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A BROOD OF BRIBERS

Wholesale Attempt to Buy up Mowat's Supporters

MONEY AND POSITION OFFERED.

The Affair Exposed in the Legislature Last Night.

\$1800 OF CURRUPTION MONEY.

Bunting, Big Push Wilkinson, Meek and a Yankee Lawyer in the Ring.

TWO OF THEM ARRESTED.

A Complete Exposure of the Conspiracy.

DOMINION COVERNMENT IMPLICATED.

Affair Precipitated by The World-The Watter Referred to a Committee

The scene enacted last night on the floor of the legislative assembly was as exciting and memorable as any ever before enacted in a Canadian parliament. Though the intended revelation of a base conspiracy to buy up supporters of the Mowat government was known to a considerable number of persons, they kept their counsel well. and the explosion therefore came with stunning effect, not merely on the opposition, but apparently also on many memafternoon or early evening to indicate that a storm was impending. The house, at eight o'clock, went into committee of supply and passed the estimates for "legislaon." After this was over the premier, about half-past nine, moved the speaker the house on a question of privilege. His first words were

A BOLT OUT OF THE BLUE. Without preface or circumlocution he asked the speaker to open two sealed packages which had in the course of the day been placed in his hands. Mr. Clarke did so. The first contained a written state ment made by Mr. McKim of West Wel lington, that J. A. Wilkinson had paid him the sum of \$1000 as a bribe to induce him to go in apposition to the government. The thousand dollars-ten \$100 bills-was counted by the speaker in the presence of the house. The second packet was from Mr. Balfour, of South Essex, who stated in his letter that "Big-Push" Wilkinson had paid him \$800 to seduce him from his allegiance to the Mowat government, and once more the amount of the bribe was counted, in \$100 bills, before the eyes of the assembled crowd. This little drama, which had been performed amidst breathless stillness, being over, Mr. Mowat arose and explained that Messrs. Balfour and McKim had acted in the matter with the knowledge and concurrence of the government. He then read the following declara tion and resolution, taking upon himself the entire responsibility of the statements

THE RESOLUTION.

That the attorney-general, a member of this house, has from his place in the house stated that he is credibly informed and believes that divers persons named by him, including Christopher W. Bunting, John A. Wilkinson, Edward Meek, F. S. Kertland and one Lynch, have entered into a conspiracy to accomplish have entered into a conspiracy to accomplish the defeat of the government in this house to corrupting members of this house to vot against the government and government meas

That the first-named three persons are well known and active members of the party in this province opposed to this government, and that the last-named two persons are American

known and active members of the party in this province opposed to this government, and that the last-named two persons are American citizens.

That for the purpose of corruptly influencing the votes of members of this house the said five persons have at divers times during the present session of this legislature approached several members of this house with money, offers of money, promises of oilies in the gift of the dominion government, and promises of other personal advantages to such members.

That divers members of this house so approached being indignant at the criminal conduct proposed to them have deemed it to be the fitting course on their part, and a duty to their constituents and the public, acting herein with the advice and approval of members of the government, to seem for a time to entertain such approaches in order to secure detection, exposure and punishment of the persons guilty of making such corrupt attempts, and have in pursuance of their duty from time to time disclosed to members of the government the approaches from time to time made to them, and the several acts therein of the guilty parties; that among the members of this house in regard to whom such corrupt attempts have been made are Mr. Robert McKim, member for the west ridling of Wellington; Mr. William D. Balfour, member for thesouth riding of Essex; and John F. Dowling, member or the south riding of Renfrew: that in carry-rying out the objects of the conspiracy the said McKim repeatedly offered him money, and has at length delivered to the said McKim \$1000: that Mr. McKim immediately on receiving the money placed it in the hands of Mr. Speaker, to be by him produced to this house; that both the said Bunting for the same corrupt purpose undertook to pay to Mr. McKim a further sum for the corrupt purpose already stated, and that to secure the same corrupt object the said wilkinson and Bunting further offered and undertook that he said Bunting further offered and undertook that he said Bunting further offered and undertook that he sa

