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SOME DAMAGING STORIES.

LAST WEEK'S DISCLOSURES IN THE TIMES-PARNELL MATTER.

The Public Desire to Know the History of the Letters—How Mr. Labouchere Figures in the Business—Why The Times is Making Jokes.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—This week's Parnell Commission proves even more exciting than last. Major Le Caron's cross-examination on Tuesday was indeed in one sense disappointing. Sir Charles Russell could make nothing of him. If there were flaws in his story, Mr. Parnell's counsel did not find them. Major Le Caron held his own to the last. His coolness and self-possession, his deliberate method and his tantalizing thoughtfulness before almost every important answer, never failed him. Sir Charles gave him up after two hours' further trial on Tuesday, and Major Le Caron left court without a scar. Where Sir Charles failed, Mr. Reid and Mr. Lockwood, who tried their feebler hands, were not likely to succeed; nor did they. As the witness stepped down from the box a murmur of admiration saluted him. Even those who wholly dissent from what Major Le Caron called the moral view of his position joined in the tribute to him as a witness.

Mr. Soames, The Times solicitor, who succeeds to Major Le Caron's place in public attention, is not comparable to him as an occupant of the witness-box. Solicitor though he be, Mr. Soames was at first hurried, not to say flurried, in manner. Major Le Caron's short, sharp sentences echoed through the room like so many pistol-shots. Mr. Soames was indistinct, unready, nervous, confused in phraseology. His testimony, however, opened that branch of the case which one section of the public has long been waiting for. Mr. Parnell's friends have from the beginning insisted that the letters were the vital point of the whole business. If the letters are forgeries, the whole case against the Home Rule leader collapses. That was their contention. A good deal has happened since it was first put forward, and it can hardly be urged now with the same confidence; but it is still urged.

Mr. Soames's admission that the letters came from Mr. Pigott, once a Fenian, through Mr. Houston, secretary of the Irish Loyal and Patriotic League, disclosed in open court what had long been an open secret to Mr. Parnell's legal advisers. Indeed, many of Mr. Soames's statements were so many old stories to them, though not to the public. They hold it damaging to The Times that over $20,000 should have been paid on account of these letters. The amount strengthens, in their view, the presumption of forgery. The revelation that Mr. Flanagan, son of an Irish judge, is the actual author of the Parnellism and Crime articles is curious rather than important, except to Mr. Flanagan.

What the Public Wants to Know.

It was the second day of Mr. Soames' examination that brought out the most sensational incidents. Mr. Soames by this time had got used to his novel position as a witness, recovered his self-possession, and met Sir Charles Russell on something like even terms. The most damaging fact which came out in cross-examination was the fact that The Times took these alleged letters without attempting to trace their history. Both Mr. Soames and Mr. Macdonald, The Times manager, admitted that no such attempt was made. They were content with the testimony of a single expert in handwriting, and with their own conviction of the genuineness of the letters. This will not do for the public. The evidence of experts will go for little. What the public wants to know is where the letters came from, and through whose hands they passed. A complete statement must come from somebody, and that somebody can only be Mr. Pigott, who sold them to Mr. Houston or to Mr. Maguire.

Mr. Labouchere appears again and again in the business. Mr. Soames says Pigott told him that Labouchere offered him (Pigott) $5000 to swear that he forged the letters. Mr. Soames had Mr. Pigott followed by detectives, and Mr. Pigott, a Times witness, was found to be in communication with the other side. Letters passed between him and Mr. Lewis and Mr. Labouchere. Money was sent to Mr. Pigott by Mr. Labouchere more than once. He was followed to Mr. Labouchere's house, and seems finally to have told The Times what passed between him and Mr. Labouchere. He told other things besides the above named $5000 proposal, and handed over to Mr. Soames the money Mr. Labouchere had sent him. At least two interviews occurred at Mr. Labouchere's house in Grosvenor Gardens, Mr. Pigott, Mr. Parnell, Mr. Lewis and Mr. Labouchere all present at one if not both.

Le Caron Warns The Herald.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—To-day's London edition of The New York Herald prints an interview with Informer Le Caron. Le Caron has written to the editor declaring that the report of the interview constitutes a libel and that any further production of the report will be at the editor's peril.

The Hawarden Evictions.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—Evictions at Hawarden! It is all but incredible, but in these days it is mostly the incredible which turns out true. Mr. Punch may break his bauble; he never produced a joke equal to this. The enemy are in transports. The Times itself is making jokes. What is happening on Mr. Gladstone's estate is, with due allowance for the difference between England and Ireland, exactly what has long been happening on Irish estates. Tenants are in arrears; they cannot, or will not, pay their rents; and they are evicted, sold up. It is Mr. Gladstone, jr., who does it. His father, says The Times, by converting his interest into an annual charge upon the estate, has made himself directly responsible for one of those arrangements so strongly condemned in the case of Irish landlords, whereby the capacity of the limited owner to act generously is fatally curtailed.

