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PARNELL'S AMENDMENT.

GENERAL CONDEMNATION OF THE POLICY IN IRELAND.

Opposition to State-aided Emigration—Party Prospects on the Conservative Egyptian Amendment.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—Mr. Parnell moved in the house of commons to-day an amendment to the address in reply to the queen's speech.. It severely condemns the policy of the government in Ireland, asserting that it has failed to tranquilize the people. It condemns the Irish executive for having permitted magistrates, publicly and with perfect impunity, to applaud the conduct of Lord Rossmore, who had been superseded as a justice of the peace for disturbing the public order, provoking ill will and strife between different classes in Ireland, and thereby directly inciting Irishmen to illegal acts, disorder and deeds of violence. The amendment concludes by humbly assuring her majesty of the firm conviction of the Parnell party that the policy of forcing or stimulating state aided emigration of the Irish people should be definitely and forthwith abandoned.

Parnell said that the orange demonstrations were not spontaneous. They were attended by hirelings paid by landlords. The orange opposition to the nationalist meetings was violent and seditious. Every one participating therein was liable to prosecution under the intimidation clause of the crimes act. Recent events in the north of Ireland, however, would hasten the time when Ireland would legislate for herself on her own soil.

Mr. T. D. Sullivan said the orangemen were obstacles to the spread of loyalty in the north of Ireland. Mr. G. O. Trevelyan, chief secretary for Ireland, said that the outrages in Ireland had fallen to a point that would be no discredit to any country, that rents were being more regularly paid than in the centre and east of England and that incitements to boycotting and violence were no longer obeyed. It was creditable to earl Spencer, lord lieutenant of Ireland, that so few casualties had occurred ween so many armed and excited men were parading the towns.

The liberal whips have been testing the strength of the party vote for the coming division on the motion censuring the government for the Egyptian policy. They find that a number of radicals are unwilling to support the government and wish to abstain from voting. The Parnellite vote is uncertain.

JOHN BRIGHT ON ANNEXATION.

A Canadian Imperialist and an English Republican.

An incident worthy of record occurred during the recent fisheries exhibition in London. Mr. Wilmot, who represented the Canadian department, was seated at his desk one morning when an elderly gentleman came up, of whose face Mr. Wilmot seemed to have some recollection. Wishing to ascertain the name of the visitor, after some vain attempt to recall it, Mr. Wilmot asked him if he would register his name in the visitors' book. The stranger took up the pen, and wrote "John Bright." Mr. Wilmot at once said that he felt highly honored by his visit and proffered his services in showing Mr. Bright through the department. As the venerable radical was shown the hatching apparatus, and the resulting fish in various stages of progress, and the varieties of the finny tribe known to the dominion, he remarked: "O yes, you Americans have much the best show here." "Pardon me, Mr. Bright," said our representative, "but we are Canadians." "Canadians," rejoined Mr. Bright, "should become Americans, and the sooner the better." "I beg to assure you," said Mr. Wilmot, "that we think very differently." "But," replied Mr. Bright, "I have read from time to time in the American papers that you are ripe for annexation." To this Mr. Wilmot said, "I have taken part in public life for forty years in Canada, and no public man could dare to avow annexation sentiments from a platform without danger of being hurled from it." Before Mr. Bright left the department some further conversation of the same tenor followed, all tending to show how little the patriotic attachment of Canadians is valued by the radical party who are now so powerful in the mother land.

A ROUT OF REBELS.

Successful French Operations in Tonquin.

PARIS, Feb. 8.—The rebels in the provinces Nimdah and Sontay have been dispersed by the French troops with heavy losses.

The rebel leader Dedoc was wounded and has taken refuge in Bacninh. Between four and five hundred rebels were slain. The gun-boat Perceval has destroyed the nests of pirates at Savalow and Fontainson, killing and wounding many.

Riotous Strikers.

LONDON, Feb. 8. — Fifteen thousand striking weavers at Blackburn last night marched through the streets toward the house of a certain manufacturer whose effigy they also carried. The police ordered the crowd to disperse, and finally charged them, injuring several of the marchers. The ensuing disorder was so great that the Manchester police were called upon for assistance.

The Portuguese in Africa.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—Advices from St. Paul de Loanda, capital of the Portuguese province of Angola, West Africa, are that an attack has been made upon the whites by the Muculla natives. During the fighting an explosion of gunpowder killed forty natives.

United Ireland's Congratulations.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—The government announced in the commons to-day that it had no intention of prosecuting United Ireland for its article congratulating the False Prophet.

He Sold His Medals.

"An officer tells me," says Labouchere in the London Truth, "that when a private in his corps was tried the other day for selling his medals, and was asked by the president of the court-martial what excuse he had to make for such a disgraceful proceeding, the man answered: 'Disgrace, sir, I have grown to think the medals almost a disgrace, having been chaffed so much by my friends about my picnic to Egypt. I was tired of the subject, and, as I supposed the medals were my own, I sold them for half a crown?'"

