The Planet. DAILY AND WEEKLY

THE TURKS ARE BOLD.

Chatham, Ont.

The Saltan is taking advantage of the fact that the attention of the powers is occupied by the trouble in China to allow his Mohammedan lieges to indulge in one of their periodical onslaughts on Christians. In the early part of last week, 200 Armenians near Van were massacred without any interference by the authorities, and the British vice-consul at Van, delegated by his government to investigate the complicity of the Ottoman officials in the affair, was set on and fired at by the Kurds in the neighborhood of Elk, who robbed him of his baggages wounded his interpreter and subjected other members of his party to maltreatment.

Sir Nicholas O'Connor, the British ambassador in Constantinople, has lodged a protest with the sublime porte, which has received it with even more than its customary indifference. When the Chinese trouble is over John Bull may take it into his head to settle up with the unspeakable Turk instead of settling down with the rest of us. !

, A WONDERFUL DRUG.

Highly interesting demonstrations of the properties of bioxide of sodium are being given before the French brademy of science. Bioxide of sodium is found to possess the property of renewing the oxygen in air that has been breathed and in absorbing carbonic acid gas given eff. Thus, with an apparatus containing the sodium shown by Desgrey and Balthouard at the academy, a diver can remain under water and walk about without having the air renewed by the pumping apparatus at present employed.

Moreover, by means of the new apparatus miners will be able to penetrate into poisonous gases and foul air, and firemen into smoke without fear of asphyxiation. It will also render practicable submarine boats. Ample proofs of all that is claimed for it were given at the academy. Two men put on diving dress from which all air was excluded and remained inclosed two hours. Afterward the same men remained under water in the Seine during half an hour. The experiments are creating the greatest interest in scientific cir-

CURIOUS USE FOR ARTILLERY,

To protect their vineyards against the ravages of hailstones the vine growers of southern France attack ap- fered by the Russian railways to emiproaching storm clouds with volleys, grants from European Russia to Siberuntil the cloud is finally dissipated and the danger to the crop is averted. This inducement if it is going to grow any practice of shooting at the clouds more. originated in Italy and was known in in France over a hundred years ago, says United States Consul Covert at Lyons, in a report upon this subject to the state department, but it is to be more extensively employed this year than ever before.

Fifty-two cannon, manned by 104 cannoneers, and their chiefs, have been distributed over an area of 2,500 acres of rich vine land. At the approach of bushels to the acre. the hail cloud, a shot is fired from this post, and at this signal all the remaining cannon are fired, twice a minute at first, and then more slowly after the first ten shots. This "bombarding ing of the heavens" is almost invariably successful and all places in France heretofore ravaged by hail, it is said, are to be provided with storm attacking artillery. The expense of the experiments so far has been borne by the government, the National French Agricultural Society. and a number of wealthy vine growers. The French minister of war has supplied powder fro 23-4c, a pound.

NEW USES FOR PEAT.

Peat is likely to become a very use ful and necessary commodity and the peat fields around this vicinity may yet increase in value very considerably. The investigation into the properties of peat which Mr. Zschorner, of Vienna, has been making for the past twelve years have apparently shown that there are possibilities of utilizing it never before realized. At the exhibition in Vienna last year one of the buildings was furnished from top to bottom with the products of peat. The carpets on the floors, the curtains at the windows, and the paper on the walls were all derived from this substance. Mr. Zschorner's investigations have proven that though the fibres of the reeds and grasses of which peat is composed become altered in their physical and chemical character, they do not undergo any anatomical change. It is this fibre which Mr. Zschorner has been utilizing in various manufactures. The fabrics made of them are found to have the toughness of linen and the warmth of wool. The fibres themselves are very durable and elastic, are non-combustible and non-con ductors of heat. It is said there is no textile fabric that cannot be woven from them. Blankets made of them and used as coverings for horses and cattle are found to excel in warmth

the food supplies warmth and strength; without it the digestion, the muscles, the nerves and the brain are weak, and general debility follows. But fat is hard to digest and is disliked by many.

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and cleanliness the coverings heretofore used. Several qualities of paper have been made. In fact, the variety of uses to which this new raw material has been put indicate possibilities that may make the peat bogs of Canada and of other countries very valuable. At any rate, neither time nor capital should be lost or withheld in developing them.

WEATHER SUPERSTITIONS.

The old theory is that the moon in fluences the atmospheric and climatic variations, and this would seem plau-sible, the present cold spell accom-panying the change to full moon? Believers assert that the weather will be cool, or moderately so, until the 17th, when the last quarter of the moon begins.—London Free Press.

Probably nine people out of every ten believe that the condition of the moon foretells the weather, and divulges other secrets too numerous to mention, just as a smaller percentage believe in spiritualism, fortune-telling, etc. The late Mr. Carpmael, superintendent of the Dominion Meteorological Offices at Toronto, told the writer of this paragraph some years ago that these moon prognostications were all, moonshine. He said, to test the superstitions, they had kept track of wet moons and dry moons, hot moons and cold moons, not for a few months at a time, but for years, and the alleged indications were wrong as often as they were right. Mr. Carpmael laughed at all of the time-honored methods by which the oldest residents foretell the weather. He declared there was nothing whatever in any of these so-called signs.

Punish the pledgebreakers,

Ten miles of a railway ride for one cent is the unequalled attraction offire from powder charged cannon ia, Siberia's greatest rival, St. Thomas, will have to wake up and meet that

> The crop forecast issued by the Manitoba department of agriculture under date of August 6, gives the average yield of wheat at 71-2 bushels per acre, or a total of 11,000,000 bushels. The yield of oats is estimated at 8, 747,000 bushels, an average of over 20 bashels to the acre; of barley, 2,682,-000 bashels, an average of over 17

Of what does it avail the laboring man to have fifty cents put into one pocket as increased wage, when sev-enty-five cents are taken from the in the cost of the necessaries of life?-Buffalo Times.

