

ACROSS THE BLUE ATLANTIC.

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Causes Alarm.The Wedding Guests Being Selected by the Prince of Wales—Some
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LONDON, Jan. 11.—The Duke of Clarence, eldest son of the Prince of Wales, is seriously ill at Sandringham. He is suffering from a severe attack of influenza, complicated with pneumonia. The latest advice is that the patient has so far maintained his strength well. As the Duke's engagements for the present are necessarily cancelled, the Prince of Wales also announces that on account of the illness of his son he cannot leave Sandringham to keep his engagements in London. Politicians are still all engrossed with the coming royal wedding. It is still six weeks off, but every newspaper has apparently set aside a certain amount of space which must be filled daily with matter relating to it. Any third-rate today can now secure all the glory of print by the cheap method of introducing in his ordinary local assembly resolutions of congratulations to the Prince of Wales; and the veriest tuff hunter can be certain of reading about himself in the newspapers by starting a subscription in his village for a wedding present to the young couple. Quite a score of municipal corporations have cheerfully voted the ratepayers' money for illuminated addresses or wedding presents, and nearly every county has established a committee with a similar object. An alarming number of ladies' committees have been formed with full powers to levy contributions on fathers, husbands, brothers, and sweethearts, who have also to meet demands upon their pockets from their clubs, military messes, and the like, all of which have been afflicted by this wedding present fever. There is even talk of a "great national workingmen's subscription," but there is a lamentable, but most marked, lack of enthusiasm among the masses, and the idea is not likely to be followed up. The Prince of Wales has displayed in this matter of his wedding, an unexpected, and as seceders might say, an princely shrewdness. He caused, unofficially of course, an early intimation to be conveyed to the loyal world that the young couple, being poor, useful gifts would be preferred, with the result that, if rumor does not lie, the Duke of Clarence will be able, should he so desire, to furnish a very big store with his surplus pianos, household furniture, and silver plate.

The announcement that the Prince of Wales had himself undertaken the entire arrangements for the wedding is scarcely correct. His private secretary, Sir Francis Knollys, is doing all the drudgery, but it is a fact that the Prince is applying his great intellect to the question of wedding guests. Truth to tell, the task is not an easy one, for St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, is a small place, and after providing for numerous royal personages, officers of state, and others who must be present, the British Constitution is to be preserved, there will remain very little space available for so to speak, the rank and file of the aristocracy and for untitled leaders of the upper ten thousand. The intrigues now going on are said to be almost unparalleled in the history of the British monarchy, and the Prince of Wales, who is a pretty shrewd man in his way, must derive much cynical amusement therefrom. The work is harassing, however, even with the help of the Princess of Wales, the faithful Knollys, and will not be finished for another week or two. Then the Prince will have to submit the list to the Queen, which, in itself, will be a trying ordeal, for her Majesty has ideas of her own which she is not accustomed to subordinate to those of others, and the Prince's favorites do not necessarily find favor with his royal mother.

An incidental annoyance caused to the Prince in connection with the wedding is the enormous increase in the number of begging letters of which he is the recipient. Ordinarily the Prince receives a score of these missives daily, but during the last week or two the number has more than doubled. In this emergency the wily Knollys has proved invaluable as the heaven-born sifter and sorter. Very few letters now pass through the secretarial sieve to the Prince. Most of them are so obviously the work of professional beggars that they are left unanswered, but in cases where they may be some doubt in this respect the following circular letter is sent:

"The controller of the household requests to inform Mr. So-and-so that, owing to the many calls the Prince of Wales has upon him, his Royal Highness is unable to comply with his request for pecuniary aid."

The Duke of Clarence has also been troubled a good deal with begging letters, and his private secretary, Sir Francis Knollys, has had to help him also, but from to-day the work will be done by Major-General Sir Francis Winton, who has been gazetted "controller and treasurer of the household" to the young Prince. He was formerly Governor of the Congo Free State, and is a great friend of Stanley. He is an able man, but of extremely restless character, and great surprise is expressed that he should be willing to settle down to the humdrum of a courtier.

It is announced today that the 2500 guineas voted by the corporation of London for a wedding present for the young couple, and a diamond necklace for the Princess, is to be given to the Prince of Wales. It is to be given to the Prince of Wales, who has received the sanction of the great couple.

It is rumored that all the theaters in London are to be thrown open free to the public on the evening of the wedding day.

