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PARNELL'S POSITION.

He Will Lay the Facts of His Case Before the Irish People and Await Their Verdict.

Still Persisting in His Refusal to Retire, He Asks His Followers: "Are You Going to Desert Me?"

Balfour's Land Purchase Bill Passes Its First Reading, the Parnellites Voting with the Government

LONDON, Nov. 27.—Messrs. Healy and Parnell were in conference together in the library of the House of Commons for some time to-day. The feeling among the Nationalists seems to have become more favorable to Parnell since yesterday, and an opinion prevails that at Monday's meeting of the party, Parnell will be sustained. An analysis of the vote at the various meetings of the Parnellites on the question of Parnell's retention of the leadership, shows that the most eminent members of the party group favored Parnell's retirement, while the fifty men who were insisting in season and out of season, upon his remaining at the head of affairs in spite of everything, were those of comparatively minor ability or individual influence. The solid phalanx of a hundred is made up of the men who are most dependent upon the salaries which Parnell has it in his power to distribute, by virtue of his undisputed privilege of naming the parliamentary candidates in various Irish districts.

It is learned that Parnell put the direct question to every man on the room

"ARE YOU GOING TO DESERT ME?"

The ordeal was a difficult one for these dependent members to withstand. Still it is believed that if O'Brien and Dillon came out flatly in favor of Parnell's retirement there will be found enough waverers in the ranks of the faithful to make up a majority against his continuance in office. The news that O'Brien had cabled his opinion that the Irish party should accede to Gladstone's views in the Parnell matter created a marked sensation to-day and was received with joy by the English Liberals and with satisfaction by many of the Irish members, though as it was understood that O'Brien spoke only for himself and not for his fellow envoys, and also that his decision was not described as final, the cablegram was not looked upon as bringing the matter much nearer to a conclusion.

A PARLIAMENTARY SURPRISE.

The ease with which the land bill was put through its preliminary stage to-day was a surprise, in view of the strong resistance to it at every stage on former occasions. The government leaders are jubilant over the series of accidents lucky for them, though disastrous to others, which has weakened the opposition, and they are making all the hay they can while the sun shines. The attitude of the great parties has been completely changed by the recent happenings. Liberals who, under the leadership of Gladstone and Morley, were prepared for an active assault upon the government, seemed paralyzed, and the Tories, instead of being on the defensive, are aggressive and triumphant.

BALFOUR EXPLAINS HIS BILL.

In the House of Commons to-day, Balfour, chief secretary for Ireland, introduced the Irish land purchase bill. In explaining the measure he said that the government's policy was the same as in 1889, but for the sake of simplicity the bill had been cut in halves. Both portions taken together, presented practically the same measure as that of 1889. One variation which had been made, met in some degree, the views of Parnell. Parnell suggested that the privilege of purchase be confined to tenants of holdings under £50 valuation. Though Balfour could not accept exactly that limitation he had enlarged the scope of the bill by excluding all purely grazing farms and farms on which tenants did not reside. Another change was one in reference to the option taken at last session to the limit of 20 years' purchase then proposed. That limit did not appear in the new bill. (Hear, hear). Power would also be given the Viceroy of Ireland to extend the period of five years, during which eight per cent. of the purchase money was payable. In regard to an increase of the power of the local authorities, Balfour said the land question was largely used for political objects, and it would, therefore, be absurd to leave it under the incitement of an agitator of local communities to determine whether they should adopt the remedy going to the root of the agrarian discontent.

Labouchere moved an amendment against the pledge of Imperial credit for the purchase of land, until the country gives consent at a general election.

The amendment was rejected, 268 to 117. Gladstone, Morley and Sir Wm. Harcourt walked out of the House before the division. Parnell and all the Parnellite members voted with the Government. The bill was read a first time.

THE QUESTION OF THE DAY.

