THE AMALGAMATION. have already conveyed to our readers the fact that the Private Bills Committee of the Legislature has indorsed the bill providing for the amalgamation of London South with the city, and there is every prospect that the measure will pass the Legislature. Only once in a long while does the House see fit to undo the work of this committee, which is large, influential and painstaking. The questions involved in the amalgamation bill were placed before the committee with marked ability by the speakers on the respective sides. It was a pleasure to listen to the addresses, so concise and to the point were they. The talkers knew very well that irrelevant matter would not be admitted, and that the committee desired to hear nothing but the bald facts. They built their speeches accordingly. The questions to be decided practically were:

Do a reasonable proportion of the people favor amalgamation? Is it in the public interest, from sanitary reasons, that union should take place?

Are the terms fair? The committee gave an affirmative answer

to these questions. The committee were aided to this decision, no doubt, by the knowledge that it

was of vital necessity for a very considerable portion of the people of London South that a supply of pure water for domestic consumption should be procured at the earliest possible moment. It has always been the contention of the leaders in the opposition to amalgamation that it would be quite easy for the suburbans to obtain an independent waterworks system under what is known as the Badgerow clauses of the Municipal Act. It was contended by the antis that these clauses enabled the Township Council to pass a bylaw setting apart a portion of the ownship for waterworks purposes, and giving power to collect a special rate for water from the taxpayers in that particular district. By this means, it was proposed to levy the tax necessary to pay the annual rental to the waterworks company which offered to supply the suburb with water. But on application to the Department of the Attorney-General, it was found that the official interpretation of the law sustained the views of Mr. E. R. Cameron, solicitor for the amalgamationists, who has all along held that the Township Council had not power to pass such a bylaw. There being no evidence that the suburbans favored incorporation as a village or a town, and it being shown beyond a doubt that the health, if not the life, of a large number of the residents depended upon the early supply of wholesome water, the case of the amalgamationists was greatly strengthened by these developments. Indeed, gentlemen like Mr. Adam Murray, who came down to oppose amalgamatic acknowledged this fact, and honestly admitted that if the municipal law did not provide machinery for township councils to arrange for an independent water supply,

The ADVERTISER has favored amalgama tion because it believes that the comforts necessary to the enjoyment of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" can best be secured by the union. We have had experience enough of the suburban town and village system to know that it has rarely been successful; and we have reached the conclusion that if the sout suburb had remained out in the cold, fol-lowing the example of London East and West, the terms it would eventually have received would have been much less liberal than has been agreed to by the city. The mass of the people of London South earn their liveli-hood in the city, and even the strongest

nation was the next best thing.

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The Pope Selecting a Desi for His Own Tomb.

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The Colliery Disaster n Wales.

London, March 13.—It is now known 88 persons lost their lives by the explosion in the Morsa colliery. An impocked lamp beside the corpse of a wor sman explains the explosion.

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Lisbon, March 13.— The league which was formed at Oporto by students for the avowed purpose of assaulting Mr. Glynn Peters, the British M Enister, has been abandoned. The ant English feeling is

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Washed O erboard. —Major-General Sir stone, comptroller Howard Crawford I Howard Crawford El anistone, comptroller and treasurer of the Duke of Connaught's household, was washed overboard from the steamer Tangario mear Teneriffe, and drowned. His wife and daughter were on board the steamer.

The Irish Land Tenure Bill Rejected.
LONDON, March 13.—The House of Commons rejected the Irish Land Tenure Bill— 231 to 179.

Sidney Herbert, a junior Lord of the Treasury, in a speech at Croydon yesterday, exhorted Co servatives to prepare for an approaching general election.

essor to Mr. Biggar. sey Knox, an Ulster Home Rule electors of Protestant, to the Home Rule electors of the West Divis an of county Cavan, Ire-land, as the cand idate of that party to fill the vacancy in the House of Commons caused by the death of Mr. Biggar. Omogle of a Downfall. Dublin, March 13.—The Freeman's Journal says the debate on Mr. Smith's motion saying the Home of Commons.

e House of Commons to motion asking adopt the report of the Paruell Commission, and the amends ents to the motion, marks the stage of dis uption and downfall of the Ministry, whose character for fair play, honor and hones ty is tarnished.

