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CAN A WAR BE AVOIDED?

THE GREAT QUESTION AGITATING ANGLO-RUSSIAN STATESMEN.

A Conflict With the Afghans Reported to Have Actually Occurred—Will it Form a Casus Belli?—England's Presents to the Ameer.

LONDON, March 15.—The terms of the arrangement with Russia explained by Mr. Gladstone meet with nothing but denunciation from the conservatives; even by the sturdiest friends of the government among liberals it is not cordially received. The liberal press admit the arrangement is virtually a surrender to Russia of the frontier demanded. There are numerous evidences that the government has no idea that peace has been secured. Preparations for war are on the most extensive scale. An enormous military transport fleet is being rapidly collected on the Thames, at Portsmouth and at Plymouth. Woolwich arsenal workshops are being hurriedly enlarged. Workmen are on double time.

Scarcely Calculated to Restore Confidence.

LONDON, March 15.—Sir Peter Lumsden, British commander on the Afghan frontier line, has again changed camp. He has fixed it at Zurabat on the Persian side of the Herri-Rood. Sir Peter's present position is in the rear of the Russian advanced outposts, as Russia claims these outposts are inside the boundary line claimed by Russia. Sir Peter's position was made the subject of official representation to the British government. Baron de Staal, the czar's ambassador to England, has asked the British government to order Lumsden's camp moved within undisputed Afghan territory. The request was refused and Sir Peter instructed to keep his present position and maintain from it communication with the Afghans at Robat pass.

Aiding the Ameer.

LONDON, March 15.—On the recommendation of the viceroy of India large grants have been accorded from the Indian treasury to Abdurrahman, ameer of Afghanistan, for the purpose of the complete repair of the forts in his territory, and particularly those at Herat. These works of repair will be done under the supervision of English engineers, and the additional guns needed by the fortifications of Afghanistan are to be supplied from Woolwich.

The Russian Advance.

TEHERAN, March 15.—It is reported that Sir Peter Lumsden has arrived at Herat, and that the Afghans are actively fortifying the city. Small bodies of Russians hold the wells and the roads between Sarakhs and the Murghab river. There are several hundred Cossacks near Puli, Khatung, which is the most southerly point nearest to Herat, is occupied by the Russians. The Russian forces occupying Merv consist of a battalion of infantry, a regiment of dragoons and some Cossacks. At Askabad there are 8000 troops. A Russian brigade and a convoy of military stores are en route from the Caucasus to Askabad. The Afghans here believe an alliance between England and Turkey would alienate the Turcomans from Russian authority.

Does Not Look Like Peace.

TEHERAN, March 15. An Askabad letter dated Feb. 24 says troops and stores are going forward daily en route for Merv. The soldiers are previously blessed by the priests, who tell them to fight valiantly against the czar's enemies. Civilians and military men openly discuss the likelihood of a declaration of war against England. Great excitement prevails. It is stated that sixteen thousand troops have been ordered to Merv. The work on the railway from Kizilarvat to Merv is being pushed with the utmost rapidity. Great difficulty is experienced in inducing workmen to go to Merv as they fear they will be killed by the British or the Afghans. A letter from Sarakhs dated March 2 stated that five battalions of Russian infantry and three batteries of artillery are en route from Bokhara to Merv, and that a small party of Cossacks recently attempted to traverse the Zulfikar defile but were prevented by force.

Russia Courting Turkey.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 14.—General Komaroff has been given peremptory orders to avoid provoking the Afghans. It is reported that Russia has been sounding Turkey in reference to a Russo-Turkish alliance and that the porte has replied that Turkey will remain neutral.

A Collision Actually Occurred.

CALCUTTA, March 15.—It is reported that an actual collision has occurred between Russians and Afghans. The government is reticent.

A Warning Worth Heeding.

LONDON, March 16.—The Times expresses the belief that Gen. Komaroff has gone from Askabad to the disputed territory and says if Russia is allowed to gain the territory by trickery we shall have war a little later, only with the ameer disgusted with our folly and Russia strengthened by the valuable positions gained. The Daily News says the warlike preparations in India have evoked great enthusiasm.

The Russian Commissioner's Opinion.

LONDON, March 15.—Lessar, the Russian member of the Afghan boundary commission, stated to-day that the Russians had only advanced in order to protect the Turcomans, who were quitting their towns in fear of an Afghan invasion. England had obtained information in regard to the Russian movements long before he knew of them, because Sir Peter Lumsden was located nearer to a telegraph station. Lessar declared Russia had no designs on Herat, and had no fear of a collision between the Russians and Afghans. Even should the Russian advance forces make an attack, such a misunderstanding as the present one, Lessar thought, ought not to form a casus belli, and would not unless one country greatly desired war. He thought the Russian troops were probably concentrating in the Caucasus, and when the preliminary negotiations were completed Gen. Komaroff would join Sir Peter Lumsden in fixing the frontier.

