

ECHOES OF THE WEEK

European.

The Swedish expedition to the North Pole, headed by Dr. Nansen, has been postponed until 1893. The ship cannot be ready before then.

Information has been received of another cruel massacre of European and native Christians, this time at the Belgian mission station at Tekon, China. Full particulars have not been received, as few, if any, of the intended victims succeeded in escaping. The mission held several Europeans connected with mission work and about one hundred native converts. The assailants showed no mercy.

Rain-making experiments have been made at Bezwada, in the Madras presidency, India, where the scarcity of water is having a very serious effect upon the crops. The result, however, was not encouraging. Twenty bags, each containing ten pounds of roborite, a high explosive, were exploded on the hills of Bezwada at an altitude of 600 feet. The concussions caused by the explosions were terrific, but not a drop of rain fell and the experimenters gave up their task as an utter failure.

The Cologne Gazette has received from its St. Petersburg correspondent a well founded report which implicates Padlewski, who assassinated General Silverstov in Paris in 1890, in another great crime. The report states that it was Padlewski disguised as a cook and riding in the kitchen car who threw the bomb which caused the disaster to the Czar's train at Berkia a few years ago.

Herr Krapf von Liverhof, secretary of the Austrian legation at Washington, who has been away on leave, attempted suicide at Vienna on Tuesday by shooting himself with a revolver.

Two Englishmen, John Cooper and Walter Rundell, have been arrested at St. Etienne, France, for offering a bribe to the foreman of a small arms factory to produce a specimen of the new Russian rifle.

The Maharajah Halkar, the ruler of Indor, one of the Central Indian states, which pays tribute to the British, has announced his intention of contributing two regiments of cavalry to the Indian army.

American.

The Republican National Committee met at Washington on Monday and fixed June 6 next as the date and Minneapolis as the place for the next national Republican convention.

The Supreme Council of the Farmers' Alliance has determined to establish a legislative council or lobbying council of three at Washington, each member to draw a salary of \$2,000 a year. The most important action was a resolution pledging the Alliance to stand by this decision in the February Union. As it is a foregone conclusion that that conference will declare for independent political action the resolution practically pledges the support of the Alliance to the People's party. The measure was bitterly fought by Livingstone and other Southern leaders, but they were outgeneraled and outvoted.

Attorney General Hunt, of Chicago, on Tuesday filed petitions in the Circuit Court to wind up and dissolve the Chicago Mutual Life Benefit Association and the North American Mutual Benefit Association on the ground that they have been conducting their business in a fraudulent manner and chiefly to pay the salaries of their own employees. The Mutual Life has unpaid losses of \$123,063; the North American has liabilities of \$78,711 and assets of \$18,016.

At the request of the Governor of Michigan and the Board of Trade of Minnesota and on the recommendation of the Surgeon-General of the Marine Hospital service, Assistant Secretary Nettleton on Tuesday directed the assignment of medical inspectors at Detroit and Port Huron to board and inspect trains from Canada. This action is taken with a view to prevent smallpox.

An attempt was made at Patterson, N. J., on Tuesday night to blow up a tenement house occupied by Italians. The explosion is believed to have been caused by dynamite placed inside the front door, and the door, floor and walls near it were almost completely demolished. A number of the inmates of the house were stunned. There is no clue to the perpetrators of the crime.

Canadian.

Railroad work in Manitoba has been suspended for the season, frost having got too much hold of the ground. It was 18 below zero on Monday morning, which is the coldest of the season.

The Department of Marine on Monday received from the High Commissioner three bronze medals awarded by the Royal Humane Society to Canadians for saving lives. The parties to whom the awards have been made are Jessie O'Brien, of Green Bay, Ont., Grant Gibbons, of Morrisburg, and Ward Hanes, of Toronto.

The Baptist Ministerial Association at their meeting in Toronto on Monday, denounced Rev. Mr. Nelson, a preacher who

has created a scandal by leaving his wife and eloping with a young school teacher up in Elgin county. Steps were also taken to warn the churches of the danger of receiving ministers from other countries without unquestioned credentials of character and standing.

While the prisoners in the Quebec jail were at dinner the other day an altercation took place between two of them named Vermette from St. Sauveur and an American named Stoney, who was sent down from Montreal. The quarrel waxed warm, and before the guards could interfere the American stabbed Vermette in the arm with his knife, but fortunately not seriously. Stoney was locked up in his cell.

The first death on the Manitoba prairie this year is reported from Medicine Hat, a despatch from which place says: A sixteen year old son of L. B. Cochrane and a ten year old son of E. Walton, merchants of this place, whose ranches are just outside of town, were caught in Friday night's blizzard while looking for some cattle. The storm being so severe and so sudden, they were unable to find their way home that night, and searching parties organized the following morning found no trace of them until last night. The Cochrane boy was found sixteen miles from home frozen to death beside a haystack, his horse eating hay over his dead body.