PROCEEDINGS OF PARLIAMENT.

Continuation of the Debate on the C. P. R. Loan.

OTTAWA, Feb. 8.—In the house to-day a bill was introduced to extend the jurisdiction of the maritime court of Ontario.

Bills were read a second time incorporating the Canada Temperance assurance company and the Lake Nipissing and James Bay railway company; confirming the lease of the Ontario and Quebec railway to the Canadian Pacific railway; incorporating the Ottawa, Waddington and New York railway and bridge company and the Union Trust corporation of Canada; transferring the Welland railway to the Grand Trunk, incorporating the dry dock ship building navigation company, respecting the Ontario and Quebec railway, the winding up of the Spring Hill and Parrsboro Coal and railway company, and amending the Bell telephone company's act.

The Canadian Pacific railway loan debate was resumed by Mr. Ives. He read a speech of over two hours', advancing no new argument.

Sir Richard Cartwright followed in one of his most stirring speeches. He pointed out that the contract was awarded to the defunct North American construction company for seventeen millions more than it was now said it would cost to finish the road. He pointed out that there was no provision for compelling the company to finish the road in two years. He estimated that the road would cost ninety-eight million dollars.

Mr. White (Cardwell) followed rehearsing the old arguments. Mr. White is one of those independent members who do just enough kicking but not too much and is always conveniently on hand when a government job requires propping up.

Mr. Casgrain indulged the house with a few amusing remarks. He was followed by Mr. Woodworth who, in his own inimitable style, entertained the house for some time.

Mr. Beaty presented a petition from 200 Toronto merchants and traders praying for an equitable distribution of insolvent estates without discharge.

Parliamentary Points.

OTTAWA, Feb. 8.—General Luard is said to have placed his resignation in the hands of the governmeut.

A deputation from Bruce asking that the Toronto, Grey and Bruce railway be extended from Teeswater to Kincardine is here.

A deputation of the Western millers' association is here asking for an increased duty on flour so as to allow them to import American wheat.

Messrs. Merrick, Clark and Parkhill are here looking after the orange incorporation bill, which is expected to be brought in on Monday. A lively time is expected and the six months' hoist is anticipated.

A SOCIETY SENSATION.

The Unexpected Disappearance of an Intended Bridegroom from Montreal.

MONTREAL, Feb. 8.—The elite of Montreal society was startled this morning when it became known that Mr. Walter Wilson, one of the most popular young gentlemen engaged in business here, had departed for the states. Mr. Wilson was engaged to be married to a most accomplished young lady, the daughter of one of our oldest and most highly respected citizens, Mr. Donald Lorne Macdougall. That the departure was premeditated is evident by the fact that a friend saw him on Wednesday at the Bonaventure depot, whose presence thwarted his immediate movement and forced him to remain over till yesterday. The guests were assembled in the cathedral waiting the performance of the ceremony, when the unwelcome news was given them that the bridegroom had taken suddenly ill. It was the quietest way of allaying the feelings of the outraged family and guests. Mr. Wilson even, after having been frightened out of his journey on Wednesday, called at the residence of the to be father-in-law, and left in the most agreeable way. Montreal has had no such sensation in her social ranks for years. Miss Macdougall deservedly enjoyed the respect of the citizens of Montreal, and this unhappy event has cast a gloom over the very many friends of her much esteemed father.

The only explanation Wilson left behind was a letter to his brother saying that he was unable at present to carry out his contract, and if his betrayed bride's father called on him in New York, he would explain matters. There is said to be a strange woman at the bottom of Wilson's unmanly flight. His brother is married to a younger sister of Miss Macdougall, and about a fortnight ago Miss Macdougall stated to her affianced that he seemed to be growing estranged and that as far as she was concerned, he might break off the match. This he refused to do, and passed Wednesday evening in the company of his fiancee. Wilson is well off and in receipt of a handsome income.

THE EFFECTS OF COAL GAS.

Two Families at Hamilton Almost Suffocated—One of the Parties Expected to Die.

HAMILTON, Feb. 8.—Last evening John Lamont, residing on Aikman's avenue, in the eastern suburbs of the city, retired to bed with his wife and child, leaving a coal oil lamp burning in the room and the self-feeder stove all damped off. Mr. Lamont is a gardener and works for his father, who this morning was surprised at his son's not coming to work at the usual time. He accordingly went to his son's house, but was unable to get in or make anyone hear. With the assistance of another man the door was forced in, when such a volume of coal gas came out as to almost stagger the men. On entering they found the occupants in bed, all unconscious. Dr. Smith was summoned and on making an examination pronounced the case a very serious one. For a long time efforts to restore them to consciousness had been unavailing, but Mr. Lamont and the little child finally showed signs of returning consciousness. Mrs. Lamont is considered to be in an exceedingly critical condition. On examining the stove it was found that the draft was completely shut off and the gas was escaping from the joints.

