THE PIRATE CAPTURED.

THE C., B. AND Q. RAILROAD RUNS IN THE GREAT RATE DESTROYER.

The Control of the C., B. and Northern Costs $40 a Share—Hereafter There Will Be No Doubt About Its Actual Owners—Wall and State Streets Fairly Jubilant Over the Prospects Now Presented of Peace Among the Granger Railroads.

BOSTON, March 12.—A big railroad deal, whereby one element of discord among the warring Western lines is removed, was consummated in Boston to-day. A controlling interest in the Chicago, Burlington and Northern Railroad has been purchased by the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Company, and will become a part of that company's system. It was a great surprise to the street, for, although the matter has frequently been discussed, no mention of it has been made in the past three months, and the deal had apparently been forgotten. The trade was made through Messrs. Lee, Higginson & Co., agents for the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy road, by negotiations with individuals. The controlling interest was secured a few minutes past 2 o'clock this afternoon, and the fact was at once announced on the floor of the Stock Exchange.

The prevailing feeling is that the most serious disturbing factor in the Northwest has been removed. The first general explanation of the situation came in the shape of this circular from the C., B. and N. office:

"TO THE STOCKHOLDERS: An offer has been made to purchase the stock of this company at $40 per share cash, in the interest of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Company. In view of all the questions affecting this road, it is considered by the directors of the company to be for the interest of stock holders to sell at this price. All stockholders desiring to avail themselves of the offer must deliver their certificates of stock to Lee, Higginson & Co., 44 State street within sixty days after they have been countersigned at the office of the company. Payments to be made on delivery of certificates presented as above on and after March 20, 1890. The directors have unanimously agreed to turn in their own holdings of stock at the same price, and recommend other stockholders to do the same. J. MURRAY FORBES, Chairman."

Of the 31,245 shares outstanding, the C., B. and Q. company has 31,945 shares in its treasury. They only needed 13,000 odd shares to give them the control, and these were obtained before the above circular made its appearance. Messrs. Lee, Higginson & Co. refused to purchase than $40 per share, although the C., B. and N. directors worked hard to secure a better price. This stock cost original subscribers about $18 per share. The selling price gives any one who held it good interest, but not quite so good as those who sold at 97 in October, 1886, or at 97½ in May, 1887. The Chicago, Burlington and Quincy assumes claims and rentals of about $70,000 per month. The 60,000 shares which Chicago, Burlington and Quincy offers to buy at 40 will cost $2,400,000. The company has the cash in hand from former bond sales to pay that sum. The Chicago, Burlington and Quincy directors will probably find popular favor for buying the Chicago, Burlington and Northern, and business favor for buying it now rather than when other parties tried to urge it upon them at about twice the price paid.

The transaction is likely to have a favorable effect upon the railroad situation in the Northwest. At the same time the lakes, with their cheap lines of transportation, and the Canadian roads remain to vex the roads which have not become used to the low rates at which those lines can handle traffic. Then, again, there is the feud between Chicago and Duluth. The purchase is a sad blow to the expectations of operators who purchased the stock at 60 to 90 and have held it for some years in the confident expectation that the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy would purchase the stock at a profit to theholders.

The news of he purchase of the C. B. and Northern road by the C. B. and Quincy took Wall street by surprise. It has been conceded for a long timethat the only hope for permanent improvemnt in the railroad situation West of Chicago was in the control of the Northern road by some responsible interest. Of course the natural purchaser was the C. B. and Quincy, both because it aided its construction and has given it a sort of carte blanche running arrangement over its line into Chicago for twenty yeat, but the Quincy has held off so long, and the personal relations between the managers of the concerns are of such intimate characterthat the public long ago began to doubt if anychange could be brought about except by the formally declared bankruptcy of the Northern road. It has been operated at a loss for at leas two or three years.

The effect of thedeal upon the stock market, both in this city and Boston, was electrical, and the view mostgenerally expressed was that the transaction had quite as important a bearing upon the probabilities and the stock market as the famous West thore deal. The way is now believed to be open for the reorganization of the Interstate Commerce Railway Association, or the establishment of something similar to it in its scope.

THE BEHRING SEA QUESTION.

Progress of the Negotiations Over the Sealing Interests.

OTTAWA, March 12.—"It is amusing to read some of the reports that are sent out from Washington with regard to the Behring Sea negotiations now going on between Secretary Blaine and Sir Julian Pauncefote," remarked a member of the Dominion Cabinet tonight. "The negotiations have from the first," he continued, "been limited to consideration of two questions—the claims of the owners of the seized Canadia sealers for compensation, and the question of a close season, in which it is proposed that by joint action the United States, British, and Russian Governments shall look after and enforce protection of the seal fisheries during the season of propagation. The claim of exclusive jurisdiction on the part of the United States or that Behing Sea is a closed sea has never been advanced by that Government, and the question therefore has never entered into the discussion at Washington."

