

What Was Wanted.

Morley's Irish Land Bill Finds Great Favor.

Li Hung Sets Out to Negotiate Peace for China.

Wei-Wai Abandoned—The Japs Destroy the Forts and Leave—Serious Falling Out in the B. N. A. Dividend—Roseberry Better.

ROSEBERRY BETTER.
LONDON, March 5.—Lord Roseberry's condition is greatly improved.

DEATH OF ACTOR ANDERSON.
LONDON, March 5.—James Anderson, the actor, who was a protégé of Macready, and who frequently made tours of America, is dead, age 76.

THE QUEEN'S DRAWING ROOM.
LONDON, March 5.—The Queen held a drawing room at Buckingham Palace this afternoon. Though the weather was very cold, there was a good attendance.

NOTED ENGLISHMAN DEAD.
LONDON, March 5.—Major-General Sir Henry Creswicke Rawlinson died this morning. He was formerly British ambassador to Persia, and was a life member of the Council of India.

A BRITISH LIBERAL DEAD.
LONDON, March 5.—Sir Joseph Dodge Weston, member of the House of Commons for the east division of Bristol, died today. In politics Sir Joseph was a Liberal of advanced views in favor of Home Rule. He was a magistrate of Bristol and was mayor of that city in 1842.

IN SPITE OF PROTECTION.
LONDON, March 5.—The Bank of British North America meeting today declared a dividend of 1 1/2 per cent for the year, as compared with 7 1/2 per cent last year. Mr. Whymann, the chairman, deplored what he described as the "business paralysis" in Canada. He denied that the failure of the Newfoundlands was due to losses incurred in Newfoundland.

WEI-WAI ABANDONED.
YOKOHAMA, March 5.—The captured Chinese war ships have arrived here, and the reports of the Japanese commanders are favorable to the raising of the sunken war vessels of China at Wei-Hai-Wei. The Japanese have abandoned the Shantung peninsula, including Wei-Hai-Wei, after destroying the fortifications of the latter place. John Wilde, alias Howie, the American who planned to blow up the Japanese war ships in a novel manner, and who was captured at Wei-Hai-Wei, after having previously been released on parole, has been brought to Japan for trial.

THE CHINESE PEACE ENVOY.
PEKIN, March 5.—Li Hung Chang telegraphed the details of the commission as Chinese peace envoy to Japan, saying that if they were unsatisfactory he would not start on his mission. Japan's reply was not given out, but it must have been satisfactory, as Li Hung Chang started for Hiroshima by way of Tientsin this morning. Wung Tung Ho, tutor to the Emperor, who has been regarded as a big stumbling block to progress has incurred the displeasure of the Emperor, and a number of other conditions have been dropped. On the other hand Li Hung Chang met with special marks of royal esteem and was granted five audiences with the Emperor and his family. On his peace mission he carries documents showing he has full power to effect a settlement.

Hon. John W. Foster, counsel for the Chinese peace commission, accompanied Li Hung.

NO DIFFICULTY.
Jacques St. Core telegraphs from Paris to the New York Herald: I had an interview this morning with the highest employe of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and asked him what truth there was in the reports relative to the trouble between the United States and France because of the San Domingo affair. The following was his answer: There is no difficulty between France and the United States about San Domingo, and there cannot be any. France has at present certain difficulties with San Domingo, which however are on the point of being amicably settled, for the rights of France are so evident that it is impossible to even discuss them. Besides, they concern only France, and the United States has nothing to do with them. The diplomacy of the United States has always been very courteous and straightforward, and not one word has been said here about the matter. The origin of these reports, it seems to me, is in the desire of President Hereaux of the Dominican republic to make Europe believe that he is supported by the United States. It is true that the representative of the United States in Paris has made certain representations to this Ministry, but they did not relate to San Domingo, but to the interdiction of the importation of American cattle into France.

THE IRISH LAND BILL.
DUBLIN, March 5.—The Freeman's Journal expresses the opinion that the Land Bill introduced in the House of Commons yesterday contains provisions of vast utility to the tenantry of Ireland.

The Independent (Parnellite) says the vital part of the bill is the question of improvements, which redress to be further explained. The voluntary agreement in regard to evicted tenants, it thinks, is a shameful submission to the Lords.

