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REMINDERS.

LECTURE by Geo. R. Parkin in the City Hall.

MARRIED.

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TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Injury by the Landslides. GENEVA, Feb. 14.—Extensive landslides have occurred at Fleuvier, Neuchâtel. Several houses have been demolished. The inhabitants are fleeing.

Gladstone Gives a Tip. LONDON, Feb. 14.—Gladstone has summoned his supporters to be present on the reassembling of parliament when it is expected important matters will be submitted.

He Died in a Cab. MONTREAL, Feb. 14.—E. E. Gilbert, of the celebrated contracting firm of C. E. Gilbert & Sons, returned from Ottawa on Tuesday, took a cab to drive to his residence, but died of heart disease en route.

One Great Bar to Wealth. LONDON, Feb. 14.—Russian papers state that the Russian branch of the English family of Lesly, has inherited a legacy of ten million sterling, but the members have been requested to become English subjects before the money is paid.

Effects of the Earthquake. NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—Advices from Costa Rica place the damage by the late earthquake at \$2,000,000 in San Jose alone. At La Laguna the earthquake looks like a rough sea. A man and his four children were buried there.

A Big Claim for Damages. WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The official correspondence regarding the American ship Bridgewater, seized by the Canadian authorities, show that the vessel has been released, and that Secretary Bayard has asked the British government to see that her owner gets over \$28,000 compensation.

A New Order Forming. CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—A paper says that acting on the circulars sent out by Philadelphia several weeks ago, signed by a number of so-called original members of the knights of labour, George Schilling, the socialist and labour agitator, has begun the work of reorganizing several discontented assemblies.

How Is This for High? CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—A contract was let to day for the adding of three additional stories to the Palmer house. This will make it twelve stories in height, running the entire block from State street to Wabash avenue, and will give the house the prestige of being one of the highest hotel structures in the world. Work will be commenced immediately.

Baseballers in Rome. ROME, Feb. 14.—The government has consented to give the use of the colosseum to the American baseball players, but it has been found that the dangerous state of galleries precludes the idea of playing in the arena. Doubts are expressed whether the police regulations of Rome, resulting from the recent riots, will not prevent the Americans from playing here. The teams arrived at Brindisi on Friday.

A Bad, Bad Man. CINCINNATI, Feb. 14.—Judge Robertson has filed a cross petition in the case of Mrs. Emma Harper, wife of E. L. Harper, against Mrs. Mary Baldwin, relict of A. Baldwin, cashier of the late Fidelity bank. The document discloses a page of Baldwin's history hitherto unknown, and shows that in addition to \$18,000 shortage as cashier of the Third National bank, he appropriated to personal use \$45,000 while executor of the estate of Mrs. E. C. Riddle.

The Crash Has Come. PARIS, Feb. 14.—When the question of the revision of the constitution came up in the chamber of deputies to-day Count de Danville Maillan moved that the debate on the subject be adjourned. Notwithstanding the opposition of the government the motion was adopted by a vote of 307 to 208. Premier Floquet thereupon announced that the ministry would immediately resign.

PARIS, Feb. 14.—Immediately after Floquet's announcement in the chamber all the members of the ministry sent their resignations to President Carnot.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S PLAN.

A Dissolution a Foreign Hope—Some Words of Advice Given. LONDON, Feb. 14.—The effect of the government defeats at Govan and elsewhere in Scotland is apparent in Mr. Chamberlain's speech at Glasgow, where he declared that dissolution is a foreign hope unless a positive policy for Ireland supersedes the negative one and the government vies with the radical reforms in England, advocated by Messrs. Morley and Gladstone. Mr. Chamberlain suggests free school subsidies and a crofter's land purchase bill, England and Scotland to support the former. He says his American experience showed him that the common school system there is the glory of the country. Cardinal Manning writes a sweeping attack on the common schools for American children.

A TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.

Joseph Miller is Almost Fatally Injured in a Shannonville Mill.

