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SUPREME COURT CASES.

A. Number of Judgments Delivered 8aturday-Prepper's Appeal.

OTTAWA; Dec. 16. - After delivering judgments in the Supreme Court yesterday Chief Justice Ritchie announced that the decision in the Manitoba crossing case would be given next Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. Judgment was given in the Joliette election case confirming the judgment of the court below, unseating Mr. Guilbault on the ground of bribery by agents. In Presper v. the Queen, an appeal from

the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, the appeal was dismissed, Judges Strong and Fournier dissenting. This was an appeal on behalf of Preeper, who is sentenced to be hanged on Jan. 4 for the murder of Peter Doyle, on the ground that certain evidence taken at the trial should not have been admitted.

Brisbois v. the Queen-Appeal dismissed, Judges Strong and Fournier dissenting. This was an appeal on behalf of F. X. Brisbois, sentenced to death for murder at St. Scholastique. An appeal from the judgment of the trial judge was made to the Quebec Court of Appeals on the ground that one of the jurymen was not qualified to act, having taken the place of another man of the same name, but the appeal was dismissed. An appeal was then made to the Supreme Court and was dismissed on the ground that the court did not have jurisdiction. Chief Justice Ritchie held that the Court of Appeal at Montreal had no jurisdiction to try the case and consequently the Supreme Court had no jurisdiction. He advised that the only way for Brisbois to proceed was by writ of error. Foote v Foote-Appeal in a will case

from Nova Scotia, dismissed with costs. Trainer v Black Diamond Steamship Company-An action to recover damages for damaged goods, Trainer's appeal dismissed with costs.

McArthur v Brown, et al. - Dismissed with costs. Bernard v Molson-Dismissed with costs.

Longueuil Navigation Company v Montreal-Allowed with costs. Allan v. Merchants' Marine Insurance

Company-Dismissed with costs. Immigration returns to Nov. 30 show the total number of arrivals for eleven months 156, 180, being an increase of 18,018 over the same period last year. The numher of settlers in Canada was 82,947, showing an increase of 10,406 over last year.

It is understood that Lieut.-Colonel J. Pennington Macpherson, late commander of the guards, has been appointed an extra A. D. C. to the Governor-General.

AN OPIUM HUNT.

Important Seizure in the Wilds of Michigan-125 Boxes of the Drug, Captured.

PORT HURON, Dec. 16. - This evening on the Sand Beach express there arrived here the most important seizure of opium ever made in the Huron district. It may be remembered that last summer a little schooner, the Emma, owned by Capt. Harry Durant, was seized at Sand Beach on a charge of participating in the opium smuggling trade. Capt. Durant was arrested, but was let off at the time, the government preferring to wait bigger game that appeared to be in prospect. A watch was set on Capt. Durant, and he was kept under strict surveillance by the officers under the direction of Special Agent S. W. Dey, who had complete charge of the case. Shortly after nightfall on Thursday Harry

Durant was seen on horseback at Sand Beach headed for Port Hope. Detective Day and his deputies followed him. After about twenty miles of travel they came to a lumbering road, w. ich took them into a dreary woodland, miles from a house and leading there was no telling where. They had not gone far on the road before they divided, the gang single file, some distance apart. The leader, after some traveling, heard some one coming toward him and quickly returned to his companions, secreted themselves roadside. Durant came up cautiously, revolver in hand, and occasionally solidating in this State without permission uttering a sharp whistle, as though he expected some one. As he came near at hand, the officers jumped up and ordered him to halt. Durant did halt, but his revolver came to the front at the same time, and he banged away at the officers, and they in turn banged away at him. The reception was too warm for him, and off he slid into the bushes and took leg bail for dear life. The officers caught his horse and made after the fugitive, but in vain.

Making their way back to the lumbering road they followed it up in hopes of finding the opium which they were certain Durant had been to visit. After several miles' travel they came back to the logging road, where they found hidden behind fallen trees and bushes the much coveted opium, 125 long tin boxes, which had at one time been covered by paper, but which now showed evidence of having been buried in the earth.

