

TOPICS OF TO-DAY.

A Russian inventor has a new smokeless gunpowder, said to exceed in power any explosive yet invented for guns. The Government is constructing immense new works for the manufacture of the powder, and the inventor has been taken into the service.

The Central Shoe Blacking Institute has opened its doors in Berlin. It undertakes to clean boots and shoes for its clients as often as required between 6 a.m. and 9 p.m. for monthly payments at the rate of 50 cents a month for men and 35 cents for women. Half rates are given when several members of one family subscribe.

The performers in an Alger theatre, which closed its doors while the influenza raged, sued their manager because he devalued the time they were willing to play right on. The manager claimed that the influenza was an act of Providence, and that however able the actors may have been to play the public was incapacitated from attending, and the closing of the theatre was thus necessary through no fault of his. The court sustained this view of the matter.

A Cossack officer named Poyetoff is taking a horseback ride from Bielovetehensk, on the River Amoor, in Eastern Siberia, to St. Petersburg, a distance of 5,000 miles. He goes quite alone on an ordinary cavalry horse and carrying his provisions with him. He started in November, and when last seen by a party of merchants near Irkutsk, was in good health and spirits, and made about a quarter of the distance. He expects to reach St. Petersburg in April. It will be the longest ride on record.

Mr. Zachrisson, who is to lead the Swedish expedition to Central Africa, expects to make the first experiment in the way of planting a white colony in the far interior of the Dark Continent. He is said to have contracts with 100 Swedish artisans who have agreed to start with him in May next, and carrying his provisions with him. An expedition would certainly have involved tragic consequences, and its prospects to day are by no means brilliant. The project, however, is not quite so foolhardy as it would have been before white men knew as much as they do now about the best means of keeping their health. It would have been regarded as impossible a few years ago for Stanley to safely lead five white men clear across Africa, as he has just done, or for missionaries to be thriving like Mackay, on Victoria Nyansa after a dozen years' residence. But, after all, these Swedish workmen would be better off at home.

JUMPED THE TRACK.

Fatal Accident on a Virginia Road—Three Men Killed—Other Railway Mishaps.

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 18.—A freight train jumped the track at Dumfries, Va., Tuesday evening. The engine and five cars were wrecked, killing Capt. D. Peck, agent of the Fall City and Coal Company, Engineer Sam Clevers and brakeman, name unknown.

A TRAIN PLUNGED THROUGH A BRIDGE. WICHITA, Kan., Feb. 18.—The engine and baggage car of the Galveston express plunged through a bridge over Chickadee Creek, six miles south of here yesterday morning. The passenger coaches were left on the brink. Roadmaster E. Peters, of Newton, was killed. Engineer Wade and Fireman Smith each had a leg broken, and several passengers were injured. A relief train and six doctors have gone to the scene.

THE ST. CLAIR TUNNEL.

Substantial Progress Made in the Work 1,500 Feet on the American Side Completed.

PORT HURON, Feb. 18.—The Port Huron tunnel will reach the end within a month, being now completed a length of 1,365 feet on the American side. From the point where the old shaft was put down two years ago, a change will be made in the method of removing the earth. This shaft, which was sunk to a depth of 100 feet, will be used for hoisting the earth to the surface. New buildings for the engine and shops are being erected near the shaft. The route of the tunnel can be traced by depression of the earth over it, and last week the brick building directly over it, which is owned by the company, cracked so badly that it is liable to fall. Workmen can be heard while at work 100 feet under ground.

Mollie's Latest Love.

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Feb. 18.—Mollie Corwin, the much-married woman, was wedded yesterday to her fifth husband. His name is George Calkins. Six of his predecessors are still living.

Saved the Sheriff a Job. BRYAN, Tex., Feb. 17.—John Smith and William Danby, planters, quarreled on Sunday morning. Smith shot Danby with a rifle. Smith died yesterday when Danby heard of it he blew his brains out.