Young Mr. Gladstone adduces in defence all those arguments which when put forward by Irish landlords, his father and his father's following have received with scorn and derision. These are the views of the enemy. When one turns to the congenial columns of The Daily News, will you believe it? This most faithful of Gladstonian organs is dumb! So far as can be judged from published accounts, these Hawarden evictions are just. The evicted tenants have been kindly treated.

Prof. Stuart's Scheme.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—Prof. Stuart is preparing a bill to enable the London County Council to acquire land for the compulsory building and letting of houses at a fair rate of rental. The cost of the operations is to be covered by a tax upon the land, whether occupied or unoccupied. This feature, in connection with the coming visit of Henry George, has excited a great deal of interest, and a great many religious societies have requested that gentleman to address them upon the subject.

The Afghan Question.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—Leading diplomats in St. Petersburg believe that the time is ripe for a settlement of Afghan affairs with England. The two powers are now in excellent relations and the attitude of the Ameer being more aggressive than it has been in several years, the British Government is necessarily put on the defensive in any negotiations that may now be entered into relative to the boundary question and the rights of Russia thereto.

The Ameer Not Working Against Russia

LONDON, Feb. 16.—Advices from Kerki state that the Ameer of Afghanistan is making no movements against Russia. The exportation of goods from Afghanistan has been resumed and there is no obstacle placed in the way of the importation of Russian goods into the country.

French Cabinet Timber.

PARIS, Feb. 16.—It is believed that M. Rouvier, M. Sarrien, M. Sigismond Lacroix, Gen. Campenon and Admiral Krantz will have portfolios in the new Cabinet.

Business on the Bourse.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—Business on the Stock Exchange during the past week was inactive. American railroad securities were unsettled. There were constant fluctuations with a general tendency downward.

PARIS, Feb. 17.—The Bourse was quiet during the past week and prices were steady except for mining securities, which were depressed.

BERLIN, Feb. 17.—Although business on the Boerse was limited during the past week prices generally showed a tendency to firmness.

ERASTUS WIMAN TALKS BACK.

His Relations with Press Despatches—Retaliating on the Canadian Hen.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Mr. Erastus Wiman was yesterday shown a despatch from Ottawa with reference to Col. F. C Denison's speech introducing his motion regarding Government control of telegraphs, accusing Mr. Wiman of using his interest in telegraph lines to send deadhead despatches to Canadian newspapers discussing the probability of the purchase of Canada by the United States. Mr. Wiman said: "I have nothing whatever to do with the despatches of the Associated Press which go from the United States to Canadian papers over the telegraph lines of which I am president. I am laboring earnestly to promote closer commercial relations between the United States and Canada, and if the progress of the movement is as great in the next two years as it has been in the past two years the customs line between the two countries will be obliterated before very long. I have used the wires over my own signature when occasion required, and for this I am quite willing to be held responsible. But the attack made upon me in Parliament by the ultra-loyalist party, as represented by Col. Denison, has about as much effect as water on a duck's back, as was shown by the haste with which the Government smothered the motion of one of the supporters to acquire the telegraphs of the company."

Mr. Wiman alluded to the excitement prevailing throughout Canada owing to the proposals contained in the bill of Congressman Baker, recently introduced. "The effect of this bill," he said, "will be to increase the duty on Canadian products on their admission into the United States to an extent that will almost paralyze the Canadian export trade to this country. In the single article of eggs, which are now free, Canada has become a great exporter, and fourteen million dozens have been sent to the United States within the last year. The proposal is now to put a duty of five cents on each dozen. There is not a farmer's wife throughout the length and breadth of the Dominion but will feel the effect of such a tax, and the sting of retaliation which the bill carries with it is more widespread and effective than anything that has occurred. It is true that Canada has invited this retaliation, but nevertheless it is greatly to be deplored."

For having endeavored to promote an understanding between the two countries which would render such hostile action impossible, ultra-loyalists in Canada, Mr. Wiman said, called him a traitor.

Burglary at Guelph.

GUELPH, Feb. 17.—Armstrong's carpet factory was entered by a burglar about 1 o'clock yesterday morning. James Fordyce, foreman at the waterworks, passed the place at that hour and noticed the window broken. He immediately aroused Mr. Dodds, a member of the firm, who notified Sergeant Doosely. The officer went to the factory with Mr. Dodds, when he found a board placed under the window and a light in the office. The would-be burglar discovered that he was being watched, and made an attempt to get out of the window. The sergeant covered him with his revolver, when the man jumped back. A few minutes later he made a second attempt to escape, when he was grabbed by the sergeant, and after a scuffle the man broke away and ran up the street. He was pursued, but unfortunately was not captured.

