

ing it—and you can hear the sound of the blows, the cheers of encouragement and the yells of disappointment. And when this invention shall have been perfected," said Mr. Edison, with the trace of enthusiasm's glow in his face, "a man will be able to sit in his library at home, and, having electrical connection with the theatre, see reproduced on his wall or a piece of canvas the actors, and hear anything they say. This invention will be called the 'Kinetograph.' The first half of the word signifies 'motion,' and the last 'write,' and both together mean the portrayal of motion. The invention combines photography and phonography." Mr. Edison occupied nearly an acre with his exhibit at the Paris Exposition. As he wishes to show at Chicago all that he exhibited at Paris, and numerous other things besides, he is desirous of being accorded a greater space in 1893. The electrical exhibit is expected to be the wonder of the Exposition.

The financial uneasiness continues at Buenos Ayres. There has been a run on some banks.

The pope's committee of cardinals have discovered a deficit of ten million francs in the Peter's pence fund.

The City of Rome is building a circular railway which will have great strategic and defensive importance.

Mr. Gladstone is obliged to stay at Hawarden for another fortnight; his recent illness left traces in his lungs and a bad cough.

The Prince of Wales was examined in the baccarat case in London on Tuesday. The case for the plaintiff closed on that day.

The *Novoe Vremya* says that the Russian Government is about to subject Hebrew elementary schools to more stringent control.

The Czarevitch opened the first portion of the trans-Siberian Railway on June 1st and laid a memorial tablet amid a scene of great enthusiasm.

A favorite exercise among women in London now is fencing. The young Princesses of Wales are adepts in the art, and of course the aristocracy have fallen into line.

Postmaster-General Raikes, in the Imperial House of Commons, stated that all efforts to induce the United States Government to institute a parcel post with Great Britain had failed.

Nothing definite has been heard of the Chilean insurgent ship *Itata*, but it is rumored that after transferring her arms and stores to the *Esmeralda* she went direct to Melbourne, Australia.

Despatches from Chili state the insurgents contrary to their promises now threaten to bombard the city of Valparaiso. It is believed the foreign powers will interfere should the insurgents attempt to carry out their threat of bombardment.

Prime Minister Defreyne denies that a French man-of-war interfered with the bait supply of Newfoundland, and discredits the report that a French officer warned the inhabitants of St. Pierre Bay not to sell bait to United States fishermen.

Out of a population set down at 253,891,821 in British India there are no fewer than 20,938,626 widows, of whom Bombay claims 1,975,764, Madras 3,250,011, Northwest Province and Oudh 3,670,787, the Punjab 1,503,233, and Bengal 7,401,629.

The outlook for R. C. Duncan, of Washington, D. C., who is under arrest at Carnarvon, Wales, for the attempted murder of his wife, grows worse, and it is probable he will have to answer a graver charge than attempted murder. The physicians hold out but slight hopes of the woman's recovery.

Mr. Weller, an employee of the London Telephone office, while conversing over the telephone one day recently received such a shock on placing one of the receivers to his ear that he was thrown out of the telephone box. Officials state that there have been a number of similar cases recently. Experts are inquiring into the cause.

Official despatches are published which show that President Diaz and Governor Aico, of the State of Guerrero, directed the Mayor of Acapulca to aid the Government troops in repelling any attack which might be made by the Chilean insurgent vessel *Esmeralda* on Government coal barges. The *Anglo-American* says that the Government allowed the *Esmeralda* to coal.

Richard Somerset Le Poer Trench, fourth Earl of Clancarty, died suddenly on Friday last. By the Earl's death Viscount Dunlop, his eldest son, and the husband of Belle Bilton, the English hall singer, becomes Earl of Clancarty and Belle Bilton becomes Countess of Clancarty. The latter has cancelled her engagement to play as Venus on account of the death of the Earl.

Advices from Peking state that Tcheng Ki Tong, who was acting first Secretary of the Chinese legations in London and in Paris, has been condemned to death. Tcheng Ki Tong, it is alleged, took advantage of his official position to fleece trusting people out of immense sums of money. He was recalled to China, owing no doubt to reports of his conduct, and was there arrested and tried.

An experiment was made recently on a railway train running from Rome to Frascati with a new combustible prepared from lignite, rich deposits of which have been found in Italy. The combustible was invented by Signor Saponi, of Siena. Of the new fuel 367 kilogrammes were used, doing the work of 300 kilogrammes of coal. The discovery is expected to prove a valuable one, as it will do away with the necessity of importing coal. The new fuel makes a light smoke.

We call special attention to the quality of Flower and Vegetable Seeds advertised in another column by Buckley Bros. As they import their seeds direct from the best Seed men in the world they are sure to give satisfaction.

Captain Stairs, of African fame, goes out again in the interests of the Anglo-Belgian Katanga Company. The expedition will start from Zanzibar, and its main object is to take actual possession of the Katanga country in the name of the Congo Free State and the Katanga Company. The region is rich in auriferous copper, and includes high lands capable of great development. The route of the expedition will depend on circumstances.

Archbishop Croke said at Dublin last week: "I am greatly afraid the cause of Home Rule is lost. Within the last four months I have heard several staunch, intelligent Irishmen say that considering all that has occurred since the revelations were made in the O'Shea case, and the strange turn some of the Irish party and a certain section of our people have taken, preferring the interest of one man to the cause of the country, we have given both friends and foes to believe that we are at present utterly unfit for Home Rule."

The Parnellites hear that their chief will wed Mrs. O'Shea about the middle of June. It is not true that her daughters will remain with her; Capt. O'Shea controls the family. His son Gerald is about to be gazetted to a commission in the army. Capt. O'Shea does not, in the meantime, prohibit intercourse between mother and daughters. They reside only three miles apart at Brighton, and the Captain permits the daughters to visit their mother frequently, but after her marriage with Parnell is effected, all relations will cease.

A bill to regulate the cattle traffic on the Atlantic has been introduced in the Imperial House of Commons. The bill is a short and simple one and mainly proposes to enable the Board of Agriculture to impose regulations on the cattle traffic, giving effect to the recommendations of the Committee which recently investigated the matter. The steamship companies are organizing to oppose the bill, as the measure will involve an extensive alteration of the internal fitting of vessels in the cattle carrying trade. The Government does not expect to pass the bill this session of Parliament.

The Committee of Privileges of the House of Lords have been hearing evidence in the claim made by Randall Mowbray Thomas Berkeley, commonly known as Viscount Dursley, to the Earldom of Berkeley, in opposition to Baron Fitzhardinge, Francis William Fitzhardinge Berkeley. Counsel on behalf of Baron Fitzhardinge said that the 5th Earl of Berkeley tried to seduce a servant girl named Mary Cole, and that failing in this attempt he secretly married her and then conspired with the chaplain who performed the ceremony to destroy the proof of the marriage. The claim depends upon whether the fifth Earl of Berkeley did or did not marry Mary Cole previous to the birth of her oldest son. Great interest is taken in the case, all the available space in the hall where the hearing took place being occupied by people curious to hear the evidence. Among those present were a number of peeresses.

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