Another case occurred at 18 Napier street, where a Mr. Edwards, his wife and two daughters were similarly rendered unconscious, but are now getting along nicely.

A Fugitive Defaulter.

MONTREAL, Feb. 8.—A local detective is looking here for C. H. Church, the chamberlain of Troy, N.Y., who is said to have absconded with 90,000 of the city's funds. The fugitive, it is said, has been seen and recognized here.

AN OFFER FROM FRANCE.

PROPOSED CO-OPERATION WITH ENGLAND IN EGYPT.

Aldershot Regiments Ordered to Make Ready—Gen. Gordon Heard From—Ironclads Despatched to Port Said.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—Some Aldershot regiments have been ordered to prepare for foreign service and more marines have been despatched to Egypt.

M. Waddington in a conference with earl Granville offered the co-operation of the French forces in Egypt, proposing that the French troops be landed at Suakim and march thence to the relief of Khartoum, the ultimate settlement of the Soudan question to be left to a conference of the powers. Earl Granville reserves his reply to this offer.

The Daily News states that the report that England and France are negotiating for a joint occupation of Egypt is totally without foundation.

CAIRO, Feb. 8.—It is stated that Gen. Gordon was heard of a number of miles on the Korosko route beyond the place where it was reported he had been captured. A tribe of Ashmaries around Korosko are showing symptoms of revolt. Fears are therefore entertained for Gen. Gordon's safety. Officials at Cairo are confident that he will reach Khartoum.

The governor of Berber telegraphs that Gen. Gordon has arrived in that province. A letter from Col. Stewart, Gen. Gordon's military secretary, sent from Korosko just before he and Gen. Gordon started on the journey through the desert, states that a son of the governor of Berber was their only escort. He says Gen Gordon had sent a message to the troublesome sheikhs saying, "Meet me at Khartoum. If you want peace, I am for peace. If you want war, I am ready."

It is stated that the correspondents of the Havas news agency and the Cologne Gazette lost their lives in the recent fight near Tokar.

The French cruiser Infernet has been ordered to assist in the defence of Suakim in case of attack by rebels.

A letter from Tewfik Bey dated Sinkat, Feb. 3, states that he had sent to Osman Digna, the rebel chief, an offer to surrender.

A conference was held this morning and it was decided to send to Suakim on Saturday three British officers serving in the Egytian army to form a battalion of 600 picked black and Turkish troops to hold the place with the English marines. Baker Pasha and the rest of the forces at Suakim are to be recalled.

Spies from Sinkat report that the men of the garrison there having eaten up camels, cats and dogs, are now devouring the tree leaves. Col. Sartorius has closed all the liquor stores which have been infested by officers and soldiers. The British gunboats Euryalus and Decoy are now in position to shell the enemy if necessary.

MALTA, Feb. 8.—The ironclad Monarch and the torpedo ship Hecla, with 300 marines, have gone to Port Said.

PARIS, Feb. 8.—The French naval division of the Levant has been ordered to extend the sphere of its action to the Red sea and the Gulf of Aden.

ENGLAND'S HUMILIATION.

A Liberal's Opinion of Mr. Gladstone's Egyptian Policy.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—Mr. Tyndall, liberal, writes to the Pall Mall Gazette in strong condemnation of the government and their Egyptian policy. He says for more than three years he has been leading England from disaster to disaster. The latest shame and scandal which their cowardice has inflicted brings the country by no means to the end of its humiliation.

THE THUNDERER OPENS OUT.

Severe Condemnation of the Government's Egyptian Policy.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—The Times in a leading article this morning energetically attacks the government's Egyptian policy. It says the government has been shutting its eyes to facts that all the world sees, and avoiding responsibilities which all the world lays at its door.

Protection of Game.

HAMILTON, Feb. 8.—The Wentworth fish and game protection association has decided to send delegates to Ottawa to interview the government on the questions of amendments in the fisheries act, and also to Toronto for the purpose of endeavoring to secure a revision of the existing game laws.

The association has elected the following officers:—Dr. Malloch, president; J. B. O'Reilly, 1st vice-president; Dr. McGregor (Waterdown), 2d vice-president; Frederick Snider (Ancaster), 3d vice-president; C. H. Bethell, secretary-treasurer. Directors—Messrs. James Pett, W. G. Reid, E. W. Spencer, Myles Overend, F. W. Horne, John Bamberger and John Smith.

S. McNair was appointed to prosecute violations of the game laws.

Royal Museum.

This popular place of entertainment was packed last evening. One of the features of the entertainment was the presentation to T. J. Heffron, the one-legged wonder, of a handsome gold medal and address by his Toronto admirers. Mr. Heffron was greatly pleased and redoubled his efforts to make a good impression. He leaves the city to-morrow night for the States where he will compete with another one-legged actor. Udelle & Pearce as the Saratoga swells last night scored a bull's-eye.

Hope of Parkdale.