SHANNONVILLE, Feb. 14.—A painful accident occurred yesterday morning in Wall-bridge's mill by which Joseph Miller, of Shannonville, reived painful and dangerous injuries. It appears that the dog of the circular saw, over which he was working, burst and one of the fragments struck Mr. Miller under the ear, cutting his neck and face so badly that at first his life was despaired of. Dr. Walker was immediately summoned who pronounced the injuries, though dangerous, not necessarily fatal.

LABOUCHERE'S LATEST.

BOTTOM FACTS ABOUT PRINCE RUDOLPH NOT GOT AT.

The Wound Behind the Ear and How It Appears to be Inflicted—A Woman's Hand is Plainly Seen—The Mystery is Not Cleared Up Yet.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—Mr. Labouchere cables to the World from London as follows: We have not got to the bottom of the Meyerling tragedy. I do not believe in the authenticity of the letters which have appeared in the papers as coming from the Archduke Rudolf and Baroness Marie Veseva, stating their intention to live no longer. These letters seem to me to be of a piece with all the stories told by orders of the emperor between the occurrence of the tragedy and the funeral of Rudolf. Before there was time to concoct a good circumstantial account that would hold water to other official people blurted out that Crown Prince Rudolf had been shot behind the ear in a diagonal direction, and the coronal part of the skull had been carried off by the bullet as it went out of the head. Nothing at all was said of the Baroness Marie Veseva. We might fancy it was she who discharged the pistol if she had not been shot in the back. Both were found dead on the same couch and there were flowers scattered upon the corpse of Marie. Does not this point to a woman's hand—that of a maniac from jealousy and to supreme and feminine irony in vengeance? The diagonal shot upward also points at somebody having been concealed in the room under the bed or table, or some other piece of furniture, and creeping along stealthily until he or she got up to the sleeping pair and to placing the muzzle of the pistol close to Rudolf's head and firing up at it. Marie would doubtless on hearing the shot have sought to have escaped, when she was knocked over by a pistol shot in the back. There were mutilations also of both bodies which showed a maniacal hatred. Baroness Veseva, the mother, I am told, calls for justice. It is withheld to prevent a worse scandal than that which has been stirring the world for the last fortnight. The letters announcing suicidal intent have, as it was pointed out by me, been overdone. Why, of all persons in the world should the Crown Prince Rudolf have written on this subject to the Duke of Braganza, with whom he was but slightly acquainted, and who lives at Lisbon like a *bon bourgeois*. If there was murder the murderer or murderers must have known the *petite maison* at Meyerling, with its dogs and domestics, so as to get in without being barked at or challenged. There were several watchdogs there and unchained. Why should Rudolf, with his great expectations, have taken the suicidal plunge with his inamorata? At Vienna, where manners and morals are lax, it would have been thought a feather in Marie's cap to have made a conquest of him and to have been conquered in return. The hypothesis of a double murder is everywhere accepted out of England.

STARTLING RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

An Escape of Passengers in Time—A Coach Found on Fire.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—A Paris despatch to the Herald says a startling accident occurred at daybreak on Tuesday to the express train coming from Nice to Paris. As the train reached a point five miles south of Dijon the passengers in a new carriage, in which the compartments communicate with each other, noticed a strong smell of something burning. The carriage was heated with hot air currents that premediated about under the flooring. One of the passengers noticed that flames were darting up from the floor. The passengers pulled the alarm signal, but it did not work, being jammed or frozen. There were twelve persons in the carriage and the flames were increasing with frightful rapidity. The floor of the train was one mass of glowing embers. The passengers jumped on the seats and shrieked for the guards as the train began to slow up for Dijon. The guards noticed the smoke and stopped the train. The flames were already curling about the seats and the passengers jumped out of the carriage leaving their luggage behind. The carriage was completely destroyed.

GEN. HARRISON'S CABINET.