the said Bunting assured the said McKim that the dominion minister of the interior had pledged to them his word that their said promise of the said office would be carried out, and the said Bunting on his own part pledged his word to the same effect; that for the same corrupt purpose already mentioned, and to influence the vote of the said William D. Balfour, the said Wilkinson repeatedly offered to pay, and did this day deliver to the said Balfour the sum of \$800 in cash, and undertook to pay a further sum of \$700 on a future day; that for the same purpose the said Kertland also offered to pay to him the sum of \$1200; that immediately on receiving the said sum of \$800

offered to pay to him the sum of \$1200; that immediately on receiving the said sum of \$800 Mr. Balfour placed the same in the hands of Mr. Speaker, to be by him produced to this house; and that further to secure the same purpose the said Wilkinson undertook that the said Balfour should be appointed by the dominion government to a registrarship at Regina, in the Northwest; that the said Wilkinson, for the corrupt purpose already mentioned, and to influence the vote of the said John F. Dowling, offered him the sum of \$2000 cash, and to pay him a further sum of \$2000 cash, and to pay him a THE AFTER-CLAP.

Mr. Meredith was about to address the ouse when Mr. Balfour rose to his feet, the silence becoming, if possible, more intense. The member for South Essex is thin and pale at all times; when he arose to speak last night strong but well-suppressed excitement made him look even more cada-verous than usual. In a few impressive sentences he stated that the efforts to bribe him had been very persistent, and that no inducement that could be held out would suffice to make him betray the government and his constituents. There was great

THE OPPOSITION LEADER would say about it. He agreed with the attorney-general that the charges should be promptly and thoroughly investigated, out held that the members who had been approached would have occupied a more ditable position if they had spurned the offers made them instead of appearing to accept them for the purpose of leading others into criminal acts. His speech was a dead-lift effort to weaken the condemnation which is sure to follow the exposure, but even so mild a deprecation met with little or no response from his own followers.

Mr. Morris took much the same line on as a "brawling brood of bribers into the chair and commenced to address crime, as the former would forever prevent them from occupying government benches.
The course taken by Balfour and McKim was warmly extolled by a number of ministerial members, and ber of ministerial members, and would have dared to do what you have would have dared to do what you have side admitted to be the only proper one inder the circumstances. Not a single nember of the opposition except Meredith bribers." member of the opposition except Meredith and Morris ventured to express disapproval, and the dramatic interest of the scene was heightened by several members describing the efforts made to bribe themselves. One of the most conspicuous was Dr. Cascaden. who was offered money and an office, the latter to be either the registrarship of Regina or a customs post in British Columbia. Scarcely less so was Mr. Murray of North Renfrew, who almost imme diately after the general election, a year ago, was offered in Ottawa very strong inducements to break faith with the government and betray his constituents. Dr. Dowling said nothing, but he was prevented from receiving \$2000 only by

THE ARREST OF WILKINSON. The machinery of the law was put in operation on Sunday as soon as the first payment of money was made. The county attorney was notified and ordered the arrest of the strangers and the summoning of the home conspirators. Kertland was about the house during the afternoon, apparently unsuspicious of danger, and after tea he was arrested in the lobby just after the opening of the house for the evening session.

The machinery of the law was put in operation of certain parties who were desirous of forming a coalition government, that if Cascaden would support them in this he would make him registrar at Regina with a salary of \$1800 and a house, and give him \$3000 or more down for expenses. Meek suggested that he should see Bunting. Dr. Cascaden met Kertland yesterday. He said he was interested in certain timber limits, and was anxious to defeat the government. He arranged for an interview, but the doctor did not keep it.

