

NEWS FROM ROME.

His Holiness has received in special audience Mgr. O'Brien, Archbishop of Halifax, Nova Scotia; Mgr. Denechau, Bishop of Tulle; Mgr. Alphonse Buglione di Monale, Bishop of Saluzzo; Cardinal Lavignerie, Archbishop of Carthage, with whom His Holiness had a very important conversation, lasting two hours; Dr. Deasy, vice-rector of the American College who presented the Peter's Pence, amounting to 41,180 lire, of the Archdiocese of Boston; the diplomatic body who presented their congratulations on the anniversary of the Pope's election; Count Paar, the Austrian ambassador; Herr von Schloetzer, the Prussian minister; Baron de Pitteurs-Higaerts, the Belgian minister; Count Lefebvre de Behaine, the French ambassador; Senor de Silva Ferrao de Carvalho Martens, the Portuguese ambassador; Count Aguiar de Andrada, the Brazilian minister; Baron de Cetto the Bavarian minister; Marquis de Lorenzana, the minister of Ecuador; and Senor Barrera, the charge d'affaires of Spain. After congratulating the Pope, the above mentioned persons went to present their regards to Cardinal Jacobini, secretary of State. On the anniversary of his election the Holy Father had distributed, through the parish priests, 10,000 lire to the poor. On Wednesday last Count de Andrada the Brazilian minister, gave a dinner. Among those present were Cardinal Jacobini, Secretary of State; Cardinal Bianchi, Mgrs. Galimberti, Moceni and Cataldi; Count Paar, the Austrian Ambassador; Baron and Baroness de Cetto; Prince and Princess Massimo; Prince and Princess Antici Mattei; Count and Countess Negroni; and Marquis and Marquise Ricci Paracciani. The Brazilian Minister and his wife were full of cordiality towards their distinguished guests. The Rev. Dr. Bernard O'Reilly, is not only a pleasant gentleman, but also a forcible and brilliant writer. Perhaps you know him better than I do. Everybody here who has met him is charmed with him. His vast learning, his eloquent style of writing are highly appreciated in Rome, especially by the Pope, who is greatly attached to him. Dr. O'Reilly is now writing a biography of Leo XIII, and there is no doubt but that it will be as beautiful and as interesting as the work on the late Pope Pius IX by the same author. He labors chiefly in the afternoon, and he is a faithful and devoted scribe. In the morning he says Mass in the picturesque Church of San Andrea delle Fratte; then he attends to business matters and visits some of his friends. He lives in a nice little apartment, second floor, on the Via Capole Case, one of the most agreeable spots in the town. His friends visit him in the afternoon. His conversation is always interesting, full of sparkling anecdotes and freighted with profound and varied learning. As you are aware, Dr. O'Reilly has been traveling all over Europe. He speaks French and Spanish like natives is passably acquainted with the Italian dialect, and can read and understand all three perfectly. Any one who meets him can never forget him. He gives you the impression of being not only a deep and charming savant, but also a holy man of God. His presence on Rome will, in my opinion, be of use to America and Ireland. Of Ireland he knows more than anybody else; and he is a thorough exponent of her political state, her sentiments, and her requirements. There were rumors to the effect that the decent change in the ministry of Portugal would have an evil influence on the negotiations between the country and the Holy See. Happily, such is not the fact. The new ministry exhibits the best disposition. The negotiations with Germany are in a fair state of progress. Prince Bismarck is not backward in gracefully yielding point after point. The ecclesiastical court known as the Herrenhaus will probably pronounce the final judgement on the matter. The Rome Diritto is furious with Bismarck, whom it accuses of going to Canossa, and of compromising the great work of Dr. Martin Luther. This journal has dumbed itself many times in being the special champion of Catholicism as opposed to Protestant people. It is rather an amusing spectacle to witness this intellectual summersault whereby the quondam defender of the Latin races becomes the protector of Dr. Luther against the assaults of the Iron Chancellor. A telegram dated from St. Petersburg was published a few days ago, and it was to the effect that Mr. Baggorouf, the secretary of the Russian minister for foreign affairs, had departed for Rome on a special mission to His Holiness. Several days have passed; the telegram has not been contradicted; and the rumor must therefore be correct.

THE WORLD OVER.

Items of Interest From Every Land.

UNITED STATES.

A Brimington Conn., despatch says the report that ex-Senator Barnum is dead is denied.

Ex-President Arthur is stated by his physician to be suffering from dyspepsia and nervousness.

The Morgan art sale in New York was concluded on Monday night. The total amount realized was \$1,208,000.

Navigation on the Detroit river was opened on Saturday, a steamer making the trip from Marine City to Port Huron.

A peculiar form of influenza is raging in Canton, Ohio. Over 3,000 people are afflicted. None of the cases have resulted fatally yet.

It has been learned that Miss Elizabeth Minturn, of New Brunswick, N. J., recently deposited with Arthur O'Gibby, treasurer of the suspended Dime Saving Bank, \$150,000 in bonds. The bonds are now missing.

The course of a California stream has changed lately, rendering entirely useless an expensive bridge built over it last year. The water now rolls past each end of the bridge which cannot be approached except by boats nearer than several hundred yards.

Several citizens of New Haven, with worthy forethought, have had their graves dug and tombstone erected. The graves are stoned and sealed over to protect them from the weather, and stones are all lettered, except the date of death.