Of Great Utility.

There is no other medicine of such general usefulness in the household as Hagyard's kampf and Thomas Mack, on trial for Vellow Oil for the cure of rheumatism, wholesale robberies from street letter boxes, neuralgia, sore throat and all internal and external pains and injuries.

Sweet Cider, Raspherry Jam and Jelly. Genuine sweet cider, 25c gallon ; jam and jelly, 124c fb; oranges, 20c; lemons, 20c; nne white clover honey, 20c; buck wheat soney, 15c; self-raising buck wheat flour and maple syrup. James Crawford.

J. B. Page & Co., the leading hatters and I arriers for Christmas presents.

FOR PROGRESSIVE ACTION.

The German Reichstag Favor a Vigorous Colomial Policy.

Reichstag on Dr. Winthorst's motion relative to the suppression of the East African slave trade has dispelled many errors which were current among those who believed that Germany would never stir a foot or spend a penny, directly or indirectly, to assist the East Africa Company over its straits. ostensibly the object of the motion, its real aim was simply to elicit the sense of the nation concerning the commercial and political future of the East Africa Company and to provide a basis for further Government action. It is an open secret that Prince Bismarck was reluctant to embark in a spirited colonial policy until the nation should have clearly expressed its will on the matter, This has now been done in a manner so decided as to render the Chancellor's future course clear. The debate marks an important development in the colonial policy. The Reichstag has declared in favor of progressive action and completely dispelled the illusion that Germany's action to recover lost ground and to safeguard her imperilled positions on the Zanzibar littoral would be confined to blockading operations on the

The attitude of the Russian and German press does not improve. The Hamburg Correspondent's article of Thursday on the relations between Germany, Austria and Russia was issued by a semi-official telegraph agency and may accordingly be accepted as authentic. But fortunately, in spite of its semi-official character and the | ed a quiet day, and generally speaking his strong feeling it displays, the article has not | condition remains about the same although | produced much effect either on the Boerse or on the public mind, although it is seen from the fact that semi-official writers again threaten to publish the Austro-Russian treaties of 1876 and 1877 that political relations with Russia must be strained.

The North German Gazette, referring to the article, expresses the hope that the Russo-German newspaper war will not be renewed, and intimates that if it is the Russian Pan-Slavist press will be left to stew in its own juice, while The Tageblatt advises the public not to be alarmed at the journalistic war, but to wait until The Reichsanzeiger publishes the treaties.

Friday's debate in the Reichstag was memorable as the occasion of Count Herbert Bismarck's maiden speech. The greatest interest was shown and more deputies were present than on any other day during The public galler the session. Count Herbert were also crowded. speech occupied over thirty min utes. His voice, enunciation, gestur and abrupt delivery vividly remisted the audience of his father. He cannot exactly be said to have the gift of eloquence, yet he acquitted himself of his task remarkably

Emperor William continues to work hard. He receives Generals von Waldersee and von Witlich daily. It is reported that the latter is engaged in explaining in minute detail the possibility of Germany sustaining a war against France and Russia simultaneously.

A Fight in Court.

JACKSON, Tenn., Dec. 16 .- During trial before 'Squire Exsem in this county yesterday over a settlement between Tom Brown and a colored family named Hicks, Will Hicks cross-examined Miss Fannie Brown in a rather abrupt manner and was told by her brother Tom to be more careful. The negro replied with an oath and knocked Brown down. Other negroes and Peter Brown, brother of Tom Brown, joined in a general fight. Tom Brown cut one or two negroes with his knife and stabbed the mother of Will Hicks in the throat. his brother were also badly hurt. At last accounts the negroes were arming and there was much excitement.

Irene Hawes' Body Found.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 16.—The body of Irene Hawes was found in the lake at Lakeview near Birmingham yesterday. There were no marks of violence. The find caused no excitement as people had expect. ed for a week that it would be found near where the mother's body was discovered. Unen told that the body of his other missing child had been found Hawes had noth. ing to say except to ask in an indifferent sort of way where it was. He then refused to answer any questions. No trouble is expected, but the guard at the jail has been increased as a matter of precaution.