At the regular meeeting of the Hope of Parkdale lodge 371, I.O.G.T., the following officers were installed for the current quarter by W. Stewart, lodge deputy, assisted by Bros. Norman and Young: For W. chief, Bro. Robt. Carey; R. H. S., Sis. Louisa Crowhurst; L. H. S., Sis. Lilly Young; W.V. T., Sis. B. F. Young; W. sec., Bro. D. Gilchrist; W. A. S., Sis. A. Hobbs; W. F. S., Bro. E. Smith; W. treas., Sis. S. Wiseman: W. chap., Bro. J. A. Wiseman; W. M., Bro. Geo. Gilchrist; W. D. M., Sis. May Reid; W. I. G., Sis L Wiseman; W. O. G., Bro. A. Stewart; P. W. C., Bro. Chas. Brooks; organist, Bro. H. Stephens.

Marina.

The performance last evening of the new opera Marina was decidedly better than on the previous evening. The acts were considerably shortened, and this, especially in the third one, was of good advantage. The several parts were better taken, and the singing of the choruses was much more effective than in the previous performance. In the hands of a first class company Marina would score quite a success.

DOMINION DASHES.

The Latest and Best News Found in Our Canadian Exchanges.

Port Arthur has had a $500 fire.

Portage la Prairie boasts an oatmeal mill.

The Rapid City Standard is offered for sale.

They are building a lunatic asylum at Selkirk, Man.

The police of Winnipeg made 3120 arrests during the past year.

Manitoba is importing the seeds of deciduous trees from Russia.

A human skull is kicking about on Main street, Winnipeg.

The Winnipeg military men are asking that city for a $10,000 drill shed.

The survey of Battleford has been completed. It contains 7000 lots.

They fine people $25 in Winnipeg for not having their children vaccinated.

Within the last few days eight persons have been caught smuggling coal oil at Prescott.

The Scott act has been carried in Prince county, P.E.I., by upwards of 1500 majority.

A rancher named Frank Rubert suicided by shooting himself near Fort McLeod recently.

A petition is going the rounds of the counties of Leeds and Grenville for the submission of the Scott act.

Last week a large shipment was made from the Moncktcn, N.B., sugar refinery to Hamilton and Winnipeg.

Charles Hilliard, a native of Oakville and a member of the Winnipeg troop of cavalry died in that city last week.

Another blasting accident has occurred on the C. P. R. at Warston's contract east, whereby one man was killed and several injured.

The Whig gives an extended article on the impure drinking water at Kingston, and has illustrations of terrible creatures seen by the microscope.

A salvation army convert recently gave a Kingston newspaper man a splendid meerschaum pipe, and the army continues to grow in favor in the Limestone city.

The recorder of Quebec has announced that the next defendant convicted in his court of carrying a revolver will be sent to jail for twelve months without the option of a fine.

The lumber shanties at Lake Temiscamingue, near Ottawa, are cursed with too much whisky. The shanty men and Indians are said to be given to drunkenness to an almost incredible degree.

The Kingston city solicitor has decided that the city cannot compel the waterworks company to extend its pipe out into the lake. A suit, however, may be entered to compel the company to furnish pure water.

Two petitions from Hamilton are to be sent to the local legislature. One will pray that the open hours of taverns on Saturdays be extended to 11 o'clock, and the other that the hour for closing remain as at present—7 p.m.

It is alleged that an aged woman named Blow, who lived with her son near Thorndale, Ont., died from the effects of ill-treatment. Her daughter-in-law was seen to strike the old lady in the face for not rocking the cradle properly.

Mr. H. Chisholm, insurance agent of Rothsay, was fatally injured on the G. B. & W. railway track near Palmerston yesterday. An engine struck him, fracturing a leg and arm and inflicting a large scalp wound besides internal injuries.

Ethelbert Servos, a butcher's assistant, was arraigned at the Hamilton police court yesterday for taking liberties with Mrs. May Clark. No action was taken for weeks after the alleged occurrence, and then defendant offered to compromise for $50. It is declared to be a case of blackmail.

PROMINENT PERSONS.

Mr. W. A. Sherwood of Beaverton is in town.

General Lindsay of the saved army, Kingston, is still missing.

Mr. Wm. Kerns, M.P.P. for Halton, who has been sick, is getting better.

M. Rouher left a voluminous work entitled "History of the second empire."

The wife of the Rev. Joseph Cook has gone to lecturing. Such is the effect of a husband's awful example.

The New England historic genealogical society has elected Mr. Gladstone, the British premier, an honorary member.

Johann Strauss, the composer, has been suffering from poisoning by nicotine, the result of smoking strong cigars to excess.

Miss Mabel Collins, the novelist, has made Modjeska's early life the subject of a story entitled The Prettiest Woman in Warsaw.

The emperor of Germany has made Professor Sir William Thomson of Glasgow a knight of the order pour le merite for science and art.

