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HER MAJESTY HISSED.

THE ENGLISH PEOPLE IMPATIENT AT HER SECLUSION.

Remarkable Article in the Chief Tory Organ—No Room in the English Constitution for a Hermit Queen.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—The Queen is rapidly becoming a common topic of discussion here. An extraordinary editorial in the Standard yesterday has made a sensation. It said: "It is time to say publicly what everybody has been saying privately for many years—that the Queen and country over which she rules have been too long separated; that separation cannot be continued much longer without serious and lasting injury both to the throne and the community. There is no room in the English constitution for a sovereign who lives in almost complete seclusion." The Standard is the organ of all that is most conservative and loyal. The evening papers followed suit.

In parliament great feeling has been displayed about the hissing of the toast to the Queen on Wednesday. Attorney-General Russell declared, in reply to a challenge to explain his conduct as a minister of the crown in not leaving the table, by saying that he heard no hissing whatever, and that the accounts were grossly exaggerated. That there was vigorous hissing, however, is asserted by others who were present, and at least a third of those present remained seated while the toast was drunk. The reason for this is the perfectly well known one—that the working classes throughout the country consider that the Queen has treated Mr. Gladstone on several occasions recently with a distinct personal slight. It is this they resent.

Lord Hobhouse and Attorney-General Russell join Mr. Broadhurst in denial of hearing hisses when the Queen was toasted at the banquet given to the labor members of parliament the other evening, but it is nevertheless indisputable that there were a number of hisses, and further, that several of the guests ostentatiously omitted to drink the toast. This is not the only evidence that the Queen is growing unpopular. A similar demonstration occurred at the liberal dinner at Belper. The company refused to permit the national anthem to be included in the musical program, owing, no doubt, to resentment for the Queen's treatment of Mr. Gladstone. When the Queen was on her way to Albert hall on Friday hisses were heard from the crowd at several points along the route.

It is reported that the Prince of Wales, Lord Salisbury and others, in whom she reposes confidence, have advised the Queen to abandon her seclusion, and as far as possible to again mingle in official and social affairs. They have advised that if her health permits she preside over the social world of London for at least three months. They also urge her Majesty to countenance the movement which is on foot to celebrate in grand style the fiftieth anniversary of her accession to the throne, which occurs in June, 1887. Lord Salisbury has pledged himself to organize a national jubilee on this occasion in conjunction with Mr. Gladstone, the Prince of Wales to be president of the committee which will have the matter in charge. It is thought probable that the Queen will assent to this appeal.

AT ALBERT HALL.

Her Majesty Emerges from her Retirement and Listens to "Mors et Vita."

LONDON, Feb. 27.—Queen Victoria, Princess Beatrice and Prince Henry of Battenberg, witnessed a performance of Gounod's oratorio, "Mors et Vita," at the Albert hall yesterday. The hall was crowded, and there were thousands of people outside who lustily cheered the royal party. When the Queen entered the hall the audience, numbering 7000, rose and stood during the playing of the national anthem. After the playing of the anthem, the Duke of Cambridge presented the Queen with a splendid bouquet. The audience cheered heartily. Her Majesty appeared to be in capital health and spirits. She wore a black satin dress and a black bonnet. She was delighted with the performance. The soloists were Albani, Patey, Santley and Lloyd. The Princess of Wales is suffering from a severe cold, and was unable to be present.

STEAD AND CHAMBERLAIN.

The "Nasty" Editor Falls Foul of the Radical Leader.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—A statement having been made recently by a friend of Sir Charles Dilke that the latter had been dissuaded by Chamberlain from entering the witness box in the Crawford divorce case, Mr. Stead, in the Pall Mall Gazette, demanded of Mr. Chamberlain whether the statement was true. Chamberlain, in reply, referred to the violent attacks upon himself in the Pall Mall Gazette, and the attempt of Stead, as he alleged, to blacken the character of Sir Charles Dilke, and declined to add to the sensation already created by the paper. Stead reports that he attacked Chamberlain because the latter subordinated public to personal interest, and sacrificed Sir Charles Dilke to personal feeling, adding that Chamberlain has viewed his (Stead's) motives through the distorting medium of inordinate egotism.

Mr. Chamberlain has refused to take any part at all in the affairs of Sir Chas. Dilke with regard to taking measures to have a new trial and secure fresh and direct evidence to convict him of the charges made against him in Mrs. Crawford's testimony in the divorce suit. Mr. Chamberlain declares that he is convinced that Sir Charles is innocent of the things laid to his charge and has written a letter in reply to an appeal for his interference, plainly stating that he objects to the whole business and mistrusts the motive of the Pall Mall Gazette in stirring up the matter all over again.

