The Irish Land Bill Read a Second Time

Great Britain's Sphere of Influence in Africa

Is the Subject of Debate by the French Chamber.

No Relaxation of the Tension Between the Powers.

The Aesthetic Oscar Wilde a Prisoner-His Name Tabooed.

THE VENEZUELA TROUBLE. LONDON, April 5.-The Morning Post says inquiries at the Foreign Office elicited the fact that the United States and England have not exchanged views regarding England's trouble with Ven-

THE MARCH OF REFORM.

LONDON, April 5.-In the House of Commons today the Irish Land Bill was read a second time without a division. The House passed this evening James Henry Dalziel's motion in favor of second ballots in Parliamentary elections where no candidate receives an absolute majority. The vote was 132 to 72. THE CHINESE FIGHT.

CALCUTTA, April 5.- The first brigade of the British force sent to Chitral is reported to have had an engagement with natives beyond Malakand Pass. The British were advancing to occupy the banks of the Swat River when a considerable body of Doori tribesmen attacked them. The natives fought stubbornly, and eventually tried to rush the British lines, but they were checked by the guides, guards and cavalry, and were forced back with heavy loss. The second brigade has not yet crossed the pass. Its progress has been very slow, as the enemy had torn up and barricaded the road.

WILDE IN JAIL.

LONDON, April 5.-Late in the day application was made at the Bow street police court before Sir John Bridge, the presiding magistrate, for a warrant for Prospects of a Warm Contest in the arrest of Oscar Wilde, and the magistrate granted the application.
Oscar Wilde was arrested at the Cadogan Hotel and taken to Scotland Yard. In an interview this afternoon the Marquis of Queensberry said: "I have sent this message to Wilde. If the country allows you to leave, all the better for the country. But if you take my son with you I will follow wherever

you go and shoot you." Before Wilde was taken to his cell the charge indicated by nis testimony in court was read to him. He stood with his hands in his pockets, silent and apparently unconcerned.

It is reported that the Criterion Theater, to which "An Ideal Husband" was to be transferred from the Haymarket, declined to put the play on the

Mr. Alexander, of St. James' Theater, said that Oscar Wilde's play, "The Importance of Being in Earnest," would be kept on the stage pending the public verdict. If he should be compelled to withdraw it some 150 persons would be thrown out of work, as he had nothing

ready to replace it. audiences at the Haymarket and St. James' Theaters, where Mr. Wilde's plays are being given, were rather small this evening, but they made no hostile demonstration. At St. James' there were few persons except those who had bought their tickets in ad-The gallery was somewhat critical, and two or three audible comments confused the players slightly.

FRANCE VS. ENGLAND. PARIS, April 5 .- M. Hanotaux, Minister of Foreign Affairs, spoke in the Senate this evening concerning Sir Edward Grey's statement in the House of Commons last week. The debate in the Commons as to the British and Egyptian sphere of influence in Africa, he said, had astonished him. France opposed decidedly the pretensions of the Royal Niger Company, which aimed to monopolize trade in a vast region. The negotiations as to the territory affected by the company's claims were now in progress.

As to the Upper Nile region, France

demanded that England state her claims explicitly. France would reserve her decision and liberty of action pend-ing England's reply. It was advisable to abstain from imprudent statements. France would maintain her plain rights. He preferred, however, not to make any affirmations likely to hinder the present negotiations. He was convinced that when the time of decision should come the two great nations would find means of reconciling their interests with those of civilization and progress. LONDON, April 5 .- The Standard says M. Hanotaux's speech was moderate and courteous, but did not relieve

the strain. In some respects it rather accentuates the points of difference. His silence as to the French expedition to the Nile Valley could not have been accidental, though the subject cannot be treated as immaterial. We hope that communications will be resumed speedily, and that the Nile and Niger expeditions, which can only be regarded as barriers to a friendly settlement, will be recalled."

The Times will may tomorrow: acknowledge with pleasure M. Hanotaux's moderation and evident desire to avoid placing obstacles in the way of friendly discussion. We must regret, however, that no corrective was applied to the inflammatory statements

POOR PRINCESS COLONNA. ROME, April 6 .-- The Roman courts ave just pronounced a decree of separation in favor of Mrs. Mackay's daughter, the Princess Colonna. The princess is intrusted with the custody

of her children. THE TROUBLESOME SEAL QUES-

DONDON, April 6 .- Sir George Baden-Powell, M.P., has given notice that on Tuesday next he will ask the Government in the House of Commons whether they will refuse to join the confer-ence proposed by the United States to and more cases will probably result. deal with the seal fisheries question in the North Pacific, unless the conference is instituted on the lines suggested by greatest food the Paris Tribunal of Arbitration to ing Powder.

will also ask whether the Government's assenting to join the conference involves or prevents interference with the decisions of the Paris Tribunal.