Rebellious Socialists.

PARIS, March 15.—It is rumored that a number of expelled socialists have reentered France and are on their way to Paris. The socialists here determined to prevent the re-arrest of their brethren, if possible, by sheltering them and forcibly resisting the search of their premises.

A Socialist Editor Sentenced.

PARIS, March 15.—M. Reiffel, editor of the anarchist paper Terre et Liberte, has been sentenced to two years' imprisonment for inciting to murder and pillage.

THE MEMOIRS OF M. ANDRIEUX.

Some Revelations That Have Caused a Sensation in Paris.

PARIS, March 15.—A book just issued, entitled "Recollections of Andrieux, Prefect of Police," contains some startling revelations and has caused a decided sensation. It states that under Gambetta and other republican ministers, in addition to the use of secret service funds to foster bogus anarchist conspiracies and start the communist journal Le Revolution, Sociale, the editor of which was a police spy, the office of the paper was connected by telephone with Andrieux's room in the police prefecture. Meetings of dynamiters were held in the editor's room, the editor presiding. Among the contributors to the journal were Louise Michel and other prominent irreconcilables. Knubley, the alleged correspondent of the New York Herald, recently arrested in connection with the reported dynamite convention, was a regular employe of the journal.

THE GORDON MEMORIAL.

A Hospital in the Late General's Honor to be Erected at Port Said.

LONDON, March 14.—The Gordon memorial committee met at the Mansion house to-day. The prince of Wales presided. Among the members present were the duke of Edinburgh, duke of Cambridge and Earl Granville. The object of the meeting was to decide upon the form which the Gordon memorial should take. The general meeting which appointed the committee decided that in no event should the memorial be a statue of any kind. The committee to-day decided the memorial should be a great hospital and sanitarium to be erected at Port Said and open to the people of all nations of the earth. The khedive has already granted a site for the proposed memorial.

Germany's Relations With England.

BERLIN, March 15.—Bismarck in the reichstag yesterday in reply to Herr Windthorst, Richter and other alarmists referred them to Earl Granville's recent speech and remarked that those parliamentary groups whose ideal could only be realized by war ought not to carelessly and baselessly describe Germany's relations with a friendly power as in a state of jeopardy. The dispute with England was settled, and he could assure the house he had not sent Count Herbert Bismarck to London for the purpose of picking a quarrel. The chancellor concluded by expressing the hope that the mission of the German nation would be better understood by the rising generation than by the present one.

M. Ferry in a Bad Way.

LONDON, March 15.—The radical elements in Paris are in a state of hysterical fury over the arrest and expulsion of the fenians, which act is plainly a spasmodic attempt on the part of M. Ferry to offset the recent rapprochement between Berlin and London. Indignation is growing, too, at the wretched manner in which the Chinese adventure has been carried on. It is believed that the French losses have been much greater than reported. Even the latter are bad enough, for they foot up a loss of over 1000 men during the last ten days.

CABLE NOTES.

England has placed her Suez hospital at the disposal of Italy.

Gen. Wood with the commander of the troops and stores have arrived from Gakdul.

Gen. Ferrari has left Rome on a special mission to King John of Abyssinia.

Cholera has again appeared at Marseilles. It was brought by the wounded troops from China.

Orders have been given at Portsmouth for ten additional gunboats to be prepared for active service.

Italy has contracted with an English firm for the construction of a cable between Massowah and Aden.

Austria proposes to annex Bosnia, and has consulted the signatory powers of the Berlin treaty relative thereto.

Orders have been given by the Italian government for the speedy despatch of 12,000 troops to the Red sea under two generals.

On March 1 the garrison at Kassala was still holding out. The truth of Sir Henry Tyler's cablegram is therefore doubted.

The British steamer Glenroy, seized Friday by a French man-of-war for having lead in her cargo, has been released. The lead was confiscated.

French newspapers describe the announcement made by Mr. Gladstone in the commons of the agreement with Russia as "England eating humble pie."

It is understood the fenians who have made Paris the seat of their operations will establish their headquarters at Geneva or Brussels.

The friends of James Stephens, ex-Fenian leader, are endeavoring to induce the government to permit him to resume residence in Paris.

Le Gaulois says: "China has asked the United States to act as mediator between France and China, but President Cleveland is not disposed to intervene."

The Chinese deny that the French have gained so much in the recent engagements as they claim. At the heights of Kelung the Chinese assert the French lost five hundred men.

The French consul in the Isle of Jersey asked the British officials to give him the names and addresses of all Frenchmen residing there liable to conscription. The officials declined.

The French authorities in China are quarrelling among themselves. General Negrier is charged with rashness in pushing forward until certain negotiations in progress had failed.