Mr. Dodds and the officer then entered the factory, when it was found that a silver watch and a number of postage stamps had been taken.

Miller's Lie Cost Him $100.

CHATHAM, Feb. 16.—A case under the Postoffice Act was tried before Police Magistrate Houston yesterday, upon an information by Postoffice Inspector Barker, "that B. Miller wrongfully and with wilful falsehood did, on the 11th day of December last pretend, and allege that he enclosed and sent in a post letter, deposited in Her Majesty's postoffice in the town of Chatham, addressed to Messrs. Thompson & Smith, Ingersoll, Ont., a sum of money, to wit, $30, which money, in fact, he did not so inclose." Miller pleaded guilty to the charge and forthwith the magistrate fined him $100, with the option of six months in jail.

Grand Trunk Coal Contracts Awarded.

MONTREAL, Feb. 16.—The award of the Grand Trunk coal contracts was finally made to day as follows: To the Erie, 100,000 tons; Brady's Bend Mining Company, 100,000 tons; Bell, Lewis & Yates, 100,000 tons; Wick & Co., 30,000 tons; Frank Williams & Co., 40,000 tons; Bright Dowdell & Co., 20,000 tons.

Death Follows Betrayal.

HALIFAX, Feb. 16.—Laura Bourgoine, the 14-year-old daughter of the postmaster at Mahone Bay, mixed a large dose of strychnine with molasses yesterday and swallowed it. She was found shortly afterwards in the agony of death with a photograph of a young man clutched to her breast. The young man had betrayed her.

Winnipeg Notes.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 17.—The French Liberals have issued a new weekly, L'Ouest Canadien, in their interest.

The western system of the Great Northwestern Telegraph Company has been taken over by the Northern Pacific.

A HOT ONE AT MONTREAL.

OVER $150,000 WORTH OF PROPERTY IN ASHES.

Peck, Benny & Co.'s Rolling Mills Burnt—James MacDougall's Grain Elevator Consumed—Negligence Somewhere—The Insurance Companies All Losers.

MONTREAL, Feb. 17.—At 6 o'clock yesterday morning fire broke out in the extensive rolling mills of Peck, Benny & Co., 63 Mill-street, and extended north to the bank of the Lachine Canal. The entire brigade was called out, but the hydrants in the vicinity of the fire being covered by heaps of snow and some of them frozen, it was almost impossible to get water for a long time, while two of the steam engines are laid up and the largest one in the city had no steam for twenty minutes after it arrived on the ground. Meanwhile the flames rolled on unchecked. When this engine was put to work it was where it was of no practical service and when the men tried to change it the machine and three horses rolled down the bank to the wharf. The flames spread to the Canal Iron, Nail and Spike Works, and by 10 o'clock, when the fire had been gotten under control, the whole of those immense piles of buildings were almost completely destroyed.

Shortly after noon the fire broke out afresh in James MacDougall's big grain elevator adjoining Peck, Benny & Co.'s. It was undoubtedly the result of negligence somewhere in seeing that the first fire was properly extinguished. The fire was soon beyond control of the fire brigade, as there was not sufficient water pressure. Holes for the suction pipes had to be cut through the ice in the Lachine canal, which is alongside the building, and it was fully an hour before the engines got to work from the hydrants. By that time the whole top of the building was a mass of flames and the roof fell in with a tremendous crash, two firemen narrowly escaping death. The fire threatened the Gould building adjoining, in which were 40,000 bushels of Manitoba wheat, but the danger was averted, the gable end of the building being only damaged. MacDougall's building, however, completely collapsed, the heavy elevators bringing the walls with them.

The loss by the fire at Peck, Benny & Co.'s is about $100,000. All the companies doing business at Montreal are heavy losers. In James MacDougall's building were stored about 75,000 bushels of grain, and M. Peck, who owns the building, estimates his loss at $30,000; covered by insurance in the Imperial, Guardian, Hartford and Ætna. The total loss by both fires will be about $150,000. Mr. MacDougall is also insured.

During the progress of the fire two faces appeared at one of the upper windows and then disappeared. It is impossible to say who they were or whether they escaped.

A $1200 Blaze at Kingston.

KINGSTON, Feb. 16.—A storehouse in the rear of Armstrong's boot and shoe store was gutted by fire last night. The building was filled with boots and shoes, which were badly damaged. Water and smoke also damaged the stock in the store. The loss is about $1200, fully insured. The cause of the blaze is unknown.

A $500 Loss at Guelph.

GUELPH, Feb 17.—Fire broke out last night about 10.30 in the upper story of H. Walker & Son's grocery store. It had made considerable headway when discovered, but was soon got under control and put out. The damage to the store and stock by fire and water is about $500; covered by insurance.

A Farmer's Loss.

GUELPH, Feb. 17.—Fire in the root house of Mr. Reddick, on the farm of John Moore, six miles from Guelph on the road to Rockwood, did $200 damage on Friday. The cause of the fire is unknown.

