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God's in His heaven, All's right with the world. -[BROWNING.

London, Monday, February 4

WILL GO AHEAD WITH A NEW CHURCH.

To say that the pastor and congregation of Queen's Avenue Methodist to Prof. Crookes, the eminent spectro-Church have the heartfelt sympathy of every citizen of London in the great loss which they have sustained by the destruction of their place of worship is but mildly to represent the public voice. Many of the members of the pioneer Methodist Church of this city are among the most progressive of our citizens. The congregation has not only liberally sustained their own church, but have been ever ready to aid in the promotion of the common good. When a calamity comes upon such a people, sympathy naturally flows to them, and in this instance offers of aid to tide over their difficulties have come from every side. No denominational lines have been drawn; in the day of trouble all get very near together, and discover how little there is to divide them.

Church is great, there is no disposition to be despondent. Necessary steps will be taken to at once begin the work of reconstruction, and an even finer church, Sunday school and class rooms will in due time be provided, the congregation meanwhile finding a temporary house for itself. This is the proper spirit in which to face the disaster. A people with a good cause and pluck knows how to meet trouble, no matter in what shape it comes.

REVELATION OF TACTICS. An adjournment has been made in the South Perth Provincial election case till Thursday, when the trial will be resumed at Stratford. The most noteworthy fact brought out was the connection of Mr. McNeill, the member petitioned against, with the P.P.A. Throughout the contest Mr. McNeill again and again solemnly denied that he belonged to the institution or had ever belonged to it, and on this ground he received many votes that would otherwise have gone to Mr. Ballantyne, the Liberal candidate. Now it is proved and admitted that Mr. McNeill was all the time a member of this secret organizaiion, Could misrepresentation have gone further?

AN EFFECTIVE CURE.

Some discussion has recently taken place abut the condition of the street railway horses. No doubt, the street railway horse has a hard row to hoe, whether he does duty in summer or in winter. It is not always possible to save him as one can save a horse used for private purposes. But in the main we believe that the street railway company is no more inclined to ill-treat its animals than is the average horse-owner. If the horses are not properly cared for it is a loss to their owners, and it would be shortsighted policy to systematically maltreat their animals. In this connection, the report of the company, read in connection with that of the veterinary surgeons who examined the street car horses, is interesting. On one point these respective authorities will not be disinclined to agree. The street car horses can be comfortably relegated to grass so soon as we have arranged for an electric substitute. Therefore everyone who desires to speed that happy and progressive epoch should work for the early beginning of work with this reform in view.

WILL NOT SCARE. At Chatham, Dr. Montague professed to believe that a revenue tariff would wipe out the town and village factories, and he endeavored to frighten his hearers into voting for a continuance of the combine rule by this absurd contention. The Dunnville doctor knows better, but he hopes to mislead the unthinking. The fact is that the high tax policy has been a distinct injury to the large majority of the towns and villages of the country. Every year it has taken from the pockets of their customers, the farmers and rural population generally, hundreds of thousands of dollars in unnecessary taxation, and has either spent the money corruptly or unprofitably, while at the same time it has promoted the centralization of industries in the larger cities, such as Toronto and Montreal, to the distinct disadvantage of smaller cities, towns and villages. Under a revenue tariff, the average county, town and village in Canada had make no mention in any form of the greater prosperity than they have enjoyed under a high tax policy, and more manufactories, too. They cannot be scared into the belief that it will pay them to continue a policy that filches from them and their best customers

Britain To-Day

Meeting of Parliament - Resignation of Conservative M. P. - A Great Murder Trial Ended-Female Fiend Convicted-The Ocean Tragedy-Fearful Outlook in China-Pathetic Royal Story-The Great

days has chiefly referred to the great ocean tragedy, the meeting of Parliament and the conclusion of the famous murder trial in Belgium, in which a noted society woman has been found guilty of several murders. The cream

of the cables will be found below: LATEST GREAT DISCOVERY. The existence of another element in the atmosphere, announced last summer, but received with a good deal of incredulity, has now been fully demonstrated. The proofs were adduced in a highly interesting form before a distinguished audience at the Royal Institution on Thursday. The new element has been named argon by its discoverers, Lord Rayleigh and Prof. Ramsey. There is still some doubt whether this strange, inert gas, which defies some of the best known laws of physics, consists of one or two primary elements. The discoverers have finally succeeded in separating it from the atmosphere on a large scale, and have sent a portion scopist, and a portion to Dr. Olszewski, of the University of Cracow, to liquefy and solidify. These great authorities have found that the new substance gives a spectrum of its own and has its own boiling point, freezing point, critical temperature and critical pressure, that are all different from those of any other element. One of its properties is its invincible reluctance to combine with anything else. It will have nothing to do with oxygen, chlorine, phosphorus, sodium, platinum or various other substances. Even the electric arc does not make it take companionship with any-