The latest feature of the Kingston cathedral difficulty is that a number of the congregation refuse to pay their subscriptions to the church debt unless Dr. Wilson is reinstated.

Governor Cleveland's sister, Miss Elizabeth Cleveland of Holland Patent, has just closed a most remarkable series of able lectures before the young ladies of Elmira female college.

While Rev. E. L. Betts, M. E. minister of Napanee, was administering the sacrament of the Lord's supper in the Canada methodist church, Foxford, he was suddenly prostrated by a fit.

Mrs. Lillie Devereux Blake is holding Governor Cleveland up to the scorn of her sex. She says that he is totally ignorant of the fact that more than half of the people of the state are women.

The marriage of the marquis of Carmarthen and the Lady Catharine Lambton, second daughter of the late earl of Durham and sister of the present peer, is announced to take place on Wednesday, Feb. 13.

Mrs. Mary Miller, who wants to run her own steamboat, is described as a trim little woman whom nobody would credit with years enough to be the mother, as she is, of four children, two of whom are nearly grown.

Mrs. Daniel O'Connell, wife of the liberator's only surviving son, gave a fancy ball in London lately, at which her son appeared dressed in legal attire similar to that worn by his grandfather, to whom he presented a marvellous resemblance.

Mr. H. Y. Attrill, a wealthy American gentleman, who owned one of the largest herds of pure shorthorn cattle in America, at Ridgewood Park, near Goderich, Ont., is spending the winter with his family in Toronto, having rented a furnished house on St. George street.

Speaking of the number of New Yorkers visiting Montreal this week, the New York Sun says: "It is surmised that the great exodus of fashionable men and women to Canada is only a new proof of the constantly-growing hold which Anglomania has taken on our wealthy classes.

THE OLD WORLD IN BRIEF.

A state of siege has been proclaimed at Suakim.

Three thousand ship builders have struck at Belfast.

French reconnoitering parties have been repulsed at Malagassis.

A ship has been sent to Trinkitat to try to succour the stragglers.

John Deasy has been nominated to parliament for Cork by the Irish league.

Foreigners employed on the Polish railways have received notification that they must be naturalized or be dismissed.

The Berlin minister of education, Herr von Gossler, threatens to resign because his own party hinder his administration.

The powers are about to come to an agreement for carrying out the work of civilization begun in Central Africa by the king of the Belgians.

The pope has despatched a corner-stone and marble altar slab for a chapel to be erected at Cahireivien, county Kerry, Ireland, in memory of Daniel O'Connell.

At St. Petersburg a military tribunal has sentenced Col. Prioroff, a commissariat officer, and a man named Auerbach, a transport contractor, to Siberia for fraud.

The correspondence between earl Granville and Mr. Lowell on the sentence of Patrick O'Donnell was presented to parliament yesterday. Lord Granville's replies to Mr. Lowell are curt and formal. Each letter is limited to a single sentence.

The Fire Department.

Thd fire and gas committee made a tour of the fire halls yesterday afternoon. The apparatus so far as it goes was found in good condition and men and horses promptly answered the calls made upon them. As a result of the visit, the committee will probably recommend the council to improve some of the appliances, and extend the alarm system.

WATERBOUND WHEELING.

FAMINE THREATENING THE WEST VIRGINIA TOWN.

Aid from Washington—Several People Drowned—The Water Subsiding at Pittsburg—Great Damage to Railroads.

WHEELING, W. Va., Feb. 8.—The Baltimore and Ohio engine shops have been carried away. Main street bridge caved in this afternoon. A boy sank with it, but was saved. Two unknown men upset at the head of the island from a skiff. They clung to the willows for two hours. The crowd was watching, but was powerless to save them. Wheeling is in danger of famine. Nearly all the bakeries and many groceries are beneath water. The milk supply and meat, except salt meat, are almost impossible to procure. The stock of provisions is rapidly becoming exhausted. No prospect of replenishing. The situation is hourly growing grave. Many appeals are received from the inundated parts of the surrounding country for provisions.

To-night the water is going down rapidly. The distress and suffering caused by the flood however are hourly growing worse. With all the volunteers who can be employed the relief committees are not able to feed the homeless and destitute as fast as the supplies are needed. It will be a week after the water falls before trains can reach the city. Thieves have been detected chopping holes in the roofs of the submerged houses and stealing the contents. Word has been received here that the people at Wellsburg, twenty miles up the river, are absolutely suffering from famine.

NEWPORT, Ky., Feb. 8.—Wm. Buchert, bugler of the United States troops, was drowned this morning in trying to enter a second story of the barracks. Mrs. Waddell, a widow with several children has become a maniac on account of the flood.

STEUBENVILLE, O., Feb. 8.—The damage by flood to private property here is $150,000 and to the railroads it is incalculable.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 8.—This city and Allegheny are now free of water. Business is being resumed. A lady at Otsego was drowned. Three Nelson brothers out boating were struck by drift-wood and all three drowned. All were under 20 years of age.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Mr. Goff introduced a joint resolution appropriating $100,000 for the relief of the sufferers by the overflow of the Ohio river and tributaries until Monday.