Lord Spencer, speaking to-day at Bromley, said that Gladstone's letter to Morley in regard to Parnell, had struck a note in harmony with the feelings of all Liberals. The Irish party had been too severely criticized on account of their attitude. They owed a debt of the deepest gratitude to Parnell, and he honored them for not in a moment throwing over their leader. When the higher consideration of the permanent welfare of their country came into operation they would respond to the appeal of the English Liberals and ask Parnell to retire. It would be a mighty misfortune for Ireland, the empire and the Liberal party if Parnell remained in office. Lord Spencer's opinions would not be altered in that case. He would still resist coercion, but he would cut away from the old policy and try a new one.

Healy is reticent as to the purport of his conference with Parnell to-day. Parnell seems to have regained his good spirits and displays buoyancy and excellent health. It was noticeable when Parnell, in going to record his votes on Labouchere's amendment, passed the Liberal men of the House studiously ignored them. They declare that if Parnell remains in office, Sexton and other Irish members who favor his retirement will apply for Chiltern Hundreds, [illegible] to seek re-election and test the feeling of the people.

PARNELL'S DECISION.

It is stated that Parnell considers himself unfairly treated by some of his colleagues, who practically owe their position to him, and he also feels strongly in regard to Gladstone's attitude. He is more determined than ever to remain in office. If the Monday meeting of Nationalists antagonizes him, he will appeal to the Irish people.

LABOUCHERE'S OPINION.

Labouchere writes to Parnell urging him to withdraw, and says his leadership means another six years of Balfour and coercion, while his withdrawal means a parliament at Dublin within two years at latest.

TO MEET THE DIFFICULTY.

It is understood that at Monday's Nationalists meeting a resolution will be proposed recognizing Parnell's services, but calling for his resignation.

APPEALS TO THE PEOPLE.

The Freemans Journal says it is requested by Parnell to state that he proposes to issue a manifesto to the Irish people to-night, and asks them to meanwhile suspend judgment in his case.

WANT NO CONNECTION.

Many Parnellite members of Parliament declare they would be glad to see the alliance with the Liberals broken so that the Irish party could resume its condition of independence.

BY ATLANTIC CABLE.

Hungarian Independents.

LONDON, Nov. 27.—A Vienna dispatch says the Independent party in the Hungarian parliament have voted for the first time in Hungarian history. This shows the complete establishment of Hungarian loyalty to the dual Monarchy. The Tyrolese diet has refused to adopt measures for the division of the German and Italian Tyrol into separate districts with separate parliaments. The proposition, emanating from the Italian deputies, was strenuously opposed by the Imperial government at Vienna.

Clerical Celibacy Condemned.

PARIS, Nov. 27.—A dispatch says that in a sermon delivered by Father Hyacinthe on the relations of church and state, he advocated that the priests be allowed to marry, following his example, which, he said, had been most happy in its results to himself.

Well Done.

LONDON, Nov. 27.—The German Kaiser has given orders that women shall not be employed at night in any government factory.

A Statesman's Act.

BRUSSELS, Nov. 27.—The Belgian premier has introduced a bill extending the franchise. This action is a complete surprise. The Radicals are highly elated. Workmen who had threatened to strike in order to emphasize their demand for universal suffrage, have decided to remain at work. There is great rejoicing in Brussels and other large cities, the streets being crowded with people celebrating the important event.

On a Serious Charge.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 27.—Twenty Armenian officials, and a score of others, have been arrested at Ismidiot on a charge of conspiracy.

Poor Ireland.

DUBLIN, Nov. 27.—The river Shannon has overflowed its banks at Athlone, and the town is submerged.

Falstaff in Opera.

ROME, Nov. 27.—Verdi is composing a new opera, the libretto being written by Boito, and founded upon the adventures of Falstaff.

From New York.

QUEENSTOWN, Nov. 27.—Arrived—Britannic, New York, for Liverpool.

The Storm Rages.

ODESSA, Nov. 27.—A terrific storm prevails on the Black Sea. Much damage to shipping is feared.