Ammunition and Rifles for Hayti. NEW YORK, Dec. 16.-The steamer Audes sailed yesterday for Port-au-Prince. carried several hundred thousand car- 'Miss., Saturday; loss on steamer \$12,000, tridges and 1000 Winchester and Rem. on cargo \$45,000; the latter is insured.

war vessels get there is credited in shipping . 362 to 188. circles, and is considered a wise move on the ! part of l'reston, the Haytian minister.

A Chicago Judge Beats the Divorce Record. Chicago, Dec. 16. - Yesterday was divorce case day in Judge Jameson's court. The court was tired of the droning of law yers over details, so he took the matter of getting at the facts in his own hands, with the result that another record was beaten and a mark set for future judges to shoot at. In one hour the court had gone through thirty-five cases, of which six were tried one every 10 minutes.

Regulating the Bailroads.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 16. - The State Senate has passed by overwhelming majorities two bills to prevent railroads from conof the Legislature and to enlarge the au thority of the Railroad Commission by giving it absolute power to prescribe and regulate freight and passenger tariffs and prevent unjust discriminations.

Sale of an Mistoric House. GETTYSBURG, Pa., Dec. 16. - The house

at Seminary Ridge, occupied by General Lee as his headquarters during the great battle, was sold yesterday by Hon. Edward McPherson, executor of the Thaddens Stevens estate, to a resident of this place for \$740.

The Whisky Trust's War.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16. -It is announced that the whisky trust has decided on a campaign of extermination against the distillers who have refused to come into the combination. This is to be inaugurated on Jan. I by a decided reduction in the price of whisky.

Letter Thieres Convicted.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16. - Frederick von Ober were found guilty last evening, and will Brant, of Montieth, Manitoba, after baving each doubtless receive a long sentence to used it for a severe wound and for frozen the penitentiary.

Hotel and Tenement House Burned. RONDOUT, N. Y., Dec. 16. - Dixon's hotel and terfement house were burnt yesterday a. W at port.

Grand Duke Faul of Russia will be married to Princess' thexander of Greece hext Jane.

THE KHALIFA'S LETTER.

BERLIN, Dec. 16 .- The debate in the EMIN PACHA AND A WHITE TRAVEL ER IN CHAINS.

> Heavy firing at Sunkim -- A Reconnelsance Made on the Rebels' Position-Mr. Giadstone's Limehouse Speech.

SUAKIM, D c. 16. - The Khalifa's letter to Osman Digna states that a steamer ex to the equator pedition Oman Pas.a and white traveler delivered to them in chains Saleb in his letter to the Khalifa stated that he reached Lado on Oct. Il and that the Khedive had sent a white traveler named Stanley with a letter telling Emin to go with Stanley and offering the remainder of the force the option of going enter the Turkish service and gladly re- day to answer the charge, a summons havceived Oman Saleb. Oman Saleb found a ing been issued. large quantity of feathers and ivory. He heard that another traveler had visited Emin but had gone and he was searching

A reconnoisance was made in the left and rear of the rebels' position to-day. The party was headed by Gen. Grenfell, and advanced under a heavy fire from the forts. The Arabs opened fire but did no damage. Firing continues on both sides and the Arabs' earthworks have been damaged.

Mr. Bright's Condition.

LONDON, Dec. 16, -Mr. Bright has passhis lungs are in a worse state than in the

The Panama Canal Matter, Paris, Dec. 16, -Most of the papers here consider the rejection of the Panama Canal the Chamber of Deputies as pusilianimous, while others declare that it will prove fatal

to the republic.

The Universal Penny Postage Scheme. London, Dec. 16. - John Henniker Heaton, M. P. for Canterbury, will visit the United States next year and will endeavor to have a bill submitted to Congress prouniversal penny postage.