It is learned from reliable sources that the reports from Mr. Tupper, now at Washington, are very satisfactory, and that he is of the opinion that the question with regard to Behring Sea will be settled with little delay. The Atlantic coast fisheries have not yet been taken up, and it is said that before negotiations are entered upon Sir Charles Tupper will be recalled from Washington to attend to the Canadian case.

While members of the Cabnet here express every hope that the Behring Sea question will be settled to the satisfaction of Canada they have serious apprehensions hat the Atlantic fisheries case will possibly involve concessions before a settlement is reached which Canada can only reluctantly make in order to terminate the unpleasant dispute.

MURDERED CAPT DAWSON.

While Requiem Services are Held His Murderer Drives Down the Street.

CHARLESTON, S. C., March 12.—A touching sight was witnessed in Charleston to-day on the anniversary of the murder of Capt. F. W. Dawson by Dr. T. B. McDow. Solemn pontifical mass of requiem was said at the cathedral by Bishop Northrop, Mgr. Quigey, and a number of the clergymen of the diocese. The widow and children of the murderer man were present, as were also all the children of the Catholic orphan asylums, the staff of the *News and Courier*, and hundreds of prominent citizens. The women of Charleston of all creeds were present in large numbers. There were no sermon or eulogies, but thee were few dry eyes in the congregation.

A somewhat singular feature of the services was the fact that murderer McDow drove in his buggy down King street while the congregation was dispersing. McDow, whose residence adjoins that of his victim, has had his office repaired recently. The blood stains on the floor have been obliterated, and the closet in which he tried to bury the body of his victim has been nailed up. He has been expelled from the medical society, but is still practising. He has a clientage among a few white persons and a good many negroes. It will be remembered that the jury which acquitted him was composed largely of negroes. It was generally believed at the time that it was packed for the purpose.

A Suicide in Bellevue.

Night Watchman Durfee of Bellevue Hospital found one of the inmates of the "pavilion" dead at 1 A. M. yesterday. It was John Battgler, who was committed on March 3. On March 7 he was found to be suffering from alcoholism.

For this reason he patient was transferred to the insane ward. He had a touch of the tremens, and at his own request was permitted to sleep in a room with various other inmates.

At [illegible] went to the bath room. An hour later he was found strangled by a rope made of the bands used ordinarily to bandage wounds. The rope hadbeen tied to a steam pipe, and the man had beenhidden off his seat to the floor.

STATE CARE OF THE INSANE.

Strong Opposition to the Bill Now Pending Before the Legislature.

ALBANY, March 12.—There was a large attendance at the hearing in the Assembly parlor this afternoon before the Public Institutions Committee on Senator Fassett's and Assemblyman's Acker's bill to take the insane from the county poorhouses and put them in State asylums.

Prof. Chandler of Columbia College spoke for the bill, representing the State Charities Aid Association. He said that the bill divides the State in as many asylum districts as there are State insane asylums. Inexpensive detached buildings of moderate size are to be erected on grounds of existing asylums to accommodate pauper insane now in poorhouses. The total cost of these buildings and furnishings shall not exceed $5,50 per capita. Poorhouse keepers are wholly ignorant of the needs of the insane. For the salaries now paid, persons competent for such work cannot be obtained. The medical attendance in poorhouses is often let out to the lowest bidder and often to incompetent doctors. Then, too, the care of insane is often given to raw graduates of medical colleges. The treatment of the insane in a poorhouse is a century behind the times. Supervision under one management is much less expensive than the county plan, and patients can be classified, well cared for, and made the subject of proper treatment in State asylums.

Mr. Ross of Essex county spoke against the bill, representing the convention of Superintendents of the Poor, and dwelt on the fact that an insane person in a State asylum is "lost to his family." Wrongs are more easily corrected in the small asylums.

Judge Mead of Tioga county said the bench and bar of his county opposed the bill. Their insane were better cared for than they could be in State asylums.

F. J. Blackman of Erie county said his county has as good asylums as Kings, New York, and Monroe, which are exempted from the provisions of the bill. There are never complaints of abuses in the Erie county asylum, though there are many complaints of the Buffalo State asylum.

Mr. Washburn, the Jefferson county Superintendent of the Poor, argued that the treatment in the big State asylums did not tend to cure patients, while the treatment in the poorhouses did.

Assemblyman Greene of Orange county said the asylum in his county had been visited by the Ladies' Aid Society and found in perfect order. He held that better results in the way of cures came from county institutions. He thought the State system would cost $10,000,000.

John C. Davies of Oneida told how well his county kept the insane. He challenged the citation of a single case of bad treatment of patients in his county.

Mr. Coman of Madison denied the allegations against his county poorhouse in the State Lunacy Commission report. They were absolutely without foundation.

C. M. Woolson of Ulster county thought their asylum better than the State asylums, or as good.

Secretary M. J. Lewi of Albany appeared for the bill in behalf of the State Medical Society.

This society, he said, had unanimously resolved that every effort should be made to have the bill passed.

