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THE LATEST AND WILDEST.

HOW AN OTTAWA LIAR EARNS J. G. BENNETT'S DOLLARS.

An Imaginative Falsifier Leads up The New York Herald the Wrong Way—Sir John to Retire From the Leadership, to be Succeeded by Sir Charles Tupper and the Country to be Appealed to on the Annexation Issue.

OTTAWA, Feb. 10.—The Ottawa liars who load up prominent American papers the wrong way sent The New York Herald of Friday a half-column despatch that bristles with falsehood, misstatements and sedition. The burden of this latest and wildest canard is that Sir John Macdonald will at once retire from the leadership of the Conservative party, that Sir Charles Tupper will succeed the Premier as leader and that the present Parliament will be dissolved and the country will be appealed to on the Annexation issue. The despatch also announces that the people of Western Ontario are ripe for Annexation and that Sir John, who is about to bury himself in private life, has resigned his seat for Kingston in the House of Commons. All of which is, of course, the rankest kind of bosh, but it seems to please the New York papers to pay somewhat handsomely for these despatches which are manufactured out of whole cloth and to serve a purpose.

One of the worst phases of this latest screed from Ottawa is that the accredited correspondent of The New York Herald here is the private secretary of one of the Cabinet Ministers, but The Herald is in the habit of printing "news" from other correspondents besides the gentleman in question.

I think that the dispatch printed in The Toronto World of Thursday ought to be taken as conclusive evidence that there will not be an election this year on the Annexation cry or any other cry. Sir John Macdonald loves the leadership of his party too dearly to hand it over to a successor unless the Old Man were compelled to do so from purely physical causes. Besides Sir Charles Tupper is too much infatuated—that's the word—with his life in London as Canadian High Commissioner to give it up for the generalship even of his party.

Sir Charles will undoubtedly remain where he is as long as things remain as they are in Ottawa at present or until the Old War Horse's services are required once more to carry Nova Scotia. In the meantime it would be well to tell the New York editors that Sir John is in the best of health, eats three meals a day, sleeps well, looks as if he were good for almost another decade and that he has more cause for alarm from the Jesuits Estates Bill than he has from Annexation howlers.

CAPITAL CHAF.

Mr. Pope's Condition Serious—Mr. Weatherston Captures the I.C.R. Vacancy.

OTTAWA, Feb. 10.—The condition of Hon. J. H. Pope is very serious this evening. Grave doubts of his recovery are entertained.

Mr. N. Weatherston left for Toronto last night with the appointment of the Intercolonial Railway agency in the Queen City in his pocket. Mr. Weatherston had the support of all the Toronto members and of Senators Smith and Macdonald in his candidature. The office, which is quite a lucrative one, has dropped into popular hands. Owing to the illness of the Minister of Railways the Cabinet made the appointment on the recommendation of the Toronto members and Mr. Weatherston's other friends.

It should be observed in connection with the estimates telegraphed to The World on Friday that the increases and decreases mentioned compare with last year's total estimates, and the supplementary estimates to be brought down later will considerably reduce, and may completely wipe out, the decrease column.

Mme. Laurier, the amiable wife of the Opposition leader, arrived at the Capital to-day from her Arthabaskaville home and joined her husband at the Russell. Mme. Laurier and Mrs. Mackenzie will, it is understood, revive their Saturday evening receptions at the Grand Union at the end of this week. The lady guests at the Russell gave Mme. Laurier an enthusiastic welcome when she appeared in the dining room this evening at dinner.

The annual meeting of the press gallery was held Saturday evening, when about 30 members were in attendance. James Johnston, the handsome blonde editor of The Ottawa Citizen, was elected president by acclamation. Mr. Johnston is one of the oldest members of the gallery, being probably only exceeded in years of service by Mr. Arthur Wallis of the Mail. H. M. Matthewson of The Mail, was chosen vice-president and Wm. Harkin of The Winnipeg Call, secretary. This is the Executive Committee: Oscar Macdonald, Le Canada, Ottawa; A. C. Campbell, Toronto Globe; J. A. Ewan, Toronto Mail; W. H. Turner, Montreal Herald; J. W. Dafoe, Winnipeg Free Press. The officers-elect entertained the gallery slaves after the installation.

Dr. Ryerson on Color-Blindness.

