

ECHOES OF THE WEEK

European.

Spurgeon is seriously ill. Cardinal Lavignerie, Archbishop of Algiers, is seriously ill.

Captain Shaw, who for many years has been the head of the London fire brigade, has resigned his office.

The Pope has sent a beautifully bound copy of his discussion of the labor questions to all rulers in Europe.

It is rumored that the Portuguese Government is about to issue a decree creating a forced currency for bank bills.

France has declined to sign a renewal of the North Sea convention to prevent illicit traffic in alcohol among fishermen.

It is now stated that the retirement of Bismarck was determined upon by William I, who also selected Von Caprivi as his successor.

The Russian harvest prospects have become worse and there are fears of a partial famine. Because of the bad condition of the crops, it is proposed to prohibit the exportation of corn.

About one hundred American delegates to the International Congregational Council to be held in London this month will be entertained at a public breakfast in London on Monday, July 13.

In the French Chamber of Deputies on Wednesday M. Laner brought up the incident of the killing of Rigaud in Hayti, and attacked the Government for failing to protect him.

All recruiting for the Portuguese army or navy has been suspended for the present owing to economic reasons. In addition 3,000 soldiers have received their discharges from the army.

Another disgrace has been put upon Sir William Gordon Cumming. The London Official Gazette announced that his name has been struck off the list of deputy lieutenants of Elgin County, Scotland.

Baron de Plinval, who shot several persons on Saturday night in Paris and then jumped with his paramour from the window of his apartment, is said to have been rendered insane by the excessive use of absinthe.

Ex-Empress Eugenie makes it a condition of her granting an annuity to Prince Victor and also of her bequest to him of her whole fortune, estimated at over a million pounds sterling, that he effect a marriage with a member of some reigning family.

A private exhibition was given at Manchester on Saturday of a new gun which it is predicted will supersede a great part of the ordinance now in use. The inventor is J. E. Bott, an engineer, and the details as to the design, etc., of the new piece are kept a profound secret until the American and continental patents have been secured. The principle of the gun is pneumatic, and it is claimed that it will surpass the Zolinski gun in range and will throw 50 pounds of dynamite a distance of three miles. The new weapon, it is asserted, can be fired twice a minute.

The references made to the letters from Rome relating to the candidature of Cardinal Lavignerie to the Holy see have aroused the antagonism of the Germans to the idea of a French Pope. The Kreuz Zeitung holds that it is probable that the successor of Leo XIII will be drawn from the Italian cardinalate, and that if the next Pope be not an Italian, then the choice of the conclave will be Cardinal Gibbons, of Baltimore, against whom neither national jealousies nor internal clerical differences can operate.

Canadian.

The offices of the Ottawa Citizen were destroyed by fire on Tuesday evening.

Archbishop Tache is dying. The physicians have given up all hopes of his recovery.

A new high school, to cost \$25,000, is to be built at Winnipeg, present accommodation being insufficient.

A lad named Ishmael Lacle, formerly a bell boy in the Grand Union hotel in Ottawa, has been arrested for the theft of Mrs. Mackenzie's watch at that hotel on Saturday. The boy had the watch when arrested.

The new Government steamer being built on the Clyde for service in British Columbia will not, owing to strikes and other causes, be able to leave for the Pacific province until about the 1st September. So the Marine Department is informed.

The schooner's Mascot and Otter have sailed from Behring Sea, their captains deciding to take chances of securing a few skins before being warned by any man-of-war.

The funeral of the only son of Thos. Furlong, a leading wholesale wine merchant of St. John, N. B., took place on Sunday afternoon. As the body was being borne into the cathedral the boy's mother, an estimable lady of 49 years, dropped dead in her house from excessive grief.

His Excellency the Governor-General, accompanied by Major Colville, military secretary, left Ottawa on Monday morning for a short stay at Stanley House, on the Baie des Chaleurs, where H.R.H. Prince George of Wales is upon a visit. His Excellency is

going for the purpose of bidding Prince George farewell before he leaves for Halifax en route to England.