Blocked by Snow.

VIENNA, Nov. 27.—Railways in Austria and South Russia are partially blocked by a heavy fall of snow.

Cold Weather.

LONDON, Nov. 27.—Frosts of unusual severity are reported from all parts of Europe, and in many districts heavy snow storms prevail.

Work for the Shovel.

PARIS, Nov. 27.—Snow has fallen here to a depth of seven inches.

Enormous Damage.

CARLSBAD, Nov. 27.—Enormous damage has been done by the floods. The aqueduct and bridges have been destroyed, and hundreds of shop-keepers are ruined.

FUR SEALS NEARLY EXTINCT.

Prof. Elliott Thinks Hunting Should Be Suspended for Seven Years.

WASHINGTON CITY, Nov. 26.—Professor Elliott, of the Smithsonian Institute, will present his report to congress on its reassemblage. On the fur seal industry Professor Elliott, it is understood, will recommend that the catch of fur seals at American rookeries be suspended seven years. This he considers absolutely necessary for the preservation of seals from annihilation. At the present time he estimates that there are 100,000 seals in American waters, and the continued depredations upon them by pirates or otherwise has reduced the number so much that hardly a sufficient number remains for breeding. The utmost care he considers necessary to preserve the few that remain, or else the magnificent industry will become extinct. It was on account of Professor Elliott's knowledge of the fur seal industry that he was especially designated by congress to visit Alaska and make a report on the subject.

A very successful country dance for a worthy object, came off last night under the auspices of the ladies of Chemainus.

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

The First Train on the New Westminster & Fairhaven Railw'y Reaches the Boundary Town.

Murder in Nanaimo over a Game of Cards—The Italian Homicide Still at Large.

Continued Growth of the Lumber Export Trade—The Cariboo Stage Robber—Land Sale.

(From our own Correspondents.)

NEW WESTMINSTER.

GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Nov. 27.—A contractor named Allen has departed suddenly, leaving his affairs in a bad condition. He was president of the Sons of England, and took a lively part in the labor agitation last spring.

VALUABLE LANDS.

Fifty-five thousand dollars has been offered by J. W. Horne, and refused by the owners, for 1,500 acres in Matsqui, known as the Mission lands.

GROWING INDUSTRY.

The Royal City mills are shipping four carloads of lumber daily to the western territories.

TO LOOK FOR DINEEN.

Governor Moresby has gone up to Nelson Island to search for the missing timber cruiser named Dineen. The unfortunate man is suffering from delirium tremens, and escaped to the woods ago. It is feared he has destroyed himself.

LINKED WITH STEEL.

The first train on the New Westminster & Fairhaven railway from the south, entered Blaine to-day. The Canadian portion of the road will be completed in two weeks, when the grand inauguration will take place with the meeting of the two lines at the boundry.

NANAIMO.

MURDERED OVER A CARD TABLE.

NANAIMO, Nov. 27.—A man named James Marshall was shot and killed by an Italian named Lupcrini over a gambling affair of three dollars. The murderer is still at large, and the police and friends of the murdered man are scouring the country for him.

VANCOUVER.

TO WORK AT HOME SOUND.

VANCOUVER, Nov. 27.—McLaughlin & Bell have formed a partnership for the purpose of entering largely into logging on Howe Sound. They have left with plenty of men and supplies by the steamer Agnes.

FELL FROM THE ENGINE.

George Brown, one of C. P. R. engine drivers living here, has been brought home seriously injured by a fall from the engine at Hope last Tuesday. It is feared that the accident will prove fatal.

CONTRACT AWARDED.

The contract for timber for the Great Northern bridge over the Nicomekl has been awarded the Brunette Sawmill Co.

LANGLEY.

AFLOAT AGAIN.

