

WAR IN THE AUTUMN.

Russia and France Concocting a Belligerent Movement.

ENGLAND TO DEFEND BELGIUM.

A London cable says: Lord Salisbury, just before starting for San Remo, held a long conference with Lord Knutsford and Mr. Currie, the Permanent Secretary of the Foreign Office.

Something occurring behind the scenes of European diplomacy sharpens apprehension that the final move in the long game preceding war will not be long delayed.

A TEACHER'S BRUTALITY.

He Beats a Sick Boy Until His Life is Despaired of.

A Norwalk, Conn., despatch says: Professor E. H. Dumbart, of the East Norwalk school, severely whipped Richard Hendricks, one of his pupils, yesterday morning, and will have to answer for it in court.

The boy has been absent, sick, for a week, and when he appeared in school this morning he gave the professor a note from his mother explaining his absence.

The boy was carried to his home by his classmates. The lower part of his body was beaten to a pulpy mass of jelly, from which upon the slightest touch blood oozed.

The action of the professor is harshly criticized here, and a number of parents of children who attend the school have taken their children away.

"DOCTORS DIFFER"

Seems to be as Applicable in Divinity as in Medicine.

A London cable says: The Wesleyan agitation over Biblical inspiration is extending to other churches. Leading theologians are discussing Prof. Davison's criticism of the tenet of verbal inspiration.

A Shooking Affair. A Man Dies From Shock on Seeing His Companion Torn to Pieces.

A New Westminster despatch says: A shocking story has reached New Westminster from Poplum. An Indian named Pierre, employed as sawyer at Knight Bros' mill, while working at his post fell against the circular saw.

A Cowardly Crime.

A Jackson, Mich., despatch says: John Tosey and his wife, who live eleven miles north-west of this city, on their grandmother's farm, have been on unfriendly terms with her for some time.

"Hello! McGourmand, what's wrong this morning? Toothache?" "Yes, toothache and cramps. The doctor always told me to avoid eating anything extremely cold and this morning I was fool enough to bite a piece of one of my baker's fresh hot cross buns—Oh—oh—oh!"

AMONG THE IRISH.

Cork Court House Burnt Down While a Trial was Proceeding.

THE POPE OPPOSES PARNELL.

A Dublin cable says: It is announced that Captain O'Shea has brought suit against the Catholic bishop of the united dioceses of Galway and Kilmaedoug, the Most Rev. Francis J. McMorris, D. D., and against Canon John O'Mahoney of the Catholic Diocese of Cork.

The priests' practical response to the continued abuse of their order has been to suppress the circulation of the Parnellite press. The leading Parnellite paper has over 5,000 clerical subscribers.

A Cork cable says: While the judge was summing up to-day in the Court House here in the case of the Government against Michael O'Brien Dalton and others, charged with assaulting the police and with rioting at Tipperary at the time of the trial of Wm. O'Brien and John Dillon, the Court House was suddenly set on fire, and a scene of alarm and confusion followed.

The fire was discovered by a barrister, who noticed the reflection of the flames on the glass dome of the roof. The court was packed at the time, and only the coolness of the judge and the police prevented a panic.

A SOLEMN BIGAMIST

Passes Off a Large Family as Nephews and Nieces.

A Windsor despatch says: Alex. Cooke moved from some western States and settled in Lambton county about sixteen years ago. He was accompanied by a family of nine children, whom he represented belonged to his deceased brother.

THE RIFLE FELL DOWN,

And the Bullet Was Discharged into Its Owner's Breast.

A Stevensville despatch says: Yesterday evening as Mr. N. Kline, a farmer living near here, in company with a friend, was returning home from shooting pike in Beaver Creek, he stopped on the way at an old dwelling, Kline wishing to show his friend the farm implements he had in the old dwelling.

The late Senator Hartz was forty-nine years old when the Comstock silver mines were discovered. In six months after he reached the Comstock lode he had made \$500,000, and from that date till his death his wealth went on multiplying.

