

Mrs. Agnes Thompson, a Canadian soprano from Toronto, has created a very favorable impression at Lester King's subscription concert in New York.

Baltimore has 2000 boats and 10,000 men engaged in oyster dredging who take annually from Chesapeake Bay 8,000,000 bushels of the succulent bivalve.

There are indications of another small pox epidemic in New York, and vaccination and re-vaccination are urged upon the community by the State Board of Health.

Henry George was among the passengers by the *Etruria*, which arrived at New York last Sunday. He reports the single tax idea growing in favor in England, and is confident it will be put into operation there.

The new mode of execution of criminals in New York State by electricity will have the advantage of previous experiment on a large elephant named Chief, whose determined murderous propensities render his taking-off a necessity.

Boston has decided for license by a majority of 17,556, and for non-sectarian schools by the election of the entire republican ticket for school committee, in favor of whom it is estimated that about 18,000 women cast their ballots.

United States officers seized \$20,000 worth of smuggled opium near Land Beach, Michigan, Friday night, after a long tramp through the woods, and after a fight with one gang. The principal smuggler is Capt. Harry Durant, who is head of a gang in the locality, in the service of a syndicate in Canada.

An idea of the amount of money expended by Bostonians on base ball may be gained from the statement that the Boston club has a ground costing \$100,000, with a grand stand worth \$60,000. Next season's team will represent \$75,000 as paid for the players, and the salaries of the club players will foot up \$50,000.

Mr. Wiman considers that Mr. Butterworth has made a fatal mistake in introducing his Annexation resolutions. He thinks the sentiment against Annexation in Canada is so pronounced that its advocacy by any political party would mean certain defeat, and is of opinion that its proposal in Congress will make it very difficult for the Liberal party in Canada to secure closer commercial relations.

The Derby winner, Ormonde, has been sold to a Brazilian gentleman.

It is satisfactory to learn that some contemplated evictions in the Co. Donegal have been postponed.

Major-General Sir Charles Warren, late Chief Commissioner of the London Police is, it is said, to be sent to Suakin.

The New York Times' London correspondent says the London Times' Parnell letters were forged by a Fenian named Pigott.

A woman named Gallagher, a passenger by the *Umbria* from New York, was arrested at Queenstown, fifty dynamite cartridges having been found concealed in her dress.

Sir Charles Tupper, speaking recently on Imperial Federation, repudiated the idea that the Empire would fall to pieces unless some panacea like Federation were immediately adopted.

There is a movement on foot to present to Mrs. Phelps, the wife of the American Minister, a souvenir of her stay in London. The Marchioness of Salisbury is said to be at the head of it.

The Marquis of Dufferin received an ovation on leaving Bombay. The Viceroy was entertained at a grand banquet, and the English and Foreign ships in the Harbor were decked with flags, and fired salutes.

Bishop Dwyer of Limerick, has intimated that unless the boycotting of a man named Ryan for taking an evicted farm should cease, he will close the church of the parish, and suspend masses, sacraments and burials.

Australia is paying no less than \$25,000 per year to keep the rabbits down on what are known as Crown lands. The Governments still keep standing their offer of \$100,000 to any man who will hit on a measure to effectually eradicate the pests.

Prince Bismarck is reported to have said that Germany's Colonial policy had gone farther than he desired. It was, however, too late to draw back. The East African enterprise would entail heavy sacrifices of life and money, with no particular advantage.

There is a fresh outbreak of newspaper war between the German and Russian journals, and General Von Waldersee is said to be engaged in daily consultation with the Emperor as to the possibility of sustaining a war against France and Russia simultaneously.

The defeat of the Panama Canal Bill in the French Chamber would seem to bring the final collapse of M. De Lesseps' great project within a quite measureable distance. The failure of so grand a scheme is much to be regretted. The work has probably suffered from the want of the personal superintendence of the great engineer.

Monsignor Persico's report on the Irish question directs attention to the fact that all the Government authorities are Protestants, and (not a fair assumption,) not well disposed towards Catholics, but that the agrarian struggle engenders outrages, and a total violation of the moral law. The people must be taught the moral importance of their acts, to parate civil from moral questions, and not to act as the instruments of the who, under pretext of nationality, lead them into acts contrary to morality. He totally condemns boycotting, but considers that Irish political aspirations must be satisfied before tranquility can be restored.

The *National Zeitung* denies the truth of the reports, which have been extensively circulated, as to the ill health of the Emperor William.

The new Russian loan is expected to furnish the Czar with all the money he needs for the next war. It will be a strange spectacle if many British sovereigns are subscribed for the purchase of bullets which may be destined for British soldiers.

The letters received from the Mahdi, which assert that he has in his power both Emin Pasha and Stanley, are likely, if true, to place the British Government in a dilemma. It will become a grave question whether the relinquishment of operations in the Sudan which the Mahdi demands, ought not to be conceded in view of the two valuable lives at his disposal.

The Prince of Wales, for once, seems to have perpetrated a blunder which is said to have led to the disorganization of the Hon. Artillery Company of London. The offence of the Regiment is reported to have been a refusal to endorse the Prince's proposition to vote £500 for military purposes. There is much talk about it, but later advices will probably be more distinct.

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