Sir Charles has reconsidered the advice of his friends, which he at first refused, and has decided to go abroad to remain as long as he conveniently can. He will reappear in parliament shortly, however, and do what he can to recover his political prestige.

Churchill and the Parnellites.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—It is not expected that the government will give a day for the consideration of Mr. Sexton's censure of Lord Randolph Churchill for his Belfast crusade. The Parnellites will move to adjourn and in the discussion on the motion they will probably take the opportunity to give the house of commons some information concerning the treatings between themselves and Lord Churchill on the question of home rule.

Dishonest Judges.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—Judges Dicheaume, Nicolle and De Gruchy, of the island of Jersey, directors of the Jersey Banking company, have been arrested for having fraudulently received deposits, knowing the bank to be insolvent. They were bailed in £500 each. They will lose the judgeships. At an investigation of the bank's affairs an official accountant testified that the bank had been insolvent since 1877.

SUICIDE AT NIAGARA FALLS.

A Stranger Climbs the Highest Ice Mound and Falls to Instant Death.

PROSPECT HOUSE, NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Feb. 28.—This afternoon a tall, heavy man of respectable appearance arrived in the 1.15 train, wearing a long brown overcoat, a high silk hat, side whiskers and moustache. He paid his way to the man at the wheel of the Prospect park incline railway. He was shortly afterwards noticed by some tourists climbing with much difficulty the highest peak of the largest ice mound, a point on account of its dangerous position that is not frequented by visitors. Gaining the top he either fell or threw himself into the fearful canyon made in the solid ice by the motion of the waters coming over the falls.

THE HALFBREEDS GRATEFUL.

A Meeting at Which Resolutions of Thanks to the Government are Passed.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 27.—The halfbreeds held a public meeting to-day at St. Lawrence, the headquarters of the late rebellion. Leading men from all the French parishes were present. Resolutions were adopted thanking the government in warm terms for the humane manner in which the halfbreeds had been treated since last spring. It was decided that the halfbreeds should ask the government for a free grant of their lands, basing the claim on being the original possessors. They will also ask that an industrial school for halfbreed children be established in the district; that amnesty be extended to halfbreeds in prison across the border; that naturalization be made more accessible and that electoral districts be erected in French settlements. The name of Riel was not mentioned.

SMUGGLING AT WINDSOR.

The Operations of Two Cigar Manufacturers.

WINDSOR, Ont., Feb. 27. — Samuel Stover and C. W. Bristol were invited to call at the office of the collector of customs a day or two ago. Stover was and Bristol is a cigar manufacturer. They purchased their labels in Detroit and the custom officials thought more labels went into the factories than those on which duty was paid. A careful and patient investigation was made and the suspicion was verified. The cigarmen could offer no satisfactory explanation, and they were required to pay the value of the labels on which duty had not been paid. The sum Bristol handed over was $986.60; Stover contributed $861.40 to the government.

Two Blocks Burned at Port Perry.

PORT PERRY, Feb. 28.—At 9.30 this morning a fire broke out in the Parrish block, occupied by W. T. Parrish, hardware merchant, and Jas. Boxall, stoves and tinware. The block was completely gutted. Currie's block met with the same fate. Among its occupants were John H. Brown and the members of an I. O. O. F. lodge. The Willard block, opposite, comprising an unoccupied store, the new post-office, Robertson's barber shop, and Wm. Hiscox's confectionery, together with Allison's drug store, was shaken and damaged by an explosion of powder in Parrish's block. Mr. Hiscox had his left hand so badly cut by broken glass that several stitches had to be inserted. The sufferers are mostly covered by insurance, the heaviest loser being Mr. Parrish.

The Wellington Shrievalty.

GUELPH, Feb. 28.—There is quite a scramble for the position occupied by the late Hon. Peter Gow. The strongest candidate is ex-Mayor Howard, who has done good work for his party, and considers himself entitled to some recompense at the hands of Mr. Mowat. It is also said that Warden Massie of the Central prison will return here as sheriff, and still again that Col. Higginbotham will give up the registrarship for the shrievalty, and that Mr. Howard will be made registrar.

The Effect of German Competition.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The Smithwick works have been closed until next Tuesday. Negotiations are on foot to limit the reduction in wages to five per cent. The demand now is 20 per cent. The company affirms that it is impossible to continue work at so small a reduction in face of German competition. Three thousand workmen are directly affected.

The Montreal Board of Health.

MONTREAL, Feb. 27.—The board of health has decided that the new hospital shall be built on the Cote des Neiges side of the mountain, to give $100 to each of the grey nuns and sisters of mercy who did duty at the smallpox hospitals, and to fine everybody $20 in each instance that children from families having in their midst scarlatina, diphtheria or any other contagious disease are permitted to attend school.

Foul Play Suspected.

