

The Condition of Spain.

The latest news from Europe regarding the situation in Spain portends another crisis in the governmental affairs of that distressed country. Of all countries in the world, Spain is almost the last to adopt any radical change in her form of government, and the expectations that were formed some time since that she would adopt republicanism as her model, seem destined not to be realized. From all accounts Prim has been acting a part, and his republicanism is a sham, for it is now understood that he is in favour of the Duke of Montpensier as king of Spain. This nobleman has been unanimously nominated for the Spanish throne by the Provisional Government, and will in all probability be accepted by the Cortes. The Duke is of the Orleans branch of the Bourbons, the fifth son of the late Louis Philippe, and is married to a sister of the deposed Queen Isabella. There are some slight grounds for doubting the accuracy of this report of the nomination of another Bourbon to the Spanish throne, inasmuch as several members of the Provisional Government have repeatedly expressed their opposition to the elevation of any member of the Bourbon family to the throne; but it is not unlikely that these objectors have been influenced by the majority of their colleagues to agree to the choice made, in order to have peace and a settlement of the administrative affairs, which are now in a very unsatisfactory condition. Spain, in fact, is in a most critical condition; and so much does her future depend on a popular policy being now adopted that it is much safer to await the issue of events than to indulge in doubtful predictions. Her destiny is very much in her own hands. It will be well if she is allowed to work it out alone as best she can. If any Spanish statesman can bring light out of the darkness he will be a true benefactor to his country.

New Arrangements about the Alabama Claims.

On the accession of the Liberal Government to office says the London Telegraph of January 15, the negotiations respecting the settlement of the differences with the United States which had been carried on by Lord Stanley and Mr. Beveridge Johnson, were continued by Clarendon. As everybody knows, at a previous stage of the proceedings difficulties were caused by what seemed a manifestation of hostility on the part of the American people to the proposed arrangement, the terms of which was harshly criticised. Meanwhile the Washington Government showed a genuine anxiety to arrive at a friendly settlement, and hence our own Government could not but take those difficulties into consideration. The English Cabinet wished to come to an understanding which would conciliate America without committing this country to any course inconsistent with its traditional policy or its rights under the public law. In that spirit the negotiations have been continued; new arrangements have been made, which, we hope, prove to be more satisfactory in form; and yesterday a new Convention, upon which Lord Clarendon and Mr. Beveridge Johnson have finally agreed, was duly signed at the Foreign Office.

The Whelan Appeal Case Ended.

The proposed appeal of Whelan's counsel to the Privy Council in England is at an end. Hon. J. H. Cameron left Montreal on Saturday night for Ottawa, having received a dispatch from England, which he communicated to Mrs. Whelan, stating that the appeal could not be taken to the Privy Council. The law will now be allowed to take its course, and Whelan will be executed on the 11th of this month. Considering that the ground of appeal was purely of a technical nature, and that the indelible counsel for the prisoner was allowed every latitude in pressing the claims of his client, it must feel that substantial justice is being done.

AUSTRIA AND THE CLERGY.—The conflict in Austria between the clergy and the Government still continues. The Government shows no disposition to yield any of the ground it has taken up. The new laws completing the recent Liberal legislation with regard to civil marriage are another step towards the complete separation of the Church from the State. The clergy keeps up its hostility, and the Government replies by repressive measures. A Church-party paper, *Friend of the People*, has been seized for publishing a letter from the Pope condemning the new institutions of the Empire. The rigorous act has produced a profound sensation, and is without precedent in the Hapsburg annals since the reign of the Emperor Joseph II.

HALTOS RIFLE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the officers of this association was held at Milton last week, when it was resolved to have a Spring rifle match during the first week of June. The County Council voted the sum of \$50 towards the funds of the association; about \$60 more was subscribed at the meeting; and there is no doubt that when the several captains return their lists that an amount sufficient to make up a liberal prize list will be available. The match will be open to the volunteers and militia—in fact, to every resident on payment of one dollar.

WESTERN INSURANCE COMPANY.—The Western Assurance Company of Toronto has deposited with the government \$50,000—the required guarantee under the Insurance Act. This money has been paid in cash and invested in Dominion stock, and held by the government for the security of policy holders. It is the more satisfactory to learn that this money is paid without disturbing in any way the present securities held by the company.

Queen Isabella still does a large business in decorations. She distributes them with a liberal hand, anticipating them as though she expected in a few months to be again seated on the throne of Spain.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

The costs on both sides of the recent ritualist case in London amounted to \$100,000.

One firm at Frankfurt-on-the-Main is said to have sold seventy-five thousand carte photographs of Mrs. Lincoln.

In the 72 national cemeteries are interred 200,000 soldiers whose names are known, and 100,000 more as yet unidentified.

THE SILVER QUESTION.—We learn from Montreal that Mr. Weir has accepted the tenders of support to the silver exportation movement.