TWO RAILWAY DISASTERS,

deal with the whole question. He

Resulting in the Loss of Nine Lives.

A Large Number of Persons Sustained Serious Injuries.

CALDWELL, O., April 5 .- An accident with fatal results occurred on the Bellaire, Zanesville and Cincinnati Railway early this morning ten miles from this place. Four persons were killed instantly and one seriously injured. The rest of the passengers were able to extricate themselves without severe injury.

The killed are-Nathan Young and 7year-old daughter, of Summerfield; Henry Brown, of Beallsville; Eli Lucas, engineer Jesse Johns, the fireman, was fatally

injured. Nathan Young was rescued from the

coach, but he cannot live. The road had been condemned. At a point where the descent is about 45 feet the track makes a small curve. There the rails spread, and the engine fumped the track. The engine and coach went down the embankment, and the rear end of the coach was smashed by the locomotive.

WORSE! ALTON, Ill., April 5.—This morning, as a long, heavy freight was coming down grade on the Chicago and Alton road, half a mile east of East Alton, the middle of the train bulged out and fifteen cars were piled on top of each other. On the train were 60 laborers and tramps. Four men were killed outright and many injured. Only two of the dead have been identified. They are: David Heffley, Watertown, Wis., and Frank Hareman, Philadelphia, Pa. The injured are-Charles Custard, Lima, O.; Otto Schroeder, Argentine,

Kan.; Theodore Hunt, St. Paul, Minn.; Thomas Cope, St. Louis, Mo.; Harry Williams, Toledo, O.; M. Hickens, Chiago, Ill.; W. W. Willets, Dallas, Tex.; Ed. Olebusheist, Germany; Harry Glass, Chicago; James Hart, no home; James Martin, Fall River, Mass.; John Howard, Cincinnati, Ohio; Robert Sell, New York; Winifred Garrison, Martins-

M'CARTHY VS. MONTAGUE.

Haldimand.

Mr. D'Alton McCarthy May be Offered the Nomination in Sir H. Tupper's Constituency-Political Notes.

MR. MONTAGUE OPPOSED. CAYUGA, Ont., April 5.—At a mass meeting of McCarthyites held here today to nominate a candidate in op-position to Hon. Dr. Montague, Mr. Jeff McCarthy, a member of Mr. D'Alton McCarthy's firm at Barrie, was the unanimous choice.

PICTOU ORANGEMEN AROUSED. HALIFAX April 5.-A well-authenticated report comes from Pictou that the Orangemen of that county are displeased with Sir Hibbert Tupper, and that they propose offering a nomina-tion to Mr. D'Alton McCarthy. The fact has been established that during the campaign of 1891 Sir Hibbert Tupper explicitly pledged himself to oppose any interference with the Manitoba school system. That pledge secured him the support of nearly 800 Orangemen in Pictou county, and, of course, gave him his election. If they desert him in any considerable numbers now his defeat is very probable. Mr. D. C. Fraser is to meet Sir Hibbert Tupper In Antigonish on Saturday.

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## TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES

The widow of Alexandre Dumas is Reed Wardell, the American who was

shot by O'Brien in Paris recently, has died from his injuries. The Rock Island Railroad Company has offered a reward of \$1,000 each for the arrest and conviction of the Dover

train robbers. Shortages approximating \$90,000 have already been found in the Carson (Nev.mint by Superintendent Mason, of the Government assay office, who is there

in charge of the investigation. A dispatch from Buenos Ayres says that Jabez Spencer Balfour, the Liberator wrecker, has arrived there apparently very much depressed. He is ex-

pected to sail next Monday. A Washington special says the President was informed by one of the justices of the Supreme Court that the court stands five to three against the constitutionality of the income law.

At Mount Pleasant, Mich., while sitting in the yard at his home, Ezra, the 13-year-old son of John Hamilton, was shot and fatally wounded by a stray bullet from a gun in the hands of some boys in a field near by.

A desperate battle took place between Marshal Medzens' deputies and five of the Rock Island train robbers at Cimarron on Thursday evening. One robber was killed and one wounded. The dead man was identified at Rattlesnake Bill, a notorious territory outlaw.