The Usual Result.

PORT HURON, Mich., Feb. 16.—Mrs. Beeler locked her three children, aged 2, 4 and 6, in the house yesterday while she went down town. The children set fire to the house, and when rescued were unconscious. Two of them died last night and the other is not expected to recover.

A Boston Factory Scorched.

BOSTON, Feb. 16.—The steam pump factory of George F. Blake was damaged $50,000 by fire this morning.

Manchester Warehouses Burnt.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—Three blocks of buildings in Manchester, composed mostly of warehouses, have been burned. Loss £50,000.

Perished in the Flames.

NEWBURG, N.Y., Feb. 16.—A wood chopper's shanty near Lopez, Pa., was burned a few nights ago. Two men perished.

In the City.

A 7.20 p.m. Saturday a lamp upset on the premises of W. A. Myers, 83 Augusta-avenue. A slight blaze was the result, but the damage was trivial.

Twenty minutes later a fire started in rear of 37 Queen-street east, occupied by the Fire Extinguisher Manufacturing Company. No damage.

A Buffalo Reporter Astray.

BUFFALO, Feb. 17.—Was there ever a Prince of the name of Smith? The Courier's list of hotel arrivals this morning contains the name of "Prince Dulup Smith." A Prince is a rara avis in Bisonville and it is evident that The Courier reporters were not awake to the space value of the visitor, as the foregoing is the only mention made of "Prince Dhuleep Singh."

A Row in a Labor Union.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Discussion of the alleged bribery of certain delegates to raise the boycott on pool beer led to a row and some fighting at the meeting of the Central Labor Union here to-day. Twenty-five socialist delegates withdrew, declaring that they would have nothing more to do with the union.

Wyatt's Creditors Mourn.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—C. A. Wyatt, a woolen merchant, has disappeared. Attachments amounting to $100,000 are out against his property. It is said Wyatt's brother-in-law, Henry G. Newhall, recently invested $50,000 in the business. It is said very little assets are left.

And Great Was the Fall of It.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—To-day in the Owings Block, a beautiful Gothic structure four-een stories high, opposite the Postoffice, the ten lower stories fell in one after another, leaving the walls, the four upper stories and the roof standing in a shaky condition.

Charley Ross.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 15.—New interest has been aroused in the Charles Ross mystery by the positive announcement that the missing Charley Ross is now living in Cooperstown, N. Y., under the name of Charles Kinney.

Duty Above Degree.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Rev. Dr. Henry Y. Satterlee has decided not to accept the bishopric of the diocese of Michigan offered him on Feb. 6. He feels that he should not leave his work here.

STILL THE CENTRAL BANK.

Some of Ex-Cashier Allen's Letters Read in Court.

Quo warranto proceedings were taken on Saturday by one Stocker against the seat of Deputy-Reeve Marion of Barrie. The ground stated is that the defendant has a contract to supply meat to the County Jail.

In Lucas v. Cruikshank Judge Street gave judgment in the appeal from the Master-in-Chambers ordering the plaintiff to give security for costs. The action is brought by the plaintiff, a resident of St. Catharines, for damages sustained by his wife through the alleged carelessness of the defendant, which resulted in death. The motion for security for costs was made because the plaintiff had previously brought an action which he discontinued, not having taken out letters of administration. The appeal was allowed.

The Master-in-Ordinary resumed his investigation on Saturday into the claims of Hugo Block, Dr. Morton and the Bank of Ville Marie against the assets of the Central Bank, for the deposit receipt issued by ex-Cashier Allen to E. S. Cox. The grounds on which these claims are resisted by the liquidators is that they were improperly issued. A number of letters not previously used as evidence were put in on behalf of the liquidators, showing that heavy pressure was brought to bear on Allen and that the Bank was struggling under a heavy burden long before it closed its doors. This is a sample of the correspondence between Cox and Allen, showing the pressure brought to bear upon the ex-cashier.

TORONTO, 7th July, 1887
(Private.)

E. S. COX, Esq., Toronto:

DEAR SIR,—I am forced into a corner and it is absolutely and imperatively necessary to have your dishonored bills covered fully and satisfactorily before Saturday. I need hardly say to you that this is a crisis with me and want your help now. If, as you say, it is one of our best assets, you can arrange this without trouble. Let me hear from you immediately.
Yours truly, A. A. ALLEN.

I have been away at the "Sault," and Mr. Orde did not put through last batch of drafts.

TORONTO, August 18th, 1887.

E. S. COX, Toronto:

DEAR SIR:—I send you list of collaterals, current and overdue. This would have had certain attention, but the writer has been out of the city for a few days. It's imperative that you should put matters in shape and commence the weekly payments, as promised. I must ask you as a personal favor to do this to keep me right. Bonds protested; bill returned day or two ago. Please answer to-day.
Yours truly, A. A. ALLEN, Cashier.

