

## ECHOES OF THE WEEK

## European.

The people of Switzerland, by a plebiscite, have rejected the proposition that the State purchase the Central Railway.

In the hospital at Minden, Germany, 150 soldiers are lying ill of typhoid fever and 12 have died. Bad drainage at the barracks is supposed to be the cause.

Thirty four persons have been killed and many injured in a collision of two mail trains between Mooltin and Lahore, India. All the Europeans who were passengers on the train escaped death.

Dr. Hertwig, meat inspector in Berlin, has published in the *Allgemeine Fleischer Zeitung* an article on trichinosis in American pork. While admitting that the German consumer has been benefited by the admission of the American hog, he contends that its sale in the empire should be made contingent upon minute microscopical examination, the present tests having been shown to be insufficient.

The *Journal des Debats* of Paris, says: We are informed that Germany has just concluded with the United States a commercial convention by which there will be an exchange between the two countries of the favored nation treatment. The United States will allow the free importation of German sugar in consequence of this agreement and American cereals imported into Germany will pay only 3½ instead of 5 marks.

At the desire of the Queen the wedding of Princess Victoria Mary and the Duke of Clarence and Avondale is being arranged for March 10, the twenty-eighth anniversary of the wedding of the Prince and Princess of Wales. The ceremony will take place in St. George's chapel, Windsor.

In some of the Russian famine districts the priests refuse to marry peasants who have no means of subsistence. Disease is rife among the famishing people. Thousands have taken to mendicancy and robbery. Hundreds of children are dying of starvation on the highways.

A sensation has been caused at Sofia by the discovery that Baron de Taube, the Russian military attaché at Bucharest, has offered 30,000 francs to a high Bulgarian official for a draft of the scheme for mobilizing the Bulgarian army.

Queen Victoria has ordered her court to go into mourning for a fortnight for Dom Pedro.

The French Government claims that during the troubles growing out of the action of da Fonseca in dissolving the Brazilian Congress and assuming the dictatorship, twelve Frenchmen were killed in Rio Janeiro by the agents of da Fonseca. The French consul at Rio Janeiro has been instructed to demand of the Piexotto Government reparation for the killing of these men.

## American.

The Foreigners' Relief Committee of Yokohama has issued an appeal to the people of the United States on behalf of the sufferers by the earthquake which occurred in Central Japan on October 28.

A sensation has been caused at Peoria, Ill., by the fact that there has been a Chinaman, Sun Hong, for some time operating a laundry, who was afflicted with leprosy. He kept an isolated laundry. Investigation on Monday showed that the leprosy Mongolian had been sent out of the city over a week ago by his companions.

A railway detective named Brayton, of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company, arrested at Saratoga on Monday, on the arrival of the Montreal express, J. G. Blair, agent on that train, on a warrant charging him with vending obscene literature on the train. His train trunk was searched and several packages of "Parisian novelties," etc., of a decidedly shady nature were found. Blair is also accused of swindling passengers in making change. He was committed for examination.

News has reached Tacoma, Wash., that six persons, whose names are not given, were drowned while attempting to cross the narrows from Stelacom, four miles from here, to McNiel's Island in a small boat, which was capsized.

While it is impossible to obtain an official acknowledgement to that effect it is known that a commercial convention under the reciprocity clause of the McKinley act has been practically concluded between Germany and the United States and that the President will soon issue a proclamation announcing the fact. The convention contemplates the free importation of German sugar into the United States and the reduction of duty on American cereals imported into Germany from five marks to three and a half marks.

The British Commissioners from the West Indies were in conference with Secretary Blaine for several hours on Tuesday with a view to the establishment of reciprocal trade relations with the United States. It is understood that considerable progress

was made towards an agreement for commercial reciprocity under the provisions of the Tariff act, and that there is every prospect of a favorable conclusion on the subject before the close of the present year.

Lee Duane, aged 27 years, and his cousin, Mitchell Duane, aged 15 years, of St. Albert, Que., stopped at the Worden Hotel, Saratoga, N. Y., on Tuesday night. About half-past two on Wednesday morning they blew out the gas in their room. Four hours later the room was forced open and the Duanes were found unconscious. It was with difficulty they were restored to consciousness.