Owing to the growth of French Canadian Catholics in North Plantagenet Township, Prescott County, a new separate school board has been formed in Curran Village and the new public school building, valued at \$4,000, purchased by them for \$5. A meeting was held at which there were present eighteen Roman Catholic ratepayers and six Protestants. The motion to sell was put by one party and by the other an amendment was offered not to sell. The latter was rejected. The resolution to sell was carried by the eighteen Roman Catholics to the six Protestants, and although a protest was served against the sale the house was actually sold to the Roman Catholics' new trustees for a separate school for \$5.

Horace Talbot, one of the so-called Ottawa "hoodlers," who is still in jail, being unable to procure bail, was taken before Judge Ross on Monday and asked how he elected to be tried, whether summarily or by a jury. He desired to be tried by jury, and was recommitted to jail, where it looks as if he would have to remain until the spring assizes, as nobody seems disposed to go bail for him. Ernest Dionne, who was accused of complicity with Talbot and Larose, but whom Police Magistrate O'Gara discharged for want of evidence, has not so far been reinstated in the Public Works Department, where he was a permanent clerk. He was suspended when the case first came up in the Public Accounts Committee during the session.

A new scheme has been set on foot in Kingston in view of the increasing disinclination of workmen towards church-going, viz., Sunday afternoon meetings for workmen. The first meeting was held on Sunday, at which Dr. Grant, Dr. Walkem, Mr. Donald Frazer, Mr. J. M. Machar, Q. C., and other prominent citizens interested in social reform took part, along with representatives of the workmen's societies. It was finally decided to hold their meetings regularly every Sunday afternoon during the winter at which it was unanimously agreed all secular subjects should be handled.

Daniel Mountenay, an old man, resident in Trenton, Ont., was arrested there on Tuesday night charged with killing a boy named Thomas Courtney. It is stated that on Sunday night, the 8th instant, Mountenay was walking on the street carrying a bag containing dishes when the boy kicked the bag and broke some of the crockery. Mountenay knocked the boy down and kicked him three times in the abdomen. The boy took to his bed on the following day and died on Tuesday night.

A private letter received at Quebec from the county of Bonaventure states that smallpox is very prevalent in that county, likewise in the county of Gaspé.

The Department of Marine received a telegram from the light keeper of South Point, Anticosti island, stating that the Norwegian barque Anna had gone ashore twenty miles west of that place. The crew of eleven had been safely landed and were being cared for at the Government expense.

Knowledge is Power.

Doctor—You notice a marked increase in your appetite?

Patient—Yes.

Doctor—Sleep longer and more heavily than usual?

Patient—Yes.

Doctor—Feel very fatigued after much exercise?

Patient—Yes.

Doctor—H'm! Very grave case. But the researches of science, sir, enable us to cope with your malady, and I think I can pull you through.

Joe McAniff thinks that Slavin could easily whip Corbett. He says the latter cannot hit hard enough to win.

THE SPORTING WORLD

FOOTBALL.

The champion teams of Ontario and Quebec Rugby football met together on the M. A. A. grounds last Saturday before between two and three thousand spectators to try for the championship of Canada. The representatives of Ontario (students of Osgoode Hall, Toronto,) are a likely looking lot of young fellows and before the game had well started showed their superiority in a marked degree over the Montreal team, who were their opponents. The passing and tackling of the visitors was more effective, but their play was marred by being very much offside, and the referee was decidedly at fault in not checking it and enforcing the penalty. But allowing for all this it was apparent that the Montreal boys could not play football alongside of the students, who also discounted them in argument when the referee had to be appealed to. There was one bad feature about the match, the endless squabbling and protesting of the visitors and the referee showed a decided weakness in giving in to so much of it. In the second half the Montrealers played a much better game and hopes were entertained by their admirers that the score would be equalised, but fortune and the referee were against them, so, in spite of a gallant struggle on their part the game ended 21 to 10.

Teams from the C. P. E. offices and shops played a match on the Crescent grounds, the result being a win for the former. Score 1 to 0.

The great inter-collegiate match between Yale and Harvard caused great excitement. There were 25,000 people present who cheered the victors of a hard fought match. Yale showed her superiority all through; in fact her team played so well that their opponents could not gain a point and when time was called the score stood: Yale 10, Harvard 0.

Despite a driving hail-storm, between 3,000 and 4,000 people witnessed the annual football match between the Cornell and the University of Michigan teams at the Detroit Athletic Club grounds on Monday afternoon. The grounds were soft and slippery from a heavy rain, but brilliant runs were frequent. It was a decidedly clean game. The score was Cornell 58, Michigan 12.

The Canadian-American team at present touring England are showing up better than they did at the beginning of their tour, and when they close up their showing may not be so bad. It was was perhaps unfortunate that at the first they had to encounter the cream of the football field before they had thoroughly settled down to the English style of play. On Monday last they scored another victory, their thirty-seventh match in these islands. Their opponents were the London Caledonians, a leading organization of the metropolitan district in the association game, and composed, as the names indicate, mainly of footballers from north of the Tweed. The visitors displayed a fine combination of their work. Their centre forward, "Watty" Thompson, was particularly brilliant. The Canadians had the ball all the way through and were returned the winners by the very good score of five goals to none.

SKATING.