LANGLEY, Nov. 24.—A slight mishap occurred recently to the steam launch Lord of the Isles during the absence of its owner, Mr. Douglas Symington, in Victoria. He had moored the boat a little way up the Salmon river, opposite the residence of Mr. Bailo, and founded upon the adventures of Falstaff.

Lower Saranac Lake is frozen up and all the ponds and lakes are covered with ice. In the mountains two inches of snow covers the ground.

Canadians for Still.

FALL RIVER, MASS., Nov. 27.—About 3,000 people witnessed a great football game to-day between the Rovers, ex-champions of America, and the Canadian team. The Rovers had eight of their regular players and three from the Olympias and East Ends. The Canadians got the first goal and were greatly the favorites at once. The Rovers then scored, and the Canadians began to play with vigor. When the game closed the score was three to one in favor of the Rovers. The teams are pretty evenly matched in weight, but in scientific playing the Canadians excelled.

A Frightful Death.

MASON, Ga., Nov. 27.—Three men were killed and four other were injured to-day by the explosion of a boiler in J. H. Ackers & Co's. sawmill at Scotland, Worth county.

Boiler and Dynamite Combined.

LOCKPORT, N.Y., Nov. 28.—A terrific boiler and dynamite explosion occurred on the trunk sewer this morning. Edward Manning, 23 years old, was killed, and R. VanCleve, engineer, badly injured.

In Self-Defence.

SYLACAUGA, Ala., Nov. 28.—Wm. R. Hunter, editor of the Bee, yesterday shot and killed Town Marshal Mokerson. The latter arrested the editor while he was with a party of friends, charging him with disorderly conduct. Hunter was discharged. At a subsequent meeting between the two men, the marshal attacked the editor with a stick and the latter defended himself with a revolver, with the above result.

The Beginning of the End.

CHICAGO, Ills., Nov. 28.—General Miles and Adjt. General Williams had a long consultation this morning preparatory to the departure of the former to Washington, where he will present his views on the Indian situation to the secretary of war. General Miles left this afternoon. No dispatches have been received at army quarters since one at midnight from General Ruger, stating that Brooks telegraphed "everything quiet." It is the opinion of Miles that each day is bringing the scare nearer its end.

SLANDER SILENCED.

An Authoritative Statement as to the Status of Henry Villard.

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—If any one at all worried about the rumor that Henry Villard was out of the Northern Pacific and that Rockefeller and Jay Gould own it, saw the following statement from President Oakes, of the Northern Pacific, to your correspondent to-day, ought to relieve their minds: "Mr. Villard," said President Oakes, emphatically, "is not only not out of the Northern Pacific, but he holds controls more stock than ever before." The question was repeated and Mr. Oakes replied point blank that Mr. Villard's standing in the Northern Pacific was stronger than ever. The World and other papers, and Wall street "Bears," have been saying so much about Villard that your correspondent called on Mr. Oakes to-day and asked for an official statement. Said he: "Mr. Villard is still chairman of the board of directors of the Northern Pacific railroad. I can state positively that he will not go out; in fact, I can say that he holds and controls more stock than ever before. The Rockefellers have probably got 25,000 shares but they are very friendly to Mr. Villard. As to Jay Gould or any of the other people having acquired any interest in the road we have no knowledge." As to the effect of George Gould's election as president of the Pacific Mail company, and the prospects of a steamship line to China and Japan from Tacoma, in connection with the Northern Pacific, President Oakes said: "The outlook for a line of Pacific mail steamers from Tacoma is greatly improved by recent events and the return of Mr. Gould to power, although nothing definite has yet been arranged." Speaking of the financial situation and the recent savage attack of the "Bears" on Northern Pacific and its effects on the policy of the road, President Oakes said, "The attacks of Wall street "Bears" will not affect the policy of the Northern Pacific in building railroads in Western Washington, but no new construction is likely to be undertaken elsewhere. The roads now in course of construction will be completed." Corroborating Mr. Oakes, your correspondent learned from intimate acquaintances of Mr. Villard that the latter has been a heavy buyer of Northern Pacific on the decline and has added largely to his holdings in that road; besides that the Rockefellers themselves, although Mr. Oakes says they only have 25,000 shares, say they feel very friendly to Villard. It is also said to be beyond dispute that Mr. Wright of Philadelphia, who controls a large block of stock, will support Mr. Villard financially. The directors at the last annual meeting were elected for three years, and there is no possibility of change inside of that time. This ought to be positive enough for any friends of Mr. Villard who have been worried by the recent sensational rumors.