It is stated that the price paid the Vatican by the Hungarian Jew baron who recently married a catholic countess for the dispensation was 200,000 florins. It is remarkable how far infatuation will carry a man.

The London Times states that during the past two days war rates have been paid on British vessels en route from San Francisco and other distant ports and on those en route from Baltic sea and Black sea ports.

Gilbert & Sullivan's new opera, The Mikado; or, the Town of Titipi, of which an outline was given in The World of Saturday, was produced at London that same night. The warmth of its reception promises a success greater than any since Patience.

The Parnellite members of the municipal council of Dublin have resolved at to-night's meeting to support a resolution setting forth that in the present condition of the country, while desirous that no discourtesy shall be offered to the royal visitors, the corporation think it advisable to abstain from taking official part in the reception.

It is not the change of scene that cures so many traveling invalids. It is absence from the doctor.

ZOBEHR PASHA ARRESTED

HE IS ACCUSED OF BEING IN LEAGUE WITH THE MAHDI.

Incriminating Documents Found at His Residence—Confiscation of His Wealth—His Connection With Gen. Gordon.

LONDON, March 15.—Zobehr Pasha, whom Gen. Gordon implicitly trusted and wished to be made governor of Khartoum, has been arrested on a charge of being implicated in treasonable conspiracies against the khedive. His residence was searched and many documents proving that Zobehr was in secret league with the mahdi were found. The prisoner has been confined on board a British frigate. The frigate upon which the prisoner is confined is under sailing orders. He will be imprisoned on the island of Cyprus. Zobehr has been practically a prisoner for the past two years. His wealth, mainly acquired in the slave trade, was confiscated, and he was allowed a quarterly stipend on condition that he should not leave Alexandria without the consent of the khedive.

Gen. Gordon conceded that Zobehr should be restored to power in the Soudan, and said that the ex-slave king was the only man who had enough nerve and prestige to keep the Arabs in subjection. Gen. Gordon had encountered Zobehr during former service in Egypt, and had hanged one of Zobehr's sons, who was left as a hostage and whose life became forfeited by an act of treachery on Zobehr's part.

When Gen. Gordon was sent to Khartoum last year both he and Zobehr Pasha seemed to have agreed to ignore the past. It was another of Zobehr's sons who escorted Gen. Gordon across the desert from Korosco to Abu Hamed. Without this escort it is certain Gen. Gordon would have never got to Khartoum.

It has now been discovered by the British government that Zobehr has been in continual correspondence with El Mahdi both before and since the capture of Khartoum. Several other arrests, including some prominent notables, are expected at Alexandria.

Zobehr's Son Also Arrested.

ALEXANDRIA, March 15.—The oldest son of Zobehr Pasha was arrested to-day and three others are conditionally detained as the result of a search of their premises by the British authorities.

"MY CHILD TITTY."

An Extraordinary Story From the Wonderful City of Chicago.

CHICAGO, March 15.—A physician here recently discovered in the house of a patient an ancient testament which an excellent Greek authority pronounces to be of much earlier origin than any of the few testaments written in the apostolic age, (copies of which are still preserved in some European capitals.) Its covers are of rotten and honey-combed wood, its leaves of ancient parchment, worn and stained, written with ink of different colors, which in many places is entirely faded. It is believed to be the first written reports of Christ's sermons and to be a copy of the original letters of St. Paul to the churches. St. Paul addresses Titus as "My child Titty," and Timothy as "My child Timothy." It is said that comparisons with the present edition show the translators have made some very plain things difficult to understand, and that the Lord's prayer has lost much of its force and beauty by being wrongly and unnaturally translated.

A Priest Suspended.

NEW YORK, March 15.—A sensation was created among the catholics of this city to-day by the announcement of the suspension of Father Corrigan, a well-known priest of Hoboken, by Bishop Wigger for disobedience. Corrigan is the author of the celebrated pamphlet "Bishops and Priests," advocating a change in the method of selecting bishops in America. Wigger opposed its publication and censured its author.

A Gift to the Ameer.

LONDON, March 15.—The government has suspended for a year the discharges of soldiers eligible for the reserve force and also transfers from the army in India to the reserves. The Calcutta government is about to send a battery of mountain guns, a battery of heavy artillery and five thousand Snider rifles with 250 rounds of ammunition for each as a gift to the ameer of Afghanistan.

The American Tract Society.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—The annual meeting of the American tract society was held this evening. The financial statement shows that the receipts with the balance in treasury at the beginning of the year were $357,000; expenditure $354,000. Nine and a quarter million copies of books, tracts and periodicals were circulated during the year.

An Insurance Swindler.

CHICAGO, March 15.—A warrant has been issued for the arrest of H. T. Newman, an insurance agent, formerly a wealthy resident of New York, who has been issuing policies on almost every reputable insurance company represented here and retaining the premiums. As far as learned $6800 has been embezzled.

