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GLADSTONE'S RETIREMENT.

DEPENDED UPON THE RESULT OF THE CONTEST IN HARTLEPOOL.

He Would Not Have Continued as Leader Had the Unionist Been Elected—Healy Says a Truce Will Not be Declared With Parnell Unless the Latter Unconditionally Retires.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—It became known to-day that on the result of the Hartlepool election depended whether Mr. Gladstone would continue as leader of the Liberal party. This was a fact known to John Morley, William Harcourt and a few others, but carefully kept secret, for fear of discouragement, from the rank and file of the party. This was one reason why the Liberals made the Hartlepool contest a national affair, and the leaders devoted themselves to the canvass with as much energy as if a general election was at stake, in striking contrast to the Unionists, who left their candidate to work out his own salvation, so that they might be able to claim, in the event of defeat, that they had never expected victory. The opening of Parliament was striking evidence of the change which a few hours had made in the fortunes of the Liberal party.

BELGIUM'S PRINCE DEAD.

Mysterious Demise of the Heir to the Throne at Brussels.

BRUSSELS, Jan. 23.—Prince Bandouin, nephew of King Leopold, and heir to the throne of Belgium, is dead. He died in Brussels at 3 o'clock yesterday. The cause of his death is alleged to have been an attack of bronchitis. The death of the Prince has caused a tremendous sensation, and creates consternation in all classes in Brussels. There are all sorts of rumors circulating, as the public was entirely unaware that the Prince was ill. Crowds of people are parading the streets, or gathered in knots at the street corners eagerly discussing the situation. On all sides the warmest expressions of sympathy with the royal family in this their fresh trial are heard. Prince Bandouin's popularity and brilliant talents, and the bright hopes centred by the Belgians on his future career, make them feel the Prince's loss in the keenest manner.

The news of the Prince's death was withheld from his sister, the Princess Henriette, a beautiful girl of about 20 years of age who is dangerously sick from inflammation of the lungs. The palace of the Count of Flanders, where the Princess resides, is surrounded by a strong force of police, who are doing their utmost to prevent the unusual noise in the streets from arousing the suspicions of the suffering Princess.

It is openly asserted that the death of the popular Belgian prince was a repetition of the sad circumstances surrounding the death of the Archduke Rudolph, the heir to the Austrian throne, who met his death in such a mysterious manner on Jan. 30, 1889. It was added that a beautiful German governess, who had recently been banished from the Belgium court by order of King Leopold, had been in some way connected with the death of Prince Bandouin. Rumor also had it that there had been an intrigue lasting a long time between the governess and the Prince, and the result of their liaison is said to have been the birth of a child. In any event the death of the Prince is surrounded with mystery and speculation. The court physicians in the death-certificate announce that the Prince's death was caused by hemorrhage following a severe attack of bronchitis. The physicians also assert that the Prince caught a chill while watching the bedside of his sister, the Princess Henriette. But these statements are far from convincing the people that the real cause of the death of Prince Bandouin has been given to the public, and the startling rumors already referred to are popularly believed to be founded on a solid basis of fact of some description.

Telegrams and messages of condolence with the royal family of Belgium in their great sorrow are already reaching Brussels from all parts of Europe, among the despatches received being words of sympathy from Queen Victoria and the Prince and Princess of Wales.

Crape, black flags and other emblems of grief are being displayed everywhere through the city. It is said in official circles that Prince Bandouin had for some time been suffering from influenza, but in spite of the remonstrances of his physicians he insisted upon passing his nights recently at the bedside of his sister, Princess Henriette. On Monday last the prince insisted upon going for a drive or as some say for a ride on horseback. His fondness caused him to catch a fresh cold and Wednesday he was forced to take to bed. Yesterday the prince's condition had become more serious, but it does not seem to have caused alarm, as his indisposition was not known to the public. Thursday afternoon an unfavorable change was noticed in the prince and his condition caused grave apprehensions. Towards night the last sacraments of the Roman Catholic Church were administered to the prince. The prince was later attacked by high fever and was in danger of lapsing into delirium. King Leopold and Queen Maria were summoned to the prince's bedside. They did their utmost to console the sufferer, though both king and queen were overcome with grief. Finally the ministers and chiefs of the royal household were sent for. They were in attendance during all the latter part of the night. At 10 o'clock the prince was subjected to the operation of cupping, but with no result. Shortly before midnight the attending physicians pronounced the prince to be dying and the worst was expected at any moment. Gradually the prince's respiration became weaker and weaker until a sudden flow of blood from the lungs suffocated the sufferer.

