

The British Parliament will not be prorogued before the 20th inst.

The Royal Grants bill has been passed by the British House of Commons.

The Queen's physician has advised her to give up champagne and drink whiskey instead.

Minister Lincoln and his wife and daughter have made a very favorable impression in London society.

A company is being formed in the Argentine Republic for the purpose of holding a world's exhibition in Buenos Ayres.

The naval review at Spithead was a most imposing spectacle. The German Emperor displayed the liveliest interest in it.

Mr. Lincoln, the United States Minister, and many of the Americans in London have signed a petition for the reprieve of Mrs. Maybrick.

It is stated that Germany and Austria have instructed ex-King Milan to resume the supreme power in Servia in order to check Russian intrigues.

The fashionable London wedding ring has recently been of dull gold, but Princess Louise went back to the old fashion and chose her's bright.

The Swiss Government has expelled a large number of Nihilists, French Anarchists and German Socialists residing at Geneva without regular papers.

General Boulanger has been found guilty of conspiracy and a treasonable attempt against the state by the Court of the French Senate, finding 198 to 10.

Mrs. Kendall, the famous English actress, is the youngest of twenty-one children, and comes of a family that has furnished seven generations to the stage.

Sir Edward Watkin, who wants to cut a tunnel under the British Channel, has bought the top of Mount Snowdon. What he will do with it no one knows.

A "Heavenly Foot Society" has been started by the women in China in opposition to the cruel though venerated fashion that made them compress their feet.

The Countess of Rosebery recently unveiled a fine Maltese cross, erected as a memorial above the hitherto neglected grave of Charles Dibdin, the great sea-song writer.

It is not generally known that Mr. Gladstone has only three fingers on his left hand. The index finger was shot off forty-seven years ago by an accident in the hunting field.

The coin and slot device has been applied to children's savings banks. When once set for action a regulated number of coins must be dropped in the bank before it can be opened.

It is stated that Chaker Pasha, Turkish Ambassador at St. Petersburg, has been appointed Governor-General of Crete. 20,000 soldiers will be required to subjugate the malcontents.

Blondin, the well-known rope walker, has wagered \$20,000 that he can walk a cable from the top of the Eiffel tower to the central dome of the exhibition building in less than five minutes.

The latest addition to the methods of suicide has been furnished by a soldier in Pleusberg, Prussia, who loaded a cannon and killed himself standing in front of it after having ignited a slow match.

The heat in Russia and other parts of Northern Europe has been intense of late. The Central Observatory at St. Petersburg has not recorded such a high temperature at the same time of the year since 1774.

The replies of the British, German and Italian Governments to the Greek note coincide in refusing to admit that there is any special Cretan question. They see no reason to interfere between the Sultan's objects and the Cretans.

The Porte, in view of the Russian movement on the Armenian frontier, will expedite the new fort work at Erzeroum. A host of men are already constructing redoubts. The Russians are organizing corps of regular cavalry throughout the Caucasus.

One year from the time emancipation was proclaimed in the empire of Brazil finds the freedmen generally at work for themselves, the planters reconciled to the new order of things, and no disturbing elements of a serious nature resulting from the great change.

The insurrection in Crete is spreading. The insurgents attacked a detachment of soldiers. Armenian and Musselman volunteers went to the rescue and a sharp fight ensued. The authorities are demoralized and cannot control the insurgents. Christian residents are flying.

An effort is making in Australia to restrict by law the reckless slaughter of kangaroos. The great market for kangaroo skins is the United States, and so high a price is paid for them that the young animals are killed in such numbers as to threaten their rapid extinction.

There has been an insurrection at Hawaii. The palace grounds and government house were taken possession of by the rioters. The Honolulu rifles were called out and a skirmish ensued. Seven Hawaiians were killed, twelve wounded, and the rioters compelled to surrender.

It is officially announced that Emperor William, when departing from Osborne, expressed to the Queen his utmost pleasure with his reception in England. He also expressed the hope that the Queen, responding to his strong desire, would return his visit by going to Berlin.

In addition to finding Boulanger guilty of conspiracy against the State, the court has found him guilty of the charge of embezzling public funds and refused to allow extenuating circumstances. The court sentenced Boulanger, Count Dillon and Henry Rochefort to be deported to a fortified place.

A careful survey of Ireland indicates that the harvest will be more abundant and of better quality than for many years. In a few districts the crops will be below the average, while in most they will be far above. In Dublin district the prospects are better than for years.

