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PARNELL'S PAYMASTERS.

AN INSINUATION THAT IRELAND IS RULED FROM AMERICA.

What Edmund Yates Thinks of Lord Churchill—An Urgency Circular to the Parnellites—The Length of the Session Dependent on Irish Tactics.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—Mr. Gladstone will neither initiate nor prolong a discussion with reference to Ireland in the debate on the address in reply to the Queen's speech. His followers will acquiesce in this decision.

Although the speech from the throne will not indicate Lord Salisbury's Irish policy, it is understood that either Lord Randolph Churchill or Sir Michael Hicks-Beach during the debate will intimate that a measure will be introduced next year dealing with the Irish local government and land questions. The Gladstonians will accept such intimation as a sufficient pledge of the present, but the Parnellites appear to be determined to press for details, in which event a discussion will probably ensue. As soon as the address has been adopted, the Government will move that the supply bills have precedence.

It is believed that, notwithstanding the expected action of the Parnellites, the House will be prorogued on Sept. 10 until the first week in November, when, unless some untoward events should occur, it will be further prorogued until the beginning of February. The Government whips have advised the Conservatives that it will be useless to give notice of the introduction of new bills in the present session, and that no private business will be discussed.

Lord Churchill's Scheme Accepted.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—The Government intend to introduce at the next session of Parliament a measure giving local government to Ireland on a basis of the plan prepared by Lord Randolph Churchill. Lord Hartington's party will support the scheme.

Edmund Yates' Private Opinion.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—Edmund Yates says that the statement that Lord Churchill has drawn up a scheme dealing with the question of Irish Government is absurd. The framing of such a measure will be with Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, but the Government have not yet approached the question in detail, and will not do so till November. The great majority of the Liberals are anxious that the session which begins on Thursday should close as soon as possible. But for the Irish party the House would be up in the first week of September. While Parnell and his friends will do what they can to add a fortnight to the session, some of the best of his men are not available. The Speaker and the Chairman of Committees will have to adopt drastic measures in order to get the business through.

A Tory Organ on Parnell's Paymasters.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—The Standard, referring to the Nationalist meeting in Chicago, says: "Chicago has given an authoritative definition of the sense in which the Parnellites accept Mr. Gladstone's settlement, viz., as an instalment. Parnell cannot question the validity of the decision of his paymasters. It behoves English Liberals to say whether or not they will continue to negotiate with a delegate whose credentials are invalid, whose principles decline to be bound in advance by his signature. It is easy now to understand Parnell's extreme anxiety to postpone the convention."

A Fissiparous Development.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—The Times says: "The decision of the Chicago convention whatever it may be cannot settle the Irish question, for Irish patriotism in America has always been remarkable for its fissiparous development."

Parnell's Urgency Circular.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—Mr. Parnell has requested all Irish members of Parliament to be present on the re-assembling of Parliament. He says that in view of the grave and pressing condition of public affairs it is very necessary that there should be a full attendance of the Irish contingent.

Manacles and Manitoba.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—The Dublin Freeman's Journal says Parnell shows that the Parnellites do not intend to await the convenience of the Ministry in dealing with the Belfast riots, and the alarming condition of the Irish farmers. Lord Salisbury must explain how he intends to meet the contingency of the inability of farmers to pay their rents, and he will be called upon to declare the policy he intends to substitute for that of Manacles and Manitoba.

The Knights of Pythias' postponed moonlight excursion will take place on the Chicora to-morrow evening. Boat leaves at 6.30 and 10.30 p.m. 34

The Conservative Club's Opinion.

BELFAST, Aug. 17.—At a meeting of the Conservative Club here to-day, at which Mr. De Cobain, M. P. for East Belfast, presided, resolutions were adopted declaring that the police needlessly fired upon the people during the late troubles, and that they had forfeited public public confidence; also that the Government must remove the paid magistracy. Mr. De Cobain made a speech in which he said better men were wanted for the magistracy than worn-out military officers and cadets of eminent families.

Conviction of a Mail Carrier.

CLARKSBURG, Aug. 17.—Peter McBride, mail carrier on the route between Clarksburg and Heathcote, County of Grey, has been arrested on the complaint of Postoffice Inspector Daniel Spry on a charge of cutting open the mail bag and stealing therefrom two registered letters containing $37.62. He was brought before Mr. Joseph Rorke, J.P., who, after hearing the evidence of the inspector and the constable who arrested the prisoner, committed McBride for trial.

A Burglar's Hanging.

HURON, Ind., Aug. 17.—A burglar was discovered early this morning in the house of J T. Davis, agent for the Ohio and Mississippi Railway. Mrs. Davis aroused her husband, who pursued the burglar, overtook him in the street, where, in a struggle, the burglar stabbed Davis to death. The murderer was soon afterwards caught, identified by Mrs. Davis, and hanged to a tree near where his victim fell. He gave his name as Wm. Dunn of Cincinnati.