The festival of St. John the Baptist was celebrated by the Toronto Masonic brethren in St. James Cathedral on Sunday. Canon Dumoulin preached the sermon, and, referring to the Prince of Wales' connection with the order, said it was a questionable honor.

A couple of days after the duty was taken off sugar some of the retail dealers in Halifax dropped the price to five cents a pound. This gave them half a cent profit. On Tuesday night the Retail Grocers' Association met and decided that no granulated should be sold under six cents per pound.

The closing of the Winnipeg schools was celebrated on Tuesday afternoon by a gathering of 3,000 pupils in different parts of the city and presentations to them of appropriate badges and books containing patriotic sentiments. The Lieutenant-Governor and others assisted by delivering patriotic speeches.

American.

The Standard Oil Trust is said to have got control of the retail trade in all Europe.

Dr. Trigoven has withdrawn from the contest for the presidency of Buenos Ayres. The number of immigrants to the United States from 1820 to 1890 was 15,041,088.

A receiver has been asked for the Progressive Endowment League of Baltimore on the ground that the plan of operation is wholly impracticable and dishonest.

The new twin screw steamer La Touraine, of the French line, has arrived at New York, having made the voyage several hours ahead of the best time made by steamers taking what is known as the "safe route" from Havre, a distance of 3,125 miles.

An officer of the health department at Chicago claims to have discovered that the flesh of broken down, emaciated and diseased horses is being made into sausage meat and sold in the poorer quarters of the city. An investigation will be made.

John Hamilton Brown, the inventor of the segmental wire-wound cannon that bears his name, for the trial of which Congress has lately appropriated \$10,000, lives in Greenville, N. J., where he is constantly busy in his shops over his inventions. Capt. Brown will be remembered as the long range rifle shot, who, with his own standard military rifle, made the best score at 1,000 yards at Wimbledon with the American team in England in 1883.

Whitecaps are again at work in Crawford county, Indiana. They brutally beat a man and young woman of eighteen on Sunday. About ten o'clock in the morning twenty masked whitecaps, all armed with revolvers, went to the residence of Wm. McGuire, broke down the door and, seizing McGuire, who is about fifty years old, and the step-daughter, they dragged them to the woods and tied them face foremost to trees. Then the clothing of both victims was lowered to the hips and the whitecaps commenced switching them on the bare backs.

At the meeting of the coal men at New York on Wednesday it was decided that the output of anthracite for July should be 3,000,000 tons, which is 250,000 less than that for June. It was also determined to advance prices 15 cents a ton at New York. The Western sales agents of the anthracite producing and carrying companies met yesterday at the Fifth Avenue hotel and after considerable discussion advanced prices generally 10 cents per ton, except at Lake Superior and Lake Michigan distributing points.

A joint stock company, with a million dollars capital, composed of New York and Southern capitalists, has just been organized in New York, and will be incorporated under the laws of the State of Florida for the purpose of cultivating a farm of 112,000 acres. The farm is situated in the southern part of Florida, west of St. Sabastian and St. John rivers. It will be the largest in the world. The soil is of a very mucky nature, similar to that of the valley of the Nile, and rarely, if ever, found in other tropical countries, which will render it exceptionally productive. They intend growing coconuts, bananas, oranges, rice, sugar cane and other tropical products.

Ostentation at Funerals.

It is a sad commentary on a Christian community, which takes that distinctive title from a religion whose founder is called the Consoler because his word plucks the sting from death, that it surrounds death with every circumstance of woe and gloom. The distinctive ministry of the faith seems to fail at the very point to which it is especially addressed. The natural Christian tone at the burial of the dead would seem to be the cheer that springs from the thought of immortality—a sublime hope, a tender resignation.

The Christian thought in that hour should instinctively dwell upon the soul, not upon the body, and the simplest and most unostentatious rite of burial would seem to be most truly Christian. But the ostentation of Christian funerals has become so great that burial reform associations are formed, both in this country and in England, to relieve the poor of the painful and needless cost which, from mistaken respect for the dead, they will not spare so long as ostentation is the custom.—George William Curtis in Harper's.