For two weeks in succession "Color-Blindness" has been discussed at the Canadian Institute. Mr. W. A. Sherwood gave his contribution a week ago on Saturday night. Dr. G. S. Ryerson, Professor of Ophthalmology in Trinity Medical College, read a paper on "Color-Blindness in its Relation to Railway Employes and the Public." He said that color-blindness arose from the complete or partial paralysis of one of the optic nerves. It was met with as total and partial inability to distinguish colors, the causes being congenital and hereditary defect; severe illness or injury, particularly to the spine or head; and excessive smoking and drinking. All nations exhibited a certain percentage of color blindness, even the Indians, among whom some researches had recently been made. As a rule color-blind people were unconscious of their defective vision in this particular. It was most important that railway employes should be periodically and strictly examined with reference to this inability to see color. The lecturer thought reform was needed in the arrangements of the railway companies in this respect. A verdict of manslaughter should be returned against railway companies in case of accident through neglect in ascertaining whether their men could or could not judge of a danger signal; and he thought the Department of Railways and Canals ought to take the matter up.

The Canadian Songstress.

The cream of the city in faultless evening attire will gather in full force to hear Canada's great cantatrice in the Pavilion to-night. Our leading sartorial artists have been very busy constructing claw-hammers for this occasion, and quinn anticipates the biggest run on English full dress shirts, ties and gloves this season.

They Have a Grievance.

The police of No. 1 Division complain that justice is not done them in the matter of day duty. It is claimed that the right of the older heads to enjoy "soft snaps" is being overlooked and junior policemen given the easy duties, to which long-service men are entitled.

The Eiffel Tower in Paris is to be the highest in the world. One can form some idea of its immense height by imagining two more spires built on top of St. James' spire. There is about the same difference in make, finish and fit that White's ordered shirts are above the ordinary shirt you buy—65 King-street west.

THE CARDWELL ELECTION.

Further Proceedings at Osgoode Hall on Saturday.

"Bob" White still retains his seat in the Dominion House. In all probability he will continue to retain it despite the efforts now being made to unseat him.

At the trial at which Thomas Smith, the first petitioner, withdrew, Samuel Stubbs, the brother of the defeated candidate applied to be substituted as petitioner, alleging that a corrupt arrangement had been arrived at by the original petitioner and the respondent for the dismissal of the petition. That application was enlarged to be heard at Osgoode Hall before Judge Street. On Saturday Mr. Aylesworth asked that the name of Stubbs be substituted for that of Smith. Mr. Patterson appeared to oppose his client's (Smith) $1000 deposit being retained in court, which is a part of the application. Mr. D'Alton McCarthy argued to oppose the substitution of the new petitioner, Samuel Stubbs. The case was again adjourned for two weeks.

Cyclorama will have additional attractions to-night of the "Brown Jubilee singers" in their musical extravaganza. Reduced prices of 25 cents and 15 cents for children.

TEMPERANCE IN THE PAVILION.

Speeches Yesterday by Mr. Schiveres and Staff Inspector Archabold.

There was only a small attendance at the temperance meeting in the Pavilion yesterday afternoon, Mr. F. S. Spence presiding. Staff Inspector Archabold delivered a short address in which he urged the value of the Industrial School at Mimico. Mr. Ferdinand Schiveres, the revivalist, spoke at some length and was well received. He is much of the Sam Jones type and uses such elegant English as "D'ye hitch onto that?" Mr. Bray of this city followed and more than once called the audience "My dear people." Mr. Spence talking about saloon signs said that Ald. Fleming had told him of a sign at an East end place which reads "Davies' Lager Takes the Cake." "Yes, it does!" was Mr. Spence's comment.

The Grand "Carnival Star," our "sixty" shipment, just to hand. The demand is enormous. Buy a copy and send it to your friends. Winnifrith Bros., 6 & 8 Toronto-street.

A Joyful Celebration.

A large congregation assembled in Berkeley-street Methodist Church at both services yesterday on the occasion of the 64th mission anniversary of the church. Rev. Isaac Tovell of St. Catharines preached at both morning and evening services. The missionary report presented at the evening service showed that the society has upon domestic, Indian, French, Chinese, and foreign missions, 474 missionaries, 28 native assistants, 40 teachers and 13 interpreters. The total income last year was $219,480, of the sum Toronto Conference gave $44,488, Methodism in the city of Toronto $22,029 and Berkeley-street Methodist Church $704. Mr. Tovell advocated more of the spirit of unity in missionary operations. This spirit of union is coming, it lingers on the hill-tops of the 19th century, it shall flood the valleys of the 20th. When it comes the full glory of the Master shall be revealed. The discourse was an eloquent one and the missionary spirit in those present was stirred during the earnest exhortation. A good program of music was given by the choir under the leadership of Mrs. J. W. Bradley.

Petroleum Soap washes without labor. Everybody uses it.

The Morality Department.

Last night a boy visited Police Headquarters to inform the police that a man was dying in a house in a lane off Jarvis-street, presumably of starvation. The police of No. 4 division were instructed to look the matter up pending the appearance of Staff-Inspector Archabold at his office this morning. It is a matter of not a little comment that though the staff-inspector has a patrol sergeant and a first-class constable to assist him in his work, none of the trio are seen around on Sundays, and very seldom in the week of an evening. It is suggested that the chief have the department so arranged that the office remain open at night say to 9.30 for the convenience of citizens who may have business in this direction.

