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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The peaceable manner in which the elections in this country have been conducted compared with the rioting and murder attendant on almost every election in Great Britain and Ireland, speaks volumes for the law-abiding subjects of our glorious Dominion. The elections, however, have so far preponderated largely in favor of the Conservative party. It is a singular coincidence in the revolution that has taken place in the position of political parties at home and in this country here the Reformers are sweeping all before them, there it is the Conservatives.

The news from the Gold Coast is cheering—the Ashantee war is ended. The King has accepted Sir Garnet Wolseley's terms of peace.

The latest news from the gold coast is encouraging. The British forces had advanced unopposed to within a day's march of the capital. A German missionary who had been held in captivity, had been sent to Sir Garnet Wolseley to treat for peace. The troops were generally in good health, but fresh proof had been given of the unreliableness of the native allies.

The following important despatch from Sir Garnet Wolseley was received to day by the War office:—"All the white prisoners held by the Ashantees have been delivered to me. The King accepted my terms for cessation of hostilities which he asked, and has agreed to pay an indemnity of £200,000. We halt for a few days thirty miles from Coomassie."

It is reported that Gladstone has sent his resignation to the Queen, seeing the Elocutions have gone against him.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was installed as master of the Prince of Wales Lodge at Willis's Room, London, on a recent afternoon.

Whether or not the Princess Maria, the bride of the Duke of Edinburgh, shall precede the Princess Louise, Marchioness of Lorne, is said to be now agitating the English court circles. Queen Victoria and the Czar are said to interest themselves in the matter, the former advocating the claim of her daughter, and the latter that of his. The dispute is to be settled by the Herald's college.

The Queen is still at Osborne, and it is expected will remain there until the middle of February, when Her Majesty will return to Windsor to receive the Duke of Wellington and his bride.

Professor Kuskin has sent an address to an Aberdeen Bible class, which pointedly concludes thus:—"Don't think it serves God by praying instead of obeying."

The Trades Unions Congress at Sheffield has declined to associate itself with the Geneva Universal League of Workmen, the delegates evincing great disinclination to connect themselves with any revolutionary associations. At Wednesday's meeting Mr. Goldwin Smith made an interesting speech respecting the advantages of emigration to the United States and Canada.

Charles Studdert Maunsel, late a Captain in the 82nd Regiment, was committed for trial on a charge of assaulting the Duke of Cambridge. The defendant admitted the assault, and expressed regret, but excused himself by reciting the story of his alleged wrongs, in being refused a brevet promotion on retirement from the army.

A vessel has arrived at Portsmouth from the Gold Coast with one hundred invalid soldiers, lately belonging to the Ashantee expedition.

The famine in India is increasing. It is estimated that 150,000 natives are already distressed for lack of food.

It is expected that the large store of arms at the Tower of London will be removed to Woolwich and deposited at the dockyard in charge of the Control Department, and that the ancient armour at the Tower is to be taken to South Kensington. The removal of the Crown jewels was also contemplated, but appears to have been abandoned as soon as thought of, as too serious a violation of the traditions of the place, the character of which as a museum or show-place for visitors would in that case have been utterly destroyed. The idea, somewhat vague at present, is that those changes are in accordance with some scheme of the City Corporation, a scheme by which the larger buildings in the vicinity, occupied as the Mint and the Custom House, are equally affected, the city being in need of some river frontage, which, by transferring the Mint to the Tower, and the Custom House to the Mint, it may at some cost obtain.

The session of the Reichstag was opened today with a speech from the throne, delivered by Imperial commission. The Emperor regrets that he cannot attend the opening in person. He enumerates as among the principal measures to be submitted during the session, bills relating to the army, the press, trades unions, and marine jurisdiction. The speech concludes with assurance that all nations of Europe are resolved to preserve peace.

Archbishop Ledochowski will be tried on the 11th instant on no other charge, except refusal to pay fines. He may yet be released, if the fines are paid. The Emperor has declined to interfere in the case, notwithstanding the great influence brought to bear in the Archbishop's favor.

General De La Marmora today requested permission to resign his seat in the Chamber of Deputies, but the Chamber refused his resignation, and decided to grant him two months' leave of absence.

The Minister of War has received intelligence of a desperate engagement near Lerida between Republicans and Carlists. The latter were defeated with heavy loss in both killed and wounded.

A profound sensation has been caused at Versailles by articles in the North German Gazette urging restrictions on the freedom of the Church and the Ultramontane press in France and Belgium.

CANADA.

Mr. C. J. Bridges has been appointed chairman of the Board of Intercolonial Railway Commissioners in the place of Mr. Walsh, resigned.

The next Annual Convention of the Dairymen's Association of Canada, will be held at Belleville, commencing on Wednesday, the 11th of February. The Committee are spring no pains in order to make this Convention the most profitable of any before held. The services of eminent gentlemen, both from the United States and Canada, having been secured for the occasion.

The Dominion Government have forwarded to the Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick a gold watch for presentation to Capt. John C. Wilson, who gallantly rescued the crew of the schooner *Scordish*, of Miramichi, N. B.

Two men of the 60th Rifles were badly burned by the explosion of powder a few days ago at Point Pleasant. They, with a number of other men, were at work in an excavation, and were withdrawing a charge from a boring when the powder exploded, and both were badly burned about the arms and face. Their names are Edward Brown and Amos Allison.

It is stated that the Gih Company Royal Engineers, which recently arrived at the School of Military Engineering from the Carriagh, will shortly proceed to Halifax, Nova Scotia.

We see by the proceedings of the County Council of York, reported in the *Toronto Globe*, that a grant of three thousand dollars sometime since recommended by the Finance Committee, has been recently passed for the purpose of building Barrack and Company drill shed for the Volunteers of the County. This is as it should be, and it speaks well for the Volunteer spirit so substantially manifested in the sum thus given by the good old County of York.