Dr. Oscar Craig of the State Board of Charities thought the county system was inherently bad. It had evils and abuses that cannot be remedied except by State care. He had examined every poorhouse in the State, and he knew whereof he spoke. The bill should pass on grounds of humanity.

Commissioner Reeves, of the State Commission in Lunacy, argued in favor of the bill. Under the bill the cost would be less to rural counties.

Dr. Carlos MacDonald, another State Lunacy Commissioner, closed the arguments for the bill. He said the insane should be cared for by doctors. He told of a fearful state of things in Madison county poorhouse. It is filthy, badly lighted, and ill attended, and several patients were bathed in the same water. The beds were in a filthy condition. The food and clothing were poor and insufficient.

OBITUARY.

Port Warden Edward Toohill died yesterday of bronchitis and lung trouble at 89 Carroll street, Brooklyn, in his 46th year. He came to this country when a boy, settled in the Sixth ward in Brooklyn, and became a plumber. For more than twenty years he was a leading Democratic politician in South Brooklyn. He served one term as Supervisor of the Sixth ward, and three years as Harbor Master, to which place he was appointed in 1883 by Gov. Cleveland. In 1887 he was appointed Port Warden by Gov. Hill, and he held the office until his death. He served in the war as Orderly Sergeant in the Eighty-sixth New York Volunteers. He was also a member of the old Volunteer Fire Department. He formerly was one of the heaviest bettors at the race tracks. He was a life-long friend and neighbor of the late City Clerk, John Shanley, whom he survived only a few hours. He leaves a widow and four children. The funeral will be held from his residence on Saturday afternoon.

Ezra Marble, who died in Fall River on Monday, was one of the men who were earliest engaged in cloth printing in the United States. He was born in Somerset in 1801, and learned a mechanical trade in Fall River. He set up and operated the first calico printing machine used in the United States, and became identified from that time with the industry. At the erection of the Pacific Mills in Chicago he took charge of the printing department, and continued at the head for twenty-eight years, until his resignation in 1881. Mr. Marble was the inventor of several improvements in cloth printing machines, upon which he obtained patents, but the use of which he gave to the Pacific Mills without royalty, deeming them entitled to improvements made in the line of his employment.

Mr. George W. Webb, the well-known jeweler of Baltimore, died early yesterday morning of acute pneumonia after a sickness of about one week. He was born in Baltimore in 1812. Probably no citizen had a larger circle of friends. By many he was called the "honest jeweler." He was actively identified with the growth of the city for the past three-quarters of a century, and was an old-time, never-swerving Jacksonian Democrat from principle. Charity was his leading trait. He was a strict and liberal Catholic. Mr. Webb was educated in St. Mary's college. He was a member of the celebrated crack military organization, the Marion Rifle Corps, and a member of the Mechanical Fire Company. At his death he was connected with the jewelry establishment of Webb & Brother.

William H. McClave died at his home, 31 Lincoln avenue, Newark, yesterday morning, aged 58. He was formerly in the lumber business with his brother, Edmund, and abandoned the business to go to Chicago, where he spent several years. On his return to Newark he became a stock broker in Clinton street. His partner in this business was his son, who died last month. Mr. McClave leaves a wife and several children.

William Henry Harrison Adams, D. D., LL. D., of Bloomington, Ill., died suddenly at Hot Springs, Ark., yesterday. He was for thirteen years president of the Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington, and was the most eloquent preacher of the Illinois Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was 50 years old.

William D. Van Arnum, a builder, and for many years the owner of the Griswold Opera House in Troy, died on Tuesday night at his home in Lansingburgh. He was the last of the old-time managers to retain a stock company. Mr. Van Arnum was also at one time proprietor of the Cedar Bluff Hotel at Saratoga Lake.

Mrs. Cynthia Hathaway of Savoy, Mass., is dead, aged 101 years and one month. She was born in Webster, Mass., was one of thirteen children, and mother of the same number, six of whom are now living. She had lived in Savoy eighty years, and her faculties were wonderfully preserved till death.

Edward McGill, the editor and proprietor of the *Sower Journal*, died yesterday at his home, 160 Waverly place. His wife died about a year ago, and he has been an invalid for a considerable time. He leaves several children. He was a member of the Press Club and the Iroquois Club.

Peter Stallnecht died yesterday at 160 Washington avenue, Brooklyn, aged 62. He was an extensive grain dealer. His father was a Collector of Customs and a Judge in Denmark. He leaves a widow, two sons, and a daughter.

George M. Nagle, a circus and variety performer, well known in the West, died recently at Tucson, Arizona, aged 31. He had travelled extensively with Sig. Faranta. Two of his daughters are on the stage as child actresses.

Prof. H. H. Gaylord, principal of the Union Academy at Belleville, Jefferson county, died on Tuesday evening from pneumonia. He was 45 years of age, and was a graduate of Amherst College.