Dr. Carver Defeated.

FORT WORTH, Tex., March 15.—A shoot at 100 birds to-day between Penrose of San Antonio and Dr. Carver for $250 resulted in Penrose killing 72 and Carver 71. Carver claimed a tie. A decision was withheld.

Not Wanted in Free America.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 15.—Twenty-five Chinamen en route to British Columbia arrived on the steamer to-day. They will not be permitted to land there or here. The authorities are in a quandary.

A Severe Punishment.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., March 14.—Jno. Kelly, a locomotive engineer, was to-day sentenced to eight years' solitary confinement at labor for firing a hotel where his inebriate wife obtained liquor.

A Tight Rope Walker Breaks His Neck

STOCKTON, Cal., March 15.—Leoni, "king of the air," a tight rope walker, while giving a performance this evening on a cable stretched across the street, fell and broke his neck. He died in an hour after.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

The war on steerage rates between the trans-Atlantic companies is practically at an end. The rates will soon be raised.

Trade dollars are worth only 84 cents. The United States mint at Washington is receiving them at the rate of 50,000 a week.

Thirty-eight of the most prominent officials in the customs department, New York, are to be removed to make room for democratic appointments. Six of the number have already been notified.

THREATENING TO SPREAD.

Possible Strike of Engineers, Brakemen and Firemen on the Gould System.

SEDALIA, Mo., March 15.—The brotherhood of locomotive engineers held a secret session here yesterday. It is reported the executive committees of the brotherhood at all points on the Gould system has been summoned to the St. Louis conference to-morrow. Chief Engineer Arthur has been telegraphed for. It is believed unless the present trouble with the shopmen is speedily adjusted the engineers will join strike. The brakemen and firemen also held secret meetings. It is believed they will co-operate with the engineers.

EXTRADITION IN ENGLAND.

The Government Prepare a New Bill With Enlarged Scope.

LONDON, March 15.—The government has prepared an extradition bill authorizing the amendment of all British treaties with a view to the surrender of persons charged with murder, maliciously wounding or conspiracy to murder any ruler, sovereign or member of any royal family, and also persons charged with the illicit manufacture or storage of explosives.

MONTREAL'S MRS. HARRIS.

She Gets Away With Several Thousand Dollars' Worth of Goods.

MONTREAL, March 14.—Mrs. Harris, a well known nurse and in late years a commission dealer in jewelry, costly furs and bric-a-brac, has swindled several firms here of jewelry, furs, etc., to the amount of $5,000 or $6,000. The case was entrusted to detectives last Wednesday, who report that she has eloped with a man of this city, who leaves behind a wife and two children. When last seen they were boarding a train for the United States. The woman is of a rather prepossessing and lady like appearance.

MURDER IN A MANITOBA ASYLUM.

An Insane Woman Kills One of the Keepers.

WINNIPEG, Man., March 15.—Charles Wilson, keeper in the lunatic asylum, was brutally murdered this afternoon by an insane woman. The particulars are kept secret.

Sentenced to the Lash.

SIMCOE, March 14.—Patrick McGeary, janitor of Waterford school, who was convicted on Thursday last of indecent assault on a pupil of the school, aged about 11, was to-day sentenced by Judge McMahon to be imprisoned in the Central prison for 18 months and to receive 15 lashes within two weeks and 15 more within six weeks.

St. Mary's Principal Hotel Burned.

ST. MARY'S, Ont., March 15.—The National hotel, the best house in town, was burned down to-day and all its contents destroyed. Wm. Dennie was the proprietor. A team of horses valued at $700 perished. Total loss $20,000, partly covered by insurance.

BLUSHING.

A Supposed Weakness that the Race is Very Successfully Combatting.

The practice of blushing is held in universal disrepute. It is, most questionably, an especially disagreeable operation. Sneezing and coughing are really not more involuntary, and yet no particular stigma ever attaches itself to either of these acts. A man may cough without making himself in the least uncomfortable or ridiculous by so doing, or attracting to himself any undue share of the unfavorable notice of those about him, so long, of course, as he is not creating an inopportune disturbance at a concert, or irritating the over susceptible nerves of his fellow worshippers in the congregation. But blushing even under the most favorable circumstances must be painful to at least one person. Even to the mere looker on it is a humiliating spectacle, and though it must be admitted that there exist people sufficiently malicious to enjoy the prospect of their neighbor's discomfiture, the general feeling is one of compassion for the sufferer, flavored with a slight dash of contempt for his weakness. For the aim of polite education is to develop an impassivity of the North American Indian type, combined with a certain cast of iron inexpressiveness of feature. The idea of the perfectly well bred man is one who never betrays emotion, who ever receives the intelligence of good or evil fortune with the same imperturbably complacent smile and well feigned indifference, who never appears surprised at any event, however unexpected.

