

ECHOES OF THE WEEK.

European.

A correspondent at Madrid says grave anxiety is felt over the state of affairs in Portugal. He expresses fears that a revolution is about to break out.

Shamekin, the imprisoned nihilist, is said to have implicated a number of Jews in his confession, and as a result 3,000 of that race have been expelled from Kieff, where the plot to murder the Czar had its origin.

The action for breach of promise brought by Gladys Evelyn against William Henry Horibert before Justice Cave in the Court of Queen's Bench has been concluded. The jury after a short consultation brought in a verdict for the defendant.

The members of an artillery battery at Portsmouth mutinied on Saturday in order to call attention to their grievances. They complained of excessive drill and other onerous duties. The leaders were arrested. The officials at Portsmouth tried to keep the trouble secret.

There was a serious riot at Cerda, Italy, on Monday, growing out of the opposition to the poll tax. Two thousand peasants protested against the tax and invading the prison released a comrade confined there. Then they marched to the communal office, where they destroyed the records. Many rioters were arrested.

At a meeting of the Tenants' Defence League in Dublin on Tuesday Mr. Redmond said a continuance of the plan of campaign was impossible in view of the fact that with the exception of the fund now held in Paris, there was no money with which to continue the warfare against the landlords.

Considerable alarm prevails among small farmers and poor people in the Skibbereen district on account of the discovery that the seed potatoes recently distributed as one of the relief measures of the Government have practically proved a failure. Many lots of these potatoes planted weeks ago have as yet shown no signs of life.

Mr. William Henry Smith, in the House of Commons on Monday, replying to a question in regard to Michael Davitt not being made a member of the Royal Labor Commission, said Davitt's evidence before the Parnell special commission, with the fact that he had been convicted of treason felony, unfitted him to sit on the commission.

The British forces have defeated a large body of Miranzais after a stubbornly contested engagement. In the heat of the fight the British troops made a dashing advance carrying everything before them. Several English soldiers and two English officers were severely wounded. The enemy's loss is believed to have been heavy. The general advance of the troops will be made to-day to break the enemy's lines and clear the Samana range of hills, which the Miranzais occupy in force.

An accident, during which the lives of two hundred men were imperilled, recently took place near Longton, Staffordshire. Two large cages, or cars, used for hoisting and lowering men and material in a colliery in the Longton coal district, while one of them was being hoisted and the other lowered, came into collision and were smashed to pieces. The result was the shaft was badly damaged and choked up with debris, thus cutting off communication with two hundred miners whom the accident imprisoned in the mine below. For fourteen hours the miners were shut up in the mine, practically buried alive. Eventually a hole was pierced through the mass of wreckage and earth, clogging the shaft, and it was found possible to lower food by means of a rope to the imprisoned miners. Further work on the passage enabled the men engaged in the work of rescue to haul the two hundred miners one by one out of the mine by using buckets to which ropes were attached.

American.

Mrs. Mary Gough, widow of the late John R. Gough, the great teetotal lecturer, died at Hillside farm in Boylston, Mass., Monday, at the age of 71, from paralysis.

On Sunday at Dry Creek Church, Louisiana, as people were congregating for religious services, an altercation took place between E. Miller and Dr. W. A. Sigler in which Dr. Sigler was shot and killed by Miller.

John Wright on Monday bet one dollar that he could run across the Milwaukee bridge in advance of any approaching train, but the train overtook him and he was killed.

The seven prisoners sentenced to be shot at Okmulgee, Indian Territory, on Tuesday made a break for liberty on Monday morning. All got away but three. The others are still at large.

The Washington National Bank of New York was open Monday for the purpose of paying its depositors, which will be done in full. It is expected it will take a month to pay them all. The directors of the defunct bank furnished the money and will repay themselves when the collateral held by the bank is realized upon.

Early on Monday morning Angelo G. both, of New York, murdered his mother-in-

law, dangerously stabbed his father-in-law, and was slain by Conquito Chamodella, aged 18, a son of the murdered woman. A general melee followed, in which Gaboth's wife and her brother received stab wounds. The row occurred at 195 Grand street.

At 8.45 Monday morning a terrible explosion occurred at the foot of Washington street, St. Paul, Minn., where the city Electric Railway's power-house is located. John Johnson, a plumber, was working under one of the huge petroleum oil tanks and it is surmised ignited the gas in the tank with the light he held in his hand. The tank, containing 14,000 gallons of oil, was blown to atoms. Nothing can be found of Johnson's remains over which to hold an inquest.

Canadian.

L'Electeur says that Messrs. Mercier and Shehyn have already received nine propositions for the provincial loan.

The Government of Prince Edward Island have resigned. Governor Carvell refused to grant a dissolution in accordance with the Premier's advice.

G. R. Sangster, of Moncton, N. B., who recently decided to present the Methodist denomination with a church edifice to seat 400 persons, has added a parsonage to this generous gift.

The Quebec city corporation have taken actions against Cola. Duchesnay, Tasche-reau, Forest and Prevost for municipal taxes, but these gentlemen plead exemption from taxation on the ground that the buildings which they occupy are Government property.