Affairs Unchanged.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 27.—The Oregon Improvement company's affairs are unchanged in this city. The Pacific Coast Steamship company, mainly owned by the Oregon Improvement Co., is not at all crippled by the tying up of the City of Puebla, which is still captained by the sheriff. Manager Howard says there will be no serious difficulty in lifting the attachment some time next week, or sooner if the necessity for it existed. But the Queen will serve very well in the Puebla's place. Now that the Alaska excursion season is at an end, all that is necessary is to lay up the Puebla instead of the Queen, as was originally intended, and this will be done.

AMERICAN NEWS.

Yale Wins.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Nov. 27.—Yale won the college football championship to-day by defeating Princeton, 32 to nothing. McClung's brilliant play for Yale was the feature of the game. Thirty thousand people witnessed the game.

Cornell Beats Chicago.

CHICAGO, Ills., Nov. 27.—Cornell defeated the Chicago football team, composed largely of graduates of Yale and Princeton, in an exciting game to-day. The score was twelve to eight.

Pretty Good For a Prohibition State.

LEWISTON, Me., Nov. 27.—A carriage containing Charles Lisberness, his wife and his child, was struck by the night train from Bath, near Crowley, this evening. The engine scooped the seat from the carriage and when the train was stopped, the three were found sitting on the seat of the carriage, resting on the cow-catcher, uninjured.

Winter Has Come.

SARANAC LAKE, N. Y., Nov. 27.—The thermometer registered 5 above zero at the signal station here this morning. This is the coldest weather at Saranac this fall;

CAPITAL NOTES.

The C. P. N. Co. Submit a Plan of the Site for Their Contemplated Wharves.

No Dissatisfaction Reported Among the Indians of Manitoba and the Territories.

A Late Meeting of Parliament Probable—Canadian Eggs Sell Well in London.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Ont., Nov. 27.—The exports to Great Britain show an increase of ten millions over last year, with a decrease of three millions to the United States. The imports from Great Britain were an increase of a million, and from the United States a million and three-quarters.

F. A. McCord, assistant Law Clerk of the House of Commons, has been promoted to the Law Clerkship.

Hon. Mr. Costigan said to-day, he believed that Mr. Parnell, with the following he had, would take care that the great question of Home Rule would not be prejudiced or even retarded.

The Imperial Board of Trade wants information as to the cause of the stranding of the steamer Troboline in the St. Lawrence, in July last. It appears the pilot was at fault.

The Royal society meets next year in Montreal.

Sir John Macdonald is suffering from a severe cold.

OTTAWA, Ont., Nov. 28.—The latest information regarding egg shipments from Montreal is to the effect that one exporter has netted 22½ cents per dozen in the English market, obtaining an exceptionally good price.

Hon. Mr. Dewdney has received the reports of all the Indian agents of Manitoba and the territories. There is not the slightest indication of dissatisfaction among the tribes.

The supreme court adjourned to-day until December 9, for the delivery of judgment.

Captain John Irving has deposited with the minister of public works, plans for three rcts of mooring piles to be constructed by the Canadian Pacific Navigation Co., and a description of a site in Victoria harbor to form a wharf not far from Mr. Rithet's property. Within the month he will apply to the Governor-General in council for approval.

Mr. Colby goes to England to-morrow.

Indications are that the meeting of Parliament will be a late one.

