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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1887.

CABLE NEWS

Balfour Speaks at Manchester—Order Triumphant Under the Government's Irish Policy.

The Condition of the Crown Prince Alarming—Violent Symptoms—Signs of a Fatal Result.

A French Officer Arrested for Selling Important Secrets to Germany—Refused to Sign.

The Speaker's Eye.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Right Hon. Arthur Wellesley Peel, speaker of the house of commons, who has been suffering from an affection of the eye which was considered hitherto as nothing serious, to-day sustained a rupture of the blood vessels of one of his eyes.

Mr. Balfour Speaks at Manchester.

Mr. Balfour addressed an immense meeting at Manchester to-night. There was considerable disorder at times, and the Irish secretary was both hissed and cheered repeatedly. In consequence of the warnings conveyed by the *Times* sensational story of a plot to assassinate Irish four, the precautions taken by the police were quite elaborate. Balfour in the course of his speech compared Mr. Trevelyan to Bunyans Pilgrim, who started with Christian in the right road, but falling into the clough of despond, used violent language toward his companions and finally returned to the city of destruction. The Radicals, he said, had changed not only their old policy, but their morality as well, and even the foremost separatist showed an increasing want of moral perception. Gladstone had been forced to retract the assertions he made at Nottingham, and while Trevelyan talked about the increase of evictions, the fact was that during the Liberal portion of Trevelyan's administration as chief secretary for Ireland there were 853 evictions, while during the same period of his (Balfour's) there were only 132. In conclusion Mr. Balfour predicted the complete triumph of order under the government's Irish policy.

The Crown Prince's Condition.

The hasty summons of Dr. McKenzie to San Remo to the Crown Prince, confirms that expert's original diagnosis of the patient's malady, which led the physician to assert that Fritz's recent exuberance of spirits and freedom from discomfort was simply a phase of his disease and a recurrence of violent and alarming symptoms was certain to come sooner or later. No one can deny that the present crisis bears out the doctor's assertion and all are now inclined to accept his further statement that this may pass away leaving the patient's condition as apparently hopeful as it was a week ago, but only to return again with increased signs of a fatal result. The announcement from San Remo yesterday that Dr. McKenzie's apartments had been given up indicated that the patient's condition was very much improved and it was not until after the rooms were given up and the hopeful dispatch sent out without Dr. McKenzie's authority.

Dr. Morell McKenzie left to-day for San Remo.

Roscher's Warning.

Lord Rosebery, speaking at Oldham last night, criticized the speeches in which the dissidents indulged at their recent Olympic feasts. He said that the liberal party had not been accustomed to get support from those of wealth and rank and warned the dissidents that they were parading a negative policy that would be unable to make itself heard in the voice of Ireland.

Anti-Scalping.

The Cable News Company furnishes a special dispatch from San Remo to-night stating that the symptoms which Castle suddenly developed in the case of the Crown Prince are very alarming. The tumorous growth is rapidly spreading, threatening the most deplorable results.

Sugar Men in Council.

At a conference of sugar men held here to-day, it was decided in favor of an international bounty, in which the British delegates will entirely the desires of England in a *protocol* which the conference will discuss and probably sign on Friday.

A Risky Leap.

Lawrence Donovan, bridge jumper, will leap from the suspension bridge at Clifton during the week into the Dutch Kill.

French's Scheme.

DUBLIN, Dec. 14.—At the landlords' convention here to-day Lord Lansdowne's agent, Mr. French, advocated that the state advance funds for the landlords to pay their mortgages and take their rentals at security. Mr. Ecard declared this was the landlord's last chance.

Refused to Sign.

The Dublin *Express* says that the Duke of Norfolk and Sir George Errington both declined to sign the home rule address sent to be presented to Mgr. Persico, by the English Roman Catholics, and that Cardinal Manning was debarred from doing so by etiquette.

Anti-Scalping.

BERLIN, Dec. 14.—A government bill has been prepared in accordance with the recommendation of the Bundesrath, decreasing the stringency of the anti-scalping law by extending the penalties to expulsion and loss of citizenship. New penalties are also prescribed for scalping press offences.

The Crown Prince Becoming Worse.

SAN REMO, Dec. 14.—Advices from Vienna state that the crown prince's throat is suddenly becoming worse and a special medical consultation has been called at San Remo; hence Dr. Mackenzie's hurried departure for Italy.

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL

From the DAILY COLONIST, Dec. 16.

Another Sin Law Suit.

The first shot was fired yesterday in the case instituted by certain schools and students on lands near Nanaimo against the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company. The counsel engaged by the settlers are we believe, Hon. A. Richards, Q. C., Hon. Stephen Richards, Q. C., of the Ontario Bar, and Mr. J. Terry, Q. C. For the railway company Mr. Bompas, Q. C., Mr. Pooley and Mr. Theo. Davie, Q. C., have been retained.

The Holidays.