THE SPORTING WORLD

LACROSSE.

The match on Saturday in Ottawa between the Shamrocks and Capitals was a sore disappointment to the friends of the former club, who fondly hoped that the spell of ill luck which has attended them lately would have been broken. This was not to be the case, however, for the Capitals downed them after a hard fought match by three to two.

The Crescents scored their third victory of the season by defeating in the district championship series the Montreal Juniors. The game was characterized by good play throughout, and stood three to one at the close.

The St. Gabriels and Junior Shamrocks had a tussle before a large crowd of spectators, in which some brilliant play was shown at times by both clubs. The St. Gabriels won by a score of three to one.

The Toronto-Montreal match on the Rosedale grounds on Dominion Day was played before an immense concourse of spectators, and was perhaps one of the finest exhibitions of the game of lacrosse ever witnessed. The play throughout was hard and fast with close checking, and showed how evenly matched the teams were. In the course of the seven games some excellent team play was shown and several pretty pieces of individual effort caused the crowd to roar out their approval. The Montrealers won the match by a score of four to three.

In the league match between Cornwall and Ottawa, on the grounds of the latter, the Cornwallers won by five to one. After the first game a heavy rain commenced to fall and interfered greatly with the play, the frequent rolling amongst the mud of the players was a source of merriment to the spectators. As an exhibition of the game of lacrosse it was an utter failure. There was an unpleasant incident, too, in connection with the match, namely, the putting off of one of the umpires for an alleged unjust decision. Such an occurrence as this appears now to be a chronic feature in the league matches.

CRICKET.

The old English game of cricket is having quite a boom here this season, and not a week passes without some interesting matches being played. The M. A. A. A. club has engaged a new professional to look after them. His name is Shrewsbury, and is a brother to the famous cricketer Arthur Shrewsbury. The new man comes with a good reputation both as a batsman and bowler and will likely prove a source of strength to the club. Last Saturday's matches were as follows:

Beaver Cutlery Works vs. Bonaventure. Won by the latter, 79 to 50.

Hochelaga vs. Lachine. Won by the latter, 45 to 37.

Montreal vs. McGill resulted in a draw. Montreal scored 143 and McGill 111 for seven wickets when time was called. Some very fine cricket was shown for Montreal by Leatham, W. F. Hamilton and A. Hodgson and for McGill by Hill, Mackie, Dean and E. H. Hamilton.

On Dominion Day an eleven from Ottawa played McGill University on the college grounds and were beaten by an innings and 58 runs, the score standing McGill, 106; Ottawa, two innings, 48. The principal scorers for McGill were C. C. Hill 21, C. J. Harrod 18.

The match on the M. A. A. A. grounds between the first eleven of the Ottawa club and an eleven of the M. A. A. A. resulted greatly in favor of Ottawa, who scored 105 in their first innings to Montreal's 47. In the second innings Ottawa run up 120 and Montreal had 81 for seven wickets when time was called.

BASEBALL.

The University of Toronto baseball club played two games on Dominion Day with the Mungos on the Shamrock grounds. The local team won the morning game by 7 to 5, but the University reversed the order in the afternoon to the tune of 14 to 8. The morning game was the first time this season that the Torontos have been defeated and they have played with nearly all the first class clubs in the west.

This afternoon the Crescents and Clippers will meet for the second time this season on the grounds of the former club. So far the Crescents have won every one of their games in the series, but as the Clippers have been playing good ball lately they hope to put a stop to their triumphant progress.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The races at Bel-Air course on Dominion Day attracted a large crowd to this popular track, who were treated to a great day's sport. Nothing occurred to mar the success of the meeting and every one, except losers in the betting, was satisfied. There were five races in all, but the most keenly contested event was the El Padre handicap, the winner of which (Versatile, steered by Stener) got there just by a neck.

A reporter on the Daily Eagle of Lawrence, Mass., named Frank B. Steele has been missing since Sunday. He held the stakes in a recent foot race for \$200 a side,

but did not give them up to the winner. He now writes from New York city that he lost the money. He disposed of his household goods and sent away his family the day before the race.