AN ASSEMBLYMAN ARRESTED.

A Buffalo Representative Put in Durance Vile at Montreal.

ALBANY, Feb. 8.—A number of assemblymen started yesterday for Montreal to attend the carnival. Among them Assemblyman Donohoe of Buffalo. A despatch has been received by Speaker Sheard announcing that Donohoe has been arrested by the Canadian authorities, on what charge is not stated, but it is thought here the arrest is due to the fact that Donohoe was identified with the fenian raid of 1866. He has been a fenian leader and was a captain in the war of the rebellion.

Anything but a Goodie.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—"Eddie" Goodie, aged 36, was arrested to-day for complicity in robbing the Luther M. church. Although only once before arrested, fourteen years ago, he has been engaged in many big jobs. Among them a case of silk valued at $1700 from a custom house truck in 1870, a similar theft in 1874 when he shot one of his pursuers, the robbery of Jacob Ruppert's bank messenger of $10,000 in 1878, and the robbery of the planet mills in Brooklyn.

Paid Assassins.

KEHOBOTH, Fla., Feb. 8.—Col. R. D. Boykin, a leading citizen, was shot while walking into his house from his garden. Two negroes arrested confessed the crime, saying they were paid by a white man, name unknown, thirty-five dollars apiece to do the work.

Beside Her Husband's Grave.

EDORA, Ia., Feb. 8.—Mrs. Mix, of Steamboat Rock, standing to-day over the open grave of her husband said they might as well be buried in the one grave and taking out a revolver shot herself and is not likely to recover.

Uxoricide and Suicide.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 8.—James Graham, a lawyer, shot and killed his wife and cut his own throat. Mental depression superinduced by drink was the cause.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

There were 232 failures in the United States during the last week.

The local option bill has been defeated in the Mississippi legislature.

The library at Washington contains $513,000 volumes and 170,000 pamphlets.

Pilkington & Co., agricultural warehousemen, St. Paul, Minn., have assigned; liabilities $75,000.

The miners at Kirksville, Ill., have been initiating new comers by branding them with an S, using a red hot poker.

There have been terrific snow storms in San Juan county, Denver and Rio Grande, Col. The road in some places is seventeen feet under the snow.

A bill has been introduced into congress creating a commission to inquire into and report upon the material, industrial and intellectual progress made by the colored people of the United States since 1865.

Representative Ermentrout was instructed yesterday by the house committee at Washington on banking and currency to report a bill for the exchange of trade dollars for standard silver dollars at par by Jan 1, 1885.

A number of oil tanks belonging to the Standard oil works at Hunter's Point, L.I., took fire yesterday and exploded with terrific force. Three thousand barrels of oil and several buildings were destroyed. Loss $75,000.

A Corn Doctor's Poetry.

Duncan Forbes is an itinerant corn doctor given to versifying and drink. Last night he got corned and was run in by Policeman Verney. Forbes always carries his poetry with him. Last night he had a book full of it. His spelling is vile, his penmanship wretched, and his poems outrageous, the following being the first verse of some doggerel entitled A Cook's Fellow is given as a sample:

O come to the window my charmer,
When the sun from our path has gone down;
And the darkness is round about me,
Be sure I'll be there alone.
There be at the window, my darling,
I will whisper to you words of Love
And kiss you in the tender affection,
While you hand me down grub from above.

Art Notes.

The Royal Canadian academy will hold their annual exhibition sometime in April in Montreal.

The Ontario society will have their exhibition in Toronto in May.

THE CARNIVAL BALL.

List of the Toronto People who were Present.

MONTREAL, Feb. 8.—The social event of the carnival was the ball to-night in the Windsor hotel. The crush was something tremendous, and it was with difficulty that the dancers could find room. This palatial hotel never before presented a more animated scene. The vice-regal party was represented by its entire strength. The Toronto people who were present were Mayor Boswell and Mrs. Boswell, Jas. Beaty, M.P., and lady, Miss Robinson (government house), Walter Cassels, Wolferstan Thomas, Melfort Boulton and wife, W. J. Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. Nicol Kingsmill, J. H. Morris, Arthur Bennington, R. J. Tackaberry, E. C. Rutherford, J. P. Murray and wife, Horten Walker, Lyman Dwight, Jas. Ewing, S. Nordheimer and wife, E. O. Bickford, wife and daughter, John Cosgrave and wife, A. Foy, the Misses Foy, the Misses Smith (Hon. Frank Smith's daughters), J. Wright and wife, Miss Alice Walker, Miss Ada Perry, Dr. Jas. Ross, Miss Nellie Ross, Allison Sims, J. R. Mitchell, A. G. Millard, Hume Blake, Miss Strathy, Lieut. Harry Brock, Mr. Sykes (Federal bank), Miss Sykes, Mr. Tilley, Miss Osler, Miss Wyld, Miss True, Mr. and Mrs. Plump, Miss Dickson, Mr. Risley (Risley & Kerrigan), Frank May, J. H. Ferguson, J. Fisken, J. Crawther, W. C. Mathews, H. P. Dwight and wife and Geo. B. Morris. The ball was in every way a success, and those that paid $6 admission evidently were satisfied.