The Unionist Northern Whig (organ of Ulster farmers) accepts the bill as a fair and reasonable measure. The cordial reception given the principle of Mr. Morley's Irish Land Bill by all political parties was emphasized by an article recently published from the pen of Mr. Thomas W. Russell, Liberal Unionist member for Mid-Lincoln. "This is an issue," he said, "so straight, so plain and so unmistakable, that discussion ought to be almost impossible. The issue I refer to is: Ought the Irish tenant who has built his own house, drained and fenced the land he tills—ought such a man to pay rent on his own expenditures? This, I submit, is a clean and clear issue. The landlord's contention is that the tenant has sufficient protection under the law as it stands. But by the official statement issued by the landlords' convention last month, they have gone a step fur-

ther than this. In this document they defend what I must plainly describe as the confiscation of the tenants' property. I see no way out of a grave difficulty save by Parliament resolutely going back to the clear intentions of the act of 1881—by sweeping aside all legal casuistry, by declaring that while the landlord is entitled to a fair rent upon the land and its inherent capacities, he is not entitled to tax the tenant's industry."

POLITICAL MATTERS.

Laurier at St. Jerome—An Immense Meeting.

East Durham Liberals Decide Not to Nominate at Present—Notes by the Way.

CONSERVATIVE NOMINATIONS.
East Peterboro Conservatives met at Norwood on Tuesday and nominated John Burnham for Parliament. The fight in East Peterboro is between Mr. Burnham, for the Conservatives, and John Lane, ex-M.P., for the Reformers. The delegates of the Conservative Association of South Wellington, at a convention held on Tuesday afternoon in Guelph to select a candidate for the House of Commons, nominated Christian Kloefer.

North Perth Conservatives met in Milverton on Tuesday and nominated Alex. F. McLaren for the House of Commons.

At Orillia the nomination of Mr. W. H. Bennett, M.P., was a foregone conclusion.

WILL NOT BE BRIBED.
It is said that Hugh Graham, of the Montreal Star, has been offered a senatorship. The story goes that Mr. Graham interpreted the offer as partaking of the nature of an inducement for him to give the Conservatives his unequalled support in the coming campaign. Consequently, Mr. Graham declined the honor.—Toronto Telegram.

LAURIER AT ST. JEROME.
ST. JEROME, Que., March 5.—A meeting presided over by ex-Mayor Godmer presented an address to Hon. Mr. Laurier upon his arrival here today. The speakers were Hon. Wilfrid Laurier, H. Bourassa, R. Lemieux and Mr. Tarte. The town hall was crowded, and many could not obtain entrance. Great enthusiasm prevailed.

EAST DURHAM LIBERALS.
MILLBROOK, Ont., March 5.—The East Durham Reform Association met here today to select a candidate for the Dominion Parliament. There was a divided opinion as to the advisability of placing a candidate in the field, and it was decided to await the result of the Patron convention, which is to be held here next week. There are already two candidates in the field for this riding—a Conservative and a McCarthyite.

MR. SHARP WITHDRAWS.
The announcement that Mr. Sharp, the Conservative candidate, had, after being seven months in the field, peremptorily and without a word of warning, withdrawn from the canvass, created a sensation in Dresden.

NORTH BRUCE.
SOUTHAMPTON, Ont., March 5.—A large and enthusiastic Liberal meeting was held in the town hall here tonight. Mr. C. M. Bowman, president of the North Bruce Liberal Association, acted as chairman, and in a neat and effective speech stated the object of the meeting, and referred briefly to the issues of the day. Mr. A. D. McConnell and Dr. H. A. Bonnar, the Liberal candidate for North Bruce, made short and effective speeches, and were followed by Mr. Charlton, who made the speech of the evening.

THE TROUBLE IN COLOMBIA.
WASHINGTON, March 5.—Disquieting advices continue to reach the Navy Department from Capt. Cromwell, of the Atlanta at Colon whose dispatches confirm the impression in official circles that the Colombian Government is utterly unable to cope with the revolutionists or maintain order. The Progressive party appears to be in the ascendant.

