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## English and Continental Echoes.

We have English papers to the 31st of January. The terrible explosion of nitro-glycerine turns out to have had not the slightest connection with Fenianism. This most explosive of all blasting substances had been for some months, it seems, kept in the cellars of a public house at Newcastle, without any of the legal precautions. There were at first thirty casks, which were slowly sold off, and at last, when the alarm was taken and the precautions adopted which led to the explosion, nine were left. When the Mayor and other authorities heard of the existence of this dangerous substance in such quantities in the cellar of the White Swan, close behind the Branch Bank of England, they ordered it to be removed, and destroyed, which was done under the superintendence of the Sheriff, Mr. Mawson, himself a chemist, and the town surveyor, Mr. Bryson. Mr. Mawson intended to have it spread in the marshy soil in the moor and it was taken out there in a spring van with that view. After emptying the casks, however, some of the crystals adhered to the bottom and some of the party went to bury the casks in the moor at a little distance. This they seem to have done, and then to have beaten the earth down upon the tomb of the casks with their spades. The shock exploded the crystals with a tremendous report, killed five of the men, and so seriously injured the sheriff and town surveyor, Mr. Mawson and Mr. Bryson, that both of them have died since and died in great pain. The explosive force of the crystals left at the bottom of the casks must have been terrible. It blew some of those who were close to the spot almost to pieces. The examinations of the Fenians Desmond, English, Mulaney, and O'Keefe for blowing up the Clerkenwell House of Detention have not yet been very satisfactory. Vaughan, a deserter from H.M.'s 58th Regiment and a Fenian, is the principal witness against them and according to him, they certainly had formed a plan to blow up the wall of the exercising yard and one of them, just before the explosion, asked him to pray for him if he was blown up. Remands have been granted for further evidence. Mr. Watson's great libel suit against the Times has terminated in a formal decision by the Chief Justice that a faithful report of a Parliamentary speech is a privileged publication. As a Member can be proceeded against for anything said in Parliamentary debate, the decision amounts to a refusal of redress for and protection of freedom of debate. The Ritualists had a great time of it in London on Christmas day. They arrayed their churches in the most attractive manner. At St. Alban's, Holborn, the office of the Holy Communion began with a procession in the usual order—four of the banners of the church, those of our Lord in Glory and the Blessed Virgin; the Eucharistic banner of St. Alban, the patron saint of the church, were carried, preceded by acolytes swinging incense before the choir boys, the choir, the priest, and the celebrating clergy respectively. The two large banners were each kept in position by cords held by two boys, acolytes in scarlet cassocks and short surplices. At the four subsequent celebrations which took place at seven, eight, nine, and a quarter past eleven, three hundred and fifty persons received the communion. At Christ Church, Clapham, at St. Matthias, Stoke Newington, at St. Andrew's, Well Street, and various other churches similar departures from the regular system took place and divided the general attention. A violent war is being waged in London between the grocers and the licensed victuallers. As the grocers sell wine and spirits the publicans have resolved on selling tea and sugar. The windows of the public houses in the metropolis are pasted over with orders of the best tea at 2s. 4d. a pound. Meanwhile the public benefit. The man Baker, who murdered a little girl at Alton some time ago, under circumstances of peculiar atrocity, was executed at Winchester on the 24th. A day or two before that execution he had confessed his guilt in a letter addressed to the parents of the murdered child. A crime corresponding somewhat in the details has been committed at Shrewsbury this week, and a laborer named Mapp, with whom the deceased was last seen in company, has been arrested. An anecdote is circulating in Rome of an individual having ordered a funeral service at the church of St. Andrea della Fratte in honor of three Irish soldiers killed at the Battle of Montano. But an English priest, wishing to verify the names of the deceased, found that three Irishmen being mentioned among the slain at Montano, found in the consciousness superior of St. Andrea about to perform solemn funeral obsequies for Messrs. Larkin, Allen and Gould, such being the names that had been given him. A sad instance of the effect of drink was presented in the arrest in London of John Pratt, a tall middle-aged man, said to be an astronomer, with scarcely a shoe to his feet or a rag to his

## Another Arrest on Charge of Perjury.

Theodore V. Koskoff filed a complaint in the Police Court today, in which he accuses Adolph Schmiedberg of the crime of perjury. It will be recalled that Koskoff is under arrest on a complaint by Schmiedberg for the same offense, and civil proceedings are pending between them in the Fourth District Court. This present complaint sets forth that on the 9th December, 1897, Prince Makenoff filed a written complaint in the Fourth District Court, against Adolph Schmiedberg and his brother, Maximilian Schmiedberg, in which, among other things, it was alleged that the plaintiff sold and delivered to Adolph Schmiedberg the ship Caesarovitch and 1,600 pounds of fish at Sitka for \$23,900 for which Adolph executed a note payable 30 days after sight, to Prince Makenoff at the Bank of California in this city—that Adolph Schmiedberg filed a sworn answer to this complaint, in which he denied that he purchased the ship and fish of the Prince, but avers that he purchased the ship for cash of the Russian Fur Company, and the fish also, agreeing to pay \$7 per barrel therefore, besides 24,000 seal fur, 50 seals a piece, which, he says, with the price of the fish, made up the amount for which he gave the note. The complaint in the perjury case closes with the statement that in truth, the defendant, Adolph Schmiedberg, did buy the ship of Prince Makenoff, did not buy it for cash, and that he did not purchase 24,000 seal furs of the Russian Fur Company for the note or any part thereof. Prince Makenoff arrived from Alaska last evening, and is stated his testimony and that of several others from Sitka will clear up some of the vexed questions between these parties and determine where the responsibility of perjury, if any has been committed, actually rests. Schmiedberg was admitted to bail this afternoon in the sum of \$5,000.—S. F. Bulletin, 10th inst.

## Confederation—No. 7.

EDITOR, BRITISH COLONIST:—In one of my former letters, I promised to show how Canada could be repaid for any deficit she might incur in the outlay with respect to this country. I purpose, therefore, to advert to that subject in this letter. It is the fixed policy of the Imperial Government to unite all British America under the Dominion. The acquisition of the Hudson Bay Company's territories shows the determination of Canada to carry out that policy; and after extending the boundaries of the Dominion to the Rocky Mountains, and incurring by that act in all probability for interest and sinking fund for the purchase of the Northwest Territory and Rupert's Land from the Hudson Bay Company, and the cost of constructing a road from Lake Superior to Port Gary, an annual outlay for some years of \$22,000, independent of the cost of the Civil Government of Assiniboine, &c., it is not a supposable case that Canada would stop at western extension, when she would have British Columbia for nothing, and merely undertaking the responsibility of the Civil Government. If British Columbia were a foreign country—if it were under a foreign Crown—and if Canada wished to purchase it, she would have to compete against the United States; and that Government would gladly give fifteen or twenty millions of dollars for it. If she had to purchase the country at a cost of \$5,000,000, the interest at 5 per cent, without sinking fund, would be \$250,000 per annum. She would incur that outlay annually, and yet have to provide for the Civil Government. In case of a purchase, all that she would have would be the land, the revenue of which does not exceed at present \$7,500 per annum. Assuming that the Dominion and local Governments could not be carried on with our present population under an annual deficit of \$214,000, Canada, in case of purchasing the country from a foreign power, would incur a responsibility of \$264,000 per annum. It is, therefore, very perceptible how much more favorable the terms proposed are, with a deficit of \$214,000, than by purchasing the country.

## Imperishable.

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