

Miscellaneous.

The rainfall in Ireland during the year just closed has been quite unprecedented, and '77' will be long remembered as the "wet year."

Mr. Angus Matheson, son of Mr. Donald Matheson, blacksmith, Cardigan, has received the command of a large English steamship named the "Australian."

The Quakers in England and Wales now number, according to Mr. Barclay, one of their well-known members, only 17,000. A few years ago they were estimated at 100,000. In 1700 there were 60,000 in Great Britain.

It was recently discovered in Havre that watch works were being shipped to the United States in the heels of ladies' boots. A case of boots was accidentally broken, when their high heels and a rattling noise attracted attention, and an examination developed the trick of the smugglers.

Land and Water makes the curious statement that in certain English counties whence the chief supply of geese is drawn, young children are frequently detained from school or work that they may lie in bed by turns for the sole purpose of hatching goose eggs, placed there with them.

The farmers around Wallace, are following the example of P. E. Island farmers, in using the muscle mud deposited in their harbor for enriching the land. There are five or six of these digging machines, now in use at the harbor, and are doing good work. The supply of mud appears unlimited.

Mr. Onslow is to call the attention of the House of Commons to the large forces kept up by Indian princes. The British army in India consists of about 63,000 European and 125,000 Native troops. Against this the native princes can show an enrolled strength of 315,000 men—5,525 guns, 9,390 trained gunners, 64,000 cavalry, and 241,000 infantry.

During the battles in which the Paris Commune expired there were taken with arms in their hands 650 children of 16 years and less, four being only 10 years of age, one eight and one seven. About 12,500 gnomes took part in the insurrection, of whom 87 were brought to trial and 65 found guilty, of whom 36 were sent to houses of reformation and nine put to death.

The British steamer "Chilian," from New Orleans, reports that she sighted on the 7th instant, lat. 44 north, lon. 42 west, the German barque "Otto George," Captain Genke, from London, Jan. 6th, for New York, on fire. Two men were seen on board, but the sea was so heavy as to prevent their rescue. The life boat of the "Chilian" was smashed in the attempt.

The Italian colony in London, being desirous of paying a tribute of respect to the memory of their late King, and of praying for the repose of his soul, make arrangements for the celebration of a requiem mass. The permission of Cardinal Manning, who is in Rome, was sought, but that ecclesiastic refused to grant it. Comments are being rather freely made on this refusal.

After long investigations and trials, the officials of the Royal Gun Factories and the officers composing the Select Committee have agreed upon the form of a 12-pounder gun with which it is probable that the Royal Horse Artillery and light field batteries will be armed in place of the present 9-pounder. It is a very much more powerful and efficient weapon, and the carriage and equipment having been considerably lightened, there will be scarcely any more weight behind the team than at present.

Perhaps the most remarkable coincidence ever known has taken place in Allentown, Pa., where live Mr. and Mrs. Barney Ward who have been man and a wife since 1857. On the 4th of July, 1870, their first child was born; a second was born July 4th, 1871, and a third was born July 4th, 1872. Every succeeding 4th of July has been celebrated by Mrs. Ward's presenting to her husband a fine healthy child, and now the Ward family contains eight children born within as many years, and all on the 4th of July.

A horrible crime was recently committed at Hamburg. A woman threw her child over a bridge into the Elbe, where, of course, he was drowned. The two, mother and victim, were crossing the bridge together, when she diverted his attention to a distant train, and the instant lifted him over the balustrade. The poor little fellow clutched the bar with his hands, and hung for an instant over the river but the mother deliberately tore his hands loose, one after the other, and watched him fall into his watery grave. The woman denied any feeling of remorse, but said she and her husband are well rid of the boy. It is said that of late child murder has been epidemic in some parts of Germany. The amount of misery which this fact argues may be imagined.

Telegraphic News.

Special Dispatches to the Morning Chronicle. EUROPE.

PARIS, Feb. 14.—A telegram from Vienna states that the Sultan requested Queen Victoria to relinquish her intention of sending her fleet to Constantinople, and simultaneously requested the Czar to deter the fleet of the Russian troops until Queen Victoria replied. The Czar, in reply, merely confirmed Gortschakoff's declaration of the 10th of February to the Powers, that the sending of a British fleet to Constantinople obliged Russia to contemplate entering the city. Queen Victoria replied that the fleet entered the Dardanelles with a pacific object.

A telegram from Constantinople says that the fleet is expected at Prince's Island this evening, unless compelled to cast anchor at Marmora in consequence of tempestuous weather. Two ironclads have been left at Gallipoli to protect the outlet; there will be stationed at Prince's Island; the Flamingo will remain in the Bosphorus to maintain communication between Mr. Layard and Admiral Horoby. The Flamingo went to meet the fleet with closed orders. No salute is to be fired or formal notice taken of the arrival of the fleet. The English Consul at Chanak Kaleli, made a demand for the free entry of 3500 tons of coal for the fleet.

The Turkish Parliament was dissolved to-day by Imperial message, which declares that this action was taken in consequence of the necessities of the situation, that the Sultan appreciates the services of the members, and hopes soon to re-convene Parliament.

BEZEL, Feb. 15.—Prince Bismarck has arrived here. CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 14, 7 p. m.—The Russians will shortly enter the city, but no official notification on the subject has yet been received. Considerable Russian forces have pushed forward to Pehalidja.

ATHENS, Feb. 14.—French and Greek representatives informed the English Foreign Minister that the Porte had complained that Greece continued to foment insurrection in Turkey. The Minister replied the Government was unable to control individuals and appealed to the Powers to fulfil their promise to protect the lives of Christians in Crete and Hellenic provinces of Turkey.

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