A chiropodist, or foot-doctor, is to be attached henceforth to every German regiment. The German war authorities have made this odd provision in recognition of the fact that the keeping of soldiers' feet in order is one of the most important elements of successful war.

Great sensation has been caused in Germany by the detection of wholesale bribery among naval officials at Kiel and elsewhere. An Imperial naval engineer and other officials connected with the navy are implicated, and have been placed under arrest. One of the accused committed suicide on the spot.

Princess Louise has been married scarcely a week, and now the news comes that Princess Victoria of Wales, the bride's sister, is betrothed to Viscount Chelsea, son of Earl Cadogan. Princess Victoria is twenty-one years old. She is the handsomest of the Prince of Wales' daughters and is highly accomplished.

The latest automatic novelty is to be seen in Holland in the shape of a "Doctor Cureall"—a wooden figure of a man, with compartments all over it, labelled with the names of various ailments. If you have a pain, find its corresponding location on the figure, drop a coin into the slot, and the proper pill or powder will come out.

Mrs. Maybrick, the American woman in Liverpool, G. B., has been found guilty and sentenced to death. A memorial, signed by 800 doctors and merchants of Liverpool, has been presented to the government, asking that Mrs. Maybrick be reprieved on the ground of the conflicting nature of the medical testimony given at her trial.

It is stated that 500 veterinary surgeons in Great Britain have signed a paper condemning overhead check reins as painful to horses and productive of disease. It distorts the windpipe, and is liable to cause paralysis of the muscles of the face, apoplexy, coma and inflammation of the brain, all these resulting in shortening the life of the horse.

Red rain fell recently in the Province of Lublin, Russian Poland. The shower lasted for about ten minutes. The peasants, who mistook the red liquid for blood, became panic stricken, and crowded the churches, where they were quieted by the priests. For several days after the shower all the surface water in Lublin was of a dark pink color.

The Allans have written to the *Times* regarding the Canadian mail service, and say that they believe the new conditions afford no hope of a profit, but give a certainty of a loss. Being now freed from the obligation of a mail service they propose to improve the Canadian service, but it does not follow that they will continue to call at Londonderry.

In the House of Lords on Saturday, Lord Salisbury stated that the Government's policy in Egypt would not be altered a hair's breadth. The country, he said, had progressed under British administration. It would be impossible to fix the limit of the stay of English troops there. The Government had entered into obligations which it must fulfil.

It is semi-officially stated that the Sultan has notified Greece that he will regard an attempt by that country to land troops or incite rebellion in Crete as a *casus belli*. None of the Powers, it is said, will support the aggressive policy of M. Tsouplis, the Grecian Prime Minister. The Grand Vizier of Turkey charges that Greece is fomenting riots in Movastir and Rethymo.

The Haytian war has degenerated into a murderous campaign and is beginning to look like a war of extermination. Hippolyte's force is gradually closing in on Port-au-Prince. Legitime is killing prisoners like so many cattle, cutting their throats in the market-places, while Hippolyte slaughtered 18 men who fell into his hands the other day, in retaliation for three killed by Legitime.

A London special to the *Mail and Express* says that the Parnellites have consummated a piece of splendid politics. The attitude taken by Mr. Parnell and his followers in voting for the Royal Grant has been a complete surprise to the Queen. Her Majesty has hitherto regarded the Parnellites as irreconcilable. It is stated now that the former wishes to visit Ireland in the spring, and it is quite probable she will do so.

A governor of one of the provinces of China has set his face against would-be dudes in the Celestial Empire. He has positively forbidden the young men of his province to wear gorgeous and highly colored and embroidered garments, on the ground that it is foolish and unmanly; and he gives fathers, elder brothers and teachers warning that they will be held responsible for any display of duds tendencies on the part of the youngsters.

There is some talk of Parnell paying a visit to India. It is certain he will take so long a holiday that he will be absent when parliament reassembles next year. During the present session he has almost deserted the House of Commons in order to attend the special commission. His absence has weakened his hold on his party. Some of Wm. O'Brien's section say that an effective leader could have lessened Balfour's success. The fact is that Parnell's health is again a source of anxiety to his friends.

It is not alone in the British navy that torpedo-boats are found difficult to manage. In the course of the French naval manoeuvres, an attempt of the ironclad *Amiral Duperré* to enter the Channel was repulsed by torpedo-boats; but in returning these two boats came into collision, seriously damaging each other. At the same moment, and at a short distance from the spot, the torpedo boats 64 and 63 also came into collision, and were so damaged as to render it necessary at once to take refuge in port. No lives were lost.