A Young Girl Scalded.

WHELM, Pa., Feb. 18.—Kate Daveler, 6, employed at the stock yards, was scalded yesterday in the shafting yesterday, and before the machinery could be stopped she was completely scalded and badly mangled. She will die.

A Winnipig Blaze.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 18.—The fine residence of Mr. C. D. Cotton, at St. Jean, five years ago and recently purchased by his partner, Mr. W. J. Maher, was stately gutted by fire Sunday night. \$25,000. Two dwellings were consumed at Gretna yesterday morning. Loss, \$500.

Died from His Injuries.

BONITO, Feb. 18.—The Irishman, John who was so terribly injured at Burton on Sunday afternoon, died at the hospital about 3 o'clock yesterday morning. The remains were forwarded to South Dakota. The deceased was one of the hands of an ice train running between Barrie and Hamilton. He was a married man, 28 years of age, and leaves a wife and two children.

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MALADY AND MELODY.

The Influenza Set to Music by Composer Moroni.

Loss of the Steamer Coral Queen—Sixteen Persons Drowned.

Salisbury's Government Will Not Support the Eight-Hour Bill.

Count Andrassy Dead—Sullivan and Gilbert Still in Harmony.

Death of Count Andrassy.

VIENNA, Feb. 18.—Count Andrassy, aged 67, died at 3 o'clock this morning. Socialists Attack a Liberal Meeting. BERLIN, Feb. 18.—The Socialists attacked a meeting of German Liberals at Liegnitz, in Silesia, last night. The police interfered and many persons were wounded.

The Duke to Be Pardoned.

PARIS, Feb. 18.—The Herald reports that President Carnot has decided to pardon the Duke of Orleans and send him under escort to the frontier.

Miners Want Ten Per Cent Advance.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—Four hundred thousand miners in Great Britain have decided to adhere to their demand for an increase of 10 per cent. in wages. A general strike is apprehended.

The Eight-Hour Movement.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—Mr. Matthews, Home Secretary, replying to a deputation of miners yesterday, told them he could hold out no hope that the Government would support an eight-hour bill.

Uncle Sam Specially Favored.

PARIS, Feb. 18.—The United States squadron landed 700 men at Ville Franche for drill exercise, the Government having granted the permission which it declared it would refuse to any European fleet.

Tory Impotence and Imbecility.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—The News describes Mr. Smith's reply to Mr. Parnell's question in the House of Commons as the most ludicrous confession of impotence and imbecility that ever proceeded from a responsible minister upon a serious occasion.

Boulangists Jubilant.

PARIS, Feb. 18.—The Journal des Debats blames the political inactivity of the Government for the defeat of the Republican candidates in Sunday's elections. The Boulangists are jubilant and predict a repetition of the victory in the municipal election in May.

Grippe Set to Music.

VIENNA, Feb. 18.—The influenza has been set to music. Composer Moroni, director of the opera at Stryna, having recovered from an attack of the grippe, has expressed his gratitude to Hygieia in a symphony, the melody clearly indicating the course of the malady from the first sneeze to the doctor's bill.

Emm's Path.

A Berlin dispatch says: The Germans, actuated by jealousy of Stanley, intend to open a subscription to enable Emm Pasha to return to Del Gambia as agent for a great German company in opposition to English interests. Emm is ambitious of regal power in Equatorial Africa, and has been promised unlimited funds to carry out this undertaking.

Churchill's Liquor Bill.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—Lord Randolph Churchill's Liquor Bill hits hard at the clubs and puts strict limitations upon the liberty they have enjoyed in the sale of liquors. It does not include the compensation scheme that being a measure which he holds the Government should initiate. The bill is unlikely to appear during the present session.

Dead.

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London, Feb. 18.—Sir Richard Kane, F.R.S., an eminent fishman, is dead. He was the father of Capt. Kane, R.N., of the British gunboat Calliope, which was the only vessel saved in the hurricane at Samoa last March.