A man and a woman were found dead in a room of the Palace Hotel, San Franon Friday. A bullet in the heart had killed the woman, and one in the brain had ended the life of the man. A note left by the woman stated that she and her husband were about to end their lives, and they wished to be buried together. She and Mr. Reta had been married, and as her family had al-ways opposed their marriage they de-cided to die together.

SIX VICTIMS OF TRICHINAE. LA PORTE, Ind., April 5.—The family of Peter Marks, consisting of six persons, are victims of trichinae poisoning, and little hope is entertained of their recovery. Several other persons in the neighborhood also ate of the same pork

It is pronounced perfectly pure by the greatest food experts, Dr. Price's Bak-

## Late Canadian News.

A Toronto Carpenter Killed by a Fall-Sudden Death of a Hamilton Engineer.

Rev. F. T. Tapscott, of the Victoria Avenue Baptist Church, Hamilton, has resigned. Plans have been prepared for utiliz-

ing the water power of the Lachine Canada's sealing fleet have reached

the Japanese coast, and have begun operations. A new French Liberal newspaper is to be started at St. Boniface, to be

called La Courier. It has been decided that the Osgoode Hall Law School examinations will begin on Thursday, May 9.

Mrs. John Mackelcan, one of the oldest residents of Hamilton, died there on Thursday in her 87th year. The report of the death of John F. Munsey, customs collector at Halifax, is incorrect. He is alive and likely to

The death is announced of Dr. Thos. speer, of Toronto, which occurred at is residence, Queen street west, on Friday.

Capt. Wesley Brown, of St. Clair, last year master of the Centurion, has been appointed master of the Northwest, of the Northern Steamship Line.

Robert J. Davis, a carpenter, living at 58 Wright avenue, Toronto, fell off a building at College street and Brunswick avenue on Friday and was killed. Bradstreet's reports these assignments: John Snowball & Sons, manufacturers of brick and tile, Markham township; R. J. Thompson, house fur-

nishings, Uxbridge. A dispatch from Gleichen, Man., says the Indian who killed Government Officer Skyner was shot dead on Thursday night by Mounted Police. He made a determined fight before death. Sir Herbert Murray, British commis-

sioner, who has arrived at St. Johns, Nfld., says his mission is strictly nonpolitical. He comes solely with a view to relieving any existing distress, The Toronto criminal assizes will open on the 30th inst. Chancellor Boyd

is to take the first week, and Mr. Justice Street the second. Four people will be arraigned on the charge of murder. David Mack, of Carberry, Man., aged 78, died on Thursday morning from a rupture of the abdomen, caused by the handle of an axe on Monday. Deceased was long a resident of the ccunty of

An order from the Minister of Col-onies at Madrid has been communicated to the authorities in Cuba and Porto Rico, withdrawing the free entry conceded to codfish from Canada and Newfoundland Francis Northey engineer at the high level reservoir pumps, Hamilton,

dropped dead on Friday morning, while going about his duties. He was 77 years of age, and had been in the employ of the city for fourteen years. At the Bruce assizes at Walkerton

the charge of manslaughter against Alex. Fraser, in connection with the death of Mrs. Elder, was not established, and the jury returned a verdict of not guilty by direction of the judge. Henry Lansdell, a former employe of the M. C. R. carshops at St. Thomas, was found guilty on Thursday afternoon of offering for same at Millbank a livery horse and cutter hired from Wilson's livery stable in Listowei under the name of Johnston. Sentence re-

It is understood that a wholesale reorganization of the staff of the Upper Canada College has been ordered, from that the whole staff of teachers, from Principal Dickson down to the lowest, have been given notice to vacate their positions. Some members of the staff may be re-engaged, however.

THE WILD FLOWERS OF CANADA. Everybody knew there were beautiful wild flowers in Canada, but only in a general indefinite way. It was when great judges in Europe and America told us the Wild Flowers of Canada were among the finest in the world that people pricked their ears and stood aghast. Now we see there is a wild flower craze in Europe and America, and the Wild Flowers of Canada have come right to the front. We see there are big prizes offered for the boys and girls and men and women who know or who are willing to learn even a percentage of the Wild Flowers of Canada by color, form and blooming time, and just at the right time there is being issued by the publishers of the Montreal Star an elaborate work, in portfolio form, entitled the Wild Flowers of Canada in natural colors and natural size, with full descriptions, history, and the places and times to find the wild flowers in bloom. In the portfolios "Wild Flowers of Canada" there are nearly three hundred plates and the whole will form valuable volumes that cannot be procured in any other way. It is said the first portfolio is to be ready on Satur-April 13, and afterwards weekly till finished. The London dealers in papers, stationery, etc., will be able to procure supplies for a limited time at the special commuted rate of 15 cents each portfolio, containing sixteen flowers. This work has never before been attempted in the history of Canada.