One important quality is a great puzzle. All the heat given to the new sub-stance produces only the motion of translation. In another respect argon presents difficulties. The great Russian chemist, Mendelejeff, has discovered an empirical law which associates the properties of elements with their atomic weights. Now the new element has a density of 39 or 40, which does not fit Though the loss to the Queen's Avenue this law. Argon gives two spectra, the red and the blue, and it is this which raises a doubt whether the investigators are dealing with one or two substances. If the latter should prove true, then there is a new vista opened up, and it is suggested perhaps one of these substances will prove to be Prof. Crooke's ideal protyle, the ultimate basis of matter from which all others are only com-

ODD LAW. The English manner of disposing of homicidal maniacs is somewhat peculiar. There were two cases in the London criminal courts this week growing out of the epidemic of stabbing women a short time ago. Mr. Saunderson, the young man of high connections who killed a woman of low character, was simply sent to an asylum without trial.

Another man who had no influence and who stabbed a lady in the back in Oxford street one afternoon was sentenced to penal servitude for four years, this in spite of the fact that it was proved that the fellow had been nine times convicted of similar unprovoked attacks upon strangers, in one case stabbing a woman in the face, and in another dashing a child to the pavement. It was shown also that the prisoner acted upon a sudden uncontrollable impulse, and made no effort to escape, though he had ample opportunity.

HIS LAST GIFT. A pathetic story comes from Russia about the last present received by the Dowager Empress from the late Czar. Last summer the Czar and Empress visited a great shop in St. Petersburg to buy jewels for their son's future bride, Empress greatly admired a beautiful bracelet, and told the Czar she wished to possess it. On their return one of the serious attacks to which he was subject came upon him, and the Empress forgot the bracelet. The Czar died, and to the Empress in the early days of her widowhood came Nov. 14, the first birthday she must pass alone. On her other birthdays the Czar had been wont to place a bouquet in the morning room of the Empress. Inside the flowers was always folded some rich, rare gift, chosen months beforehand. The Empress had avoided the room as too full of painful memories, but this morning, the morning of his wedding day, Nicholas requested his mother to go there as a favor to him. The first thing she saw was the bouquet in the usual place, and inside the flowers was a case, fastened and sealed by the Czar's own hands. It contained the bracelet. He had ordered it on the same day that the Empress saw it, and on his deathbed had given instructions for the birthday gift, bidding his son to be near to comfort her when she received it.

A FEARFUL OUTLOOK. A new aspect of the war in the East is suggested by Col. Maurice in the United Service Magazine. He calls attention to the Chinese claim that there are massed 500,000 men around Pekin. This force has already been there for some time, and it is likely to remain for several months longer. It is an elementary maxim of military tactics that a large force of men should not be gathered until a short time before they are to be employed, otherwise an epidemic, resulting from enforced lack of sanitary arrangements, is almost inevitable. Therefore, says Col. Maurice, as soon as warm weather begins in the spring there will be a most frightful outbreak of pestilence in some form or other, probably in many forms, but beginning with malignant typhus of the most virulent shape. He suggests that while there is yet time all foreigners in Pekin be withdrawn under adequate

protection. MEETING OF PARLIAMENT. Political excitement over the assembling of Parliament tomorrow (Tuesday) is almost nil. There is a good deal of curiosity over the question whether the Opposition will make a supreme effort overthrow the Government on the question of the Queen's speech, but otherwise there is no public interest in the situation. The Queen signed the speech today. It is longer than usual, and while it contains reference to other Government measures, it is said to

THE UNHEALTHY COMMONS CHAMBER.

The authorities of the House of Comnons have spent probably not less than \$750,000 within the last ten years upon structural alterations designed to put the place into proper sanitary condilarge sums of money yearly for the benefit of a few favored individuals. The country, as a whole, needs a change.

It's cheaper to pay some men's board in jail than to let them run loose.

The place into proper sanitary condition But this imposing looking pile of buildings is still, according to many experts, the most insanitary block in the whole of London, and it will require more than another \$250,000 to make it a healthy living place. Mr. John Burns,

The news cabled within the last two | paying a visit to the reporters' gallery municipal authorities ought to gazette the House of Commons as an insanitary area within the meaning of the Public Health Acts, and keep it closed until its numerous defects are remedied. An outery was raised from which, however, little practical benefit resulted beyond promise to have the drains seen to during the recess of the House. It will reassemble tomorrow (Tuesday), and, by way of encouragement to the members and reporters of the heavy work before them, another expert, who has been sniffing around the place and exbeen sniffing around the place and ex-amining the drainage plans, announces that it is dangerous to live in. Among other unpleasant things, he discovered that the ventilating sewer pipes throughout the House of Commons were so contrived that the poisonous gas poure into the reporters' rooms and committee rooms, and so on. It appears committee rooms, and so on. It appears probable that nothing will be done until one or two Cabinet Ministers are laid up with typhoid fever, as several re-