BUT HOW ABOUT ENGLAND?

Bismarck Proposed to Sweep Her Into the Channel.

A SORAP OF SECRET STATE DIPLOMACY.

A Paris cable says: The account of the interview which the late Prince Napoleon is said to have had with Prince Bismarck in 1866 was narrated to the Marquis de Villeneuve by Prince Napoleon, who read their publication after his death.

Prince Napoleon—We might talk of that, but how about England? Bismarck—I don't care a rap for what England could say. What can she do?

The Marquis de Villeneuve concludes by saying that Prince Napoleon returned to Paris and advised the Emperor to invade Belgium the day Prussia declared war on Austria, but the Emperor's love of peace and justice which the Chancellor had termed "absurdities" carried the day in the mind of Napoleon III.

The Times, commenting on the foregoing, says France that England does not intend to bring on her colonies and reminds Newfoundland that foreign opinion asks whether she has any desire to become a French colony.

SWIFT KENTUCKY JUSTICE.

Sixty Armed Men Take a Murderer From the Officers and Lynch Him.

A Middlesborough, Ky., despatch says: Yesterday at Cumberland Gap, Tenn., J. A. Burke, the telegraph operator there was shot and killed by Tom Hurley, a negro. The murder caused intense excitement. Reports are conflicting as to what caused the deed, but it seems that Burke and Hurley fell out over some trifling matter in a saloon.

DEATH BRAYS HYMN.

A Young Woman Suiicides a Week Before Her Appointed Wedding Day.

A Lansing, Mich., despatch says: Miss Myrtle Coats, 17 years old, and daughter of well-to-do parents living in Northern Lansing, committed suicide last night by poison, probably strychnine. The young lady was taken suddenly ill and soon passed into convulsions.

Experienced High Seas.

A New York despatch says: The steamship Caledonian, which arrived here to-day from Mediterranean ports, had a very rough voyage. On the night of March 11th she struck a "norther."

The new police matron law for the State of New York provides that the mayor of every city in the State, excepting New York and Brooklyn, that has a population of 25,000 shall designate one or more station houses for the detention and confinement of women under arrest.

PROBABLY A MURDER.

Desperate Stabbing Case in Toronto—Jack Doyle Seriously Wounded.

A Toronto report says: "Bring me a glass of water, Nell, I'm killed," were the words that the notorious Jack Doyle of 145 Jarvis street uttered as he fell lacerated and bleeding in the rear of the "Toboggan Silde" between 4 and 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

A RATHER GHASTLY JOKE.

Alarming Spread of Grip and Kindred Affections in Pittsburg.

A Pittsburg despatch says: From a street joke the grip has become a very dangerous disease. The death rate this month will break the record by the alarming increase of 50 per cent.

BY ORDER OF THE MAFIA.

An Austrian Murder in which the Assassin Mistakes His Victim.

A Vienna cable says: A despatch from Kufstein, a fortified town of the Tyrol, on the Inn and near the Bavarian frontier, says that a well-known merchant of Kufstein, who was upon the point of entering a railroad car at that place, was contacted by an Italian, who plunged a stiletto into the merchant's breast, killing him almost instantly.

A BULGARIAN ASSASSINATION.

The Finance Minister Shot in Mistake for the Premier.

A Sofia despatch says: At 8 o'clock this evening, while Premier Stambouloff and M. Batscheff, Minister of Finance, who had been walking together, were about to enter their official residences, which adjoin each other, a man suddenly confronted them with a revolver and fired three shots point blank at M. Batscheff, who fell dead.

A lump of coal was sent from the Roanoke mine to the Spokane Falls exposition. It measured 11 1/2 feet long, 4 1/2 feet wide, and 2 1/2 feet thick. The weight was four and one-half tons.

James R. Randall, the author of "Maryland My Maryland," has been for the last quarter of a century the editor of a Georgia newspaper. He is a writer of great power and originality and a most scholarly man.

