

HOW THE BATTLE GOES.

News of the Home Rule Movement.

IMPROVING SALISBURY AND BALFOUR.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—Mr. Henry P. Cobb, Liberal member of Regent Mr. W. H. Smith's motion to amend the report of the Parnell commission, with the amendment offered by Sir Charles E. Lewis, he would move, "That this House deplores the fact that it appears from the dates supplied by the report and the evidence before the commission that at the time of the alleged treachery of Mr. Parnell, certain members of the Government, especially Lord Salisbury and Mr. Balfour, were in close alliance and treaty with the members accused; therefore, Lord Salisbury and other members of the Government deserve severe condemnation."

ST. PATRICKS ELECTION.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—The Conservatives have now arrived at a full realization of the fact that their circulation of a pamphlet designed to show that the report of the Parnell commission was really a verdict of guilty against all of the Irish members accused by the Times, was a mistake like by to prove fatal to their chances of retaining the seat. A large majority of the workmen in the constituency are Radicals, and it was these men the pamphlet was intended to reach, but it is now plain that it has reached a great deal further, with the result that the Tories are losing ground amongst those who have formerly supported the Government. The Ministerial party stoutly assert that the action of Mr. Caine in denouncing the Times and its charges against the Irish member has had no effect upon the electors, but the facts do not sustain this declaration, as will undoubtedly be seen when the St. Patrick election takes place.

A TESTIMONIAL FOR PARNELL.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—Chas. S. Russell, of Cambridge, to night declared that Mr. Parnell and his colleagues had been acquitted of every charge affecting their personal and political honor. The movement with which they are identified, he said, had accomplished its aims with far less crime than had ever been attached to any previous political agitation. Sir William Harcourt, speaking at Bath this evening, declared the Times to be branded with eternal infamy and set apart as a monument of lasting disgrace to English journalism.

MRS. O'SHEA ILL.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—The illness of Mrs. O'Shea will necessarily still further delay the trial of her husband's suit against her for divorce.

BALFOUR'S BILL.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—Mr. Balfour is drafting a local Government scheme for Ireland on lines similar to those forming the basis of the plans for England and Scotland.

AN EDITOR TO BE JAILED.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—Editor McLeary of the Limerick Leader, has been sentenced to one month's imprisonment for publishing a report received by cable of a league meeting.

BRITISH SOLDIERS CHEERING FOR THE PLAN OF CAMPAIGN.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—It is of passing interest to note that an English regiment wintering at Tipperary became so disgusted with the cruel war because that it was found necessary to order it to India, and the soldiers cheerfully accepted the change for O'Brien and the plan of campaign.

TOO NAUSEATING EVEN FOR TORIERS.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The Daily News, in a scorching letter on the political situation, declares that the Liberals are again in the ascendancy and are fully determined upon waging a war against Lord Salisbury's mendacious government, in which they will give no quarter. "The attempt of the ministry, the News says, to force the country to accept the report of the Parnell Commission, exciting and accusing members of the Irish party of the charges against them, as a verdict of 'guilty,' is a dose too nauseating for even Tories to swallow, as the government will learn as the cost of its power when the purging operation begins."

AN EXAMPLE IN GERMANY.

LONDON, February 27.—In a speech to-day Sir William Vernon Harcourt compared the lessening of the Government majority in the House of Commons to the sweeping away of the Carrel parties in the German Reichstag. He urged the electors of Great Britain to emulate the German voters.

PIGOTT AND PARNELL.

LONDON, March 1.—Earl Spencer, speaking at Wolverton to-day, reproved the Times for its culpability in swallowing so readily Pigott's forged letters, which were, in fact, the backbone of all its charges. He said whenever, during the last 14 years, enquiry into the doings or saying of any person connected with Dublin Castle had elicited any charge against Pigott, what he said had always been found to be unreliable. He related instances of Pigott's attempts to obtain money for pretended information while he himself was Lord Lieutenant. He said, "If the Gladstonians are now worthy of blame for their alliance with the Parnell party, the Tories were also worthy of blame for the alliance in 1885, and for the present it is the duty of local government to Ireland." He believed posterity would regard Mr. Parnell as one of the greatest reformers of the generation.

CANADA'S GALLANT GENERAL.

