

THE ONLY QUESTION.

Members of Parliament Talk of Nothing Else Than Ireland.

VERAL MEASURES INTRODUCED.

Balfour at a Banquet Fires Hot Shot at the Gladstonians.

BUDGET FROM FOREIGN CAPITALS

LONDON, Feb. 17.—In the House of Commons to-day, the bill introduced by Thomas Condon, member for East Tipperary, extending the municipal franchise in Ireland that municipal authorities in that country will have powers similar to the same as officials in England, passed its second reading. The Government did not oppose the measure.

Thomas Sexton, member for West Belfast, expressing regret for the absence of W. Jackson, Chief Secretary for Ireland, during the discussion of the first Irish bill the session, said that Mr. Balfour's Irish bill would not be received with content when it is produced to-day. He promises the Government a cry fight.

Balfour Opposes One Bill.
John P. Nolan, member for North Galway, moved the second reading of the bill to enlarge Irish laborers' allotments and to empower local authorities to purchase land for the erection of laborers' houses. In making the motion, Mr. Nolan said the bill would enable the laborers to improve their condition as they had done in the colonies in the United States.

Mr. Balfour opposed Mr. Nolan's motion, and said that the bill would take the money out of the hands of the laborers and put it into the hands of the landlords. He said that the bill would be a failure, and declared that he would vote against it. He said that the bill would be a failure, and declared that he would vote against it. He said that the bill would be a failure, and declared that he would vote against it.

Gladstonians in a Dilemma.

The Constitutional Club gave a banquet, night in honor of Arthur J. Balfour. In speech to a toast, Mr. Balfour said that side their inability to define their Irish policy, Gladstonians were in a dilemma. He said that the Gladstonians were in a dilemma, and that they were in a dilemma. He said that the Gladstonians were in a dilemma, and that they were in a dilemma.

HANGED HER OWN CHILD.

Daughter of an Irish Nobleman Held for Trial for Murder.
COLEBRIDGE, IRELAND, Feb. 17.—Mrs. Ann Margaret Montagu, daughter of Lord Mountagu, was committed for trial this morning, on the charge of causing the death of her daughter, Mary Helen Montagu, a child only three years of age. The verdict, for some child escapee on a part of her charge, locked the little girl in a dark room and then informed the other. Going to the dark room Mrs. Montagu tied her child's arms behind her back with some stout string and then connected the other end of the cord to a ring in the wall, fastening her to the wall. In consequence of the cord being too tight, the child's face was horribly discolored and distorted, and a further examination showed that it was not generally believed that the child's death was due to the string.

THE CZAR'S MOVEMENTS.

World of Misery in Russia Which He Has Time to Attend to.
ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 17.—Trains bearing physicians, medicines, disinfectants and anything that can be used in combating contagious diseases have been dispatched to typhus provinces, and every effort will be made by the Government to stamp out disease, as well as the black smallpox, which is ravaging several sections of the country. The reports received here show that the disease is less deadly in the districts affected by famine than in other areas. The outbreak is attributed to bad drinking water. The Famine Relief Committee has arranged with the Holy Synod to erect a number of schools and churches, and by this means furnish employment for numbers of the starving.

THE CAR AND CRIMINALS.

Crimea in March. The object of the visit is to see the Grand Duke George, whose son, who is an Italian, they do not intend to visit the distressed districts. After their visit to the Crimea they will go to Copenhagen to be present at the wedding of the King and Queen of Denmark, the coronation of the Emperor of Austria, which will occur on the 17th. It is probable that they will travel to Copenhagen via Berlin.

The Steamer Cavour Certainly Lost.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—If any hope was entertained that the missing steamer Cavour had been lost, that the wreckage that she ashore at Roundstone showed only that she had been damaged in the storm and could probably reach port in safety, that hope must be abandoned now. A life boat on the ill-fated bark had been washed ashore on the Irish coast, and to make assurance of her loss doubly sure, there has come ashore a model of the Cavour, the name of the Captain of the Cavour is believed that the only way this model could have got ashore from the cabin of the steamer was through the capsizing or foundering of the bark.

The Rich Monopolizing Relief Fuel.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 17.—The news reports asserts that the wood from the State forests which was placed at the disposal of the famine sufferers by order of the Czar, does not go to the poor, but to the profit of the capitalists who take the logs to build houses, while their unfortunate brethren are perishing with cold because they do not possess means to transport fuel.

EMBLEMS OF WASHDAY

That Disturb the Peace of Some of the Capital's Citizens.