The Knout.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—Geo. Kennan, writer on Russian affairs, has made public a communication from Siberia, which contains a copy of the order of Mr. Galbino Vras Koy, director-in-chief of the prison administration in Russia, to the Governor of the Island of Sakhalin, notifying him that political prisoners should be treated the same as common criminals, which includes flogging with the knout.

Homicide by Imprudence Punished.

DUNDEE, Feb. 17.—The Appeal Court to which was carried the case of M. Comel, proprietor of the carriage factory at Antwerp in which the disastrous explosion occurred last September, and who was sentenced to four years and six months' imprisonment, and fined 2,500 francs, for committing homicide by imprudence, has confirmed the sentence and added eighteen months thereto.

No Divorce for Boulangier.

PARIS, Feb. 18.—General Boulangier was notified to-day that the Sacred Congregation, to which the matter was referred at Rome, had decided against his application for divorce. The General has sent to the Pope a letter in which he entreats him to ask the Holy Father to overrule the decision. Should the application be successful the General will marry Mlle. Bonnemain, to whom he owes 100,000 francs.

O'Shea vs. the Editors.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—The motion for contempt of court brought against the London edition of the New York Herald, the Evening Standard and the Freeman's Journal for commenting on the divorce suit of Capt. O'Shea, came up for hearing to-day. The London correspondent of the Freeman's Journal was fined \$500 and the proprietors discharged. The Herald and Star cases were dismissed.

Sailors Devoured by Sharks.

between Colombo and Aden a male passenger leaped overboard. The engines were instantly reversed, and the boat was ordered to be lowered. As the crew obeyed the order the forward davit tackle slipped from the hands of the bowman, who was overhauling it, and the crew, numbering thirteen, fell into the sea. A second boat was instantly lowered with a crew of eleven. This latter was lowered in perfect safety, and succeeded in rescuing eleven of the unlucky thirteen. The other two, together with the unfortunate suicide, were devoured by sharks in full view of the horrified passengers.

Sixteen Persons Drowned. LONDON, Feb. 18.—The passenger steamer Coral Queen from Gothenburg has been sunk off the River Tees in collision with the Rotterdam steamer Brieno. It is reported sixteen persons on the Coral Queen were drowned.

(Via Dalziel News Agency.)

Death of Count Andrassy. VIENNA, Feb. 18.—A single survivor from the board the sailing vessel Mary Hoyle, run down and sunk by the Irish Clasher, which was wrecked off the coast of Ireland, has arrived at Belfast and brought intelligence of the disaster.

The Pope and His Brother.

ROME, Feb. 18.—It is reported on good authority that the Pope, during the illness of his brother, Cardinal Pecci, broke his manner in which he had subjected to surveillance during his recent visit to Ireland. He confessed he had been privileged in one particular, for he had used language which, if used by any Parnellite, would have led to his imprisonment. The improvement of Ireland, he held, was not due to coercion; it was entirely due to a good harvest.

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ment leader, said the Government intended to ask the House to adopt the report and to thank the Commission for its just and impartial conduct. He also said the Government would ask the House to enter the report on its journal. (Cries of "Oh! oh!") He further said he hoped, subject to the progress of business in the House, to make a motion on Monday next to carry out the Government's intentions.

The debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne was resumed. William O'Brien said the Nationalists had grown strong under coercion. During Mr. Balfour's term of office as Chief Secretary for Ireland £120,000 had been subscribed by the people to carry out the objects of the League. The boycott still prevailed everywhere, and the Nationalists had triumphed even in the districts of the "Ulster Ministers," with Mr. T. W. Russell as a member, and Major Sanderson as a member, were accustomed to perform.

Mr. T. W. Russell attacked the Parnellites, saying they had no hesitations in praising the Gladstones, whom they had covered with the worst epithets. Thus Earl Spencer was charged with having made an effort made to blacken his character.