Harmless Firing at Suakim. SCAKIM, Dec. 16. - A body of mounted con oitring expedition in the direction of thoroughly discussed the inflated charges of Handoub yesterday. The enemy remained | Messrs, the liquidators of this unforin their trenches. There was some firing, | tunate concern and will make their formal rebut it was harmless.

MASON CITY, Ia., Dec. 17.-A. Cowen, aged 79 years, an old and highly respected citizen of this place, is out with a challenge to any man of 79 in the United States to run him a forty or eighty rod race and at the end of the race jump and strike his heels together three times. He will wager \$500 to \$10,000 on the result.

A Burning Village.

WHITBY, Dec. 16. - Fire is raging in the village of Brooklin, six miles north of here. It commenced about 7 o'clock in Ketchen's blacksmith shop, burning The Times office, and everything is going on the west side of Main-street. Our fire brigade has gone out with the steamer Merryweather.

INTERESTING TEMS BY WIRE.

Great uneasiness exists at Panama regarding the crisis in the alairs of the canal com-

Prince Eugene of Savoie Carignan is dead at Turin. He was 72 years of age and was an Admiral in the Italian army. W. H. Ingalls & Co.'s wholesale boot and

shoe house at Louisville, Ky., was burnt Saturday night; loss \$40,000, insurance **\$33,000.** The works of the Putnam Wire Nail Annual Meeting of the Dominton Commer-

Company at Greencastle, Ind., were destroyed by fire Saturday night; loss \$12,000, insurance \$6000.

coach whip in England, is dead. He drove annual report showed that 378 new mem-Brighton.

recently died in London, Eng.

Prohibition Alderman Holmes of Rockford, Ill., found a dynamite bomb on his piazza Saturday morning. The fuse had

been ignited but expired. The steamer H. Barsdale, loaded with It is reported on good authority that she cotton seed, was burnt at Yazoo City,

ington rifles for the Haytian Government. | The committee appointed by the Chamber The report that a crew has been sent to of Deputies to consider the bill postponing Taylor, J. A. Cantlie and I. S. Boxer. Port-au-Prince to bring back the steamer, the payment of the Panama Canal Com-

Haytian Republic before the United States | pany's liabilities has rejected the measure, versity in Washington, is in Rome on busi-

> whose statutes he has submitted to the Johnson smashed a jewelry store window square which was destroyed by fire, the and stole a diamond necklace valued at | policy having expired at noon, while the

Henry Meredith, who shot and vounded Gambler PhilDaly, has been recognized as Lewis Carleton, who is wanted to complete

5 years of a 7-years' sentence for forgery in states prison at Columbus, O. Fire Saturday night in the building on Pine-street between Third and Fourth, St. Louis, caused a loss of \$100,000 on building

and \$200,000 to printing and publishing concerns occupying the building. The woman Gallagher, who was arrested at Queenstown with 50 dynamite cartridges in her possesson, is a widow who has lived in Cleveland, O., many years and left there

Dec. 7 with 20 other Irish men and women. Lord Dufferin was given a banquet at In a speech he reviewed the condition of over the country to Lord Lansdowne with

a cloudless political horizon. The British Covernment has issued an order restricting the functions of prison doctors in Ireland, requiring them to furnish a printed form stating their recommendation of change of diet, etc., tog their with the reasons upon which such ch n es, etc., are based.

A High Valuation.

"If there was only one bottle of Hagyard's Yellow Gil in Manitoba I would give one hundred dollars for it," writes, Phillip H. fingers, with, as he srys, "astonishing good results.

In a Dreadful Condition. Hattie E. Manthorn, of Mill Village, Ont., says, "My cough was dreadful, could not sleep at nights on account of it, but when I used Hagyard's Pectoral Balsam I had rest and was quickly cured." All druggists sell this invaluable cough remedy. TORONTO TOPICS.