porters were last session. FEMALE FIEND FOUND GUILTY. This week, in the Joniaux murder trial in Belgium, has been occupied principally with the arguments of the counsel, and there have been some thrilling displays of forensic eloquence. The

providential witness, whose Mme. Joniaux announced, failed to appear. It has been testified that the remarkable woman who is accused of so many cold-blooded crimes, is superstitious. It was brought out that on the night of the sudden death of her uncle whom she is sudden death of her uncle, whom she is accused of poisoning, Mme. Joniaux slept in the bed from which the corpse had been removed. This was because of her helief in the popular superstition. of her belief in the popular superstition, "If you do not wish to see a ghost then sleep in the bed where death took place." The prosecution made another telling point. On March 16, 1873, Mr. Vandenkerckhove arrived at Mme. Joniaux's house. On the next day he died. Between the 1st and 15th of that month the prisoner had purchased 28 month the prisoner had purchased 28 centigrammes of atrophine on a falsified recipe from Dr. Phillippe, who had prescribed atrophine for her sister. The fatal dose amounted to two centigrammes.

The speech of M. Hendriks, counsel for the defense, was, admittedly, one of the first ever heard in the Belgian court, but even his genius was unable to explain away some of the most damaging facts against the prisoner. He made a very effective peroration this evening, solemnly declaring that the evidence had not proved the least connection of the prisoner with the crimes. He had learned, through the indiscretion of the jailers, that the prisoner had surrounded herself in prison with the portraits of the relatives she is accused of poison-For months, said the lawyer in concluding his speech, this woman has lived under their eyes. The point greatly impressed the jury and affected the hearers. Mr. Graur, the senior counsel for the defense, is chiefly remarkable for his singular proposition that it was perfectly natural that the prisoner lied. The defense was entitled to lie when appearances were unfavorable. No barrister in the world would dare to advise his client to keep strictly to the absolute truth. This speech created a great impression and excitement. After conclusion the prosecutor replied. Outside the court intense excitement prevailed. The police charged the crowd repeatedly. At 2:30 o'clock Sunday morning the jury returned a verdict of guilty, but sentence was not immediately

A CONSERVATIVE RESIGNS. seat in the House of Commons. He is Conservative, and represented Colchester, where he received a majority of 61 votes at the last general election. In 1889 he married Miss Jane Chamberlain, daughter of H. S. Chamberlain, of Cleveland, Ohio.

GREAT SNOWSTORM. The heavy snow fall of last week has blocked the Wismar, Rostock and New Brandenburg railways in Germany. Regiments were brought out all along the lines to clear the tracks. They dug thirteen trains out of snow banks in the Posen district. Where trains were not stopped their progress was so embar-rassed that on hardly a railroad in the country could they be run on schedule

THE OCEAN TRAGEDY.

It is still impossible to say anything definite about the responsibility for the disaster. It is sure to have one important effect, namely, the adoption of stringent international regulations of navigation in the crowded and danger-ous waters of the English Channel and the North Sea. Without making any imputations against the Crathie, which sent the Elbe to the bottom, it must be said that vessels of her class are a much dreaded terror to navigators in these waters. They often run with criminal neglect of the most ordinary precautions, and they are usually undermanned, and sometimes sail at full speed on the course at night with only one man on duty above deck. Instances are known where this one man has ashed the wheel on the course and gone below or a drink or to warm himself. The regulations about the lights are also often neglected.

MEETING OF THREE EMPERORS. The first part of the German Emperor's programme has been completed, and Court Marshal Count Eulenburg is already looking after the arrangements for the Imperial visit to Abbazia, on the south Austrian coast. The Empress and Imperial Princess will leave Berlin for the south on March 4, and the Emperor will follow them on the 15th. All except the Emperor will stay on the coast four or five weeks. He will remain there only a fortnight. Emperor Franz Josef will pass two days with the Imperial family, and King Humbert will be with them for a day at least. Emperor Wilham will attend the maneuvers of the Austrian fleet off Pola, and subsequently will hunt with the Austrian Em-

eror to the Dalmatian Hills. The certainty of having an Imperial family in town for a month, and of three sovereigns, with their suites, meeting there, has given a tremendous impetus to business in Abbazia. A room is hardly to be had for March or April. Rents have gone up enormous-ly, and every hotel has let all its space in advance at the highest rates.

A COMICAL SCENE. A rather comical case occurred in Cambridgeshire at the first meeting of the village council of Barrington. The meeting was to have been held in the church, but the vicar got tired of waiting for the councilors, and went home with the key, leaving word that it could WM. PAYNE. - LONDON.

the obained upon application. Finding the dor locked upon their somewhat tardy arrival at the place of meeting, the nwly-elected councilors philosophically sat down in the road and proceede to elect a chairman, clerk and treasurer, and make a call upon the oversers for a rate. The business of the meeting over, they quietly went home, none the worse for their al fresco councillings.