It May be a Surprise to Some People—As the State Stands at Present.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—There are some republicans who say the cabinet, as now arranged, will be a great surprise. One of these well posted gentlemen says he believes that when the state reaches the senate it will read:

Secretary of state—James G. Blaine. Secretary of the treasury—Gen. Russell A. Alger. Secretary of the navy—John W. Foster.

Secretary of war—Gen. Rusk. Secretary of interior—M. M. Estee. Attorney general—William M. Everts. Postmaster general—Robt. S. Taylor. Commissioner of agriculture—Powell Clayton.

It is now given out that the presidential party will leave for Washington on the 25th. The party will comprise Gen. and Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. McKee and two children, Mrs. Lord, sister of Mrs. Harrison, Private Secretary Halford, and perhaps one or two others.

CONDITION OF THE CATTLE.

If Storms set in There Will Surely be an Immense Loss of Stock.

HELENA, Mont., Feb. 14.—A. C. Webster, a Northern Montana stock grower, just in from the cattle ranches, says the spring dry weather is not good for the cattle. The streams are frozen, and there is not a particle of snow on the ground. Many cattle are almost dying for water. It is just cold enough to keep the ice on the rivers. If, as is anticipated, a storm sets in during the latter part of this month, or in March, he fears there will be great loss of cattle on the ranches. Instead of being fat and healthy the cattle look very bad.

BOULANGER WAS RIGHT.

Recalling an Incident of 1887—The Question of Army Mobilization.

PARIS, Feb. 14.—With reference to the assertion that Gen. Boulanger wanted President Grevy to sign a decree for the mobilization of the army at time of Schnabele's excitement, in 1887, M. Flourens states that Boulanger's attitude of that period, when the government learned that Germany contemplated the mobilization of 70,000 troops in Alsace-Lorraine, left nothing to be desired.

JOLY ON ROBERT ELSMERE.

He Does Not Think the Book Will do Any Good—Changing to the Old Faith.

The following letter was written by the Hon. H. G. Joly de Lotbiniere to a friend in Montreal:

My Dear Charlie,—Thank you for sending me "Robert Elsmere." You tell me it contains a religious theory, and ask me what I think of the book.

I overcame my growing repugnance and read it to the end, feeling that in your enquiry there was a more serious purpose than that of finding what I thought of a novel.

The only new feature in this new religion of Robert Elsmere is its name,—"The New Brotherhood of Christ."

It is the old Arianism under a new name, the negation of the divinity of Christ. Elsmere will not admit anything divine about our Saviour except his perfect goodness, upon which he builds the whole of his creed.

Nothing appears to me more illogical than the position of those who deny that Christ was God, but at the same time proclaim very loudly that he was the best of men, the only perfect man, while, according to their own theory, he must have been a deceiver. In forming their opinion of the character of Christ they must rely on the testimony of the Gospels, for it is not in Josephus nor in the Roman historians that they will find sufficient grounds for considering Him as the most perfect of men, the pattern of mankind.

When they extol His perfect life and His beautiful teachings, as recorded in the gospels, do they overlook the fact that part of Christ's teaching, the very foundation of it, was that, as the Son of God and as God Himself, He had assumed man's nature, had come to suffer and die, for the purpose of making man better?

They must take the testimony of the gospels, as regards Christ's utterances, as a whole, and must admit that He represented Himself as the Son of God, as the very God. If they deny that He spoke the truth on that most vital question of his own personality how can they hold Him up as the best of men, the guide and pattern of mankind?

I would not encourage anyone to read "Robert Elsmere." This book may succeed in throwing a dark shadow across the path of some of its readers and may even cause some to wander away from the true road, but if they ask themselves where it will lead them to,—if they compare our ever-living, ever-helping Christ with the Christ of this book, a man who has lain in the grave for over eighteen centuries helpless to help the sufferer, then, after all, this book may do them good, as it will make them cling more closely than ever to the old faith.

Yours sincerely,
H. G. JOLY DE LOTBINIERE.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The First Congregational Church Prospering—A Third Church to Be Built.