Said to have Appropriated a Half-Breed's Furs, Valued at Over \$5,000

OTTAWA, Ont., February 26.—The scandal concerning General Sir Frederick Middleton, commander of the Canadian Militia, is assuming a serious aspect. He was served yesterday with a writ by Charles Bremner, the half-breed whose furs, valued at over five thousand dollars, he is alleged to have appropriated during the Northwest Rebellion of 1855. Warden Bedson of the Manitoba penitentiary was also served with a writ. He is charged with having received some of the furs after the rebellion had concluded them. It will be remembered that the half-breed, Bremner, gave the furs to the general for safe keeping. This was five years ago. Bremner has never seen them since. Some few weeks ago he petitioned the federal Parliament in connection with the matter. Nothing having come of this, he was obliged to bring civil proceedings for the recovery of his property. Hence the issue of the writ. It is not yet known how the affair will end. There is, however, a possibility that the gallant general may be obliged to resign his position. He came from England seven years ago to take command of the Canadian troops, and was knighted for his gallant behavior against the Indians and half-breeds in the Northwest. The general and his friends are understood to claim that the furs were not given in trust by Bremner, but were part of the legitimate loot of the commander-in-chief.

Trouble in the Evangelical Conference.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., Feb. 27.—Bishop J. J. Eber, of Chicago, opened the Eastern Pennsylvania Evangelical conference this a.m. One hundred and sixty-five ministers were present. A letter from the Bishop and the appointment of Rev. W. A. Leopold as secretary, four elders preferred charges against Bishop Eber. The charges were of such a nature that the committee considered a trial absolutely necessary, and March 9 was fixed as the time for the trial to be held in Salem Church, Reading. The Bishop was asked to leave the chair, but after the reading of his charges, his duty would not permit him to vacate it. The charges against Bishop Eber are: (1) slander and evil speaking; (2) falsehood; (3) creating dissensions by perpetrating and intensifying the agitation in our church, and disturbing our peace by a revival of old and previously adjusted difficulties and differences.

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CABLE GOSSIP.

AN ENGLISH CHARIVARI.

WIMBORNE, Feb. 26.—An old man by name of Joyce, 66 years of age, married his servant girl, 20, immediately after having buried his first wife whereupon the neighbors arose in their wrath and were about to teach the too hearty lover a popular lesson in personal freedom of action by means of sticks and stones, tin-pans and cowbells, when the police charged and dispersed the indignant crowd, injuring several people.

AN INCURSION OF RAVENOUS WOLVES.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—The cold has been so intense around Bucharest that whole packs of starving wolves have invaded the towns and villages devouring all before them. In Bessarabia a mail cart was attacked and the postman and his horses were eaten up by the ravenous brute. Hunting parties have been organized for the destruction of the wolves under the leadership of the heir presumptive to the throne.

THE IMPRISONED DUC D'ORLANS.

The Duchess de Chartres and her daughter Marguerite, the imprisoned Duke d'Orleans' betrothed, have taken up their residence in the Chateau d'Arc, near Clairvaux, which belongs to the Prince de Joinville. The duke's friends are striving to obtain his release on his promise to retire for a long time to America.

AN UNSAVORY COUPLE.

In the divorce court to-day Mr. Darbyshire is suing his wife for adultery with Lord Abingdon (Baird). The plaintiff claims heavy damages, and the adultery is admitted; but the case is adjourned on account of Lord Abingdon's injuries in the hunting field. The interest centres in the question whether Lord Abingdon may obtain a mitigation of damages if he proves that Darbyshire is kept by a lady of wealth, aged 50 years.

THE KING OF SPAIN'S RELEASE.

There is great depression at the Spanish embassy in London to-night in consequence of the infant King's release, caused by taking him out to drive and letting down the carriage windows.

ACCUSATION AGAINST A MUSICALIAN.

Emil Neumann, a noted professor of music in Berlin, was arrested to-day on a charge of murdering his son, aged 21, who was found hanging to a beam with all the appearance of being dead. The motive for the crime is supposed to be the son's discovery of his father's systematic criminal conduct with many of his female pupils of the best families.

EMIGRATION TO SOUTH-EAST AFRICA.

Hundreds of people are emigrating to south-eastern Africa. The German consul-general in London has been empowered to issue 300 German clerks to go and settle in the rich district between Lake Nyassa and the mouth of the Zambesi River. This quickly does Germany take advantage of Lord Salisbury's quarrel with Portugal.

DISTRESS IN ITALY.

There is a great deal of discontent and distress throughout the kingdom of Italy. Households now cry out that they were always more prosperous under the temporal power of His Holiness, while the radicals complain that the Government is ruining the country for the sake of maintaining a huge and useless army merely to propitiate Bismarck.

ITALIAN CREDIT LOW.