The latest and most probable version of the cause of Prince Bandouin's death is that it was due to a complication of smallpox, bronchitis and hæmaturia. The populace are enraged at what they term the blundering of unsuspecting doctors. Prince Bandouin was upon the point of being betrothed to his cousin Princess Clementine the third and youngest daughter of his uncle, King Leopold. All the theatres and public institutions are closed and will remain closed until after the funeral, which will take place from the royal palace at Lacken in South Brabant, about two miles north of Brussels. Parliament has also adjourned.

Princess Henriette is said to be worse this evening.

The official bulletin of the court physicians states that Prince Bandouin died of congestion of the lungs caused by a chill contracted while waiting at the bedside of his sister, the Princess Henriette. The remains of the Prince now lie in state on the bed on which he died. King Leopold visited the dying prince's bedside at midnight and the ministers were also present.

Prince Bandouin Leopold Philippe Marie Charles Antoine Joseph Louis was the son of the Count of Flanders, brother of King Leopold. Prince Bandouin was born in this city June 3, 1869. He was a captain of Belgian Carbiniers, and a captain of Prussian cavalry, being attached to the second regiment of Hanoverian dragoons. The brother of Prince Bandouin, Prince Albert Leopold Clements Marie Minrad, who was born April 8, 1875, is now heir to the throne of Belgium.

IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

The Scotch Strike Question Discussed in the House.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—In the House of Commons to-day Sir James Fergusson, political secretary of the Foreign Office, said the Behring Sea correspondence and discussion were taking the ordinary diplomatic course unaffected by the application made to the United States Supreme Court. This application had been made at the instance of Canada and upon the advice of American lawyers.

In the House of Commons to-day Alfred Webb, member for West Waterford, gave notice that Justin McCarthy would, a month hence, call attention to the administration of the Crimes Act and would move a resolution in connection with this Act.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—In the House of Commons to-day Sir Michael Hicks Beach, President of the Board of Trade, stated the Board of Trade could not interfere with the railroad strike in Scotland although the troubles had resulted in partial suspension of traffic.

Francis Allston Channing, advanced Liberal, made a motion to the effect that the excessive hours of labor of railway servants was a grave injustice to the men and a constant source of danger to the public, and that the Board of Trade should be empowered to direct the limitation of the working hours.

Sir John Pope Hennessy has offended his colleagues by voting with the Government on the Scotch strike question.

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach suggested a substitute motion declaring overwork on railroads a source of danger to the public. Channing's motion was rejected by 141 to 124.

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach gave notice of his intention to make a motion for the appointment of a parliamentary committee to consider the condition of railway employes.

It is reported a petition to unseat Mr. Furness, the newly elected Gladstonian member for Hartlepool, is a probability. The petition will be made on the ground that Furness influenced votes by promising to employ union laborers only. In the House of Commons to-day. Henry H. Howorth, member for South Salford, gave notice of a question as to whether the election of a candidate employing non-unionists who promised in future to employ unionists only, infringed the Corrupt Practices Act. The reply was greeted with Conservative cheers.

Fire in an Aristocratic Centre.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—Shortly before 5 o'clock this morning the splendid residence, 49 Grosvenor-square, which had been undergoing repairs, and which is next door to the mansion occupied by the Duchess of Marlborough, caught fire.

The firemen and engines from Victoria Station, Scotland Yard and Manchester-square were quickly on the spot, but the building was soon gutted and its contents destroyed.

For a long time Grosvenor-square has been a place of the highest fashion. At Lord Harrowby's, 39 Grosvenor-square, Thistlewood and others of the Cato-street conspiracy purposed assassinating the whole Ministry, Feb. 23, 1820, as they sat together at dinner. Almost every house in the square is tenanted by members of the British nobility.

O'Brien and Insuppressible Ireland.

DUBLIN, Jan. 23.—William O'Brien telegraphs from Boulogne-Sur-Mer, to the publishers of the Insuppressible as follows: "I have a letter pressing me to become responsible for the continued publication of The Insuppressible. My colleagues from America only authorized the continued publication of United Ireland on lines distinctly laid down in cabled instructions. Since I have become acquainted with the tone and contents of The Insuppressible I am only restrained by motives of national policy from at once dissociating myself publicly from any responsibility for its writings. I regret that I am obliged to request that my name will not be further used in connection with the paper."

Must Pay the Furniture Bill.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—The Court of Queen's Bench has decided that Mr. Justin McCarthy and Lord Arthur Hill, M.P., are liable to £340 damages on account of the furniture which had been supplied to the collapsed Irish exhibition in London.

At the reassembling of Parliament Mr. Justin McCarthy will ask for a day when he can introduce a motion in connection with the administration of the Crimes Act, especially with reference to the Tipperary trials.

