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THE WEEK.

RESIDENT Grevy has pardoned five hundred communists.

Cardinal Newman is now in Rome, and is suffering from inflammation of the lungs-a disease prevalent enough in this country, but which one would hardly expect to attack a newly made Cardinal in the balmy land of the Cesars.

The death is announced of William Lloyd Garrison, who was born at Newburyport in 1804. He worked in the cause of the emancipation of the negroes for many years. His associates were Charles Sumner, Horace Greeley, Henry Wilson, Wendell Phillips and others of a similar character.

The Queen has appointed the following gentle men Knights Commanders of the most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St. George:-The Hon. Sir Narcisse F. Belleau, Knight, Q.C. of Quebec; The Hon. Wm. P. Howland, C.B. P.C., &c., of Toronto; The Hon. Charles Tupper, C.B., P.C., Minister of Public Works, &c., of Ottawa; The Hon. Samuel L. Tilley, C.B., P.C., Minister of Finance, &c., of St. John, New Brunswick; The Hon. George Brown, Senator, &c., of Toronto; The Hon. Alex. Campbell, Senator, P.C, Receiver-General, &c., of Toronto; and The Hon. Richard John Cartwright, P.C., M.P., &c., of Kingston.

The advance on Zululand commences in a few daily expected.—The great Kaffir mountain present is confined to the Paris and London newsstronghold of Zlobani, confronting Col. Wood's papers. The diplomatic relations of both coun camp, has been abandoned.—Sir Bartle Frere has announced that he has no intention of resigning. —A dispatch dated Maritzburg, says Sir Bartle Frere telegraphed asking that a battery be despatched to the Transvaal to overawe the Boers. Fever and dysentery prevail in Gen. Crealock's division. Col. Pearson is sick.—The Daily News correspondent, writing from Capetown, says Catewayo threatens to make a raid into Natal.—Col. Wood's advance has been ordered to throw a bridge over the Tugela River to be ready for Col. Crealock's advance.—Lord Chelmsford reached-Kambulshill on the 9th instant.—General Wolsely has been appointed to the Supreme command of the British forces in Zululand.

France is occupied with gigantic projects for public improvements, which will not only increase facilities for internal communication and for commerce, but also supply employment for laborers. The Minister of Public Works in France has outlined a scheme of railway, canal, and harbor extension which will cost about \$800,000,000—an riage of white and coloured persons.

cent. bonds, redeemable in seventy-five years. He will probably receive legislative sanction for his proposed works, and can doubtless raise the necessary sum without difficulty. In fact, the enterprising Minister of Public Works has laid out a system of internal improvements of great magnitude, and one which, if adopted, will occupy France for many years to come, and be of immense advantage to the young republic.

Another explorer has crossed the "dark conti nent." Pinto, an enterprising Portuguese scien tist, started from the coast in October, 1877, with 400 followers, only eight of whom survived the privations and hardships of the journey and the strnggles with the natives. In a communication to the Portuguese government, Pinto says: "In concluding my journey across Africa, I struggled with hunger, thirst, the natives, floods, and drought. I have saved all my papers—twenty geographical charts, many topographical maps, three volumes of notes, meteorological studies, drawings, and a diary of the complete exploration of the Upper Zambesi with its seventy-two catar-

Russia is becoming more and more unsettled. Gen. Stolypine has ordered a search for Nihilists reported to be working among the Russian troops in Roumelia. Sophie von Herzfeld and a male accomplice were condemned at Kieff on the 19th inst., to be shot for belonging to an illegal society, forging passports, and attempting to kill numbers of the police. There has been a panic at Samasa in consequence of placards announcing that the town would be burned on the 13th of May. The fire brigade paraded all night, but there was no fire. The St. Petersburg police has been reinforced by 150 soldiers

The feeling of irritation and impatience in France over the dilatory policy of England regarding the Greek frontier question continues un diminished. The Conservative and Republican journals of Paris taunt England with offering to days. Col. Wood takes the offensive directly Lord | France platonic demonstrations whilst keeping Chelmsford reaches the Ambula Hill, where he is material realities for herself. The warfare at tries remain unchanged.

> A copy of a telegram received for the Colonial Secretary from the commandant at Taggart's camp, opposite Cabus on the Orange River, via Victoria West, reports an attack upon an island upon which the enemy were in full force. Among the wounded are Lieut. Kohnelan Williams, Light Infantry, dangerously; private White, Sourthey's Rangers, dangerously; private Makie Sourthey's Rangers, slightly; trooper Thorpe, Northern Border Horse, severely; private Leon, Zulu Contingent, slightly."

> The New York Sun says :-- "The case of the black Edmund Kinney and his white wife, who are now serving a term in the Virginia penitentiary for getting married, has excited attention throughout the country, but everybody is not aware that Rhode Island, of the New England States, with a large Ethiopian majority, has a law on its statute books prohibiting intermar-

immense sum. He proposes to raise money for not a dead letter, and arrests have been made all these improvements by the issue of three per under it within a few years past. Some difficulty was found, however, in enforcing the law, as the burden rests upon the prosecution of proving that the accused parties are respectively white and coloured, which it is hard to establish."

WHITSUNDAY.

HE original name of this festival was Pentecost, with the same meaning as Quinquagesima, Pentecost being the fiftieth day from the morrow of the Passover Sabbath among the Jews, and therefore the fiftieth day from the Christian Easter Lord's Day. Its English name is probably derived from the custom of the newly baptized wearing their chrisoms on that day; although others have derived it from the outpouring of wisdom, (O. E. "wit") upon the Church by the Holy Ghost on this day.

The original feast of Pentecost was instituted by God as a memorial of the day on which He gave the law to Moses, and declared the Israelites " a peculiar treasure, a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation"; Ex. 19:5, 6. The prominent character of the day, however, was that of a solemn harvest festival. On the morrow of the Passover Sabbath, fifty days before, the first cut sheaf of corn was offered to God, waved before the altar, with supplication for a blessing on the harvest then begun. On the day of Pentecost, two loaves of the first bread made from the new corn were offered, with appointed burnt offerings, in thanksgiving for the harvest now ended. And each of these objects of the festival has a significant typical application. It was on this day that the Divine Spirit descended to sanctify a new Israel that they too might be "a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people "; and this separation of a new Israel from the rest of the world began to be made when three thousand were added to the Church by baptism on the day of Pentecost. On this day, also, "the corn of wheat," (which had fallen into the ground and died on the day of the Passover, and had sprung up a new and perpetual sacrifice to God on Easter Day), sent forth the Holy Spirit to make those three thousand the "One Bread" of the Lord's mystical Body, a first-fruits offering to God of the Church which had been purchased with His blood.

THE GIFT OF THE DIVINE SPIRIT.

HE importance of specially dwelling on this gift in the present day is undeniable, for we live at a time when men are more than ever disposed to ignore the very existence of the spiritual world and the presence and action of the Holy Comforter upon the souls of men. This is perhaps a reaction from some mistaken and fanatical ideas about His work which were to be occasionally found in a past generation; although it is much more largely due to the large place which the material universe holds in the imagination of the present generation. We have explored the realms of matter; and in many ways unknown to our forefathers we have made it at once our friend and our slave. Our telescopes report the surfaces of distant planets; our practical science places the great forces of steam and electricity under contribution to our daily and ordinary wants. We hourly converse with the inhabitants of other con-The law is tinents. We pass from point to point with amaz-