WHAT DR. DOWLING WAS TO GET. of the house for the evening session. Shortly afterwards Wilkinson was nabbed while on his way to buy up Dr. Dowling, as above mentioned, and both were hurried off to spend the night in the cell of the police station. In addition to any penalty which the law may inflict on the offenders the assembly is empowered by its own constitution to is empowered by its own constitution to keep them in confinement as long as the ession lasts. It is not likely that bail will be allowed even it is asked, as the evidence of the conspirators is wanted by the committee on privileges and elections as well as in the police court.

THE MORAL EFFECT of the whole affair has been to greatly strengthen the government and correspondingly weaken the opposition. Public opinion will now run strongly in favor of Mr. Mowat and against Mr. Mercaith, who will, rightly or wrongly, be generally regarded as an accessory. Mr. Mowat carried the country fairly a year ago, but with a majority greatly reduced by, as the public will now, believe, the money supplied from Ottawa. Ever since that time persistent efforts have been made to unseat his followers in the courts, to carry by elections thus made necessary, and finally to purchase his supporters in the assembly by the most sordid and an adjournment was made to a restantant have been made to unseat his followers in porters in the assembly by the most sordid and material of bribes. Nor can the do-cussed till midnight. minion government escape. The offices offered McKim, Balfour and Cascaden are in the gift of the minister of the interior. Sanator pherson, and the seduced Squator to pherson, and the seduced Maultoban Maultoban Baltie Big-Push"

Wilkinson promised the offices in Senator Macpherson's name. The whole proceed ing is calculated to bring the blush of shame to the cheek of every citizen of the dominion over the length and breadth of which it will this morning be floated in all

its disgusting details. AN M.P.P. INTERVIEWS KERTLAND. After the excitement had somewhat subsided, forth from the house issued Mr. McCraney, M.P.P. for East Kent, and County Attorney Fenton, arm and arm. They walked straight to No. 2 police station, where the prisoners were incarcerated. Mr. Fenton gave the open sesame, and Mr. McCraney went into the cell and spent over half an hour with the prisoners. When he came out a reporter, who was refused the same privilege, interviewed Mr. McCraney. He said that Kertland had become a personal friend of his, and that he had known him for many weeks. Kertland After the excitement had somewhat sub known him for many weeks. Kertland owned enormous tracks of timber limits in Wisconsin and Minnesota and wished evi-dently to make a corner in timber by

dently to make a corner in timber by changing the government's policy here. He had approached him (Mr. McCraney), on several occasions, but had not made any open offers of money. He had gone to see Mr. Kertland from pure friendship.

THE MEN IMPLICATED.

Joshua Wilkinson is well known as a conservative politician and an agent of the party, He has been engaged in many elections in promoting conservative inelections in promoting conservative interests. It was he who first published the ig Push Letter in his paper, the West urham News. After that he was known Durham News. After that he was known by the name of Big Push Wilkinson. He was a member of the conservative brigade which appeared in Muskoka, Algoma and West Middlesex.

Edward Meek is a lawyer who occupies offices in the Mail building. He was a member of the Young Men's reform clubonce, but, went over to the conservative.

once, but went over to the conservative once, but went over to the conservative party in the N. P. struggles, since when he has been one of the most venomous enemies of the reform party. He has taken part in many election campaigns. He is a frequent companion of Bunting. Meek will be summoned.

Christopher Bunting is managing director of the Mail, and a bitter conservative. He was charged by the Hamilton Times with trying to bribe members some weeks ago. He was not arrested with

weeks ago. He was not arrested with Kertland and Wilkinson because he has property and cannot fly the country. F. S. Kertland (or Kirtland) hails from F. S. Kertland (or Kirtland) halls from Wisconsin. He is five foot eleven in height, slender build, black hair, long side whiskers, heavy moustache, and shaven chin. He is extremely handsome in appearance though of a Mephistophelian cut, He has been here since before Christmas and spent a great deal of his time in playing billiards in the Rossin house where he was a guest. A World reporter saw him bid a gentleman good-bye vesterday, so he his leader, going so far as to charge Mr. bid a gentleman good-bye yesterday, so he Mowat with being accessory before the was evidently intending to leave the city.

done." "I was so annoyed by the approaches that were made to me," said Mr. Balfour, "that I determined to expose the

ald have made a most damaging state nent had he desired to do so. THE COALITION GOVERNMENT.