The disfavor with which blushing is held is rapidly producing its effect in abolishing the disease. The demand having slackened the production begins to falter. No young person of either sex thinks it at all becoming to exhibit the delicate pink suffusion of blood about which enthusiasts, such as poets and painters, rave so absurdly. It is natural, and looks modest, but what of that? One is supposed to have left all that sort of thing behind in the nursery. Young men of the present day if, indeed, there exists such a class, seem to acquire by a process of immediate intuition, unknown to their fathers, all the experience of long continued acquaintance with society. In fact, every boy believes himself at a premature age a complete man of the world. He possesses miraculous cigars; frequents a tailor who knows how to dress him in the most fashionable garments. It would be ridiculous in him to assimilate any false modesty. The incongruity of his pretensions with the unobtrusive carriage which the absurd prejudice of his seniors would have him to assume is too monstrous, and he discards, once for all, the mischievous practice of blushing with all the other degraded badges of a state of pupilage.

Signs of the Season.

A ten and a half pound salmon was landed a few days ago by Mrs. Judge Rice, Santa Cruz, Cal. The fish had ascended a small stream that runs through her chicken yard. She saw, caught him with thumb and fingers by the gills and fresh fish for the family was the result.

A small boy, who was wading in the Santa Cruz river last Sunday, caught a salmon weighing nine pounds with his hands. The salmon, in its effort to get away, pulled the boy under the water twice.

Albert Beckford, while fishing on Dutch pond, near Poughkeepsie, N.Y., the other day, caught a very peculiar fish. Its head resembled somewhat the shape of a pike's head and had a tail like a snake. Its teeth were about half an inch long and looked like cat's teeth, and it had hair on its back. The fish was three feet long and weighed thirteen pounds and four ounces.

A suspicious character who it was feared had designs on the life of President Cleveland was committed to the workhouse at Washington on Saturday for three months.

TERRIBLY BLOODY WORK.

THREE ST. JOHN'S WARD ROUGHS HACK EACH OTHER TO PIECES.

Two of Them Will Probably Die—A Sunday Night Scene in a Dark Alley—Five People in Custody.

One of the worst cutting, stabbing and head-splitting affrays that ever happened in Toronto occurred in a low unlicensed dive in rear of No. 9 Terauley street about 9 o'clock last night. Two men are lying at the point of death in the general hospital. The origin of the murderous affair was surrounded in considerable mystery last night, but a World reporter after a tedious search managed to get a few of the leading facts.

Two of the hardest cases in St. John's ward are the Duplex brothers, Robert and William, of Edward street. They are moulders by trade, but seldom work at their profession. They have both frequently been in the police court for various offences. About 9 o'clock last evening they went to the house of John McCuaig, who lives in one of four or five roughcast houses in a lane running east from Terauley street, just north of Queen. McCuaig, who is also one of the ward toughs, has the reputation of selling liquor at his place. In the house at the time were three desperate looking Italians, McCuaig's wife Annie, a girl named Nellie Wassman and himself. The Duplex brothers asked for some whisky. McCuaig said he had none, whereupon Robert Duplex, the elder brother, called him a foul name and seizing a hatchet which lay on the floor, dealt McCuaig a terrible blow on the face. The face and head were completely split open. The wounded man fell to the floor and uttered a series of low groans.

For about ten minutes the row then became general. McCuaig, it is said, recovered sufficiently to attack the Duplex brothers with big pieces of hardwood, and one of the Italians named Frank Feole came to his rescue. Feole drew a pocket-knife and rushed savagely at the Duplex brothers. Robert was stabbed in rapid succession no less than seventeen times. The most serious of his wounds were in the groin and abdomen. He has seven stabs in the back. The intestines protruded from the wound in the abdomen. It is hardly possible that he can recover. McCuaig, it is also expected, will die. Both men were removed to the hospital in the ambulance.

The affair did not end here. William Duplex was also badly stabbed by the murderous Italian. He has six or seven cuts in the arm, which were evidently made while he was trying to guard his head and neck from the Italian's bloody thrusts. He has also a couple of stabs in the neck, but he is not dangerously wounded. He passed the night on a bench in the Agnes street police station.

While the bloody affair was going on loud shouts were made for the police. Policemen Hart and Clarke arrived almost simultaneously from opposite directions. Hart was greeted with a heavy blow on the head by one of the gang. He was compelled to quit service for the night on account of the blow. Detective Reburn arrived on the spot a few minutes after Hart and Clarke. In the meantime all those who were able to made their escape. The three Italians got away, but inside of two hours two of the principals were under lock and key.

