

Crows have become such a nuisance in Maine, that the legislature has offered a bounty of ten cents a head. The boys will now start out with shot guns for a general slaughter, but the crows being knowing birds will soon hear of it and when a boy with a gun is seen approaching, some wise old crow will wink to his companions, and away they will fly.

The Duchess of Marlborough is to be received at court.

The French Government has decided to suppress the Patriotic League.

The German missionaries held captive by the Arabs have been liberated.

The British government's small arms stores at Weedon have been burned. Loss \$500,000.

The French Government has decided to create a special ministry for Colonial affairs.

Mr. Spurgeon, who has been absent from London on account of ill health, has returned quite restored.

A great dinner is to be given in honor of Mr. Parnell, at which it is expected Earl Spencer will preside.

King Milan of Serbia, has abdicated, and will be succeeded by the Crown Prince Alexander, aged 13, under a Regency.

On Saturday last the Pope entered on his 80th year. His Holiness is reported to be in good health, and to have spoken vigorously.

The Pope has distributed a large number of his jubilee gifts among the churches in Ireland, thereby showing his affection for that country.

The Czar has devoted over a million of roubles to the establishment of an institution for the blind at St. Petersburg, in honor of his parents.

Sir Julian Pauncefoot has been appointed British Minister to the United States. He is said to be thoroughly posted on the fisheries question.

The report that the Afghan forces are advancing from Herat, and that the Emir of Bokhara is preparing to attack them, has been contradicted.

King Otto of Bavaria is hopelessly insane. Until recently he had shown signs of improvement, and hopes of his ultimate recovery were entertained.

Mr. W. H. Gladstone, eldest son of the veteran statesman, is improving. Sir Thomas Gladstone, the ex-premier's elder brother, is reported to be seriously ill.

The Emperor of China has been married. The ceremony was performed with great splendor, contrasting strongly with the distress among the people of the country.

Ten reservoirs of tar at Charleroy are burning. The flames shot up to the height of 600 feet, and resemble the eruption of a volcano. The damage is estimated at \$200,000.

Brookwood in Surrey, twenty eight miles from London, has been selected by the National Rifle Association as the new Wimbledon. The meeting next summer will take place at Wimbledon.

Advices from Samoa state that a truce has been declared between the German Consul and Mataafa until after the Berlin Conference. Mataafa agrees to prevent the destruction of German estates.

The Parnell Commission Court has assented to Mr. Dillon's going to Australia for his health, altho' a speech was read in which he had urged the destruction of the Police engaged in protecting landlords.

A deputation from Boulogne, has presented General Boulanger with a sword of honor, and the government shows its weakness by forbidding any sort of demonstration towards the General, even to saluting him.

Signor Crispi, Prime Minister of Italy, has resigned, in order to avoid the inevitable hostile vote on the government measures providing for additional taxation. He has been charged with the formation of a new cabinet.

There are now 575 daily and weekly papers published in Japan, although it is only eighteen years since the first one made its appearance. There are also 35 law magazines, 111 scientific periodicals, 35 medical journals, and an equal number of religious newspapers.

The courts of England and Germany are now tolerably amicable, and it is to be hoped that they will continue to be so. Queen Victoria has sent a present to her grandson of two magnificent Indian vases with superb decorations, and the Empress Frederick sent him a very costly and elegant bronze group.

The confession by Piggott of his forgery of the Parnell letters has been almost immediately succeeded by his suicide. He had escaped to Madrid, and shot himself in a hotel there. The Parnellites are extensively charged at the death of Piggott, considering it limits the chances of unearthing the conspiracy.

There has been some apprehension about a suspected project for an elaborate system of fortification of London, but distinguished men in the services point out that if an invading army can be landed, fortifications would be of little avail, and that the true safeguard would be the strengthening of the Navy.

Friendly relations between Russia and France will not be affected by the Atchinoff incident at Sagallo. Atchinoff was repeatedly warned that Sagallo was French territory, but he persisted in treating it as a conquered country, and his followers and the natives with the utmost brutality. Under the circumstances the Russian government recognizes that the French only did their duty. A committee of the Patriotic League has resolved in the name of 240,000 members to protest against France's treatment of the Atchinoff expedition, and has donated \$2000 to start a subscription for the families of the Cossacks who were killed.

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