Mr. O'Brien, interrupting, said: "I certainly would not let any man say that about the House." Mr. Shaw-Lefevre severely criticized the manner in which he had subjected to surveillance during his recent visit to Ireland. He confessed he had been privileged in one particular, for he had used language which, if used by any Parnellite, would have led to his imprisonment. The improvement of Ireland, he held, was not due to coercion; it was entirely due to a good harvest.

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CANADA'S CAPITAL.

Another Day's Debate on the Dual Language Bill.

Speeches by the Liberal Leader and Sir John.

(Special to the ADVERTISER.)

OTTAWA, Tuesday, Feb. 18.

The great debate will probably close to-night or rather early to-morrow morning. Mr. Chaplain has the floor at the opening of the House this afternoon, and it will be specially seen how much there is in the Blen kick.

The Railway Committee passed this morning a bill, introduced by Adam Brown, P. E., incorporating the Tilsonburg, Lake Erie and Pacific Railway Company. This company proposes to run a line from a point on Lake Erie near Port Burwell through Tilsonburg to Woodstock or Ingersoll.

The Canada Cable Company, which wishes to lay an Atlantic cable from Clew Bay, Ireland, to Greenly Island in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, secured the adoption of its incorporating bill. This company is seeking from the Dominion Government a loan of \$100,000 to guarantee the bonds of the company. They have already obtained permission to utilize the Government telegraph lines to the city of Quebec and from the British Government permission to use a Government cable stretching under the Irish Sea as well as all Government lines in England.

Dinners will be given at the Government House on Thursday, Feb. 20, and Tuesday, Feb. 25.

A deputation from Montreal City Council and Board of Trade waited on the Hon. John Carling this morning and asked for increased accommodation for immigrants at Montreal.

Business of the House.

OTTAWA, Monday, Feb. 17. In the House of Commons to-day, Hon. Mr. Tupper presented a bill to amend the Fisheries Act, explaining that it was designed to extend the official powers of fisheries officers as justices of the peace. The bill was read the first time. Mr. Jones presented a petition from Ven. Archbishop Dixon, Rev. Dr. Warrington, Rev. Dr. Forrester and others, of Guelph, in favor of Mr. Brown's Pigeon Bill.

An act respecting the Goderich and Canadian Pacific Junction Railway Company, and to change the name of the company to "The Goderich and Wingham Railway Company," passed through Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Charlton called attention to the fact that in the speech from the throne no reference had been made to the Behring Sea trouble, and asked if the Government could account for the neglect.

Sir John Macdonald said all he could say was that negotiations are now going on between the Imperial Ambassador at Washington and the United States Secretary of State with a view to an arrangement on this subject.

Hon. Mr. Laurier, on rising to resume the adjourned debate on Mr. Parnell asked for information as to the Government's intentions regarding the report of the special Parnell Commission.

Right Hon. W. H. Smith, the Govern-

I can find nothing in this bill, he said, but the old, old spirit of domination and intolerance, which in this land and in the mother country has always characterized the course of pure, unadulterated Toryism. This measure, taken by itself, and disconnected from the motive of the honorable gentleman, would not be of itself of very great importance. But it is of the greatest importance for this reason, that it constitutes a declaration of war by him, and those who are acting with him, against the French race. In Ontario he spoke of the French race in terms of opprobrium, which he would not dare to repeat in this House concerning French-Canadians, who are on a par with him on the floor of this House. He would not dare to apply here to my fellow-countrymen the same terms and epithets he applied in Ontario. He would not dare to call it, as he did last year, a bastard nationality. (Hear, hear.) I have here his language used at St. John on July 12. He said then:

In Barrie last election I pointed out the great danger, the overshadowing danger, from the French nation, which will take us in as we would take them in, but which begins and ends with the French race and the Roman Catholic faith, and which now means the dismemberment of Canada.