The Duplex brothers were removed to the police station, and Dr. Barnes was summoned and dressed their wounds and those of Policeman Hart. The doctor could not see how Robert could recover. Dr. McPhedran was sent to McCuaig's house and dressed his wounds, which will in all probability prove fatal. The gash made by the hatchet is of a horrible nature, and the wounded man bled more than profusely.

The room where the affair occurred is only about six or seven feet square. The place presented a sickening sight when a World reporter visited it. The floor and walls were bespattered with blood. The bloody hatchet lay on the floor, and three large pieces of firewood were also covered. They were all taken to the station.

Assistance was telephoned for to police headquarters, and in a few minutes Detectives Reburn and Brown were on the track of the Italians. At 10 o'clock Francisco or Frances Relosi, aged 24, was arrested at his boarding house at 118 Chestnut street. He was in bed at the time, and seemed greatly surprised when the officers arrested him. He cannot speak a word of English and would give no account of himself. He was, however, identified by Nellie Wass man as one of those present. An hour afterwards the detectives captured Frank Feole, aged 25, in a low Italian den at 18 Albert street. He also was in bed. The girl Wassman identified Feole as the one who did all the stabbing. The knife or stiletto which he used could not be found. There are several traces of blood on the light-colored coat he wore. Feole is about as bad a looking individual as could be seen anywhere. The third Italian had not been captured up to after midnight.

At 1 o'clock this morning a telephone message was received at The World office from the hospital. The two injured men were alive, but the doctors could give nothing definite as to their chances of recovery. It will be more than a miracle if Duplex survives. McCuaig was only liberated from the penitentiary last November, where he served a two years' sentence for forgery. When his wife was taken to the station she denied all knowledge of the stabbing, but when she gets into court this morning she will probably tell it all.

Mrs. McCuaig, Nellie Wassman, William Duplex and the two Italians were all held at No. 2 station over night.

A Refuge For Blacklisted Baseballers.

ST. LOUIS, March 15.—The preliminary steps were taken here to-day to organize a national association of baseball clubs. It is proposed to form clubs in the eight leading cities of the west, ignoring all rules specially obnoxious to players and the public and utilizing players disqualified under the national agreement.

The Strike at an End.

ST. LOUIS, March 15.—The directors of the Missouri Pacific and Missouri and Texas railroads have agreed upon terms for the settlement of the existing strike. The men will return to work to-day at the old wages and henceforth the companies will give thirty days' notice of any change to be made.

Eleven Cars Ditched.

STRATFORD, Ont., March 14.—Early this morning a freight train on the St. Mary's division of the Grand Trunk ran on a broken rail and eleven cars were ditched. No one was injured.

Assaulted His Wife in Church.

ALLEGHANY CITY, Pa., March 15.—Wm. Williams entered a church to-night during service and assaulted his wife, who is a member, striking her several times before any one could interfere. He then ran away and was captured and jailed after a long chase. He was sober and refused to give any explanation for the assault.

LOCAL NEWS PARAGRAPHED.

City council meets to-night.

Last week 89 births, 26 marriages and 44 deaths were registered at the city hall.

The voters' lists for 1885 are printed and can be had at the city clerk's office to-morrow.

Bro. C. Flood of branch 7 E.B.A. was presented with a gold ring by his friends on Friday evening.

There will be no concert in Shaftesbury hall to-night. Miss Agnes Huntington's next appearance will be April 10.

Annie McGinnis, the alleged child-murderer, was removed from her boarding house in Nelson street Saturday afternoon to the jail.

Parkdale accounts are ready for the scrutiny of the city. A committee to examine them will be appointed at the next meeting of the council.

An elderly woman named Mrs. Stott, residing at 375 Bathurst street, died very suddenly on Friday evening. She left two children totally unprovided for.

George Mills and David Allister, recently convicted at the police court of being frequenters of a house of ill-fame in Patterson place have given notice of appeal.

At the Canadian institute on Saturday night papers were read by A. McCharles and A. B. McCallum respectively on cuttle fish in the Canadian Northwest and the alimentary canal in fishes.

The annual report of the Horticultural society shows that the income of the society from rents for 1884 was $7796. This, with the council's grant of $2000 brought the total receipts up to $9976.

Toronto's old-time acquaintance Mark Checkley, the ratcatcher and lion-tamer, was fined $5 at the Detroit police court Saturday with the alternative of thirty days' imprisonment for drunkenness.

A young man named Wm. Manogue was arrested Saturday night. He is charged with a series of larcenies of carpenters' tools in the west end. He had an axe and saw in his possession when arrested, and the police think they were stolen.

Saturday's police court: At the police court Saturday Eliza Littledale, for stealing a basket of coal from the Grand Trunk railway, was sent to jail for five days. Henry Julian of Meaford was sent back to that place for trial on a charge of larceny.

W. W. Grand has returned from a three weeks' trip to the Canadian Pacific railroad works along the north shore of lake Superior, having arranged with the contractors for the sale of 1000 workhorses and mules. The sale will commence April 13 and continue two weeks.