Wrecking Trains on the Lake Shore.

CHICAGO, Aug. 17.—Three distinct attempts were made last night to wreck two passenger trains and one freight train on the Rock Island and Lake Shore Railways. Two discharged switchmen were arrested to-day in the act of misplacing a Lake Shore switch and again this afternoon the police at South Chicago found a bomb on the track of the Lake Shore near the depot.

A Holstein Cow's Record.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Aug. 17.—The Holstein cow, Clothier, owned by Smith, Powell & Lamb of this city closed her 6-year-old record to-night. She has given during that time a little more than 26,000 pounds of milk, or about 70 pounds daily. The highest previous record was 23,775 pounds, made three years ago by the cow Echo, owned in Attica, N. Y.

Corruption of a Customs Officer.

MONTREAL, Aug. 17.—Information has been laid in the Police Court here, accusing one John N. Waters, insurance agent, of having on the 12th instant endeavored to corrupt Jean Brosseau, customs officer, who made a seizure of the books of Ayer & Co., by offering him $10,000 for the books.

CABLE NOTES.

Kaffirs have brutally murdered a Bechuana policeman while hunting in the interior.

The Socialist Williams, who was convicted of obstructing the streets of London, and sentenced to pay a fine of $100 or go to prison for two months, has declined to pay the fine and has been sent to prison. The Socialists have called an indignation meeting for August 29.

FORESTERS AT FOREST CITY.

Annual Meeting of the High Court of the Independent Order.

LONDON, Ont., Aug. 17.—The High Court of the Independent Order of Foresters met in Foresters' Hall, over the Federal Bank, to-day. Bro. W. W. Fitzgerald, H. C. R., was in the chair. Other officers present: P. H.C., R. E. Botterell, House of Commons, Ottawa; H. V. C. R., J. Culbert, Ottawa; H. Sec'y, J. B. Hackett, Ottawa; H. Treas., T. G. Davey, London; H. Coun., J. W. Frost, Owen Sound; H. S. W., A. R. Milne, Kingston; H. J. W., W. Gerry, London; H. Mar., Geo. Paris, London; and H. Mess., A. Oronhyatekha, London. The delegates were given the High Court degree and instructed in the unwritten work of this branch of the order.

The High Chief Ranger presented his annual report, showing the order to be in a very prosperous condition.

The High Secretary, Bro. Jas. B. Halkett, reported as follows: Membership in good standing on July 1, 1885, 2084; initiated during the year, 1427; total 3611. Less, suspended, 2676; deceased 12. Total 279. Members in good standing on June 30, 1886, 3332.

The High Treasurer, T. G. Davey, of London, in his report gave a statement of the receipts and disbursements for the year ending June 30, 1886, as follows: Receipts, $3353.96, disbursements $2886.65, balance on hand $467.31.

MURDER AT BRADFORD.

A Farmer Goes Out to His Barn and is Brutally Done For.

BRADFORD, Ont., Aug. 17.—On Monday night about 9 o'clock Mr. Andrew Sloan, one of the most respectable farmers of the Township of West Gwillimbury, County of Simcoe, met with his death in a mysterious way. It seems that a few minutes before 9 o'clock Mr. Sloan went out to the barn to tell Kelly, a hired man, to extinguish a light which he was using. A few minutes afterwards Kelly entered the house and told the servant girl to tell Mrs. Sloan to go out and see her man, at the same time making the remark, "He won't trouble me any more." On going out Mrs. Sloan found her husband near the barn making efforts to get up, but was unable to do so. With the assistance of the servant girl, Mrs. Sloan carried him into the house, the blood gushing out of his ear. Medical attendance was at once sent for, but before he arrived the man was dead. The young man Kelly was in Mr. Sloan's employ over twelve months, during which time the best of good feeling existed between both employer and employed. A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Kelly, and also for a young lad named Joseph Craig, who was in the barn a few minutes before Mr. Sloan was found.

REPRISALS ARE FAR REACHING.

The Frances Smith Seized For Being What She Has Previously Done.

MACKINAC ISLAND, Mich., Aug. 17.—The Canadian excursion steamer Frances Smith was seized yesterday as she landed at the dock with her weekly excursion from Collingwood by Collector Watson of Grand Haven. The last two trips of the boat she neglected to go to St. Ignace and take out her papers before clearing. So to-day, as was expected, the collector and Deputy Warren of St. Ignace were on hand and took charge of her, removed her engine bars and put her in charge of two custodians. The Canadians are badly worked up over the affair, and the passengers announced to look for home to-day. The excuse of the captain and clerk was that under the former collectors they were not compelled to obey the strict letter of the law.