The coalition government was to consist of Mr. Meredith (attorney-general and premier), Alex. Morris (minister of educa-tion), D. Creighton (provincial treasurer) and three members from the reform side whose names have not transpired. They will however be given in the evidence of

the members.

ANOTHER MEMBER APPROACHED.

Dr. Cascaden (West Elgin) was approached by Meek, who was a schoolfellow of his twenty-four years ago, and who has been an intimate friend ever since. He told the doctor that he was the solicitor of

The men approached were Dowling, McKim, Cascaden, Balfour, Lyon, Hart, Murray.

Murray.

A very peculiar article appeared in the A very peculiar article appeared in the Telegram about two weeks ago suggesting the very coalition government that has now transpired to have been the one in view in all these negotiations. Who in spired this article will form part of the investigation. It was double-leaded and attracted to more little attention at the time. tracted some little attention at the time.

The penalty prescribed by law is two ears in ponitentiary and a fine of £500.

The detectives working on the case were Murray of Toronto, Wynn of Clifton Rodgers of Barrie. They have taken a lo

of baggage.

The centre of the conspiracy was in Meek's office in the Mail building, and the chief accessories were Bunting, Meek, Kertland and Wilkinson.

About fifteen west and north end aldermen were proceeding homewards last night from the council meeting when the news

DEBATED TILL MORNING

THE ORANGE BILL IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Attempt to Burke Discussion—Blake Ex-plains His Course—His Followers Left to Act as They Choose.

OTTAWA, March 17.-In the house amons to-day Mr. Daly moved that when the speaker left the chair at 6 o'clock the house should stand adjourned until to norrow on account of it being St. Patrick's day. The object of the motion eemed to be to burk discussion on the orange incorporation bill.

Mr. Cameron (Victoria) who had charge of the orange bill objected, as the government would probably take next Monday, and no opportunity would be offered for the promotion of legislation in the hands of private members.

Sir John Macdonald said the matter was n the hands of the house. Mr. Blake called attention to the fact that the motion was out of order, as no no

tice had been given. The speaker ruled that this point wa well taken. Mr. Daly said he would give notice that e would move his motion at 6 o'clock.

A number of private bills were then taken up and discussed until 6 o'clock when the speaker left the chair amid the protests of Mr. Daly and the laughter of the opposition. After recess Mr. Cameron (Victoria

noved the second reading of the orange corporation bill. He said the bill was actically the same as that introduced easion for a long discussion. All that the orangemen asked was to be allowed to hold property the same as similar benevoent organizations. Mr. Mills contended that the dominion

arliament had no power to grant the privileges asked for by the bill. The subject was one of purely provincial concern. Mr. Cameron (Huron) was opposed to the bill, because it proposed to deal with a matter effecting property and civil rights, a subject, which was by the British North America act, left wholly within the jurisdiction of local legislatures. By this bill it was also proposed to interfere with law of mortmain, so long in force in Ontario. He denied that the orange order in Ontario tion, but apparently also on many members of the denied that the orange order in Ontario fact to the crime committed. In a few burning sentences Mr. Fraser retorted, describing the conspirators with apt alliteration as a "brawling brood of bribers" tion of the government was to hold back to the crime committed. In a few burning sentences Mr. Fraser retorted, describing the conspirators with apt alliteration as a "brawling brood of bribers" tion of the government was to hold back to hold back to the crime committed. In a few burning sentences Mr. Fraser retorted, describing the conspirators with apt alliteration of the government was a purely position of the government was to hold back tion as a "brawling brood of bribers hatched under the eaves of the Mail building." He argued that the informing members had done simply their duty in taking the course they took, and told the opposition off and they did nothing. Mr. Mowat thereupon had to take initiative. As one member of the government put it last night to a World reporter: We had to bring it up for fear that your paper would there from occupying government benches. The course taken by Balfour and McKim was warmly extolled by a number of the party to Mr. Balfour after the matter. In hittend institution. [Cries of no, no]. Would it be denied that the orange order had expelled men for voting for liberal candidates? Would it be denied that men had been expelled for voting for catholic candidates? He read a number of a extracts from the utterances of orange leaders to show that the order so far as on the whole thing in in the morning.

