Affairs in Ireland.

THE DUKE OF NORFOLK'S MISSION.

DUBLIN, Jan. 3.—Mr. Parnell unexpectedly arrived here to-day.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—A rumor telegraphed from Rome gained wide circulation here that Mr. Gladstone intended to plead the cause of Ireland with the Pope during his stay at Rome. The story is ridiculous.

The Duke of Norfolk, just returned from Rome, had a conference with Lord Salisbury yesterday. What representations His Grace made on behalf of the Holy Father are not definitely known, but it is rumored that he informed the Premier that the Pope could not intervene between the political parties in Ireland, but that when His Holiness received Mgr. Persico's final report he might advise the Irish clergy to assume a passive attitude with regard to political matters. The Duke, it is understood, pressed the question of re-establishing diplomatic relations between England and the Vatican.

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THE NEWS FROM EUROPE.

ROUMANIA GETTING READY FOR COMING EVENTS.

The Crown Prince's Case—A Congratulatory Letter from Paris—Calling Out Reserves—Peter's Fence—Mr. Sheehy Creates Excitement.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—According to a private letter from San Remo the physicians are wavering in their opinions regarding the Crown Prince's case.

Prof. Thiersch of Leipsic University says according to the recent accounts from San Remo the Crown Prince's malady cannot be cancer.

La Liberte, Paris, publishes an unusually courteous and kindly letter congratulating the Crown Prince upon his improving symptoms. It also expresses the hope that this will prove an auspicious harbinger of the new year.

The calling out of the Austrian reserves in Moravia by the government, has no connection with the political situation, it being the intention to call out the reserves of all the army corps in rotation for a seven days' drill in the use of repeating rifles.

The number of recruits in Roumnenia for the coming year, has been fixed by decree at 44,-560; this is a large increase, and is looked upon as a proof that Roumania is preparing for coming events. The arsenal and state railway factories are working night and day, and the number of their employees has been doubled. Roumania, Premier Bratiano says, can place 300,000 men in the field.

A new law is soon to be adopted by the Russian Government to prevent private railway companies from nullifying the effect of prohibitive duties against Germany and Austria by largely reducing freight rates.

A despatch from Odessa says that Russian Government contractors have purchased 948,-000 barrels of flour, 132,000 bushels of barley and 108,000 bushels of oats, at the cost of a million roubles, for the southern army in the districts near the Austrian frontier.

The Times correspondent at St. Petersburg says the new Finance Minister's budget estimates a surplus of several million pounds. This is partly due to the decrease in the military estimates. The Minister reports to the Czar to emphasize the necessity of peace as a means of developing the country's resources. The budget was compiled with the intention of making a good impression abroad.

The Nineteenth Century contains a burlesque article of Swinburne to prove that Darwin wrote Tennyson's poems.

A sum of £80,000 was collected at the Jubilee Mass.

The Shah of Persia sent a congratulatory telegram to the Pope.

The Pope has received a friendly letter from the Czar, in which he expresses a hope for better relations between the Greek and Catholic Church in Russia.

His Holiness the Pope addressed the pilgrims to-day in the presence of the whole Court. He said:

"You have not given faith to those who with the voice of calumny try to persuade you that the Pope is the enemy of Italy. The Popes have always been the greatest friends and benefactors of Italy. You, like ourselves, are convinced that the Church, by her holy mission, ought to be independent of whatsoever terrestrial authority—[cries of 'Yes,' yes'!—that the church is a divine institution, and that to try to reduce its interests to a question of the laws of Italy can only be the result of most deplorable blindness."

At Portumna yesterday 3000 persons greeted Mr. Wilfrid Blunt and Lady Blunt, and Messrs. Evelyn and Macdermott, members of Parliament. The arrival of Mr. Sheehy in his prison garb was the cause of great excitement. The police were considerably hustled by the friends shaking hands with the prisoner.

Col. Zaleff, a military attache to the Russian Embassy in Vienna, who has just returned to his duties, says he found the Czar absolutely opposed to war.

The King of Abyssinia, accompanied by the Queen of Vollogalas and a number of troops, has arrived at Aksume. The son of King John, who is in command of two columns, is nearing Asmara.

The report that a Court circular has proposed to establish a regency to meet the contingency of the Emperor William's sudden death and the inability of the Crown Prince to assume power, is denied by The North German Gazette, which also says that the Crown Prince consulted a Baden statesman on the proposal of his abdication; although The Gazette's language is emphatic regarding the former statement, it is nevertheless true that the question of the Prince's abdication had been the subject of negotiations. It is understood the denial has been issued under pressure from San Remo.

The Czar and his family will reside in St. Petersburg during ten weeks. Special measures have been taken to ensure his safety.

The Pope has sent an encyclical letter to the Bavarian bishops in which he urges a better enforcement of the Concordat. It says: "The Church has observed her pledges while the State has neglected its pledges. It is necessary to guard the education of youth. Secular schools are a danger to the State isself.

The encyclical precedes demands of the Papal Nuncio for extension of rights of priests to regulate schools.

COASTING ACCIDENT.

A Hamilton Boy Breaks His Leg—Test of the Chemical Engine.

HAMILTON, Jan. 3.—In company with several other lads Lorne Sterling was engaged yesterday in coasting near the Victoria-avenue toboggan slide. In coming down the sleigh went so rapidly that the guide could not regulate the course and the consequence was that they ran into a log near the bottom of the slide. Young Sterling was thrown off and had his right leg broken. The rest of the boys escaped without any injuries.

Yesterday a test was made of the chemical fire engine. A combustible shanty had been built and made more so by the application of forty gallons of coal oil. At 3 o'clock the chemical made its appearance, and shortly afterwards the dummy house was ablaze. The spectators, who numbered aoout 2000, soon made room around the burning shanty, as the heat was intense. One minute after the engine had been directed towards the burning mass, the fire was effectually squelched.

While James Wilds was working in a well forty feet deep, a stone fell from above and struck him on the head, inflicting a severe scalp wound.

So far over $900 has been collected in Hamilton for the jubilee fund of Queen's College, Kingston, and $15,000 is expected.

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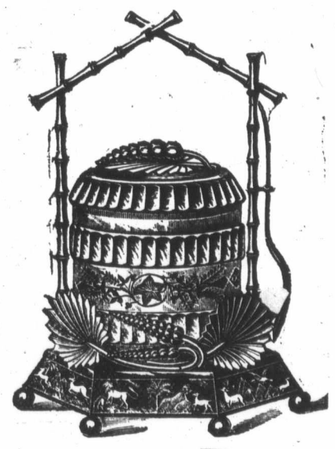

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