Editor E. M. Stone of the St. Johnsbury (Vt.) *Caledonian* died suddenly at Jacksonville, Fla., yesterday, aged 57 years. He had been connected with the *Caledonian* since 1848.

John Henry Buckbee, one of the oldest American manufacturers of drums, banjos, and guitars, died suddenly a few days ago at his home in Tremont, aged 54.

Dr. Benjamin Cowper Shenstone, a leading homœopathic physician, died on Wednesday at 226 Cumberland street, Brooklyn, in his 36th year.

J. Edgar Pool, a member of the firm of George Pool & Sons, oil dealers, died yesterday at 411 Sackett street, Brooklyn, aged 42.

Charles Blanchard was found dead in bed on Tuesday at Scioto, Clinton county. He was a veteran of the Mexican war.

Jacob Fuller, 75 years of age, librarian of the Washington and Lee University, died in Lexington, Va., yesterday.

G. S. McAden, Vice-President of the McAdens Mills, in Gaston county, N. C., died yesterday.

Joseph H. Billings, aged 63, died in Elmira on Tuesday.

THE BENWELL MURDER CASE.

FURTHER INVESTIGATION OF THE CHARGE AGAINST BIRCHELL.

His Wife Remanded for Eight Days More Men who Saw Birchell and his Victim—Mrs. Birchell's Father Coming to See Her.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., March 12.—Excitement ran high this morning as the hour approached for resuming the taking of evidence in the Benwell murder case. The Town Hall was packed as early as 9 o'clock, and the streets were lined with people.

So anxious were the crowd to catch a sight of the accused man that they waited around in the drizzling rain and mud until the train arrived. At least a thousand persons were at the depot when the train rolled in, and a general rush was made for the coach containing the prisoner when Jailer Coulson appeared on the platform with Birchall.

When the prisoner Burchell looked over the multitude of faces staring at him a broad smile covered his face. When the prisoner's bracelets were removed from his wrists he stretched out his arms above his head and appeared to be relieved.

At 5:40 P. M. the court opened in the Town Hall. Mrs. Birchell's case was first taken up. She was escorted through the crowd to the stage where the magistrate presided. She entered the hall leaning on the arm of Chief of Police Young.

She was dressed in the same attire that she wore last week, and was heavily veiled with a dark brown veil. As soon as she was seated the magistrate announced that he would now commence with her case. He explained that, as she was charged with being an accessory to the murder of Benwell at Niagara Falls, the case was in his jurisdiction and could not be removed to Oxford. It would have to be tried here, and if there was any more evidence forthcoming he would hear it.

The magistrate then asked Detective Murray if he had any more evidence to offer against her. The detective replied: "Not at present."

The magistrate then notified the prisoner that he would remand her to the same custody that she had been in since her arrest for eight days, pending any new evidence that may be produced against her.

Mrs. Birchall was removed from the court room to Mrs. Baldwin's boarding house.

Chief Young then brought Prisoner Birchall into court. The presence of the prisoner caused a panic in the hall. He looked downcast, but walked smartly up.

He walked smartly up the aisle. He had been shaved and looked somewhat better for his short stay in the county jail.

The first witness called was W. H. Poole, a conductor on the Grand Trunk Railway, who said:

"I went out on the train that left the Falls at 7:05 A. M. on Feb. 11; remember seeing a man resembling the prisoner going west on the train dressed in dark clothes with another gentleman. They got on my train at Hamilton. I asked for their tickets; got tickets from both of them for Eastwood. They were peculiarly dressed in English clothes, which attracted my attention to them. The man with the person resembling the prisoner had a suit of light clothes. He passed through the train four times between Hamilton and Burlington on the way to Princeton, and both men were sitting in the same seat. After leaving Harrisburg I passed through the train, noticed the dark-complexioned man sitting on the south side of the coach. I asked him for his ticket. He said Eastwood. After giving Paris tickets I took up all the tickets as far as and including Eastwood, which is a place near where Benwell's body was found. These two passengers got off at Eastwood. This man, the prisoner, resembles the man I saw on the train. Can't positively say he is the man. They both got off at Eastwood. The other man had a queer shaped canvas covered box; think it was gun case. It was put off at Eastwood."

The next witness was News Agent James Duffy, who testified: "Left London at 2:20 P. M. Feb. 17 on No. 10 express for the Falls. Believe I saw the prisoner on No. 10 express after leaving Princeton. He was in the smoking car all alone in the seat. I sold a book to him. He also bought some cigars from me. I got into conversation with him, sat down by him in the seat and talked a few of his cigars. I sat beside him probably a half hour, and when nearing the Falls got up. I have no doubt the prisoner is the man I sat with. He spoke to me about going to the Falls and then to Buffalo, where he expected to meet his brother that night. I think he told me his name was Smith. I saw him get off the train at the depot at Niagara Falls on the Canadian side. I don't know where he went to after getting off the train. He wore a dark coat, and I think dark trousers. His boots were muddy and his trousers turned up at the bottom. He wore turned shoes and a round dark cap, seemingly imitation fur. He had a small glass flask in his pocket. It was white, clear glass. He took it out, and there seemed to be liquor in it. He offered it to me to take some, but I said I did not use it. He took some himself.

