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The Banque du Peuple.

A great deal of ground is covered by the annual report of this bank, which is interesting to all, as showing the agricultural and commercial condition of the country during the past year. Mr. Bourquet's statement indicates how very general and serious was the failure of crops. This affected first the retailers, and through them the wholesalers, and through both the banks. Notwithstanding this the People's has been able to earn over 10 per cent. on its capital, to pay a dividend of 6 per cent., and to add \$50,000 to the rest account, and this, the statement of the condition of the bank submitted showed, without unduly expanding the circulation or reducing the available cash reserve to an unsafe limit. Under the circumstances this may be considered a satisfactory showing. The reference in Mr. Bourquet's address to the cattle trade and the fact that his import cattle from other provinces, while Quebec is quite fitted to produce as good, is worthy the close attention of our farmers. He pointed out how agriculture generally in this province had fallen behind that of Ontario, and urged improvement of methods among farmers, which they would do well to heed. We commend the report to the careful attention of our readers.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

EUROPEAN.

Lord Auckland is dead. Henry M. Stanley expects to arrive in London on April 15. The German, Lasker, has defeated Bird, the English champion, at chess. The winter crops in the South of Russia have been ruined by the severe weather. The Sultan of Zanzibar has released some retired prisoners who have been kept in prison 18 years. Mr. Parnell has been absent from the British House of Commons for a week in consequence of illness. King George of Greece has arranged to pay a visit to the Czar in May, and to be absent from Athens about three months. The British House of Commons authorized the expenditure of £4,000,000 for the purpose of extending military barracks. Prince Bismarck has declined to permit the German Africa Company to sell part of its possessions to an Anglo-Dutch syndicate. It is stated that Dom Pedro, ex-Emperor of Brazil, has accepted the invitation of Emperor Francis Joseph to spend next summer at the castle of Hintzenhof. The Paris *Siècle*, a semi-official paper, says a treaty in writing exists between England and Italy providing for concerted action by these powers on the west coast of the Red Sea. The London jury has awarded Sir Morell Mackenzie £1500 damages in his suit against the *St. James Gazette* for publishing disparaging articles in connection with his treatment of the late Emperor Frederick of Germany. The official programme of the International Labor Conference has been issued. The subjects to be discussed are the prohibition of mine work, with reference to the regulation of the labor of women and children; the shortening of the shifts in particularly unhealthy mines; the regulation of Sunday labor, and also the regulation of the labor of children and females.

AMERICAN.

The Hudson river at Troy, N. Y., is rising rapidly, flooding docks and low lying places. Commodore George B. White, Chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks, Washington, is dead. It is reported that Sheriff Delgore, of Portland, Ore., arrested the absconding cashier of the sergeant's arms officer at Washington, yesterday, at Tacoma, on the Northern Pacific railway. Richard Hayes, who murdered his wife and two children, was hanged at Birmingham, Ala., yesterday. He stated on the gallows that John W. Riley, engineer, did the killing, and was paid \$200 by him for his services. A California syndicate has purchased from ex-President Cleveland his country place at Washington, known as "Oak View." The price paid for the house and 20 acres of land was \$140,000. Mr. Cleveland is said to have realized on this sale a clear profit of \$100,000. Charles Tuff, aged 85, a miser, worth \$50,000 died in a filthy room at Cambridge, Mass., Thursday night. He had lived there alone for years. A week ago he was taken with "la grippe," which developed into pneumonia. Thursday night the police were attracted by his outcries, but before medical assistance came Tuff died in agony. Acting Secretary Batchelor of Washington has informed the trustees of the Evangelical Lutheran church, Lewisburg, Pa., that the Canadian clergyman called by them is regarded as an alien within the meaning of the Alien Contract Labor law. The minister was born in the United States of American parents, and when three years of age was taken to Canada by his father, who subsequently became a citizen of the Dominion. The shooting of ex-Congressman Taulbee by Charles Kincaid, correspondent of the *Levinville Times*, in the lobby of the House of Representatives, Washington, yesterday, was premeditated. Both men are Kentuckians and the trouble was caused by the ex-Congressman pulling the correspondents nose for publishing certain statements in regard to him. Mr. Kincaid is a slight built, insignificant looking man of about 85 years of age. He was formerly a judge in one of the Louisville courts and his family is one of the best known in Kentucky. Mr. Taulbee has been taken to the hospital. His wound is a very dangerous one. Kincaid was arrested. In their session at Toronto the Provincial land surveyors of Ontario adopted the report of