BALFOUR A HERO.

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"You are a hero," said one prominent member of the party to Mr. Balfour after catholic candidates? *He read a number of extracts from the utterances of orange leaders to show that the order so far as Ontario was concerned was a purely political institution. Men had been expelled from orange lodges for voting for John O'Donohoe, now a senator, when that gentleman was a candidate for parliament in east Toronto.

James Cahill to day completed his twenty-first year as police magistrate.

The 3-year old daughter of Mrs Alfred Bates, Saltfleet township, was nearly burned to death Saturday, having been playing with matches. Her recovery is improbable.

The Dundas and Waterloo road has been purchased by Dr. Walker of Dundas

in east Toronto.

Mr. White (Cardwell), said that the for \$21,300. The town of Galt bid

would speak for himself. On this question parties were divided. Last session he had given a silent vote and intended to repeat that course now but for the fact that his motives and those who co-operated with him had been misrepresented. It had been charged that the liberals had agreed on a caucus to vote against the bill. This was wholly untrue. He had not advised any of his friends to vote for or against the measure and the subject had never been discussed in caucus. He quoted from Sir John Macdonald's decision as minister of justice upon the Ontario orange bill of 1873 to prove that this subject was solely and prove that this subject was solely and entirely within provincial jurisdiction.

The house divided at 3.30 a.m., the motion for a second read-

ing being lost by 68 to 105.

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Served Him Right. NEWCOMB, Tenn., March 17 .- A mar named McKinney came home drunk to-dayand began abusing his child. His wife interfered when he turned on her and began choking her. She shot him dead with a pistol she had concealed in her clothing.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 17 .- The fail ure of the Mason and Semonine tobacco firms here depressed the tobacco trade very greatly. Mason's liabilities will reach \$100,000 or more. Semonine is still missing and is believed to have left the

Belleville, March 17 .- For the purpos forming a Canadian circuit a meeting will be held here on March 25, when delegates from the trotting associations of Sherbrooke, Montreal, Brockville, King ston, Cobourg, Toronto and other places are expected to be present.

H. Murray Scott's grand concert come off at Shaftesbury hall Thursday night. The following artists will participate: W. Reported at.

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Liverpool.

New York

Glasgow.

Poston

Queenstown...New York

Doward, J. W. Frazer, E. W. Schuch.

THE SANDWICH TRAGEDY. Callaghan Still at Large How Kenned was Captured.

WINDSOR, March 17.-About 10 o'clock yesterday morning a well-dressed, amooth faced and innocent-appearing gentleman boarded the ferry at Walkerville. As he was closely scanned he appeared a trifle measy. His description answering to that of Kennedy, Captain Shanks delayed his boat, losing his trip. Nesbitt, who had een out with an exploring party, heard that Kennedy was being held for identifi cation. Hastening to the boat he at once recognized Kennedy, who made no resistance, and was immediately arrested and taken to the Windsor lock-up. When it became noised about at the whart that one of Leach's murderers had been arrested there was a rush to

been arrested there was a rush to see him.