AN EMIGRATION COMMISSIONER.

John B. Weber of Buffalo Appointed with Gen. J. R. O'Beirne as Assistant.

John B. Weber of Buffalo was yesterday appointed Commissioner of Emigration by the President, and Gen. J. R. O'Beirne of this city was appointed his first assistant. The salary of the Commissioner has been fixed at $6,000, and the assistant Commissioner at $4,500. Mr. Weber is about 45 years old. He is the junior member of the grocery firm of Smith & Weber of Buffalo. He served through the war and is prominent in Grand Army circles. He has served one term as assistant Postmaster of Buffalo and two terms in Congress, and was at one time the Sheriff of Erie county. He was defeated for Congress at the last election by John M. Wiley. He is a member of the famous "Commercial Ring" of Buffalo, which is the dominant Republican faction, and was lately controlled by James D. Warren, whose son, Orrin G. Warren, succeeded him as its leader.

Mr. Weber largely represented ex-Senator Thomas C. Platt in Buffalo. He is a warm personal friend of Senator Hiscock, and it is said that his appointment was decided upon at the time of the appointment of Charles F. Fitch as the Collector of Internal Revenue of Rochester. Mr. Weber is also a close friend of Collector Morgan of Buffalo. He has always been active in campaigns, and is said to be a powerful aid to the Republican party in whipping the rural districts of Buffalo into line. Gen. O'Beirne is a member of the Republican Association of the Nineteenth district. He was at one time a well-known spellbinder. In 1888 he was defeated by ex-Congressman Quinn for Congress. He has been a newspaper man and a special Treasury agent. He represents the Irish-American element in the Republican party.

The news of the appointments reached Castle Garden late yesterday afternoon. Commissioners Starr and Stephenson were at the Garden at the time. They simply remarked: "They're good men."

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Private Secretary Halford said, this afternoon, that the President was well acquainted with Mr. Weber, and had selected him for the Commissionership because of his personal knowledge of his ability.

PIRATES IN PHILADELPHIA.

They Sail Away With a Cargo of Coal and Are Heard of No More.

PHILADELPHIA, March 12.—Charles D. Norton & Co. of this city have been swindled out of a cargo of 200 tons of coal. Toward the latter part of November a schooner, bearing the name Calista, arrived in this port, commanded by a man who gave his name as Wiggins.

He set about getting a freight. He went to the office of Manuel McShain & Co., ship brokers, and said he wished to procure a cargo of coal for Norfolk. The broker went to the shipping office of Norton & Co., to whom he offered the vessel at a certain rate, the freight to be paid on deliverance of the cargo. Norton & Co., being in need of a vessel of 200 tons capacity, accepted her at once, and issued orders to their foreman at Camden to load the vessel immediately on her arrival at her dock.

The Calista arrived in good time and was loaded. Before she sailed a man representing himself to be the mate came into Norton & Co.'s office and signed the bill of lading, the name attested being J. Benson. The cargo was insured in the Delaware Mutual Insurance Company, and the vessel departed on her short journey.

She was not heard of afterward. After a sufficient time had elapsed to abandon all hope of the vessel reaching her destination Messrs. Norton & Co. made claim on the insurance company for the value of the cargo. Not until a few days ago was it known that such a vessel had existed as the Calista. It was a pure piratical operation, and the only missing link in the chain of evidence against the perpetrators is the original name of the vessel, whose appellation was changed in defiance of the law. It was through the investigation instituted by Capt. Enoch Turley of the marine department of the insurance company that this crime was brought out. He found that no such vessel had existed. Capt. Turley said to-day that the case was one in which a wonderful amount of nerve and ability had been displayed.

Von Bulow Coming.

LONDON, March 12.—Pianist von Bülow sailed to-day from Southampton on the Saale with his manager, Herr Goldmark.

LYNCHERS ON TRIAL.

The Fears of One of Them Drives Him to Commit Suicide.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 12.—The trial of thirty persons arrested for lynching Hans Jacob Oleson on the night of Nov. 24, 1889, is now in progress at Whitehall, Wis. Oleson had served a term in the prison for loading a stick of wood with powder, which exploded in Strand's hardware store at Blair. His wife and children then undertook to get rid of him and circulated stories that he had threatened to do damage to neighbors' property. The result was the organization of a lynching party, headed by Peter Johnson Logs, a well-to-do farmer, who yesterday hanged himself. On the night in question the party took Olsen from his house and strung him up right in front of it three times, finally killing him. He made a brave resistance and refused to leave the neighborhood to save his life.

His wife and family witnessed the lynching from the window of their dwelling, and made coffee for the party when it was finished. Three of the persons implicated have confessed. A jury was secured yesterday and the taking of testimony commenced. Henry Hansen, who turned State's evidence, gave the details of the crime, and several other witnesses were put upon the stand by the prosecution. Peter Johnson Logs, who hanged himself, was almost insane from fear that he would be convicted.