SHOT BY A POLICEMAN.
BUFFALO, March 5.—Stephen Gournek, aged 32, out of work, with a hungry wife and several small children, was shot, probably fatally, last night by Detective Mandell, of the West Shore Police. He alleges that Gournek was stealing from the railroad, and resisted arrest, and that to save his own life he was obliged to shoot. Gournek is unable to make a statement.

CANADIAN KILLED IN BUFFALO.
BUFFALO, March 5.—Henry Hills, who came here a few years ago from Humberstone, Ont., was yesterday caught in the beltting attached to a buzz-saw frame and carried around several times, each time the body striking the ceiling with tremendous force until it was horribly mutilated. Hills was 56 years old, and leaves a wife and several children. He had brothers, who resided in Toronto, Parkdale, Port Colborne and in Pinkerton, Ont.

HIGH LIVING.
NEWARK, N. J., March 5.—George A. Ballantyne, who has obtained a divorce in Paris, is the son of the late Peter Ballantyne, head of the great Ballantyne brewing interests. Six years ago he met Miss Mabel Lathrop, of Boston, in the Adirondacks. Their marriage took place in 1889. Mr. Ballantyne's bride was coldly received by his family, and the two went to Paris. Ballantyne applied himself to the study of architecture, his wife enjoying life in the French metropolis. Ballantyne's income of \$600,000 a year, it is said, was not sufficient to keep up the expenses.

PECULIAR HOMICIDE.
CINCINNATI, March 5.—A most peculiar homicide occurred in front of James Martin's residence on Dalton avenue today. Herman Wessling, a varnisher, was on his way to work, when without warning a pistol ball entered his chest and passed through his heart. Mrs. Martin says she was making up their folding bed in the lower front room and took the revolver from under the pillow and placed it on the mantelpiece. Just as she was she heard a pistol shot, but did not know it was the one she was handling. Her husband rushed in from the back room to ask about it, and they found it was their pistol, and also found the hole where the bullet went through the wall.

PROVOST WYLIE. of Hamilton, Scotland, the respected father of the courageous young missionary, Rev. Jas. A. Wylie, who was brutally murdered by Chinese soldiery in August last at Leadong, has forwarded \$1,000, received from the Chinese Government as compensation to the foreign missionary secretary of the United Presbyterian Church, for the purpose of erecting a mission chapel and hospital at or near the place where his son labored and died. This act on the part of the bereaved father speaks eloquently of the deep missionary spirit of the family.

Late Canadian News.

David Edwards, of Montreal, Charged With Killing His Sister.

Mr. William Patterson, M.P., is confined to his room with a very severe cold.

In the Valleyfield, Que., murder case, the line of defense will be on the plea of insanity.

The Ontario Artillery Association has elected president Major John S. Hendrie, Hamilton.

The Presbyterian Church at Glessboro, Man., was burned Sunday morning. Loss, \$25,000.

It is stated in Ottawa that the Canadian Government is endeavoring to bring about free trade between Canada and Cape Colony.

Bradstreet's reports these assignments: W. Pomeroy & Co., merchants, Fullarton; Steele, general store, Ormsby; Conrad S. Ratz, general store, Rostock.

Escaping gas from a coal oil stove nearly resulted in the death of George Parrott, the sexton of the old Baptist Church at Winnipeg, and his wife on Sunday night.

David Edwards who murdered his sister on Monday at Outremont Que., was found guilty, but the coroner's jury was of the unanimous opinion that the prisoner was insane.

A tragedy happened about four miles back of Wellington Tuesday afternoon. A man by the name of Harvey Terry had committed suicide by hanging himself in his own barn. Cause not known. He attended a funeral in the morning.

It is understood that an application will be made to change the venue in the case of Shortis, the Valleyfield murderer, from Beauharnois to Montreal, so that he can be tried at the June court of Queen's Bench in Montreal.

At Montreal on Tuesday Coroner MacMahon held an inquest on the body of Annie Edwards, who was killed by her insane brother, David Edwards, Jun. The jury returned a verdict of murder and the prisoner will be committed to the Queen's Bench.

Samuel De Fries, Francis Tamblin and John Mulligan, ex-Grand Trunk conductors, against whom the bills were brought in by the Grand Trunk at Montreal, were arraigned in court on Tuesday morning before Judge Baby, and pleaded not guilty. They were remanded for trial. John Stone, one of the conductors, is said to have gone to California.