Garibalë is Son Gets Angry.

Rome, Marc 13.—Menotti Garibaldi vestorday ten cred his resignation as a

ered his resignation as a vesterday ten e Chamber of Deputies, beadicals accused him of re-lather's policy by favoring the occupation of Africa. The Chamber una mously refused to accept the resignation. Africa. The Chamber unai

Pigott and the Premier.

London, March 13.—It is learned upo what is considered unquestionable authority that Pigott addressed a letter to Lord Salisthat rigotrhadressed a letter to brus Sains-bucy declaring his ability to crush the Parnellites, and asking that an opportunity be given to him to do so through the Government. Lord Salisbury refused to interfere in the matter, and there was no

O'Shea's Suit. London, March 13.—There is now a strong probability that the divorce suit of Captain O'Shea against his wife and Mr. parnell will not reach trial before the fall.
Mr. Parnell has asked and obtained further and fuller details of the times and places of the alleged adultery. He is entitled to three weeks in which to file an answer, and will probably ask for an extension of time.

The Great Russian Review.

whose library was recently destroyed by the fire which consumed the University building. All the British universities, the British Museum and a number of private firms and individuals have promised to as-sist the committee. The Allan and Do-minion lines of steamers have promised to carry the gifts free to Canada. The Labor Conference.

Berlin, March 13 .- The German delegates to the Berlin Labor Conference are gates to the Berlin Labor Conference are Baron von Berlepsch, Prussian Minister of Commerce; Bishop Kopp, of Breslau, Herr Magdeburg, Under Secretary in the Ministry of Commerce; Herr Reichardt, chief of the Politico-Commercial Department of the Imperial Foreign Office; Herr Lohman, member of the Federal Council; Dr. Hauchecorne, Director of Mines in the Prussian Ministry of Public Works; Herr Landmann, Bavarian delegate in the Bundesrath; Herr Heyl, Councilor of the Ministry of Commerce; and Herr Koechlin, a manufacturer. Dr. Kayser, councilor of the legation, has been appointed secretary.

London, March 13.—Sir William Henry Houldsworth, Conservative member of the House of Commons for the northwestern division of Manchester, has been appointed the second delegate to represent Great Britain at the International Labor Conference at Berlin. Sir William is in business as a cotton spinner in Manchester.

London, March 13.—The Times' Berlin correspondent says Emperor William is delighted at the readiness with which the powers, especially France, have accepted his invitation to the Labor Conference, and nothing will be left undone to impress upon the delegates his appreciation of the conapliment thus paid him.

Lord Hartington's health is being greatly Baron von Berlepsch, Prussian Minister of

Old World Wirelets. Old World Wirelots.

Lord Hartington's health is being greatly improved by the warm climate of Egypt.

Canon Wescott has been appointed Bishop of Durham, to succeed Bishop Lightfoot,

The Paris Siecte says the French Government has decided to occupy Whydah, a Province of Dahomey on the slave coast. The National Bank and the Bank of Brazil have been authorized to issue 50,000... 000 millreis in paper, each to be redeemable in gold as soon as exchange permits.

The court at Wadowice, Austria, he rne court at Wadowice, Austria, has sentenced two emigrant swindlers to 44 years' imprisonment at hard labor. The others got one to four years each. The prosecutor appealed, claiming the sentences were inadequate.

TRIED FOR MURDER. Verdict of Manslaughter in Mary Ann

COBOURG, Ont., March 13.—At the Assizes here the case of Mary Ann Mountenay, charged with having, in the township of Murray, about four miles from Trenton, shot at and killed one James Lawson, was shot at and killed one James Lawson, was concluded yesterday. The details were gone into of the unfortunate visit of Lawson and his companion, Miller, to the neighborhood in question; of their attempts to enter the house of Mrs. Mountenay, and of her warning them to go away or they would get hurt; of their starting away and turning back when the door was opened; of the shot then being fired, the bullet striking young Lawson in the throat, passing through the soft tissaes and lodging in the young man's spine, causthe throat, passing through the soft tissues and lodging in the young man's spine, causing his death. The evidence showed there was no intention to injure either of the young men, but the shot was fired to intimidate them, the accused being under the apprehension that violence was intended, and being afraid in consequence of an attack having been made on her house two weeks before this unfortunate affair.

