

ECHOES OF THE WEEK

European.

A pauper leper has been discovered in Lisburn, Ireland.

The steamer Utopia, sunk at Gibraltar, has been raised by means of cofferdams.

The Education Bill has received its third reading in the British House of Commons.

The Mayor of Portsmouth, has received private intimation that the French fleet will visit Portsmouth in August.

The Queen's head piper, William Ross, died recently in Windsor, aged 69. He had pined for Her Majesty since 1854.

Much anxiety has been caused in India by the discovery that Russian merchants have succeeded in getting a foothold in Afghanistan.

The Emperor William will not have time to make a Scotch cruise in his yacht. He will go direct from London to Edinburgh and will embark at Leith on July 14 for Norway.

Riotous strikes have occurred among the reapers at Velletry, an agricultural town about 21 miles from Rome. Troops were called out to subdue the rioters, and shot and wounded several others.

A notice has been formally issued requiring Mr. De Cobain, M. P. for Belfast, charged with unnatural crimes, to attend the session of the House of Commons on the 23rd inst., on pain of expulsion.

The appeal of the Bishop of Lincoln against the decision of the Archbishop of Canterbury in regard to ritualistic observances, which has been before the House of Lords for some time, was concluded to-day. Judgment was reserved.

The Hamburger's correspondent in England declares that one of the chief objects of the Kaiser's visit to England is to arrange Belgium's neutrality, which France is suspected of an intention to violate when the next war begins.

The French Chamber of Deputies has approved the new duties proposed by the tariff committee on dressed skins, all articles made of precious metals (unless used in the clock or watch trade), engines, sewing machines, musical instruments, scientific apparatus and toys.

In Swolsenki, Russia, last week the police ordered all the Jews to embrace the Russian orthodox faith. The Jews solemnly vowed that they would stand by the faith of their fathers. They sold their homes and other property within two days and emigrated.

Two million young oysters have been laid down in the Whistable Flats, Eng. This has not been done any too soon, for an oyster famine was impending for next season. It is estimated that the terrible frosts which occurred during the winter have destroyed about £30,000 worth of Whistable oysters.

The result of the election at Carlow for a successor in Parliament to the late O'Gorman Mahon, resulted in a crushing defeat for the Parnellite candidate in the district which Parnell admitted was his stronghold, and where he said if he was defeated he would admit he had nothing left to fall back upon in political life. The result was as follows: Hammond, McCarthyite candidate, 3,755; Kettle, Parnellite, 1,539.

The steamer Kinloch landed at Gravesend part of the crew of the steamer sunk off Dover, which was the Dunholme, bound from Middlesborough to Rio de Janeiro. The Dunholme was sunk at two o'clock in the morning, two minutes after a collision with the Kinloch. Seventeen of the persons on board at the time of the collision are missing. The mate, two sailors and three firemen of the Dunholme are saved. They state that the Kinloch struck the Dunholme at 2.50 a. m. on Monday, in a thick fog. There was no time to lower the boats. The Kinloch assisted them as far as possible.

The German steamship Cleopatra recently struck a sunken rock in the Straits of Magellan and is breaking up. The crew and passengers have been saved. The Cleopatra left Hamburg May 2 for Valparaiso.

A statue of Robert Burns was unveiled at Ayr on Thursday under the auspices of the Freemasons and with Masonic honors. The American consul at Leith recited a dedicatory poem composed by himself. Thirty thousand persons were present.

There was a magnificent state banquet in honor of the Kaiser and Kaiserine in St. George's Hall, Windsor, on Tuesday evening. All the members of the English and German royal families in England were present, including the Queen and Kaiserine, Prince of Wales, and the various princesses, excepting the young children. The leading ambassadors were also present, including Count Hatzfeldt, the German and the Russian ambassadors, the Duke and Duchess of Portland, and Lord Salisbury and Lord Kimberly. The guests sat at a table 150 feet long, whereon were displayed the royal plate, valued at £1,800,000.

