

Cashier Charles O'Brien, of the first National Bank of Auburn, N. Y., and the book-keeper, E. E. Morse, are missing. O'Brien took \$20,000 of securities with him. He has gone to Canada. The total amount of the defalcation is placed at \$20,000. When shall we be able to extradite this species of scoundrel?

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An unfortunate man named Porter, of Fredericton, walking on the track at Bangor, was run down by a train and killed. He had been wounded in the head by the derailling of a car in the morning. His head was therefore bandaged and his ears filled with wool, so that he probably did not hear the train. He leaves a wife and four children.

There is a rumor of a gigantic Anglo-American commercial scheme, including Jay Gould, the Rothschilds, and the Dukes of Devonshire and Westminster, for the erection of granaries, warehouses, pork-curing establishments, and cheese and butter factories, on sites commanding railway facilities to terminate at New York, with slaughtering facilities at Barrow, G. B., and retail stores throughout the United Kingdom.

The Irish volunteers held a meeting last week, at which O'Donovan Rossa and Frank Byrne were the speakers. Both advised Irishmen to imitate the men who killed Cavendish and Burd, and urged that Lord Lieutenants, Chief Secretary and Judges, in Ireland, should be assassinated. The use of dynamite was advocated, and the Irish were advised to trust their leaders and supply them with money to wage war against England.

Almost all the London theatres and concerts now begin at half-past 8.

To-day is the Marquis of Salisbury's birthday, he has completed his 58th year.

Hon. Edward Blake at latest advices was in Italy, and was considerably improved in health.

The Maharajah of Jodhpore has offered £20,000 annually for five years for frontier defence.

Rear-Admiral Hotham succeeds Capt. Lord Chas. Beresford as Naval Junior Lord of the Admiralty.

There has been a heavy snow storm in Wales. The roads are blocked and heavy loss of stock is feared.

The Orient steamer *Ormuz* has made the magnificent passage from Gravesend to Melbourne of 27 days, 6 hours.

Patrick Doyle, of Gapdunloe, was murdered in his house on Sunday evening. He had recently prosecuted some sheep stealers.

Sir M. Mackenzie examined the Crown Prince's throat on Monday last. The inflammation was reduced, and no signs of cancer discovered.

The Porte has been notified by the Krupp gun firm, that unless money is forthcoming immediately, the contracts for repeating rifles for the Turkish army will be broken.

The continued massing of Russian troops on the Austrian and Roumanian frontiers, and the uneasiness of Austria under the menace, point to the increasing probability of war.

Lord Dufferin has replied to an application to reduce his rents, that he leaves the matter in the hands of his agent. A trip to India will probably be Mr. W. O'Brien's next effort.

The weather has been exceedingly tempestuous in Europe as well as in America. A heavy gale prevailed throughout Great Britain, and a great storm was raging at Vienna on Saturday.

Arrests of prominent Irish Nationalists continue with unabated vigor, though what results, except enmity and exasperation, are expected from imprisoning a number of prominent men for a month or two, it is difficult to see.

Captain Noel S. F. Digby, lately Flag Captain to Sir J. E. Commerell, now commands the *Dreadnought* in the Mediterranean, and has under him as Commander Prince Louis of Battenburg, and, as one of his lieutenants, Prince George of Wales.

The Pope has cordially thanked the Czar for his jubilee congratulations. The Czar, in reply, expresses his desire to assure the interests of his Catholic subjects and to harmonize the needs of the Catholic Church with Imperial principles. His Holiness responds in a favorable manner.

Mr. Norman, of the *Pall Mall Gazette*, held a three hours' conversation last week from Vancouver with his chief, Mr. Stead, in London—7000 miles apart. Four minutes only elapsed between questions and answers. The incident is very noteworthy, and was much-talked of in the London Clubs.

The Compagnie Generale Transatlantique is dismissing its foreign workmen, and has ordered that none shall hereafter be employed. It is reported that other companies will adopt a similar course. The order is directed mainly against Italians and Germans, and is due to fear of the presence of spies.

The Board of Trade returns of British trade with Canada show a moderate expansion during the year 1887. Exports to Canada increased £51,439 or one per cent over 1886, but imports from Canada increased £340,329 or 4.47 per cent. The export items are generally stationary, except for an increase in horses. In imports sheep and sawn wood decreased largely, sheep falling sixty per cent; though wheat and cheese have much increased.

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