The Berlin Labor Conference.

LONDON, March 12.—Sir William Henry Houldsworth, Conservative member of the House of Commons for the northwest division of Manchester, has been appointed the second delegate to represent Great Britain at the International Labor Conference at Berlin. Sir William is in business as a cotton spinner in Manchester.

BERLIN, March 12.—The German delegates to the Berlin Labor Conference are Baron von Berlepsch, Prussian Minister of Commerce; Bishop Kopp of Breslau, Herr Nagdeburg, Under Secretary in the Ministry of Commerce; Herr Reichardt, Chief of the Politico-Commercial Department of the Imperial Foreign Office; Herr Lahman, member of the Federal Council; Dr. Hauchecorne, Director of Mines in the Prussian Ministry of Public Works; Herr Landmann, Bavarian delegate in the Bundersath; Herr Heyl, Councillor of the Ministry of Commerce, and Herr Koechlin, a manufacturer. Dr. Kayser, Councillor of Legation, has been appointed Secretary.

The *Hamburger Nachrichten* says that committees will be appointed to discuss the grouping of the questions to be submitted to the Labor Conference. It is expected that the Conference will be in session two weeks, and that six plenary meetings will be held.

Gifts for Toronto University.

LONDON, March 12.—A committee, among the members of which are Lord Salisbury, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Earl Granville, and the Vice-Chancellors of Oxford, Cambridge, London, and Dublin Universities, has been formed to collect and forward gifts of books to the Toronto University, whose library was recently destroyed by the fire which consumed the University buildings. All the British universities, the British Museum, and a number of private firms and individuals have promised to assist the committee. The Allen and Dominion lines of steamers have promised to carry the gifts free to Canada.

Francis Joseph Entertains a Political Opponent.

BUDAPESTH, March 12.—Count Albert Apponyi, the leader of the Opposition in the Hungarian Diet, and Count Karolyi, the imperial Prime Minister, were present at a dinner given by the Emperor last night. His Majesty had a long conversation with Count Apponyi, in the course of which he expressed the hope that the Opposition would maintain a moderate attitude. Count Apponyi's presence at the banquet is significant, inasmuch as no member of the Opposition has been invited to the imperial dinner for many years.

Abolishing the Polish Language.

BERLIN, March 12.—In the Lower House of the Prussian Diet to-day Herr Stablemski moved that the Polish language be used in religious education in the schools of Prussian Poland.

Herr von Gossler, Minister of Public Worship and Education, said the Government declined to alter the existing laws. He referred to the difficulties encountered in the enforcement of the present laws in the face of Polish agitators, who, he said, did not scruple to attack even the Bishops.

The motion was rejected.

The King of Dahomey Retreats.

PARIS, March 12.—It is officially announced that the King of Dahomey, accompanied by his female warriors, has retreated to Lama, after remaining at Godomey four days, and not daring to attack the French post. The rest of his army remains at Godomey, where it is erecting fortifications. During the campaign 1,000 Dahomians, including a female General, were killed. It is said that the French captives taken by the Dahomians are safe at Whydah.

Oxford Ahead in the Betting.

LONDON, March 12.—The Oxford crew rowed over the whole course from Barnes to Putney in splendid form. The stroke was set for the greater part at thirty-six to the minute, and the distance accomplished in 19 minutes 47 seconds. Later in the afternoon the Cambridge crew also pulled over the same course, but on a less favorable tide, and the time taken was 20 minutes 6 seconds. The latest betting is 5 to 4 on Oxford.

Some Socialists Will Support the Emperor.

BERLIN, March 12.—Interviews with leading Socialists reveal that a section of the party is inclined to abandon the anti-monarchical agitation, provided the Emperor adheres to his proposals of social reform. The party is divided as to the support to be given to the proposals in the Reichstag. They want the principles set forth in the rescripts adhered to, especially in regard to the maximum working day, as the price of their votes.

Miss Huntingdon Buys Her Release.

LONDON, March 12.—Miss Agnes Huntingdon has paid Augustus Harris £1,000 and all law costs to break the contract, and she says she would be willing to pay anything rather than serve under Harris. The dates arranged by Manager Abud and Marcus Mayer stand, and Miss Huntingdon will open in America next fall with "Paul Jones."

Victims of the Colliery Disaster.

LONDON, March 12.—It is now known that eighty-eight persons lost their lives by the explosion Monday in the Morsa colliery in Glamorganshire, Wales.

An unlocked lamp alongside the corpse of a workman named Morris explains the explosion in the colliery.

Died in Spite of Pasteur.

DUBLIN, March 12.—A boy named Rankin, who was bitten by a rabid animal some time ago, and who was subjected to a course of anti-rabic inoculations by Pasteur of Paris, has just died at Coleraine of hydrophobia.