The Devil's Auction.

The goody-good may object to the title, but it is impossible to alter the fact that wherever played The Devil's Auction has been an unqualified success. It is a spectacular extravaganza upon which no less than $20,000 has been lavished in mounting. So high an authority as Mr. Wm. Winter of the New York Tribune says:

The story, if slight, is nevertheless fanciful and pretty. The spectators, however, soon lose sight of it amid the resplendent pictures with which it is overlaid—the syren dancers, the processions, the haunted dell of mushrooms, and all the rest of the paraphernalia with which the work is embellished, and which it is its purpose to display. Gallagher, Gilmore & Gardner, who have had ample experience in this department of stage activity, have brought together an excellent ballet in The Devil's Auction, and the exhibition which is made of pretty faces and fine figures, of gay apparel, of vigorous and graceful agility, of richly colored, elaborately composed, romantic, and resplendent scenes, carried along by zealous and competent acting—all of an even and conventional merit—and made airy and charming with animated music, is delightful, and will not fail to allure and satisfy a large class of the public. One scene is devoted to varieties. The reception according to this spectacle was cordially sympathetic with its spirit of pleasure, so that we may say, in the words of the poet Moore, that

"All was free and wandering.
And all exclaimed to all they met
That never did the summer bring
So gay a feast of roses yet."

The Ontario Assembly.

Very little progress was made yesterday with the public business. Besides some routine matters disposed of little was done except discussing the interminable Algoma election case, and as the house had no facts before it there was nothing but assertion and counter-assertion in the speeches. It would have been much better to postpone the discussion till after the papers moved for are brought down, instead of spending two afternoons in fruitless logomachy, and adjourning the discussion over to a third one.

Mr. Gibson of Hamilton, has given notice of a resolution affirming the expediency of proceeding at once with the erection of new parliament buildings. This will bring the question to a focus, and test the opinion of the assembly upon it. From present indications the current of feeling amongst the members seems to be running strongly in favor of an early undertaking of a work which cannot be much longer postponed, and which should have been carried out years ago.

And Still Another Collision.

The express from Hamilton due here at 7.25 yesterday evening did not get in till 12.10 this morning, having been delayed on account of a collision between two freight trains at the junction cut, a mile west of Hamilton. Between 5 and 6 o'clock a freight bound for Toronto was doing a little shunting preparatory to starting on its journey, and the semaphore was set properly to warn trains coming from the opposite direction. Just then a freight from Toronto happened along and owing to a curve at this point, the engineer, Martin by name, could not see the semaphore in time to stop his train, the result being that it crashed into the Toronto bound train. The men on both trains escaped unhurt, but the forward works of the locomotives were pretty badly smashed, and a tender and two cars were thrown off the track. The smash-up caused an obstruction which took five hours to remove.

A Double Sorrow.

Yesterday afternoon, on complaint of her brother, Christina McArthur of 53 D'Arcy street was taken into custody as a dangerous lunatic and sent to the jail. Her father died yesterday in the hospital. He was suffering from an abscess in his knee and an operation was performed, but his strength was so far gone that he succumbed under it. The daughter had long been of weak mind and the death of her father under such painful circumstances completely unsettled her.

Papers From the Pope.

Archbishop Lynch has just received two documents from Rome—the one a brief accompanied by a decree from the holy father ordering the recitation of the holy rosary in all cathedral churches every day, and on Sundays and holidays in the parochial churches. He also earnestly exhorts all the faithful to recite with their families the holy rosary daily.

It Makes Them Uncomfortable.

The police at No. 2 station, Agnes street, are complaining bitterly at having to house so many vagrants. Some of them are in a filthy condition and the dormitory swarms with vermin. Some of the constables have been contaminated and the state of things makes all of the police belonging to that division feel uncomfortable.

THE FICKLE WEATHER.

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE,
TORONTO, Feb. 9, 1 a.m.

Lakes and Upper St. Lawrence—Variable winds and cloudy weather, with areas of rain or snow, followed by colder west and northwest winds to-night; fair weather to-morrow.

SAFE OVER THE SEA.

Date.	Steamship.	Reported at.	From.
Feb. 8	Schiedam	New York	Rotterdam
Feb. 8	Circassia	Glasgow	New York
Feb. 8	Baltic	Queenstown	New York
Feb. 8	Bothnia	Queenstown	New York

A ROBBER AND DESERTER

THE DOINGS OF A BAD ORDERLY AT THE MILITARY SCHOOL.