A disastrous fire visited Louisville, Ky., on Tuesday night, destroying the block on the north side of Main street between Sixth and Seventh. In the early evening the store and stock of the Boone Paper company were destroyed, entailing a loss of \$65,000. At 2.35 o'clock on Wednesday morning an explosion occurred in the adjoining building, occupied by Bamberger, Strong & Co. The shaky walls crumbled and another fire began, which in comparison made the other insignificant. Four firemen were killed by falling walls. By the time it was subdued the stores of Bamberger, Bliss, Wilson & Co., Johan Booke & Sons, and Miller, Woolfolk, Payne & Co., had been gutted. The loss will not fall far short of \$400,000. Six lives were lost at another disastrous fire at the candy and fireworks factory of Monne & Co., No. 517 West Main street, at eight o'clock the same morning. The horror of last night's conflagrations were more than duplicated. The bomb of fire in which five young girls and one man perished is a four-story building on the north side of the street.

## Canadian.

Mr. Frank Baird, who has been acting as private secretary to Premier Abbott, has resigned his permanent appointment.

The Connollys have obtained leave from the Court of Queen's Bench to appeal from Judge Caron's decision obliging them to give the Government possession of their books.

Grand Trunk through passenger trains commenced running through the Sarnia tunnel on Monday, according to the new time table, and everything is working in first class shape. The trains are well handled at both ends of the tunnel and make remarkably good time.

Mr. George Taylor, M. P., of Gananoque, has left town for home again, after a short visit to Ottawa. Mr. Taylor will, at the coming session of Parliament, reintroduce his Alien Labor Bill. He dropped the bill last session at the request of Sir John Macdonald, as it might interfere with the negotiations then pending between the two countries. Since then it has been found that hundreds of Canadians who have been working on the other side of the line while living in Canada have been turned back at the border. Mr. Taylor's bill is intended to be retaliatory.

Senator Snowball, who has succeeded Alexander Gibson as manager of the Canada Eastern Railway, better known as the Miramichi Valley Line, has closed the Fredericton office and transferred the headquarters to Chatham. The company will not use the Fredericton bridge, but will receive freight on the Gibson side of the St. John river instead. Mr. Snowball's accession to power has been followed by the resignations of the entire staff of the road, most of whom have been given employment by Mr. Gibson in his cotton mill, lumber operations and stores. There is bad blood between Mr. Snowball and Mr. Gibson, and the latter, who holds a controlling interest in the road, will be heard from again when the clouds roll by.

The Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance of Ontario met on Tuesday in annual session at Bradford. From the Grand Scribe's report it is found that there has been an actual net gain of 2,192 members since the last meeting, and that forty-five new divisions have been organized and four dormant divisions resuscitated. The Grand Treasurer reported that the revenue for the year had been \$3,823.94 and the expenditure \$327.34, leaving a balance on hand of \$576.60.

The Hull City Council on Tuesday evening threw out a bill for \$236 for the cost of the four companies of militia called out two months ago to maintain order during the Eddy strike. A. J. Wright, O. Wright and Thibault voted in favor of paying the amount, but were overruled. Lieut. Col. Anderson, who was in command, says he will sue the city at once. Mayor Eddy says that he was justified in calling out the troops, and that no good citizen can object to the payment of the amount.

Mr. Trudeau, chief engineer of the Railway and Canals, has submitted a plan to the Government, proposing to make the locks at the Sault Ste. Marie Canal 900 feet long by 60 feet wide, in order to allow three barges to follow each other through at one time, instead of the proposed lockages of four boats, two abreast. It is probable his view will be accepted.

A Bay City, Mich., despatch received at Toronto says that a report has reached that city that a party of hunters found the remains of Peter Demarest, of Picton, Ont., frozen to death about ten miles from Alger. It is supposed that Demarest was on his way to a lumber camp and was caught in a blinding snowstorm. Losing his way, he fell and perished in the storm.

The Bell Telephone company under its new management has paid the City Treasurer of Toronto \$1,172, being 5 per cent. on the \$23,449 gross receipts of the company for the past three months.