Arrangements have been made to have street cars in waiting on the return of the Knights of Pythias' postponed moonlight excursion to-morrow night. 34

The Black Cabinet in France.

From the Pall Mall Gazette.

A work on the French postal service just published in Paris gives some curious details of the sinister institution known as "Le Cabinet Noir." Its origin dates as far back as Louis XI., who instituted it for the purpose of discovering the secret thoughts and doings of his subjects. Under Richelieu the art of the ramollissement des cachets, as it was then styled, was practised on a large scale.

But it was not till the reign of Louis XIV. that the famous cabinet was officially created. Special employes were engaged to unseal the letters at the postoffice and make known their contents to the king. Under Louis XV. the institution was further developed. The highest personages at court were subject to the indiscretions of the post. "It is of no use my sealing my letters," wrote the mother of the regent; "they have fabricated a kind of composition out of quicksilver and other substances which remove the wax, and when the letters are opened and copied they seal them up again so cleverly that nobody can detect the trick. It was by shis means that the Government discovered all the details of the Cellamare conspiracy."

The Revolution abolished the Cabinet, and enacted severe penalties against tampering with letters; but the system was revived by Napoleon I., who made extensive applications of it. It continued under the Restoration, as the Duc de Broglie shows in his "Souvenirs." During the reign of Napoleon III. it was reorganized on a more extensive plan, and a sum of 600,000 francs a year was devoted to it out of the secret service grants. Twenty-two employes were constantly engaged in manipulating the letters. Since the fall of the second empire the Cabinet Noir has ceased to exist.

English Newspapers.

Henry Watterson in the Courier-Journal.

When it comes to "news" the London newspaper is nowhere. The Courier-Journal and the Louisville Evening Times publish more foreign news, even more London news, every day than appears in all the British newspapers combined. As to American news, the London papers, for the most part, ignore it. They report the American stock markets with a line or two of mention if there happens to be a conflagration, an earthquake or a strike. This exclusion of the United Ttates as a topic having any concern for Europeans is done on a system, which is shown conspicuously in cases of public disorder or scandal, which are duly chronicled, with all possible exaggeration. News items in the London journals, like guests at the London dinner tables, take precedence, according to rank and fit. Russia, being an empire, comes first; then Austria, another empire; then Germany, another; then France, ex-empire and presumptive candidate for royalty; and then Turkey, Egypt and Spain. By the time the United States is reached there is no room left, and so we are given a stool in the corner and told to mind our manners. It is with us in England as it was with Rabelais, when he went to Rome, and, seeing the Princes of the Church kissing the Pope's toe, wondered, with some anxiety, what part of the Pontifical body a poor monk would be required to salute. Indeed, the press of London, whatever else it may be, is a perfect transcript of London society; and, knowing a lord and loving a lord, it has nothing for the untitled American but a cold potato and a sneer, done up in an extra dirty napkin.

Wild Life in the Far West.

A hundred pioneer heroes, chiefs, plainsmen, scouts and savages, all appear in the Great Wild West and Forepaugh shows combined. Will be in Toronto August 25 and 26.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

The grand jury at New York has indicted Commissioners Squire and Maurice B. Flynn.

Mayor Grace, of New York, has forwarded to Governor Hill a recommendation that Commissioner of Public Works, R. M. Squire, be removed from office.

Black diptheria prevails to an alarming extent in the village of Melville, Long Island. A large number of children and adults are ill with the disease and a number of deaths have occurred.

At a meeting of the Central Labor Union in New York on Sunday night the printers declined to parade under Home Club management at the proposed labor demonstration on Sept. 6 but decided to get up a parade themselves and invited all other trade and labor organizations to join them.

THE CHICAGO CONVENTION.

ONE THOUSAND DELEGATES ALREADY ON THE GROUND.

Mr. Finerty's Reason for His Extraordinary Position—He Will Consent to Nothing That Does Not Include Everything—Small Hopes of Agreement.

CHICAGO, Aug. 17.—The delegates to the Irish National League convention arrived in great numbers during the day, and to-night fully 1000 are on the ground. There was active caucusing about the hotel lobbies respecting the election of officers, but neither element laid bare its hand. That there will be a sharp passage on the convention floor appears to be assured. John F. Finerty's name is favorably mentioned as President Egan's successor, while others are combatting his nomination in view of his recent physical force utterances.

Mr. Finerty himself says he does not desire his name to be put forward. With regard to his speech in Ogden's Grove, he made the following explanation to-day: "We have no desire to force the hand of Mr. Parnell or to drive the Irish people into war unprepared. All that we demand is this (and we will be satisfied with nothing less), that no leader of the Irish people who is supposed to speak for them shall commit himself or them to accepting as a final settlement bills of relief unworthy of the dignity of Ireland's national demand. We are perfectly willing to see them accept such bills as that of Mr. Gladstone as settlement on account, but that must not be accepted as closing the transactions. We see no wisdom in it. It lowers the tone of the Irish cause. It lowers the spirit of the true people. To ask them to subside to a species of mere provincialism is an outrage on their struggle of seven hundred years for liberty."

