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The Parnellite Position—Can the Two Sections Be Reconciled?—Prospects of Home Rule.

More Eastern Complications Feared—Empress Frederick an Apostle of Koch's Lymph Cure.

The Papacy—Interesting Archæological Discovery—More Trouble For the Armenians.

An Agreement Reached.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The Parnellites have returned to London in highest spirits. No official statement of the goings-on at the conference has been made, and it is not easy to glean any information from the various parties attending in regard to it. A correspondent telegraphs from Boulogne, however, that from private intimation, there is no doubt that the conference was satisfactory to Parnell, who looked much better and less worried than upon his arrival at Boulogne. The same authority states that the basis of the agreement will be the temporary retirement of Parnell and the withdrawal also of McCarthy, a Parnellite M. P., probably Dr. Kenny, or James O'Kelly taking command of the Irish party until the general election, when the choice of leader will be submitted to the newly elected members. The English Tories, according to the talk going on, apparently expect a reconciliation of the two Irish factions. The adjournment of the conference was to give time for consulting various members as to the basis of agreement. The Parnellite adherents seemed to be in the highest spirits on their return to London. Redmond intimated that Parnell had offered to retire if O'Brien was named as the leader. As O'Brien will be closely confined in prison for six months after he lands in Ireland, this scheme would leave Parnell practically in control of affairs during that period. meanwhile he would have a fine opportunity to strengthen his forces and the sequel would doubtless be his triumphal re-election as chairman of the party.

Mr. Vincent, Scully's solicitor, is already at work on the proposed petition for a new election in Kilkenny, on the ground of undue priestly interference on behalf of the successful candidate. He is scouring the district for evidence on this point or any other ground that can be used in the demand for a setting aside of the poll.

Chief Secretary Balfour has sent to the head inspector of police, at Kilkenny, an expression of his appreciation of the service done by the Royal Irish constabulary in preventing loss of life during the election.

Chamberlain on the Situation.

POMPONNE, Dec. 31.—Mr. Joseph Chamberlain in a speech to-night said, after the disasters of Unionist defection and Parnell's disgrace, it was to be hoped the Liberals would admit their mistake and again march shoulder to shoulder in the ancient ways of Liberalism. A compromise was possible at Boulogne, if Healy would fall on Parnell's neck and weep, and O'Brien black Parnell's shoes.

Mysterious Preparations.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Berlin dispatches state that Germany claims to have learned positively, that Russia is flooding Servia with arms under false declarations as to their nature. Austria will probably be urged to make a formal protest against this suspicious movement, as the complaint would come with better reason from Vienna than from Berlin.

A Mission of Mercy.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The Empress Frederick, who is devoting herself almost entirely to works of charity, has undertaken the distribution of Koch lymph to hospitals in various countries.

Interesting Discoveries.

ROME, Dec. 31.—At a meeting of the pontifical academy of archæology, to-day, it was announced a Basilycain church of St. Sylvester had been discovered, containing the tombs of six popes, including that of Sylvester I., who occupied the papal chair from 314 to 326, A.D.

Two Distinguished Fools.

VIENNA, Dec. 31.—Count Deym, ambassador of Austria to England, and Count Delusion, first secretary of the embassy, fought a duel with pistols, near this city, to-day. Neither was wounded. The affair arose out of a quarrel, in London, over a question of precedence, affecting the wives of the two diplomats.

Movements of the Leaders.

BOULOGNE, Dec. 31.—Parnell, Kenny, Scully and Byrne left Boulogne to-day for London. During the day O'Brien, Redmond and Gill will depart for Paris. As yet no intimation has been made when the next conference will be between O'Brien and Parnell and it is not known where it will be held.

He Will be There.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Gladstone has stated that he will be present in his seat, as usual, upon the reassembling of parliament. He is much brightened up by the incidents of his birthday.

An Italian Will Be Pope.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—A Roman dispatch says French speculations as to the papal succession arouse but languid interest. Pope Leo is in good health and there is no present prospect of a vacancy in the pontifical chair. Nobody supposes that when the time comes the new pope will be other than an Italian. Even with six existing vacancies in the cardinal college the Italians have a large majority and to elect a former would tend to alienate an Italian catholic more than ever from the papacy.

