

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.

Great floods prevail in the vicinity of Adrianople, Turkey. The railways are covered with water.

A ten thousand spindle cotton mill, to cost \$200,000, is to be put up at Waco, Texas, next summer.

A thirteen year old Belleville girl has been caught demanding merchants. She says her parents forced her to do so.

General Komaroff has been ordered to attack the Ameer of Afghanistan if the latter's troops approach the Russian frontier.

Robert Gore yesterday attempted to strike Julia Head, a woman of bad repute, Greenwood, Ky., when she shot and killed him.

While Narcisse Lemaire, Montreal, was working in an excavation on Parthenais street the earth caved in and he was suffocated.

Mayor John J. Humes, Iowa city, who has been partially insane for over a year and has been under surveillance, committed suicide last night.

A servant, Elizabeth Williams, aged 26, was cooking in Montreal when her dress caught fire, and before she could be rescued she was burned to death.

Max Bernstein, a candidate for the office of rabbi, has been sentenced in Berlin to imprisonment for three months for drawing blood from a Christian boy.

Father Stephens, who was arrested near London for advising tenants on the Olphert estate not to pay their rents, was remanded for trial, bail being refused.

The admiral commanding the German squadron has issued an order stopping the importation of provisions on the coast of the mainland opposite Zanzibar.

Mr. S. J. King, of Kingsville, Ont., a student in Stratford, has been stricken with paralysis a second time, and, sad to say, has been made blind, deaf and dumb.

Frank Skinner, a Chicago light weight, fought a vicious battle with Phil Daly, of Memphis, at Eraston for \$200 a night. Daly had his ribs and a thumb broken, and was put to sleep in the seventh round.

Kelly & Lyle's flour mills Leavenworth, Kansas, were burned with 2,600 barrels of flour this morning. The mill was one of the largest in the Missouri valley, having a capacity of 500 barrels a day.

The Quick and the Dead.

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 24.—The wreck of the bark Josie Troop was caused by miscalculations owing to thick weather which made it impossible to get accurate lights and bearings. The crew of Life Saving Station No. 19 could see no signs of the vessel until the eleven men had been lost and were just in time to save the six survivors. Thus far only one body has come ashore, that of Charles Meade. Following is a list of the saved and lost:

Saved—Robert Hunter, chief mate; Edward Harris, steward; Albert Williams, A. Brown, Walter Cauley, C. Anderson, seamen.

Lost—Captain W. G. Cook, master; C. S. Scindbold, carpenter; H. R. Christensen, J. B. Rutherson, Thomas McCoy, George Williams, Hammond Anderson, John Coffie, Charles Meade, John Rogers, J. Johansen, seamen.

Albert Williams was badly injured about the neck and is being attended by the physician at the station.

Smallpox at Fingal, Ont.

ST. THOMAS, Feb. 23.—There now seems no reason to doubt that the epidemic which has been prevalent in the vicinity of Fingal for some time past is the smallpox. The Fingal board of health has ordered the schools, churches and all places of entertainment closed. A compulsory vaccination has been decided upon. The city board of health met this evening to take measures to prevent the spread of the disease to this city.

The Glass-blowers' War Ended.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 23.—The long continued and bitterly waged warfare in the ranks of the green glass blowers of the section of the country east of the Alleghenies, including all of Canada and some of the Southern States, was ended to-day. The league transfers all of its effects to the district assembly, included in which there are some \$3000 in cash, and gives the district a membership of about 1600, divided among twenty-eight local assemblies.

A Dishonest Clerk.

HAMILTON, Feb. 24.—Herbert Ward, a lad of 20 years, who was arrested yesterday on a charge of having stolen money from his employer, Mr. Mark Munday, druggist, was arraigned at the Police Court this morning on a charge of having stolen \$1.35 on Feb. 15. He was found guilty. On a second charge, of having stolen 85 cents on Feb. 22 he pleaded guilty. The Magistrate sent him to jail for 40 days.

Whitby Central Fair Officers.

WHITBY, Feb. 24.—The Whitby Central Fair officers elected yesterday afternoon are: Hon. president, John Miller; president, J. D. Howden; first vice-president, Jas. R. Matthews; second vice-president, R. R. Mowbray; third vice-president, R. J. Mackie; treasurer, J. H. Long; secretary, W. R. Howse. Auditors, D. Ormiston, Lyman T. Barclay.

Secretary Hannan is in Toronto.

BUFFALO, Feb. 24.—Hugh J. Hannan, secretary of Buffalo Lodge No. 7, Empire Order of Mutual Aid, is in Toronto. President Miller of the lodge has over-hauled the books of the secretary and he says they show a shortage of \$325, most of which was due the Grand Lodge. Hannan left without any explanation.