The Woman's Friend. Petroleum Soap.

A Lot of Ladies' and Gents' Seal skin Gloves—a Bargain at Dineen's Fur Sales.

Gloves that were sold at $15 are offered at $10. All the manufactured goods in Dineen's Fur establishment will be sold at cost. The season is getting late and the stock is too heavy to carry over. The public may expect the greatest bargains ever offered. Lots of odd muffs and capes to be cleared outless than cost. All children's fur coats and capes at less than cost. A lot of fine seal muffs at a bargain. Dineen's store is on the corner King and Yonge-streets.

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ALBANI IN TOWN.

The Attractions in Theatre and Concert Hall This Week.

Madame Albani, the fair French-Canadian diva, whose concert in the Pavilion to-night will be the musical event of the season, arrived here on Saturday morning from Ottawa accompanied by her husband, Mr. Ernest Gye, and members of her company. Yesterday morning Madame Albani attended High Mass at the French Church of the Sacred Heart, King-street east, and spent the afternoon in receiving many callers.

At to-night's concert Madame Albani will sing Verdi's aria from La Traviata, "Ah fors' e Lui che Panima"; the balcony scene from Lohengrin; the Handel recitative and aria "Sweet Bird," and in the finale trio from Faust. She will be assisted by Miss Dunian, Mr. Barrington Foote, Mr. Bassett and Signor Massini.

To-morrow Albani will visit Niagara Falls. On Wednesday she will sing in Hamilton, on Friday in London, returning to Toronto to sing here next Monday night.

Rhea at the Grand.

To-night Rhea will open a short engagement at the Grand Opera House in Shakespeare's great comedy "Much Ado About Nothing," the part of Beatrice being considered one of the strongest in her repertoire. To-morrow evening she will appear as Helena in Sardou's magnificent comedy, "A Dangerous Game." "Much Ado About Nothing" will be repeated at to-morrow's matinee, and to-morrow night she will appear as Adrienne in the famous play, "Adrienne Lecouvreur." Rhea is a great favorite in Toronto and her business should be very large.

The Conservatory of Music.

The Y. M. C. A. lecture-room was filled on Saturday afternoon by pupils and friends of the Conservatory of Music, the attraction being a Matinee Musicale. The performers were: Master Joe Blaine, Miss Nellie Reed, Mrs. J. L. Nichols, Miss Alice Robinson, Miss Breihour, Miss Whitehead, Miss Louise Devlin and Miss Maud Gordon. These were representatives of Mr. V. P. Hunt, Mrs. Bradley, Miss Hillary and Mr. Edward Fisher, the musical director of the conservatory. The audience evinced warm appreciation of the really excellent performances of the pupils. The concert was in all respects a great success.

Amusement Notes.

Mr. James H. Wallick will appear in the Toronto Opera House this week in "The Cattle King" the first part of the week and "The Bandit King" at the end of the week. There are four acting horses in the cast.

Mr. W. H. Power in "The Fairy Well" will be the attraction at the Grand the latter part of the week.

The weekly pupils' concert of the Toronto College of Music took place on Saturday afternoon in the College Hall, when a choice program of vocal, organ and piano music was rendered by pupils of Miss Ilcesor, W. Elliott Haslam, Carl Martens and F. H. Torrington. Mr. A. Thom Cringan is now training some classes in sight-reading at the college.

Mr. Barrington Foote of the Albani company sang in the Church of the Redeemer last night.

The congregations that attended St. Michael's Cathedral at the morning and evening services yesterday were treated to some excellent singing by Mr. M. J. Murphy of the Powers company, which will appear at the Grand the latter part of this week.

THE TROUBLES OF FLOQUET

ANOTHER CRISIS IN FRANCE SAID TO BE IMMINENT.

What Parisian Socialists Demand of the Government—Another Attack Soon to Be Made Upon Suakim—Heavy Storms Raging in Europe.

PARIS, Feb. 10.—In the Chamber of Deputies yesterday Premier Floquet demanded priority for the scrutin d'arrondissement bill. After listening to Floquet's address in support of his position on the bill the chamber decided, 308 to 243, to discuss the measure Monday.

Dreyfus, Jouvencel, Maret, Michelin, Pelletan and other Republicans voted with the Boulangists and Conservatives in the minority. Clemenceau and his friends did not vote.

To be Fought on Thursday.

PARIS, Feb. 10.—It is expected that the Chamber of Deputies will pass the scrutin d'arrondissement bill to-morrow after a short debate. The real issue between the Cabinet and the Opposition will be fought on the revision scheme Thursday. The fate of the Ministry is doubtful.

