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### NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The business before the Geneva Court of Arbitration has been definitely closed. It is understood the whole matter is now in the hands of accountants, and that the award of the arbitrators will be given as soon as statements are prepared on which they can decide.

After more than ten days rioting order has been restored in Belfast. The damage to property is said to exceed £300,000 sterling, the loss of life has not been accurately ascertained, and all this is the outcome of *liberal institutions*. Another outbreak of a similar description is anticipated in Drogheda. The nec mob of towns and cities in Great Britain and Ireland, under the régime of Mr. Gladstone and the Whig radicals, have assumed more importance and been more troublesome than the whole of the other classes of the community. The end must inevitably be awful bloodshed in some of these civic rows, except the advanced Liberals are powerful enough to let the *gutter snipes* rule the three Kingdoms.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has been received at Trouville by M. Thiers, with great courtesy.

The reorganization of the British army proceeds slowly. Candidates for commissions by selection are numerous, and the competitive examinations bid fair to resemble those of their great prototypes of the Celestial Empire.

A steady and progressive reorganization of the French army has also been going on its main feature being the isolation of the soldier from politics, while Cardwell's scheme bids fair to introduce that undescrivable element into the British service.

Meanwhile the French nation appears to be content and are prospering. The furious mob of Paris which had always been a reproach and a danger to Monarchy, Republic, and Empire, seems to have been effectually cowed and paralyzed by the severe lessons given the Communists, and if M. Thiers could devise any means by which the scum of the population which centres in Paris, could be effectually removed from that city

France would have made the first step towards regeneration.

Roving bands of Carlists still disturb the peace of Spain, the election of members for the Cortes show a large proportion as supporters of the present dynasty. It has been rumoured that the ragamuffin cut-throats, calling themselves insurgents in Cuba, has had the consummate impudence to send a so-called Colonel to England to negotiate a loan of £20,000,000 sterling for the purpose of buoing the island from Spain. This is either a Yankee report or dodge in order to place the murdering scoundrels in a better position before Europe, and to make British capitalists, the *cats paws* to take the Cuban chestnut out of the fire for the Yankee monkeys.

The intended meeting of the Emperors (Germany, Russia and Austria,) at Berlin, comes off to-day, the Conference is fraught with great events, whether to make a second Poland of Franco or disunite Germany. Heretofore Russia and the Papal See have been the main instruments of dissension, and their interference in its affairs gave rise to the famous distich.

"The Pope, the devil and the Russ,  
Again in Germany are loose."

One of the most noted events of the day is the trial of the nefarious tool of the *Eric ring*, Judge Bamard at New York. He has been simply removed from office for malfeasance. The whole proceedings are a burlesque, on justice, on law or order, and shows conclusively the utter failure of the corrupt system of Republican Government when the outlaws of society are the governing power.

Beyond the usual talk of election matters, and the formation of a new *cheese ring* at Chicago, United States affairs affords nothing of interest.

An outsider would have thought the disgraceful failure of the *wheat ring* would be sufficient for one year at least, but politics, and commerce are mere games of chance in the model Republic where the greatest scoundrel and most unscrupulous cheat is sure to win.

The elections for the House of Commons

have not yet been concluded, the Ministry so far have a large majority, although they have met some stunning reverses, notably that of the Minister of Militia in Montreal City. It is a subject of consideration whether the elective Franchise has not been unduly extended in Canada, such results as this would lead to the conclusion that it was from the fact that a Statesman whose whole life has been spent in the service of the country, who has written his name in characters of gold on the pages of her history and that of the Empire is displaced by an unknown though respectable gentleman on a question of the lowest and meanest local importance.

We care nothing for local politics but must speak when the interests of the country are about to suffer through their means, and it is an infamous shame to have one of the foremost if not the foremost Statesman of the Empire defeated in his own city by a knot of selfish conspirators.

There is one thing, however, the local selfishness for which Montreal has always been remarkable will suffer from the act; meantime it is to be hoped that the country will not lose the services of Sir G. E. Cartier.

Indications of a plentiful harvest and continued prosperity marks the course of Canadian affairs.

Sir Hugh Allan has entered into a contract to establish a communication by steamboat between Newfoundland and Canada. Prince Edward's Island appears to be ready to join the confederation, and as only those two colonies are outside it in North America, their connexion would render the Dominion of Canada complete from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

In Manitoba and the North West generally great activity appears to prevail, the prospects for harvest are unusually good, prosperity and development follow each other in rapid succession. The Indian troubles are tided over for the present and will probably be finally settled before next autumn.

The Hon. Colonel Gray has left Ottawa to assume his duties as Chief Justice of British Columbia, and he will be a most valuable acquisition to that colony.