The following troubles in business circles were reported on Saturday: Thomas Welsh, grocer, Arnprior, assigned; R. B Macklem, grocer, Brighton, assigned; James Sterns, grocer Carleton Place, compromising; H. A. McDonald, shoes, London, assigned; W. Y. Martin, hotel, Toronto, sheriff in possession; J. Powell, general store, Westwood, assigned.

Facing an Audience with a Falsehood.

Kit Clarke, the manager of the Adamless Eden company, came before the footlights at the Grand opera house Saturday night and mildly and equivocally denied that any of the members of his company had got drunk and made an exhibition of themselves in York street. If Mr. Clarke pretends that he does not believe it there are nine or ten witnesses who were there and saw the whole proceedings. It is unfortunately too eternally true, and Mr. Clarke don't need to forget it.

They Did Not Get Drunk at the American.

In the report in The World of Saturday of the doings of a couple of the damsels connected with the Adamless Eden company ii was stated that the girls got drunk at the American hotel. Mr. Mackie says this is incorrect. They drove around in cabs to different drinking places before arriving in York street and filled up. Seueral of the company put up at the American hotel, but there was nothing amiss in their proceedings after the performance.

Careless Use of Firearms.

At the City hotel on Saturday a man presented his Winchester rifle at the head of the brother of the proprietor, playfully telling him at the same time that he could if he so wished blow his head off. The bartender afterwards discovered the rifle contained sixteen cartridges. Had by any misfortune the gun been discharged a verdict of "didn't know it was loaded" would have been returned.

Assaulted a Policeman.

About 12.30 Saturday afternoon Policeman Wallace (74) attempted to arrest two brothers named Peter and Kenneth Mackenzie, who were fighting in a stable in Duchess street. One of them assaulted the officer and the other obstructed him. Both were locked up.

The Colored Georgia's.

Manager Montford promises an attractive program for the present week. Those who are fond of minstrelsy can regale themselves with a visit to the museum, where Sawyer's colored Georgia minstrels, 19 strong, will be every afternoon and evening.

Burglary During Church Hours.

While Mr. Simpson of 82 Wilton avenue and his family were at church last evening some men broke into a back window facing on a lane, and getting into the house, carried off a small sum in hard cash and some valuable jewelry.

A Fire Over the Don.

A fire occurred Saturday night in an old unoccupied house in Rambler's road. The Riverside fire brigade promptly extinguished the blaze. Loss about $75. The fire was evidently startled by tramps.

Colonial Acquisition and English Literature.

From the Times-Democrat.

The tropic countries which England conquers seem to appeal in no way to her imagination. One does not find them in her poems or romances; her writers appear to be content with endless elaboration of her own scenes and people; her homely lives are sweeter to her than those fierce passions and stolid calms, those agonized loves and stormy hates, her own fair and peaceful land with its daisies and buttercups, their natural background rather than those sun-tortured wastes, of riots of vegetation, with their lotus blooms and acres of heliotrope. True, in the days of Moore and Byron a sort of anglicised orientalism was in fashion, but the literature as a whole has showed no marked influence of her long familiarity with eastern lands.

Bobcaygeon the Blest.

From the Bobcaygeon Independent.

In the meantime our correspondent should keep up his spirits, and if he has any attacks of despondency let him come to Bobcaygeon, which enjoys the enviable reputation of being "The place to spend a Happy Week."

HARASSING THE BRITISH

NIGHT ATTACKS BY THE ARABS ON THE OUTPOSTS.

Reported Capture of Kassala and Massacre of the Garrison—Abyssinians Preparing to March on Khartoum.

SUAKIM, March 15.—The garrison here continues to be harrassed by rebels. Last evening Arabs attacked the outposts, wounding two sentries. The fire was returned spiritedly. It is believed the Arabs lost heavily.

Has Kassala Fallen?

LONDON, March 15.—Several newspapers published special editions to-day announcing on the authority of a private telegram from Suakim that Kassala had fallen and that the garrison had been massacred. The report is not believed by the government officials as government despatches from Suakim received to-day make no mention of the occurrence. Massowah advices to March 10 say no news from Kassala since March 4.

Osman Digna Makes an Offer.

ALEXANDRIA, March 15.—An Arabian paper reports that 15,000 men in Abyssinia are being prepared for an advance upon Khartoum. Gen. Ewart has arrived at Suakim. Work on the Suakim-Berber railway has begun. Osman Digna has offered to give money and stop his night attacks if the British return the bodies of his standard bearers. The firing last night was the heaviest and most continuous the British have been subjected to here.

PERSONAL.

Archbishop Lynch, who has been indisposed for some days, is recovering.

Frederick Theodore Frerichs, a distinguished German medical author, is dead.