A crowd gathered about and became wild with excitement. Cries of "Lynch him," "Lynch him," were heard on every side, and for a time it was a question whether another tragedy would not be enacted, but the excitement died away. Kennedy was cool and dogged when first arrested, and refused to have anything to say, but when the erowd gathered about, and threats of lynching became general, he shook like an aspen leaf, and clung to the officers for protection. At the lock-up he became more calm, and talked freely about the murder, and claimed not to be responsible for it. He said that Callaghan was severely wounded during the shooting in the jail, and that when they reached the catholic church he was too weak to walk the jail, and that when they reached the catholic church he was too weak to walk further. He asserts that Callaghan was so badly injured that he will die from his wounds if not captured, but the officers take no stock in what he says as they believe he is trying to shape matters in such a way as to give his accomplice time to escape. The other prisoners in the jail did not seek to escape. Davis was out of his head at last accounts, but the doctor thinks he will eventually recover.

Sheriff Her has offered a reward of \$500 for the capture of Callaghan, and volunteer patrolmen have been placed on guard along the river to see that he does not escape to the other side. scape to the other side.

AN ILLICIT STILL CAPTURED. Hamilton News-Celebration of St. Pat

rick's Day-Child Burned. HAMILTON, March 17.-City inland rev nue officers to-day discovered an illicit still in full operation at the house of M. T. Evans near Ancaster village. The officers arrested Evans, David Davis and W. Fox, who were presiding over the machine. Two barrels of whisky were emptied out and the apparatus was brought to this city. The whisky was distilled from molasses. The prisoners were jailed. Davis used to work in a Toronto brewery and

Evans in a Dundas brewery.

St. Patrick's day passed off quietly.
The Emerald beneficial association attended service at St. Patrick's church, where high mass was celebrated by Rev. Chancellor Keough, assisted by Rev. Fathers Cleary and Lillis, Rev. Father Dowling preached the service.

Mr. White (Cardwell), said that the house had this afternoon passed two bills incorporating two religious institutions with powers similar to those asked for by the orange order. The objection as to interference with the law of mortmain was a matter of detail which could be attended to in the private bills committee.

Mr. Blake said that on this measure he would speak for himself. On this question parties were divided. Last session he

NIAGARA, Ont., March 17 .- There died here this morning at the great age of 121 years, a colored man named "Dr." Henry A box of powder with the fuse attached has been discovered in the postoffice at Birmingham.

An army officer of high grade has been detected cheating at cards at Brussels. His gains were very large.

The London Standard calls attention to the significance of Parnell's menace in the commons that the Irish farmers are fools if they pay taxes to enforce the coercion. Brown. Deceased was born on the planta-

BACNINH, March 17 .- The French forces while pursuing the Chinese near Phulan gysen crossed the river and captured the Phulang fort. Three men were killed and

St. Patrick at Buffalo. Buffalo, March 17 .- St. Patrick's day was quietly and soberly observed here. The lecture this evening by Joseph O'Connor, editor-in-chief of the Buffalo Courier, was listened to by 2000 persons. It was a scholarly effort.

The Roosevelt Bill. ALBANY, March 17 .- The governor has approved the Roosevelt bill, giving the mayor of New York power of appointment without confirmation by the board of Aldermen.

PEMBERVILLE, O., March 17 .- George Brough, a farmer, while intoxicated attempted to swallow an ounce and a half of beef without chewing it. He was choked

LOWER TEMPERATURE. METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, TORONTO, March 18. 1 a.m. Lakes: Winds shifting to northeast and north; fair to cloudy weather, with local wins in southern portion; lower temperature. UNITED STATES NEWS.

A large number of horses are dying froblind staggers at Portland, Oregon.

King's opera house and several adjacen buildings at Jackson, Tenn., were burned last night.

Sargent has been allowed the option or remaining at Berlin or becoming minister at some other court. Twenty-five Cuban men, women and children claiming to be refugees have arrived at Vineyard Haven.

At Hancock, N.Y., Lena Couch sui cided because she was tired of living an suffered from a bad toothache. The searches for the Arctic ship Jeannette cost the United States government to
the present over a quarter of a million.

In New York a thousand men and three
hundred women last night celebrated the
13th anniversary of the uprising of communists in Paris.