The Premier still suffers from his cold.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

Whaling Vessels Wintering at the Mouth of the Mackenzie Encompassed by Ice.

King Kalakaua on His Way Toward British Columbia in Search of Health.

Chinese Smugglers Caught.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 28.—Three small seizures were made, this morning, on the steamer Gaelic, which arrived, a few days ago, from China and Japan. An inspector caught a Chinese boy leaving the ship with 195 silk handkerchiefs sewed up in his blouse; another inspector caught a second with nine silk hankerchiefs, and a third with a dozen handsome table doylies.

Teemer in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 28.—It was learned on good authority, to-day, that Jake Teemer, the well-known oarsman, of McKeesport, Pa., is in San Francisco. Teemer is said to have arrived here yesterday. Mike Quilligan, the well-known Australian trainer of athletes, was asked if he had seen Teemer, and he replied that he had. "He is going to Australia, I believe," he said, "and will in all probability take passage on the Alameda, which leaves here December 13.

The Puebla will go Free.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Nov. 28.—The City of Puebla is still in the hands of the sheriff, but it is now thought that she will be released to take her usual fortnightly trip. Joseph Simon, the receiver appointed by the courts, is on his way hither from Portland, and it is expected that on his arrival he will be able to arrange all the outstanding claims and so release the steamer.

Racing Ships.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 28.—The barkentine S. C. Wilder arrived from Honolulu this morning, after a passage of 24 days, and the barkentine W. H. Diamond arrived this afternoon from the same port, also 24 days out. Both barkentines left Honolulu at the same time, and a race was arranged for $500 a side. While the Wilder was in port and docked several hours before the Diamond, she fact was due to her having employed a tug.

In Search of Health.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 28.—News was brought by the steamer Australia that Kalakaua of Hawaii is now on his way to this city for a vacation trip. The cruiser Charleston left Honolulu a few days ago, and the king is aboard as the guest of Rear Admiral Brown. Major McKarlane, the king's chamberlain, is with him. Respecting the tour, a Honolulu journal says: "His Majesty's visit is intended solely for recuperation and greatly need rest, and while it is not to be understood that the King is in any way seriously ill, yet his physicians have advised a change of climate to the bracing and invigoring airs of the Pacific Coast, where he will remain for some time. After His Majesty has been officially received in San Francisco he will quietly travel incognito about California, perhaps extending his visit to Oregon and British Columbia. As the King has some trouble with his eye he will take advantage of his stay in San Francisco, to seek the advice of some skillful occulist. As far as the King's proposed visit to Washington is concerned, which was spoken of lately, it is a matter which will be decided upon the receipt by his Majesty of future advices from the Hawaiian cabinet. If it is determined that his Majesty shall visit the American capital, he will not remain there more than a week, or two, at the most, the main object of his vacation being recreation rather than the duties of business and affairs of state. During his absence from the Hawaiian kingdom, Her Royal Highness Princess Liliuokalani, the heir apparent, will act as regent. The Charleston will be due here about Thursday next.

Whalers in Hard Luck.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 27.—The whaling bark Ocean arrived this afternoon, 32 days from Fox Island, with 4,000 barrels of oil, 3,200 pounds of bone, ten fox skins, four bear skins and two wolf skins. On March 16, George Brower was lost overboard in a gale. On October 16, a boat's crew of six men were killed by a whale. Four days later another of the crew, Robt. Ray, died of consumption, and was buried at sea.

Honolulu Harbor Improvements.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 28.—Among the passengers on the steamer Australia is G. F. Allardt, a prominent civil engineer of Honolulu, who has done considerable work upon the island coast, and is at present planning for the removal of the bar of Honolulu harbor. He has already surveyed the harbor and has come to San Francisco to procure machinery for clearing a passage thirty feet deep through the bar, thereby enabling the heaviest ocean vessels to float, and, when other projected improvements are carried out, to berth alongside the wharf of the city, and discharge and ship goods at 29 feet draught as they now do at 21 feet.