Parnell and McCarthy Raise Their Hats to Each Other.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—Mr. Parnell appeared early in the House of Commons. McCarthy was present, at the head of his faction, but he took no active part in the proceedings. Parnell did not speak to any of the McCarthyites, though he and McCarthy personally exchanged salutes. The relations between the divided members remain friendly, as none of the men on either side have given personal offence except Tim Healy and Dr. Tanner.

Mr. Parnell did not appear in the House of Commons to-day and it is believed he will allow his motion concerning the administration of the Crimes Act, of which he gave notice yesterday to drop.

They Each Apologized.

DUBLIN, Jan. 23.—Dr. Tanner, M.P., anti-Parnellite has abandoned his intention of bringing a libel action against Mr. Parnell for the latter's reference to him in speeches made during the recent campaign in North Kilkenny. Parnell has apologized to Tanner for what he terms "heated words," while Tanner has apologized to his former leader for similar utterances, but he still maintains political opposition to Parnell.

All Depends on Boulogne.

DUBLIN, Jan. 23.—The circular summoning the meeting of the committee of the McCarthy section of the Irish Parliamentary party, which took place here to-day, declared the object was to establish an Irish national federation. The meeting agreed to postpone formation of the new federation pending the result of the Boulogne conference.

Healy's View of Affairs.

DUBLIN, Jan. 23.—At a meeting of the McCarthyite committee to-day Timothy Healy stated Justin McCarthy and Thomas Sexton had gone to Boulogne to meet John Dillon and William O'Brien. Their object was to effect a settlement of the trouble existing in the Irish Parliamentary party on the basis of Mr. Parnell retiring from the leadership. No other condition would be agreed upon.

Eyraud the Strangler.

PARIS, Jan. 23.—The advocate of Michael Eyraud, the condemned murderer of Notary Gouffe, has presented to President Carnot the petition for the commutation of Eyraud's sentence, which was signed by the jury men who tried him shortly after the case had been ended. Mme. Carnot has refused to grant an interview with Eyraud's daughter.

Bradlaugh Dying.

LONDON, Jan. 22.—Charles Bradlaugh, M.P. for Northampton, the noted Freethinker, who was reported ill a week ago, has suffered a relapse. At midnight Mr. Bradlaugh's condition was reported as critical. Those attending him were constantly applying ice to his head.

A New German Province.

BERLIN, Jan. 23.—The Post states the Government has decided not to support Emin Pasha's plan for the establishment of a new German province on the shores of the Victoria Nyanza, being convinced the German protectorate in East Africa should be confined to coast territories.

36 Cents Per Day.

BERLIN, Jan. 23.—The authorities of Cologne have resolved to furnish employment to 13,000 idle men in that city at 18 pence per day.

The Strike Settled.

EDINBURGH, Jan. 23.—It is reported the great railroad strike has been settled.

Cable Flashes.

The Government has sent 250 tons of potatoes to the suffering poor of Kildysart.

A cow belonging to boycotted farmer near Kildysart was skinned alive last night by unknown parties.

The Irish Catholic says the formation of the new National organization which is to replace the discredited National League is nearly concluded.

The liquidator has closed the Workington Iron and Steel Works at Workington, Cumberland, on the ground that the wages paid by the company owning the works involved a loss of 5 shillings per ton. About 1400 men are thrown out of work.

GONE WITH A CROSSEYED MAN

THE UNACCOUNTABLE ELOPEMENT OF A LEEDS FARMER'S WIFE.

With a Worthless Scoundrel Who Had Deserted his Own Wife—The Doors of the Farmer's House Converted into Packing Boxes and the Furniture Carried Off—Bought Tickets for Regina.

SMITH'S FALLS, Jan. 23.—During the past few days the neighborhood about Jasper and Easton's Corners has been in a perfect fever of excitement and the people have fairly revelled in the sensation caused by a married woman of the locality, 40 years of age, forsaking her home and flying with a worthless, cross-eyed stranger. The husband and wife thus so cruelly separated belong to most respectable families of long and honorable standing in this section of country and for them and the forsaken children the greatest sympathy is expressed on every hand.

