

to enjoy themselves. Generally speaking, the ex-convicts were Every politician acquainted with the House of Commons' methods of doing busiof unternary spearing, the extension were not unterpassessing in appearance, and the countenances of many were distinctly and ridiculously benevolent. The greatest quo-cess of the evening was achieved by a kindly old gentleman realistically dressed in con-vict clothes and introduced as "the Duke of Particular distinguishing the matter ness knows what all this means. Two important measures like the laporers' dwellings bill and the employers' liability bill, together with the budget and "supply" and other necessary but purely formal business of every session, will occupy the House until far into July, and there will be abso-lutely no time to deal with the Irish local other necessary but purely formal business

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river Amazon, which affords with its great tributaries free navigation over not less than 30,000 miles within Brazilian territory, has Para for its capital. This is the great india rubber country, seven-eighths of the world's production being exported from Para. The soil is extremely fertile, in fact, the great difficulty is to represe nature and prevent cultivated land from going back to forest. Mr. Abel counted in one garden 40 different species of palms, and no less than 400 species of orchids in a private collec-tion.

Not Growing Old in the Penitentiary. Not Growing Old in the Penitentiary. Notwithstanding his long confinement Harper is one of the best preserved men in the prison. It was generally supposed the humiliation and disgrace of his position, if nothing else, would so weigh upon his sen-sitive nature that he would show signs of had a foreign nuscand, count of the the country was ripe for a change and simply made it without any preliminaries. Marshal Dodoral do Fonseca was made provisional President. The people were jealous even of his being thus distinguished, and for this reason Mr. Abel states it will to study the monkey. About eight years ago while watching a cage of them in Cincinnati, I was so imtion. The next most important State in North-ern Brazil is Pernambuco, the principal city of which is also called Pernam-VERY chesp. All kinds second-hand, eaking down sooner or later, but not so. There is not the slig He is still as fresh in mind and body as the brass foundry for sale, page 11, to-day. SEE advertisement of machine shop and buco. brass foundry for sale, page 11, to-day. South of be impossible for him to make himself a its dictstor. In the following September an WHEELEB & WILSON MFG. Co., It is called the Venice of ed with the America account of No. 6 Sixth street. on

will make it one of the most flourishing on the eastern coast. The career of all these countries is all before them. So far they have not had the incentive that has devel-oped the United States, but they are awak-ing and monarchized ideas can no longer fetter them, and even in the tropics there is sufficient high lands to insure a vigorous population, while in the temperate portion in the South they have all the natural ad-vantages of the United States.

first occurred to me that if I could learn to speak their sounds I might interpret them, and thus obtain a clew by which it might be learned how far those sounds were constant integrals of speech. My first observations were made with domestic animals, but failing to extort the secret from them I began

resolved to learn some of them. But I

government bill.

Hard Work at the End of a Term. It is more than probable, however, that toward the end of the session the pretense will be made of proceeding with the Irish bill. The Liberals will, of course, object to dealing with such an important measure at the end of a moribund Parliament; thereupon the Government will call upon the country to take note of the Liberal obstruction, and dissolution will immediately fol-

Mr. Chamberlain devoted a large part o his speech to the subject of old-age pensions for workmen. With the help of a small committee of politicians and actuaries he has managed to draft a scheme by which every workingman possessing sufficient thrift and self-denial for the greater part of his life to pay a certain insurance premium per week, shall commence at the age of 65 to enjoy opulence in the form of a pension of £20 per annum. The scheme has not yet been explained in detail, but enough is already known of it to arouse grave doubts as to its practicability. The friendly societies regard it with suspicion, as an insidious attack upon their voluntariness and independence, and it has not been called for by any organized body of workers.

Little Encouragement in the Scheme.

The average British workingman will have bothing to do with it. He contentedly subscribes sums often greatly disproportionate to his means to his trade union or his friendly society, or to both, securing thereby at least provision for sickness and money wherewith to bury him decently when dead. He rarely worries himself as to what may happen to him when old age shall have rendered him unfit for work because of the unconscious fatalism he assumes that the Psalmist, when arriving at the three-score-year-and-ten limit, could not have included the workers in his calculations.

The prospect of £20 a year to commence at the age of 65 is not dazzlingly tempting to a man who knows that the average life of his class is less than 60 years. The thrifty man is content with the present facilities offered by savings banks, trade unions, and friendly societies, and Mr. Chamberlain's scheme will not affect the unthrifty, because it is not made compulsory.