WORKING FOR WAGES.
Lieut. Langfield, of Berlin, who is in charge of the large German station which Emin Pasha established on the west coast of Victoria Nyanza, reports a very encouraging state of affairs. He says that on many days he has had to employ laborers who voluntarily work for wages on the plantations started around the station reaches 600 men. Trade is increasing more and more, and is being extended particularly toward the north, where ivory is abundant. The lieutenant says that the Arabs attempt to carry on the slave trade in any territory he can reach he is strong enough, with the assistance of native chiefs upon whom he can depend, to thwart their enterprises.

HIGH LIFE DIVORCE TROUBLES.
When Capt. Hozier's second petition for divorce from Lady Blanche, sister of the Earl of Arlisle, was brought before the Edinburgh court, one of the conditions of the settlement then effected was that the first divorce suit the co-respondent in the case should retire from Parliament, or rather not propose himself for a seat at the next general election. He agreed to this but he is now disposed to free himself from the obligation, and is seeking the influence of mutual friends to induce Capt. Hozier to relent on this point. The gallant captain positively refused to yield, and in all respects is firmer with the co-respondent than with his wife. In the settlement the first divorce suit the member of Parliament was compelled to pay £5,000 amends and he is required to retire from political life.

WORSE THAN CRUSOE.
The race of the Defoes is nearly extinct, and the last lineal descendant of the great author has fallen upon evil days. This is James W. Defoe, who is now in receipt of outdoor relief from the Chelmsford Union. He is 71 years of age, and is not only paralyzed, but it is very nearly blind. He has had three sons, each of whom he has christened Daniel. Two of them died young, but the third is a sailor, and last letter he wrote home was dated from Liverpool.

A SCOUNDREL CHECKED.
The swindler Barton, who figured in New York in 1888 as a lieutenant of the Royal Engineers, and who married a Miss Miller in Brooklyn, has been sentenced to ten years' imprisonment for burglary. Since his marriage Barton has been living at a fine villa at Burgess Hill, Kent. He spent his wife's fortune and then resorted to the same old burglary around his residence. When arrested he was in company with the daughter of a well-known London clergyman, whom he had been courting with the intention of marrying her.

LIVELY TIMES AT SEA.
The British steamer Llandoff City, Capt. Grover, from New York for Bristol, which was towed into Queenstown yesterday by the British steamer Regina, bound from New Orleans for Bremen, had a most eventful voyage, and it was only through the seamanship of the officers and crew of both vessels that the Llandoff City was able to reach port. When the steamers reached Queenstown their crews were excited by the fact that they had been performing for ten days. During the heavy weather that the Llandoff City encountered she was thrown down on her beam ends and it was while she was lying in this precarious position that her shaft broke. The accident occurred about midnight, and the steamer was entirely helpless. She fell off into the trough of the sea, and for a considerable time there was every prospect of her foundering. She was subject to a most violent pounding by the waves. Her lifeboats were either smashed to pieces as they hung in the davits, or their lashings were broken and the boats crashed away. With their boats gone, and the vessel on her side, the officers and crew were made up their minds that they were on their last voyage. Just about the time they had reached this conclusion a gigantic sea swept toward the steamer, lifted her up and so trimmed her cargo, which had been so long in the water, that it was afterwards rode on an almost even keel. The wind was blowing with terrific force and the steamer was rigging was in such bad shape that it was with the greatest difficulty that the crew could be saved. After a time, however, some storm stay sails were spread, and this short canvas the steamer was brought around head to the sea. Her deck was a mass of wreckage, and she rolled and pitched so that it was impossible to clear away the tangle of ropes, broken spars and fittings that encumbered the deck. On Dec. 29 the Regina came up with the Llandoff City and took the latter in tow. The Regina was fortunate in getting her tow into Queenstown, as upon her arrival there her coal supply was practically exhausted.

A ROYAL WEDDING OFF.
The Car is reported to have set his face against the marriage of his niece, Princess Marie of Edinburgh, to the Crown Prince of Roumania, and, as the lady herself is not over inclined to take the place in that gentleman's affections so recently occupied by Miss Varesco, it is possible that the Car will again fail in his matrimonial designs. The Prince is 27 years old, not particularly good-looking, and his usual manner is that of a man bored to death.