Ex-Liquidator Campbett's Case-A Sutt for Crimiuni Libel-Federation Sanday. TORONTO, Dec. 17 .-- On Friday evening the further hearing of evidence seeking to show illegality in an issue of \$50 bills by Interim-Liquidator Campbell was adjourned till Saturday afternoon. Then they were not ready to go on and the proceedings were postponed till to-morrow. Mr. James Baxter will give evidence in the Barnett case at the Police Court to-day and will have his

books and papers before the Master on Tues-

by Emin's officers and the troops. Oman facturing Company, on Saturday swore out ties at Suakim, but the contents were not a criminal information charging William F. allowed to become public till General Gren-Maclean with having slibelled him in an article published in The World on Dec. 8. The article complained of was a criticism of Mr. Massey and his connection with the Victoria College agitation. The defendant will appear at the Police Court on Wednes-

Yesterday was "Federation Sunday" and in a number of the Methodist Churches sermons were preached advocating the federation of Victoria with the Provincial University. Liberal donations were given and promised.

James Foley, a Lombard-street tough who has distinguished himself several times of late by committing several savage assaults on his wife, for the last of which he served 6 months in the Central Prison, is again behind the bars on the old charge. About 8 o'clock on Saturday morning Mrs. she told them that her husband was responsible for her terrible usage. Foley was a doctor attended the injured woman. It was found that her skull had been fracturbill a mistake. Some describe the vote in ed, and that one or two ribs had been broken by the violence of the blows of her husband. She was removed later in the day to the Hospital where she is progressing favorably.

A Rome dispatch to The Detroit Free Press of Sunday coafirms the announcement | To such slender straws do the sinking hopes that Bishop Dowling of Peterboro has been transferred to the diocese of Hamilton, and that he will be succeeded by Dean O'Conviding for the adoption of his scheme of nor of Barrie in the Peterboro bishopric. It is expected that the appointment of Bishop Walsh of London as Archbishop of Toronto will be announced within a week.

On Saturday a number of those known as infantry and Egyptian cavalry made a re- the Central Bank Creditors' Committee presentations to the Master at Osgonde Hail to-day. They unanimously condenin what they call the imposition of Messrs. Howland, Gooderham and Lye, and are hopeful that the additional facts will have due weight with the Master in his deferred judgment to-day.

Mrs. McLachlan, wife of Rev. Alex. Mc-Lachlan, who less than a year ago, with her husband, left for Tarsus, Asia Minor, to take charge of a St. Paul's Institute that had been tounded in that place under the auspices of various American missionary societies, died on Wednesday at Adana, Asia Minor, Mrs. McLachian was the daughter of Mr. Joseph Stephens of McCaul street, and was married to her hust and just before he started for the mission field.

Letters patent have been issued incorporate ating the Cline Manufacturing Company, with a capital of \$75,000, in 750 shares of \$100 each. The head office of the company is in Toronto. Supplemental letters patent have been issued increasing the capital of the Kay Electric Light Company from \$3,000 to \$20,000.

Before the Police Magistrate on Saturday Jamea Yellop, Oscar Sherlock, Edward Peak and Charles Goodall, who participa ed in a series of assaults on inoffensive people on the previous afternoon, were sentenced: Yellop, 90 days' imprisonment; Sherlock, fined \$10 and cents or 30 days; Peak, fined \$20 and costs or 40 days; Goodall, 60 days' imprisonment.

KNIGHTS OF THE GRIP.

cial Travelers' Association.

MONTREAL, Dec. 16. - The annual meeting of the Dominion Commercial Travelers' Jem Selby, the best and most celebrated Association took place last night. The a coach from Hatchett's, in Picadilly, to bers had been admitted during the year, while 271 old members had dropped out, Edward Davey of Little Falls, Minn., has leaving the present membership at 1936. been left \$250,000 and a valuable tract of Fourteen members died during the year, North Carolina land by an aunt who three of whom were members of the benefit society and an average of \$720 each was paid to their widows. About \$100 was dishuised by the trustees of the educational fund. The cash surplus for the year shows a gain of \$11,175. the largest balance which the association has ever had in one year. The report and muancial statement were adopted and these officers were elected: President, F. Birks; Vice-President, to. Picz (acclamation); Treasurer, R. B. Huchison (acclamation). Directors-G. L. Carris, W. Percival, John

An Important Insurance Case.