After many attempts to raise money in various European capitals under guarantee of the municipality of Rome the Government has determined to send to Signor Favia, a friend of Sirozi Crispi and a notable politician, on a special mission to the United States for the purpose of ascertaining what the chances may be for an important financial operation on a large scale and guaranteed by fifteen municipalities of Italy.

Commodore McMicken, of the Onondaga Steamship Company, has almost entirely recovered from his late serious illness and will soon be at his post again. He will, however, not return on the Umbria, but will assume command of the Commodore's proper ship, the Eururia, when she leaves on March 15. Captain Haines will then be transferred to the command of the Umbria.

SOCIALISTS REJOINING.

The Socialist organ, the *Solennite* of Lyons, in reviewing the recent elections, declares that they're a series of unexpected and glorious triumphs along the whole line which were achieved through the powerful attack of the Socialist armies in the thundering march. Countless battalions of labor storming the hostile position under the folds of the red flag have never been heard so distinctly in the history of the universe. The old world is hopelessly in a shaking and what will be the result to the new generation. The answer is a message of triumph to the whole of mankind, a peace of liberty, of peace, of culture, and well being to the nations.

The *Colonge Gazette* combats the Imperial intentions to protect the laborers and urges protection of the employers instead.

LOSSES CAUSED BY THE DUCK STRIKE.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—At a meeting of the National Steamship Company to-day it was stated that the recent strike at the London docks caused a dead loss of ten thousand pounds sterling to the Company.

SOME GREAT ENGINEERING WORKS.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The opening of Forth Bridge, which is set for Tuesday next, is exciting universal interest throughout England. The Prince of Wales is to be the central figure of the ceremony and engineers are coming from all parts of Europe to be present. Forty railway magistrates from France have already signified their intention of being in the party. Following the ceremony the invited guests will make a hurried tour of Liverpool, principally to inspect the wonderful sidings of the London & North Western railway, where ninety-six thousand cars are shifted entirely by gravity. After this they will inspect the Mersey tunnel.

A THOROUGH PAGED SCOUNDREL.

It is now believed that the Berlin music teacher Neuman, who is accused of murdering his own son, had accomplices. Among the visitors who came regularly during his lessons was his housekeeper's daughter, aged 16, who is now pregnant. A short time ago a servant girl was also pregnant and died by her own hands, as it was alleged.

ACCIDENT TO AN ARCHBISHOP.

The archbishop of Cologne fell on leaving the hotel at Krenzent, and sustained such serious injuries as to prevent his attendance at the State Council.

MR. BIGGAR'S WILL.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The will of the Joseph Biggar, bequeathed to Archbishop Walsh, of Dublin, the sum of £3,000, and gives sums ranging from £200 to £1,000 to various charities in different parts of Ireland.

NO RECONCILIATION WITH GERMANY.

PARIS, Feb. 27.—The French newspapers of the Opposition are raising a terrific howl at the decision of the Paris Government to participate in Emperor William's labor conference at Berlin. The decision, these journals declare, is a complete surrender of the principle which every Frenchman should have held sacred since the city has held since France was despoiled by German greed and German vandalism, and in this spirit the act will be treated by the French electors at the earliest opportunity offering.

TO ATTEND THE LABOR CONFERENCE.

BERLIN, February 27.—Austria, Italy, Holland, Switzerland, Denmark and Sweden have accepted invitations to the Berlin labor conference. Neither Prince Bismarck nor Count Herbert will be present.

AN ANGLIO-ITALIAN RED SEA COMPACT.

PARIS, February 27.—The *Sicile* a semi-official paper, says a treaty in writing exists between England and Italy providing for concerted action of those powers on the west coast of the Red sea.

WHAT EUROPE'S ARMIES COST LAST YEAR.

BERLIN, February 27.—The military expenditure of the great powers during the past three years was as follows: France, 5,682,000,000 francs; Russia, 8,254,000,000 rubles; Great Britain, 2,475,000,000 pounds; Germany, 2,450,000,000 marks; Austria-Hungary, 1,362,000,000 crowns; and Italy, 1,254,000,000 lire.

BISMARCK HAD RESIGNED.

LONDON, February 28.—The *Times* correspondent at Vienna reports that Prince Bismarck had actually resigned and surrendered his office, but that he withdrew his resignation at the request of the Emperor and that Leopold of Bavaria and the Grand Duke of Baden have notified the Emperor that they do not approve his policy toward Socialism.

RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT.

Baron De Worms moved the second reading of a bill granting a responsible Government to Western Australia, reserving the Imperial power to subdivide the colony. The House to-night authorized the expenditure of £1,000,000 for the purpose of extending military barracks.