The recent athletic meeting at Manchester, Eng., was a great success, and owing to the presence of the "best-on-record" athletes of the Manhattan Club the attendance, in spite of unfavorable weather, was greater than usual. The first event of the day was the 100 yard championship challenge cup, valued at 60 guineas. Luther Carey, of the M. A. C., won his heat easily in 10 4-5. There were six heats to this flat race and 21 starters. The final heat and race was won easily by Carey, who beat the second man by four yards; time, 10 1-5 seconds. Mortimer Remington won the final heat in the quarter mile in grand style. In putting the 16 pound weight from a seven foot square Barry, an Irishman, made a cast of 40 feet 8 inches. C. A. J. Quackberner, M. A. C., put it 37 feet 10 inches. In the seven mile walk for a cup valued at 30 guineas Curtis, the English champion, secured the prize, doing the distance in 54 minutes 1-5 secs. At the finish Curtis was 600 yards ahead of C. L. Nicoll, the crack walker of the Manhattan club. The half mile flat race for a cup valued at 45 guineas was won by Holmes, an Englishman, in 2 min. 4 5 sec. In the broad jump Bulger, of Dublin, tied Malcolm W. Ford, M. A. C., at 20 feet 4 inches. Morton, of England, easily won the four mile run by 60 yards, in 20 minutes 53 3-5 seconds. W. T. Young, M. A. C., retired after covering a mile and a half. The final heat of the quarter mile run was won by Mortimer Remington, who touched the tape eight yards ahead of the second man. Remington's time was 51 seconds. In the high jump for the challenge cup, valued at 35 guineas, Jennings, of England, won with 5 feet 9 1/2 inches. Hallock, M. A. C., and Watkinson, England, tied for second place with 5 feet 8 1/2 inches credited to them.

The Great Trial Stakes for two year olds at the Sheepshead Bay races on Wednesday was won by His Highness. The purse was \$22,000, the richest stake of the year so far, with the exception of the Great Eclipse Stakes.

New York leads for the pennant in the National Baseball League, Buffalo in the Eastern League and Boston in the American Association. Kilrain is reported to be matched for a fight with William Woods, Denver, a comparative unknown. The date is to be July 21.

John L. Sullivan says that he can knock Corbett out "easy" in four rounds.

The Power of Union.

The American Consul in New Zealand in his latest report says: There is no country in the world where labor is so thoroughly organized as it is in New Zealand. Nearly every branch of labor, where a dozen men can be conveniently brought together, is organized in a union, and these unions affiliate with others, thus forming a powerful combination of labor which, for unanimity of sentiment and common interests, I believe, has no equal. For instance, if the tailors' union decides to go out on strike, the seamen's union, the bakers, the boot-makers, farm laborers, and every other conceivable union in the colony make common cause and come to the rescue at once, not by expressions of sympathy alone, but by substantial weekly or fortnightly contributions to the strikers. This is done even where those directly engaged in the struggle are not affiliated with any other labor organization in the colony. The labor unions of New Zealand are irresistibly powerful. They have the welfare and destiny of the colony in their own hands, and they can demand and obtain any reform they may desire. Capital, in its present disorganized state, is utterly powerless to resist the compact combinations of labor which confront it at every turn. The sympathies of the masses of the people generally are with the unions, and must continue so while there is a disposition among the union men to be reasonable in their demands. Eight hours per day constitute a day's work in this colony in nearly all branches of labor.

Artist or Laborer?

The recent fight between Slavin and Kilrain has raised an important question. Some one wrote an indignant letter to barge office officials, asking why prize fighters were allowed to come over here under contract, when the church could not get a foreign preacher, or a woman import servants because of the contract labor clause. Slavin and Charley Mitchell both had contracts with Dr. Dougherty to come over here and give sparring exhibitions at a compensation of \$5,000. It has been decided to place the matter before the immigration commissioners, and the United States Government will be asked to decide whether the prize fighter is an artist or a contract laborer.

The net earnings of the New York Central Railroad and its branches for the year just closed were \$12,527,505.90.

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