Some years ago a man named Marine McLean lived near Jasper on a good farm owned by his wife. They did not live happily together, it is alleged because of his faithlessness. So abandoned was he that it is said he used to bring women of ill-repute to his own home and force his wife to receive them. After some time and considerable ill treatment Mrs. McLean gave him $1500 to go away. He took the money and went to the Western States, but returned to his old haunts again about a year ago and was taken in by Mr. Havard Arnold, near Easton's Corners and since then has lived there. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold had a comfortable home, one child and lived happily together for many years. McLean had not been there long before the neighbors began to talk about the undue intimacy existing between him and Mrs. Arnold, who it was said was more McLean's wife than Mr. Arnold's. The husband suspected nothing, however, and even when told by friends of the stories of his wife's improper conduct with McLean his suspicions did not seem to have been aroused. Matters went on thus until the other day, when Mr. Arnold went to Elgin to visit friends for three or four days. Mrs. Arnold and her paramour were left alone in the house and they at once began preparing for flight together. They tore the doors from the hinges through the house to make boxes and into these huge boxes packed everything of value in the house, until four of them were filled and the house nearly stripped. McLean went to Merrickville, taking with him three large trunks, and Mrs. Arnold went to Jasper with the boxes and took tickets for Smith's Falls. Here the pair met and took passage for Regina, N.W.T., together, where they no doubt hope to enjoy their guilty love in peace. Mr. Arnold is at a loss to take any proceedings to recover possession of his wife, whom he yet professes to love and for whose fall he blames the man he harbored so long and to whom he was so kind.

Dineen's Daily Sales.

The great clearing sale of this season's made-up fur garments at Dineen's has passed the month's meridian mark, but is still maintaining the raiding gait of a thoroughbred cayuse. This average in sales could no doubt be kept up the whole year round at the present low prices, but the line is drawn at Feb. 1, when we begin to take stock. In the meantime we are selling:

Short Seal Jackets at $85 and up.
40-inch Seal Mantles, $125 and up.
Beaver Capes, $25 and up.
Beaver Storm Collars and Muffs, $18 the set.
Russian Lamb Collars and Muffs, $15 the set.
Astrachan Collars and Muffs, $7 the set.
Sealet Collars and Muffs, $5 the set.
Astrachan Mantles, $20 and up.
Gentlemen's Racoon Overcoats, $25 and up.
Corsican Lamb Overcoats, $18 and up.
Astrachan Overcoats, $35 and up.
Persian Lamb Overcoats, $85 to $250.
Gentlemen's Fur-lined Overcoats, $50 and up.
Seal Muffs, $12. Seal Collars, $15.
Seal Capes, $35. Persian Lamb, $25. Astrachan, $7.50.
Men's Fur Caps, $2 and up. Baltic Seal, $3.50. Persian Lamb (best), $7. Alaska Seal, $10. Ladies' Caps in all the new shapes, Seal and Otter, $5 and up.
Boa and Muff Setts, in Silver Fox, Lynx, German and other popular furs, at from $7.50 and up per set.
Sleigh Robes, Black Goat, $8.50 Musk-Ox, $25. Buffalo, $25. All handsomely lined.

It's impossible to quote everything in our great fur stock, and likewise impossible to convey an idea of the really superior quality by mere quotations of low prices. A personal inspection is therefore essential to learn of the power of spot cash in this sale.

Capt. Norton Missing.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—An anxiety for the fate of Capt. F. L. Norton is felt by his friends. On Nov. 24 he sailed from New London for Toulon in the lifeboat yacht F. L. Norton. Capt. Norton's wife and niece accompanied him, and the boat was manned with a crew of seven. A press despatch from London on Dec. 19 announced that the Norton had been sighted off Gibraltar on Dec. 18. Since then no report of the lifeboat has been received.

Perth Mutual Fire Ins. Co.

The annual meeting of the above company was held in Stratford a few days ago, when a most satisfactory exhibit was made by the directorate. During the past year the business of the company has largely increased, and the losses have been comparatively light. The figures given show the Perth Mutual to be in a most satisfactory condition. Mr. William Allan, 15 Wellington-street east, is the Toronto agent.

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Latest Jottings.

Ex-Mayor W. D. Clendenan will probably be returned unopposed. Dr. Gilmour, M.L.A., his late opponent for the local house, is supporting him. Nomination takes place on Jan. 29 and the polling, if necessary, on Feb. 2.

St. Mark's Hall resounded with merriment from the juvenile crowd belonging to St. Anne's S.S. on the occasion of the annual entertainment. The tableaux, songs and recitations were admirably given. Rev. J. Ballard, the rector, and others gave addresses and there were several presentations to teachers by the children.

Toronto is rich in schemes for reaching the poor, young and old. Pastor Wilkinson says he has found the missing link, and will open a Sunday morning school for poor and neglected children. He makes his experiment to-morrow. The colored preacher, Rev. J. H. Hector, will give the opening address.

The regular weekly meeting of the McMaster Hall Literary Society was held last night. Messrs. Pocock and Murdock sang a duet. Owing to the absence of one of the debaters the discussion of General Booth's scheme was postponed for two weeks.