THEY HANG OUT ON THE LINE

And Flout in the Eyes of the People as They Pass by the Spot.

INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS MAY ARISE

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 17.—A thrifty instinct has got Herr P. W. Buddecke, Chancellor of the German Legation, into a curious quarrel with his neighbors. Herr Buddecke has in front of his house one of those pretty, but small parked enclosures common in Washington. In this enclosure poles and lines have been erected, and upon these lines the Buddecke family washing is hung out to dry once a week.

As regularly as washday comes the Buddecke garments, large and small, mementoes and unmentionables, flaunt the air, and merrily swing in the breeze. When the wind blows hard these various garments are inflated into rude balloon-like caricatures of the Buddecke household's various figures. There in swelling outlines are the nimble limbs of the Chancellor himself, rudely dismembered from the official trunk, which appears upon another part of the line in bulging magnificence. There are pitiable effigies of the Buddecke ladies, done to shameless perfection in many colors and textures.

DAISY NO LONGER A HEROINE

Miss Hopkins, of Cambridge, Sent Up for Being Drunk and Disorderly.
LONDON, Feb. 17.—Miss Daisy Hopkins, the "Cambridge heroine," was sentenced today to seven days imprisonment for being drunk and disorderly and for using vulgar language and assaulting the police. Daisy Hopkins will be remembered as the "heroine" of the Cambridge spinning house "outrage." She was locked up some months ago by the pro-rector, Rev. Frederick Wallis, under an old law which gives the University authorities jurisdiction over the townships of Cambridge for walking the streets with a college student.

MORE CLERICAL THAN BEFORE

Is the Prussian Education Bill as Amended by the Committee.
BERLIN, Feb. 17.—The Committee of the Prussian Diet, which has been considering the measure, to-day adopted the fourth clause of the sectarian primary education bill. This clause establishes the denominational principle, providing that children belonging to religious denominations recognized by the State shall be instructed by teachers of their own denomination, except in popular schools already established, where present arrangements remain unchanged.

LIKE AN IRISH ELECTION.

The Government Obligated to Stop the Voting in a Japanese Town Because of Riots.
YOKOHAMA, Feb. 17.—Dispatches received here from various places throughout Japan, show that the elections for members of the House of Representatives have been attended with disturbances in many places. In Ogi, where, in common with the whole empire, political feeling ran very high, all the male inhabitants became involved in a general riot. The police were powerless to disperse the fighting crowds, and though they several times charged the rioters, they were each time repulsed and several of them were quite severely injured.

BIG POLISH GAME CAPTURED.

The Son of the Patriot Who Drove Russians From Warsaw, Bound for Siberia.
ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 17.—General Frederick, Chief of the Warsaw police, has arrested at Danzabro, the son of the famous patriot and historian, Joachim Lelewel, who was prominent in the Polish uprising of 1830, when the Russians were driven from Warsaw.

Coming to America En Masse.

ODESSA, RUSSIA, Feb. 17.—As a protest against the imposition of military service, the members of a German colony which had been established in the vicinity of Danzabro, a town of Asiatic Russia, have decided to emigrate en masse to the United States.

GALLICIA IS SNOWBOUND.

MR. VESUVIUS HAS BROKEN LOOSE AGAIN.
SICILY has been shocked by an earthquake. Another Spanish anarchist band has been broken up. A number of duels has followed the Hungarian elections. The Khalfia of the Sudan is marching upon Egypt again. The latest English gales caused the usual number of shipwrecks. Typhus fever, smallpox and cholera are three evils afflicting unhappy Poland. Government leaders at London are still talking of an early dissolution of Parliament.

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THE TONGUELESS MAN.

He Is the Black Sheep of a New York Family and Has Just Inherited a Fortune—His Family Looking for Him at Los Angeles.

STRANGE FRENCH OF A GAMBLER IN PRIESTLY GARB.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 17.—[Special.]—One of the greatest mysteries of this city has been that of the Tongueless Man, which has just been solved. Last November a priestly-looking man hired a room at the lodging house at the corner of Fifth and Broadway. He was quiet, well-behaved and a great church member. One morning he was found in his room, blood issuing from his mouth and a bloody razor in his hand. On examination it was found that he had cut out his tongue with the razor. Bloody tracks to the door, out in the hall and the bathroom indicated that he had been there. Search showed that he had thrown his tongue down a drain-pipe. Nothing could be learned from him about his identity. He had plenty of money and paid his bills. After his wound healed he disappeared. He was thought to have been a Catholic priest.