WHAT THE HOME WANTS.

Annual Meeting of the Victoria Industrial School Board.

The Victoria Industrial School Board met Friday in the Queen City Buildings, 24 Church-street. There were present: Vice-Chancellor Proudfoot of Brantford in the chair and Messrs. W. H. Howland, E. A. Meredith, LL.D., James Hedley, Fred. J. Stewart, W. J. Hendry, W. H. Huston.

Superintendent McKinnon read the annual report in which the erection of a new cottage and barn was recommended, also the purchase of 20 cows and a span of horses for work on the farm. There are now 85 pupils on the register, the total estimated expenditure for whom is $13,422, or $157 per pupil. The total estimated revenue is $13,555. There is a total due on works ordered of $2101, which with the cost for projected improvements makes a total of $13,550. The urgency of the need of this money was recognized and a Finance Committee composed of Messrs. Howland, Jones, Hendry and Stewart was elected to consider the proposed expenditure, with power to authorize the payment of the accounts for maintenance.

In Aid of a Worthy Cause.

A concert and "chalk talk" will be given this evening at the Industrial School, Mimico, by a number of ladies and gentlemen of Toronto, assisted by Mr. E. W. Sandys. Friends of the school will find a special train leaving the Union Station at 6.40. A large number of tickets have already been sold for the affair and it is hoped that all who can will attend.

Where the Four Bishops Rest.

Bishop Cleary of Kingston, who by the by looks in very feeble health, is a guest of Administrator Rooney's, while Bishops Walsh, Dowling and Bishop-elect O'Connor are domiciled at the Palace. Rumor hath it that they meet to-day to once more talk over a candidate for Toronto's vacant archdiocese, and that Bishop Walsh has positively refused the nomination on account of increased years. It is also mooted that Mgr O'Bryne, who is the agent of the archdiocese in Rome, would make a first-class substitute.

THE CONSERVATORY CONCERT.

It Is Honored by the Presence of Madame Albani.

The second "quarterly" concert this season of the Conservatory of Music was given on Saturday evening at the Pavilion Music Hall to an over-crowded and fashionable audience. The musical part of the program was carried out with rare precision and excellence, and the different performances gave the most practical evidence that could be afforded of the perfection of the various teaching departments of the Conservatory.

The interest of the occasion was enhanced by the presence of Madame Albani and the members of her company. Madame Albani was met at the entrance door by a Reception Committee, comprising several members of the Conservatory directorate, including Hon. G. W. Allan, president, and Messrs. W. R. McMurrich, A. M. Cosby, Dr. Ryerson and Elmes Henderson. On behalf of the directors the Hon. G. W. Allan presented the diva with a handsome bouquet. A speech was made by the president toward the close of the concert, in which he stated that he was authorized to give public expression to the great pleasure which Madame Albani felt in attending the concert and also in witnessing the proficiency of the performers. The enthusiasm of the audience was unbounded, and President Allan's speech was punctuated with applause so frequently as to have been embarrassing to one less accustomed to demonstrations than the able Speaker of the Dominion Senate.

The musical program was too long for detailed notice, but two of its most interesting features were the performances of the Conservatory String Quartette in two Beethoven numbers, and in a quintette written by Signor d'Auria and dedicated to Mrs. Edward Fisher.

The Albani Concert To-night.

Canada's gifted Queen of Song will give her farewell concert in Toronto in the Pavilion to-night when another enthusiastic audience is expected to be present. An entire change from the program of a week ago will be given and Albani will appear in three solo numbers and a quartette and will no doubt give as many encores. Miss Damian and the gentlemen of the company are down for some gems and Mons Boucher of the Toronto Conservatory of Music has been honored with a request to play a violin solo and will render Ernst's "Airs Hongroise."

Other Amusement Notes.

For the first three nights this week, with Wednesday matinee, the attraction at the Grand will be Charles Erin Verner in his own play "Shamus O'Brien," in which he has made a great hit. He has been cordially received in every English speaking country in the world. The New York News says: Mr. Verner is one of the best Irish actors seen here in a long time, having pathos and humor at his finger tips, and sweet song, with a rich brogue at the end of his tongue.

Dainty Minnie Maddern at the Grand for the last half of the week.

F. F. Proctor's company will play all this week at the Grand in the amusing comedy, "Over the Garden Wall." There will be matinees Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday.

This great English humorist and mimic, Mr. Walter Pelham, will appear at Association Hall on Feb. 25 and 26, and those who enjoy a really laughable and intellectual entertainment should not fail to see him.

For the pupils the Conservatory of Music have secured reduced rates for Albani tickets to-night. Applications are to be made to the secretary between 1 and 3 o'clock.