The Delegates.

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., Aug. 17.—John E. Redmond, William O'Brien and John Delaney, the Irish parliamentary delegates to the Irish Convention, arrived here at 8.15 this evening. They were met by the reception committee from Chicago, headed by John J. Finerty. Mr. Finerty delivered a short address of welcome, to which Mr. O'Brien responded briefly. The delegates were then taken to Chicago by special train.

On the Eve of the Great Gathering.

CHICAGO, Ill., Aug 17.—Arrangements were about completed in and around the Central Music Hall to-day for the Irish National League convention to-morrow. Old camp chairs have been placed at the back of the stage for invited guests and prominent individuals. The press will have fair accommodation and telegraph wires have been put in the hall to cable news to Ireland while the convention is in progress. The decorations are simple and yet inspiring. Back of the stage at the hall entrance are placed the American and Irish national colors, supported by eagles, etc. Some inscriptions on the banners read as follows: "Irish evictions are sentences of death—W. E. Gladstone," "We are for Irish liberty, peaceably if we can, and otherwise if must," "I am amazed at the deadness of English opinion to the blackguardism and baseness that befoul the history of the Union—W. E. Gladstone," "Always keep hammering at the Union—Henry Grattan," "Home Rule or else—Parnell."

The National Committee held a session to-night and decided to name Judge James Fitzgerald of Cincinnati for temporary chairman. Judge Fitzgerald is regarded as a conservative, and it is expected the nomination will meet with the approval of all the elements represented in the convention. Owing to some delay of the arriving delegates the convention will not be called to order until 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. The names of John Boyle O'Reilly and P. A. Collins were suggested for the presidency, but it is stated that neither would accept the position. The "opposition," therefore, has not as yet decided upon anyone to support for president. The Chicago delegates were working for recognition for John Finerty to-night for appointment as temporary chairman of the convention. On the surface it looked at a late hour as though the league's present officers would cast their strength for Maurice Wilhere of Pennsylvania, the present vice-president of the league, for president.

The Loyalists Want to Keep Posted.

DUBLIN, Aug. 17.—The Irish Loyal Patriotic Union has requested agents throughout the country to send to headquarters accurate and detailed accounts of the doings of the National League, "which is evidently resolved by all possible designs with which the British public ought to be acquainted."

Great bargains in ladies' and childrens' hosiery, Buffett, Michael & Co., Cor. Yonge-street and Wilton-ave. 235

"Irish, You Know, Quite Irish."

From the Pall Mall Gazette.

A correspondent sends us the following little anecdote illustrative of the different nuances of nationality, Irish and English respectively: "The other day I took a boat from Putney to Hammersmith, and as I didn't wish to return by river I got a man to steer me and take the boat back again. We talked all the time. He told me of two ladies he had rescued from a capsized boat. I hoped they had rewarded him. 'They gave me a five-pun note,' he said, 'and I hadn't expected more than five shillings.' 'Well,' I said, 'you were better off than an Irish boatman I once knew who saved a gentleman at considerable risk to himself. The gentleman offered him half a crown as a reward. "Look here," said the Irishman, "if you only value your life at half a crown I'll make you a present of it." And he did. 'Oh,' said my English cockswain, 'that was very wrong to waste money like that; I'd have taken the half crown and grumbled till I got more.'"

The Nineteenth Century has produced a wonderful invention, viz: The Steel Wire door mat; wonderful because nothing has yet been produced which can compete with it in any respect. 136

OUR OWN COUNTRY.

Items of Interest Received by Mail and Wire.

The Listowell band tournament was a financial success. The profits were $1100.

Diphtheria is prevalent at Sillery, Que. Mayor Timmony's son, 13 years of age, has died from the disease.

Thos. Badgley, one of the highway robbers who have been infesting Belleville lately, was sentenced to six months in the Central Prison yesterday.

Several Hindoo and French members of the Salvation Army have arrived in Montreal. The Hindoos in native costume excite great curiosity. Gen. Booth is expected on Sept. 28.

W. D. Stroud, President of St. George's Society, left Montreal last night to attend the convention of the North American Union of St. George's Societies to be held at London, Ont.

A young man named Cox had his left hand taken off yesterday morning by the pressing machine, while employed by the Campbell sewer pipe factory on Wentworth-street, Hamilton.

In answer to the question, "Who was Sir Walter Scott?" on one of the entrance examination papers, a Parkhill boy wrote, "A celebrated Scottish novelist who was killed by Riel."