Masked robbers gained access on Friday night to an express car on a Chicago and Rock Island train between Joliet and Morris, Ill., murdered the express messenger, and rifled the safe of money packages to the value of about \$25,000 successfully escaping with their booty.

The House Committee on Agriculture instructed representative Hatch on Monday to report favourable a bill prepared by him amendatory of the Act establishing a bureau of animal industry, and providing means for the suppression of contagious diseases among cattle. The bill appropriates \$250,000 to carry its provisions into effect.

The business failures occurring throughout the country during the last seven days, as reported to R. G. Dun & Co., of New York, number for the United States 214, for Canada 25, or a total of 239, as compared with 248 last week and 248 the week previous. Business casualties are on the decline in every section of the country, especially in the Eastern and Middle States.

EUROPE.

Donations are pouring in rapidly for the proposed Pasteur institute in Paris.

The present winter in Germany is the severest that had been experienced since 1853.

King Milan, of Serbia and the Sultan of Turkey have ratified the Servo Bulgarian treaty of peace.

The German newspapers at present are very bitter over what they consider a revival of French chauvinism.

The Swedish Parliament has rejected by a majority of seventeen votes the proposal to levy a customs tax on foreign wheat.

Several well-known British scientists, have consented to form a commission to enquire into Pasteur anti-hydrophobic treatment.

The Pope has sent to Berlin a courier, bearing a letter to Prince Bismarck, thanking him for his eulogistic references to Holiness at the recent German parliamentary dinner.

In view of the important military measures adopted by Russia, Count Bylandt-Rhrydt, the Austro-Hungarian minister of war, has resolved to mass large forces of troops on the southern frontier.

An ukase just published in St. Petersburg sanctions the expropriation of house and landed property in the Baltic provinces for the purpose of building orthodox churches and schools and laying out cemeteries.

The North German Gazette says the French Government has a bureau in Germany employing spies to obtain military information. It further states that M. de Freycinet's Government favors Chauvinism, and that Germany ought to be on the alert.

The German Government has discharged all the female clerks employed in the post office, the telegraph bureau and the railway service of the empire, the government organs announcing that after a trial women have proved unfit for the public service.

The Cologne Zeitung is particularly busy at the present in accusing France of Chauvinism and a strong anti-German feeling. The French bogie is displayed at present to induce the Reichstag to pass the huge seven years military estimates which will be shortly placed before that body.

The city of Lyons was placarded on Friday night with posters invoking people to rise up armed on 18th of March, and village and massacre the bourgeoisie. A man named Pillare, who is described by the police as a dangerous anarchist, has been arrested. In his pockets were found several revolvers and a number of dynamite cartridges.

It is stated that a way has been prepared at Athens for the surrender of the Government when a formal blockade of the Piraeus has been instituted by the international fleet. Ironclads in fact are being sent to the port of Athens, with a view of overawing the population into a quiet acceptance of the approaching

ministerial decree, and will remain in Greek waters until the majority of the reserves have been disbanded and sent to their homes.

A heavy snowstorm prevailed on Tuesday throughout England.

Seaweed has been the main dependence of many famine stricken Irish islanders at Innsboffin.

The Sunderland shipowners, with one exception, have promised to employ British in preference to foreign sailors.

The police authorities of Birmingham fear that the Femans in that city have purchased a large number of recently rejected bayonets.

Mr. Gladstone stated the Government had decided to decline to appoint the special commission to enquire into the advisability of transferring the surplus population of Great Britain to the colonies.

The Observer says at the Cabinet counsel Saturday the measures submitted by Mr. Gladstone for the home government of Ireland were unfavourably received and that the project if persisted in will lead to a disruption of the Cabinet.

One of the first acts of the new Lord Chancellor was to present Rev. M. Drew Mr. Gladstone's son-in-law with a valuable Crown rectory. A special says that the Premier promptly ordered the appointment to be cancelled.

A London philanthropist, who signs herself "A lady of Title," throws out the suggestion that well-to-do persons during Lent shall once a week eat nothing but bread and cheese and give the money usually expended on the day's meals to a fund for providing food for the unemployed.

The Economist estimates the budget deficit at 2,500,000, which, it says will involve the suspension of the sinking fund or new taxes. It denounces Mr. Giffen's economic valuation of Ireland in the Nineteenth century as a misleading and erroneous statement. 25 per cent. wide of the truth.

Mr. Chamberlain, president of the local Government board, has sent a circular letter to the Boards of guardians through the country, offering government assistance by means of loans of money where possible to promote road repairing, in order to give employment to needy workmen.

Dr. Donaldson, who was a very active Liberal politician in the recent Midlothian elections, has been rewarded by being appointed principal of St. Andrews University. Truth denounces the appointment as the most scandalous job perpetrated in Scotland since the days of Lord Melville.

INSURANCE RATES.

Insurance agents are now prepared to receive business at the reduced rates lately adopted by the Underwriters' Association. Under this new system a reduction has been effected of from ten per cent. on the better class of building which, it is said, were rates lower before to thirty per cent. upon the inferior class of buildings. It would be impossible to give a detailed statement of the reductions, as to a certain extent every building stand upon its own merits. In this place buildings and stocks are each in four classes and these in addition to being modified by each other are subject to the nature of the surrounding, external risk, etc., so that no two risks are exactly familiar.

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