MORRISBURG, Ont., Feb. 27.—The body of a man aged 23 named Jacob Henophy was found this morning frozen stiff lying on the road about eight miles from here. From the appearance of the clothing foul play is suspected. He left home in company with another young man. When found his hat and overcoat were missing. An inquest is being held.

Relieved of $400.

NEW HAMBURG, Ont., Feb. 28.—Thos. Shannon, a young farmer, was the victim of a daring highway robbery last night while driving home near Zurbucken's corners, a mile from here. He was approached by three men in a cutter. After passing, two of them jumped out and pulled Shannon out of his cutter, gagged him and rifled his pockets of over $400. No arrests.

An Orillia Block Burned.

ORILLIA, Ont., Feb. 28.—At an early hour this morning a fire broke out in Kennedy's block, in the store occupied by Messrs. Warner & Co. Considerable damage was done to the building and the music hall, which is over the stove and at present used as a roller skating rink. Warner & Co.'s stock was completely destroyed. Loss on building fully covered by insurance.

A Seventy-two Hour Snowstorm.

FATHER POINT, Que., Feb. 28.—The phenomenal snowstorm still continues with furious drift and the thermometer is now below zero. Snow has fallen continuously for 72 hours—to a depth of 41 inches on the level. The roads are blocked and communication from house to house is only possible on snow shoes. The like has never been witnessed here.

Arrested for a Double Murder.

CHATHAM, Ont., Feb. 27.—Advices from British Columbia, received this morning, state that G. H. Miller and his two sons have been arrested for the murder of Mr. Colman and Mr. Wilbur Patten, near Seattle, in Washington territory. Colman had accused Miller, who is known as the "Pirate," of having murdered a settler. This charge was about being investigated, and Colman and Patten were on their way to Seattle in answer to the summons to give evidence, when they were murdered in their boat.

THE BARTLETT MURDER.

SENSATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS IN A SENSATIONAL CASE.

Extraordinary Relations Between All the Parties Concerned—A Strange Position for a Clergyman to Occupy.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—A sensation has been created by the testimony of a servant in the case of Rev. Dyson, the Wesleyan clergyman on trial with Mrs. Adelaide Bartlett for the alleged murder New Year's eve, by chloroform, of her husband, Edward T. Bartlett, of Pimlico. The prosecution contend that several years ago Bartlett, failing in health, surrendered his wife to Dyson, who was the family pastor; that subsequently Dyson maintained husband's relations with Mrs. Bartlett, in her home, with Bartlett's approval and encouragement, but unknown to other people; that last autumn Bartlett became desirous to regain the position he had surrendered, although the lady insisted on keeping faith with her pastor; that Bartlett's overtures became so persistent that Mrs. Bartlett resorted to the expedient of overcoming him by stupefying him with chloroform, and that on New Year's Eve, when he approached her bed with particularly violent demonstrations, Mrs. Bartlett sprinkled such a large quantity of chloroform, which had been procured by Dyson, in her husband's face that he fell back unconscious and died from the effects. The defence in that death was accidental, and that the chloroform was used with an innocent purpose, but the prosecution intend to prove that Dyson and Mrs. Bartlett killed Bartlett in order to remove him as an obstacle to their continued union.

Dyson, on his preliminary examination, swore that while he and Mrs. Bartlett expected to marry in the event of her husband's death, all their relations have always been of the most innocent nature. A servant, who testified for the prosecution, swore to the frequency and duration of Dyson's visits to Mrs. Bartlett. The witness said whenever the clergyman called in cold weather Mrs. Bartlett warmed a pair of slippers at the fire for him, and that generally she carefully pinned the blinds of the room wherein she entertained him. The servant swore she had seen Mrs. Bartlett and the preacher sitting on the floor together, and had also seen Mr. Dyson sitting in a low chair with Mrs. Bartlett on the floor before him with her head in his lap.

BLARNEY FOR THE CHINESE.

Lord Dufferin Gratuitously Advises that they are Free to Come to Canada.

RANGOON, Feb. 27.—Lord Dufferin, governor-general of India, received a number of Chinese merchants. In addressing them he recalled the cordial welcome he received from Chinese residents when he visited British Columbia. He said although the United States restricted Chinese immigration the Chinese were free to enter Canada. They were thrifty, industrious citizens who increased the wealth and welfare of the people among whom they dwelt. He hoped large numbers of Chinese would settle in Burmah.

A Viscount's Unrivalled Show.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—The number of scandals developed in aristocratic life recently has been rather striking. One of the most notable is that connected with an escapade of the Viscount Hinton, which contains some amusing details. The Viscount, who is a son of Earl Poulett, has been committed on the charge of obtaining goods by fraud. He left the army for the stage, became the clown in a pantomime and married a ballet dancer. To revenge himself upon his father for having disinherited him, he took a circus to the Earl's village, and placarded the country with advertisements of "Viscount Hinton's Unrivalled Show." The mortification of the Earl, his father, was of course complete, but the aristocratic parent's opportunity came when he refused to settle the claims of his son's creditors and allowed him to go to jail and to trial.