a special committee recommending the affiliation with the Dominion Association and the other provincial associations. They will meet tri-annually, and each individual association will hold its own annual meeting in addition. Great desolation is reported among the half-breeds near Edmonton, N.W.T., and they will shortly petition the Government for relief. The Rev. Dr. Pickard died at his home, Sackville, N. B., aged 76 years. He was one of the foremost figures in early Methodism in the Lower Provinces. The Orange Grand Lodge for Manitoba and the North-West meets in Winnipeg, and will pass resolutions regarding the French language and the separate schools. Rev. Dr. Bryce, chaplain of Winnipeg's St. Andrew's Society, gives absolute denial to the statement that the Crofters of the North-West are in a starving condition. The Council of the Equal Rights Association of Ontario has issued an address to the people of the province, which says that true friends of consideration are they who would obviate bitter contention, which measurers like the Jesuits' estates act will inevitably breed, not they who would allow the false principles unhindered to work permanent discord and confusion. On separate schools in Ontario, the address says that public money should not be given for sectarian purposes. All provinces should have liberty to establish or retain or abolish separate schools as they should see cause.

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM ROME

Division of the Catholic Dioceses in Ontario—Alexandria a new see. KINGSTON, Ont., March 1.—Three documents sealed under "The ring of the Fisherman" have reached here from Rome. One divides the ecclesiastical province of Toronto, separating from it the diocese of Kingston and Peterborough, whose territory is constituted a new province, with Kingston for its metropolis, to which the diocese of Peterboro and the new diocese that shall be created in the eastern part of Kingston territory are assigned as suffragan sees. The second document appoints Most Rev. James Vincent Cleary, archbishop of the metropolitan diocese of Kingston. The third document, which is dated 21st January, 1893, canonically erects the new diocese, defining its territory to be the civil counties of Gleggarry and Stormount united with Oranwell, having for boundary the river St. Lawrence on the south, the civil province of Quebec on the east, the counties of Prescott and Russell with parts of Carleton on the north, and the counties of Candiac on the west. Alexandria, the chief town of Gleggarry, is made the episcopal see, from which the diocese takes its name and the bishop his title.

The Alaska Seal Fisheries.

WASHINGTON, February 28.—Secretary Windom today awarded the contract for the seal fisheries to the North American Commercial Company of San Francisco and New York for twenty years. Mr. J. Libbi is president of the company. The proposal of the North Commercial company provides for the payment by the company of an annual rental of \$95,000, and, in

addition to the revenue tax or duty of \$3 laid upon each fur seal skin taken and shipped by it from the island, the sum of \$7,624 apiece for each fur seal skin. The company also proposes to pay fifty cents per gallon for each gallon of oil made from seals that may be taken from the islands and sold by it; also to furnish free of charge to the native inhabitants of the islands annually such quantity of number of dried salmon as the Secretary of the Treasury may direct; also to furnish under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury the native inhabitants with the salt and barrels necessary for preserving meat.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

Separate School Question and Legislation.

PARLIAMENT HOUSE, TORONTO, Ont., Feb. 28.—Almost the whole of today's session of the Assembly was devoted to moving for returns. One of these, by Mr. French of Grenville, was in reference to the allegation that certain pupils attending convents in Ottawa had been classed as pupils in attendance at Roman Catholic separate schools. To each of these allegations the Minister of Education gave an emphatic denial. The object of the opposition evidently was to show that these convents had drawn a portion of the Separate School Grant. Mr. Graham made a motion for a return, the trend of which was to enshroud in doubt the validity of the title held by the Government to the land in University park, upon which the new parliament buildings are being erected. Mr. Fraser, commissioner of public works, set the matter at rest by reading from the parliamentary record, showing that the title was absolutely indisputable. If the separate schools are not improved it will not be for want of legislation. The following is an example, Mr. Clancy of West Keewee, gives notice of a bill respecting the separate school law. Mr. Clancy is himself a Roman Catholic Conservative and people are curious to know the purpose of the proposed bill.

The Australian Liner Quetta Lost With 164 Lives.