A Military Railroad.

VIENNA, March 12.—In the Lower House of the Reichsrath to-day a bill providing for the construction of a second line of strategic railway from Cracow to Przemysl and thence to Lemberg was passed without debate.

Predicting a General Election.

LONDON, March 12.—Sidney Herbert, Junior Lord of the Treasury, in a speech at Croydon to-day exhorted Conservatives to prepare for an approaching general election.

Appointed to a Bishopric.

LONDON, March 12.—Canon Westcott has been appointed Bishop of Durham to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the Right Rev. Joseph B. Lightfoot.

The Prince of Wales Going to Berlin.

LONDON, March 12.—The Prince of Wales will start for Berlin on March 19. He will be a guest of Emperor William for a week.

The Irish Land Bill Defeated.

LONDON, March 12.—The House of Commons this evening rejected the Irish Land Tenure bill by 231 to 179.

Gagging the Portuguese Press.

LISBON, March 12.—A Government decree will shortly be issued restricting the liberty of the press.

Big Miners' Strike at Nottingham.

LONDON, March 12.—Five thousand miners of Nottingham have struck for an increase of wages.

Convicted of Murder.

Joseph Wood was convicted in the General Sessions yesterday of murder in the first degree in killing Charles Ruffin near Shaft 2 of the aqueduct, on which both were employed, on May 19, 1889. Both men are colored. The defence asserted that Ruffin was a quarrelsome man, the leader of the so-called "Mulligan gang," and that he had forced the fight upon Wood, who shot him in self-defence. Recorder Smyth remanded Wood for sentence.

FINE RACING AT CLIFTON.

FAVORITES SHOW WHAT THEY CAN DO IN SPRINGLIKE WEATHER.

Jockey Flynn Carries Off the Honors by Landing Sparling, Manhattan, and Guard—Best Boy Leads the Two-year-olds.

The temperature at the snug race course in the little valley at Clifton yesterday was that of June, and the crush in the betting ring resembled the rush at Monmouth on the Fourth of July. While the track was deep with holding mud, the races were fought from end to end, and several of the finishes set veterans of the sport to shouting wildly when the victors crossed the winning line. It was a great day for favorites, four first choice horses and two having the second call capturing the purses. Sparling, post favorite in the opening race, ridden by Flynn, won in the last stride by a nose from King Volt; Manhattan, with Flynn in the saddle, won the second race from Fanny H., a strong favorite; Mabel Glenn, a hot favorite at 4 to 1 on, came home the handiest of winners under the pilotage of Josh Jones, two lengths in front of Lemon Blossom, second choice; Van, ridden by George Taylor, was selected to win the Stratford Handicap, the race of the day, and George landed the horse first by two lengths from Wild Cherry. The scamper of five-sixteenths of a mile by two-year-olds was a runaway race for Father Bill Daly's colt Best Boy, the second choice, ridden by Lambly, and Guard, with Flynn up, carried the bulk of the money bet on the last dash, and he fought bravely for it, beating Romance in by half a length, Freedom, second choice, lapping, third. The summaries follow:

THE FIRST RACE.

Purse $300, of which $50 to second; selling allowances; one mile.

J. H. McCormick's ch. g. Sparling, 4, by Rayon d'Or—Lucy Wallace. (Flynn)..... 1
F. Tribe's b. g. King Volt, 5, 104 (J. Tribe)..... 2
T. Dwyer's br. g. Pegasus, aged, 100 (Jones)..... 3
Albemarle, Harwood, George Angus and Rudolph also ran.

Time, 1:50¾.

Betting—Against Sparling, 7 to 5; Pegasus, 9 to 5; Harwood, 4 to 1; King Volt, 8 to 1; Albemarle, 25 to 1; George Angus, 30 to 1; Rudolph, 80 to 1. Mutuals paid $5.25, $4.20, $7.25.

THE SECOND RACE.

Purse $300, of which $50 to second; seven and a half furlongs.

Brookville Stable's ch. h. Manhattan, 5, by Bramble—Benecia, 102 (Flynn)..... 1
R. Bradley's ch. m. Fannie H., 5, 94 (Jones)..... 2
M. V. Rollins's br. m. Rosemary Murray gelding, 5, 102 (Clark)..... 3
Brier, Consignee, Meade and Eugene Brodie also ran.

Time, 1:46.

Betting—Five to 4 on Manhattan, against Manhattan, 2 to 1; Meade, 8 to 1; Brier, 10 to 1; Consignee, 10 to 1; Eugene Brodie, 20 to 1; Rosemary Murray gelding, 25 to 1. Mutuals paid $8.65, $2.85, $2.45.

THE THIRD RACE.

Purse $300, of which $50 to second; selling allowances; seven and a half furlongs.

A. Thompson's b. f. Mabel Glenn, 3, by Hindoo—Calphurnia, 99 (Jones)..... 1
W. Daly's b. f. Lemon Blossom, 4, 91 (Lambley)..... 2
J. Allen's b. g. Jim Murphy, 5, 103 (Horton)..... 3
Wayward and The Lion also ran.