The British Home Rulers.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—The British Home Rule association, which was formed a few weeks ago to further the idea that the Irish home rule should be granted as the most practical quietus of the Irish irritation, has thus far recruited only twelve English and Scotch members of parliament. The ultra conservative Carlton club is much displeased at Lord Ashburnham's share in forming the association, and a formidable effort has been made to expel him from the club. The committee having the matter in charge finally decided it prudent not to take any action, but Lord Ashburnham is practically ostracised by his fellow members.

Lord Salisbury's Convention With the Porte.

PARIS, Feb. 28.—The Journal des Debats says that Lord Salisbury drew up a convention with the porte for the cession of Crete to England on the payment of three million pounds and a guarantee that Greece would be prevented from taking aggressive means against Turkey. Mr. Gladstone, the Journal adds, hesitates to confirm the convention.

The Unemployed of England.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—A number of meetings of unemployed workingmen were held in London to-day. Owing to the cold weather, the attendance was meagre. At Manchester 10,000 workmen assembled, but in the absence of orators they dispersed early, after indulging in various forms of rough amusement.

Michael Davitt's Hopes.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—Mr. Davitt, in an interview, said: "I have the greatest hopes of Mr. Morley. God forbid that the castle glamour will have influence over him. If he falls constitutional rule in Ireland will be ended, and blood will be mixed with water in our streets."

A Faithless Wife.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 28.—Theodore P. Rich, of New York state, arrived in St. Paul yesterday and learned that his wife Fanny was living with one A. L. Gale. Rich sought an interview with her at the Astoria house. The meeting resulted in Rich shooting his wife dead and then suiciding with the same revolver.

Drank Himself to Death.

SALEM, Mass., Feb. 28.—A Frenchman named Maxime Bouillier in a drinking place last night made a bet as to the amount of whiskey he could drink. He drank 16 glasses and died soon after.

An Accident to Ko-Ko.

HAMILTON, Ont., Feb. 28.—At the performance of the Mikado at the Grand opera house here last night, J. W. Herbert, acting the part of Ko-Ko, while throwing himself upon some steps on the stage, struck his arm in such a manner as to dislocate it. He finished his lines until a chance occurred for an exit, when his under study, Mr. Kohale, went on and finished the performance.

THE SITUATION.

OTTAWA, Saturday Night, Feb. 27.—Although the thermometer has averaged 15 degrees below zero in these parts to-day, it was not down far enough to freeze up the interest in the political situation. The situation is overwhelmingly important, but withal is overshadowed with doubtful clouds. It has been warmly discussed all day by every manner of person. Even the newsboys of the capital are talking about it.

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"What will the tactics of the Liberal Party consist of?" is an apt question. They have held two caucuses since parliament assembled. They allowed the debate on the address to lapse without moving an amendment. They were not ready for the attack. Mr. Blake practically admitted in his speech that he was groping in the dark. "He will positively not show his hand," said a Liberal to me to-day, "until he sees the record." What the Liberal leader wants to get before the House is all the papers in the possession of the Government that have any bearing on the Northwest rebellion.

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Then the real battle will begin. It is not at all certain that the Government will make Parliament acquainted with all the documents they possess. Some of them perhaps would be of a compromising nature, and Sir John, being a "Grand Old Man," is not the little gentleman to criminate himself if he can help it. And so the Liberals are at present discomfited as to what their line of action will be. It may just happen that the Government will not submit any papers at all to the House. This certainly would be followed by a vote of want of confidence.

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The Belters are very quiet. It is almost morally certain that at least twenty out of the twenty-five or so of them will stick to the Government. They find a difference between spouting to audiences of French-Canadian patriots on the Champ de Mars and facing the Old Man whom they have so servilely worshipped for over a quarter of a century. He has fed them too well, and the average French Canadian knows how to hold on to a good thing.

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The men from the Salt Water constituencies are the most disinterested of all in the Riel embroglio. They apparently don't care a continental whether the rebel was hanged or not. But of course they will stick to their respective parties. The thorn that is pricking the sides of these gentlemen is the Fisheries' question. They are head over heels into it, and are making a peremptory demand that in the event of the United States finally and forever deciding not to make another treaty, the Government shall take the fishermen under its paternal wing and protect them. The average member from below will talk fish till his nose is blue. [Not intended for a joke on the Nova Scotians.]