He Steals a Large Sum of Money From Lieut. Seers and Skips Out—No Trace of his Whereabouts.

The order and discipline that pervades the military school at the new fort was disturbed Thursday morning by the discovery that an orderly had decamped during the night with a large sum of money belonging to one of the officers. The deserter's name is Dodd, and he acted as orderly to Lieut. Seers. In this capacity Dodd had free access to the lieutenant's apartments and he had favorable opportunies to make a haul. Early Wednesday evening he went down town, but returned before 9 o'clock, and performed his usual duties before bed-time. No special notice was taken of him and in the course of time the little garrison retired to slumber, saving the sentry on duty at the entrance. In the morning Dodd was missing. So was $180 of Lieut. Seers' money, as well as a fine pair of boots that he had just received from England. Col. Otter immediately sent a squad of men down town in search of the deserter and thief. They ascertained that he had been seen at Union station late Wednesday night, so it is supposed that he boarded the midnight train west and escaped across the lines. No further traces of his movements have been discovered. In leaving the fort Dodd did not necessarily have to pass the sentry, as there are other means of exit than through the eastern gates. He is a short thick-set Englishman, and had not been long in this country.

LOCAL NEWS PARAGRAPHED.

The county council is too mean to put a telephone in the county attorney's office.

Leslieville presbyterian church gave a welcome social to Pastor Frizzell and his bride Thursday night.

Brakeman Young, living at 68 Woolsley street, was run over at Trenton Thursday night and his right leg had to be amputated.

Charles Koropp, selling liquor without license, was yesterday fined $20 and costs each in three cases. Chas. Burns, $20 and costs in two cases.

The management of the Zoological gardens have invited a thousand school children to visit the Zoo to-day at half past 2, when Ald. Piper will lecture on the elephant.

John Webb, aged 13, residing at 143½ Centre street, was run over by a car on the Esplanade yesterday sustaining a compound fracture of the right leg. He was removed to the hospital.

The box office for Dion Boucicault, who appears at the Grand opera house Feb. 18, 19 and 20, opens Tuesday, Feb. 11, and for Henry Irving, who appears Feb. 21, 22 and 23, opens Feb. 13.

The motion to quash the conviction against King Dodds for his bean lottery was argued by W. G. Murdoch for and Mr. Fenton contra at Osgoode hall yesterday. It now stands for judgment.

The Buffalo Press club announces its first annual concert and reception for Wednesday, Feb. 20. It promises to be an elegant affair. Representatives of Toronto papers have been favored with invitations.

Dalton McCarthy, Q. C., James Bethune, Q.C., S. H. Blake, Q.C., and O. A. Howland sail from New York for Liverpool to-day. Messrs. McCarthy and Bethune are to argue the celebrated case of McLaren v. Caldwell before the privy council, and Mr. Blake will move for leave to appeal from the supreme court in the patent case of Smith v. Goldie.

Toronto lodge, I.O.O.F., visited their brethren of Albert lodge at the latter's hall, Queen and Cameron streets, last night. After some degrees had been worked a pleasing program of songs, readings and instrumental music was presented, and several happy little speeches were made by members of both lodges.

ANOTHER PREDICTION.

The Editor and Moses Oates, at eleven o'clock last night, were sitting on the edge of Yonge street wharf under Mr. Oates' umbrella.

The spirit of prediction is upon me, said the Editor.

A cold chill comes up my leg, said Mosias.

There will be great floods this spring, said the Editor.

The Don will rise six feet in one night, said Mose.

And the block pavement will float away, said the Editor.

The cellars will be flooded, said Mr. Oates.

Clucking hens had better hide their nests in a loft, said the Editor.

The mayor had better tie up the Island to the Queen's wharf, said the old man.

For:
Floods will come and waters rise,
Don will roar in mad surprise,
Sewers will sweep in magestic swell,
Taddle in the park float the Southern Belle.

HOW JIM GOT RELIGION.

This preacher I speak uv his name wur Payne'
An' he wur a hustler, yoe bet;
To see him preach would do yoe good;
He'd holler, and jump and sweat.
An' pound the bible and preach away
So furious fast and free,
Till he'd raise the roof of the Mefedus church
With the shout "Salvation's free!"

He had converted all the bums
Around the mills but one,
An' thet wus old man Wilson's Jim;
A reg'lur son uv a gun:
An' he could lick his size an' weight,
A pow'ful sort of clown,
Yoe couldn't say this loafer drank—
He simply poured it down.

One night this Jim got bilin' drunk,
An' kem to church thet way,
An' raised a row ez Payne got down
Upon his knees to pray.
The preacher sed "In vain, my friends,
I've tried to save this man.
O pray thet I have strength, fur now
I'll try another plan.

An' then he peeled off coat an' vest,
An' went fur that thur Jim,
An' thumped him on the nose an' made
A holy show uv him.
He jammed him here, he lammed him there.
He slammed him every way.
An' then he knelt him down