Last evening the annual meeting of the First Congregational church was held in their hall. On conclusion of the tea, Rev. S. N. Jackson presided, and, after expressing the pleasure he had in meeting the congregation on the twelfth year of his pastorate, gave a review of his administrations during the year, stating that notwithstanding the large number of removals the church had increased and prospered. The Sabbath school, with its efficient staff of teachers, was satisfactory. The congregation were greatly indebted to the choir, under the able leadership of Mr. Thomas Savage, for the voluntary services of song, the introduction of the new hymnal having increased their labours. The ladies' association, he said, was still active, their efforts being directed to the internal improvement of the church—in re-cushioning and carpeting of pews and putting in partly stained glass windows. He was pleased to announce, that, through the generosity of B. W. Robertson, and with the concurrence of the officers of the First and Second churches, a third Congregational church was in the course of erection in the vicinity of the cotton mill. Rev. A. McFadyen also gave a short congratulatory address.

Mr. J. McEwen read the financial statement of the church which showed that \$2,140.81 had been raised for all purposes, meeting all expenses, and Miss Phippen that of the ladies' association, which had a balance of \$211.09 to its credit. The musical program was carried out as follows:

Solos by Mr. T. Savage and Dr. Massie, Miss Folger and Miss Phippen. Miss Jessie Meek, presiding at the organ.

The festival of the Sunday school children will take place this evening.

DEATH OF JOHN CARRUTHERS.

He Passed Away Peacefully and Quietly This Afternoon.

Mr. John Carruthers expired shortly after two o'clock to day. About one o'clock a change was noticed and shortly afterwards he passed away in a sleep. He was conscious to the last.

Mr. Carruthers was a native of Annandale, Scotland, and ever cherished for the old land the love characteristic of the average Scotchman. He began life in Kingston modestly, but he had great natural shrewdness and business ability, and soon became a successful merchant. He led in the grocery trade and went from the retail into the wholesale trade and retired from active business at a comparatively early age with a fortune of which he has given liberally to various public, benevolent and charitable schemes. His illness has been long and patiently borne. He did not suffer a great deal, but gradually weakened until the end came. We have not now the opportunity to say more than that Kingston has lost one of her best citizens and will mourn deeply the loss it has sustained.

The death was a surprise to the people. They had no idea that Mr. Carruthers had been so much wasted by his illness, though they knew he must be feeling very unwell to be so long and closely confined to the house.

Only yesterday he was called on by some citizens and received them cheerfully. His end was calm and peaceful.

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The latest novelty, calico fair, at Hardy's Friday afternoon.

AFFAIRS OF THE WORLD.

TELEGRAMS FROM THE EARTH'S FOUR QUARTERS GIVEN.

The Little Things that Affect Canadians—Flashes From Europe and What They Portend—A Little of Everything Easily Read and Remembered.

Mr. Gladstone has taken a town house for the coming session.

The government has decided to revise the voters' lists this year.

It is again rumored that Mr. Blake will shortly resume the liberal lead in the house.

The labor strike in the north of France is extending. The socialists are actively at work.

Lord Hartington has issued a circular calling upon his supporters to attend the reopening of parliament.

The German missionaries at Zanzibar have not been released yet owing to a hitch in the negotiations for their ransom.

The body of James Jenkins was found on the railroad track in Waterville, Me., with the throat cut from ear to ear.

The death is announced of Jane Irving, a widow, who lived at Mill Branch, Kent county, N. B. She was 103 years old.

Peter Duffly has been nominated to oppose the re-election of Henry Emerson, the unseated local member for Albert, N. B.

Gen. Alger has bought the Pittsburg and Lake Superior company's iron mine for \$800,000, including 1,800 acres of iron land.

Mrs. Eliza Hargrove was murdered six miles from Marietta, Ga., probably for money. One of the hands on her place is suspected.

The lay manager of St. Thomas' church, New York, announces that strangers are not wanted there, and if they go to it they will be put out.

The dominion government has consented to assume the cost of the Skeena expedition, over \$5,000. This relieves the province of British Columbia.