Live News in a Line.

Edward Harrigan, the New York actor, is ill from grip. His condition is serious.

Martial law has been declared in the Province of Santa Clara, Cuba, as the result of the uprising of two insurgent bands.

D. Hack Tuks, M.D., F.R.C.P., LL.D., the well-known writer upon the subject of mental diseases, died in London on Tuesday. He was born in 1827.

Brokers on the New York Stock Exchange investigated boyish demonstrations of hilarity at noon on Monday, shouting, "The fifty-third Congress is dead!"

Walter T. Webb, formerly a well-known temperance and labor advocate, of Port Colborne, Ont., lately engaged in Buffalo in the insurance business, died on Monday of pneumonia.

The smaller cities and rural municipalities of New York State elected municipal officers on Tuesday. Most reports are of Republican successes, and old Democratic majorities overthrown.

There was a serious clash between the freshmen and juniors of the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, on Monday. Bloody noses and black eyes were given indiscriminately. Thomas Dudley Williams, son of Dr. P. C. Williams, of Baltimore, was knocked down and crushed into insensibility. It took minutes to revive him, and then he was sent home in a critical condition.

THE HYAMS CASE.

Mrs. Pillow Charged With Personating Harry's Wife.

MONTREAL, March 5.—John Moss-burger Pillow and his wife were arrested here yesterday in connection with the Hyams insurance case. It is charged that they came to Toronto, and that Mrs. Pillow personated Mrs. Harry Hyams in an effort to obtain an \$80,000 life insurance policy from the Equitable Life Company, while Hyams was in negotiation with George Broughall, the agent.

His former step father, Miss Lattimer, came into the office, and learning that she was loved by Broughall Hyams discredited all negotiations. Previous to leaving Montreal a policy of \$20,000 had been received from the Sun Mutual, in which Mrs. Pillow is also charged with personating.

Pillow was manager of the Crescent chemical works, owned by Harry Hyams. The pair will be sent to Toronto. A later telegram says: J. M. Pillow and wife, of Montreal, who were arrested yesterday on a charge of conspiring with the Hyams brothers to defraud the insurance companies, were liberated this afternoon by order of Crown Prosecutor Curry, of Toronto, who had a long consultation with the prisoners, and who it is stated obtained a promise from them to go to Toronto and give evidence, on which condition they were released from custody.

THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

Caller (inquiring of hotel clerk at 9 a.m.): Mr. Jones up?
Clerk—Yes, sir.
Caller—Is he down?
Clerk—Yes, sir.
Caller—Ah, thanks; I'll step into the breakfast room and see him.

Hanged Herself With a Skoin of Yarn.

LACONA, N. H., March 5.—Mrs. Joseph L. O'Dell, wife of a prominent citizen of Lakeport and mother of Rev. Willis P. O'Dell, of Buffalo, committed suicide by hanging herself to a door with a skoin of yarn. She was 60 years old and suffered mentally for some years.

Dr. V. H. Lyon's Tooth Paste or Powder is the best. Harmless yet thoroughly efficient. Sold by all druggists. Price, 25c.

Servants Are Easily Secured.

By a want ad. in THE ADVERTISER. 15 words three times. 30c. Cheap and sure results. See next page.

Elgin's Sensation.

One of the Most Important Trials in the County's History.

John Hendershott and W. D. Welter Arraigned for Murder.

Sensational Circumstances of the Tragedy and the Supposed Motive That Led to the Terrible Crime.

ST. THOMAS, March 5.—The spring jury sittings of the county of Elgin opened this afternoon at 1:30 before his Lordship W. R. Meredith, chief justice of the Common Pleas Division of the High Court. The most interesting case to be tried at this session is that of the Queen vs. Hendershott and Welter. It is claimed by the crown that the two men, John Hendershott and W. D. Welter, murdered W. H. Hendershott for his insurance as the result of a settled plot to realize upon his death. Mr. R. B. Osier, Q.C., will prosecute on behalf of the crown, while Messrs. Macdonald & Robertson, a firm of local barristers, will watch the case on behalf of the prisoners.