It is understood from Mr. McCrae, Millands, that the value of his cattle afflicted by pleuro-pneumonia, in Quebec, is about $15,000. He also states that the value of some other cattle affected with the disease is greatly over-estimated.—Guelph Mercury.

Preparations are being made to give Messrs. Blake and Mowat a hearty welcome to all parts that they will visit on their tour through Eastern Ontario towards the close of the present month. At Metcalfe a banquet will be given in their honor on the evening of August 31, which is the date of the meeting at that place.

Many French Canadians visited Woodcrest, near New York, on Sunday and gave a reception to Gabriel Dumont, who was Louis Riel's right-hand man in his fight with the Dominion Government. They presented him with a gold watch. Dumont is now with the Wild West Show at Erastina.

The rifle match between ten men of the 8th Royals and ten from H. M. S. Bellerophon was fired Monday at the camp of St. Joseph's, Que., resulting in a victory for the Bellerophon's squad of 58. The 8th made a total of 531 points at 200 yards, 237 at 500, 166 at 600; total 874. The Bellerophon's made 257 at 200 yards, 253 at 500, and 212 at 600; total 722.

THE ARMY IN MONTREAL.

The Salvationists Roughly Used by the Police of the Lower City.

From the Montreal Herald, Aug. 16.

The police seem determined to put down the Salvation Army. They have arrested six of their members on two separate occasions. The first arrest was made on Saturday night. The account which Lieut. Middleton gives of the affair was that the Army was marching up Craig-street, and when near the cab stand, near St. Lawrence Main-street, one of the cabmen drove his horse into the procession, endangering the women. One of the soldiers seized the horses' reins to prevent the girls from being hurt. He was immediately arrested by the police patrol, one of whom, it is alleged, struck him on the back of the head with his baton. Another soldier of the army, Sergt. Fraser, was arrested, and a third man, Butters, whose only offence was to advise Mr. Fraser to go to the station quietly, was also taken prisoner. Butters has no connection whatever with the Army. On the way to the station it is alleged that one of the policemen struck Fraser on St. James-street with his club.

The second arrest was made on Sunday morning. The Army, as it has been doing for some time past on Sundays, was holding a prayer meeting on the slip near Allan's wharf. They had never been interfered with by the authorities before and on Sundays they say there is no thoroughfare on the slip. The water police have often witnessed these open-air meetings, and when it was necessary have interfered to protect them from annoyance. On last Sunday Capt Marshall was in the act of praying, the soldiers being grouped around him, when the police patrol broke in upon them and caught hold of the Captain's hands as they were raised and clapped the handcuffs on his wrists. Besides captain Marshall, Col.-Servt. Thomas and Major Margetts were arrested.

All six men have been released on bail, and the Army officers are determined to test the case in the courts. In the meantime, they do not intend to march through the streets or to hold open-air meetings in the city. The Salvationists complain that the flag and tambourines which were taken from them when they were imprisoned have not been returned.

THOSE FLOATING ARABS.

Even the Learned Professor Hirschfelder is Unable to Converse With Them.

The two children of the desert—so-called by the city newspapers—who found their way to Toronto are said to be nothing more than a brace of little tramps on a tour round the world. The language they speak is not Arabic, but a sort of Gypsy lingo used in some parts of the far east. They lived in the sacred city of Jerusalem, from which place they managed to get down to the Mediterranean, where they smuggled their way in a ship to Marseilles. Here fortune favored them again, and they got a passage across to New York. After seeing all the sights of Gotham they tramped to Philadelphia, where charitable people fed them and passed them along. They had a map of Canada with them in which such places as Brantford, Brampton and Guelph were underlined. Probably they heard of these thriving cities in their far off home, and had a laudable desire to see them with their own eyes. They arrived in Toronto on Saturday and were taken in by the keen eye by Mr. J. G. Owens, of the Prisoners' Aid Association, who was on the lookout for subjects. Being unable to reach their hearts by means of their understanding, he called all the learned professors of this city of universities to his assistance. The Mayor invited everybody who could talk a strange language to try their skill as interpreters. Frenchmen, Germans and Indians made the attempt and gave it up. The Jewish Rabbi and the Catholic priests were equally unsuccessful. Then Prof. Hirschfelder, who is Toronto's custodian of all eastern dialects, took the youthful travelers in hand and succeeded partially. Although the children could not understand the learned professor when he spoke to them, the boy was able to read some of his Arabic books fairly, which greatly tickled the Professor. On it being ascertained that they were Roman Catholics the children were taken to the Archbishop's Palace, where they were kindly received and well treated. The fathers have decided to send them to the Sunnyside Home for Children and Prof. Hirschfelder has volunteered to teach them English.

Toronto Toughs at Hamilton.

From the Times, Aug. 17.