The workmen have nearly completed their labors on the handsome new Board of Trade building. Among the finishing touches yet to be given is a slight alteration in the small flat roof over a part of C.P.R. offices which, owing to its insufficient elevation, does not carry off the rain as fast as desirable.

Last evening an immense audience listened to a discourse on "Hell," by Mr. Yatman, at the Metropolitan, and to sacred songs by Mrs. Kress, assisted by the deep bass voice of Mr. Currin. To-night the week evening services are to be closed with a discourse on the "Pathways of Life." This afternoon at 4 is devoted to a large well Bible reading.

KILLED BY SOMEONE UNKNOWN.

A Goderich Jury Find that the Woman Was Murdered.

GODERICH, Jan. 23.—The adjourned inquest on the body of Rachael McKinnon, who met her death by a pistol shot wound on Thursday, Jan. 15, was continued last evening in the court room. Nineteen witnesses had previously been examined. Don McKinnon, the son of the deceased, arrived here yesterday from Michigan. He was the only one further examined. He testified that they did not live happily together. This verdict was returned:

That Rachel McKinnon came to her death in the town of Goderich by means of a pistol shot wound inflicted on Thursday, Jan. 15, 1891, about the hour of noon, by some person or persons to us, the jury, unknown.

An information has been sworn out against Donald McKinnon, who is at present in jail, charging him with being the perpetrator of the crime.

AN ELGIN MAN'S SUICIDE.

William Elton, a West Lorne Tailor, Suicides in Buffalo.

BUFFALO, Jan. 23.—Wednesday night at 10½ o'clock a fairly well-dressed stranger called at the lodging house of Daniel J. Nagel at No. 155 Main-street, and asked for lodgings. He was assigned to a room and he went there immediately after paying his bill. Yesterday morning the chambermaid went to the room to put it in order, but the door was locked.

The door was forced open, and there on the bed, which was pushed up against the door as a barricade, lay the dead body of a stranger. On a stand near him was a half-empty bottle bearing on its side the red label and the grueseome skull and cross-bones denoting poison. It was laudanum. Near the bottle lay a small glass, a white-handled knife, and copies of two Toronto dailies.

The body has been identified as that of William Elton, a tailor, who lived at West Lorne in Elgin County, Ont. He was identified by Neal MacEachren, a druggist in Vermont-street, who knew Elton in Canada. Elton came into his place Tuesday and got a quantity of laudanum. He had been drinking heavily and told MacEachren that he was going to straighten up and go home.

DIED OF BLOOD-POISONING.

He Touched a Dead Infant with the Tip of His Burned Finger.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—Dr. Pierson Rector died at his home in Washington-street, adjoining Washington Park, Jersey City, yesterday morning of blood-poisoning. Among his patients was a colored woman whom, as an act of charity, he had agreed to attend in confinement. Ten days ago his daughter was wedded in the presence of many society people of Jersey City, and while festivities were at their height he was called to the bedside of his humble patient. He went readily and found it necessary to spend the night in attendance upon her. Her child was dead and he had a delicate surgical operation to perform before he could leave the mother. He had burned the tip of his finger a few days before. The doctors had no doubt that the immediate cause of death was the inoculation of his blood with poison. The contact of his burned finger tip with the dead body of the infant may have produced it.

A Gay and Happy Time With the Trinity Young Meds.

The tier of seats in the amphitheatre of Trinity Medical School usually occupied by eager and attentive medicos, was last night crowded with pretty ladies and frolicsome students. The occasion was an at home given by the Literary and Scientific Society of the school. The representative of the faculty, Dr. G. A. Bingham, presided and delivered a humorous address on "The Evolution of the Medical Student." He traced, amid a continued laughter from his audience, the young student from the time of his arrival in the city and his search, with a certificate of good character in his pocket, for a boarding house on through the freshman, sophomore, junior and senior stages until he emerged a full-fledged, sober and sedate practitioner. Dr. Sheard read an exhaustive and carefully-prepared paper on "Epitaphs." The program of vocal and instrumental music and recitations was excellent, as the names of these contributors would imply: Messrs. G. K. McDowell, Harold Jarvis, W. F. Lucas, A. G. Ashton, R. J. Teeter, soloists; R. H. Clark, reader; Master Fred. Husband, violinist.

Kept His Birthday in Advance.