Unfortunate Armenians.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Terrible accounts are received of the persecution of the Armenian residents of Constantinople by system. The Sultan has money enough to spare for an army of spies, while the officials and soldiers are clamoring for their pay. Hundreds of arrests are made daily, and many suspects are imprisoned without trial or sentence. The Sultan suspects the Armenians to be in collusion with the Russians, hence his severity.

Warning.

PARIS, Dec. 31.—O'Brien and Gill have returned to this city. They have warned their friends not to accept any of the statements afloat as to the result of the conference.

Appointments.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The following appointments are gazetted: Sir Edward Guinness, raised to the peerage; Sir Hercules Robinson, to be a baronet; Chief Justice Rees, of Bermuda, to be a knight; Mr. Sutherland, chairman of the Peninsular and Oriental Steamship Co., to be a Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

SHE MUST PAY HER DEBTS.

American Courts Decide that $80,000 per Annum is Sufficient Pin-Money for a Duchess.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—It has been judicially decided in the case of the Duchess of Marlborough and her creditors, that a duchess and peeress of Great Britain and Ireland should be able to maintain herself properly in those spheres on $80,000 a year. This is supposed to be the first adjudication in this country of the amount of pin-money necessary to maintain such. Judgments aggregating $678,122 were recently secured against her in this city by English creditors, for money loaned. The sheriff was unable to collect, as her property was tied up. Five of them assigned their claims to John Jeffray, who held another judgment, and he began a creditor's action for the whole amount against her and the executors of her former husband's (Lewis C. Hammesley) estates. He alleged in his complaint that the income of the estate was $150,000. In her answer she swore it was somewhat less, but still no more than sufficient to live in the social sphere and according to the usuages, customs and traditions of the position of Duchess of Marlborough and Peeress of Great Britain and Ireland. The case was referred to Mr. Duer, who, after taking testimony, made a report, in which he finds the net income of the Duchess from the estate of her husband, in which she has a life interest, is $130,000, the gross income being $10,000 more. He finds that the estate consists of $3,000,000 in personality and $2,000,000 in real estate. He refers to the contest over the will of her late husband, which is pending an appeal from the surrogate's decision, admitting it to probate. In case the will is set aside, the Duchess would receive all of the personal and the whole income of the realty. Referee Duer is of opinion that the Duchess can maintain herself from the present income and allow $50,000 each year to pay off the judgments held by Mr. Jeffray against her. Judge Beach granted $20,000 extra allowance to Mr. Jeffray's counsel.

CAPITAL NOTES.

Important Railway Legislation for British Columbia, Next Year, Briefly Outlined.

Successful Civil Service Candidates in Victoria—Hon. Mr. Foster Returns from the West Indies.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 31.—The contractors for the Morrisburgh Canal Enlargement have deposited the necessary five per cent.

An Ontario steamer has been fined $400 for carrying passengers without certificates.

Plimsoll went to Montreal to-day. The cattle exporters here are becoming indignant over his unfounded charges. There is expected to be a big row when the commission opens.

OTTAWA, Jan. 2.—The following have passed the civil service preliminary examination at Victoria: Joseph E. Fagan, W. S. Goodwin, John M. Hollins, John Oliver, Thomas Roberts, Herbert D. R. Stewart. The following passed the qualifying examination: Edward O. Atkinson, Miss Anna Barber, Francis Bowser, William S. Collins, Alfred J. Joule, Thomas Martin, Thomas Roberts, Emily C. Stewart, James E. Thorpe. Passed in optional subjects; Miss Barber; Typewriting; Jas. E. Thorpe.

Important railway legislation in the interest of British Columbia will be brought before the House of Commons next session. The Alberta railway (Galt's company) will seek power to build through Crow's Nest Pass to a point on the Canadian Pacific in British Columbia. Mr. Corbold gives notice of the incorporation of two companies, one to build a line from a point on the Mission branch thence easterly to Chilliwack. The other will be built from Spence's Bridge thence through the valley of the Nicola river, terminating at the western end of Nicola lake. The Crow's Nest and Kootenay Lake railway company will seek a Dominion charter, also power to build from the eastern terminus in an easterly direction to the Calgary and Edmonton railway.