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A little Cabinet gossip. Many people are wondering what kind of a fist Mr. McLelan will make of the finances. On dit, that he will not retain that portfolio long. Prof. Foster is looked upon as a possible finance minister. Mr. McLelan's ambition is to have "Sir" prefixed to his name. Mr. White and Mr. Wood (Westmoreland) are not unlikely candidates for Sir Leonard's shoes. Mr. White would not refuse a knighthood if it were pressed upon him. It is still echoed around the lobby that Mr. Carling will be the next Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, though there is little foundation for it. Sir John on Friday night did not go behind the bush to tell why Senator O'Donohoe was not taken into the cabinet.

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A little social gossip. The drawing-room given in the senate chamber to-night by the Governor-General and Lady Lansdowne was as brilliant an affair as ever. The cold weather kept many away, and the attendance was not as large as usual. The dresses of the ladies were rich and elegant. The band of the G. G. F. G. furnished tuneful music. The reception lasted two hours. Among those who attended the reception were Senator and Mrs. Allan, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Edgar, Mr. and Mrs. John Small, Hon. A. and Mrs. Mackenzie, Mrs. G. L. and Miss Foster, Miss Cameron, Toronto; Miss May Elliott, Hamilton; Miss Symmes, Niagara Falls; Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jackson, London; Miss Sandfield Macdonald, Cornwall. The following Northwest heroes were present: Major-Gen. Middleton, Major Boulton, Major Todd and "Gatling Gun" Howard. Sir Alexander Campbell will give a grand ball in the Senate chamber on Tuesday night next. One thousand invitations have been sent out. Hon. Thomas White will give a ball at his residence (formerly occupied by Sir Leonard Tilley) in Metcalfe street next Friday night.

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Mr. J. K. Kerr, Q.C., has been attending to supreme court business for the past three days. He left for home to-night.

ONONDAGA.

The Socialists on Trial.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The hearing of the case of Hyndman, Williams, Burns and Champion, the socialist leaders, has been adjourned until Wednesday. Hyndman thinks the magistrate is acting unfairly towards him, and dubs the home secretary "Coercion" Childers. Col. Henderson, ex-commissioner of police, testified that at the Trafalgar square demonstration he saw no signs of a premeditated attack on property.

The Northwest Commission.

WINNIPEG, Man., Feb. 27.—The new Northwest commission will be composed of Mr. Ouimet, Montreal; G. H. Young, Winnipeg, and Thomas McKay, Prince Albert.

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WITH A TALENT FOR THEFT

A TORONTO YOUTH'S EXPLOITS IN THE UNITED STATES.

Herbert Hepworth's Wholesale Robberies—Captured on His Way to Canada—The New York Police Admire Him.

The New York police have struck something in the criminal line which, as the Times says, excites their admiration. This something is in the shape of a youth named Herbert Hepworth, who has been doing some great work as a daylight robber. Hepworth first developed his thieving propensities in Toronto. Of good English parentage, he came to this city four years ago, and between dime novels and companionship with the son of a well known Canadian burglar, he learned the art of stealing. Last June he fell into the hands of the police for larceny, and confessed several robberies to Detective Cuddy, who recovered nearly all the stolen property. In the proceedings that ensued Hepworth was used as a crown witness against a York street fence, the charges against himself not being pressed. Shortly afterwards his parents moved to Brooklyn. He ran away from home last November. On the 7th of last month he sneaked $2000 worth of jewelry from Mr. Martley's house on Central avenue, New Brighton, Staten Island. Three weeks later he stole $2100 worth of jewelry from Erastus Wiman's house at New Brighton. On December 2 he entered J. J. Burchell's house on Park avenue, New York, and took therefrom $1200 worth of property. After robbing two Jersey City houses of jewelry worth $200, Hepworth carried his talents to Philadelphia and Washington. In the latter city he took $300 worth from Mrs. H. G. Ogden's house, 1329 Nineteenth street. He was captured while attempting to commit a burglary at Georgetown, D.C., pleaded guilty and was sent to the reformed school of the district.

Eight days after his commitment Hepworth escaped by tearing up his bed clothes, making a rope and lowering himself out of his window. He walked to Baltimore, as he had no money, got on an express train which did not stop before reaching Wilmington, and was there put off by the conductor. That night he sneaked into a house, stole jewelry worth $700 and $10 in money and returned to New York. On Feb. 20 he robbed Mrs. McBride of West Forty-fourth street of jewelry and property worth $1600, and started for Canada. He stopped at Buffalo to dispose of some of his swag and was arrested on a description furnished by the New York authorities.

On Friday Hepworth, who is also known as Bancito, pleaded guilty and was remanded till Wednesday for sentence.

Looking for Liquor.