He speaks here of a bastard nationality and a danger to Canada. Sir, the day is not far distant when the "bastard nationality," to the choice expression of the honorable gentleman, will be united in support of the party to which the honorable gentleman belongs, when you could have counted on your hands the members of that race in this House who did not belong to the Conservative party. In those days, and so long as that race had the controlling weight in the political scale, we never heard of any danger to Canada from this French nationality. The sensitive-ness of the honorable gentleman now so easily alarmed did not then seem to be shocked, though his fellow-countrymen could and did appeal to all the prejudices of his race. But that was legitimate warfare, for then it was made to do service for the Conservative party, and give them and to retain for themselves, but no word was heard from them of the danger to Canada from the French nationality. This is all altered to-day. The honorable gentleman, by the policy of the entire support of the French party necessary to the Conservative party, but what was unobjectionable to those days has now become a danger to Canada, and the future by the past. If French-Canadians were again to be needed to give their whole weight to the party to which the honorable gentleman still belongs, not one word more should we hear of the danger to Canada from the French nationality.

It has been asked, was the honorable gentleman acting in sympathy with the Prime Minister, or did he start a movement of his own? This is a most useless question, for whatever the aim of the honorable gentleman, it is quite certain he means no harm to the party, and still less to the leader of the party. (Hear, hear.) Mr. Laurier made it clear that, to his mind, the enacting clause of the bill is one thing and the preamble, with the introductory speech, quite another. He could not pretend to be blind to the fact that the measure is a declaration of war against the French race and language, and that the promoters of the bill are so to the French race, said Mr. Laurier, I denounce anti-Canadian and anti-British, as contrary to all the traditions of the British Government in this country, as fatal to the hopes we had at one time and which I am not disposed to give up, of forming a nation on this continent. (Cheers.) I denounce it as a crime, the consequences of which are simply appalling. It is a crime, and I am simply a party device, but he is opening the floodgates of passion, which, once loosed, no human power can control. (Cheers.)

The honorable gentleman went out of his chair in the speech to which I alluded to refer to the Riel rebellion, and did not hesitate to attribute the storm of indignation which convulsed a race to the lowest sentiments which actuates the human heart—and these sentiments were, I am sorry to say, reproduced, to some extent counteracted, by the honorable member for the Conservative Ministry, Mr. McCarthey, who did not hesitate then to say, after the people of Quebec took the stand they did from the most disinterested motives, that it was a crime, and I have taken them by the people of Quebec was an honest one is guilty of a slander he cannot prove. The honorable gentleman has the honor—It has been the stock praise of the Conservative Ministry in Ontario for the last three or four years, and so long as it was confined to obscure scribbles it might very well be passed in silence, but when the honorable gentleman (Mr. McCarthey) does not hesitate to give the countenance of his reputation to it, and when it is brought up in the House especially, I cannot allow the charge to pass unrefuted. The honorable gentleman (Mr. McCarthey) could not forget that 23 of his colleagues, 25 members of the party to which he belongs, 25 of those who generally supported the Administration, and who, like himself, are not to be read out of the party, telegraphed to the Prime Minister that Riel's execution would be a crime. And he cannot forget that the press of the civilized world gave their opinion that upon that occasion mercy should be the rule and not severity.

There is not to-day a more honest, more race than the French-Canadians, and if the honorable gentleman were to come with me to Lower Canada it would be my pride to make him to one of those noble parishes either on the St. Lawrence or on one of its tributaries and show him a population which, prejudiced as he is, he could not but apply the words of the poet to those who inhabited the Basin of Minas and the meadows of Grand-Pre:

Men whose lives glided, like rivers watering the woodland; Darker by shadows of earth, but reflecting the image of heaven.

(Cheers.) I believe, sir, I claim no more than is due to my country. Let the two races stand together, each with its own characteristics, and they will be all the more speedily united in the same aspirations, British in allegiance, Canadian in sentiment. We want to be a nation, and Protestants and Catholics, English, Irish, Scotch, French and German, everyone to be a member, with his passions and traditional prejudices. But, sir, in each of those parties, there is a common spot of patriotism, and the only true policy is that which reaches that and makes it vibrate towards a common end. (Cheers.)