HOPING FOR GLADSTONE'S DEATH.
The Irish landlords are quietly profiting by the present confusion in the Nationalist ranks, gathering in rents, without granting abatements, and enforcing the payment of arrears in the old fashion by threats of eviction. The Tories in Dublin, who have picked up courage wonderfully since the disruption, announce their intention to contest every seat in that city and county, and they actually held a public meeting in St. Stephen's Green division, and talked of the good time coming.

The chief orator, Justice Askin, gave fitting and accurate expressions

to the lofty principle on which the Tories in Ireland, and for that matter in England also, will fight in a general election. "If," he said, "we manage to keep valuable out at the next election we shall keep him out altogether, for at the succeeding general election he will be 90 years of age." Similar indecent calculations on Mr. Gladstone's death are publicly and daily indulged in by Tories of the baser sort; but the disgust with which they must read the telegrams from Biarritz is consolatory to the indignant Liberals, for the Grand Old Man continues thoroughly to enjoy himself and to increase in health and strength.

THE JEWISH BENEFACTOR.
Baron Hirsch has acquired the Bath House, Piccadilly, one of the finest of the old London houses. The benefactor of his race moves into this palace in March next. There was much bargaining about the purchase, in which the Baron's hereditary instincts shone conspicuously. The house stands at the corner of Bath street, and was built by the first Lord Arlington. One of the features of the mansion is the central hall, which rises to the roof of the building.

COMBATING DRUNKENNESS.
This week the German Reichstag will debate the bill for the repression of drunkenness. The Bundesrath has approved the measure as it was originated by Emperor William, only modifying the severity of the penalties to be imposed upon offending public-house keepers. The Minister, it is known, considers the proposals with disfavor, and the members of the Bundesrath express doubt as to their practicality. However, the Emperor, having set his heart upon trying the effect upon drinking of legislative restrictions has obtained from them a hesitating assent. The fate of the measure in the Reichstag is doubtful.

LADY BROOKE.
Lady Brooke, whose name is so disagreeably coupled with that of the Prince of Wales in the scurrilous pamphlet concerning the Tranby Croft scandal, has quietly left London and is living in seclusion at Easton Lodge, Dunmow, waiting for the scandal to blow over. Her husband is at present on the continent.

THE NEW COPYRIGHT LAW.
The American copyright law has been in operation for nearly six months, and therefore its effect upon the authors and publishers in this country may now be estimated. Mr. Marston, the managing partner of the well-known publishing house of Sampson, Low, and Co., says: "All the English authors whose works are popular in America are now arranging to secure copyright there. Where the English publishers have all the rights, they must now pay more than was the case before the passage of the American law. Of course, they will obtain more for the American rights. I am certain, too, that the benefit to an author who can obtain a hearing in America will increase enormously."

THE EIGHT-HOUR DAY.
The annual conference of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain, which numbers over 200,000 members, will be opened in the Masonic Hall, Hanley, tomorrow. The agenda contains a number of resolutions, more particularly on the eight-hour question. The Derbyshire and Lancashire miners have resolutions soliciting the support of other trades to help the miners to secure a legal eight-hour day. Derbyshire has also given notice of resolutions for holding public meetings at the collieries in favor of eight hours, and a more serious resolution favoring an international strike, to secure a restriction of hours, in the event of a strike being called off by the miners' union. The resolutions will be passed at the next session of Parliament.

ON HIS OWN CONFESSION.
A man named Kitchenbox has been arrested in Germany and handed over to the Russian police on the strength of his own confession that he was a party to the attempted murder of the Czar in the railroad disaster at Borki in October, 1888. The reported confession is to the effect that Kitchenbox received from a nihilist an internal machine, which he put in operation next to the Czar's dining-car. He made some mistake, and the explosion only demolished the train.

RAVAGES OF THE GRIP.
A Paris dispatch says: A dispatch from Denain, Department of the North, states that 600 families in that town have been attacked by influenza. So many of the town officials are prostrated that public affairs are paralyzed. The doctors are working heroically, but they are utterly unable to attend to all the patients who demand their services. From Montpellier, in the south of France, a dispatch is received to the effect that the influenza is not only spreading rapidly in the States of Durango, Chihuahua, Coahuila and Sonora, and that the malcontents are well organized and will flock to the standard of Garza. In ports of Chihuahua and Sonora, the country committing depredations. The objective point of these forces is said to be Monterey.

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IN SPAIN ALSO.
On Saturday night a band of Anarchists from the country surrounding Xeres, Spain, made an attack on the place intending to pillage the town. The gendarmes, however, got wind of the affair, and when the Anarchists reached Xeres they were surprised to find a strong band of gendarmes waiting for them. After a prolonged fight, the majority of the gang were captured. They will be severely punished.