A despatch from Auckland, N.Z., reports that the barque Compadre, bound from Calcutta for Chili, recently caught fire at sea. After an ineffectual effort to subdue the flames, the captain steered for Bluff Harbor, a seaport of the Province of Otago, New Zealand. He had succeeded in bringing his burning vessel to the mouth of the harbor,

where a tremendous hurricane overtook her. After a desperate struggle with the opposing elements, the barque was driven upon the rocks of a desert island. After incredible sufferings, the crew of the barque succeeded in swimming ashore. Here the miserable men were forced to spend 103 days and nights suffering the extreme wretchedness of exposure and starvation. On the 104th day of their being cast away, their distress signals were seen by a passing sailing vessel and the sorely tried sailors were taken off in safety, but in a distressing state of weakness and emaciation.

American.

Charges of fraud were made in the Trade and Labor Assembly at Chicago on Tuesday and the meeting broke up in a free-for-all fight.

The savings bank of Moses Brothers, of Montgomery, Ala., suspended payment on Tuesday with liabilities of half a million. Many poor people were included among the depositors, a crowd of whom gathered at its doors soon after the news of the failure became known.

Superintendent Porter, of the U. S. Census Bureau, will soon issue a bulletin upon the membership of the Roman Catholic church in the United States by States and counties. The bulletin will show the membership now numbers 6,250,000 communicants over 15 years of age.

The U. S. Navy Department evidently fears that trouble is likely to arise in Samoa between the followers of King Malletoa and Chief Mataafa, as instructions have been issued to the Iroquois, now stationed at Honolulu, to proceed at once to Apia. The Charleston will probably be stationed at Honolulu in the Iroquois' place.

The steamship Australia, which arrived at San Francisco from Honolulu on Tuesday afternoon, brought the news of the arrival of the American Missionary barkentine Morning Star at that place after a cruise of a year. Two calls were made at Ponape, Caroline Islands. On the first visit Spanish soldiers and natives were found engaged in warfare. At one battle the Spanish mustered out 1,200 men against 300 natives, but were defeated in spite of the great odds with heavy loss. At the second visit of the Morning Star the natives were found at peace.

The steamship Elder, at New York, from Bremen, reports that the Cunard line steamship Servia, which sailed on Saturday for Liverpool, is returning in tow of the Dutch oil tank steamer Chester, with her machinery disabled. The Servia broke her high pressure crank pin. When the Elder saw her she was about 140 miles eastward of Sandy Hook. Captain Bauer, of the Elder, says the Servia signalled 22 times, stating that she was completely disabled. The Chester was eight miles off the Servia when she signalled and asked for tugs. The Servia had on board a large number of passengers, including Prince George of Greece.

The birth of a girl baby in the family of the Chinese Minister at Washington has been the subject of general rejoicing at the Chinese legation for ten days. The tiny maiden is kept in the strictest seclusion for the first month of her existence, in accordance with the laws of the Celestial Kingdom, which also require the seclusion of the mother for the same time. When the child was three days old which was on Saturday last, she was decked out in the finest of garments and carried in state to the large parlor, where the members of the legation were invited to pay their respects. In the afternoon the baby was given back into her mother's charge, and will not be allowed to be seen again, even by members of the household, until she is a month old.

Col. Dyrenforth, of the Department of Agriculture, with two assistants, left Washington on Thursday for the interior of Texas, where he will make further experiments in the feasibility of producing rain in arid regions by exploding balloons charged with oxygen at a considerable height in the air. Tests will also be made in exploding dynamite attached to the tails of large kites in connection with the theory that rain may be produced by the concussion of high explosives in mid air. The dynamite is to be exploded in the same manner as are the balloons, that is, by a slender wire leading to the kites and connected with an electric battery worked on the ground. Col. Dyrenforth will seek some sequestered spot in Texas, where the noise will not disturb any one, and will make thorough and exhaustive experiments.

Canadian.

The gross earnings of the Toronto Street Railway for last week amounted to \$16,495.

The postal bag from Montreal for Quebec went missing on Monday night and Quebecers had to do without their letters or papers.

John McLean, a resident of Ormstown, who has long been concerned in a conflict between the church and his personal rights, was arrested on Tuesday morning at the instance of the Rev. A. D. Lockhart, Episcopal clergyman. The charge is perjury.