It now turns out that his name is George Wilson. He got garbed as a priest, but he is a professional gambler. His family is wealthy and live in New York. His father has just died and left an estate of \$150,000, \$50,000 of which was left to him. The estate cannot be settled until George has been found, and detectives from New York are now in this city looking for him. They state that George has been the black sheep of the family, and that his conduct has caused them untold trouble. This statement suggested that the man's strange act of cutting out his tongue was prompted by remorse and humiliation for his past deeds. When last seen in this city he was still wearing his priestly garb, and was believed to be staying at St. Vincent's School.

TWO MILLIONS IN ASHES.

A Fire Begins Before Midnight and Is Still Raging at New Orleans.
NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 17.—At 11 o'clock to-night fire broke out in the drygoods store of A. Schartz & Sons, corner of Canal and Bourbon streets, and in less than ten minutes the place was ablaze from ground to roof. The skylight gave way and the flame shot up more than 100 feet above the walls, and the heat was so great that the firemen could not get near the burning building. In half an hour the place was completely gutted and the walls were falling. The fire then spread to Phillip Werlein's music store east, to Cluery's drug store west, and extended on Canal street and consumed the stores of Runkle, drygoods and notions, John Mackay, confectionery; Kuhn, gloves and fancy goods; Kreeger, gloves and fancy goods; the Nickel Plate Shoe Store; Quibble, gloves and fancy goods; Kraus Brothers, fancy goods; and the stores of J. M. Mackay, confectionery; Brill's saloon; Wenger's beer saloon. The fire is still burning fiercely. The buildings and stocks already destroyed will approximate \$2,000,000.

FATAL BLAST IN A MINE.

Four Men Killed and a Fifth Has a Very Narrow Escape.
PLATTSBURG, N. Y., Feb. 17.—[Special.]—Three men were instantly killed, one fatally injured, and another slightly hurt in the Arnold ore mine between 8 and 9 o'clock this morning. Those killed are William Nolan, married, wife and nine children; Cornelius Dewey, married, wife and one child; Henry Patrow, unmarried, aged 17. The accident was caused by a blast which caused the roof of the mine to give way, letting down 200 tons of ore and burying the three men under it. John Mackay, confectionery, was talking to the reporters when hanging clothes on the parking is objectionable to the neighbors.

OPERATORS ASK AN ADVANCE.

A Very Polite Request Made of Lake Shore Railroad Officials at Toledo.
TOLEDO, Feb. 17.—At a meeting of the representative telegraph operators employed on the several divisions of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad, to consider the advisability of asking an increase of salaries, there were over 40 present. A petition had been prepared for presentation to the officials of the road, representing that the telegraph operators were insufficiently paid, and others were living from hand to mouth, monthly, less than the pay of section hands, it was claimed. It was decided to ask for a stated increase for all the operators, and an extra day's pay for Sunday work, whether night or day.

HAYES FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.

The Ex-President Before a Committee of the Ohio Legislature.
COLUMBUS, Feb. 17.—Ex-President Hayes made a strong plea to-night before the legislative committee having in charge what is known as the Nichols bill, proposing to divide the levy of one-twentieth of a mill for Ohio State University with the other colleges of the State.

SCARED BY A DUMMY BOMB.

How a Village Gets Even With a Butcher Who Fences Roads.
NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—[Special.]—A dummy bomb was thrown into John M. Sammis' butcher shop at the head of Audrey avenue, in Oyster Bay, last night. It shattered a pane of glass and landed on the floor. Mr. Sammis had been waging war against the village. He opposed the opening of two streets through his land. The village opened both streets, however, and since then Mr. Sammis has amused himself by building fences across them. The fences have been destroyed repeatedly and as often rebuilt by Mr. Sammis. Some think the missile was thrown as a warning to Mr. Sammis not to interfere with public improvement. The matter is being investigated.

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ROBBERS, NOT COLONISTS.

A Sensational Exposure of German Rule in East Africa—Only a Pretense of Tilling the Soil—Growing Fat Off Customs—Shocking Barbarity.
BERLIN, Feb. 17.—Engene Wolff, the newspaper correspondent whose reports to the Tagblatt on the disaster of the Zulewski expedition and other matters caused Chancellor von Caprivi to order his expulsion from German East Africa in November last, has published an amplified attack on Baron Soden's administration of the Government of the East African colony. Wolff says that all officers of experience in East Africa have either been dismissed from the service or have resigned in disgust, and that the Soden regime has destroyed public confidence and stopped progress and is bound to end in disaster. Wolff's article will form the subject of an interpellation in the Reichstag.

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