

The United States Congressional elections take place next Tuesday. The campaign is a lively one, and it is considered likely that the Democrats will have a majority of about eighteen in the fifty second Congress.

The *Cosmopolitan* for November is full of interesting matter. The frontispiece, "A Sister's Charge," is a lovely picture, and "The American Amateur Stage" is an article that will prove attractive to all who take an interest in the drama. "Another World," by Camille Flammarion tells us about the planet Mercury. "Fan Histories and Fashions" is gracefully written and prettily illustrated, and the story, "A Norse Atlantis," by Hjalmar Bjorth Boyesen, is pathetic and interesting. The *Cosmopolitan* seems to have a genius for pathetic stories. New York office Fifth Ave. Broadway and 25th Street. \$2.40 a year.

The *Horseman*, of Chicago, Ill., a conservative journal on equine topics, pays the following compliment to Canada in its last issue:—"It is not an exaggeration to say that in none of our States is the breeding interest becoming more firmly established and making greater comparative progress at present than in Canada. The movement is general all along the line, from the sandstone headlands that are washed by the Gulf of St. Lawrence to the boundless plains of the Great Lone Land. Many parts of the Eastern provinces are as admirably adapted to the breeding business as the rich province of Ontario, the better sections of which in agricultural wealth will compare favorably with any of the States. A tide of good blood has steadily poured across the borders, and now almost every county in the Dominion has its well-bred stallion, and on many farms are gilt-edged matrons. But good tracks and good trainers are scarce in Canada, and progress must be made in this regard before extreme speed will be seen in the Northland. That progress will be made is sure. Never was there as much racing in Canada as during the season just closing, and good tracks and good trainers are but the natural developments of racing. Nelson and Alvin have shown that great speed can be produced in lands that are snow-clad in winter, and no doubt in time other Alvin will come across the line to show that our neighbors are not idle with the blood that we have sent them."

Messrs. Dillon and O'Brien left Havre on the steamer *La Champagne* for New York on Sunday last.

Grand Duke Nicholas, uncle of the Czar, is violently insane. His malady threatens to prove fatal.

The Portuguese Premier has asked Lord Salisbury to suspend operations on the Zambesi till the new Ministry has had time to look into the matter.

Nearly twenty thousand persons took part on Saturday last in the torch-light procession, which inaugurated the celebration of the 90th anniversary of the birth of Field Marshal Count Von Moltke. All classes were represented.

A woman named Mrs. Hobbs was found dead in South Hampstead, London, on Friday night last. It was at first thought to be the work of "Jack the Ripper," but a woman named Mrs. Piercy has been since charged with the murder.

A gentleman from Havana is reported to have stated in New York that Cuba is ripe for revolution. The condition of the tradespeople throughout the Island is hopeless, and many cigar factories have been closed, owing to the baneful effects of the McKinley Bill.

The troubles between the Liberals and Conservatives in the Canton of Ticino, have broken out afresh, and further disorders have occurred. Another battalion of troops has been despatched. The Radicals are armed and threaten to overturn the Cantonal Government.

Two wars in Africa are looming up. It was hoped by the British Government that by cutting off the supplies at Suakim, intended for the Soudan, Osman Digma would be so weakened as to be unable to undertake hostilities. This expectation has not been fulfilled, and the Dervish leader is said to be advancing on Upper Egypt with a formidable force.

Advices from South-eastern Africa are to the effect that the expedition against Vitu will develop into a war of considerable proportions, the Arabs, made desperate by the loss of the slave trade, having chosen the place as a rallying ground against the Europeans. The German forces in South Africa have been instructed to combine with the English against the Sultan of Vitu.

The Parliamentary election in the Eccles Division of Lancashire, Eng., on the 22nd inst., resulted in a victory for the Gladstonians. Mr. Roby, the Liberal candidate, received 4,901 votes, and Mr. Egerton, Conservative, 4,696. In the preceding election the Liberal candidate received 3,985 and the Conservative 4,277. This will make the demand for a dissolution louder than ever.

The trial of the action for divorce brought by Capt. O'Shea against his wife, in which Mr. Parnell is named as co respondent, has been set down for the middle of November. Counter allegations will be made against O'Shea by his wife. Mr. Parnell has retained as his counsel Sir Charles Russell and Mr. H. H. Asquith, both of whom defended him before the Parnell Commission.

The diaries and letters of Major Bartolot, the murdered commander of Stanley's rear column, have been published in London, and have created a great sensation. They contain serious charges against Stanley. Mr. Stanley on being interviewed in reference to the matter, insinuated that there are some dark facts connected with Major Bartolot, and that his slayer, if put on his trial before an English jury would not be found guilty. There is evidently trouble brewing and it is probably that the whole truth will have to come out.

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