Mr. Tarte's friends have taken the necessary steps to demand the personal disqualification of the Government candidate, Turcotte, in Montmorency, together with his business partner, Prevost, Sir Adolphe Caron, Sir Hector Langevin and Hon. Thos. McGreevy.

In the Criminal Court at Quebec on Tuesday morning, sentence was passed upon Pierre Rouleau for simple assault upon Senator Pelletier. His Honor in passing sentence referred to the serious nature of the charge preferred against him, but in view of the fact that nothing had been proved against Rouleau personally, either in word or act, except the throwing of a handful of gravel, he would only impose a fine of \$50.

The barns and stables belonging to Nelson Lalonde, of Labale, about four miles from St. Andrew's, Que., were completely destroyed by fire the other day. The fire was started by Edward Hayes, an immigrant eleven years of age, whom Mr. Lalonde had adopted. Fourteen cows, several tons of hay and some farming implements were destroyed. Loss about \$3,000. No insurance.

So far twelve out of the twenty have accepted positions on the Bisley team. They are as follows:—Color-Sergt. Hutchison, 62nd; Pte. Windathe, 45th; Pte. Kam-berry, 5th Royal Scots; Lieut. McAvitie, 62nd; Sergt. Hersey, 45th; Capt. Mulligan, D. F. B.; Corp. Binmore, 3rd Victoria Rifles; Pte. Nellis, G. G. F. G.; Sergt. Mitchell and Staff-Sergt. McAvitie, 10th Royal Grenadiers; Lieut. Knifton, Q. O. R.; and Pte. Armstrong, G. G. F. G.

The Lord Bishop of Quebec and R. Hamilton, R. Campbell and G. R. White, representing the governors of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, destroyed some time ago by fire, had an interview with the provincial minister on Monday morning to solicit aid from the Government towards rebuilding the college, and received a promise that the Legislature would be asked next session to vote \$10,000 for the purpose, payable in instalments of \$2,000 each.

Details of a terrible accident which happened a fortnight ago, on the Columbia and Kootenay branch of the C. P. R., have just been learned. While blasting rock, a heavy blast being slow in discharging, the employees returned from their place of safety and proceeded to work again. Seeing smoke issuing from the crevices in the rock they started to run, but the cliff beneath them heaved and split, and a terrible explosion occurred, the big rocks falling on some of the party. James Ryan, Justus Matheson and Henry Martin were killed, and August Johnson was terribly lacerated. Mr. McLennan and Mr. Smith, the foreman, were knocked unconscious, but were not seriously hurt.

A branch of the American Workmen's Defence Association has been organized at the Brooklyn Labor Lyceum.

Two English chemists have concluded from experiments that phosphorescence can be produced by ozonized water.

Geologists have proved that the diamond mines of South Africa are situated in vents or chimneys, varying from about 70 to 1,500 feet in diameter, and descending vertically through the schists which form the ordinary strata of the district. These vents are filled up with fragments of silicated and mag-nesian rocks, in which the diamonds are scattered, and before the diggings began each was capped by a hillock or "kope." They are seventeen in number, and run in a straight line about 120 miles.]

THE WORLD OF SPORT.

The quitoing season will be inaugurated this afternoon by most of the clubs. The Dominions are just now fitting up new grounds at the corner of Atwater avenue and St. Antoine street. Several recruits have lately joined their ranks and a prosperous season is anticipated. The Montreal and St. Gabriel clubs will be located at their old quarters, the former on Windsor street and the latter at the rear of the Fire Station on Centre street. A new club has been formed over in the Point, and with this addition it is likely the interest in quitoing will be greatly increased. As most of the old time champions still retain their connection with the Montreal Club, and several good new men are known to have joined lately, it will take a first-class contingent to even up matters with the team they will be able to muster. However, the other clubs appear to be in nowise scared, and intend to try conclusions with them after some practice. There was some talk last year of forming a quitoing association for the province but nothing came of it beyond talk. There is little to be said against the formation of such a league and very much in its favor. By the combined efforts of the clubs an annual tournament might be held at which sufficient inducements could be offered well-known players from other parts of Canada and from the States to compete. The presence of strangers would make the game attractive to the public and more interesting to local quitoers.

George Cartwright and Dave Bennett, of Toronto, ran a two-mile race in Boston on Friday, Cartwright winning.

Jim Carney and Dick Burge will shortly contest for the light weight championship of England and a stake of \$5,000. Carney is the favorite.

Peall, the billiardist, has made a match with J. Dowland, giving him 2,000 points start in a spot barred billiard game of 10,000 points for £1,000.

Jim Corbett's friends in 'Frisco are so confident of him whipping Peter Jackson that they are making great preparations to celebrate his victory, and are laying in fish horns for a street parade.

A gentleman is willing to back John North for the sum of £500 to play a game of 10,000 up at English billiards—during the absence of John Roberts—against any player in England.

W. R. Beers, of New York, ex-champion high jumper of America, has taken an action against the Manhattan Club upon 25 certificates of loan of \$5 each which were issued to him.