Inspector Archibald and a posse of police scoured the east end Saturday for illicit liquor, but although they searched a dozen suspected places, nothing crooked was found. The same state of things prevailed in No. 3, No. 2 and No. 1 divisions. For three weeks some of the notorious York street dive keepers, realizing that owing to the present crusade their occupation is gone, have been in the habit of assembling Saturday night and remaining all Sunday at a house in the ward to escape the importunate calls of their old-time patrons. The illicit trade seems to have received a heavy blow.

Something About the Weather.

Yesterday was what the Oldest Inhabitant would call a "corker," although the mercury at its lowest reached no farther down the tube than 2° below, and although the noonday sun loosened winter's icy chains in places. From about 8 o'clock in the evening the thermometer showed 4° above, but the high northeast wind fully made up for the quicksilver's lack of enterprise.

A Bad Gang Broken Up.

Since the conviction at the police court of the gang of till tappers and hall thieves there has been a noticeable decrease in this class of crime. In fact the police have had no reports of such cases for several days. Detective Burrows was mainly instrumental in breaking up the gang and bringing them to justice. Detective Cuddy also did good work in cleaning them out.

This Evening's Musical Event.

The much talked-of Musin concert takes places this evening in the Pavilion. The program is an exceptionally good one, and one which will be much appreciated by the musical public. Mons. Musin arrived last night, and says he wants to do some tobagganing before he leaves the city. He seems to be greatly taken with Toronto, and hopes to play before a large audience to-night.

Provincial Appointments.

Henry Parker, Woodstock, police magistrate of Oxford county; J. C. Edgar, Beaverton, bailiff of the sixth division court of Ontario county; H. J. Milchener, bailiff of the seventh division court of Norfolk county.

WEATHER IN CHICAGO.

Nearly Thirty Hours of a Snowstorm.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 28.—It has been snowing steadily here since last night, and is drifting to-day. The temperature is just below the freezing point, but it is growing colder and the signs point to a blizzard. The progress of trains is not yet seriously impeded within a hundred miles of Chicago, but despatches from Wisconsin and Iowa tell of roads becoming blockaded so as to delay the trains considerably.

Fire in a Catholic Church.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Feb. 28.—A fire broke out in St. Mary's Catholic church here this morning. High mass was being celebrated when a cloud of smoke burst through the floor. Two thousand persons were in the church, and for a time there was almost a panic. Men and women rushed for the doors, but fortunately no one was injured. The priest did not leave the altar, but quietly counselled the people to keep cool and retire calmly. The fire caught from the furnace in the basement and was soon subdued. Only slight damage was done.

Putting Up the Price of Coal.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 28.—The soft coal combination just formed have agreed to advance the price of bituminous coal thirty cents per ton after the pool has been put into active operation. The cause assigned for this is that the miners have taken a determined stand in demanding an advance of 10 cents per ton for mining. That advance is to be granted, and hence the necessity for increasing the prices.

Frozen to Death in N. Y. State.

NEWBURGH, N. Y., Feb. 27.—Archibald B. Myers was frozen to death while walking from Newburgh to Montgomery last night. Yesterday he attended the trial of his brother here for cutting the throats of his wife and paramour.

DRIFTED OUT TO SEA.

A Boat Load of People Believed to Have Perished in the Gale.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Feb. 28.—The passengers of the steamer Idlewild, which went ashore off Stamford, Conn., in the gale of Thursday night, arrived here yesterday morning. They said the steamer had begun to break up at the stern and that she would probably prove a total loss. Soon after the boat grounded the lifeboats were launched and all the women on the steamer were placed in them. The attempt to reach the shore was unsuccessful and the boats returned to the steamer. One boat containing seven men cut loose from the steamer during the excitement and drifted away. There were no oars in the boat and it is thought it drifted out into the sound and was swamped and the occupants drowned. Among those in the boat were Ernest Judson, assistant clerk of the steamer, and Judson Abbott, fish dealer of this city.

SHOT BY HIS OWN PISTOL.

A Discharged Hotel Clerk Becomes Mad and Assaults His successor.

WINDSOR, Feb. 27.—Fred Chamberlain was, until a few weeks ago, night clerk at the Crawford house, and was superseded by Alfred Summers. This made Chamberlain mad and he determined to get even with Summers. Friday night he saw Summers in the office. He entered and walking up to his unsuspecting successor gave him a blow in the face that drew blood. A boarder in the house, W. H. Maybury, expressed his opinion of such cowardice and Chamberlain turned on him drawing a revolver. Maybury grappled with the angry young man, and in the scuffle which followed the revolver was discharged. A small piece was chipped from Maybury's finger by the bullet, which then lodged in Chamberlain's arm and took lots of the fight out of him. Chamberlain was put to bed and his wound dressed by a surgeon.

TO BE EXTRADITED.

Ohio's Defaulting Treasurer to be Handed Over for Trial.