The jury were out of court about two

prisoner fired the shot merely to frighten the young men, but was guilty of negli-gence. His Lorship said he thought the jury had arrived at a proper conclusion on the evidence. He sentenced the accused to three months' imprisonment in the common is:

ARNOTT COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.
BELLEVILLE, Ont., March 13.—The
Police Magistrate yesterday committed
Wm. Arnott for trial on the charge of murring Hannah Cole.

Birchall Again Before the Court.

No New Evidence of Importance Presented.

Birchall Committed to Woodstock Jail -The Prisoner's Wife Remanded to Custody at Niagara.

NIAGAEA FALIS, Ont., March 12.—Excitement this morning ran high as the hour approached for the resuming of taking of evidence in the Benwell murder case before Magistrate Hill. The court room was packed with people as early as 9 o'clock, and the streets were lined with people. About two dozen newspaper correspondents were in the town, representing the principal cities and towns of America. The platform at the Grand Trunk depot was crowded with people anxious to get a glimpse of the now notorious Birchell, who was expected to arrive on the 11 o'clock trein from Welland, but through some misunderstanding with Sheriff Smith, of Welland county, the prisoner did not come on that train. The Sheriffat Welland was communicated with, and instructed to have Birchell brought down on the 5 o'clock Michigan Central train. At least 1,000 people were at the depot when the train steamed in, and a general rush was made to the coach when Jailer Coulson appeared on the platform with the prisoner handcuffed. When the prisoner looked over the multitude of faces staring at him. staring at him

A BROAD SMILE COVERED HIS FACE. He was taken at once to the cell he occu-pied last week, and handed over in charge of Officer McMicking. A general rush was made to the court room, which could not of Officer McMicking. A general rush was made to the court room, which could not hold one-twentieth of those wishing to get inside, and court was held in the town hall. Within five minutes at least 1,200 people were within the hall, crowding that place to the doors. Among the assemblage were a large number of ladies in the gallery. When the prisoner was taken in the cell and the handcuffs removed from his wrists he stretched his hands above his head and appeared to be relieved, and conversed in a happy mood with the officer. At 5:40 p.m. the court opened.

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Mrs. Birchell's case was the first taken up. She entered the hall leaning on the arm of Chief of Police Young. She was dressed in the same attire as last week, and heavily veiled with a dark brown veil. The Magistrate explained that she was charged with being an accessory to the murder of Benwell at Niagara Falls, before the murder. As it was in his jurisdiction the case against Mrs. Birchell could not be removed to Oxford and would have to be tried here. He then asked Detective Murray if he had any more evidence to offer against her. The detective replied, "Not at present." The Magistrate then notified the prisoner he would remand her to the same custody she had been in since her arrest for eight days.

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Mr. C. D. Ivey, of the firm of Hellmuth & Ivey, London, watched the case for both prisoners. Mrs. Birchell was then removed prisoners. Mrs. Birchen was che. from the court to Mrs. Baldwin's boarding-

BIRCHELL IN COURT.

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The jury were out of court about two hours, and returned as their verdict: "Guilty of manslaughter, with the strongest possible recommendation to the merciful consideration of the court."

In reply to his Lordship, the foreman of the jury stated the recommendation to mercy was based on the ground that the prisoner fired the shot merely to frighten the young men, but was guilty of negligence. His Lorship said he thought the clothes, which attracted my attention to them. The man with the gentleman re-sembling the prisoner had a whole suit of light clothes. I passed through the train four times between Hamilton and Harris-burg, and both men were sitting in the same seat. After leaving Harrisburg I passed through the train and noticed the dark-complexioned man sitting on the south side of the coach. I asked the dark-complexioned man for his ticket. He said, "Eastwood." After leaving Paris I took up all tickets as far as and including East-wood. These two passengers

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THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 1890.