MONTREAL, Dec 16. - The important in-Bishop Keane, rector of the Catholic Uni surance case between The Herain Company and the Northern Assarance Company was ness in connection with the institution | decided yesterday by Judge Johnson. The Herald Company sued for \$3000 on a policy of insurance on the com-At New York Saturday night William pany's old building on Victoria-\$4500. He was arrested and the necklace | building was burnt the same night. The (ourt in a lengthy decision came to the conclusion that the policy was good at the ime of the fire.

Two Mamilton Ladles Fined. HAMILLON, Dec. 15 -At this morning's session of the Police Court the Police Magistrate gave decision in the charges brought by Constable Cameron against Mrs Frank MacKelcan and Mr. Wm. McKee for unsion. The Magistrate fined each of the de- difficulties. fendants \$3 or 10 days in jail. Mr. F. Mac-Kelcan, on behalf of Mrs. Mackelcan, gave notice of appeal.

An Illinois Central Train Bobbed.

GRENADA, Wiss., Dec. 16. - Friday night Bombay before his departure for England. | passenger train No. 2 on the Illinois Central Road was robbed by two masked men Indian allairs and declared that he handed one mile north of Duckhill. The robbers took \$3000 from the express car. Chess nughes of Jackson, Tenn., ran out with Winchester riffe. He was fired upon, one shot striking him in the left arm and another going through his stomach, inflicting a fatal wound.

The Ontcome of a Seed Wheat Beat. WHITEY, Dec. 16 .- Police Magistrate

Harper committed for trial Joseph James, charged with perjury, and J. W. Rymal, charged with fraud, the two witnesses for plaintiff in Wilkes v. Hodgson, a case growing out of A. Hope of Brantford's seed wheat speculations amongs Pickering

Banker Waldron in Windsor. WINDSOR, Dec. 16. -C. W. Waldron, the Hillsdale banker, is sojourning here. His headquarters are at the Crawford House, where he has been stopping for the past two days. It is learned that the young banker is remaining in Canada for a season.

Prince Alexander of Heese, uncle of the Grand Duke L. dwig, whose serious Muses was announced a few days sep, is den .

THE WORLD OF LONDON.

SPECULATIONS ABOUT EMIN PACHA AND STANLEY.

The Situation at Sunkim-Begradation of " ruch Politics - English and Irish Po-Bit c. - Personal

UNDON, Dec. 13, -The Government exna's letter announcing the Emin Pacha and Mr. Stanley. Mr. H. A. Massey of the Massey Manu- some days in the possession of the authorifell and others had reluctantly come to the conclusion that the story was probably true. Even now the letter, though published in Egypt, has not been telegraphed in full to London. A summary of its contents appeared yesterday in The Standard exclusively. That journal, and to-day every other journal I have seen, lean to a belief in the genuineness of the news. one seems able to explain how the Mahdi or Osman Digna could have obtained otherwise the letter which the Khedive gave Mr. Stanley in Chiro for Emin Pacha. The most plausible suggestion is that the letter was captured in some encounter not necessarily involving Mr. Stanley's capture. General Grenfell recognizes the letter as genuine. It is not impossible that a copy was sent to Osman from Cairo, where treachery is common as sunlight. What motive had Osman in concocting this news? Ask those who Foley made her way to a neighbor's house, | credit it. Lord Randolph Churchill unwitbruised all over and apparently in a dying | tingly supplied an answer in the House of condition. The police were informed, and Commons. He pressed the Government, in view of this news, to negotiate for the release of Emin Pacha and Mr. Stanley before arrested and placed in No. I station, while | beginning an attack upon the besiegers of Suakim. Osman may very well have guessed that with such hostages as Mr. Stanley and Emin Pacha in the Mahdi's hands, the English would think twice before taking any step calculated to increase the peril in which they stand. Osman's reputation as one of the most notorious and ingenio s of living liars may also count for something. of the world now cling.