The regular weekly concert by the pupils of the Toronto College of Music came off on Saturday afternoon in the College hall, when a number of the pupils of Mr. Bayley, Miss Hamilton, Mr. Haslam, Mr. Jeffers and Mr. Torrington either sang, or played the violin, piano or organ. These concerts are apparently of much value to the pupils, who are gradually gaining the necessary confidence to enable them to become good public performers. Mr. Frederic Archer will play a program of selections never rendered by him in Toronto, before on the college organ next Saturday evening.

QUARRELED OVER CARDS.

A FATAL STABBING AFFRAY AT LACHINE.

Twenty Italians Engage in a Carousal Which Breaks Up in a General Fight—Two Men Stabbed One of Whom Receives His Death Wound.

MONTREAL, Feb. 16.—A serious stabbing affray occurred at Lachine early this morning. Last night some twenty Italians were carousing in the stone house near the bridge when a dispute arose and a general fight ensued.

During the melee two combatants seeing they were getting the worse of the tussle drew knives and plunged them into the bodies of their opponents, one of them receiving a fearful gash in the abdomen and another in the neck near the jugular vein, his injuries being fatal. The other, though also badly hurt, is not considered in immediate danger of death.

One of the would-be assassins was caught at the railway station this morning by Constable Joly and handcuffed; the other was shortly afterwards found hiding in a house.

The man who is dying is married and leaves a pretty young widow and an infant only a few days old. The other of the victims is single.

The quarrel broke out first yesterday afternoon whilst some of the Italians were playing cards, two partners accusing their opponents of cheating. During the night the two adverse parties unfortunately met again and the trouble was renewed.

DEATH OF MR. C. J. BRYDGES.

The Well-known Hudson Bay Land Commissioner at Winnipeg Drops Dead.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 17.—Mr. C. J. Brydges died suddenly Saturday afternoon at 4.20 while paying his customary visit to the General Hospital. He was sitting in a chair, only one other person being in the room, when he fell over and before medical aid arrived, although several doctors were in the building, he was dead.

The cause of death was apoplexy of the brain.

Mr. Brydges is well known throughout Canada, first as general manager of the Great Western at Hamilton, of the Grand Trunk at Montreal, then of a telegraph company, lastly as land commissioner of the Hudson Bay Company at Winnipeg. He was considered an executive head of first-class ability.

Deceased was in his 63rd year.

A THREEFOLD MURDERER.

Three Women Shot by a 19-Year-Old Minnesotan—Suicide of the Assassin.

GLENVILLE, Minn., Feb. 16.—Joseph Chemeleke, aged 19, last night murdered Mrs. Philip Chemeleke, his sister-in-law, her sister Mary and their mother. Joe had been on bad terms with his brother's family for some time. He got drunk last night and lay in wait for the sisters, who spent the evening at their parent's house. When they came out Chemeleke shot them down. He then rushed into the house and killed the old lady. He went forty rods from the house and shot himself dead.

Belle Starr's Diary.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 17.—Advices from the Indian Territory say that the diary of Belle Starr, the noted female bandit, has been obtained. Belle intended to publish it. The record is replete with thrilling incidents and disclosures concerning crimes in Texas and the Indian Territory and tend to prove that innocent men have been sentenced on various occasions. The names of prominent persons are connected with crimes committed in recent years. Some of the sketches are lively and humorous.

A Cashier's Crime.

PUEBLO, Col., Feb. 17.—A. R. Gumaner, cashier of the defunct Exchange Bank of Canan City, was to-day convicted of feloniously accepting deposits up to the time of closing of the bank, knowing the concern to be insolvent. The bank failed a year ago for $300,000.

Monopolist Pullman.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—George M. Pullman has secured a practical monopoly of the sleeping car service of both classes of travel on the entire system of the transcontinental railroads.

Six Killed by This Explosion.

MURPHY, W. Va., Feb. 17.—The boiler of John Jenks' sawmill exploded yesterday, killing five men and one woman.

And a-Sleighing They Did Go.

Thirty of The World staff had a most enjoyable outing to Lambton Mills on Saturday night. The business and literary departments had a united sleighing party. The unpropitious weather developed a surprising amount of Mark Tapleyism. The sleigh-bells jingled, horns were tooted, merrily the song went round, jests ancient and modern passed current, old stories were re-told. And arrived at the hospitable hostelry yclept "Credit Valley House," the genial John Warren welcomed the visitors, who spent four all-too-short hours in mine host's well-equipped establishment. Thus much for the wayfarers: what of the fare? It was homely and bountiful, and all its adjuncts were up to the mark. Mr. H. E. Smallpeice made an efficient chairman, whilst the vice-chair was filled by Mr. J. F. London, the secretary of the committee of management. Toast and sentiment, speech and song, recitation and games were in full vogue at midnight, when the order for return to the city was given.

Business Troubles.