James Flynn, customs officer, sworn, testified: On the morning of the 18th of February Pelley and the prisoner came into the baggage-room and asked to have baggage passed. The baggage consisted of trunks, valises and gun cases. They took their baggage away, and a day or two afterwards I thought the baggage I had in charge in the express office might belong to them, and they did not know of its arrival, I went to Bampfield's and inquired if the name of a stranger I saw there was Mr. Benwell, and asked him if his name was Benwell. He did not answer, but said that there was no hurry; that the articles would be taken out in a few days. The articles were never taken out until taken out by Chief Young. The name on the boxes was "F. C. Benwell." There was one black chest and one wooden box. I afterwards opened the boxes, in company with Mr. Young. The boxes contained some clothing, but principally carpenter's tools. The prisoner is the man who said the articles would be attended to in a few days.

G. Phemister, sworn, testified: Am manager of the G. N. W. Telegraph Company, Niagara Falls. I sent a telegram from Niagara Falls on Feb. 17. The dispatch (produced) was written in pencil and read as follows.

Feb. 17, 1889. BENWELL'S BAGGAGE.

and read as follows.

Pelley, Stafford House, Buffalo, N. Y.—
Arrive Buffalo 9 o'clock, Must remain there to night. (Signed)

The telegram was sent by someone from our office on the evening of Feb. 17, filed in our office at 7:44 p.m., sent to Buffalo at 7:57 p.m. I don't know who wrote it. I was in the office at the time. I did not know the prisoner then. I saw a man at the wicket, but cannot remember his appearance. He appeared in a great hurry, and I was busy in the office. This dispatch was delivered shortly after the train from the west came in. The dispatch is dated 1889, but was received Feb. 17, 1890.

1890.
Mr. Pelley was called, but could not identify the writing of the telegram as that of Birchell.
Geo. Phemister was recalled, and asked

Geo. Phemister was recalled, and asked to produce other telegrams received at his office addressed to Birchell at this place, which he did. One message was dated Buffalo, Feb 25 addressed Birchell, Imperial Hotel, Niagara Falls, and read:

Telegram land letter were sent on to you yesterday to ship heavy baggage to Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York. (Signed.) STAF-FORD.

The message was delivered at the Imperial Hotel at 4 p.m. I also produced a telegram dated March 1, from New York, 9:28 a.m., addressed J. R. Birchell, Imperial Hotel, Niagara Falls, Ont., which reads:

"Benwell not here. No signature."
This concluded the evidence on behalf of

Magistrate Hill asked Birchell if he had Magistrate Hill asked Birchell if he had anything to say. Birchell said: "No; not at present." The Magistrate then informed him that he would commit him to Woodstock jail. The prisoner made no reply, and he was taken by Chief Young to his cell. He appeared to be cheerful, and received his committal as if it was a matter of course. He chatted with the officers pleasantly, and informed an officer that he sent letters from Welland jail to his sister, Miss Maud Birchell, Rainhall, near Liverpool, and to his brother, Rev. Oswald Birchell, Lechlade, Gloucestershire, Eng., and J. F. Lynch, 49 Cleveland Square, Hyde Park, London, and that his father was the Rev. Joseph Birchell, rector of the church and rural dean, proctor and convocationer of the archdeanery of Manchester, and had died during 1878. He also wished to contradict a statement made by one Young, of Woodstock, that he had been a schoolmate of his at Barnshire, which was not so, and he was not the son of the liveryman by the name of Birchell referred to.

MORE SUSPICIONS OF BIRCHELL.

HALIFAX, N. S., March 12.—The circumstances in connection with the disappear.

with. We talked about the weather. He spoke to me about going to the Falis and then to Buffalo, expecting to meet his brother in Buffalo that night. I think he TOLD MS HIS MANE WAS SMITH.

I saw him get off the train at the depot of Niagara Falis, Canada side. I don's know where he went to after getting off the train here. He had a dark coat on, and, I think, dark trousers. His boots were muddy and his trousers were turned up at the bottom. He had laced shoes on and a round, dark cap, which seemed to be imitation—might be fur. He had a small glass flask in his pocket. I saw him take it out. It was a white, clear glass. There appeared to be some liquor in it. He offered it to me to take some, but I said I did not use it. He took one himself. He then put it back in his pocket. This was while I was sitting by him. Brakeman Hay was on my train that day, and in the smoking car. Hay and I had a talk about the prisoner next morning. He (Hay) remarked he had seen him before.