Fred Westing, the celebrated runner of the Manhattan Club, has announced his retirement from the cinder path. Fred was a welcome visitor in Montreal and very popular with the crowd who lined the M.A. A. A. track.

Pittsburg has a great array of pitching talent this season. "Silver" King, Mark Baldwin, Scott Stratton, "Jimmie" Galvin and Staley are hard men to beat.

The Scotch Football Association has decided that at the All-Scotland-Canada match in Glasgow, October 3, the Canadians will receive half the gross gate receipts, have all local expenses paid and be evening.

Next Wednesday the big event of the English turf, the Two Thousand Guineas, will be run at Newmarket. Gouverneur is the favorite at 2 to 1.

There are good prospects for a match for a big stake between Phil Casoy, champion handball player of the world, and John Lawlor, a Californian, who has won considerable reputation as a player in his native State.

Gaudaur and McKay have challenged William O'Connor and his mate to row a double scull race. The probabilities are that O'Connor will take Hanlan for a partner and arrange a match.

The local baseball season will open this afternoon, a match having been arranged between the Crescent club and a picked nine. The game will be played on the Crescent grounds.

Gus Guerrero, the Mexican, was the winner of the 72-hour go-as-you-please race which recently took place in Boston, beating the American record of 415 miles 125 yards made by George Noremec in 1887. The distance covered by Guerrero on this occasion was 416 miles 4 laps.

In the Madison Square Gardens, New York, on Thursday next there will be a grand boxing tournament at which Frank Slavin, the Australian pugilist, will make his first appearance before the American public. Among the other notables to appear is Charlie Mitchell.

Articles of agreement for a fight to a finish with four ounce gloves have been signed by Bob Fitzsimmons and Jim Hall. The match is to take place July 22nd, either in St. Paul or Minneapolis, and is for \$12,000, the loser of the match to get \$1,000 of this amount.

Slavin's manager, who, by the way, is a very sleek young man, states that he will give to any well-known American heavy-weight boxer the sum of \$2,500 if he stands

before the Australian for four 3-minute rounds. Jake Kilrain, on hearing of this, notified Slavin's manager that he would accept the terms.

The annual meeting of the Britannia Football Club was held on Wednesday evening. The attendance was large, and the reports read showed a satisfactory state of affairs. The members are enthusiastic over the club's prospects for the coming season.

The Thistle Football Club will commence practice this afternoon on their grounds, St. Catherine street, East End. The affairs of the club are in a prosperous condition, and a good season is anticipated. The secretary would be glad to hear from other clubs with reference to matches.

"Cal" McCarthy, the ex-champion bantam weight, has changed his mind about retiring from the ring, and now wants to go to England and meet "Nunc" Wallace. Bobby Burns, of Providence, who defeated Jack Fitzpatrick of Canada, offers to meet McCarthy, and the Ajax Club of this city will give them a \$700 purse.

Billy Myer, the Streater lightweight, is very bitter against Jack McAuliffe, and threatens to "smash" the champion if he ever speaks about fight to him again. Myers says that since their first meeting he has spent \$10,000 and months of valuable time trying to get on another match with McAuliffe and he does not intend "to be fooled again."

A football match in Belfast, Ireland, ended in a serious riot. Angered by an apparently unfair decision of the referee, the crowd broke up the game, and a free fight with clubs and stones ensued, the visiting team coming in for a good share of the latter. A dozen people were more or less badly hurt before order was restored.

Austin Gibbons, the American pugilist who recently arrived in London, England, has not had long to wait for an opponent. Jem Verrell, who recently defeated Sammy Blackstock will accommodate him, and articles have been signed for a fight at 9 stone 8 lbs. for a purse of £225, offered by the Pelican Club. Being an international affair, it is creating much interest.

SCIENCE.

Soundings in the Black Sea show that beyond a depth of 6,000 feet the water is so impregnated with sulphuretted hydrogen gas emanating from decaying animal and vegetable matter that living organisms are not found there.

A new process for burning coal without smoke has recently been discovered. It consists in sprinkling water containing a special preparation of resin over the coal, and the result is there is no smoke and the glow is as intense as coke.

Experiments are being tried in Germany in making horseshoes of a material the chief constituent of which is paper. It is said to fit to the hoof better than the iron shoe, to be impervious to water and to grow rough under use, so as to become a safe guard against slipping.

In a criminal lately beheaded in France the beats of the heart were noted during more than six minutes, and experiments were made to demonstrate the independence of the ventricular and articular contractions; this is the first time such observations were ever made on man.

A new substitute for glass has been introduced in England to take the place of that material when used for roofing purposes. It is composed of varnish, the base of which is linseed oil, coated over a web of fine iron wire. It is pliable, will not break, can be cut with shears, nailed and drawn over curved surfaces. Besides these superiorities over glass, it can be produced in very large sheets, materially lessening the cost of laying roofing. It has been used in roofing the Westminster Aquarium, and has been found to be a good non-conductor of the heat of the sun. Possibly on this account it will not find favor in conservatories and the like.

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