

News of the Week.

EUROPEAN.

The Marquis of Salisbury's doctor advised him to remain at Hatfield.

The *Coloqure Gazette* says Portugal has purchased five torpedo boats.

Lord Harrington will shortly make a trip to India to recruit his health.

The fund of the Irish Tenants Defence League has reached the sum of £35,000.

Queen Victoria will visit Aix les Bains, France, in April, and remain there a month.

Cholera is raging in Mesopotamia, Asiatic Turkey, and 8,600 deaths are reported to have occurred.

Another conflict between the Christians and Turks is reported from Spahia, Greece. Several were killed on both sides.

The Russian Government has determined to place restrictions upon the immigration of Germans into Southern Russia.

Southwestern France has been devastated by a frightful hurricane. Telegraphic communication in that direction is interrupted.

The London County Council proposes to erect a building for the accommodation of its various departments at a cost of £300,000.

The British Board of Admiralty has ordered the construction at the Portsmouth dockyards of four ironclads during the next financial year.

Postmaster-General Raikes has assumed the percentage of a colonial penny post bill which he intends to introduce in the Imperial Parliament.

The epidemic of influenza is general throughout Rome. Among those attacked are Cardinal Jacobini, Monseigneur, Peretti and Monseigneur.

The Dublin *Gazette* has a proclamation releasing thirteen counties, including Donegal, Kerry and Limerick, from the operation of the Curfew Act.

The Board of Guardians of Cork was officially dissolved for violating the rules governing the Board by adopting resolutions of a political character.

The Atlantic Line steamer *Eric*, Capt. Tyson, which sailed from New York on December 23 for London, has not yet arrived, and it is feared she is lost.

General Sir Donald Stewart will probably be appointed a field marshal of the British army to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Lord Napier of Magdala.

Twelve bodies have been washed ashore at Bridport, England. It is assumed they are part of the company of some ship that foundered in the recent gale.

The master carpet makers of England are about to conclude the formation of a pool, with a capital of £1,500,000, to control the output and prices of their product.

By a vote of 31 to 21 the Spanish Chamber of Deputies has passed a bill granting the right of suffrage to all male persons of Spanish birth and above the age of 25 years.

Sir Charles Tennant has been nominated by the Liberal division of Lancashire to succeed the late Mr. Craig Selby, M.P.

A well known journalist, of Vienna named Falkowitz, who had killed Frau von Schreiner, an actress, after which he committed suicide. Jealousy was the cause of the tragedy.

The Serbian agents have received from St. Petersburg a hint that the expulsion of the Queen of Serbia from Servia, which is alleged to have been planned, would be unwise.

Henry M. Stanley writes to a friend in London: "My life is like the snow from Hohenwerfen, but it is the crown of a busy period, and I wear it without regret as the gift of time."

The tremendous patriotic fury in Portugal against England is abated, the Anglophobes are nearly silent, and the excitement and demonstrations in the provinces have ceased.

The party of the Right in the French Chamber of Deputies has resolved to form a union of all the Conservative members, to be known as the General Union of the Deputies of the Right.

The German Reichstag adopted the clause of the Socialist bill relating to the suppression of periodicals, and, agreed to make it a permanent measure, but rejected the expulsion clause.

By the death of Mr. Christopher R. M. Talbot, Liberal member of Parliament for Glamorganshire, last week, his three daughters inherit in equal shares an estate valued at £5,000,000.

Newton, Taylor and Degeles, charged with conspiring to defraud justice in connection with the West End scandal, were committed for trial at London. They were subsequently admitted to £100 bail each.

Professor W. E. Schellbach, of the University of Vienna, has discovered the bacillus of influenza. He finds it is some similarity to the pneumonia bacillus, but is sure that it is a distinctly different microbe.

It is rumored in Lisbon that the United States Congress will be asked to subsidize a line of steamers to Portugal. This would run Portuguese agricultural, already half destroyed by imports of American wheat.

As a consequence of settling into the Russian court, the czar has abolished the general administration of the palaces. The chief of this administration was Prince Orlowski, aide-de-camp to the Emperor, but the man who performed the duties was Col. Quene.

The great bridge across the Firth of Forth, which will be formally opened by the Prince of Wales in March, was tested by the passage over it of a train weighing 2,000 tons. The test was pronounced in every respect a success.

Sir James Ferguson, Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, speaking at Kilmarnock, referred to the proposition to submit to arbitration Portugal's claim and said, "There was nothing in the claim to arbitrate. It was baseless and absurd."