For the Sake of the Exhibition.

PARIS, Feb. 10.—The Chamber of Deputies yesterday decided by a vote of 504 to 9 to consider the bill for the revision of the constitution on Thursday. In his address to the Chamber M. Floquet informed the members that the Government would make both the scrutin d'arrondissement and the revision bills a question of confidence. The Cabinet, he said, thought the present Chamber should fulfil its mandate until the expiration of its legal term, thus assisting in the holding of the approaching exhibition in the meeting place of the nations.

Floquet's remarks were applauded.

Parisian Socialists' Demands.

PARIS, Feb. 10.—Delegates from the Socialist revolutionary societies met at the Labor Exchange to-day and then proceeded to the residences of Premier Floquet, M. Meline, President of the Chamber of Deputies, and M. Leroyer, President of the Senate, leaving at each house a copy of the resolution adopted by the workmen's conference at Bordeaux. The resolutions demand reductions of the daily working hours, the fixing of minimum rates of wages to correspond with the minimum expenses of workmen in each locality, prohibition of manual labor by piece work, etc.

Extensive police precautions had been taken in the neighborhood of the Elysee Palace and the Palais Bourbon for fear of an Anarchist riot. The services of the police were not required, however, as no disturbance of any kind occurred. The delegates declared their intention to wait upon M. Floquet and the Presidents of the parliamentary bodies on Feb. 24, to receive their replies. Similar deputations called upon the prefects of Lyons, Bordeaux and Marseilles and presented their demands. In reply the prefects said the Government was already considering many of these demands, while others had no substantial foundation. The workmen, they said, must not expect everything to be settled by Feb. 24th. Finally they begged the deputation to exercise their influence to avert disorder.

An Opportunist Victory.

PARIS, Feb. 10.—In the election in the Department of Cote d'Or to-day Bergy (Opportunist) was elected, receiving 32,774 votes to 25,979 for Touissant (Conservative) in favor of revision.

Killed by a Burglar.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—Mr. Kent, landlord of the Gloucester Hotel at Swansea, was killed by a burglar this morning. He retired with his wife late last night, after locking all the doors including those of his bedroom. Early this morning the wife heard a match struck in the room and saw a negro lighting a candle. She awoke her husband and he grappled with the intruder while his wife took a pistol from underneath the pillow. As it was too dark to take aim she lighted a candle. She then fired and the negro fell wounded in the thigh. Cursing the woman he crept under the bed, but as she was unlocking the door he emerged and threw a mirror at her. It missed her, but extinguished the light and the negro escaped. When she re-lighted the candle she discovered that her husband's throat was cut with a razor. Kent lived long enough to describe the murderer. An alarm was raised and about noon the negro was discovered at a dry dock badly wounded and covered with blood. He is a seaman named Tom Allen. He said his motive was robbery. He concealed himself in the room before the house was closed on Saturday night.

At the Centers of Trade.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—During the week on the Stock Exchange there was a general tendency to advance, until the end of the week, when buying was replaced by realizing to secure profits before the settlement which opens Tuesday. American railroad securities were unsettled. The tendency here to operate for a rise is checked by New York selling whenever prices improve. Yesterday dulness prevailed partly owing to the enforcement of the law reducing rates. An exceptional feature was the strength of Atlantic Extension.

PARIS, Feb. 10.—The amount of business done on the Boerse the past week was rather limited but prices were steady.

BERLIN, Feb. 10.—On the Boerse the past week prices were firm although there were fractional fluctuations.

FRANKFORT, Feb. 10.—Although business on the Boerse was limited during the past week prices were steady.

Mr. Spurgeon Improved.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—Mr. Charles Spurgeon has sent a letter to his congregation saying that he will soon see them again and that his limb is improving though he cannot use it yet. His long absence, he says, shows the vitality of the church, which he declares will remain a power for good when he has departed.

The New Japanese Constitution.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—Great preparations have been made at Tokio for the public promulgation by the Mikado to-morrow of the Japanese constitution.

The Roman Mob's Plunder.

ROME, Feb. 10.—The value of the plunder secured by the mob in the recent riot is estimated at $75,000. The Government possesses evidence that the Anarchist leaders fermented the agitation.

The Radicals of Milan attempted to-day to celebrate the revolt of 1853. They were forcibly dispersed by police.

Killed by a Train.

BERLIN, Feb. 10.—Eight workmen were killed near Halle to-day by a passing train.

Heavy Snowstorms.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—Snowstorms prevail throughout Great Britain, France and Germany, blocking railways and interrupting telegraphic communication.

The Storm in Holland.