Mr. Smith, Deputy Minister of Marine, received from the United States Government two testimonials recognizing bravery. They are one for Captain R. E. Salter, of

the ship Marlborough, for effecting the rescue of the crew of the United States schooner Nellie Potter, on March 2nd, 1890, and for Acting Captain Martia Mahoney, of the schooner M. L. Breck, of Kingston, Ont., for rescuing one woman and ten men, comprising the shipwrecked crew of the Charles C. Ryan, of Buffalo, on June 9, 1890.

In reply to a telegram sent May 30, protesting against the closure of Behring Sea this season, the Victoria, B. C., Board of Trade on Tuesday afternoon received a letter from the Colonial office in which the following occurs: "As the total cessation of sealing in Behring Sea will greatly enhance the value of the produce of the coast fishery Her Majesty's Government do not anticipate that British sealers will suffer to any great extent by seclusion from the sea. They will be prepared, however, to consider any case in which it is established that direct loss has been sustained by any British subject through the enforcement of the prohibition against sealing in Behring Sea."

Proceedings have been instituted at St. John, N. B., for violation of the Independence of Parliament Act against Messrs. Robinson and O'Brien, members of the House of Assembly for Northumberland County, who were contractors for building a bridge across the Southwest Miramichi river in 1887, and also have recently been awarded \$8,088, with interest, until the amount is paid as settlement of their claim for extras. The penalty is \$200 for each day they have held seats in the Legislature, and if a case is made out against them, as they have sat for two sessions, it will about eat up the \$10,000 they have received over and above the contract price. At the time of the Northumberland deal, by which Attorney-General Blair succeeded in averting defeat in the new House, the balance claimed to be due on this bridge was said to be part of the price he paid for the purchase of Northumberland's four representatives, who were elected in opposition.

Some Fishes in Winter.

In the government fish factory, under the management of Mr. Wilmot, superintendent of pisciculture for the Dominion of Canada, at Newcastle, Ontario, I had many opportunities to study certain fishes in winter, for they could be clearly seen through the glass sides of the tanks. In one tank about a third of the way up from the bottom, were half a dozen German carp, all facing the direction from which the water flowed. I noticed their position about Christmas, saw them again in January, twice in February, and two or three times in March, and in all that time not one of them had changed its position or moved a fin or tail.

Mr. Wilmot told me that this was quite usual among these fishes. He permitted me to raise the cover of the tank and poke a couple of them with my stick. Each one made a slow, lazy movement, and relapsed into stillness. Just above the carp, in the same tank, was an eel about three feet long. When I first saw it in December it was curved like a perfect S, and all through the winter it preserved that shape without, so far as Mr. Wilmot knew, once moving.

This, I may add, is how numerous kinds of fishes spend the winter. So long as they remain perfectly still there is no waste of animal tissue, and they do not need food. Put a frog into a tank at the beginning of winter, then place a small piece of wood in the tank; the frog will get upon the wood, with his eyes looking straight up, and never so much as move until the weather begins to get warm in the spring; he will then begin to jump about and look for something to eat.—Edmund Collins in Harper's Young People.

George Dawson, the champion lightweight of Australia, who is expected in this country by the next steamer, will have no trouble in getting on a fight for good money. The three boxing clubs are figuring on getting him to fight Kemmick, of St. Paul.

The great strike of Belgian miners, which has been in progress for the last 70 days, has been brought to an end. The council of the Knights of Labor decided in favor of a general resumption of business, and the men returned to work.

The statistics of strikes in the German Empire for the year 1890 show the following leading facts: The strikes involved 394,440 workmen; of these 11 per cent. were of the age of 21; 15 per cent. of the strikes resulted in a complete and 44 per cent. in a partial victory, while 41 per cent. failed totally.

Charles S. Reber's running long jump of 23 feet 6 1/2 inches at the Central championship games, at the Detroit Athletic Club grounds last Saturday, beats both the professional and amateur world's record. The best American amateur record was 23 feet 3 1/2 inches, measured from heel to toe, made by Malcolm W. Ford at Brooklyn, N. Y., August 14, 1887, and 23 feet 3 1/2 inches, measured from scratch line, made by A. F. Copeland, at Washington last October. The best English amateur record is 23 feet 2 inches, made by P. Davin at Monastaravan, August, 1883. Reber belongs to the Pastime Athletic Club, of St. Louis, Mo., and his jump was strictly in accordance with Athletic Union rules.