For several days past Capt. O'Shea has been in receipt of letters of anonymous origin threatening his life in the event of his continuance of his prosecution of Mr. Russell as co-respondent with Mrs. O'Shea in his suit for divorce, which has been entered in London.

Le Justice, of Paris, asks whether M. Flournoy and those who voted with him on the question of the Newfoundland fisheries really desire to force a war between England and France. If they do not, it says, let them act like reasonable men alive to their responsibilities.

A London correspondent says: "News has just been received that the Governor of Mozambique has published an act of vindictive and vindictive rights to the entire Shire district. This measure has fallen like a bombshell here, and is regarded as justifying Lord Salisbury's proceedings; hence there is a calmer feeling."

Mr. Parnell, in consequence of his experience with the *Ross* and other letters and other forgeries designed to discredit him, has adopted the typewriter as the medium of all his correspondence for the future, and caused it to be known that any communication in manuscript sent to him emanated from him is a forgery.

The military pageant at the funeral of Lord Napier of Magdala at London Thursday, was equalled but once in very many years, and this on the occasion of the Queen's Jubilee. St. Paul's church, where the remains were buried near those of the Duke of Wellington, was crowded almost to suffocation. The Queen and other Royal personages were seated to be placed on the coffin.

The Conservatives will hold an enormous meeting in Belfast next Tuesday, on which occasion the Irish policy to be pursued by the Government during the coming session of Parliament is expected to be announced by speakers authorized to voice the plans of the Ministry.

The Ulster County Board have each prepared an address for presentation to the Marquis of Londonderry, late Viceroy of Ireland, who will be present on the occasion.

The *Riforma*, of Rome, the organ of Signor Crispi, publishes President Harrison's telegram to the King of Italy, conveying his condolences upon the death of the Duke of Aosta. The *Riforma* says this manifestation of cordiality is the more noteworthy because it has so few precedents.

Mr. Glynn Petre, the British Minister at Lisbon, writes to London that the steamer yacht "Enchantress" is not wanted at Lisbon. This vessel was held at his disposition to communicate with his friends ready for an offensive demonstration. Mr. Glynn Petre's communication indicates that the difficulty has been a diplomatic solution.

The Cunard steamer *Catalonia*, from Boston, for Liverpool, arrived Thursday at Queenstown. During the latter part of her voyage the vessel experienced a hurricane which lasted twenty hours, and caused severe damage to the ship. During the storm a steam pipe burst, killing fireman Oliver, Fear and Jones. Fireman Fadden was fearfully scalded. The passengers gave up all hope of seeing land again.

The Paris *Tribune* gives details of the African journey of Captain Trever. He stayed five days with Tipu Tib, whom he found to be the real master of Central Africa, having there far more influence than the Sultan of Zanzibar. Tipu Tib declared to Trever that he disliked the English and preferred the French. Captain Trever is of opinion that no commercial ventures are possible in the country he traversed.

The Suburban Radical Club of London has elected as its president Mr. Farke, editor of the North London *Press*, who was recently sentenced to a year's imprisonment for the charge of having libelled the Earl of Euston. The removal of his name from the club is designed to demonstrate the fact of the club in the presence of Mr. Farke, and his conviction that he is unjustly imprisoned in order to shield a guilty bookman.

The Republican Deputy Labro will move in the Spanish Chamber of Deputies the consideration of the subject of Iberian union. The *Las Bases* says: "The project of the union of Spain and Portugal will receive no support from Portuguese Republicans. The two countries should combine for a defensive and offensive alliance without complication or limitation of the self-government or political independence of either."

Mr. Guchen, in speaking to his constituents in London, said the dispute with Portugal was forced upon England. The Portuguese had not a shadow of a claim to Nyassaland, and the violence of their action fully justified the re-buffe language of Lord Salisbury. The national flag should be asserted manfully. He hoped the struggle would be utilized in lightening the people's burdens. He promised that there should be a bill to amend the savings bank law.

A large meeting was held in the Trinity theatre, Lisbon, Thursday night to start a fund for the national defence. The Duke of Pomar was president. A committee of 123, consisting of leading citizens, naval and military officers, was appointed to collect subscriptions. Speeches were made in which England was bitterly assailed for the course she has followed in the dispute with Portugal, and the French and Spanish lauded for their sympathy with the Portuguese. It is now stated in Lisbon that Senhor Estanisa de Freitas will be appointed minister of Great Britain.