The Windsor Record reproduces th shove from the Times. There is much food for reflection in the item on the part of the Record and the Canadian elector. The wage-earner is hearing a great deal about prosperity just now, but all it means for him is a large increase in the cost of what he has to buy.

SURE AS OCTOBER

Toronto News. If the elections take place in October the coming fall will be historically known as "the fall of the Laurier gov-

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WARM WEATHER JOURNALISM.

Guelph Herald. The Reporter seems to have stirred p the animals in the Guelph menagerie.-Galt Reporter. Which isn't the first time that the braying of a long-eared quadruped has caused a little commotion.

UP-THE CREEK.

Mary Buckler, West Lorne, is visit-ng relatives on the creek. Julius Colby, Decature, Ill., who has

Julius Colby, Decature, III., who has been spending two weeks here, left for home Monday.

Hugh Munro, a clever young collegian, preached a short, crisp sermon in St. Paul's, Sunday.

Mrs. D. McDonald is spending a month in the city, the guest of Wm.

Somerville.
Will Merriam left for Pain Court Tuesday, where he will sojourn for three months.

A shippers' association has been formed here. A consignment of astra-chan apples will be sent to Winnipeg

James Sloan, Botany, has purchased the estate of the late S. Sloan; price \$6,100.
The thresher shows the lamentable of

yield of from five to seven bushels of wheat per acre. Andrew Smyth and wife left Tues-

Andrew Smyth and wife left Tuesday on a six weeks' visit with friends on the lake shore, Alboro.

Dan Donovan and wife, Jackson, Mich., are visiting friends on the creek Jas. Rowe, Blenheim, was the guest

Jas. Rowe, Blenheim, was the guest of friends here Sunday.

Max McCornock, of the C. C. I., is resticating at Will Ferguson's.

Blanche Fulton, Detroit, is making a brief sojourn with friends here.

Ed. Loney, city, spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. S. Sloan.

MORPETH.

Miss Ada Boughner, who has been spending the past two months with her parents here, has returned to De-

Mrs. D. McRitchie and children, of Rodney, are spending a fortnight with Mrs. McRitchie's parents, A. Leibner John Duck was in Detroit last week

on a short visit to his son, George Duck.
Miss Helen Duck, the little daughter of H. F. Duck, of Toronto, is on a visit to her grandparents, John Duck and

Mr. and Mrs. Jones and children, Detroit, who were the guests of H. Hill and wife, at Terrace Beach, have Hill and wife, at Terrace Beach, have returned home, accompanied by Mrs. E. Hill, Mrs. Jones' grandmother, who will remain in the city for a month. Miss Bertha Gesner, formerly of the village school staff, has secured a position on the staff of the Grimsby school.

Mrs. Hiram Gardiner, of Detroit, is making her annual visit at the home of Isaac Gardiner and wife, Rond Eau of Isaac Gardiner and wife, Rond Eau Park, and with her aunt, Mrs. Mc-Kinley, Talbot St.

Duncan Harrrison, teacher, Ridgetown, is the guest of his cousin, Ed. Bury, near the lake.

Misses Frances and Lizzie Smith made a flying visit to Detroit last week.

A meeting of the wardens and leading churchmen was held one evening recently for the purpose of deciding whether a new parsonage would be erected or not. We understand the ld one will be repaired somewhat for

the present and a new one will be erected during next year.

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson spent last week with relatives and friends in Miss Belle Guyett, west of the village, is away on a visit to relatives at Port Huron, Pontiac and other points.

EIGHTH CON., RALEIGH. John Cameron had one of his young

attle killed with lightning.

Miss J. Jordan, of Chatham spent few days with Miss Brown. Mrs. Fred. Towl is on the sick list. The rain storm on Wednesday evening put a stop to the League meeting A number of our people went on the

Gagara Falls excursion. Rev. R. Redmond returns this week to resume his work here. Miss Flossie Ritchie has returned after visiting friends in Dresden. Although rather late, we wish to ongratulate Master Tommy Brown on having passed the recent entrance examination.
Miss Carrie Noack is spending a

week with friends in London.

Miss Flossie Thompson who has
been holidaying with Miss Lida Mambeen holidaying with Miss Lina kam-mery, returned home last week.

Mrs. George Towl left Friday to vis-it her son, Mr. A. Towl, of Cleveland.

Miss Carrie Mammery returns next Tharsday to her school in Pembroke.

We understand she will stop off at Woodstock to visit her friend Miss Stella Clarkson.

The Stay-Abed Club.

Of the many curious features in New Orleans life there is none other niore interesting than the Stay-Abed Club, an organization composed of bedridden people. The qualifications for membership are confirmed invalidism and the ability to communicate with other members of the club by letter. The idea and plan of this singularly pathetic organization originated with a lady who for fifteen years has been a bedridden sufferer. She conceived the scheme of writing down each day her eperiences, impressions and thoughts, and this essay or letter she exchanged with an invalid friend, receiving in return a similar epistle. Presently the circle of correspondents grew larger, and last winter there were fourteen invalids enjoying, the curious benefits of the club. Each member writes his or her letter each day, and this communication is passed around in routine to the others, so each has thirteen letters every

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the first time. The company has just received a letter from the Canadian Commissioner General n Paris, congratulating them upon the success achieved and thanking them for con-tributing so largely towards bringing Canda and her industries so promin

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