LABOR AND WAGES.

Cleanings From the Industrial Field of the World

The 50 scabs on the Erie road of Chicago are under "police protection."

Over 200 men are out of work by the burning of the flint glass works at Findley, O.

Owing to slack times stonecutters in San Francisco are wandering away to Oregon and Washington.

The strike of stonecutters at Detroit is becoming general. The non-unionists are joining the unionists.

The stonecutters of Scranton, Pa., are still on strike, and expect to be reinforced by the bricklayers and masons.

The employees at the Baltimore sugar refinery have gone on strike upon the appointment by the company of a hated foreman.

The boys employed at Lorillard's in Jersey City, struck this week against the attempted introduction of the piece system.

The annual convention of the National Brass Workers' Trade Assembly will be held at Military Hall, New York, on August 5th.

On Sunday the salesmen and saleswomen of Harlem held a mass meeting at 160 East 121st street under the auspices of the K. of L.

The longshoremen's strike at Chicago involves all the lines but one, which granted the demand of the men. There are over 800 men out.

Delegates of labor organizations in Maine met this week at Bangor and decided to issue a call for a convention to organize a State Federation.

The Pueblo, Col., branch of stonecutters have unanimously decided in favor of giving all men on the scab list a jubilee—admission fee to be \$20.

At the New Jersey Zinc and Iron Works in Newark, N. J., 400 men are on strike by reason of the unjust discharge of four of their comrades.

The convention of the Amalgamated Association of Steel and Ironworkers adjourned after a 22 days' session. Most of the officers were re-elected.

The cloakmakers' strike against R. Andrews & Co., for the reinstatement of their wrongfully discharged shop delegate, has been won by the strikers.

The farm hands in Bretagne, France, have established a permanent organization, as the result of a convention held by them at Port Domino a month ago.

The metal workers of Germany held their third national congress at Frankfort-on-the-Main last month. Over 128 delegates were present, representing about as many towns.

The Tennessee Coal and Iron Company, the largest in Alabama, signed this week the contract upon the basis of 45 cents per ton with its employees. This to hold good for one year.

At South Boston, Mass., 3 years old infants work at overbasting trousers, and 9½ a pair is the wages paid to adults at the North End, for trousers of the new United States Postal uniforms.

About 2,000 men, comprising all the employees on the railroad mines in Belmont, Jefferson, Guernsey and Harrison Counties, O., and 600 in Steubenville went, last week, on strike to obtain the nine hour day.

The directors of the London 'buns companies have made a present of £2 to every one of their employees who stuck by them during the recent strike, accompanied by a complimentary letter. These are sops to scabs.

In reply to the resolution recently adopted by the convention of the International Typographical Union at Boston, the Typothetae Society of New York passed a resolution expressing its intention to refuse compliance and to fight the workingmen.

The capitalist newspapers of Buenos Ayres, Argentine Republic, like the World and others of that stripe in New York, have established lodging houses for the pauper children, who they claimed did not exist and who peddle those sheets in the streets of Buenos Ayres.

Thirty employees on the New York 9th avenue surface line have been discharged because of their membership in the K. of L. The men were spotted by a spy who had squeezed himself into the order. A boycott has been declared against the line.

Sixty cigarmakers, employed at the Consolidated Cigarette Co'y., corner of Tenth street and Avenue D., New York, are on strike. Two of their comrades have been ill treated by the company, and the conditions of the shop are in general of the worst. Four hundred children are at work, many under ten years of age; the wages do not average \$4 a week, in many cases areas low as \$1.50; and the sanitary conditions are simply unspeakable.

Last Sunday, in New York, were held the installation ceremonies of the K. of L. school. Political and economic addresses were delivered on the occasion by Organizer T. Mallon, Messrs. Griffith, of Philadelphia; Jacobson, of the Central Labor Union; Walking Delegates Bell, Sterman, Farrell, Greenan, Mulvey, Doyle and Quinn. Beginning with August, public monthly meetings and entertainments will be held regularly.

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