The funeral of the Duke of Aosta took place at Rome Friday. The ceremony was simple, and almost entirely devoid of display. The Duke was buried in the Vatican. The coffin was removed from the catafalque upon which it had rested and placed upon a gun carriage by six military officers. The procession was headed by 100 children from the various charitable institutions, etc., with which the Duke of Aosta was associated. A vast concourse, including the King of Italy, the Prince of Naples, and others, followed the body to the Supera. All of the European sovereigns sent wreaths, which were placed on the coffin.

Professor J. A. Brice has contributed an article of the London *Speaker*, treating of the dispute between England and Portugal, in which he compares the present difficulty to the dispute between England and the United States concerning Oregon, which, after several years of dispute, was settled by a treaty, whereby the United States gained a possession. The article has attracted considerable attention as admitting that Portugal has rights in the disputed territory in northwest Africa, which England is bound to regard as worthy of serious consideration before committing the country to a war of conquest.

The Commercial Association of Lisbon has resolved to do its utmost to prevent, or restrict, all trade in commodities imported from England. The inhabitants of Schobol forcibly prevented a Portuguese merchant of that place from shipping goods on an English steamer, which, therefore, sailed without any cargo. Many American, French and German commercial travellers are at Lisbon making the most of the opportunity afforded to replace British goods by those of their own countries. Several persons in Portugal upon whom the British Government has various time-colored medals have returned the mementos to the English minister.

The United States Secretary of the Navy advised the builders of eight line of battle ships at a cost of \$5,000,000.

The Brazilian Government has cancelled the concession of 20 reis per pound on rubber granted recently to the mercantile company.

The United States Senate Committee on Commerce has agreed unanimously to report a bill appropriating \$5,000,000 to improve the Sault Ste. Marie canal.

The farms and houses of 350 persons in Nicholasville, Ky., were sold on Monday by the sheriff to pay taxes. Most of the property was bought in by the state.

Hardy's mills at North Troy, N.Y., were burned on Monday night, and a quantity of lumber and other goods were destroyed in the little settlement around the mills.

Representative Springer's proposed amendment to the American constitution provides that the president and vice-president shall hold office for six years and be ineligible for re-election for the ensuing term.

Several witnesses testified before the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries at Washington in favor of granting subsidies to American shipping. Transp steamers were roundly condemned.

The special House committee on the World's Fair held its first meeting at Washington yesterday. Mr. Springer called up his resolution that the House shall proceed next Thursday to select the site for the fair by ballot.

The United States Senate Committee on Foreign Relations ordered an adverse report on the Call resolution, requesting the president to negotiate with Spain to induce her to consent to establishing a republic in Cuba.

Thomas Ramey, one of the best known ranchmen in Texas, died at San Antonio on Tuesday from la grippe. Immediately after his death his aged father went into an adjoining room and blew his brains out. The father and son will be buried together.

John Gorley and three children perished by fire at St. John's, Nfld., on Monday night. Gorley died in the flames while making a third attempt to rescue his children from a burning house. His remains were found with his head buried in a fire.

The Naval Policy Board of the United States will recommend the construction of 227 ships of 610,055 tons, at a cost of \$349,515,000. The total including \$67,995,000 already expended. The policy adopted by the Senate Committee at St. Paul, Minn., is a great line of battle ships, like the English *Banbow*, should be constructed at once.

President Harrison has sent to the United States Senate a memorial prepared by a committee of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, relating to the preservation of the forests upon the public domain. The President recommends that legislation be provided to prevent the rapid and needless destruction of the great forest areas.

A mill operated at Providence, R.I., has succeeded in carding, spinning and weaving the product of the Chinese ramie plant, which has hitherto been deemed impossible, though experimented upon by many manufacturers in an effort to obtain a substitute for wool.

A terrible wreck occurred on the Chicago Burlington & Quincy railroad near Stanton, Iowa. The west bound passenger train collided with a freight train, both of which were running at high speed. The fireman of the passenger train and several passengers were killed and many wounded.

Henry M. Jackson, the former paying teller of the sub-treasury at New York, who fled to Canada with \$10,000, and who pleaded guilty to embezzlement a few days ago, was sentenced at New York to pay a fine of \$10,000, the amount he embezzled.