The following assignments were reported Saturday:

M. Cohen, confectioner, Chatham; E. Overell & Co., stationers, Hamilton; Carneill & Co., druggists, Wardsville.

A meeting of the creditors of J. F. Attwell, a St. Mary's fruit-canner, has been called. Until this action was taken, his affairs were generally supposed to be in fairly good shape.

The creditors of D. Perkins, general dealer, Greenback, have agreed to accept 70c. on the dollar.

During the past week there were 46 failures in Canada—the same number as the previous week.

W. H. Miller's creditors have wound up the estate and get 10 cents on the dollar for their trouble. Miller, who kept a butcher shop, assigned some time ago to Clark, Barber & Co., and on examination was found to have liabilities of about $1000 and assets of only $88.

Parkdale High School.

At a meeting of the Parkdale High School Board Friday night, Mr. J. W. St. John was re-elected chairman and Mr. W. C. Beddome secretary. The treasurer's report stated that the receipts of the year were: Municipal grant, $27,500, and fees, $490, making a total of $27,990. The cash balance on hand is $830. The county grant for the first half of this year is $350, and the Government grant for last half of the year $253.80. The Board still holds an unexpended balance of $24,340. Tenders will be asked for the erection of a gymnasium.

Delays are Dangerous.

Do not procrastinate. Accidents are occurring every day; your turn may be next. Are your families protected by a general accident policy in the Manufacturers' Accident Insurance Company?

WEST END TOPICS.

The Parkdale Budget—Work on the King-street Subway.

To-night's meeting of the Parkdale Council will be a lively one, and if one of the aspiring councillors introduces a motion, as is is rumored he will, that the police charges be dismissed, etc., there will probably be more fun than is anticipated.

Attention has been drawn of late to the number of churches Parkdale has. Parkdale proper has two licensed hotels and eight separate denominational services every Sunday. Episcopalians seem to be in the majority, they having two churches, viz.: St. Mark's and the Church of the Epiphany. Presbyterians come next, and their pretty and commodious edifice in Dunn-avenue is crowded to the doors each Sabbath. Methodists have their church in Cowan-avenue and assemble there in large numbers. Congregationalists, Baptists, Swedenborgians, are all represented, and every Sunday afternoon there are temperance meetings or religious services in one or other of the public halls, and in the summer months revivalists are wont to extend extra help beneath the white cover of a tent. Altogether Parkdalians have no reason to fear the morality of the town.

Professor Clark of Trinity College has promised to give a lecture under the auspices of the St. Mark's Church Literary Society, of which he is the honorary president. The date has not been fixed, but the lecture will in all probability be during the last week of this month.

The depth of snow in Queen-street has been greatly over-estimated. Yesterday's thaw, added to Saturday's rain, has caused the street railway tracks to show through here and there.

The local Art school will not be amalgamated in the Art Association of Toronto which proposes to be the Art Association of Canada. At the time annexation with Toronto was proposed, the Minister of Education promised Major Carlaw, acting for the school, that it would still be continued a separate school and be treated in every way as though annexation were not an accomplished fact.

Work on the King-street subway is reported as progressing very favorably. The excavation is now extended under four of the six tracks, and is being continued as rapidly as possible. There are at present some 20 men with teams and cars at work.

Here is a case that comes under Inspector Archibold's jurisdiction. Yesterday afternoon a residence in King-street nearly at the extreme Western end contained a party of young men and maidens tripping the light toe and heel to the strains of a mouth organ. The shutters were closed and the blinds drawn whilst the fun went on within.

ST. JOHN OF KANSAS.

He Wants Toronto People to Wipe Out Their Saloons.

An audience that filled every seat occupied the Pavilion yesterday afternoon at the Prohibition Club's meeting to hear ex-Governor John P. St. John of Kansas, who has often been heard here before, but who nevertheless always draws. President F. S. Spence was in the chair, and the chaplain, Rev. W. F. Wilson, offered prayer.

Mr. St. John's discourse lasted over an hour. There was certainly nothing new in it, as he repeated all he and others have said before on the question of Prohibition. He told several of his old stories and a few new ones. There are three elements, he said, with which the question has to deal—the drinker, the seller and the Government, and he quoted from Isaiah to show that the wrath of God would come upon these three classes for drinking, selling or permitting the sale of strong drink. He said that in the California wine district there is a village of 2000 people with a church which has a membership of 46, of whom only one is a man; and that the children bring wine to school to drink with their lunch and get stupidly drunk.

He condemned high license, and shouted for absolute and entire prohibition. "Cannot the 166,000 people of Toronto," he said, "down 150 saloons?" He calculated that Toronto spends $8 for every dollar that it gets for licenses. As for any Christian minister who in any way favored the traffic he was a Jonah and should be thrown to the whale. In closing he strongly advocated woman suffrage.