THE HAGUE, Feb. 10.—A storm of exceptional severity is raging throughout Holland. The rivers are greatly swollen and Rotterdam, Dordrecht, Schiedam, Zewolle and Kampen are inundated. Many shipwrecks with great loss of life are reported.

A Foot of Snow in Berlin.

BERLIN, Feb. 10.—Reports of heavy snowstorms come from all parts of Germany. In this city the snow is a foot deep and in the Bavarian highlands it has fallen to a depth of six feet. In the west and northwest the storm in exceptionally severe.

Bad Weather in Britain.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—Snow continues to fall throughout the South of Englnnd and Wales. On the coast heavy gales prevail and a number of shipping disasters are reported. Telegraphic communication is greatly interrupted.

The Primate of Poland Recovering.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—The report that Cardinal Ledochowski, Primate of Poland, had died at Rome was erroneous. His condition was very critical, but he is now recovering rapidly.

The Mahdi Alarmed.

CAIRO, Feb. 10.—A Greek just arrived from Khartoum reports that Senussi has taken El Obeid and the Mahdi is alarmed.

Suakim Threatened.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 10.—Envoys from the Mahdi report that another attack will soon be made upon Suakim by the Soudanese.

GLADSTONE AND ROME.

Why the G. O. M. Resigns His Contemplated Visit to the Eternal City.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—The Catholic News has the following from Rome: Your correspondent has been informed by an unimpeachable authority that Gladstone will not come to Rome and that he resigns his contemplated visit to the Eternal City at the express wish of the Italian Government and in accordance with earnest requests from persons high in the diplomatic service of England. Since the announcement made by the Grand Old Man some weeks ago that he would call on the Pope while in Rome, Signor Crispi has brought all the influence he could command to make Mr. Gladstone change his mind or return to England without visiting Rome.

One of the Pope's domestic prelates explains this move in a very plausible way: "This is only another proof," said he, "that the Italian Government fears the influence of Leo XIII. on the minds of men who come into personal contact with him. Everyone recalls how the Government succeeded in having the interview between Leo XIII. and Emperor William cut short. This time it was feared that Gladstone might sanction an appeal to the nations and give countenance to a scheme which it is known the Holy Father has in view."

SERIOUS STABBING AFFRAY.

A Fight in Windsor Which May Have Fatal Results.

WINDSOR, Feb. 10.—What may result in a murder happened in front of the Detroit Exchange here last evening at 7.30 o'clock. Dan Scribner, who is badly wanted in the States; Harry Jackson, noted for his connection with the horse deal in which John A. Moore, the Indianapolis defaulter, was connected; Dan Hurt and Jackson's son had been in the bar drinking and indulging in some boisterous language and were asked to leave. Out on the sidewalk the quarrel was renewed and Hunt strove to pacify them, when Scribner drew a knife and plunged it into Jackson's abdomen. The latter raised his cane and struck Scribner over the nose and, with a yell, "I'm stabbed," fell to the ground. An examination disclosed an ugly wound about two inches in length at the left side of his abdomen, which may prove fatal. Scribner was arrested.

A TAX COLLECTOR HELD UP.

John Oliver of Blenheim Robbed of $600 by Footpads.

BRIGHT, Feb. 10.—John Oliver, collector for the township of Blenheim, distant five miles from Bright, was waylaid Friday night about 8 o'clock by two men driving in a cutter. Mr. Oliver, who was walking and within half a mile of his home, was ordered by one of the men who jumped out of the cutter and held a pistol at his head, to deliver up his money. Mr. Oliver, who was unarmed, had to hand over the $600 of taxes he had in his possession which he had just collected during the day. Mr. Oliver is advanced in years and not less than 250 pounds in weight, therefore could not make any effort to frustrate the designs of the robbers.

Ambitious City Notes.

HAMILTON, Feb. 10.—Joseph Baker of Waterdown, who disappeared in June, 1887, and was supposed to have been murdered or to have committed suicide, turned up here last week. Baker took a sudden freak to go to Michigan, where he has been living for the past eighteen months.

Pawnbroker Appleton had two watches stolen from his store yesterday morning.

John McMenemy and George Brand were committed for trial yesterday on the charge of burglarizing G. T. Smith's grocery a week ago.

Murdered in a Boarding House.

MONTREAL, Feb. 10.—William Holden was murdered early yesterday morning in a boarding house in Jurors-street by a man named McGrath, who was employed as a waiter in the Balmoral Hotel. McGrath is a white man, but his wife has negro blood in her veins, and Holden called her a "nigger," whereupon McGrath sprang upon him and almost severed his head from his body with a razor. McGrath has been arrested.

Sheriff Smith Escapes.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 10.—The grand jury yesterday made its report in the case of the jail shooting of last December, in which 13 persons lost their lives and 25 others were badly injured. The jury refused to indict Sheriff Smith or any of his posse.