LONDON, March 2.—The British steamer Quetta, which sailed from Cooktown, Queensland, February 27th, for London, has been lost at sea. She was a vessel of 2,270 tons burthen, had on board twenty-seven first class passengers and a crew numbering 112. She also had the mails for England. The manager of the line to which the steamer belonged did not at first believe the report that she had been lost. First reports had it that a hundred lives were lost, but a later dispatch from Brisbane says the Quetta had 280 souls on board, of whom 116 were saved, including the captain and several officers.

France Accepts Germany's Invitation.

BERLIN, February 26.—The French Government has accepted the invitation of Germany to take part in the Berlin labor conference. It is reported that Jules Simon will be the delegate of France to the conference and that he will be accompanied by two experts.



MR. LABOUCHERE SUSPENDED.

He Imposes the Veracity of the Premier.

LONDON, February 28.—In the House of Commons this evening Mr. Labouchere, in support of his motion to reduce the vote of credit, alleged that there had been an official attempt to defeat the course of justice in the Cleveland street scandal, and declared that the sentences of Veck was inadequate. The Treasury, knowing all of the circumstances, had refrained from prosecuting the offenders until the postal secretary had presented those of his employees who had been tried into the affair by the principals. The Treasury was determined to prevent exposure. The authorities of that department had hunted Haldom out of the reach of extradition by playing upon his fears and the treasury had also ordered the police to abandon the case when the evidence involved Lord Arthur Somerset and had given the latter time to quit the country, and had only assented to the issuance of a warrant against him under pressure when he was beyond their reach. Furthermore, he charged that the treasury had informed Lord Somerset of its action after conniving at his escape, and had allowed him to resign a position he had diagnosed. Yes he was still a magistrate in two counties. Two men had been sent to prison on the charges, but they were poor and obscure. Their CONSPIRACIES IN HIGH PLACES WERE NOT MOLESTED.

The Socialists' Enormous Gain.

BERLIN, February 26.—The vote of the Socialists in the recent election compared with the last previous election in 1897 shows a gain of 567,405 votes. The gain of the German Liberals compared in the same way is 224,600. The Centre party, on the contrary, and the parties included in the Cartel coalition all lost heavily. The Cartellers have lost a million votes, and the Centre party 100,637 votes.

The Accident of Birth Didn't Count.

WASHINGTON, February 27.—Acting Secretary Batchelor has informed the trustees of Christ's Evangelical Lutheran church, Lewisburg, Pa., that the Canadian clergyman called by them is regarded as an alien within the meaning of the Alien Contract Labor law. The minister was born in the United States of American parents, and when three years of age was taken to Canada by his father, who subsequently became a citizen of the Dominion.

LABOUCHERE'S CONSCIENCE.

Mr. Labouchere refused to withdraw his remark and he was thereupon suspended by a vote of 177 to 95. Upon leaving the House, Mr. Labouchere said: "My conscience will not allow me to say that I believe Lord Salisbury."

Mr. W. H. Smith demanded that the House declare the motion of Mr. Labouchere improper and false. The motion was rejected, 163 to 80. Mr. T. P. O'Connor stated that he knew the name of the man Mr. Labouchere mentioned as authority for his assertions, and declared that it was a guarantee of the correctness of Mr. Labouchere's statement. Mr. Smith demanded that Mr. O'Connor give the name to the House, but the latter declined to do so, as he had learned it in confidence. A committee of inquiry was then demanded to ascertain the facts, but the proposal was opposed by Mr. Smith. The vote on Mr. Labouchere's amendment to the supply bill was then taken under closure, and it was defeated by 205 to 68.

The Pope's 80th Birthday.

ROME, March 2.—Pope Leo XIII. was 80 years old to-day and to-morrow will be the 12th anniversary of his coronation. In honor of these two events he gave a reception to the college of cardinals. Replying to the congratulatory address of the cardinals, the Pope declared his intention to give the most earnest study to the social question and said he hoped to receive the assistance of European powers in solving the problem.

Russia is Suspicious.

BERLIN, March 2 The *Reichsanzeiger* (official) says the questions to be considered by the labor conference have no political significance. Therefore, it is best that it be submitted to the experts of the conference to decide whether the regulations made shall be laid down for execution. It also recommends that they decide whether there shall be future and periodical conferences of the same nature. The *St. Petersburg Gazette* comments on what it considers the lack of wisdom shown by the powers that have consented to take part in the conference, the paper believes it will tend to add economic superiority to the military preponderance already exercised by Germany over Europe and it is on this ground that it censures the powers for giving their support to the project.