Chas. W. McCune, proprietor of the Buffalo Courier, died on Saturday, aged 53.

Col. Fred. Burnaby's widow has an income of $20,000 a year in her own private right.

The fund for a national tribute to Bismarck on the occasion of his 70th birthday has reached 750,000 marks.

The celebrated New York broking firm of Fisk & Hatch has been dissolved. The firm will henceforth be A. S. Hatch & Co.

General Stewart's widow is seriously ill through nervous complaint which followed the announcement of her husband's death.

The prince of Wales, on behalf of the queen held a levee on Saturday afternoon at St. James palace. The attendance was large and brilliant.

Rev. A. C. Shaw of this city has returned to his post as chaplain to the British embassy at Tokin, Japan. He has been visiting friends here for several months.

The announcement is made that the prince of Wales and duke of Edinburgh will represent the royal family at the celebration of the 88th anniversary of the birth of the emperor of Germany.

Gen. Grant ate a chop and some raw oysters on Saturday and was taken out for a drive. Yesterday he appeared cheerful and better than he has been for some time. His throat shows improvement.

Mrs. Vesnit Dudley threatens, if she is not convicted in April, to deliver a series of lectures and then in the fall to set sail for the Soudan to nurse the wounded British soldiers. Her health continues good.

Bismarck is suffering from his old enemy rheumatism. His physicians have advised him to take a trip to Italy, and it is said he will do so as soon as he is satisfied that a satisfactory settlement of the Anglo-Russian difficulty has been arrived at.

Henry Irving has been invited to deliver an address at Harvard university, and has consented to do so. He will visit Harvard for the purpose at the end of the present month, and his subject will be more or less closely identified with the profession of which he is such an ornament. The invitation and the occasion are without precedent in the history of United States universities.

Miss Cleveland, assisted by Mrs. Hoyt, her sister, gave a reception at the White house on Saturday. It was the biggest affair of the kind ever held. Miss Cleveland wore black satin, covered with black Spanish lace, and her only ornament was a corsage bouquet of choice flowers. Mrs. Hoyt displayed an elegant costume of pink satin, with overdress of black Spanish lace. Upwards of 3000 persons paid their respects to the ladies.

A VALUABLE ASSET.

Charley—The Week and Monetary Times say Deacon Cameron has paid off $38,000 of floating debt of the Globe.

Chris—Yes.

Charley—In the same time we've run twice that sum down a rat hole.

Chris—Yes.

Charley—And what have we got to show for it?

Chris—I guess we've got the rat-hole.

England is Able.

Editor World: Would you give your opinion of the threatened war between England and Russia? Do you think that England, engaged as she is already, would be able to cope with Russia? A SUBSCRIBER.

There may be war and there may not be war. Our answer to the second sentence is contained in the verse:

We do not want to fight;
But by Jingo if we do,
We've got the men, we've got the pluck,
We've got the money too.

Jim Hughes' Big Bolt.

From the Educational Weekly.

As a Sunday school worker, and as the chief promoter of the Chautauquan movement in Ontario, he has done his country good and lasting service. We predict for him a yet more useful career.

The Week's Reputation Abroad.

From the New York Graphic.

The Week of Toronto is now in its second year and might, so far as one can see, be much older than it is. It has certainly earned its spurs as the literary journal of Canada.

Then Don't Write Them.

This thing of pursuing the love-letters of famous people, is the silliest kind of nonsense. Reading the love-letters of the wisest and noblest man the world ever produced would make him appear a soft-headed fool.—Through Mail.

The Goal of Gold.

See the mad race!
Look on the surging crowd;
Mark each stern face
Of these, the anxious-browed.

Each eye is set
On yon far glinting goal;
There strives to get
Each, tho' he lose his soul.

Run, mortal, run!
Reck not the loss of health
Shun, mortal, shun;
All that keeps back from wealth.

List, mortal, list!
Pause for but one brief breath;
Ceasing t' exist.
What will be after death?

—*W. Bee Ridge.*

The Opening of Spring Postponed.

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, TORONTO, March 16, 1 a.m.—*The disturbance which existed in Manitoba on Friday night has since passed over the country to the maritime provinces, accompanied by strong winds and gales and snow, and an area of high pressure of importance has moved into the Northwest territories attended by very cold weather. Storm signals will remain up at all ocean ports.*

Probabilities—Lakes and St. Lawrence, upper: Fresh northwest and north winds; fair, cold weather, with snowflurries in a few localities.

Steamship Arrivals.

At New York: Germanic from Liverpool; W. A. Scholten from Rotterdam; Richmond Hill from London; Fulda from Bremen; Normandie from Havre.

At London: Day and City of Chicago from New York; Elmfield from New Orleans; Austral from San Francisco.

At Hamburg: California from New York; Westphalia from New York.