Hon. Mr. Foster is home from the West Indies and says: As regards the practical results of his trip, he cannot say anything as yet, the proposals of the Canadian government being under consideration of the various island governments. The propositions Canada made have been kindly received, and the greatest interest is manifested in the matter. Good feeling is exhibited towards Canada. A large majority of the people of the islands are colored, but the business men are sharp and intelligent. There are a large number of products which could well be interchanged with Canada.

Good Deeds Done.

THE good deeds done by that unequalled family liniment, Hagyard's Yellow Oil, during the thirty years it has been held in ever increasing esteem by the public, would fill volumes. We cannot here enumerate all its good qualities, but that it can be relied upon as a cure for croup, coughs, colds, sore throat and all pains, goes without saying.

CANADIAN NEWS.

The Candy Poisoner Again Makes Her Appearance in the East—A Female Fiend.

How to Settle the Behring's Sea Question—Proposal for Canada to Purchase Alaska.

Murderers Receive the Full Rites of the Church—Ontario By-Elections to be Held on the 23rd. Inst.

The Candy Poisoner Again.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Dec. 31.—Four members of the family of Hugh Stewart have had a narrow escape from death by poisoning by some female fiend. Last night a veiled woman gave one of his boys a package of candy. This was taken into the house and immediately opened, the mother, the eldest daughter, a small girl, and a small boy partaking sparingly of the contents. In a moment the four were taken violently ill, and only by the free use of emetics were their systems cleared of the poisonous mixture. All are now out of danger. The woman is missing.

Ontario Bye Elections.

TORONTO, Dec. 31. — Elections to fill vacancies in the legislature for North and South Norfolk have been fixed for January 23. Nominations take place a week earlier.

In Consecrated Ground.

SHERBROOKE, Que., Dec. 31.—The bodies of Blanchard and Lamontague, the two murderers recently executed at Sherbrooke, have been buried in the consecrated ground of the cemetery, instead of the jail yard.

Not so Bad After All.

HAMILTON, Ont., Dec. 31.—Col. Monahan, American consul here, says the reported losses to the American government, through consular irregularities in Canada, are grossly exaggerated and they have been caused more by the ignorance of youthful agents at unimportant places than by criminality.

He Aspires to the Mayoralty.

MONTREAL, Dec. 31.—The latest name mentioned in connection with the mayoralty is that of Sir Joseph Hickson.

A Novel Suggestion.

OTTAWA, Dec. 31.—A novel remedy for the Behring's Sea difficulties is proposed by the government press. It is simply the purchase of Alaska by the Dominion government. The papers point out that it is worth more to Canada than any other power, because of its contiguity to her territory.

Cave Up the Spoils.

WINDSOR, Ont., Jan. 2.—Detectives have recovered $5,000 of the money stolen from the Chatham branch of the Bank of Montreal by J. M. Henry, one of its employes. It was given up by a friend with whom Henry had left it. The defalcations of the absconder are now fixed at $46,000, of which he got away with $26,000 in cash. A reward of $5,000 is offered for his arrest.

Charged with Murder.

ST. JOHNS, N. B., Jan.—Alex. Cameron has been arrested charged with the murder of George Williams, of Belldune, Gloucester county, who disappeared about a month ago, when he had considerable money in his possession. Williams was last seen at the house of Antoine Pietre, who, with his family, has been arrested.

Damaged by Water.

HAMILTON, Ont., Jan. 2.—Through an overflow of water in McCay Bros', dry goods store last night, a portion of the establishment was flooded and goods to the value of $10,000 spoiled.

For His Creditors' Sake.

SARNIA, Ont., Jan. 2.—Donald Simpson, grocer of this town, has made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors. Liabilities, $80,000.

Frozen to Death.

ASHTON, Ont., Jan. 2.—Yesterday, Thos. Lehy, shoemaker, was found some distance from here frozen to death.