John Hoskin, Q. C., moved in the Chancery court, Toronto, to have James H. Simpson, barrister, of Belleville, struck off the rolls for unprofessional conduct. Simpson, it is said, refuses to hand over \$5,000 or \$6,000 which he holds in connection with the administration of an estate. Mr. Simpson not being represented the case was enlarged.

Contractor McNamee, of Montreal, has entered suit against the city of Toronto for \$61,000, balance claimed under his contract for laying the conduit pipe.

The Government of Newfoundland have not been long in acting in response to Canada's threats to withdraw the favors which the Dominion has been granting the Ancient Colony in allowing her fish free entry into Canadian ports. The Royal Gazette of Wednesday announces that additional duties will be levied at Newfoundland ports hereafter on goods imported from Canada. The official notice gives as the reason for this action the action of Canada in imposing duties on Newfoundland fish. The increased duties fall on imports of flour, pork, butter, tobacco, kerosene oil and products of the farm. There is much excitement in commercial circles at the new phase the matter has taken, and it is the general opinion that the trade between Canada and Newfoundland will be much deranged and large losses caused.

## THE SPORTING WORLD

## BOWLING.

The M. A. A. A. have once more been victorious, giving the Victoria Rifles a first-class whipping. M. A. A. A., 3,116; V. R. C. team, 2,816. Majority for M. A. A., 300.

Le Canadien bowling team, Montreal, and the O. A. A. C. team played their scheduled match at the O. A. A. C. alleys Saturday night. The O. A. A. C. won by 177 points.

## THE RING.

Champion middleweight, Bob Fitzsimmons, has left San Francisco for New Orleans to join and assist his partner, Jimmy Carroll, who is now training to fight Billy Myers, the "Streator Cyclone." Carroll is understood to be in poor health. Fitzsimmons, a few days ago, was offered a \$5,000 match by the Occidental Club with the winner of the Grogans La Blanche battle, which comes off this month. However, it is understood that the Olympic Club, of New Orleans, offered \$7,500 for the same battle, and Fitz has accepted. If this latter battle is not arranged Fitz will go to England after Pritchard, as the latter has agreed to fight him in the National Club, of London.

At the farewell dinner in London, Slavin and Mitchell would remain in America four months, and would concede anything to get a match with Sullivan. He said he would fight in California, Mexico, Texas or anywhere but New Orleans. Mitchell is hot for a fight with Corbett, but he also bars New Orleans.

## ATHLETICS.

Henry Greedy, the athlete who died at Plainfield, Conn., on Monday, was the son of H. C. Greedy, a French Canadian, and considered one of the strongest boys in New England. He was only 18 years of age, but could easily handle 600 and 700 pound dumbbells. He had been preparing to start on a starting tour in company with Louis Cyr, the Canadian strong man. While exhibiting his wonderful powers in a cotton mill in which his brothers were employed, he raised an 800-pound weight from the floor with the greatest ease. He picked up the weight a second time with one hand, but suddenly dropped it, turned pale, and in ten minutes was dead. The physicians in attendance claim that the ruptured one of the main arteries connecting with the heart and bled inwardly.

Thomas P. Conneff, America's champion long distance runner, sails for Ireland today on the Umbria. His reason for leaving this country is that his uncle, Patrick Rourke, has made him an offer to go into the hay business in County Kildare. It is said that Tommy will turn professional when he reaches Ireland, and endeavor to get on a match with Morton, Parry or Kibblewhite, who are English amateurs, for \$1,000 a side. The members of the Manhattan Athletic club, of New York, of which he is a member, do not believe that he will become a professional, however.

The following was received at the Police Gazette office from San Francisco, Cal.: "Victor Salvator, the Belgium Giant, has issued a challenge to lift heavy weights of all descriptions against Louis Cyr, Eugene Sandow, Cyclops, Samson or any man in the world for \$500 a side, Richard K. Fox to be final stakeholder. Salvator has accomplished some wonderful feats of strength, and the one who meets him will have to accomplish something wonderful to defeat him. He is the champion of the Pacific Coast. Salvator stands 5 feet 10 inches in height, is 29 years of age, weighs 210 pounds and was born in Belgium. His chest measures 43 inches, biceps 19 inches, calf 17½ inches.