Wintering North.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cala., Nov. 28.—Local whaling men have been wondering for some time what has become of three truant whaling vessels. The tardy crafts are the steamers Grampus and Mary D. Hume, and the whaling schooner Nicolene. All three left here at the commencement of the regular season and it was presumed that they would return with the incoming fleet. Days passed by and no tidings came. Yesterday information reached this city that all three were ice-bound in the desolate Arctic and would not come back until the ice should melt. The vessels, however, were not accidentally icebound. It was an instance of a novel and somewhat perilous departure from the usual methods of whaling vessels wintering north. The Grampus and the Nicolene were seen in the whaling grounds late in the season by the master of the bark Alton, which has since arrived here. They had not been very successful and it was intimated that they would spend the winter in the North. The captain had heard that the bowheads were so thick in the Arctic ocean that voyagers could walk along their backs for miles at a stretch. The present location of the three whalers is at the mouth of the McKenzie river, by far the highest wintering point ever reached by any of the whaling fleet. They are distant about 10,000 miles from the North pole, and are bound in on every side by walls of impenetrable ice. The principal peril attached to this isolation is that the vessels' provision might give out. It is presumed, however, that the Hume and Grampus are supplied with stores sufficient to last during the winter. Whaling steamers going north next year will visit these ice bound voyagers, take their cargoes and deal out new provisions.

Failures on the Coast.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 28.—Bradstreet's mercantile agency reports fourteen failures in the Pacific Coast states and territories for the week ending to-morrow, as compared with thirteen for the previous week and eleven for the corresponding week of 1889.

A Newspaper Man Gone.

SEATTLE, Wn., Nov. 28.—J. C. Kemble, late city editor of the Journal, died this morning. He was well known in the East and West, and was formerly connected with the California Associated Press at New York, where he was also attached to the World, Sun and Herald. He came West several years ago, and arrived in Seattle, eight months ago from San Francisco, where he had been employed on the Examiner. He was 32 years of age, unmarried, and leaves a widowed mother in New York.

BUFFALO BILL ON BUSINESS.

He is Commissioned to Thoroughly Investigate the Messiah Craze.

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 28.—A Bismarck, N. D., special to the Tribune says: "Buffalo Bill arrived this afternoon, accompanied by his old pard, Frank Powell, known as White Beaver, and B. H. Haslett, known as Pony Bear, who once rode 108 miles in eight hours and ten minutes. Buffalo Bill has a commission from Gen. Miles, which is believed to be the most important of any issued since Sitting Bull's surrender. The party will go direct to Sitting Bull's camp on the Grand river."

It will be remembered that Sitting Bull did not come in on Saturday, the regular ration day, but sent word that his child was sick. It is believed that Buffalo Bill is sent out to get at the bottom of the Messiah craze, with almost unlimited authority to act. This is Buffalo Bill's first visit to this section since the Custer massacre.

CANADIAN NEWS.

Defrauding the Revenue.

HALIFAX, N.S., Nov. 27.—J. P. Chetwynd of the Lobster and Collion Co., which failed, was arrested on a charge of forging invoices, and by means of them passing oil cloths bought in Boston through the custom house at a rate below value. The amount involved is said to be very large.

PARNELL PERSISTENT.

He Insists on Retaining the Leadership Even at the Expense of His Party.

A Split in the Ranks Inevitable—The Freeman's Journal Champions the Fallen Leader.

Parnell's Unspoken Enquiry—"What Were You Before I Made You What You Are?"