Pulling the Wires.

TORONTO, Jan. 2.—A Washington dispatch says: The statement is made that the proposition introduced in the House by Representative Benton to require Canadian railways to take out a license, is a suggestion of the Vanderbilt roads. The dispatch says further, that the Vanderbilt roads have had their representatives in Washington for a fortnight past, feeling the congressional pulse and preparing the way for legislation.

Loss $50,000.

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan 2.—The Globe hotel, a five story wooden building has been burned. J. W. Satter, clothing dealer, occupied the ground floor. The loss will be $50,000.

Little or No Insurance.

HALIFAX, Jan. 2.—Pugwash was visited by a disastrous fire last night, 13 building being destroyed. Loss $50,000; very little or no insurance.

BIG INDIAN SLAUGHTER.

Squaws, Indians and Papooses Killed Indiscriminately.

OMAHA, Dec. 31.—The Bee's correspondent at Pine Ridge sends the following: It is reported to General Brooke that six more of the Seventy cavalry have been killed and many wounded at the Catholic mission. Particulars are not obtainable to-night. In the course of the story sent to the Bee from Pine Ridge to-night, the correspondent says: Besides those who fell in the gullies, 116 warriors and 40 squaws were lying dead on the ground at Wounded Knee yesterday. The squaws were not killed with particular intent, but because they were mixed up with squads of bucks. The squaws also busied themselves running around with scalping knives, trying to stab wounded soldiers.

Referring to the attempt of Two Strikes to capture the wagon train this morning, the correspondent says: Several of the Indians were killed and many wounded. The correspondent has no news from the Catholic mission. When Two Strikes' men were running away last night from the agency they compelled old Red Cloud, under threat of death, to accompany them.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31. — An Inter-Ocean special from Pine Ridge, to-night, says; A courier brought in word this afternoon that the Catholic mission on White Clay creek was on fire. Hopes are entertained that the priests and sisters have not been killed, but there are no means of telling yet. The Seventh cavalry immediately started for the scene.

SHIPWRECKED MARINERS.

The Crew of the Schooner Dare Arrive From the Cape in a Destitute Condition.

Seven Hours' Battling with the Waves—The Schooner a Total Loss and Uninsured.

Although their story of the loss of the schooner Dare, was in the main correct, the Indians who reported the disaster on Tuesday got the cart before the horse. They said the Dare was bound from Tacoma to San Francisco, with lumber; whereas, at the time she proved a victim to the gale, she was bound from the Bay City to the Sound for a cargo.

The shipwrecked crew arrived here yesterday, and Capt. Perry tells the following story of the loss of his boat: The Dare, a three masted schooner of 247 tons, was built at Coos Bay, eight years ago, by John Crews. Two years later, F. A. Perry, of San Francisco, was appointed to her command, which he has since retained, the schooner being employed in coasting. On December 8th, she left San Francisco, in ballast, on her first trip to a Sound port, her destination being Tacoma. Fine weather was enjoyed for two days, and then commenced a series of south and south-west gales, the schooner being at that time off Cape Mendocino. The rough weather continued, with scarcely a break in the clouds, until the 19th, when a veritable hurricane raged. At 2 o'clock in the morning of the 20th, the schooner was dashed ashore just below Cape Beale. Battered by the furious gale, she at once commenced to break up, and for seven hours the captain and crew were fighting the waves, at times being forced to swim for their lives, assisted by pieces of planks and broken spars. They finally floated ashore, exhausted and almost dead, on the centre-board case. No one was seriously injured, and after two days rest at the Indian camp, the shipwrecked mariners made themselves a rude tent out of the canvas floating ashore. They then walked to the telephone station, about five miles down the coast, where they were well cared for by Mr. Ravidou. The cabin, strange to say, floated intact, and was landed high and dry. It was eagerly pounced upon by the Indians, who quickly possessed themselves of everything capable of being carried away. On Tuesday morning, the Indians consented to bring captain and crew to Victoria, provided they were paid $15 per man. As they had no money, Capt. Perry could not agree to this, so the Siwashes contented themselves by taking two good watches, the ship's instruments, sextant, chronometer, and what wreckage they could get. The party arrived here at noon, yesterday, having saved only their clothes, and these not complete by any means. They reported their case to the American Consul, and will return to San Francisco as soon as possible.

