

TALK OF LONDON.

A Let-up Is Promised on the Fiscal Contention.

Lord Strathcona Made an Interesting Speech at a London Dinner.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Until the meeting of parliament—now fixed definitely for 2nd February, we are to enjoy comparative quiet. It is with relief that the weary politician hears this week that Mr. Chamberlain is now content to wait, and that the campaign will not be entirely resumed till next autumn.

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THE COLONIES WARNED.

The fiscal question and the colonies was the subject of an interesting discussion on Wednesday evening at the Imperial Industries Club dinner, at which Lord Hugh Cecil uttered a warning to the colonies.

Piles. Dr. Chase's Ointment. The most effective remedy for hemorrhoids, piles, and other ailments.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

To correspondents.—Write on one side of the paper only. Send your name, not necessarily for publication, with your communication. Run does not undertake to return rejected manuscripts. All unsigned communications are promptly consigned to the waste basket.

To the Editor of the Sun: Sir—The Gleaner of the 18th inst. not to be outdone by the Telegraph, at the head of its editorial column says that I ran up and down the country attempting to organize opposition to Mr. Martin, who was lately returned to represent this county by acclamation; that no one was willing to become a victim or court certain defeat; that I knew that had no chance, as I was snubbed under at the last general election; that I am a mere incendiary person who has attempted to stir up national and religious feelings.

Every one in this county knows that last spring I was taken down with a very serious illness, and for three months lay at death's door. I am only since quite recently that I am able to work for a few hours a day. As a matter of fact I did not approach a single person to organize opposition to Mr. Martin, and the Gleaner is welcome to publish anything it knows in this respect. I am most concerned in regarding any unfavourable comment on Mr. Martin, who was one of the ablest and most successful men of his time. I do not mean to convey that I did not think that the government had done well, but I was concerned in my physical condition compelled me to remain very quiet, which I did.

I was the first person to admit that I had been snubbed under at the last general election, but whilst my defeat may have afforded some satisfaction to the Gleaner, the way in which it was accomplished cannot be gratifying to any patriotic man. Any one who opposed the huge scheme of the American dam on the River St. John in this county would have met the same fate, regardless of his qualifications or the cause he represented. Mr. Clair was the particular representative of the scheme, and no body would suit Messrs. Costigan, Tweedie and Lablillois to replace the late Mr. Gannon but Mr. Martin, who was one of the ablest men in the county and later to Ottawa in favor of this scheme. Let those who have eyes see.

It was to be expected that the unionist party will be reunited when the house of commons at next session has to meet the Irish question more. It will not be surprising if the Irish movement and its subsidies press because I had the temerity to read in the legislature a few sentences of what Mr. Pugsley said at the meeting in 1895 in the House of Commons. Mr. Pugsley had stated: "Parliament ought to say to the hierarchy of Quebec, this is a question for Manitoba to settle, and we will not interfere."

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USES OF FINGER PRINT.

Corroboration of Old Customs by Modern Science.—Value of Different Kinds of Marks.

(London Globe.) There is, perhaps, no more striking instance of the corroboration of old customs by modern science than in the case of the finger-print. The Chinese passport has been a government stamped piece of paper on which the traveller impresses his own thumb. Long ago, Chinese officials discovered that this is an effective means of preventing the transfer of a passport, as the lines on the hand of no two persons alike. The several recent robberies the London police have effected remarkable arrests from the single clue of a finger-print on paint or glass. By photographing the marks on the fingers of the thieves, the police have traced the identity of the criminal who made the mark has been discovered and his arrest has followed. This is the case with the eastern and western science meet.

DR. OROHYATEKA.

Addresses Many Thousands at Chicago—Was a Monster Initiation.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—The largest fraternal meeting of any organization ever held in Chicago took place here last night in the Medical Hall. The speaker was a grand rally of the Chicago members of the Independent Order of Foresters to welcome the speaker, Dr. Orohyateka, who was the head of the order. The seating capacity of the large hall was soon exhausted; chairs were placed in the aisles and people were turned away, being unable to obtain admission. The hall was packed in every inch of room, and hundreds of men and women were disappointed. Fully two thousand people were turned away, being unable to obtain admission. Rev. Dr. McLoughlin, a well known minister, formerly of Toronto, called the meeting to order. He made an excellent chairman.

A GREAT INITIATION.

