

TEN thousand men in the employ of the Manipur Government, Assam, recently had an engagement with one of the Goorkha regiments, in which 500 of the latter were massacred.

THE Australian Federal Convention has adopted the name of the Commonwealth of Australia. The Governor-General is to be appointed by the Queen.

IT is hardly probable that a war will take place between the United States and Italy, although letters and telegrams are passing continually between the Ministers, and although the apparently serious step has been taken of recalling Baron Fava from Washington.

AN absurd rumour is afoot that Queen Victoria has decided to become a convert to the Roman Catholic Church and will soon abdicate the throne in favor of the Prince of Wales.

BISMARCK has just completed his seventy-sixth year.

GREAT FEARS are entertained that a flood even worse than that of 1887, will take place in Montreal. Hundreds of tons of ice are piled up along the streets fronting the river, and the river is rising at a fearful rate.

AT CANDELARIA 400 miners employed in the Holmes mine have been prostrated with La grippe, and 100 have died.

A SPECIAL census of the city of Montreal just taken shows a population of 211,302 inhabitants.

IN JUNE the Handel Festival is to be performed in London. The principal soloists are already engaged. Amongst the sopranos will be Mme. Albini, Mme. Nordica, Miss Macintyre, and Mme. Squire. Mme. Patti's place will be taken by Miss. Marian Mackenzie. Among the male singers, Mr. Edward Loyd, Mr. Barton McGuckin, and Mr. Santley are engaged. Mr. Manns will be the conductor as heretofore.

SARAH BERNHARDT'S engagement in Montreal opens April 13th. There is a great rush for seats, boxes selling as high as \$25 and \$40.

### Remarkable Journey of a Dog.

Here is an interesting story of how a little black Pomeranian dog found its way from Vienna to the Hotel Victoria, at Mentone.

Two Austrian archduchesses had been staying at the hotel, and one of them had become very fond of the proprietor's little dog, Pietrino. She asked him to give her the dog, and he though greatly attached

to it, consented, very likely not wishing to refuse so august a visitor. So Pietrino shared the long journey of the party back to Vienna, and was supposed to have said farewell for ever to his master and his Mentone home; but it was not so.

About a fortnight after his departure M. Milandri was amazed and startled at seeing Pietrino, emaciated, sore-footed, and hardly able to crawl, back at the hotel. He telegraphed at once to the Archduchess.

"Pietrino has returned. How long have you missed him."

The reply was, "About ten days."

How the poor little dog could have managed this tremendous journey, and in so short a time, is not known, but we may be certain that the mental pain at the separation of his master was the motive. On arriving at the hotel he did not at first find M. Milandri; but searched till he discovered him, when he lay down at his feet utterly exhausted, but happy. Every care and attention was lavished on him, but in three days he died. The little creature was buried in the hotel garden, and over his grave was erected a white headstone, with the inscription in gilt letters, "Di-git Pietrino, ami fidele."