The Dare was owned by the Simpson Lumber Co., of San Francisco, was valued at $20,000 and was uninsured.

The names of the unfortunate crew are given below:

Captain F. A. Perry.
1st Mate, John Thies.
2nd Mate, M. Michaelsen.
John Isaacsen.
Thos. Dickson.
A. Nyman.
O. Larsen.
Japanese Cook.

The ship's papers were lost, or fell into the hands of the Indians, and not one dollar's worth has been saved from the ship. As the banks are wooded near the scene of the disaster it was impossible for passing steamers to see the signals of distress made by those on shore.

SEALING TO BE SUSPENDED.

The President Preparing a Special Message on the Subject.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—It is understood that the president will shortly transmit to congress a special message upon the seal fisheries and accompany it with the reports of the special agent who has lately visited Alaska and the sealing grounds to investigate and report on the situation. It is understood that the report will show the conditions to be much more unsatisfactory than had been indicated in the former reports of special agents sent there, and will state in unmistakable terms that the killing of seals should be suspended for a term of years.

It is understood that the agents who made the latest and most thorough investigation of the condition of the sealing grounds are of the opinion that unless the slaughter of the seals is suspended for a term of years they will shortly become extinct. It is believed that the president will, in view of this fact, recommend the suspension of the rights of the companies now taking seals there and a temporary arrangement with Great Britain by which the killing of seals by all parties shall be suspended.

For a Big Stake.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—A match has been arranged between the Earls of Shrewsbury and Lonsdale for a 20-mile driving contest from Leicester to Melton. It will take place early in March. The first five miles are to be with single harness, the next five with pairs, the next five with driving postillions and pairs, and the last five miles with four-in-hand mail coaches. The stake is a large one.

THEATRES IN FLAMES.

Half a Million Dollars Lost in a Few Hours—Not One Life Threatened.

A Washington Report Quite Warlike in its Tone—Arming a Seizing Fleet for Behring's Sea.

Seven New Cutters to be Placed in Service, to be Drawn from the Coasters.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—At 11.45 to-night fire started on the stage of the 5th Avenue theatre and burned with great rapidity. Three alarms were sent out in quick succession, but the inflammable material upon which the flames fed rendered the efforts of the firemen to save the building a hopeless task. All the elaborate scenery used in Fanny Davenport's rendition of "Cleopatra" has been destroyed, and the fire has spread to Hermann's theatre, and it is feared the entire block will be consumed. At 1 o'clock the destruction of the whole block seemed likely. The Fifth Avenue theatre building is doomed and Hermann's theatre as well. The sporting goods establishment of J. J. Cooks has caught fire, and, six distinct explosions of powder held there in some form of stock have been heard from the interior. A strong breeze fans the flames, and the Gisley House, at the corner of Bradway and Twenty-nineth street, is threatened. The wind is driving the flames up and across Broadway, and the firemen are directing their attention to saving the surrounding property, the theatre building being hopelessly wrapped in flames. It was the Gilsey building, not the Gilby House, that was threatened at this hour (1:30 a.m.) The front wall of this building is expected to fall any moment. At 12:30 a flaming brand, borne by a strong northwest wind, fell on the roof of the Sturtevant House, across Broadway, from the Fifth Avenue Theatre, setting that hotel on fire. The guests were hustled out, amid great excitement, and conveyed to other hotels. The firemen now devoted their best efforts to save the hotel at this writing. Harry Minors, the lessee of the Fifth Avenue theatre, places his loss at $125,000. The Magician, Hermann, says it cost him $65,000 to fit up his theatre. Besides losing this, he loses $15,000 worth of theatrical effects and costumes.

The Sturtevant House has gone, and the whole block with it. Not one injury has been reported, but the loss will reach half a million.