BULLYING THE EMPEROR.

The *Tagblatt* says—Prince Bismarck never meant to resign; he was simply bullying the Emperor and resorting to the old game he worked so successfully with William I. and Frederick III., but he has been outwitted by the Emperor. A quantity of backbone his predecessors did not possess, and refuses to budge from his attitude on the labor question because of the consequence, so far as Bismarck is concerned, what they may.

PROTEST FROM GERMAN BREWERS.

The Weiss beer brewers have entered a protest against the action of the New York Board of Health in condemning them because of adulteration in the beer by Salicyl. The brewers contend that the beer sent to America is brewed especially for export and contains no salicyl whatsoever. Unless the New York Health Board rescinds its present action in the matter the brewers propose appealing to the German legation at Washington to bring the matter before the national authorities, demanding suitable corrections.

A DISOBTROUS SUICIDE.

The St. Petersburg press severely condemns Victor Morier on the ground that he offended the rules of propriety in his assumed suicide, inasmuch as he was, as it is stated, the proprietor of the place and the hour, when a diplomatic dinner was in progress for the assault upon his own life. The offence in the eyes of the editorial writers was intensified by the fact that the dinner was attended by ladies. The explanation of the young man's rash act is that the English Countess, with whom he is engaged to be married, had refused to marry him unless he would give up his profession and become a lawyer. The report of the pistol started the dinner, and the youth was quickly discovered with blood. Lady Morier is en route to her son's bedside.

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COMMERCIAL.

MONTREAL MARKET QUOTATIONS.

FLOUR GRAIN, &c.

FLOUR.—Receipts during the week were 5,370 bbls, against 4,559 bbls the week previous. Dealers are again discussing the probability of Government placing an extra duty of 25c per barrel on flour, making it 45c per barrel, as at present. It is strong bakers the market is quoted steady under a fair local enquiry, with business reported at \$4.90. In straight rollers it is understood that several good sized lots have been withdrawn from the market by Western mills, as they refuse to accept present low prices. Sales during the week are reported at \$4.40 in round lots, strong well known brands being quoted \$4.50 to \$5.55. Outside of the local trade, business is very limited, although it is hinted that sales have been made on English account for spring shipment. Patent winter, \$5.00 to \$5.20; Patent spring, \$5.00 to \$5.20; Straight roller, \$4.40 to \$4.55; Extra, \$4.40 to \$4.50; Superior, \$3.50 to \$3.80; Fine, \$3.10 to \$3.25; City Strong Bakers, \$4.80 to \$4.90; Strong Bakers, \$4.80 to \$4.90; Ontario bags—superfine, \$1.65 to \$2.00; Ontario bag fine, \$1.40 to \$1.60.

GRAIN, &c.—Market quiet but steady. Receipts during the week 548 barrels. Standard in bags at \$1.80 to \$1.90 and granulated at \$1.85 to \$1.95. In bbls granulated \$3.80 to \$4 and ordinary standard at \$3.60 to \$3.75. Rolled oats \$3.80 to \$4.00; per bbl, and at \$1.80 to \$1.95 in bags. Feed barley \$5.00 to \$5.50 per bbl, and pot barley at \$4 to \$4.25. Split peas, \$3.70 to \$3.90.

MIL FEED.—Market very firm at \$14 to \$15. Shorts firm and quoted at \$10 to \$17. Moulins \$22 to \$24 per ton.

WHEAT.—Receipts during the week were 4,175 bushels, against 5,022 bush the week previous. The market is dull for Manitoba and we quote price \$1.05 to \$1.04 for No. 1 hard, and \$1.04 to \$1.02 for No. 2. Chicago No. 2, closes to-day at 78 1/2c May.

BARLEY.—Receipts during the week were 28,170 bush, against 15,950 bush the week previous. Prices here continue nominal at 66c to 67c per 60 lb, and in the west at 64c per 60 lb.

BARLEY.—Receipts during the week were 4,925 bush, against nil for the week

previous. Prices again lower in the States, and we quote 46c to 50c, and feed 85c to 48c.

OATS.—Receipts during the week were 12,950 bushels, against 27,148 bushels the week previous. We quote 29c to 30c per 32 lbs, as to quality, and very little selling.

RYE.—Prices purely nominal at 50c to 51c.

BUCKWHEAT.—Market dull. We quote 35c to 40c. A car sold 35c here.

MALT.—80c to 85c per bushel in small lots, large quantities at 70c to 75c.