Scott Act Fines in Guelph.

GUELPH, Feb. 10.—Five Scott Act cases were on the docket at the Police Court yesterday morning. John Haugh, John Coughlin, David Martin and W. D. Shattuck pleaded guilty to a first offence, and were each fined $50 and costs. The case against John Hogan was enlarged until Feb. 15.

Victims of the Blizzard.

OTTAWA, Feb. 10.—It is reported that Mrs. McNulty, aged 60, and Annie McGuire, aged 11, were frozen to death about 200 yards from their home, 5 miles from this city, during the blizzard on Wednesday last.

In the Hospital.

KINGSTON, Feb. 10.—Jarvis, the driver who assisted the two convicts in the recent attempt to escape, and Black, one of those who made the attempt, are now in the hospital. Black is a very delicate man, and the shock caused by his discovery in the sleigh has laid him up.

The Last of the Carnival.

MONTREAL, Feb. 10.—Yesterday was the last day of the great carnival and all the trains leaving the city were crowded with visitors en route to their homes. Six special trains left for New York and Boston.

A MAN WHO WOULD SHOOT.

HOW LECARON APPEARS IN THE WITNESS-BOX.

The Informer's Evidence Summed U Denials of Various Portions of His Testimony Coming in Fast—The Hyde Park Demonstration Passes Off Peaceably.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—Complaint of dulness of the Parnell Commission proceedings has suddenly ceased. Nobody disputes the interest and importance of Major Lecaron's evidence, which has occupied the whole week. He is by his own admission a spy; in his own view a military spy. He has been in the secrets of the Fenians and other extreme Irish sections in America, a member of their societies, trusted by them, and all the while in the pay of the British Government. His evidence, taken as a whole, is intended to show that the Irish Parliamentary party, with Mr. Parnell at their head, were cognizant of the doings of the Invincibles and dynamiters, and connected with them. Mr. Davitt, of course, is included. So is Mr. O'Kelly, whose share was an active one. So is Mr. Egan, whose close connection with the Invincibles is again asserted. He represents Mr. Egan as saying that Mr. Parnell is a revolutionist to the backbone. Mr. Egan told him the League had sent officers and money to aid the Boers when fighting against England. Mr. Parnell told him in the lobby of the House of Commons he had long ceased to believe anything but arms would ever bring about the redemption of Ireland. Mr. Parnell, too, was for bringing into line the League and Clan-na-Gael organizations, and this, according to the witness, was done in 1881.

Major Lecaron gave many details of conventions, secret committees and inner circles held by different Irish sections in America, showing apparently complete familiarity with the working of the Irish-American machine. Mr. Alexander Sullivan figures prominently in these scenes. So do Mr. Finnerty, Mr. John Boyle O'Reilly of Boston; Dr. Gallagher, the dynamiter, now serving out a life sentence in an English prison; Mr. Egan, over and over again; Mr. Sheridan and many others. Mr. Egan described to Major Lecaron his escape from Ireland, an interesting narrative. Original documents issued by all these Irish-American societies were produced in large numbers, documents the genuineness of which seems not to be questioned. The defendants admit Major Lecaron's story to be true in many points. He was the spy he describes himself, and did know what was going on.

Sir Charles Russell's cross-examination, which began on Thursday and lasted through Friday, will be resumed next Tuesday. There was a feeling in court that this eminent cross-examining counsel had at last met his match. No better witness, said another eminent counsel, ever has been seen in a witness-box. There has been a rush to see him, and a brilliant audience. He was perfectly cool, collected, deliberate and keen; never allowed himself to be hurried, never lost his temper when pressed; seldom made a mistake, and scored off his tormentor more than once. The critical part of the cross-examination is yet to come.

Major Lecaron is guarded by five detectives. A bystander said to him yesterday: "You will take a good deal of guarding." Answered Major Lecaron: "I have carried my life in my hands for twenty-five years. Do you suppose I am afraid of these fellows now?" He looks like a man who would shoot quick.

Lecaron's Army Record.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 10.—Inquiry here shows that the claim of Lecaron to have been a major in the Union Army and to have served in Gen. Anderson's and Gen. Buell's body guards is false. He was chief bugler of a cavalry company which was intended as a body guard for Anderson and afterwards for Buell, but which never acted in that capacity. Lecaron finally became a first Lieutenant in a colored regiment, but never held a higher office.

Senator Jones' Denial.

DETROIT, Feb. 10.—Ex-Senator Jones of Florida yesterday received the following cablegram:

LONDON, Feb. 8.—To Senator Jones, Detroit: Lecaron swears you negotiated the Fenians' Russian alliance with Dr. Carroll.

MICHAEL DAVITT.