Warlike Preparations.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 2.—If rumors coming from the treasury department have any value, the government is preparing to protect the seals next season without reference to the result of negotiations for arbitration by Secretary Blaine. Preparations now are making for keeping poachers, and operations will be on a larger scale than ever before, and the marine forces much more formidable.

It is said that the treasury department proposes to augment the revenue cutter fleet in Behring's Sea by seven vessels. It is not known where the seven vessels will come from, but it is inferred they will be made up of coastwise steamers. Should the rumor prove correct over forty officers will be required to be sent from the East to man these ships. A detail of forty revenue marine officers will draw upon the complements of every revenue cutter now in commission on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts.

The chartered vessels to be made efficient, as well as the revenue cutters, Bear, Rush, Corwin and Wolcott, now on the Pacific Coast, will be armed with serviceable guns, and nothing short of six-pounder Hotchkiss rapid-firing pieces in broadside, with 47-inch Hotchkiss rapid-firing guns in point. There will be needed secondary batteries of Hotchkiss or revolving cannon of Gatling.

It is thought that the intention of the authorities here is to endeavor to arm the revenue cutter fleet in a manner that will offset the fighting efficiency of the British gunboats Daphne, Nymphe, Espiegle, Pheasant and Acorn, now in the North Pacific, as none of the above gunboats are over 1,140 tons, and the Pheasant is a little over 755 tons. It is thought possible that improved revenue cutters will be able to convey successfully into port all captured British merchant vessels.

It is further rumored that each revenue cutter will carry during the coming spring a treble crew. Extra force, it is inferred, will be available to man the regular naval vessels in the Pacific. The new cruisers Charleston and San Francisco are more than a match for any two or three British cruisers now in these waters, the flagship Warspite alone excepted. Whatever trouble rises in the North Pacific will be caused, it is feared, by British warships endeavoring to retake captured British sealing vessels.

CREAM OF THE TELEGRAPH.

The News of the United States Yesterday Condensed Into Crisp Paragraphs.

H. G. Osborne, formerly manager of the Belleville (Ohio) Milk Co. is under arrest, charged with the embezzlement of $1,500 of the company's funds.

The aged mother of Father Stanton of Canastota, N.Y., was fatally injured by a domestic named Bridget, in a kitchen disagreement yesterday.

At the preliminary examination of McBride at Carrolton, Miss., for the killing of J. P. Matthews, republican postmaster, on Christmas day, it was decided that the former had acted in self defence, and he was discharged.

Bennett and Corbett, arrested in connection with the South Chicago Bank robbery, have made a confession, claiming that they were only tools, and Featherstone and Mullen, principals.

Col. W. N. Payne, a well-known Cleveland engineer, died yesterday.

The O. D. Clapp Manufacturing Co., of Auburn, N.Y., is in difficulty.

Walker L. Leman, the veteran actor is dead.

A new whaling company is being organized in San Francisco.

The embalmed remains of Count and Countess Hockofler were shipped to Austria from San Diego yesterday.

Miners are flocking to Petaluma, a fine discovery of gold and silver having been made there.

The illegal entry of Chinese into California from the peninsula to the south has been put an end to.

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

WESTMINSTER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Jan. 2.—The city was lighted with electricity to-night for the first time. The light is wonderfully steady and the service generally most excellent, considering that to-night is the first in which it has been brought into use.

The Mainland teachers' institute is in session here. The programme is unusually interesting.

Rev. T. Scoullar of St. Andrew's church, whose residence was burglarized and $100 stolen last Sunday night, was surprised last night by the gift from his congregation of a purse containing considerably more than what was stolen from him.

New Year's passed off very quietly. The weather was the most miserable in the memory of the oldest inhabitant.

PROHIBITION.

Important Move Toward the Total Abolition of the Liquor Traffic.