To-morrow is the anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns, but Camp No. 1, S.O.S., anticipated the day and held their anniversary concert in Victoria Hall last night. John Macdonald occupied the chair, and besides him were Grand Chieftain W. Henderson and Chiefs J. Laing of No. 1 and D. C. Hutchinson of No. 15. A splendid array of Scottish talent appeared, including Miss Edith Mathews and Mr. James Orr Fleming of Edinburgh. Miss Jenkins was the accompanist. The program consisted of bagpipe selections, readings, violin selections, solos and trios. The Laing Bros.' violin selections were received with great applause, and when the McDonald Bros. gave "Willie Brew'd a Peck o' Maut" there wasn't a quiet Scotchman in the hall. After the concert a social was held in Millichamp's Hall. Dancing commenced at 11 and was kept up as only Scotchmen can.

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Choked to Death.

QUEBEC, Jan. 23.—Dr. Lemieux made the post mortem on the body of Michael Harkins, who died suddenly while at supper on Wednesday evening. He was choked to death, a large piece of meat having been found in his throat.

The Sheffield House Importing Company (Registered).

65 Yonge-street (below King). New goods in solid silver English spoons and forks; wholesale prices. C. E. Robinson, Manager.

Bitten by a Blue Gum.

CHARLESTON, S.C., Jan. 23.—Nimple Brown, a prosperous colored farmer of St. Matthews, Orangeberg county, died to-day from the effects of a bite received while engaged in a fight with Tom Simmons, also colored. Simmons is known as a "blue gum" negro, and the bite of a "blue gum" is nearly always fatal.

The largest stock of trusses, crutches, abdominal supporters, shoulder braces is carried by the one-price firm, established twenty years, of Charles Clothe, 134 King-street west. Trusses in hard rubber, celluloid and leather, from 75c upward. 26

Killed by a Lead Pencil.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—Patrick McCarthy, two years old, living with his parents at No. 439 East 121st-street, was playing with a lead pencil on last Monday, when he slipped and fell. The pencil entered his left eye and penetrated the brain. He was removed to the Harlem Hospital, where he died yesterday.

Life is worth living since using Beeman's Pepsin Gum. Ask your druggis for it.

An Ice Bridge at Niagara.

BUFFALO, Jan. 23.—An ice bridge formed at Niagara Falls last night. It is the first one of the season. It is likely to last for several days.

Dime Banks.

The latest device, only $1.50. Call early, 190 Queen-street west. 156

Catarrh—Hay Fever—Catarrhal Deafness

A New Home Treatment has been discovered whereby the worst cases are permanently cured by a few simple applications made for nightly by the patient at home. Send stamp for circular. A. H. DIXON & SON, 305 West King-street, Toronto.

CAUSED BY A CIGARETTE.

Particulars of the Recent Colliery Explosion in European Russia.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—Further details have been received of the colliery explosion Wednesday at Jusoick Depot, Russia. The explosion caused a fire to break out in three pits. The owners and managers of the mines tried to descend into the burning pits, but the fumes of the gas were so overpowering that they were compelled to desist. Eventually a rescuing party succeeded in entering the mines and reaching the entombed men. After considerable labor and danger the rescuers brought to the surface the bodies of 28 miners who had been killed. They also rescued 91 men who were unconscious. These latter were all badly burned and bruised and 20 of them subsequently died. It is said the explosion was caused by a man lighting a cigaret.

TORONTO'S BIGGEST CONVENTION.

Making Arrangements for the Teachers' Conference in July.

The Executive Committee of the National Education Association met in the Public School Board room yesterday afternoon. Mr. James L. Hughes presided and there were present G. R. R. Cockburn, Principal Thomas Kirkland, William Houston, H. A. E. Kent, W. McCabe, Ald. Boustead, C. R. Robertson, C. D. Richardson, J. J. Tilley, J. H. Pearce, D. Boyle, A. MacMurchy, R. W. Doane and A. B. Brown.

The chairman stated that the object of the meeting was to elect officers, and with as little formality and as much unanimity as possible these were elected: Chairman, James L. Hughes; vice-chairman, Principal Kirkland; secretary, H. J. Hill; treasurer, W. McCabe.

Mr. Hill was chosen secretary from among 20 applicants, on account of his experience and executive ability in connection with the Toronto fair.

The various sub-committees will meet during the coming week and make the necessary arrangements for the convention of the association, which will be held in this city on July 14 to 18inclusive.

The association will bring to the city a larger number of visitors than any convention that has ever met here, and the committee hope to receive recognition from the Dominion and Ontario Governments.

The secretary will make arrangements with the customs department to have all exhibits pass through free.

The railway companies and steamboat lines will advertise the convention and will run a number of excursions.

Mr. G. R. R. Cockburn begged to be relieved of his duties as chairman of the finance committee, as he would be in Ottawa for two or three months during the spring. "When do you go to Ottawa?" asked Ald. Boustead. "You are always news," replied the member for Centre Toronto.

Mr. McCabe will perform the duties of chairman of the finance committee.