Time, 1:42¾.

Betting—Four to 1 on Mabel Glenn; against Lemon Blossom, 4 to 1; The Lion, 7 to 1; Jim Murphy, 15 to 1; Wayward, 50 to 1. Mutuals paid $2.05, $2.20, $2.85.

THE FOURTH RACE.

The Stratford Handicap, purse $500, of which $75 to second; one mile and a sixteenth.

W. C. Rollins's b. h. Van, 6, by Volturno—Dora, 118 (Taylor)..... 1
D. A. Hough's ch. f. Wild Cherry, 4, 103 (Clayton)..... 2
Keystone Stable's b. f. Fanny H., 4, 94 (Lambley)..... 3
John Arkins, Miss Cody, Count Luna, and Stileck also ran.

Time, 1:57¾.

Betting—Against Van, 7 to 5; Miss Cody, 7 to 2; John Arkins, 4 to 1; Insight, 6 to 1; Wild Cherry, 7 to 1; Count Luna, 25 to 1; Stileck, 50 to 1. Mutuals paid $4.70, $3.45, $6.95.

THE FIFTH RACE.

Purse $300, of which $50 to second; for two-year-olds; five sixteenths of a mile.

W. C. Daly's ch. c. Best Boy, by Ten Broeck—Highlight, 105 (Lambly)..... 1
T. B. Doswell's King Bolt—Cerise colt, 105 (Horton)..... 2
Auburndale Stable's b. c. Duke John, 100 (J. Tribe)..... 3
Linda, Bookmaker and Morson filly also ran.

Time, 0:59¼.

Betting—Ten to 8 on Linda, against Best Boy, 2 to 1; Duke John, 7 to 1; Cerise colt, 10 to 1; Bookmaker, 15 to 1; Jolly Morson filly, 50 to 1. Mutuals paid $4.60, $4, $10.05.

THE SIXTH RACE.

Purse $300, of which $50 to second; three-quarters of a mile.

G. Reed's ch. g. Guard, 3, by Bonnie Scotland—Lottie, 100 (Flynn)..... 1
M. Harris's b. g. Romance, 5, 104 (J. Tribe)..... 2
J. H. Dick's b. c. Freedom, 3, 104 (Lambley)..... 3
Khatan, Prince Howard, Mary T., St. Mary, Eagle Wood, Guardsman, and Harrison also ran.

Time, 1:19¾.

Betting—Five to 4 on Guard, against Freedom, 11 to 5; Khatan, 5 to 1; Prince Howard, 8 to 1; Romance, and Mary T., each 20 to 1; St. Mary, 40 to 1; Eagle Wood, Guardsman, and Harrison, each 50 to 1. Mutuals paid $6.95, $4.20, $3.55.

The Green Isle Stakes.

Many nominations have been made for the Green Isle Stakes, two miles and a quarter, to be run at Clifton on March 17 (St. Patrick's Day). The race is a sweepstakes of $10 each, with $1,000 added. Following are the entries: Dallas Dan, Fannie H., Silleck, Josh Billings, Jerusalem, Connoisseur, Conjuror, Gray Cloud, Long Time, Bassano, Henry B., Darling, Wahoo, Rattler, Ban Hope, Dochart.

The Card at Guttenburg.

Entries for Guttenburg to-day are:

First Race—Six furlongs; selling; beaten horses. Pontoon, 110 pounds, Mendrama, 110, Carlow, 107, Marion, 107, Rio Grande, 101, Warsaw, 99, Slasher, 99, Miler, 99.

Second Race—Six and a half furlongs. Paradise, 111 pounds, Dalsyrian, 108, Pall Mall, 108, Pencaline, 106, Sierra Nevada, 106, Sophist, 106, Hartf gelding, 103, Katie C., 101.

Third Race—Five furlongs; selling. Gold Fish, 115 pounds, Ed Mack, 112, Jennie W., 112, Little Barefoot, 107, Testus, 103, Bass Model, 98, Skip, 95.

Fourth Race—Six furlongs; selling; beaten horses. Beacon, 110 pounds, Billy Crane, 110, Howerson, 106, Souvenir, 102, Sunderland, 101, Counterfeit, 98, Thad Rowe, 98, Peril, 95.

Fifth Race—Five furlongs; selling. Sunter, 110 pounds, Sanbrook, 107, Dr. Clubman, 104, Fanny Pelham, 102, Little Mickey, 101, Seatick, 101, Dynamite, 101.

Sixth Race—Selling; seven furlongs. King Idle, 120 pounds, Ralph Black, 114, Tyrone, 111, John Jay S., 108, Centipede, 105, Mamie Hay, 103, Melwood, 98.

Racing at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, March 12.—The track was fast to day. First Race—Selling; five started. At the start Sheridan was in front, but soon gave way to Col. Cox, Somerset third. At the half they