BENWELL'S BAGGAGE.

James Flynn, customs officer, sworn.

When Birchell was arrested in Ontario, he gave his age as 27, and their marriage certificate, produced at the trial, is dated November, 1888, two points somewhat adverse to the date concerning the Terrys.

BIRCHELL'S IDENTITY.

LONDON, March '12.—Not a single doubt any longer remains as to the true identity of the suspected Princeton murderer. It is clear that the "J. Rex Burchell" of the carly communications shout the sad death is clear that the "J. Rex Burchell" of the early communications shout the sad death of Mr. Benwell is really and truly Reginald Birchall, son of the late vicar of Church Kirk, and not the son of a London livery stable keeper, but a young man of good connections and of excellent education, and here is a notice of his marriage extracted from the Times of Tuesday, Nov. 27, 1888:

Norwood.

This removes all doubt that the two prisoners at Niagara Falls are really husband and wife. Moreover, it was known in London some time ago that Reginald Birchall was in the neighborhood of Niagara passing hinself off as Lord Somerset or as a son of Lord Somerset or as a son of Lord Somerset. Indeed, he is said to have made use of the pseudonym in England. He is, then, the son of the late well-known vicar of Church Kirk. He went to Oxford in the autumn of 1885, or the early part of 1886, and appears to have severed all connection with his Alma Mater some time about the spring of 1888. His college was not Brasenose nor Trinity, but Lincoln, and Lincoln remembers him yet. The President of his college suffered many things from his inamenability to the regulations of the college and the University. His wild ways were notorious through the length and breadth of Oxford. He organized carousals in college and out of college at all hours of the day and night. Riding and driving were his favorite. This removes all doubt that the two the organized carousals in college and out of college at all hours of the day and night. Riding and driving were his favorite pursuits. He would drive tandems in defiance of all rules and regulations. Yet he seldom got into troubled when he had been upon his wild expeditions, for he had rare talent for escaping detection and punishment, and when explanations were demanded no one was cleverer than he at telling a plausible tale or playing the indignant innocent. During a game he was reckless to a degree, but he was wariness itself after the game was over. His notoriety was due in no small part to his daringly loud style of dress. He wore gaudy waistcoats, and his costume rarely lacked some adornment of flaming huc. His principal achievement in the task of adding variety and interest to Oxford life was the establishment of a club called the "Black and Tan." The Black and Tan Club, after attaining some reputation for noisiness rather that rowdiness, became extinct in no very long time. Birchall does not appear to have passed any very slight acquaintance with him showed him to have great powers of mind. His memory was very strong. He could take an interest in fany subject. him to have great powers of mind. His memory was very strong. He could take an interest in Jany subject. This was evident from the versatility which he displayed in conversation. No one could talk more seriously to a serious person. His mind was as rapid in its movements as his body, and his body seemed, as has been said, to be endowed with the gift of stimulity.

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Woodstock, March 13—(Special).—Hundreds of men, women and children assembled last evening expecting that Birchall, the alleged murderer, would arrive and be taken to the county jail here. It was one of the biggest crowds gathered together in this town for years, but was doomed to disappointment, as Birchall did not arrive. He will be brought here some time to-day.

Birchall arrived at 10:19 this morning looking cheerful and happy and apparently giad to be again among his old friends in Oxford. His trial cannot come off until the Fall Assizes.

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BIRCHALL CONFIDENT OF ACQUITTAL.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., 13.—Birchall was taken to Woodstock jail by Detective Murray this morning. When at the depot Birchall seemed to be cheerful. When told by a friend that he hoped he would be able to clear himself of the charge, he replied: "There is not a doubt but that I will," and wild "Good bye old follow". said, "Good-bye, old fellow."

Messrs. John Trott & Sons have recently Messrs. John Frott & Sons have recently purchased from Jas. S. Smith, Maple Lodge, Ont., the splendid young bull "San Ferratto III." He is from one of the best milking families of Shorthorns at Maple Lodge Stock Farm.

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