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THE ARISTOCRATIC SCANDALS.

The Aristocrats Gloat Over the Disgusting Story.

LONDON, February 28.—In language not to be misunderstood, Mr. Labouchere poured a broadside of loss not into the Government in the House of Commons this evening, the occasion being a support of his motion to reduce the vote of credit. The purpose of the motion was to call attention to the Cleveland street and other alleged nameless scandals which common rumor asserts were participated in by persons holding official positions under the Government, or of sufficient eminence in the peerage to influence the Government to protect them. The Government anticipated a bitter attack, and in obedience to an urgent wish the friends of the motion were advised by Lord Salisbury himself, there was a full party attendance to effect the Radical leader's accusation by partisan votes. Whether by accident or design, it was not apparent, but the visitors' gallery contained an unusual number of females, notwithstanding the publicity given to Mr. Labouchere's intention and the character of the speech his subject would render necessary.

An attempt was made by the Conservatives to have the House cleared in order to spare the feelings of the prominent visitors and their own as well, but the effort failed and the women remained throughout the debate.

EXCITING BRITISH CURIOSITY.

LONDON, March 2.—After Mr. Labouchere had returned from the House last night a member, whose seat is near his, had sufficient inquietude to collect the torn fragments of a page of a newspaper which the former had held in his hand during the debate. The paper was found to contain a name, which was quickly whispered through the House and the ladies as that of a high personage, whom Mr. Labouchere, doubtless, intended to accuse before he should have completed his speech. There is great curiosity to see whether this name will come out when Mr. Labouchere resumes his address. If it does there will be one of the greatest sensations ever known in Parliament. No newspaper has dared, of course, to drop a hint as to the identity of the person in question, the strictness of the English libel laws making such publications suicidal. Mr. Labouchere, speaking of last night's events, insists that he was not out of order at any time, and he declines his intention to call for a review of the Speaker's ruling. It is expected that Lord Salisbury will return to London in order to explain his course in regard to the failure to push the prosecution of the persons suspected of complicity in the scandal.

The *Fall Mall Gazette* demands the appointment of a Parliamentary Commission similar to the recent Parnell Commission to investigate the whole question of the scandals so far as it affects public officials, and to report the result to Parliament.

St. Pancras Election.

LONDON, March 2.—Despite the prevalence of binding snow storms there have been numerous very large outdoor meetings in St. Pancras, the northern parts of London, at which Liberal and Irish members of Parliament have made stirring addresses in view of the approaching election. The sentiments of the people so far as can be judged, shows the increase of liberalism as has been revealed in other districts where there has been occasion to sat public feeling.

THE SUDARIUM OF ST. VERONICA.

J. Schaefer, the eminent publisher of 60 Barclay street, New York, has reproduced Claude Mellan's famous picture known by the above title. "It is a Christ's Head, designed and shaded, with the crown of thorns, and the blood that gushes forth from all parts, by one single stroke, which, beginning at the tip of the nose, and so will circle on, forms most exactly everything that is represented in this plate, only by the different thickness of the stroke, which, according as it is more or less swelling, makes the eyes, nose, mouth, cheeks, hair, blood and thorns: the whole so well represented, and with such expression of pain and affliction, that nothing is more solemn or touching." This is a real piece of Catholic art and is for sale at a price within the reach of all.

In a weekly paper an unknown woman denounces a Countess who advertises that she is willing to present Americans at court and in society generally, in advance the coming London season, in consideration of the sum of five thousand dollars paid in advance. The paper says this lady should be rechristened the aristocratic Jeremy Diddler, and trust that few English ladies will consent to receive Americans thus chaperoned. It is denied that the Countess is Lady Stradbroke, one of the writers on the staff of the *World*, of which Edmund Yates is the proprietor, and mother of the wonder of the address to the throne in the House of Commons at the re-opening of Parliament.

DIED. HAYES—At Chamby Canton, on 24th of February, after a long and painful illness, J. E. Hayes, youngest and beloved son of N. Hayes, aged 2 years, 10 months and 23 days. God took our darling Eddy to fill the vacant seat.

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