Toronto sent a good many undesirable visitors to Hamilton yesterday. More drunken men were seen on the streets than any day for years past. The rain prevented any outdoor amusement and the result was the consumption of more liquor than some of the visitors could stand. Few of those who wore the uniform of the Pioneers or the Prentice Boys misbehaved themselves and the disorder was caused by others who came on the excursion. The uniformed men were in line for their procession about 4 o'clock and made a fine parade. Several fights occurred on the streets, one at the Palace and another at the station. Three young women who stopped at the Delmonico Hotel for dinner carried off a pair of gold bracelets and a pair of shoes. Saunders' saloon is minus a box of cigars and a silver-plated water jug. Drunken, boisterous men, who seemed to think there was no authority outside of Toronto, roamed the streets, but few were arrested.

Toronto Division No. 2, headed by the band of the 10th, will march from the K. P. hall, in uniform, down Yonge-street to the Chicora to take part in the Knights of Pythias' postponed moonlight excursion. 34

Offenders in the Police Court.

In the Police Court yesterday Angus McBryne was fined $3 and costs for assaulting a constable. Thomas Corbett was fined $1 and costs for raising a row on an excursion train. John Copeland, charged with threatening his wife, was remanded to appear for sentence when called on. James Marshman pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing a coat from Hiram Brown and a pair of pants from Wm. Ross, and got 10 days. William Roach, charged with stealing $26 from William McCarthy on the Island, Saturday, was discharged. George Woods was fined $1 and costs for stealing apples from a Grand Trunk Railway car. William Vaughan, for selling liquor without a license, was fined $50 and costs or three months. Jack Storey and Tom McQueen, two notabilities in criminal circles, were remanded on a charge of burglarizing a house owned by a Mr. Douglas.

A Marriage at the Metropolitan.

At the Metropolitan Church yesterday afternoon Mr. John F. Pearson, of the firm of Pearson Bros., real estate brokers, and Miss Annie Matheson, second daughter of the late Mr. Hugh Matheson, were married. Mr. Chas Pearson acted as groomsman and Miss Emma Matheson as bridesmaid. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. M. L. Pearson, brother of the groom. The number of presents received from friends were numerous. The happy couple left by train for a trip through the Eastern Provinces.

He Had His Eye on Him.

Alfred Stewart, aged 21, was drunk in Yonge street last night, but not so drunk that he did not know how to steal a shirt from Charlie Varcoe's store door. Policeman Young was quietly watching him, and as soon as Mr. Stewart had successfully reached for the garment, he was marched off to Police Headquarters. He also had in his possession a nice new lunch basket, which he had evidently snatched from some other door.

Job lot of blankets, call early at 4 secure a pair at Buffett, Michael & Co., Cor. Yonge-street and Wilton-ave. 235

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

The Court of Revision did not meet yesterday for lack of a quorum.

Charles Wilson, aged 22, and Hugh McDermott fought on Queen-street last night and were arrested by Policeman Slemin. Joseph Richards, 14, stole some apples and was locked up.

J. P. Wiser, Prescott; J. E. Seagram, Waterloo; Henry Corby, Belleville; F. H. Walker, Walkerville; and Robert Whitney, Prescott, all prominent distillers, discussed trade matters at a meeting at the Rossin House yesterday.

THE AFGHAN COMMISSION.

SATISFACTION AT THE PROPOSED RECALLING OF THE BRITISH SECTION.

A Settlement Likely to be Reached All the Sooner—No Progress Made For Fifteen Months—Col. Ridgeway, Unlike Sir Peter Lumsden, Shirks the Responsibility.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—The Pall Mall Gazette says it is glad the Afghan commission has been recalled as it will hasten a settlement of the question of ownership of Khamiah, which Russia claims by direct negotiations between London and St. Petersburg. The St. James Gazette says the question is as far from settlement as it was fifteen months ago. Russia claims Khamiah. The Afghans refuse to give it up. A conflict is likely to occur at any moment and it rests with England to say what it will and can do to prevent its allies from being plundered. The task of Lord Iddesleigh, the Foreign Secretary, will be easier when he is relieved of this useless and embarrassing commission.

The Globe says nothing would suit Russia better than to keep the Khamiah question open and relieve it when it suits her.

The Cabinet sat to-day from noon until 2 o'clock. The Queen's speech was considered and approved. The Afghan difficulty was also discussed. It is understood that Col. Ridgeway, of the British Afghan commission, has been recalled because he felt that the difference between Russia and England had better be dealt with by the Foreign Office.