To this the ex-Senator immediately replied:

Lecaron's testimony that I negotiated a Fenian-Russian alliance is absolutely false. I was never a member of the Fenian Brotherhood or any other Irish organization.

CHARLES W. JONES.

The Hyde Park Demonstration.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—Notwithstanding a heavy snow storm, the demonstration in Hyde Park to-day, to denounce the Government's coercive measure in Ireland, and to express sympathy with William O'Brien, was successfully carried out. Thousands of citizens, chiefly from the workingmen's and Radical clubs, attended the meeting, marching to the park through the storm with bands and banners. Speeches were delivered from twelve platforms. The speakers denounced the Government generally and Mr. Balfour especially. A resolution put simultaneously at all of the platforms and carried amid great cheering declared that:

"The citizens of London condemn the brutal policy of coercion, protest against the Government's uncivilized treatment of political prisoners and demand the release of Irish patriots whose only crime is the exercise of the ordinary rights of free speech."

The Socialists occupied one platform, which was decorated with red flags and at which was displayed a banner with the inscription:

REMEMBER CHICAGO.

The speakers at this platform also denounced landowners and capitalists. Perfect order was maintained and the host of policemen present had nothing to do except to regulate traffic.

Parnellites Appeal for Aid.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 10.—The following cablegram has been received by John Fitzgerald, President of the Irish National League of America:

DUBLIN, Feb. 9.

John Fitzgerald, Lincoln, Neb.:

Government campaign of eviction and coercion going on with greater vigor than ever. Number of evicted families, especially on plan of campaign estates, now very great, increasing weekly. We earnestly appeal to friends in America to send aid.

WILLIAM O'BRIEN,
JOHN DILLON,
TIMOTHY HARRINGTON,
J. E. KENNY.

O'Brien and McFadden.

DUBLIN, Feb. 10.—Mr. O'Brien has been served with a third summons under the Crimes Act. It is stated he will be removed from Clonmel to the Tralee jail on Monday.

Father McFadden was escorted from Gweedore to Londonderry by police. Engineers and skirmishers at intervals of 300 yards watched the route to prevent the rolling of boulders upon the railway. Father McFadden will be charged with complicity in the murder of Inspector Martin.

Molloy's Trial.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—The case of Patrick Molloy, charged with having given false testimony before the Parnell Commission, was resumed in the Bow-street Police Court yesterday. Patrick Delaney testified that Patrick Egan, while treasurer of the League, was a Fenian and Invincible. He was the organiser of the League. The League originated the Invincibles. Byrne, the secretary of the League, was an Invicible, as was also Matt Harris, who was a leading member of the League. The Invincibles received funds from the League through Egan. "No. 1" used also to bring money. The League officers supplied the Invincibles with firearms, knives and daggers. Witness saw Molloy in the League offices.

On cross-examination Delaney said he joined the Fenians in 1868. Afterwards he was in prison for five years, having been convicted of highway robbery. Byrne attended the councils of the Invincibles and named the persons to be murdered. Witness had seen Byrne lay bank notes and gold on a table.

The court here adjourned.

Father McFadden's Story.

DUBLIN, Feb. 10.—Father McFadden, charged with complicity in the killing of Police Inspector Martin at Gweedore Sunday last, has written a detailed account of his arrest. He says he expressed willingness to accompany Martin when the warrant was produced and that he did all in his power to disperse the people.

Balfour on the O'Brien Incident.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—Mr. Balfour, in a long reply to a correspondent dealing with the party uses to which the Gladstonians put the O'Brien incident, says the storm was artificially raised for the interests of a faction, and proceeds to generally deny the charges made against the prison authorities. He quotes from a letter sent by O'Brien to Dr. O'Farrel, to the effect that he had no complaint to make. If the rule depriving the prisoner of his clothing had to be insisted on, he would say that no excessive violence should be used. Mr. Balfour further writes that O'Farrel reported that O'Brien was in a cell in which the temperature was sixty degrees and that he was well and cheerful.

Mr. O'Brien Not Rallying.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—The News says that it hears that Wm. O'Brien is not rallying as was expected and the state of his health causes anxiety to his friends.

THIS IS IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Ten Fine Farms Sold by the Sheriff—Farming no Longer Pays.

READING, Pa., Feb. 10.—The sheriff of Berk's County yesterday sold ten fine farms in this county aggregating nearly 1000 acres. During the present winter the sheriff has sold some 20 other large farms besides the stock of twenty farmers, all of which have failed. This indicates that farming no longer pays, as a similar state of affairs exists in other counties in this section of the state.

FIRES OF A DAY.

Lee & Preston's General Store at Bethany Burnt to the Ground.