In a portion of the hall set aside for their special occasion, the Independent Order of Foresters seeking initiation. They made a goodly showing for the energy of the Chicago members and the presence of the speaker. When the impressive services of initiation was ended, it was found that exactly 616 new members had been added to the order. Dr. Orohyateka's address was received with the usual attention and aroused great enthusiasm. He welcomed the members and brothers in law, and thanked the Chicago members on behalf of all who have the interests of Forestry at heart for their energy and the achievement of the supreme chief ranger then dwelt upon the advances made by the order the world over, and the bright future which lay before the institution. His address was interspersed with applause, and when he took his seat the greatest enthusiasm prevailed. The demonstration was in every way a success. In point of numbers it holds the record among Chicago fraternal circles; never before have so many applicants from Chicago sought initiation, and greater interest could not have been exhibited in the proceedings. It was a great success.

"NO VOWEL" TOWN.

(London Mail.) Many places have curious names, but apparently there is only one place which has a name without any vowels. That place is the little hamlet of W, near Paris. We being an unpopulated village, the inhabitants of the hamlet have transformed it into "W," but this change has not been sanctioned legally, and on all the official documents the name remains "W." The hamlet has 117 inhabitants, and its sole attractions are the Chateau d'Omny, which has been for many years the possession of the Duke of Artois, and the Chateau de Vigny, which is one of the best specimens of the Renaissance style of architecture. So far as is known, there is only one person in Europe at present who has a name without any vowels, and that is M. S. B. the mayor of Prague. Strangers to the city who find it necessary to interview the mayor take care first of all to learn the proper pronunciation.

LATE CHAS. S. FARNELL.

The Sun announced yesterday the death in this city of Charles S. Farnell, a clerk in the C. P. R. steamship employ here, who was well thought of here and also in Montreal, where he had his home. Mr. Farnell was taken suddenly ill here and was not expected to recover, but he was not expected to be done for him. Capt. Troop and Hector McLean of the C. P. R. staff visited Mr. Farnell in the morning, and the latter was transported to Montreal. Mr. Farnell's remains to Montreal. T. F. Powers, the undertaker, has arranged to have the remains of Mr. Farnell taken to Montreal this afternoon's train. Mr. Farnell left a widow and three children resident in Montreal.

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THRILLING EXPERIENCE.

Of the Passengers on a Big Atlantic Liner.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—A number of passengers who were on the Atlantic transport steamer Menominee, bound for this port, when she was struck by a hurricane December 7, and disabled for some days, arrived here today on the steamship Cedric. They told a thrilling story of their experience. Four days after the steamer sailed she ran into a terrific gale and a huge wave which the ship's officers said was 80 feet high, struck the ship, throwing her on her beam ends. It came with such force as to crush in the heavy deadlights in the cabin port-holes, and the ship's deck, the staterooms were flooded. Most of the passengers were in bed when the wave hit the ship and were thrown from their berths with bedding, baggage and everything movable on top of them.

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POTATO SALAD.

HALIFAX, Dec. 25.—The Furness Line str. Florence, for whose safety grave fears were entertained, arrived here today after a voyage of 22 days from London. Her officers report continuous tempestuous weather all the way across without one smooth hour. The Florence loaded powder for the military at Gravesend and the next day found the storm so great that she almost had to lay to in the channel. On Dec. 14 she encountered a hurricane from the north and ran before it 200 miles out of her course. Had she done otherwise the sea would have smashed the ship.

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SURPRISE SOAP. Pure Hard Soap. More nutritive than "visage." It is sold at 12s. 6d. a pound. Escoffiers, or French matls, at the very mention of which English diners were wont to shudder, are becoming a common article of consumption in West End houses. One dealer in comestibles in Piccadilly disposes of about a hundred thousand in the season. A West End chef described what he regarded as the best manner of preparing them. First they must be boiled in water, then the snails are extracted from the shells and allowed to simmer for three hours in a bottle of white wine. The snails are dressed with garlic, butter and breadcrumbs.

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GUARDS AT THE MORGUES TO PREVENT SPECTATORS WALKING OVER THE REMAINS OF THE VICTIMS.—BODIES IDENTIFIED. CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 24.—The summing up of the results of last night's wreck of the Duquesne Limited on the Baltimore & Ohio, deadly mile of sixty-eight lives, was given today. Connelville was packed with curious people extracted here from the wreck. The three morgues have found it necessary to put guards on all doors to keep morbid spectators from jumping into the small rooms and walking over the remains of the dead. The streets were packed and in front of each of the undertaking establishments hundreds of people are grouped eagerly waiting for a glimpse of the dead bodies. Friends and relatives of the victims are coming in on every train and scenes at all the morgues are most distressing. All but the few of the 68 bodies have been identified, and those who are still unknown will be laid away in Hill Grove cemetery in the dawn of Christmas morning. Those who are still to be identified are most of the foreigners, and it is doubtful if they will ever be known.

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