The Newburgh Skating Association are preparing for their winter's work. The Donoghue boys are anxious to again measure steel with all comers. The champion, Joe Donoghue, announces that he is expecting Fredericksen, Panshin and Noreng to visit this country this winter. Joe says that he will not make a European trip this season. He has glory enough, having beaten all that Europe could produce on their own ice, and earned the title of champion of the world. In this connection, it may be stated that the Montreal and Canadian skaters generally are anxious to meet Donoghue, and a special effort will be made to induce him to come to Montreal during the coming winter. He cannot claim the championship of Canada until it is won. At the meeting of the Canadian Skating Association, held last week, this matter came up and the unanimous wish was that Donoghue would come on and skate here. Last winter he wanted a quarter of a mile track and excused himself from coming on that ground.

THE RING.

Articles of agreement for a prize ring encounter between Slavin and Jackson have been drawn up and signed by Slavin. The articles stipulate that the men shall fight for a purse of £2,000 and the championship, in the National sporting club of London, the loser to receive £150.

ATHLETIC.

A London dispatch says: Cyr's heavy lifting has been the admiration of all. Since February last an enterprising agent here, George Ware & Co., has been in correspondence with the Canadian Samson to induce him to cross the Atlantic and compete in London for the championship of the world. Negotiations had gone far enough to induce Cyr to sign a contract for an en-

agement with the proprietors of the South London Palace to appear in June last. But other engagements prevented him from attempting the journey till this date. The engagement began on Saturday, the 14th inst., and will probably last a whole month, when other engagements will follow, through the agency of Ware & Co., who entertain the highest expectations of his success over all competitors. The champion of Canada, if successful in carrying the championship, would give Canadians considerable credit in the sporting world as a vigorous and powerful race. A meeting of all the strong men in London is called at the Sporting Life office to arrange the conditions of the coming competition to come off in December. This event will be one of great excitement. It is calculated that the interest will be such that the gate money alone will amount to \$10,000 or \$15,000, besides the very large sums which will be staked on the several champions. If successful Cyr will be a rich man.

The M. G. A. tug-of-war team challenged the champion police team lately and Sergeant Loye, the father of athletic recreation on the police force, has accepted the challenge. It has been decided that the big pull is to come off on December 17. The only additional detail to be settled is that the pulls are to be on cleats. The pull will be for the championship of Canada. The M. G. A. are the holders of the military championship, which they wrested from the 5th Royal Scots at the Jubilee entertainment, which took place in the Victoria Rink in June, '87. The championship had in turn been taken by the Scots from the Queen's Own Rifles, of Toronto. The pull for the championship will take place at an entertainment to be given by the M. G. A., and one of the items on the programme will be an open tug-of-war, in which all the other local teams anxious for championship honors can take part.

A. F. Copland, the noted sprinter, hurdler, and jumper of the Manhattan A. C., has retired from competition. To a reporter he said:—"The fact is a man cannot compete in athletic games and at the same time pay proper attention to business, and I decided to abandon athletics. Again, amateur athletics are now charged with nearly every known offence, and a man's reputation is liable to suffer from unjust charges that fly around so thickly." Copland has had a long and brilliant career in athletics. His performances in the sprints, over the hurdles, and in the broad jump have been of the first order and attracted world-wide attention. Added to this, he is personally agreeable and very popular. His retirement will be a distinct loss to athletics.

MISCELLANEOUS.

By request the New York Athletic Club has just presented James S. Mitchell, its champion hammer thrower, with a beautiful brooch, set with twenty five diamonds, instead of giving him the eight medals to which he is entitled for breaking seven records and winning one standard during the year 1891. George Grey, who is to amateur shot putters what Mitchell is to amateur hammer throwers, gets a silver cup from his club instead of medals for the four record breaking feats he accomplished during the past twelve months.

Buffalo has a bicycle club composed exclusively of ladies. The club held a meeting recently and elected officers for the ensuing year.

Tommy Kelly, the famous "Harlem Spider," and Billy Plimmer, of England, are both in training for their skin-glove contest, which will occur in about five weeks. The battle will be for the 110-pound championship of the world. Kelly feels confident of winning.

Workingmen's Insurance in Germany.

The Bismarck socialistic scheme in vogue in Germany for the compulsory insurance of employees against accident, sickness, old age and infirmity, has a peculiar feature, considered as a benefit to workmen. It requires every workman to pay from boyhood \$2.35 a year, while his wages are lowered by a like amount in order that the employer may meet his own assessment, and the employer's taxes are raised by a like amount in order that the public treasury may contribute its third.

As the employee pays his third out of his wages, and the employer's third is raised by direct taxation upon articles consumed by the poor, workmen contribute at least two-thirds to the fund by which they are insured. The German secretary of finance has urged the needs of this fund as a reason for maintaining the tariff on grain in the face of threatened famine. Thus the insurance scheme compels the poor to pay a heavier bread tax to protected landlords, and Professor Geffokin's surmise is probably correct that this fact "led the landed aristocracy to support the insurance bills." When the woodpile of indirect taxation is examined, the concealed African usually proves to be some big landlord.—New York Standard.

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