BETHANY, Feb. 10.—Last night a fire broke out in the premises occupied by Preston & Lee. It was a large building and contained a heavy stock of dry goods, boots and shoes and groceries. The store together with most of the contents was burnt to the ground, and though carrying some insurance the loss is very heavy. J. J. Preston of the firm of Touchburn & Preston, having his office in the burnt building, is also a sufferer.

Incendiarism is suspected.

A Summer Hotel Burnt.

CRESSON SPRINGS, Pa., Feb. 10.—The Humbert House, a summer hotel, was burned yesterday. Loss $50,000.

A $120,000 Blaze in Wisconsin.

MONICO, Wis., Feb. 10.—The works of the Wisconsin Sulphite Fibre Company were burned yesterday morning. Loss $120,000.

A Business Block Burnt.

ROCHESTER, Feb. 10.—The Empire Block at Mount Morris was burned this morning. Loss about $25,000.

A $75,000 Loss.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Fire late to-night at the works of the Standard Oil Company at Constable Hook is reported to have done $75,000 damage.

Wyeth & Bro.'s Works Badly Scorched.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 10.—The extensive establishment of James Wyeth & Bro., manufacturing chemists, was destroyed by fire to-day. The fire created great excitement. Several explosions occurred, causing the firemen to run for their lives. During the fire a portion of the building fell, burying several firemen. Geo. Showers was taken out dead and Abraham Savery and Wm. Buzzard injured, the latter seriously. The losses will aggregate $575,000.

Attempted Arson Frustrated.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—An attempt to burn and blow up a five-story double tenement at 7 Hester-street was discovered early this morning. Bundles of rags saturated with kerosene had been used and several pounds of gunpowder. The latter had not been reached by the flames when discovered. Timely discovery undoubtedly saved many lives.

THE FREE PRESS HAS THE CALL.

A Newspaper Change in Winnipeg—Medicine Hat Farmers Plowing.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 10.—The Daily Call has been purchased by The Free Press for $33,400. The Local Government were endeavoring to secure the paper for their organ, but The Free Press got in ahead and coralled the subscription list, plant and telegraph franchise, which gives it a monopoly of the morning field. The Local Government may start an evening paper; as both it and the Dominion Government are without a mouthpiece.

Acton Burrows takes the management of The Northwest Farmer, in which he is largely interested.

Medicine Hat farmers are plowing.

St. Patrick's Society was organized here Saturday.

Puddlers' Wages Reduced.

READING, Pa., Feb. 10.—The Brooke Iron Company of Birdsboro, have reduced the wages of their puddlers from $3.25 to $3 per ton. This is the lowest figure paid since the panic. Nearly 200 men are affected and they do not seem inclined to accept. The mills at Pottstown and other places recently made similar reductions.

At Osgoode Hall.

The peremptory list for to-day in the Common Pleas is: McFayden v. Hall, Queen v. Hop, Queen v. Kennedy, Mail v. Devlin, Green v. Smith, Queen v. Quinlan; only re Cameron & McPhillips in the Queen's Bench.

WARNED AGAINST FRANCE.

BISMARCK SAYS AN ANGLO-FRENCH WAR IS NOT IMPROBABLE.

The Chancellor Desires to Conclude a Defence Alliance With Britain—The Kaiser Again in Delicate Health but Unremitting in Energy.

BERLIN, Feb. 9.—In the Lower House of the Prussian Diet to-day the Emperor's civil list bill passed the second reading after a debate in which the Progressists emphatically protested against the increasing of the imperial allowance by 3,500,000 marks. The minority had no difficulty in proving that the wealth of the imperial family is already enormous, the Emperor having at his disposal not only his revenue of 13,250,000 marks but also other resources from extensive family domains. The supporters of the bill could not show any necessity for the increase of the imperial income, but rested their demand upon the argument that as the Emperor's functions and work were increasing his revenue ought to be enlarged.

The state of the Emperor's health is again delicate. With the renewal of severe weather the ear trouble has been aggravated. Dr. Bergmann has been specially summoned three times this week. The constantly recurring earaches do not prevent the Emperor's incessant pursuit of work. He rises at 5 o'clock. If he is unable to sleep during the night he writes notes on his work. He always keeps pencil and paper within reach of the bed. He makes his children share his own severe regime. The Princes are aroused at 6 o'clock, when they take a cold bath. They often breakfast with their father at 6.30 and their lessons begin at 7 o'clock. The Crown Prince has just attained his first grade in the army, having been appointed a corporal. He has now his own suite of rooms and household. Twice daily he is instructed in military drill with his brothers. He is allowed 1½ hours daily for play. This scheme of lessons and life for each hour is rigidly executed.

Both the Emperor and Prince Bismarck have held long conferences with Lord Charles Beresford, and the Emperor has given him and the chiefs of the German navy a banquet. During the interviews the conversation turned upon England's state of preparation for a war against the combined naval forces of France and Russ