Mr. St. John also addressed a large meeting in the Pavilion at night, and to-night will lecture in the Broadway Tabernacle, Spadina-avenue and College-street.

The Temperance Reformation Society held an interesting meeting yesterday afternoon. The President, Malcolm Gibbs, was in the chair. Bro. Isaac K. Mills made an effective speech for total prohibition. Rev. A. M. Phillips stated his experience was that of a man who had been near the edge of the precipice of ruin through strong drink, but he saw the error of his ways in time and became a total abstainer and through God's help and his own determination he had kept that pledge ever since. Proceeding, he touched upon the subject of capital and labor and the troubles that at present exist between unions and capital. Men complained of being poorly paid and blamed capital for it when in reality it was the saloon-keeper that swallowed their earnings. "The strike that is needed to be made in this day is needed to be made against strong drink." In conclusion the speaker referred to the good results of total abstinence and related instances in support of his statements. An excellent service of song was rendered by the choir.

"New Books"—"Brother Jonathan and His Continent" by Max O'Rell, 50c. The "Ladies' Gallery," by Justin McCarthy, 50c. "John Ward, Preacher," 25c. at Winnifrith Bros., 6 and 8 Toronto-street.

The "Cumberland" Didn't Go Through.

Hon. Victor Stanley, son of the Governor-General; Count Gleichen of Austria, who is visiting Canada, and Lieut. McMahan, A.D.C., arrived here from Ottawa yesterday morning in the vice-regal car "Cumberland," attached to the C.P.R. train. They expected to have gone through to Niagara Falls by the 12.20 noon train, but as the necessary permission had not been obtained from headquarters to allow the "Cumberland" to be attached to the G.T.R. train, they were obliged to remain over till to-day, when they will proceed. They put up at the Queen's Hotel and spent the day quietly.

Off for New York.

To-day Dineen starts on his trip to the big city to select his spring stock of hats. During his absence furs will be pushed off regardless of cost. Dineen is determined not to carry any fur goods over if reducing the price will sell them. The firm's importation in hats for the spring will be much larger than usual and they want room. If a gentleman's fur coat or a lady's seal mantle is wanted or any article in the fur line, Dineen's store on corner King and Yonge-streets should be visited.

For Dyspepsia—Adams' Tutti Frutti.

Sir John Ross In Town.

Sir John Ross of Halifax, Commander in Chief of the British forces in Canada; Prince Dhuleep Singh, Capt. Jenkins, A.D.C., and Mr. Lorn MacDougall reached the city last night from Niagara Falls, the beauties of which they have been admiring for the last few days. They will remain here for a day or so and will probably attend the Albani concert to-night. They are at the Queen's.

Toronto's Vestirian Names.

The new city directory for 1889 contains the following numbers of persons whose names pertain to men's toggery: Twenty-one Coates, nine Beavers, three Ties, three Hats, one Shoebottom and thirteen Cuffs. It does not contain anybody named Vest, but quinn the shirtmaker can furnish fashionable watered-silk vests for full dress parties.

The Finest—Adams' Tutti Frutti.

Doutney in Brantford.

Thomas N. Doutney, the temperance evangelist who created considerable talk in Toronto and later in Detroit, is now at work in Brantford holding revival services in Wycliffe Hall, the headquarters of the Young Men's Christian Association, and being assisted by the heads of the various temperance societies.

THE FUTURE LOOKS DARK.

BERLIN TAKES A GLOOMY VIEW OF THE FRENCH CRISIS.

The Rumored Intention of Prince Bismarck to Retire Now Ascribed to a Purely Artificial Origin—Germany Unceasing in Its Military Preparations.

BERLIN, Feb. 16.—The semi-official press, after fomenting excitement over the rumored intention of Prince Bismarck to retire, now declares the agitation has a purely artificial origin.

Count Herbert Bismarck daily receives long cipher dispatches from the German embassy at Paris, and goes personally to present them to the Emperor. If the foreign office officials faithfully reflect their chief's opinion, the gloomiest view is taken as to the results of the French crisis. Boulanger is considered to be master of the situation.

It is probable that the arrangements for the autumn manœuvres in Westphalia will be changed so as to convert the manœuvres into a warning demonstration along the frontier. The Wurtemberg and Bavarian contingents will share in the demonstration if it is decided upon. The press of all shades of opinion take a pessimistic view of the outlook.

The German Government is unceasing in its military preparations. Since the adoption of the small caliber rifle the gun factories have been working night and day, and a million weapons of similar pattern have been ordered from individual contractors at Hamburg. The Rottweil Powder Factory has an exclusive contract to supply an enormous quantity of powder, and a large number of subcontracts have been placed in order to fulfil that firm's obligation as to time.

CHAT FROM THE CAPITAL.

The First Liberal Reception—Hon. Mr. Pope's Condition Unaltered.

OTTAWA, Feb. 17.—Mme. La