Lynching is really becoming alarmingly common in Iowa. Last week a body of armed men broke open the Sydney jail and hanged two men suspected of murder.

It seems that peat beds of extraordinary richness are discovered near Wawanosh, which are likely to rival those of Welland. They embrace several thousand acres, and are from 12 to 15 feet in depth.

A young man named Robert Chateau, recently from Scotland, arrived in Hamilton on Monday evening from Kingston, having walked the entire distance. He was in search of employment as a teamster.

Mr. Manton Marble has bought out all the other owners of the New York World newspaper, and is now the sole proprietor. The price paid for one-quarter of the stock is said to have been \$100,000, exclusive of any real estate.

The Globe says that definite information has been received in that city that the troops at present serving in the Province will be withdrawn on the 3rd of May next. Orders have been issued to notify owners of premises rented for the use of the troops that they will be vacated at the time named.

'W-waiter, g-get me a b-beefsteak, co-cooked rare.' 'W-we have no b-beefsteak,' was the reply. The country gentleman, getting angry at the idea of being mimicked, rose, and was about leveling a blow at the impudent fellow, when a second fellow rushing up, exclaimed, 'D-don't strike; that man s-stammers the s-same as we do.'

MISS RYE AND HER GIRLS.—The St. Catharines Journal states that, at the late meeting of the County Council of Lincoln, it came out in discussion that Miss Rye had made propositions to lease the old jail at Niagara, with the design of converting the building into a general depot for servant girls whom she is engaged in bringing out from England.

GOOD ADVICE.—At a Sunday school concert in Massachusetts, some time since, as was the custom, all present were invited to recite some passage of Scripture. A young fellow, who wished to create some merriment, responded by saying, 'Judas went out and hung himself.' A young lady immediately rose and recited the selection, 'Go thou and do likewise.'

It is intended to build a new post-office in Toronto, on Adelaide street, at the head of Toronto street, on the lot owned by the Corporation. The rear lots on Stanley street have already been secured. This will be a great improvement on the latter street, which will speedily become good property. It is thought that the Royal Canadian Bank will buy the present post office.

According to the return of the Board of Trade for the year 1898 there are 56,964,290 acres of land in Great Britain, of which 31.5 per cent is used for the cultivation of grain, 40.5 per cent for pasture, 223,989 acres for flax and hemp, and 3.3 per cent is waste. In the same year the stock of cattle amounted to 9,083,416 head of horned cattle, 35,007,812 sheep, and 3,189,167 swine.

A High Church divine, the Reverend Thomas Gregg, has discovered that Mr. Gladstone is the veritable beast of the Apocalypse. He says that in the Greek language each letter represents a number, and the same with a combination of letters, and thus he gets "six hundred three score and six"—G (alpha) 3; L (lambda) 30; A (alpha) 1; D (delta) 4; S (igma) 200; T (au) 300; O (omicron) 70; N (en) 50; E (ta) 3; Gladstone 665.

THE MILITIA TO BE ENROLLED.—The Hamilton Times says Charles McGill, M. P. for that city, who was gazetted on Saturday last as Lieutenant Colonel in the Reserve Militia, has received instructions to forward to the Adjutant General, at Ottawa, the names of such persons as it may be deemed desirable to appoint to the office of Captain and Lieutenant in the city regimental division, and that the enrolment of the militia is to be made forthwith.

SOMETHING NEW IN GUELPH.—The Toronto Telegraph of Tuesday says:—The enterprising town of Guelph is constantly progressing in one way or another. The latest addition to the business of the town is a bookstore opened by Mr. J. B. Thornton, on Wyndham street. Mr. Thornton thoroughly understands his business—is a live, energetic, pushing fellow, who is able to make the public patronize him, because he knows how to treat all. He keeps constantly on hand a large stock of books, stationery, fancy goods and periodical literature. All the newspapers of the day may be procured from him. Leave your orders with Thornton, and you will have them attended to.

THE NATURALIZATION TREATY.—The Herald publishes the full text of the naturalization treaty between the United States and England. It provides that citizens of either country who become naturalized as subjects of the other, shall be treated as such in all respects and for all purposes. They shall, however, be at liberty to renounce their naturalization and resume their respective nationalities within two years after this protocol is carried into effect. The manner of renunciation to be hereafter agreed upon by said governments, and such persons shall not hereafter be liable to be claimed as subjects by either government on account of their former naturalization. These principles are not to be carried into effect by Great Britain until after the necessary provision is made by parliament for the revision of the existing laws.

MUSIC.—Brown.—At the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. G. Brennan, on the 30th inst., Mr. David D. Mudge, of Paisley, to Miss Christina Brown, daughter of Henry Brown, Esq., Elderslie.

MARRIAGE.—Proctor.—On the 1st inst., in the Congregational Church, Guelph, by the Rev. W. F. Clarke, Mr. Wm. H. Masters to Mary, eldest and only surviving daughter of Robt. Thompson, Esq., all of Guelph.

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