KILLED BY A PEANUT.

A Fragment Lodged in the Baby's Windpipe.

DETROIT, April 5.-Little Julius Mittelstaedt, the 1-year-old child of next train. Julius Mittelstaedt, 363 Catharine street, died yesterday under peculiar circumstances. Wednesday noon its mother gave the little one a few peanuts, and in eating them a piece got into its windpipe. The child was unable to cough the piece up, and would have choked in a few minutes had there not been a little space left, sufficient to allow some air to pass. A physician was summoned and tracheotomy performed that night. The

operation proved to be of no avail, and yesterday the little fellow died. It makes the lightest, sweetest and most wholesome food, Dr. Price's Bak-

ing Powder. Steamship Arrivals. At Etruria Queenstown New York Westernland Antwerp New York

**Sunday Services** 

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or Particulars of To-Morrow's Church Services.

#### Done by Legislature on

And the Business Well Advanced-Tolls on Toll Roads to be Reduced.

(Special to the "Advertiser.") PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, TO-RONTO, April 5.-Another day of quiet hard work has resulted in a good deal of the Government business being advanced, and in some quarter! of a hundred private bills being advanced

stage. The most interesting feature of the proceedings was the evidence at the public accounts committee, where one or two witnesses endeavored to show that the Central Prison industries have a depressing effect upon free labor. Mr. G. C. Taylor, of the firm of Taylor, Scott & Co., stated that through the competition of prison goods they had been obliged to sell below cost, and that they had in consequence reduced their wages 40 per cent. Mr. Taylor further thought that the prices which Messrs. Nelson & Sons pay for Central Prison goods were too low, as they otherwise

out the fact that Mr. Taylor's firm had been a financial failure, whereas Messrs. Nelson & Sons are a firm of high stand-

The manager of the Toronto branch of T. B. Eddy's business also testified that his firm had been undersold by the Central Prison goods.

Inspector Noxon gave evidence contradicting the assertions of the two previous witnesses as to the price of materials, and asserted that on broom handles and washboards the prison made a profit, while in small goods they had last year made a loss, owing to the incompetence of the man employed for a while as foreman.

The municipal committee this morning decided to redue tolls on toll roads from 2 cents per mile for a one-horse vehicle to 1 cent, thus reducing tolls on one-horse vehicles by one-half, and on two-horse vehicles by one-half, and on two-horse vehicles by one-third. The road companies fought hard against Mr. Flatt's bill making this change, but the committee was on the side of reduction.

In the House in the course of the evening Sir Oliver Mowat's Law Reform Bill was passed through committee with a few changes of no very great import-

"POLKA DOT BILL"

And His Gang Raid a Town-But They Get Sadly Left.

PERRY, O. T., April 6.-Charles Wilson, Charles Moore and Jack Sims, alias "Polka Dot Bill," and two unknown members of the Doolan outlaw gang, rode into Cushing Thursday night and looted the town. Two saloons were demolished and a man was shot by the outlaws, who rode through the place yelling and shooting. Officers gave chase and a fight ensued, in which Sims and Moore were killed, and Town Marshal Reynolds was wounded. The other three bandits were finally captured and landed in jail in this city.

LABOR INTERESTS.

Toronto Likely to Have a Visit From P. M. W. Sovereign.

TORONTO, April 5.-General Master Workman Sovereign, of the Knights of Labor, has written a letter to the members of the order in Toronto, in which he speaks of the progress of the order within the past few months, and intimates that he will probably pay a visit to Toronto at an early date. The work of reorganization has been very actively carried on, and the local members are looking for a strong revival

of interest in the order in Toronto. COLUMBUS, O., April 5.—It is report ed that John McBride, president of the American Federation of Labor, is seriously ill at Indianapolis from nicotine WINNIPEG, April 5.-Delegates to

the Locomotive Engineers Brother-heod from the Western and Pacific divisions are here consulting with Superintendent Whyte, of the C. P. R., regarding a proposed reduction in wages. If the engineers accept, other members of the union employed by the C. P. R. will also agree to do the same.

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MAIL BAG ROBBED

Between the Brussels Postoffice and the Eastbound Train.

BRUSSELS, April 5.-A mail robbery was committed here yesterday, supposed to be between the town postoffice and the railway station, about 6:56 a.m. The mail clerk that received the bag on the train at that hour reported that there was a slit made in the side of the bag about four inches long, large enough for the extraction of registered letters, of which there were a number missing but their value is not at present known. The suspected party left here on the

WELLINGTON ASSIZES.