THE REBEL CROFTERS

Ready to Go Battle for Their Homes.

An Edinburg cable says: The 100 rebellious Lewis Island crofters who have entrenched themselves in the Orissey Park Forest, from which they were evicted by the owner of the land in order to enable him to convert the forest into a hunting reserve, were to-day engaged in rebuilding their demolished homes and strengthening their entrenchments.

HER LIFE FOR HER HONOR.

A Farmer's Wife Attacked and Murdered in Her Husband's Absence.

A Bedford, Ind., despatch says: A horrible murder took place some time Wednesday, twelve miles southeast of Mitchell, on a farm in the extreme southern part of the county. In the morning Solomon Neidifer left his home to attend a public sale.

CATTLE SHIP CRUELITIES.

A Russian Dies in London From the Effects of Maltreatment.

A London cable says: An inquest was held in the London hospital on Wednesday on the body of a Russian Jew named Fracien. From the evidence it was learned that he had been cruelly treated on board the vessel. He said he had been compelled for seventeen days to sleep on the deck and live on bread and water, although he was ill. His companions testified that many such cases occurred, as destitute men wanting to go back to their native land were compelled to work abnormal hours and to eat miserable food, and were paid one dollar on landing. A verdict was rendered in accordance with the evidence, the coroner remarking that if the testimony was true a horrible state of affairs existed on these steamers and ought to be stopped.

NINETEEN MEN PERISH.

A British Steamer Ashore at Chicomico, North Carolina.

A Norfolk, Va., despatch says: The steamer which went ashore a mile below Chicomico life-saving station on the North Carolina coast yesterday morning is the British steamship Strathairn, bound from Santiago de Cuba for Baltimore. Out of a crew of 26 there were 19 lost, including all the officers except the second mate. The steamer will be a total loss. She was commanded by Capt. Wynn. She left Baltimore on February 25th for Havana, where she arrived March 7th. She proceeded from Havana on the 13th for Santiago de Cuba, where she arrived on the 16th. She was on her homeward trip from Santiago to Baltimore when she was on the North Carolina coast with such fatal results.

A THEATRE TRAGEDY.

A Jealous Gambler Shoots Two Actresses and Their Suicides.

A Spokane Falls, W., despatch says: Early this morning, at the Casino Variety Theatre, Charles Elliott, a faro dealer who was occupying a box near the stage, fired several pistol shots at the performers. One bullet took effect in the breast of Mabel Debban, killing her instantly. Another bullet lodged in the back of Carrie Smith, also a variety actress, inflicting a fatal wound. Elliott then placed the muzzle of his revolver in his mouth and blew out his brains. His shots were intended for an actress named Lulu Durand, and who was on the stage at the time, and of whom Elliott was insanely jealous.

Rescued After Terrible Sufferings.

A London cable says: The steamer Don has landed at Plymouth the crew of the German barque Humboldt, who when rescued had suffered terrible hardships, and were in a dying condition. The Humboldt sailed from Altate, Mexico, on the Gulf of California, in September last, bound to Falmouth. On the voyage the crew were stricken with scurvy, and became so weak they were almost insensible. Their teeth loosened, and their skins became swollen and livid. When spoken by the Don the Humboldt was disabled and sinking, and all her boats had been smashed. Two of her crew were already dead. The survivors were so exhausted that they had to be hoisted aboard the Don. They had been ill for three months.

Chinese Don't Like Blair.

A New York despatch says: The Chinese residents of New York, in conjunction with their Consul here, are getting up a memorial petition to be sent to the Chinese Minister at Washington protesting against Senator Blair, their old enemy, as Minister to China. These indignant Chinese residents will demand of the Chinese Government to receive Senator Blair in precisely the same manner as he wished the United States to receive the Chinese, and every one of them that has any influence here will write to his friends at home and the press of China to see to it that Mr. Blair receives his just dues.

Nine new Bands of Hope have been formed in Glasgow during the past year.