The bulletin of the American Iron and Steel Association states that the total production of pig iron in the United States in 1898 was 7,604,525 gross tons, an increase over 1897 of 1,114,787 tons, or over 17 per cent. The production in net tons was 8,517,068 in 1898, against 7,268,507 in 1897.

Mary Petrakovsky, aged 19, a Russian girl, was shot in the head by John Popoff at New York because she refused to marry him. She died after a few days. The murder was arrested. He comes of a wealthy family of high standing in Moscow, Russia. His parents died two years ago, leaving him vast estates. He squandered most of his fortune in less than two years.

The non-partisan ladies who met at Cleveland, Ohio, for the purpose of organizing a new National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, have decided to call their organization "The National Crusaders." The constitution provides that the organization shall be non-sectarian and non-partisan. The pledge adopted is the same as that of the W. C. T. U., except that the words "as a beverage" are inserted after "cider."

The general term of the Supreme Court of New York has affirmed the conviction of Johann Most and his sentence to one year's imprisonment in the penitentiary. Most was convicted of using language tending to incite riot during a speech at an anarchist meeting held in November, 1887, to express indignation at the hanging of their Chicago brethren. An appeal was taken and Most was released on bail. A bench warrant for his arrest was issued yesterday.

S. P. Hutcheon, or "Old Hutch," of Chicago, has again been robbed. Tommy Shoner, one of his assistants, was the thief. He is now in Toronto, the embezzler of from \$25,000 to \$40,000. Bert King, a clerk for W. P. Dickinson & Co., a firm on the same floor with Hutcheon, it is alleged, was in the conspiracy, and Dickinson is a loser of \$7,000 to \$15,000. King is also in Toronto. Both clerks went home on Tuesday complaining that they had the grip. They have not been seen here since. On Thursday the books were examined and the thefts were revealed. Dickinson's books had been badly mutilated. The stealing had been going on for some time.

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Harry Brown, the ledger keeper of the Ontario Bank, Toronto, who, on the first disclosure in connection with that institution, departed for the United States, is back in Toronto helping to straighten out the books. He has made over property to the amount of \$6,000 to the bank and has been guaranteed immunity. M. H. Godwin, the assistant accountant, was arrested yesterday and other arrests are expected. Civil suits against Real Estate Broker Lee for \$43,000 and J. D. Oliver for \$18,000 have been entered.

The statement of letters received at the dead letter office, Ottawa, during the year ending June 30th 1898, is as follows: Letters on hand June 30th, 1898, 10,250; dead letters received, 78,618; special letters received, 106,122; total, \$83,832. Of these letters 27,750 contained money or articles of value, amounting in all to \$361,202. The list of the contents of the letters, as usual, reveals some curiosities. There were twenty-two certificates of marriage, seven baggage checks, one diamond ring, two false teeth, eight railway passes, a large amount of jewelry, insurance policies, etc.

A serious accident happened on the Intercolonial some distance from Valley Station, N.S., Friday. A coal train from Stellarton was descending a grade some miles long when the train parted. The fore part kept on the accident not being noticed till Valley Station was reached, when the loss of a number of hind cars was noticed. The fore part of the train pushed back and secured the last car, and then descending the grade beyond control of the brakes. A collision could not be averted, the two parts of the train coming together with great violence, and a number of cars being demolished and derailed. Brakeman Murray was killed.

The estate of the late Hon. James Butler, of Halifax, is valued at \$400,000. The following are the bequest bequests: To endow a college for Catholic youth, \$100,000; to the death of deceased wife, \$33,000; to St. Vincent de Paul, \$5,000; St. Joseph's Orphanage, \$5000; Catholic Reformatory, \$5,000; Archbishop O'Brien, \$4000; an unnamed charity, \$2,000; to divide between twenty widows, \$200; charitable Irish society, \$1000; Catholic Infant's Home, \$500; Rev. E. F. Murphy, \$1000. The balance of the estate is to be divided between the children of the deceased.

made admissions to the directors and refunded the sum of \$1,000. He was admitted to bail yesterday in arrears of \$2,000, given by William Pinker, barrister, and William J. Henry, law student. Moffat was sent back to gaol, bail in the case being refused.

The man Kane, sentenced at Toronto to hang on the 12th of February for the murder of his wife, Mary Kane, maintained a stout front until Wednesday, when he broke down and begged his lawyers to petition the Minister of Justice in his behalf. He will assert his innocence. A petition has been prepared and is to be handed to the jury and others for signature.

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