The Presbyterian churches in Canada, the general conference of the Methodist church of Canada, and other churches, have taken action in the line of petitioning the house of commons and senate for a law prohibiting the manufacture, importation and sale of all alcoholic liquors for beverage purposes in Canada. Petitions to this end are already in circulation, and all members and adherents of churches, sixteen years of age and upwards, will be at liberty to sign them. It is requested that public meetings be held in each congregation and community, when the question of the prohibition of the liquor traffic may be discussed and information given. Rev. D. L. Brethour, Thorold, general secretary of the standing committee on temperance of the Methodist church, and Rev. D. Stiles Fraser, Springvale, Upper Stewiacke, Nova Scotia, convener of the permanent committee on temperance of the Presbyterian church, have charge of the work. Over thirty thousand petitions will be sent out to the different denominations. This is the most extensive movement that has yet been inaugurated for taking the sense of the Canadian people on this vastly important question, and will result in a closer estimate of the public wish than anything yet done in the same direction. The committee have every arrangement perfected for a thorough distribution, and the petitions will be presented to parliament in such shape that it will be difficult to ignore them. It is expected that upwards of a million names will be received. Interested parties not in receipt of petitions can secure them on application to either of the above.

THE DRUG CLERK'S MISTAKE.

Mrs. Gus. Nelson, of Kamloops, has an Unpleasantly Close Call.

A Victorian, who has just returned from Kamloops, states that the inland capital is at present very much excited over a mistake made by a drug clerk there, which, had not prompt measures been taken, would have resulted in the death of Mrs. Gus. Nelson. This lady was not feeling at all well, and went to one of the local doctors for assistance. He diagnosed the case, and gave her a prescription, which she had filled at the nearest drug store. She then returned to her home and took a dose of the medicine according to directions. A few minutes afterwards she began to develop symptoms of strychnine poisoning, and called to her husband that she believed the druggist had given her the wrong mixture. He, at first, laughed at her fears, and then, noticing her condition, ran for the same doctor whom she had consulted. Fortunately, he was able to come at once. At the first sight of the patient, he turned pale; then went to work with a will. Powerful remedies were used, and Mrs. Nelson's life saved. The mixture given by the druggist has been sent to Prof. Ellis, of Toronto, for analysis, and the drug clerk will probably be prosecuted. It is supposed that fluid extract of *nux vomica* was given for tincture of *nux vomica*.

TWO MIDNIGHT SHOTS

Fired Past Mr. Frank Partridge and a Companion New Year's Eve.

Just about midnight on New Year's eve, Mr. Frank Partridge and his friend Mr. Borde were standing in front of Philharmonic hall, engaged in conversation. They were paying but little attention to the passers-by, until a man came up whose personal appearance, in the uncertain light, they could not describe. He had a double barrelled shot gun in the hollow of his arm, which he fired at close range in the direction of the two young men. Mr. Borde heard both charges whizz by his ears, and both he and his companion were, it is safe to say, terrified for the moment by the strangeness of the occurrence. By the time they recovered their self-possession, the shooter, with a laugh had disappeared down the street. They did not recognize him and, more's the pity, did not make any effort to catch him. Occurring just about the same time as the fatal crime of which he was a witness, the circumstance naturally startled Mr. Partridge not a little.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.—Are you disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with pain of Cutting Teeth? If so send at once and get a bottle of "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" for Children Teething. Its value is incalculable. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Depend upon it, mothers there is no mistake about it. It cures Dysentery and Diarrhœa, regulates the Stomach and Bowels, cures Wind Colic, softens the Gums, reduces Inflammation, and gives tone and energy to the whole system. "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" for children teething is pleasant to the taste and is the prescription of one of the oldest and best female physicians and nurses in the United States, and is for sale by all druggists throughout the world. Price twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for "MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP," and take no other kind. my31-eod-w

WILL USE THE CASH.

The Principal Feature of the Irish Arrangement Covers the Use of the General Funds.

Parnell Determined to Marry Mrs. O'Shea as Soon as the Decree is Made Absolute.

Germany's Military Kaiser Advocates a Bold and Original Method of Colonization.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—A telegram from Paris states that Dillon has cabled O'Brien advising him not to accept the proposals of Parnell, involving O'Brien's acceptance of the Irish leadership temporarily, under an understanding that Parnell should be the power behind the throne and should soon return to the actual leadership. Dillon is said to have confined himself to merely recording his opinion without any urging, leaving O'Brien to act in his judgment with as little outside influence as possible. It is from the same quarter that the only immediate practical outcome of the conference has been that an agreement is reached whereby certain funds on deposit in Paris may be used by the representatives of both factions for the good of Ireland. Parnell, it is further stated, has instructed Harrington to draw at once on the fund under this agreement.