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In dealing with the propositions before the House, he rejected the bill because of its preamble and surroundings of passion. He viewed Mr. Laurier's amendment as premature, endorsing the Territories with autonomy in one matter before they were granted it in all, and he disliked the proposal of Mr. Beauséjour to make the present temporary constitution of the Northwest permanent. When Mr. Laurier set down there were rounds of warmest applause. Determined cries of "Question" from the Opposition brought the Premier to his feet. He said first that the Tories had been since the Union better friends of French Canada than the Reformers; and secondly that he that he would support the Davin amendment. He condemned Mr. McCarthey very mildly, and expressed his fervent hope that peace might prevail.

Mr. Alonzo Wright spoke in opposition to the bill, as did Mr. Landry (Kent), Mr. Weldon and Mr. Dussault. At 11:30 Mr. Chapleau moved the adjournment of the debate, which will be resumed to-morrow afternoon.

Capital Notes.

The House will not sit on Wednesday next, that being Ash Wednesday.

The Dominion Fruit Growers Association will assemble on Wednesday and sit three days.

The Dominion Dairyman's Association was opened last evening in the City Hall with a meeting of the Executive Committee.

Mr. Davis, of Albert, will likely add another amendment proposing to give the whole matter over until the Territories are properly carved into Provinces.

Mr. Wm. Thompson, agricultural editor of the ADVERTISER, is in the city in connection with the annual meetings of the Dominion Dairyman's Association and Fruit Growers Association.

It is said there is deep discontent among the Blues at the course of Sir John. They expected something better, they say, from a man who so loudly proclaimed that "Columbia, not Short, is your friend."

In connection with the comment which the action of Mr. Dawson, of Algoma—a Roman Catholic—in voting for the Orange Bill has occasioned, it is learned that ex-Speaker Muller, of the Senate, also a devout Catholic, will support the Orange Bill when it comes before the Senate for the reason that he is opposed to giving any class of people a ground of grievance.

THE WEATHER.

TORONTO, Feb. 17—11 p.m.—To-night there is a depression central over Southern Michigan, and high pressure extends from the Northwest States and Territories over northern Canada to the Maritime Provinces. During the past day the temperature has been above the freezing point in Western Ontario, while in the lake region, north of Lake Ontario, and in all other parts of Canada the weather has been cold.

Light snow has fallen at many points in Ontario. Temperatures at 8 p.m.: Calgary, 20° below zero; Qu'Appelle, 20° below; Winnipeg, 6° below; Toronto, 25°; Montreal, 8°; Quebec, 6°; Halifax, 14°.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES YESTERDAY. For 24 hours ending 8 p.m.—(Observations taken at 3 a.m. and 8 p.m.)—Highest, 41°; lowest, 31°; mean (daily), 36°.

PROBABILITIES.

For the next 24 hours for the lakes: Cloudy weather with snow, or in Western Ontario rain, turning generally colder on Wednesday; calm changing to north and northwest winds.

Dropped Dead in the Pulpit.

TRAVELER GRY, Feb. 18.—Mr. Van Alstyne dropped dead at the asylum Sunday afternoon. He had gotten about half through with his sermon, when he stopped and fell at the side of the pulpit he was preaching from. When picked up he was dead.

Dr. Pingel, ear, nose and throat specialist, Office, 354 Dundas street. Telephone 376.

The Canadian Pacific Railway start running on Tuesday next their spring tourist excursion to Manitoba and the Northwest. The excursions leave Toronto every Tuesday thereafter during March and April at 9 p.m. and enable settlers to travel with their stock and still have good accommodation and quick time. For rates, circulars, etc., inquire at city ticket office, No. 1 Massie Temple, or at the depot.

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