Meanwhile the whole policy, or want of policy, at Suakim, is once more challenged, and the absurdity of the situation comes out more clearly than ever. England keeps up the fiction of Egyptian authority and acts in the name of her puppet. The Khedive refuses to look the facts in the face. Suakim cannot be abandoned. But how long is it to be held under a teasing fire of slave-trading Arabs? If they are driven further back and a new fort built, that fort will be besteged. Then what? Such are some of the questions the public are beginning to ask, to which no answer is ready.

Mr. Butterworth's proposal to open negotiations for the annexation of Canada to the United Sta : has been cabled here. It is received in science by the press in general, and with gentle sarcasm by such papers as notice it.

The bankruptcy of the Panama Canal surprises nobody here. What does surprise people is M. de Lesseps' resignation, which is regarded as a final confession of failure. The intervention of the French Covernment is considered a desperate exrelient to avert a catastrophe for the

moment only. the very worst symptom of degradation French politics have yet seen is the election of "General" Cluseret in the Var. Some unexplained influence was at work, since Cluseret had but 14,000 votes, while 67.000 abstained. He was one of the vilest of

Communards. Mgr. Persico's report to the Pope on the tate of Ireland pleases neither party. Unionists dislike it because it favors aspirations for Home Rule. Nationalists dislike it because it condemns boycotting, the Plan of Campaign, and other illegal methods which the nationalists deem essential to success. Whether the report will have

much practical effect is disputed. The Maidstone election does but little toward clearing up the political situation. The lory majority is reduced by hard work on the Liberal side and the Liberals claim a moral victory. The Tories, who set less value on moral victories, are satisfied to

retain the seat. The breach of privilege case which made such a stir in the House of Commons a fortnight since has collapsed. Mr. Sheehy is no longer either a hero or a martyr, and Mr. Sullivan is not destined to become a victim or spend the rest of his days in the Clock Tower. The committee adopted a mild report, but one clause seemed to Mr. Smith so objectionable that he opposed Mr. Whitbread's motion that the House should concur in the report, which was accordingly tabled and is dead. The Moroney case, too, has ended quietly with the release of the bankrupt by Judge Boyd on motion of the landlord who had made him a bankrupt. His champions in the House for some reason declined to ask the court to release him. Prisoner or otherwise, no more capital is

now to be made out of him. The National Liberal Club troubles attract more and more attention. Hartington has actually resigned. admitted that the club's finances are not prosperous, and admitted that something. must be done to retrieve its fertunes if any considerable secession should occur. There are nearly 6000 members. Yet so heavy have been the expenses connected with the new buildings, and so low is the yearly subscription, \$20, that the club does not pay its way. To put it on a paying basis is of urgent importance to the Home Rule party, who have practically taken possession of the buildings and of the organization. To raise the yearly subscription is thought unwise. The amount is kept low to enable everybody to join it. Never was it so useful as now lawfully driving through a funeral procest to the Gladstonians, and never in such

Sundry papers publish a denial of the statement that Lord Randolph Churchill is to start in January for South America and remain abroad till May. My authority was Lord Randolph himself. Messrs. Long. mans announce a collection of Lord Randolph's speeches, selected and edited by Mr. Jennings, who will write a political and biographical preface, annotate the speeches and add some correspondence rather menacing y described as of considerable interest. Lord Randolph himself corrects the text. imagine this publication is meant as a kind of appeal from Lord Salisbury and his Cabinet to the great body of the Tory party and public opinion generally. There can be no doubt of its exceeding interest to all who care for current English politics, or for one of the most striking English personalities of the time.

The sale of Sir Frederick Leighton's fine Captive Andromache to Liverpool for £4200 is hailed in the provinces as a kind of triumph over London. The picture goes to Berlin, where a photogravure will be executed. Neither the previnces nor London hail this as a triumph. How is it that the reproduction cannot be done in England? ask friends of English art. Answer, there G. W. S. is not e.

The Prince of Wales on Wednesday last replaced in the coffin in the private chapel at Windows the region of Charles P, which were removed on the secusion of in / invest;gation in lals.