A. B. George has been training hard for the two mile steeplechase championship race to be held under the auspices of the Amateur Athletic Union at the Berkely Oval to day. George is now in prime condition and is reeling off miles faster than ever before. Unless "Tommy" Conneff competes against him, and it is not probable that he will, George should win the championship easily.

## LACROSSE.

Lacrosse is clearly making headway in England. In London, Manchester, and other centres new clubs are being started in every direction, and though a Canadian expert would smile at the comparative "slowness" of the game as yet, the time is not far distant when young England will do at least as well at lacrosse as young Canada does at, say, football or cricket. In a Manchester journal lately no fewer than thirty-one lacrosse matches, all of them between teams of some standing, were played in the Manchester district alone on the preceding Saturday.

## CRICKET.

Mr. W. W. Read and his eleven for South Africa left London on Saturday week en route to Cape Town. The team is a very strong one, especially in bowling.

The Englishmen at present on a tour in Australia have gained a brilliant victory in their first match. The South Australians had a deficit of 160 on the first innings, went in before a moderate attendance in fine weather on a wicket in fair condition, but somewhat in favor of the bowler. The Colonials could do nothing, and at luncheon the score was 55 for five wickets. On resuming the innings closed for 98, and the Englishmen thus won by an innings and 62 runs. Walter Giffen carried his bat for 42. Attwell's analysis was 6 wickets for 30 runs, and Briggs' 8 for 20. Full score:—South Australia, 1st innings, 168; 2nd do., 98. Lord Sheffield's eleven, 1st innings, 323.

## FOOTBALL.

A London despatch of December 7, says: The Canadian-Americans had decidedly unpleasant weather for their match to-day with the Highland Light Infantry team at Dover. Rain fell heavily and a gale of wind was blowing. The match resulted in another draw, each team scoring three goals. The soldiers have a strong team, and are the present holders of the army cup, representing the championship of the game.

The Toronto Globe has the following: Messrs. Franz Thibodo and "Watty" Thompson, two of the Canadian-American team, arrived in Toronto, having come over by the Umbria, which reached New York on Sunday. They are in the best of health and spirits, and report the tour so far as having been quite satisfactory and successful. Mr. Thibodo said last night: "It is quite true that we had very bad treatment from several of the referees in England. I think I may say without any exaggeration that at least twelve games were taken from us by the all-powerful official. It is not true that the financial results have been unsatisfactory, and with the engagements ahead I do not see how the remainder of the tour can be a failure. Thompson, I think, may be put down as the star of the team, and they can't beat him over there." Thirteen men now remain to complete the tour, which is fixed to close at Blackpool January 5.

The second biggest score of the Canadian-American Football tour, either for or against the visitors, was made on Wednesday against Devon County. The highest number of goals scored by one side in any of the games was nine for the visitors against South Wales two months ago. On this occasion they put in seven goals, while the strong team that upheld the honor of Devonshire could get the ball past Shea only once. The tourists have scored 89 goals in their 45 matches, against 105 for their opponents, and have lost only four of the last 21 matches they have played.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Michael Tschigorin, the Russian chess expert, sailed for Havana on the Orizaba Saturday. He said that, no matter how much the match with Steinitz in Havana turned out, the St. Petersburg Chess club is willing to arrange a return match to be played in the Russian capital. Steinitz is not averse to the project and many of the stipulations have been agreed upon by the two players. Tschigorin's stakes for the return match are already subscribed in full by his Russian admirers.

Joe Goddard has arranged a match with Harry Lange, the champion pugilist of New Zealand.

The report that Jack Dempsey has consumption is not a new one. His appearance for years indicated lung trouble, but the day he defeated Johnny Regan he said to a friend, "I wonder who will be the next man to say that I am sick with the consumption."

The Wilmington Wheel club ran a relay race on Thanksgiving day from Wilmington to Dover and return, a distance of 97 miles. The start was made at 8.30 a.m., and the finish at 2.20.55 p.m., making the time for the 97 miles 6 hrs. 20m. 55s.

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