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A noted gambling den in Baltimore was raided on Saturday night. Two hundred players, including many prominent merchants, were captured.

At Galveston three hoodlums attempted to rob John Duffield, son of a prominent capitalist. Duffield stabbed and killed one of them. The others were arrested.

St. Patrick's day was quietly observed throughout the States yesterday. Several members of congress attended the Clan na Gael's banquet at Washington last night. The supreme court to-day affirmed the judgment of Sarrony against a lithographic company for the alleged infringement of a copyright upon the photos of Oscar Wilde.

tive rivalry in this city between two repre banks of the "best safe in the world," which each claims to m ke. There has has been much chaff between the agents, and the western man at one time got so hot-blooded that he threatened to chastise his eastern competitor, but no blows were struck. A \$10,0000 challenge is now talked of by the western man on about the following terms: Each company is to manufacture a safe, and lock up in it the sum of \$5000. At a given signal each is to have the other's safe attacked by experts, and the one who first effects an entrance is to have the \$10,000.

WASHINGTON, March 17. The house mmittee on foreign affairs to-day unaninously agreed to a resolution in the Lasker matter. It renews an expression of regret at the death of a distinguished member of the German parliament on American soil, and states that the house has no concern in the relations between the German executive and the reichstag.

Warlike Politicians. R. A. Young, a coalition republican and deputy United States collector, and C. B. Raine, a prominent straight out republican. Young was struck on the head with a stick and badly injured. Young unsuccessfully attempted to shoot Raine.

Relief for Kassala. CAIRO, March 17.-Gen. Gordon ha elegraphed Sir Evelyn Baring advising that a column of troops from Abyssinia be sent to relieve the garrison at Kassala. He also requests authority to threaten re-bellious tribes around Khartoum with force should be consider it advisable.

duced by Representative Slocum to-day, provides that every able-bodied male citizen, between 18 and 42 years of age, shall be subject to enrolment under the laws of the state or territory in what is the wife of the state of th

known as the active militia. VINCENNES, Ind., March 17.—Pierre Cottee, aged 115, the eldest man in Indianna, is dead. He was very eccentric, used cayenne pepper for snuff, and swal-lowed large quantities of it to quench his

NEWARK, March 17 .- Rollie Coleman aged 10, son of Prof. Coleman, died yesterday after undergoing an operation to ex-tract a lead pencil which had been laid perpendicularly under him as he was sit-ting down by a fellow pupil in the public

in Honor of St. Patrick. PHILADELPHIA, March 17 .- In the coal regions St. Patrick's day was honored by total suspension of work. Many thousands were idle. At some towns there were large processions. Masses were celebrated in all the catholic churches.

MORRISBURG, March 17. - Yesterday afternoon while some boys were playing on the ice below the town a 10-year-old son of Carleton Prunner broke through and the current being strong he was drawn under the ice and drowned.

Death of a \$10,000 Cow. Iowa City, Iowa, March 17.-Merceder the celebrated Holstein cow, died here this morning. The cow and hercalf which also died were valued at \$10,000. Mercedes had the greatest milk and butter record in the world.

WASHINGTON, March 17 .-- The Arctic teamer Alert will sail from England for New York March 22. She has been en-tirely refitted by the British government, and only needs to be provisioned after ar-

A Dynamiter Doomed.
Poughkeepsie, March 17.—Judge Bar nar this morning sentenced John B. Griffin, the Pawling dynamite murderer to be hung May 9.

Miners Drowned.

London, March 17.—A subterranean spring flooded a silver minenear Schwatza, a town of the Tyrol, near Innspruck. Several miners were drowned.

Suicide of a Man and Wife. CHICAGO, March 17.-Frederick W. Gadow and wife came here a month ago from Germany. They snicided by hang-ing to-day. The cause, despondency from failing to find work. A CRITICAL CONDITION.

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IN DANGER OF BREAKING UP.

The Members Cannot Agree upon a Policy for Egypt—Rumor that Gladstone will go to the Country.

