wedding will take place this week.

THE FRENCH CAR STRIKES.

PARIS, June 23.—The strikers at Bordeaux, today, compelled 30 tram cars, which were attempted to run with new crews, to return to the yard. The company then suspended service. The strikers withdrew their demands, except for a 12-hour day. This, the company, by its obligation to the public, refused to grant. The municipal authorities thereupon met and authorized a reduction of hours. There is prospect of settlement.

A HAYTIAN REVOLT.

PARIS, June 23.—The Haytian Minister, here, has received a letter from the Haytian Secretary of State, dated at Port au Prince, saying that on Corpus Christi Day, May 27th, President Hippolyte was attending a religious ceremony in the cathedral, at Port au Prince, when a bomb exploded, and he was killed. The explosion occurred in the cathedral, and the President was killed. The explosion occurred in the cathedral, and the President was killed. The explosion occurred in the cathedral, and the President was killed.

THE WATERHOUSE MURDER.

LEEDS, June 22.—The inquest into the murder of the little five-year-old girl, Barbara Waterhouse, whose mutilated body was found wrapped in a bundle near the town hall some time ago, has resulted in a verdict of murder. The young workman who has been in custody on suspicion of having committed the crime, Mrs. Turner, the prisoner's mother, is found to have been an accessory to the fact made known here in consequence of crime and abetting her son as much as possible. There are many who believe that at the trial it will be developed that Mrs. Turner knows more about the motive for the murder, and the method of its commission than she has admitted.

CHAMBERLAIN ON HOME RULE.

LONDON, June 22.—The Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain will attend a banquet of the Union Liberal Union Club, to-morrow evening, and will deliver a speech, in which he will refer to the Home Rule question. The Gladstonians are dropping Home Rule; that Gladstone himself only holds out, and that obstinacy alone prevents a complete reconciliation of the two branches of the Liberal party.

CAUGHT IN A CYCLONE.

The British Ship Queen of England's Tough Passage From Calcutta to San Francisco. SAN FRANCISCO, June 18.—The British ship Queen of England had a rough passage from Calcutta to San Francisco. Soon after leaving port she was caught in a cyclone, which lasted 48 hours, during which some of her sails were blown away, and her decks were swept time and again. On the second day she was struck by a tremendous sea and for a time it looked as if the vessel would never right itself. Tom of water swept over her, her rigging was torn from her lashing in water ways, two boats were wrenched from the grips on top of the house, the fore and foreclefts filled with water and three of the crew were seriously hurt. The ship was thrown against the hatch and knocked senseless, another had his leg broken and a third was struck by one of the spars and his leg badly lacerated. The injured men were cared for as well as circumstances allowed. Rough weather befell nearly one month, and after that the ship had fine weather into port.

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CAPITAL NOTES.

Reciprocity Correspondence of Last Winter—The Opposition Attacks the New Premier.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company Charged With Interfering at the Last Elections.

Premier Abbott Leases Earncliffe—Lady Macdonald Goes to Dalhousie for the Summer.

(From our own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Ont., June 22.—The second batch of the correspondence in the reciprocity negotiations, last winter, between the United States, Newfoundland and Canada, was presented to parliament, today. Most of its contents have already been made public in the British blue books. After the elections, in March last, Lord Stanley wrote to Sir Julian Paucot, asking Secretary Blaine to fix a time for the reception of the reciprocity proposals, and to discuss the full measure of reciprocity. In reply, Secretary Blaine complained that the preliminary negotiations were made public by the Canadian press, and that the reciprocity negotiations were made public by the Canadian press, and that the reciprocity negotiations were made public by the Canadian press.

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Raw Sugar to Come in Free and Refined Reduced to Eight-Tenths of a Cent.

Spirits and Tobacco Increased—The Salt Duty Reduced by One-Half.

(Special to the Colonist.)

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