An Actress Killed by a Prince.

WARSAW, Jan. 23.—A very sensational trial, which the police will not allow to be reported, commenced here to-day. Prince Bartinieff, one of the high nobility, is charged with the wilful murder of an actress named Wisnowska July, whom he shot in a fit of jealous rage. The prisoner produced letters showing that the actress had asked him to kill her, but the following notes written by Wisnowska shortly before her death, and torn up but not quite destroyed by the prisoner, were read in court, and the first scrap said:

"Bartinieff will not allow me to depart alive."

On the second fragment was:

"This is my last hour. Come, mother; I die against my will."

The third bore these words:

"It is a conspiracy. I must die. Bartinieff is my executioner. God help me. He dragged me into this lonesome place."

It is thought things will go hard with the prince.

The Minister Was There, But Not as Chairman.

It was announced that the Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education, would be in the chair at James L. Hughes' lecture in the Normal School last night, but the seriousness of the combination dawned upon those who had charge of the lecture and Deputy Minister Miller was substituted, although the Education Minister was on the platform. Those who were not of a literary turn of mind but who attended for the sole purpose of hearing the Minister of Education call upon his good and learned friend Mr. James L. Hughes were sorely disappointed. Convocation Hall was completely filled and the lecturer had a most intelligent and appreciative audience. The subject of the lecture was, "The Schools and Schoolmasters of Dickens." Mr. Hughes applied the leading characteristics of the schools of that time to those of the present day. The subject and the lecturer are too well known to need further comment.

Death From a Cut.

SHAWVILLE, Que., Jan. 23.—About three weeks ago, Patrick Mulvey of Vinton, aged 29, employed in M. Shannon's shanty on Black River at log-cutting, received a wound in the knee from the ax used by his nephew (who was working with him), flying off the handle. The injured man was brought home from the woods, and on the way had the wound dressed, which it seems was not properly done, causing blood-poisoning. Three doctors decided that the leg would have to be taken off, but the sufferer would not agree to have this done, the consequence was that death resulted.

The Bon Marche Sale.

Attention is called to the last page of today's World, which is entirely taken up with the business announcement of the Bon Marche. The sale is especially attractive to ladies. Bargains in drygoods, both staple and fancy, are being offered at prices heretofore unheard of in Toronto. Mr. Cousineau has over a quarter of a million dollars worth of goods in stock, which he is determined to get rid of. The prices are low and such an opportunity is seldom offered. Every lady should attend the Bon Marche sale next week.

Bank Defaulters Pardoned.

RALEIGH, N.C., Jan. 23.—Charles E. Cross and Samuel C. White, respectively president and cashier of the State National Bank of Raleigh, who fled to Toronto in March, 1888, taking with them $25,000 which they had received from other banks by express just previous to their departure, but who were captured, brought back and sentenced to hard labor for long terms on the public roads in this county, have been pardoned by the governor. The men were in the county convict gang for a year.

Get the best—Adams' Tutti Frutti Gum for indigestion and dyspepsia. Sold by all the Druggists and Confectioners everywhere 5 cents.

400 Anarchists Arrested.

PARIS, Jan. 23.—During an anarchists' meeting on the Place de L'Opera to-day groups of persons cried out: "Vive anarchie; we want bread." The police attempted to disperse the crowd, but met with considerable resistance and only broke up the meeting after 400 arrests had been made. Most of the prisoners were afterwards released. Several miners who were found to be armed were kept in custody.

Daily excursions via the Illinois Central Railroad are being run to California, Florida, Mexico and other winter resorts. Buffet sleeping cars are run through from Chicago to New Orleans and from New Orleans to Los Angeles and San Francisco, Cal., and Jacksonville, Fla. By this route there is but one change of cars between Toronto, Montreal, Hamilton, London, etc., to New Orleans and two to California, Texas and Florida points.

Write A. J. McDougall, Berlin, Ont., for full particulars as to rates, etc., and for illustrated pamphlet describing points of interest en route. 136

This Collision Cost Four Lives.

HAVANA, Jan. 23.—Two freight trains collided to-day at Artemisal. The cars were badly wrecked and four persons were killed and four others injured.

Gurney's stoves repaired by competent men Wheeler & Bain, 179 King-street East.

THE FOUR BYE-ELECTIONS.

THE GOVERNMENT RETAINS NORTH AND SOUTH NORFOLK.

While a Conservative Defeats Dr. Ahrens in North Perth—Campbell, Equal Righter, Re-Elected in East Durham By an Increased Majority—Is the Dominion House to Be Dissolved?