OTHER CABLE GOSSIP.
The Constantinople official journal has announced the accession of Prince Abbas, the oldest son of the late Khedive, to the throne of Egypt.

There has been another addition to the Jewish colonization schemes. A number of Jewish members have been carefully selected from among the Russian refugees in England and Germany, recently left Southampton for Asia Minor, the purpose of the expedition being to put to a test the practicality of Jewish colonization in that country.

Sir Francis Clare Ford has been appointed British Ambassador to Turkey. Right Rev. Henry Philpott, D.D., formerly bishop of Worcester, is dead, aged 64 years.

M. Peyron, ex-French Minister of Marine, died yesterday of influenza. The Empress of Austria and the widow and daughter of the Khedive of Egypt are ill with the same disease.

A Tanager dispatch says: Rebels control the routes of communication to the interior, and as a result the provisions which are drawn from the country districts to supply this city are running short. There is hardly any danger of an attempt from this cause, as supplies are being brought in from the sea. It is reported that the Sultan dismissed the Bashaw of Tangier. The removal of this official is one of the demands made by the rebels.

Prof. Cambray, a member of the Faculty of Medicine, in an interview on Sunday, said that Dr. Peiffer's discovery of the supposed germ of influenza will probably prove a great step in science, but that further experiments must be awaited before his views can be definitely accepted.

Michael Davitt is in London. He does not attach any importance to his defeat at Waterford, and seems, if anything, rather glad that John Redmond has regained his seat in Parliament, presumably because that gentleman will make a pretty bad leader.

GARZA'S REVOLUTION.
An Uprising in Chihuahua—Assession in the Hands of a Mob.
CITY OF MEXICO, Jan. 11.—News comes from Acconson, in the State of the Chihuahua, 100 miles south, of a terrible uprising there on Thursday. For several days a horrible traffic in slaves and other things has existed between the members of the church party and the supporters of the Diaz Government. On Thursday the election of president of the town was held. Rafael Ancheta, who had twice held the office, was elected. He is a member of the church party, and was opposed to the Diaz Government. He was openly made against his life. About 4 o'clock in the afternoon a mob of over 100 men suddenly surrounded the city building and opened fire. Ancheta was killed. The mob then proceeded to the residence of the Diaz Government, and there they killed the secretary and the other members of the cabinet. The mob then proceeded to the residence of the Diaz Government, and there they killed the secretary and the other members of the cabinet.

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CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 11.—The Sultan gave audience to the French ambassador yesterday. In the course of the interview the Sultan said he thought it best to keep to the letter and spirit of the compact made with Egypt by Abdul Aziz. It had been agreed, he said, that Egypt should be independent, and he was not going to quibble about this subject, but by plain, fair dealing he was going to avoid a dangerous responsibility. He consented, therefore, that Abbas Pasha should succeed his father.

In diplomatic circles it is understood that the succession of Abbas Pasha will not alter the present situation, nor precipitate fresh negotiations between England and Turkey.

IN ASHES.
The Missouri University Burned—Blaze at St. Catharines—Other Fires.

COLUMBIA, Mo., Jan. 11.—The Missouri University, located here, was totally destroyed last Saturday by fire. Loss \$300,000; insured, \$100,000.

ST. CATHARINES, Jan. 10.—The Keating Block, a fine three-story structure, owned by M. Y. Keating, was damaged by fire this morning. It was occupied by its owner and N. W. Gowan. Loss on building about \$3,000. Insured by the London and Lancashire at the books are all burned.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Jan. 11.—Saturday night fire broke out in Charles L. Furst's drygoods establishment, Newark avenue, spreading to D. E. Olmstead's notion store, which was also burned. Block of the city. The loss on Furst's establishment will reach \$125,000. Olmstead's establishment is also wiped out, involving a loss of \$40,000. The flames also reached the four large stores known as the Boston, owned by the Gustave Metzler estate.

RAPIDAN, Minn., Jan. 11.—A flour mill, oil mill and warehouse were burned here yesterday. Loss, \$50,000.

Condition of the Duke of Clarence.
LONDON, Jan. 11.—A dispatch from Sandringham states that the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, whose illness from influenza and pneumonia has been announced, passed a good night. The present condition of the Duke is favorable.

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