LONDON, March 17 .- The Marquis of Hartington has telegraphed Admiral Hewitt asking whether he has offered a reward for Osman Digma's head and warn ing him not to issue such proclamations without consulting the English minister at

Rumors are current in the lobbies of the commons that the resignation of Gladstone and other members of the government has been under consideration at three cabinet councils. The majority of the cabinet are

councils. The majority of the cabinet are in favor of a prolonged occupation of Egypt, to which Gladstone is opposed. Gladstone is suffering from laringeal catarrh and requires rest and care.

The News predicts the early resignation of the cabinet, and asserts that the existence of the government and of Parliament is in hourly jeopardy. The Echo says Gladstone's worry is retarding his recovery. The St. James' Gazette asserts that a serious cabinet crisis is imminent. The Soudan trouble is not the only question about which there is disagreement.

There are undoubtedly differences in the ministry as regards the length to which Great Britain should go in the Soudan war, but not enough to cause a split. The

oush a reconnoissance far beyond Hand ouk. It is not true that Turkish troops

ouk. It is not true that Turkish troops are going to Suakim, or that the British government decided to send an expedition to Sinkat and Berber.

The offer of a reward for the head of Osnan Digma was made against the orders sent Gen. Graham.

The Standard says as the ministers are unable to agree and cannot persuade their followers to unite in supporting them they are boynd to appeal to the country.

The Times says whether the liberals or conservatives win in the coming strife, the victors will have to reckon with Parnell and his augmented following.

LONDON, March 17.—An anti-English journal has been established in Paris by General Ed-Din, an Afghan sheikh. Ed-Din General Ed-Din, an Afghan sheikh. Ed-Din is acquainted with the prominent Irish nationalists. He claims to be descended from the prophet. His journal will be circulated in moslem countries, and bales of it are now ready at Constantinople. He professes undying enmity to England. He took part in the Sepoy revolt, and a few years ago occupied the chair of philosophy at Cairo university. He was arrested for sedition and sent to India.

DUBLIN, March 17 .- A railway train upon which Michael Davitt, the agitator, was journeying to-day was fired upon at

MADRID, March 17.-The conspirators rested yesterday had formed a plot to eize the palace where the ministers were ssembled and the king was presiding.

The Khedive an Orphan.

Cairo, March 17.—The khedive's mother is dead.

MANCHESTER, March 17 .- A meeting was neld here to-day to protest against the restriction placed upon the importation of foreign cattle. A resolution was adopted condemning the house of lords for meddling with the contagious diseases of animals

Our local bank clerk is a duce of a fellow,

With fine shining boots, the tops of them yel-And at eve does the grand with some sweet

He is always well dressed, thanks be due to "nailor;"
He lunches at Gus'and dines at the Hub And is always a member of one or more club He is anxious on mail day for letters from

home, But we fear he thinks more of the coin that won't come, Than the filial injunctions to be quiet and careful, Go to bed early, be pious and prayerful.

Steady, my lads, have an object in life, Let the "sweet little daisy" some day be your wife;
Think of her always when tempted to evil,
And if "pals" press you hard tell them, "go t
the mischief."

SIGNS OF SPRING.

The little children leap and run, You hear their voices ring Far down the wet and hazy street,

And invalids their crutches old Down to the corner bring, And stand and bask within the sun, Another sign of spring.

And girls upon the front gate get Their lovers on a string; with Which is, I think, another sign

And tramps upon the Esplanade, They laugh like anything,
And sniff the summer breeze that comes,
A certain sign of spring.

The youth he pawns his overcoat For what the coat will bring, And buys a light and coolish suit, Another sign of spring.

—The Khan.

BLACK AND WHITE,

With the quill of a crow:
"Beautiful snow,
How sad to know You soon will go!"
And I, with ink as black as a crow,
Wrote on paper as white as the snow:
"Beautiful spring, with bright warm sun. How sweet to know you soon will come!

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