SEEDS.—Timothy is firm, American being quoted at \$1.45 to \$1.60. Canadian is quoted at \$2 to \$2.10 per bushel. Red clover is quiet at 65c to 75c per lb. Alsike 10c to 12c per lb, blue grass \$1 to \$1.50 as to quality, and red top 50c to 75c.

PROVISIONS.

PORK, LARD, &c.—There has been a fair business during the week in Canada short cut and Western clear pork at about former quotations. In lard the sales of 400 pairs are reported at 7 1/2c per lb and Western is quoted at 7 1/2 to 8c. A good business has sprung up in smoked meats.

Canada short cut clear, per bbl, \$12.75 to \$13.25; Ontario short cut clear, per bbl, to \$13; Mess pork, Western, per bbl, \$12.75 to \$13.00; Ham, city cured, per lb, 10c to 11c; Lard, in bulk, in pairs, per lb, 7 1/2c to 8c; Lard, Canadian, in pairs, per lb, 8c to 9c; Bacon, per lb, 10c to 11c; Shoulders 10c; Tallow, common, refined, per lb, 4 to 5c.

DRESSED HOGS.—The receipts during the past week were 569 head against 1,250 head for the week previous. Prices are nominally quoted at \$5.80 to \$6.00.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.

BUTTER.—Receipts during the week were 988 pkgs, against 2,681 pkgs for the week previous. During the past few days there has been a good deal of hunting around for the finest goods to be had, most of which were picked up at good prices. Buyers will therefore be compelled to take the nearest quality. The sale of a jobbing lot of fine September creamery was made at 24c and another lot at 23 1/2c. In other lines the market retains the old cut features. We quote: Creamery, 20c to 23c; do Summer, 16c to 18c; Eastern Township, 14c to 20c; Wrenburg, 14c to 18c; Brockville, 14c to 18c; Inverness, 15c to 18c; Renfrew, 12c to 14c. Inferior lots, 10c to 12c.

Total selections are sold to the local trade at the usual margin above regular quotations.

CHEESE.—Receipts during the past week were 403 boxes, against 80 boxes the week previous. The market is gradually assuming a healthier and firmer tone now that the big stocks which were said to exist on this side a short time since cannot be found. In this market about 2,000 were sold at prices ranging from 10c to 12 1/2c, within the past few days. In New York the market is firm and holders there have advanced their ideas to 11 1/2 for finest goods. Here prices are quoted at 11 1/2 to 10 1/2 for finest, and 9 1/2 to 10 1/2 for other grades.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

EGGS.—Receipts during the week were 726 pkgs, against 1,445 pkgs for the week previous. (Giving to the change in the Observance of Lent, the demand for eggs has fallen off considerably, which has left the market in a worse condition than ever. Canadian strictly fresh eggs are quoted at 17c to 18c and American fresh 15c to 17c. Montreal limited are offered freely at 12c, a few odd cases having fetched 14c. A lot of 15 boxes of old held eggs was sold at 7c per dozen.

EGGS.—Market quiet. Small lots \$1.50 to \$1.75. Car lots \$1.40 to \$1.50 per bushel.

MAPLE SYRUP, &c.—Syrup 50c to \$1 per tin as to quality, and maple sugar 7c to 8c per lb as to quality.

HONEY.—Extracted, 10c to 11c as to quality. In comb honey sales are made at 16c for white clover to 1 lb sections. Buckwheat honey in comb 12c to 14c, in sections.

BREXWAX.—Market quiet at 25c to 26c per lb.

HOPS.—Fine Canadian hops are quoted at 14c to 16c medium to good 10c to 14c and old 10c to 9c.

HAIR.—Good Timothy \$8 on truck, but ordinary quantities \$6 to \$7 per ton, and fancy \$10 to \$10.50.

FRUIT, &c.

APPLES.—The market on spot is quiet but steady with sales of good choice selections at \$3.50 to \$4.50 per barrel. Round lots of Western are quoted at \$2.75 to \$3.

DIETED APPLES.—Market dull at 6c per lb.

EVAPORATED APPLES.—9c to 10c for new, 8c to 8 1/2c for old.

ORANGES.—Valencia easy at \$4 to \$4.50 per case. Florida \$3.25 to \$3.50 per box.

Lemons.—In 1 lb boxes \$4 to \$4.50; in 5 lb boxes \$1.10 to \$1.2c; and in 10 lb boxes 50c to 55c per case.

PINKAPPLES.—Extra large 35c to 40c each and 25c to 30c each.

POTATOES.—55c to 70c per bag; retail, 80c to 85c.

FISH AND OILS.

SMOKED ATLANTIC HERRING.—The Lenten indulgence of