BRANTFORD, Ont., Feb. 27.—Judge Jones to-day rendered a decision in the extradition case of Martin A. Vanfleet, the defaulting treasurer of Huron county, O. The judge considered the altering of any figures in the treasury books a forgery, both in Canada and Ohio, and under the extradition act committed Vanfleet, but he will not be delivered up to the United States authorities for fifteen days, during which time he can apply for a writ of habeas corpus.

Died on Saturday.

LONDON, Ont., Feb. 28.—Wm. Shrimton, who was shot by the Salvationist Monks while breaking into the house of the latter at London yesterday night, died yesterday afternoon at the hospital.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

Spring lamb will be the item on Clow's bill of fare to-day.

Three theatrical companies, numbering over 60 persons, arrived in town last night.

Only eight cases were in the police court Saturday, six being for drunkenness.

48 births, 15 marriages and 53 deaths were registered at the city hall last week.

A Toronto Volunteer writes to know when the annual drill pay will be forthcoming.

Thirteen drunks and vagrants were collected from the police stations yesterday and removed to jail.

$390,007 was collected in customs at this port last month, an increase of $23,158 over February, 1885.

The police have in their possession a silver watch, upon which "Stead" is scratched in two places on the back.

The Mutual Fire Underwriters' association will recommend to the government the appointment of fire coroners.

A half dozen pairs of shoes were stolen from the doorway of W. H. Davis' shop, 79 Dundas street, Saturday night.

Operator Nelly, who forged a telegram for a pass on the C. P. R., was dismissed with a warning by Magistrates Wingfield and Utley Saturday.

Mason & Risch's piano exhibit for the Colonial and Indian exhibition can be seen for three more days and nights at their establishment, King street.

Action is about to be taken against the corporation by Rev. Johnston Vicars for damages on account of ill health, alleged to have been caused by defective drainage.

The Stonecutters' union has sustained the charges made against Thomas Cruttenden, and all members of the union were prohibited from working for him. The boss stonecutters will be asked to have no business relations with Mr. Cruttenden.

At the Canadian Institute Saturday evening the year's periodicals were disposed of by auction at a good figure. J. B. Williams read the paper read by him last week before the Natural History association on The Preservation of Wild Animals.

The funeral of Miss Lavinia Lakey, killed near Mitchell's crossing on the Grand Trunk, took place Saturday afternoon. At her father's residence, Bolton avenue, the teachers and scholars of St. Matthew's Sunday school and a large number of prominent residents assembled. The floral offerings were choice and abundant. The services at the house were conducted by Rev. A. H. Baldwin, and at the church by Rev. J. S. Howard.

Expert Cloudsley reports that Mr. Perkins has not constructed the steel boilers for the water works according to specification. The case will be discussed by the committee.

CABLE NOTES.

Mr. Biggar says that he has no quarrel with Mr. Parnell.

Servia refuses to accept the treaty of peace drafted by Bulgaria.

The queen's proctor has not decided to intervene in the Crawford-Dilke case.

Mr. Atkins, manager of the Court theatre in Liverpool, has absconded, leaving large liabilities.

The agitation of British seamen against the employment of foreign seamen is spreading to the northern seaports.

The treaty of peace between France and Madagascar was ratified by the chamber of deputies Saturday afternoon, 450 to 29.

The Prince of Wales Saturday laid the corner-stone of the chapel at Cannes which is to be erected there to the memory of the late Duke of Albany.

Sir Edward James Reed, lord of the treasury in the Gladstone ministry, was re-elected to parliament Saturday from Cardiff over Llewellyn, conservative.

The municipal authorities of Paris have ordered that the name of the Deity be expunged from children's books issued by the Metropolitan school committee.

The Primrose league, composed of ladies who wish to exert whatever political influence they may possess in the furtherance of conservative principles, has reached the imposing strength of 220,000 members.

The Cork corporation, by a vote of 31 to 10, has adopted a resolution favoring an Irish parliament in Dublin, and declaring that the concession would not involve the separation of Ireland from Great Britain.

A despatch from Adelaide says the losses of the Commercial bank of South Australia, which has suspended, amount to £300,000. The manager of the bank will probably be arrested.

During the debate on the Madagascar treaty in the French deputies Saturday Count Mun protested against leaving Madagascar to the "British Methodists."

The eighty-fourth anniversary of the birth of Victor Hugo was celebrated Friday evening by a grand miscellaneous entertainment at the Theatre Francaise.

The boycotting of the Cork Packet company ceased Saturday, the company agreeing to carry dealers' cattle free of charge for six months, and the dealers allowing the company to carry the cattle hitherto boycotted.

A despatch from Westport, Ireland, reports great distress from famine and fever in the villages of Keelocks, Mulvany and Doobeg. One death has occurred, and many are ill from want of food.