PORT HOPE, Jan. 23.—The result of the election in East Durham is that the Equal Rights candidate, Mr. George Campbell, is re-elected by 63 majority after one of the most severe struggles ever witnessed in the riding. The enthusiasm on both sides was worked up to the highest point and the vote polled was by far the largest ever given in the riding. At the June election Mr. Campbell defeated his present opponent, Mr. T. B. Collins, by 7 majority, the election being set aside owing to error in the voters' list. The majorities:

	Campbell.	Collins.
Port Hope	97	..
Hope Township	242	..
Cavan and Millbrook	..	15
Manvers Township	..	261
	339	276

Majority for Campbell, 63.

The total vote in Port Hope was 170 more than last June and Campbell's majority was increased 26.

North Perth.

STRATFORD, Jan. 23.—In the North Perth election for the Local Legislature held to-day Thomas Magwood (Conservative) of Mornington was elected by a majority of 51 over Dr. A. E. Ahrens (Reformer), the unseated member, who was elected in June last by 93 majority over George Hess (Conservative). The majorities:

	Magwood.	Ahrens.
Stratford	29	..
North Easthope	..	355
Ellice	67	..
Elma	74	..
Wallace	199	..
Mornington	48	..
Listowel	..	6
Milverton	12	..
	392	341

Majority for Magwood, 51.

South Norfolk.

VITTORIA, Jan. 23.—Mr. W. A. Charlton (Liberal), who was unseated for South Norfolk, was re-elected to-day by about 90 majority over William Morgan (Conservative), whom he defeated in June by 50 votes. The majorities:

	Charlton.	Morgan.
Port Dover	1	..
Port Rowan	39	..
Woodhouse	59	..
Charlotteville	38	..
Houghton	..	4
North Walsingham	..	46
South Walsingham	..	8
	137	58

Majority for Charlton, 79.

North Norfolk.

SIMCOE, Jan. 25.—The bye-election for the vacancy in North Norfolk caused by the death of Mr. Freeman (Liberal) took place to-day, when E. C. Carpenter (Liberal) defeated Elias Loughrin (Conservative) by 232 majority. Freeman's majority at the June election was 311 over Loughrin (Conservative). The majorities:

	Carpenter.	Boughner
Simcoe town	..	6
Middleton	..	66
Windham	..	77
Townsend	319	..
Waterford	111	..
	430	198

Majority for Carpenter, 232.

DOMINION ELECTIONS.

Will the General Elections be Brought on Early in March?

OTTAWA, Jan. 23.—The report is revived to-day that the dissolution of Parliament will be announced at once and that the general elections will take place in the first days of March. Some of the Ministers deny this statement, while others corroborate it.

Nothing definite has transpired this evening respecting the supposed intention of the Government to dissolve Parliament at an early date. It is still taken for granted everywhere in spite of the denials of Friday.

Cabinet Ministers that notice of dissolution has been decided on. One of the statements current is that the Cabinet separated this evening with the understanding that the next meeting will be to wind up for the campaign and that the new general election would take place on either Feb. 23 or 25. A well-informed politician says he would not be surprised if the notice of dissolution appeared in to-morrow's Gazette.

What They Think in Toronto.

John Small, M.P., doesn't think there is to be a dissolution without another session. He says Sir John distinctly assured the boys last year that they'd have another session at least and perhaps two.

It was said yesterday that a squad of Ontario M.P.'s have been notified to be in Toronto next week to meet the Old Man.

A Reformer who doesn't like annexation said yesterday that The Globe and Mail were talking of dissolution in order to work up interest in the coming Liberal convention.

Will Mr. Blake Attend?

A very common question asked by Grits and Tories these days is: Will Mr. Blake attend the Liberal convention next month? The Globe might answer it if it can.

The Middlesex Registrarship.

[From The London Free Press.]

A Lobo correspondent says that a presentation will be made to ex-Reeve Robert Boston by the people of that township shortly to mark their esteem for him as a municipal officer, and also to congratulate him on his prospective appointment to the vacant registrarship of Middlesex, which he has had the promise of for several months.

Mr. Bob Boston is brother-in-law of Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education, who is pressing for his relative's preferment over applicants who have the recommendation of the local members.

East Elgin Reformers.

AYLMER, Jan. 23.—East Elgin Reform Association met in the town hall here to-day. These officers were elected:

President for Dominion Purposes—J. M. Glenn, St. Thomas.

President for Provincial Purposes—Granville H. Haight, Sparta.

Vice-president for both—W. E. Stevens, Aylmer.

Secretary for Dominion Purposes—W. L. Wicket, St. Thomas.

Secretary for Provincial Purposes—W. S. Caron, Aylmer.

The calling of a convention to bring out a candidate for the