The Credit Foncier has taken hold of the Panama canal. And Count DeLesseps goes into retirement. His career has nearly reached an end.

William L. Porter, ex-treasurer of Vermillion county, Ind., has been found \$12,000 short in his accounts. He has decided his property to secure his bondsman.

The cosack expedition which recently landed at Tadjurah, on the Gulf of Aden, is organizing a large caravan and intends to proceed to Ankohar, Abyssinia.

Patrick Molloy, charged with committing perjury when testifying before the Farnell commission, pleaded not guilty at London to day and was committed for trial.

The widow of Mr. Proctor, the astronomer, now residing in Florida, receives a government pension of £100 on the recommendation of all the leading scientists.

Jeremie Daignault, a French Canadian and expert business man, was arrested in Pawtucketville, for embezzling \$4,000 from Naptali Parent, of Dunville, Quebec.

Dr. J. W. Cox, a prominent citizen of Pine Bluff, Ark., was shot and killed on Tuesday night by Ed. Harrell for entering Harrell's house against Mrs. Harrell's protest.

The secretary of war has decided to send a number of army officers abroad. For several years the navy has had officers attached to the legations at London, Paris and Berlin.

In an address at Trenton, N. J., T. V. Powderly said he could prove that the Pennsylvania railroad had marked ballots for their employees so that they should vote as directed.

A movement is on foot to unite the two temperance organizations, the Independent Order of Good Templars and the Royal Templars of Temperance. The combined strength of the two would be nearly twenty thousand.

The wife of Harry Nelson, a Canadian Pacific engineer, of Winnipeg, deserted him a few weeks ago and went to St. Paul. Nelson followed her there yesterday and put a bullet through her thigh, and then shot himself. Both will recover.

The London county council has unanimously elected Earl Roachery chairman, and Sir John Lubbock, vice-chairman. Mr. Firth was elected deputy chairman by the vote of less than half the council. Party feeling is strong and brawls are probable.

NEWS FROM AFGHANISTAN.

The Russians Mean Mischief—Approach of War With Czar.

BERLIN, Feb. 14.—Yesterday reports, based on Moscow advices, were circulated that Russian troops had been ordered on a hurried march from Chardjui, upon Kerky and from Merv to Penjdeh to reinforce frontier posts. St. Petersburg telegrams concur in saying that the government's purpose is to retaliate upon the ameer, who is executing, by wholesale, partisans of Ishak Khan, forbidding commercial intercourse with Russians, strengthening frontier posts, and warning clans of the approach of war with the czar. Enquiry, by messages sent to London, elicited re-assuring responses to the effect that the ameer is pledged not to attack Russia without British assent, and that he is probably exciting anti-Russian feeling to divert the Afghans from internal conspiracies.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 14.—It is alleged that the ameer of Afghanistan is headdressing 300 persons daily for interfering with frontier traffic.

CALCUTTA, Feb. 14.—No credence is given to the reports that the ameer has hostile designs upon Russia. He is simply pacifying the frontier provinces. He will return to Cabul in the spring, and spend the summer at Candahar.

THE NEWS FROM CHINA.

A Great Famine is on—A Great Many People Are Starving.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 14.—Advices from Shanghai state that the famine in Anhui and Kiangsu is worse. In one province 300 families are starving, and altogether several millions are suffering from famine caused by drought two years in succession.

Chief Engineer Edwin Wells, of the United States ship Omaha, committed suicide on Jan. 8th at Shanghai by shooting himself in a fit of temporary insanity. Wells was an intimate friend of Admiral Chandler, who died last week.

The British ship Anglo-Indian was recently lost near Famsul, during a gale. The mate and eight men reached the shore in a boat, but were stopped by the natives. The captain left the sinking ship with the remainder of the crew, but nothing has since been heard of them, and it is feared they were lost. The natives looted the ship and burned her.

Take in the calico fair at Hardy's to-morrow afternoon.