TICHT LACING CAUSES DEATH. No long ago Kitty Tyrrel, who was dancing at a London pantomime, dropped lead behind the scenes from the effecs of tight lacing. Her death dees not ippear to have been taken as a waring to any great extent, for anotier and similar case has just occurred. A governess of about 24 years of are in the service of a well-known Preson solicitor went the other night to have a tooth drawn under laughing to have a tooth drawn under laughing gas. The operation was performed without a hitch, and she was leaving the room when she suddenly fell prone upon the floor and was dead before assistance could reach her. The postmortem examination proved that death was entirely due to tight lacing. The hear had been terribly contracted on the eft side and distended upon the the eft side and distended upon the right. The deceased measureed 23 inches around the waist, and her corsets measured only 18 inches. The liver was nine ounces above normal weight and was ransversely compressed. The ver-"suffocation from tight

CANADA AND THE PRESS.

Goldwin Smith at the Canada Press Association Banquet.

Association Banquet.

At the Press Association banquet in Toronto, Prof. Goldwin Smith, who was loudly applauded and received by the audience singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow," responded. He said: "The eloquen, Minister of Education has really left me nothing to do but to put one more gilding upon a subject which does not require to be gilded at all. Canada is our home. We have here five millions of people, probably as industrious, as of people, probably as industrious, as energetic, as moral, as any five millions in the world. I do not exclude the French-Canadians, because, although they do not manifest exactly the same qualities as the British, they have qualities of their own, being a kind, courteous, domestic and happy people. We have with these five millions of people a country whose resources have yet to a country whose resources have yet to be developed; and we may look forward with confidence to the future, whatever it may be. Our destiny is in our own hands. The policies of our different governments as set before our people, and the intelligence of our people will decide. Canada has certainly kept pace with other countries in this. I may say. with other countries in this, I may say, electric age; and we traverse over grounds in a few years which it took in forner ages centuries to traverse, There have been improvements in all lands; but hope I will not be accused of insin-cerity when I say the improvements and progress of Toronto have been vis-ible from my window; for while today I see sletche and horses pass my windows see sleighs and horses pass my windows. 50 years ago I saw bears from the same position. (Laughter.) We may feel confident that whatever our external relations may be, being what we are and having what we have, we shall be our selves, and as such play a worthy part in the great drama of the Anglo-Saxon race, and a still greater part in the drana of humanity. Now, gentlemen, as an old journalist and literary man, I have naturally watched with special interest the progress of the Canadian press. There are some remember that the entire press of Torone was governed by the great mind of one man, who, by the force of his in-tellect, controlled the entire press. But now, how changed is the scene; we have four morning and three evening newspapers, and each offers an open form of public opinion. Their editorials, unless my opinions as a literary man for the last 50 years havt g reatly deceived me, have undergone a great improvement in the direction of candor and courtesy towards each other and towards the public. I believe that courtesy towards our opponents is certainly wise and right. The people do not like vulgarity in criticism any more than we do. I have often in England, where I was concerned in politics, been at a meeting of the people, and I found that anything of a gross or rude, or vulgar feeling, was H. S. Naylor-Leland has resigned his met by a revulsion even on their part. Well, gentlemen, since my advent in Teronto I have been watching the progress of the local press with the greatest interest, and I can say this, that while the press of the city, when I came here

first, was but an echo of the great sen-tral press, that led by the editor of the Globe-for in all the others there appeared merely a diluted form of editorial which had appeared previously in that paper—now the state of affairs is entrely different. Wherever I go in the country I find local papers having ninds of their own, and political views fully matured in almost equal measure. With such a state of affairs the conditions are hopeful, and the tendency is to make government by the people a government of intelligence. We do not want government to be by the popular will, but by the reason of the commun ty. And I hope the day is close at hand when politicians will follow the drift of public opinion and not guide it. I was one of the original staff of the Saturday Review, 40 years ago, and of the original staff there are only two survivors besides myself. One was the leader of the Conservative party in England, and the other the leader of the Liberal party in the House of Commons. While con-nected with that journal I may say that tried to be true to the honor of the ress, both in saying nothing at the time that I did not believe, and in publishing nothing that I did not know to be true." Mr. Smith concluded by commenting upon the great principle of lib. erty of opinion shown in the Canadian press, and hoped that he press might, as it had in the past, continue a power

for good. (Applause.) The great lung healer is found in the excellent medicine sold as Eickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup. It soothes and diminishes the sensibility of the mem-brane of the threat and air passages, and is a sovereign remedy for all coughs, colds, hoarseness, etc. It has cured many when supposed to be far advanced in consumption.

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