W. H. Hendershott, the victim of the alleged murder for mere pay, was a young farm laborer; the man who, according to present appearances, planned his murder was his father's brother; the supposed hired assassin was a young man, son of a highly-respected neighboring farmer, and the apparent object behind the crime was the swindling of the New York Mutual Reserve and the Galesburg, Ill. Covenant Insurance Companies of \$11,000 insurance which had a few short weeks before been placed by the uncle on the life of the deceased.

THE VICTIM AND ACCUSED.
William Henry Hendershott was aged 24, a son of David Hendershott, of Walsingham Center. For the past two years he has been making his home off and on with John Hendershott, of Middlemarch. He had been working at Elgin until a couple of weeks before the tragedy, when he again took up his residence with his uncle at Middlemarch. On Sept. 7 last he took out a policy for \$5,000 in the Covenant Mutual Insurance Company, of Galesburg, Ill. The policy was made payable to his uncle John. The uncle paid the first premium on this policy, \$23.50, but claims that he then owed the deceased \$25. On Nov. 23, a second policy for \$6,000 was taken out in the Mutual Reserve Association of New York. This was also made payable to his uncle, who also paid the premium of \$48.

William David Welter, charged with the murder, is a young man 24 years of age, and the son of Mr. Isaac Welter, whose farm is west of and adjoins John Hendershott's. Welter had made his home for a year and a half with John Hendershott, and paid marked attention to Mary Lily Hendershott, his fellow-prisoner's 19-year-old daughter, to whom it is said he was engaged. His parents objected to the attention paid to the young lady, and an estrangement ensued, the young man going to live with Hendershott.

John Hendershott, uncle of the deceased, and the beneficiary of the insurance policies, is a man 44 years of age. He formerly kept the hotel at New Sarum. His wife, a sister of Charles E. Welter, and a cousin of W. D. Welter, died about a year ago. He has two daughters.

STORY OF THE TRAGEDY.
On Dec. 14 last, W. D. Welter appeared at the House of Charles Welter, a cousin, about a mile from Middlemarch, and reported that Hendershott had got in the way of a falling tree in Weller's tree, and been killed. His story was that the two had chopped and sawn a tree, and that as the tree was about to fall, Hendershott, who had left his coat, vest and watch on a log in line of the falling tree, ran to save his watch, stumbled on a knoll, fell, and the tree struck and killed him.

Charles E. Welter, farmer, Middlemarch, an uncle of the dead man, who was in the city in the afternoon, was informed of the occurrence and notified Dr. Gustin, coroner, who, from the statement made to him, having no ground for suspecting that deceased met his death by foul play, gave permission for the removal of the body.

SUSPICION AROUSED.
It was not long, however, before suspicions were aroused. Messrs. E. Wardell, R. Stevens, R. Curtis, R. Sanders and others, who went to the woods for the body, while awaiting permission from the coroner to remove it, discovered spots of blood on the leaves by the side of the fallen tree. Next day the fact of the heavy insurance became public. Others visited the woods that day and more blood marks were found, the only explanation given being that the blood might be that of a horse shot on Thanksgiving Day and lying in an adjoining field. The blood, it was said, might have been carried by dogs who devoured the horse. The fallen tree was examined at the point at which deceased's head lay under it, and it was the general opinion that if he had fallen as stated, and the tree struck him, his skull would have been crushed like an eggshell, and not wounded as it was.

THE ARREST.
These circumstances, indicating that murder had been committed, so excited the residents in the locality that the authorities were notified. The Attorney-General's department was notified, and Detective Murray was sent here. A few days later the two men were taken into custody. Since the arrest the officer has spent several weeks in the vicinity, and it is claimed has worked up a strong case against the accused.

HORSES DIRT-CHEAP!

How the Bottom Has Fallen Out of the Market.

TORONTO, March 5.—A neat little bay, apparently sound and in fair condition, sold for \$15; a black ditto for the same price; a grey gelding, somewhat larger, knocked down for \$15; a bay, a trifle thin but full of life, withdrawn without an offer.

This was the record made within ten minutes at Grand's auction rooms today. The bottom has fallen clean out of the horse market, and ordinary animals are scarcely worth the prices of their hides.

Sombody Blundered.

NEW YORK, March 5.—The board of health refused this morning to record the certificate of the Casteline-Gould marriage sent from St. Patrick's Cathedral because it had no date. It was sent back to the cathedral for correction.

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