The Situation.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—The report that the Government had decided upon an immediate withdrawal of the Afghan Boundary Commission is officially denied. The Government is awaiting Russia's reply, respecting a small portion of the Afghan boundary, not yet settled in the Oxus district. Until the reply has been received no decision will be taken respecting the date of the withdrawal of the commission, but whatever may be the nature of the reply, the commission will return to India before winter. In spite of the official denial, it is believed in well informed circles that the Standard is virtually correct in stating that the Government has asked Russia for yes or no in reply. It is not likely, however, that such a reply will be given.

Will Return in September.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—A despatch from Simla says the British Afghan commission will return to India in September via Cabul.

Tickets for the Knights of Pythias' postponed moonlight excursion to-morrow night are limited in number. Secure them early. A few will be for sale on the wharf. All tickets previously purchased will hold good. 34

To be Left With the People.

A special meeting of the Board of Works was held yesterday afternoon, when Chairman Carlyle and Ald. Allen, Jones, Shaw, Hunter, John Woods and Verrall were present. It did not take the committee long to decide that the question of straightening and improving the Don River, which has now been before the Council since the days of old, should at once be submitted to a vote of the people. City Engineer Sproatt has repeatedly reported on the cost of this work. His latest estimate, submitted yesterday, was $300,000 in round numbers. This includes the cost of the land which it would be necessary to expropriate. The necessary bylaw will be drawn up and submitted to Council to-night, when a date will be fixed for voting on the same. Of the total amount of cost the city will pay $102,100; the balance will be divided on the local improvement plan.

The concert on board the Chicora at the Knights of Pythias' postponed moonlight excursion to-morrow evening will be given by Prof. Bohner, assisted by local talent. 34

Lionel Yorke Receives a Big Contract.

Chairman Hunter's Court House Committee met yesterday afternoon and awarded the contract for building the foundations of the new court house. Five tenders were opened: No. 1, H. M. Thayer, $131,000; No. 2, Henry Lucas, $131,555; No. 3, Lionel Yorke, $111,000; No. 4, Brown & Love, $123,000; and No. 5, John Herbert, $243,620. No. 3 being the lowest, Mr. Lionel Yorke was awarded the contract. Architect E. J. Lennox, in answer to Ald. Defoe, stated that the tenders were fairly close to the mark, as the foundation was the most expensive part of the building. The foundations there are 875,000 brick, 40,000 cubic feet of footings, 55,000 cubic feet of masonry, and 30,000 cubic feet of concrete work. The work will be commenced at once.

Mr. Falconbridge's Motion Enlarged.

For some reason, which was not explained in open court, Mr. Falconbridge's motion to compel the restitution of Mr. Burns' books seized by the police was enlarged until to-day. The argument on the motion was to have been heard by Mr. Justice O'Connor at Osgoode Hall at noon yesterday. Mr. Falconbridge and Mr. McMahon had a private consultation before the hour set for hearing the argument, with the above result. The case cannot be called in the Police Court until this motion is disposed of.

The Methodist General Conference.

The Committee of Arrangements for the Methodist General Conference held another meeting yesterday morning at the Metropolitan Church. The billeting of visitors was completed and the list arranged alphabetically with the names and addresses of those who will entertain them placed in order. It was announced that Rev. T. Bowman Stevenson, of London, Eng., will represent the General Conference of Great Britain, and Rev. Dr. Joyce the Conference North of the United States Methodist Episcopal Church.

Order of Canadian Home Circles.

The Supreme Lodge of the Order of Canadian Home Circles held its annual meeting yesterday. The Supreme Leader, Mr. R. Harcourt, M.P.P., of Welland, presided, and 49 delegates were present. The afternoon was taken up in amending by-laws and receiving reports from officers. The order was instituted in October, 1884, has now 49 circles throughout the country, with a membership of 1400. It is a "fraternal benevolent and beneficial" society.

"The Mikado" at the Pavilion.

Manager Templeton's company, which is producing "The Mikado" at the Pavilion this week is, as all who have heard them can vouch, the best combination that Toronto has yet been honored with in this popular opera. As the evenings have settled down to coolness, there is little doubt that their engagement during the balance of the week will be a successful one.

Ten per cent. discount off carpets and oil cloths until the end of August at Duffett, Michael & Co., Cor. Yonge-street and Wilton-ave. 235

The Work of the House of Industry.

The monthly meeting of the Board of the House of Industry was held yesterday afternoon. Rev. Dr. Rose presided. Superintendent North submitted a report stating that 95 persons—61 Protestants and 34 Catholics—had been cared for during the month. There are at present 63 inhabitants of the home, mostly aged and infirm persons.

Inspector Seymour Off to England.

Charles Seymour, one of the most popular officers of the police force, yesterday hung up his inspector's baton for two months, the commissioners having granted him leave of absence to visit England. Inspector Duncan will be in charge at headquarters until his return.

It's Wonderful!