Christmas and New Year's Day falling on Sunday this year, it will be necessary to keep them either on Saturday or Monday. The general opinion seems to be that the latter would be the more popular. It is hoped that, after a brief time intervening, some decided action will be at once taken so that all classes of the community will observe the same day. Monday seems to be the favorite on the Mainland and would probably suit City trade, especially the merchants, better than Saturday. It is hoped the authorities will make some definite announcement in the matter.

Secretary of Columbia.

The Presbytery of Columbia met in St. Andrew's Church, New Westminster, last Tuesday, the Rev. D. Fraser, M. A., presiding.

Among other business Mr. Fraser reported that he had moderated in a call to a minister for St. Andrew's Church, Victoria. The members and adherents of that church unanimously declared their choice in favor of the Rev. Patrick McFarland, Moderator of the Toronto General Church. The stipend offered is $1,500 a year. The Rev. Mr. McFarland has been appointed by the congregation, and Dr. Cochrane by the Presbytery, to prosecute the call before the Toronto Presbytery.

The text of the meeting of the Sons of St. Andrew in the Fire Department hall, Victoria, on the first Wednesday in March, 1888, is as follows:

The Rev. D. M. Gordon, B. D., Halifax, was nominated as Moderator of the next General Assembly.

The meeting was then closed with benediction.

Church Bazaar.

The school room adjoining St. John's Church was prettily decorated yesterday when the fancy bazaar was held. The display of the fancy articles was very nice and the ladies who presided at the different stalls were kept very busy at their self-imposed task. At 8 o'clock in the evening the concert commenced. It was the first entertainment given by the St. John's Guild this season, and it certainly was a successful one. Great disappointment was felt by the audience by being deprived of the great pleasure they would have felt at seeing the promised charades. Next time, however, charades will figure prominently in the entertainment. Following is the programme of the evening's concert:

Piano Solo.....Miss Moss
Recitation.....Mr. Roberts
Song.....Mr. Wright
Recitation.....Mrs. Jones (Colwood)
Song.....Rev. Mr. Beanlands
God Save the Queen.

Scandal Calling Compared to Murder.

We notice that Mr. Joseph Leech, manager of the Dominion Carriage Company Limited, opened up in this city. This concern, which is managed by Americans, embarked in their line of business is one of the most successful manufacturing firms in the Dominion. The general excellence of their ammunition over foreign makers has given them the greater portion of the Canadian trade and they are fast coming into use on the Pacific slope. Their cartridges are perfectly accurate in their shooting qualities, and contain a superior grade of powder than that used in the different make of American cartridges which gives them a greater velocity and penetration at extraordinary distances. Their cartridges are reliable in point blank range, and leaves less residue in the barrel after firing. This concern has in Mr. Leech and Co. large traders who speaks well for the energy displayed by the managers. They are protected by 30 per cent. duty, but may give a large portion of this to the wholesale dealer who brings their cartridges which can be sold at a price less than the American cartridges.

HOME FROM OTTAWA.

Capt. J. D. Warren Returns from the Capital—Where He Has Been Looking After the Sealers' Interests.

Capt. J. D. Warren returned proceeded to Ottawa some days ago in the interest of the sealers who had vessels seized by the Russian cruisers in Behring's Sea. Yesterday evening to a representative of the COLONIST Captain Warren stated that he had been fairly profitable one. When he arrived at Ottawa the statement of claim had not yet been forwarded, and his presence there made it possible for the government to place the question in its proper light and thus arm the Canadian representatives with the best possible proofs to bring before the commission. Of course nothing definite could have been reached when he left, but there was a confident feeling existing that the whole question would be settled in favor of the Canadians.

Captain Warren stated that it was his opinion that the question of authority in Behring's Sea would be decided favorably to our sealers before it was time for them to meet their schooners for the North. The matter of compensation would probably take considerable time to settle. However, it would be decided finally, and the claims summarized, for, their entire losses. The Captain had a pleasant run from Victoria to Victoria, the trip taking less than six days.

LATE CANADIAN NEWS.

Captain Andrew Stanton, one of the oldest sailors on Lake St. Clair and the River Thames, is dead.

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THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Closing Exercises in the Boys' Central—Distribution of Prizes.

The closing exercises in the Boys' Central department of the Central School took place yesterday afternoon. The following gentlemen were among those present: Messrs. Cunningham, Macdonald, Turner, Mesdames Cunningham, Macdonald, Turner, Misses Cunningham, Macdonald, Turner, Mesdames Cameron, Cridge, Campbell, Drake, Eliot, Fraser, Gibson, Gillespie, Hall, Hickey, Hoyt, Jenkins, Jones, Lewis, Lindsay, Mesdames Macdonald, Mesdames Mitchell, Pemberton, Pope, Rattenbury, Rattenbury, Robertson, Rogers, Rowe, Sayward, Shakespeare, Shotbolt, Simpson, Smith, Stewart, Tolmie, Turner, Wilson, Wood, Wright, Mesdames Cridge