The action of Bishop O'Callahan, of Cork, in refusing to permit the installation of Mayor Horgan, in the Catholic cathedral, has worked up the Parnellite feeling to frenzy, not in Cork alone, but in Limerick and Dublin. Timothy Harrington denounces it as a high outrage, not upon Mayor Horgan alone, but upon the people of Cork. and as a virtual ukase on the part of the clergy, that they claim the unlimited right of dictation in Irish politics. John O'Connor, who is in charge of Parnell's United Ireland, is equally outspoken, and protests that the action of the bishop will react with a decisive influence upon the enemies of Parnell. The English Liberal Unionists, especially of the working class, are giving open expression to their dissent from the assertion of Joseph Chamberlain that an alliance with the tories should be maintained, irrespective of Irish home rule, as against what he calls "anarchy and English nihilism." In large manufacturing town this view is especially repudiated, voters of the party claiming that while they support the integrity of the empire, they cannot pledge themselves to any alliance with the tories that goes beyond that.

He Favors Emin.

BERLIN, Jan. 2.—There is a strong feeling in Berlin of sustaining Emin against Baron Wissman in Africa. Emin's vigorous proceeding have strongly appealed to the Kaiser's warlike instincts. It is not certain yet that Wissman's action will be approved. The Kaiser is said to have recently expressed himself privately to the effect that what was needed in such colonization work as Germany has on hand in Africa is less discipline and methodical plodding and more boldness and original undertaking. He is even said to have gone so far as to compare Germon colonizers unfavorably with English, and to say that methods for home service did not seem to work satisfactorily in the development of new and distant administrations over uncivilized people. For this reason he is thought to be likelier to view with leniency any undue adventurousness of Emin in the interest of German extension in East Africa.

Parnell's Movements.

DUBLIN, Jan. 2.—Parnell held a private reception at Dr. Kenny's house this evening, after which he started for Avondale. He will leave there Monday for Boulonge. During the day he had interviews with Timothy Harrington and several officers of the league.

Floating the German Standard.

BERLIN, Jan. 2.—Baron Wissman cables that he hoisted the German imperial standard on the East African coast yesterday, January first.

For Complicity in the Murder.

TIPPERARY, Jan. 2.—At the Menagh assizes, to-day, Bartolemew Sullivan, the farmer charged with complicity in the murder of Patrick Flahive, in Ballyhoge, Kerry, last August, was tried. It is alleged that the actual murderer, was Patrick Kennedy, who escaped to America. The motive for the murder was that Flahive intended to cut crops on the farm which the tenant had been evicted from. The jury, after being out two hours, returned a verdict of guilty. When asked if he had anything to say before sentence was pronounced, Sullivan replied: "I am not a bit in dread of the highest earthly judge. My Lord, the next judge will not condemn me for it." The prisoner was sentenced to be hanged, at Tralee, on Feb. 2.

Will Marry the Lady.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The Insuppressible, the organ of the McCarthite faction of the Irish party, says: "Parnell wants no vindication resulting in the annulment of the O'Shea divorce. He intends to marry Mrs. O'Shea when the divorce is made absolute."

Gone With an Actress.

VIENNA, Jan. 2.—The son of Count Pista Kardlyi has disappeared from Buda Pest, and it is supposed that the young man has eloped with a popular actress, who has also been missed from her usual haunts. The Count, who is one of the wealthiest and most prominent of the Hungarian magnates, has telegraphed all over Europe, in the hope of intercepting the runaways and preventing his erratic heir from being drawn into a marriage by the actress, who is credited with motives more mercenary than romantic.

To Encourage Art.

BERLIN, Jan. 2.—The Council has vot[illegible] one hundred thousand marks for the Be[illegible] art exhibition of 1891.

Two hundred and fifty more ca[illegible] disposed of in the city police cour[illegible] than the year before.