Two Persons Acquitted of the Charge of Manslaughter-A Church Robber Sent Down.

GUELPH, April 5.- The case against John Cass for manslaughter, and Alex. Keating as an accessory, came up for hearing this afternoon before Mr.Justice Rose. The crime was the result of a barroom quarrel last November, when the deceased, Johnston, a farmer, near Guelph, got into a trifling altercation at Borsck's Hotel with Cass, whih led to blows, and in the clinch that followed Johnston fell underneath Cass and never regained consciousness. Keating is

James O'Keefe pleaded guilty to stealing certain articles from Pringle's house and two overcoats from the Methodist Church. He was sentenced to two years, less one day, in the Central Prison.

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If our understanding is correct you want to buy from the biggest stocks and at the lowest prices. We began the carpet business by keeping out of the rut into which the trade had got, and maintaining the stock in a most wholesome condition. We mean to lift it higher yet; for there's a trade in carpets possible to the store that'll supply it well, immensely larger than any now existing. We think the way would pay more for them.

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Largest assortment, Finest qualities, Best values. Perfect service. Lowest prices.

Busy months are ahead of us in this department. As your mind rests on housecleaning and renovating think of the most likely place to, supply your wants. Come and see us. Under one roof.

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Everything for house furnishings is here. Our prices are convincing. For

A yard wide Hemp Carpet at 9c.

A yard wide Extra Heavy Union Carpet at 25c.

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A Heavy China Matting, yard wide, at 12 1/2 C.

A Heavy English Linoleum, not oilcloth, at 45c.

A Blind complete, roller, pull and fasteners, for 40c.

We import for the trade of Western Ontario, and do not propose carrying a stock of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS IN CARPETS ALONE to be approached in price by any petty dealers in this part of the Province. Our sales during last month are an evidence that our prices are unapproachable. All railroad charges prepaid on purchases out of town.

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Elegance coupled with economy prevades this stock. Richness roams through all grades, from 25c to \$3 60. Name any four stores in this city whose combined stock of silks of all kinds equals what we have in our large department. Our Silk Department is both the center and circumference of that business in this section. A few of the specials are—

25C 67 shades in Bengaline, Pongors, Chinas, Taffetas and Surahs, all at the one price.

25C 20-Inch Pure Silk Black Surahs. 45C Wide-Width Colored Surahs.

Wide-Width Colored Chinas, Fancy Colored French Checks. 60C All colors Pure Silk Surah Twills, extra heavy weight.

#### Black, Colorded, Cotton Dress Goods.

All these departments are enlarged to meet the increased demand. If we are rightly informed no one attempts to give as much space nor to offer so large an assortment. Neither could we afford to do it but for the fact that our lower prices and direct importations of the newest novelties has given great impetus to our business.

Certainly every good thing that can be found anywhere else is on our counters and equally certain is it that a great many things that cannot be found anywhere else are here, because we made special orders limiting the sale of goods to our own house.

An idea of prices— 20C All-Wool French Serges, 42

inches wide. 35¢ Fancy Silk French Stripes, 44

inches wide. 38c All-Wool Plain Serges, all colors, 46 inches wide, 50¢ Fancy Check Suitings, 45

a novelty. 50C Our 65c quality French Henriettas, every color, at

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People are astonished at the room we have given these goods, but their astonishment increases on viewing the assortment, everyone decidedly new

Irish Dimities. Dotted Babtiste. Printed Organdies, Japanese Crepe. French Ginghams. Scotch Lawns. French Zephyrs. Printed Lawns. Silk Mixed Linens. Striped Coverts. Plain Drills. Fancy Pique. From 12½c to 57c a yard.

### MILLINERY.

The success of the millinery opening encourages us to continue the display of patterns, hats and bonnets all this week. Last week we wrote strong things and true concerning our

headwear and millinery finery. The opening was a success, both in point of enthusiasm and sales. But we never know what it is to rest on our oars. We have the facilities to make and trim, the capital, command and skill to collect smart hats and bonnets, and each day will see some new oddities added to our imported collection of French patterns. The present collection is unequaled by any store in this neighborhood, so we're told and believe.

AGENTS FOR

## BUTTERICK'S PATTERNS

# er regained consciousness. Keating is charged with being an accessory for interfering with those who endeavored to separate the combatants. After hearing the testimony his Lordship held that Cass had not used undue violence to defend himself, and directed that a verdict of not guilty be entered. Both prisoners were then distered.

Dundas and Carling Sts.