Torles Hustling on an Election Alarmed by their defeat in South Molton, the Tories are hurrying forward the East Dorset election with unprecedented haste, in hope that the Liberal candidate will not have time to canvass the constituency and convert waverers. It will be the shoriest county contest ever known, the date fixed for the poll being only three weeks from the day of the late Tory member's death, but the Liberals have not been discouraged thereby. Victory will be harder to win then in South Molton, be-cause there are fewer Liberal abstainers to bring back. In 1885, when the Liberals won, 809 votes were polled and the majority was 697. In 1886 a Tory was elected by a majority of 655 and 7,979 electors recorded their votes.

Two very young Englishmen (as age is considered in British politiets) have re-ceived important Government appointments this week. George Curzon, who has been made Under Secretary of State for India, and who is 32 years old, and Viscount Chel-sea, Balfour's new private secretary, who is but 23. but 23

#### An Ideal Fromising Young Man.

appeared, had spent no fewer than 38 years in the prison, which fact lent additional weight to his remarks, the burden of which was that it did not pay to be bad. was that it did not pay to be bad. The Salvation Army has characteristically obtained a very good advertisement out of this show. It tried with fine andacity to obtain patronage and subscriptions for it from Queen Victoria, and although an art-fully worded petition failed to "draw" Her Majesty, it obtained from the Prince of Wales' secretary this interesting letter: You are correct in saving that His Royal and a half years.

Wales' secretary this interesting letter: You are correct in saying that His Royal Highness takes a great interest in all schemes for the amelioration of the condi-tion of the poor of London. His Royal High-ness sets aside a certain sum every year for the relief of distress, which is distributed through various channels which he has em-ployed for the purpose for a considerable period. He is unwilling to withdraw any portion of this amount in order that it may be expended through any other source, and under these circumstances he regrets that, while fully sympathizing with the object which you have in view, he is unable to have the pleasure of complying with your re-quest.

### AN EXPENSIVE BIT OF FUR. What It Cost a Subject of the Queen's

#### See a Policeman Thrashed. [BY CABLE TO THE DISPATCH.] LONDON, Nov. 21 .- William Barnes, 1 stalwart blacksmith, recently stood at the

door of his smithy in the East End, watching a gang of roughs beating a policeman with an enjoyment that did not pall, on account of the frequency of such spectacles in that part of London, nor was his complacency disturbed when the constable in descency disturbed when the constable in des-peration called upon him "in the Queen's name" for help. Mr. Barnes treated the ap-peal as a joke, and did not stir in response to it. Next day, to his astonishment and in-dignation, he was served with a summons, and subsequently learned from his lawyers that every subject of Queen Victoria is bound to help a policeman when called upon in the Queen's name to do so. in the Queen's name to do so. Mr. Barnes stood his trial yesterday vainly pleaded deafness, and was fined 40 shillings, which, added to his own and the prosecutor's costs, will amount to a sum large enough to linger in his memory.

HELP TO SELL A BOOK.

Count Von Moltke's War Volume Sale Aided by Wolseley's Attack. [EY CABLE TO THE DISPATCH.]

LONDON Nov. 21 .- General Lord Wolsley's attack upon "The Franco-German War of 1870-71," by Count Von Moltke, war of 150-11, by Count von Moltke, which was recently published here by James R. Osgood, McIlvane & Co., has been refuted by no less a person than the German Chancellor, Von Caprivi. It bore internal evidence that it was written to Henry W. Fisher, one of the translators, erroresure his admiration of the translators. expressing his admiration of the translatio

expressing his admiration of the translation and the appearance of the volume, adding that it is worthy of the great author. At Von Caprivi's suggestion Osgood & Molivane have presented a copy of the book to the Royal Library in Berlin, and Emperor William has purchased two copies for his private library for his private library.

#### The Heroine of Manipur to Marry.

IBY CARLE TO THE DISPATCH. ! LONDON, Nov. 21 .- Mrs. Grimwood, th heroine of Manipur, whose husband was massacred last March, is in a fair way to massacred last March, is in a fair way to receive consolation for some of the troubles she has experienced. She has decided to marry again, but her engagement will not be announced definitely until spring. A gallant officer who considered it an outrage that a lady with so many charms should languish in the chilly solitude of widow-hood has pressed his suit and would take no denial. denial.

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Curzon is the ideal promising young man. He is grave, learned, traveled, and looks upon life seriously. It is even to be feared that he is a prig, a reputation he earned at Oxford, where he was President of the

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