—At a sale in Paris a month ago a picture by a celebrated artist fetched an enormous figure; it was an ornament (not useful); in Toronto a useful and valuable household requisite is putting the "Paris Beauty" in the shade, and can be seen at Strathern's, 179 Yonge-street; it's a "wringer" below cost, call and ask the price. x

RECEPTION OF THE INDIANS.

The Elm-Street Methodist Church Crowded to the Doors Last Night.

A meeting to welcome the three Indian chiefs from the Northwest who have been doing Toronto for the past ten days was held in Elm-street Methodist church last night. The announcement that the Indians would be on the platform in their native costume and would make addresses drew an overflowing audience. Had the church been three times as large it would have been filled. People were sitting on the steps at 7 o'clock waiting for the doors to open. At 8 o'clock every seat was filled, every inch of standing space, the pulpit steps and choir chairs, and people were content to stand outside the doors and catch a faint sound of the speakers' voices. Rev. Dr. Potts announced that for the benefit of the hundreds who had to go away, an overflow meeting would be held to-night in Spadina-avenue Methodist Church.

Governor Robinson presided, and welcomed his copper-colored brethren in the name of the Province. He was ready to hold out the right hand of fellowship. Mayor Howland did the honors for the city. He took it that the large audience had gathered there desirous of acknowledging their common relationship to the past owners of the soil. Dr. Potts welcomed them on behalf of the church, and held them up to his flock as trophies of Methodistical Christianity.

All this time the chiefs sat in dignified silence, and gazed with intense delight on the classic head of the lord of Government House and the handsome features of Mayor Howland. As for the audience, which was composed in a large part of well-dressed young ladies, the Indians feasted their eyes on the sight with wonder and reverence. They were dressed in the civilized clothes they brought from the Rockies, with a fancy-colored blanket folded gracefully over the right shoulder. Their long black locks hung around their ears, and only one of them had his headgear of feathers on. Chief Pakan, of the White Fish Lake Cree Band, was the first to speak in the smooth liquid tones of his mother tongue. He was freely translated by Rev. John McDougall, his spiritual and temporal guide. According to the translation, Pakan was once a very bad man, whose delight was in drinking fire water and scalping palefaces. When the mission-ary came along he got religion and decided to settle down as a truly good and model Indian. He was not ashamed to call the white man his friend, in fact he was rather proud of it. Chief Samson, of the Bear's Hill Cree Band, was the next speaker and he proved an eloquent Indian. He is probably a politician of his district. In his discourse he frequently alluded to Mr. McDougall as "Our John," and was loudly applauded. Dr. Potts read a letter written by Major-General Strange, which spoke highly of Rev. Mr. McDougall's conduct during the recent disturbance. The meeting adjourned with "God Save the Queen" and the benediction.

Newsdealers and Subscribers are requested to provide boxes or paper slits in their doors; otherwise their Worlds will be exposed on the step for two hours or more and liable to be stolen. Our morning delivery is now so large that the carts and boys start out on their rounds at a very early hour.

HER DEATH WAS NATURAL.

Caroline Harris' Demise Not the Result of a Kick From Her Paramour.

Dr. Powell, the new coroner, held his first inquest last night at the Taylor House, at Agnes and Elizabeth-streets, and ere he had finished the enquiry, he was called upon to decide whether he would order a similar hearing in another part of the city. A woman named Caroline Harris died suddenly yesterday morning in rear of No. 110 Terauley-street. She lived with a man named William Smith, alias Williams. Two weeks ago Smith, it is alleged, kicked the woman in the stomach and she continued to complain of pain in that region up to the time of her death. From the evidence of two neighbors it was not made clear whether the woman had been kicked or not. Dr. Leslie, who made a postmortem examination, testified that the cause of death was acute peronitis, which, in his opinion, would not be brought on by a kick inflicted 14 days previously. Smith was also called as a witness and said that deceased had been ill continually from the time of the birth of a child in November last. Mr. C. H. Clarke's jury returned a verdict of death from natural causes. Deceased's brother, who lives in Kingston, was notified by telegraph of his sister's death.

A Batch of Burglaries.

Burglars made a bold but unsuccessful attempt Saturday night to gain an entrance to Kent Bros.' jewelry store, Yonge-street. The attempt was made in the rear. It is supposed they were scared off by the growling music of a couple of dogs in the next yard. Had the Indian clock been running they would probably have been frightened off before they began operations. Burglars also visited the residence of Mr. P. G. Close at 253 Simcoe-street, and carried off a quantity of clothing. Major Carlaw, of Spencer-avenue, Parkdale, was also a sufferer by a visit from the midnight mechanic. He recovered his property yesterday, however, in a yard on Queen-street.

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Cigar-Dealers Fined for Selling on Sunday.

G. J. Forde, Joseph Taylor, Charles Turner and Fred W. Godfrey were each fined $1 and costs in Mag