A motion will be made in the British parliament to-day to compel railway companies to submit the tenancy of station bookstalls to the competition of genuine residents. At present the stalls are almost monopolized by Right Hon. W. H. Smith.

TORONTO'S FEDERAL PAP.

SOME INTERESTING FIGURES OF THE EXPENDITURES ON HER PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

The Enormous Expenditures of the Dominion on Railways, Canals and Other Public Works Before and After Confederation—Not a Bad Showing for 5,000,000 People.

OTTAWA, Feb. 28.—Sir Hector Langevin, whose department is always to the front in the matter of punctuality, was the first minister to lay his annual report (that of the public works) before parliament, which he did on Friday night. From the report it will be seen that an enormous sum of money has been spent in constructing and keeping in repair the federal buildings and harbor of Toronto. Following are the figures (the cents being omitted);

Assistant Receiver-General's Office (Toronto street).—At the session of 1884 the sum of $1000 was voted for making alterations and repairs. During the year the works were partly carried out. Expenditure, $369 for construction, $177 for repairs. Total expenditure on this office, $369 for construction, $1522 for repairs.

Custom House.—At the session of 1884 the sum of $1600 was voted for purchasing a clock for the tower on this building, but up to the close of the fiscal year the clock had not been procured. Some alterations and repairs were made. Expenditure $297. Total expenditure on the building $286,010 for construction, $6567 for repairs.

Examining Warehouse.—At the session of 1884 the sum of $25,000 was voted towards completing the addition to this building mentioned in last year's report as being under contract, and at the session of 1885 a further grant of $3500 was made. The addition was completed and occupied in January, 1883. Expenditure during the fiscal year, $33,912 for construction, $390 for repairs. Total expenditure on building, $307,101 for construction, $14,892 for repairs.

The Forts.—The alterations to the New Fort referred to in last year's report have been completed. Expenditure during the fiscal year, $752. Total expenditure on forts since confederation, $21,625 for construction, $6594 for repairs.

The Harbor.—At the session of 1884 the sum of $65,000 was voted to continue the works for the protection of the harbor, which were fully described in last year's report, and at the session of 1885 the further grant of $66,000 was made. The works on Toronto island were virtually completed at the close of 1884, put the stone on the outer slope, which had been deposited during the year, was, as the more exposed portions, washed down during a heavy gale last spring. On Contract A no further work of extension was undertaken during the year, and only stone was placed to make up deficiencies in the protection slope. These works have proved to be of much benefit to the harbor and for the protection of the eastern end of the island. Dredging at the western entrance, which was being carried on at the close of last fiscal year, was continued until Aug. 31, 1884, when the work undertaken was accomplished, and the channel materially improved. Expenditure, $117,078. Total expenditure since confederation, $403,972.

Immigrant Shed.—At the session of 1884 the sum of $420 was granted for the purpose of repairing the fences and sidewalks and making an addition to the kitchen, and the works have been carried out. Expenditure $246.15 for construction, $152 for repairs. Total expenditure on this building, $12,030 for construction, and $4385 for repairs.

Inland Revenue Office.—The sum of $130 was spent for repairs. Total expenditure on this building, $32,716 for construction, $27,557 for repairs.

The Postoffice.—At the session of 1884 the sum of $3450 was voted for the purpose of repairing the roof, doing external painting, etc., and at the session of 1885 a further grant of $495 was made. During the year the improvements have been carried out. Expenditure, $5112 for construction, $438 for repairs.

The following figures, taken from Sir Hector's report, will prove of deep interest to readers of The World. "From July 1, 1867 (the date of confederation) to June 30, 1885, there were expended on the public works in the Dominion of Canada (omitting the odd cents):

Railways and canals	$121,118,976
Other public works	21,431,898
Total	$142,550,875
Expended prior to confederation:	
Railways and canals	$ 52,944,174
Other public works	10,690,917
Total	$ 63,635,091
Or a grand total of	$206,185,967

And we are a struggling people of some five millions.

WILL ROW THE RAPIDS.

Plaisted Says the Proposition of Himself and Ross is no Joke.

BOSTON, Feb. 28.—Fred Plaisted, the oarsman, states that the proposition of himself and Ross to row a boat through the Niagara rapids the coming summer is not the huge joke many seem to think, but an enterprise that will surely be attempted. "I do not think it dangerous," he said; "the boat will have plenty of beam, a grating for a floor and no bottom. If we fill with water we can't sink, because we will have an air-tight compartment around the boat, and the water we take in will quickly disappear through the grating. If anything should happen, we are both swimmers and would make a grand struggle before giving up. It will be money in our pockets if we succeed, and if we fail our wives and children will get the benefit of it. There is positively less danger in trying to row through the rapids than there is going out on the frontier at $13 a month and farm, and we get $2500 for what we are going to do.