DUBLIN, Nov. 28.—The Freeman's Journal to-day reveals that no decisive steps will be taken at the proposed nationalist meeting on Monday. It believes that the Irish members of the House of Commons should again postpone their decision regarding the relations of Parnell to the party, in order that matters may be permitted to develop and to give time to enable the Nationalist delegates now in America to convey their opinions to the conference by one of their number, who would deliver them verbally. It is contended by the Journal that the main point is that Ireland could preserve the efficiency of her party. The English radicals, it contends, must take care of their own interests, and the Irish Nationalists must mind their own business. The Journal continues its article saying, "Davitt should remember that when Parliament howled for his punishment, Parnell stood up for him and faced the storm. When the nine day's wonder is over he will be surprised that it ever entered an Irishman's head to depose his captain at the most critical hour of the political combat."

Defeated.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—In the House of Commons this evening, Bradlaugh's amendment, disapproving the government proposal to commute hereditary pensions at 27 years purchase, was defeated by 185 to 152.

The One Great Topic.

LONDON, Nov. 27.—The Parnell matter still occupies public attention almost to the exclusion of all other topics. The course taken by the Dublin Freeman's Journal in appealing for continued confidence in Parnell, and printing all news favorable to him, while concealing from its readers the formidable array of opposition which has sprung up to his retention of the leadership, is not thought to be helping his cause among the more fair-minded and thoughtful of the people. Parnell's manifesto will probably bring out a host of controversial productions on both sides of the dispute. It is too early yet to determine to what extent the document has affected public opinion, but all who have thus far been interviewed agree that Parnell seems to have made out as skilful a case in his defence as the most organic lawyer could have. The anti-Parnell faction of the Nationalists will now issue a counter-manifesto, and the fight is sure to be a wordy, bitter one. It is thought the Irish priesthood will seize the opportunity afforded by Parnell's appeal to put their own view of the situation before the people. This view, it need not be said, is unfavorable to Parnell's pretensions. How much weight will be accorded the priestly attack upon the leading politicians by the Irish people is conjecture. Apropos of that branch of subject, it may be mentioned that the Irish correspondents of several English papers not the fact that in many houses they have visited since the scandal broke out, the picture of Parnell, which, as often observed by travellers, hangs next to that of the Pope on the walls of the peasant's cabin, has been removed from sight, or hung in a less honored and less conspicuous place.

Startling developments are expected in the early part of next week. Parnell has already shown a disposition to support the government on the Land Purchase bill, and it is believed he may be found training with the Tories. On the other hand, should the Home Rule issue be shelved for the present by the supporters of Gladstone, there would be nothing to divide them from the dissentient Liberals who now support Lord Salisbury, and the possibility of the union of the Liberal party is already being deliberated. Mr. Morley, who would probably succeed Gladstone as leader, is understood, however, to be strongly opposed to the shelving of Home Rule, whatever becomes of Parnell. Meantime, Parnell goes and comes apparently in the best of spirits, and looks round and at the lukewarm feeling among his followers with the expression of Queen Elizabeth to the recalcitrant Bishop of London: "You know what you were before I made you what you are."

FROM VANCOUVER.

E. W. Evans, a Good Printer and an Honest Man, Passes Away—Scots Celebrate St. Andrew's Day.

(Special to THE COLONIST.)

VANCOUVER, B. C., Nov. 28.—E. W. Evans, foreman of the World news room, but later of the firm of Evans & Hastings, job printers, died to-night, after a brief illness, of inflammation of the bowels. He was aged 28 and regarded as one of the best printers in the province. His character was irreproachable, and his sterling manhood endeared him to all who knew him. General regret is expressed at his untimely death. He was a native of Kingston, Ont., and has two brothers residing here.

The St. Andrew's society held a successful concert to-night, and a grand ball is now in progress.

MRS. PARTINGTON DEAD.

B. P. Shillaber, one of America's greatest humorist, who was known to the world as Mrs. Partington, died of heart disease yesterday at his home near Boston. He was born in Portmouth, N. H., in 1814, and having been for five years in Boston, went in '37 to British Guiana. He was editor of the Boston Post from 1840 to 1851. His writings, in the form of sketches and verses, have been published in various periodicals with very great success, and by them he achieved a world-wide reputation.