Was He Killed by a Woman?

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—The police are now working on the theory that Mr. Clarke, the druggist, formerly of Sarnia, who was murdered Thursday night, was shot by a woman. It was said that letters were found in Clarke's possession from a woman who claimed to have been wronged by him. The police are seeking the writer.

Wilson's Boom.

BUFFALO, Feb. 24.—The proposed railroad between Lockport and Olcott or Wilson, on the Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg Railroad, will undoubtedly be built to the latter place, inasmuch as the Wilson boom has the more healthy appearance, and the work of the members of the Toronto syndicate has been to this end.

The Judge Absorbs the Lealté Weeklies. GANJOHARIE, N. Y., Feb. 24.—Mrs. Frank Leslie has sold to W. J. Arkell her proprietary interest in her weekly illustrated papers, English and German. The transfers will be made May 1. Mrs. Leslie will retain and personally direct her other publications.

Funeral of Lyman English.

OSHAWA, Feb. 24.—The funeral of the late Lyman English took place yesterday and was largely attended.

AT THE GERMAN CAPITAL.

Bismarck Weary of Colonial Complications—The Samoa Matter.

BERLIN, Feb. 23.—Prince Bismarck yesterday gave a dinner to the members of the Lower House of the Prussian Diet, and during the serving of coffee complained of the heavy labors created for him by what he termed the "so-called colonies." It was impossible, the Chancellor said, to allow trivial disputes to introduce any discordant element in Germany's relations with the great friendly powers, as the slightest disturbance of the harmony prevailing between the Imperial Government and foreign states might have most prejudicial effects upon German commercial and business relations.

Prince Bismarck is said to have been greatly annoyed at the Consul's proposals to annex Samoa, and K. V. Zing's question as to what he thought of a Consul who telegraphed a proposal to annex Zurich or Luxemburg is believed to be identical with the opinion of the Chancellor. In explanation of the reported ordering of a German squadron to Samoa, The National Zeitung observes that the impending punishment of Mataafa will have no effect upon Germany's relations with England and America, the right of Germany to intervene in the matter not being contested in any quarter. The report must, however, be received with reserve. The squadron is provisioned for Port Said, in order, probably, to be in readiness to proceed to East Africa, or to await the development of affairs. It may at least be assumed that the squadron will only go to Samoa in the event of the American Government proving exacting or unreasonable.

Prince Bismarck's desire to avoid colonial troubles is due in a large measure to the uncertainty of European politics, especially those of France. The Tirard Cabinet is regarded as simply a short respite before the inevitable struggle.

THE FLOOD WAVE.

Various New England Cities Report Extremely Low Temperatures.

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 24.—Very cold weather is reported to-day from various points in New England. At Marlow, N. H., the thermometer registered 36° below zero at 6 a.m. At Concord, N. H., 20 below; at Montpelier, Vt., 26 below. Chatham, Mass., reports Chatham Bay frozen from Harding's Beach to Monomoy.

Prof. Bell Banqueted.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Professor Robert Bell of the Dominion Geological Survey was entertained at a dinner party at the Hotel Brunswick this evening by Mr. Erastus Wiman and prominent Canadians. The guests included Andrew Carnegie, Sir Roderick Cameron, Mr. Leckie of Spring Hill Mines, N. S., Jackson Wallace, George Hies, the editors of The Engineering and Mining Journal and Iron Age and the President of the American Mining Institute.

Mr. Wiman in proposing the health of Professor Bell said he desired to show to his American friends what style of man it was in whom he and others were relying for their information regarding the enormous riches which Canada possessed in her mineral deposits. Professor Bell, perhaps more than any one else, knew what was under the earth throughout the greater half of the continent, and to bring him before the American public and let them understand his intelligence and reliability was a great pleasure. He congratulated the professor upon his services to his native country and expressed great gratification at the opportunity afforded to show him some attention.

Professor Bell replied in fitting terms, especially referring to the increasing interest which was being manifested throughout the United States in the vast mineral resources of Canada.

INTERESTING ITEMS BY WIRE.

Mr. Starr, the American who was reported missing in Algeria, is safe.

Gen. Harrison's new carriages were shipped from Chicago to Washington Saturday. The season for partridge shooting is now over until Sept. 1. Hare season will be out on March 15.

Considerable excitement has been caused in Essex Centre because of the visits of body snatchers.

At Sarmanac Lake, N. Y., on Saturday morning the thermometer registered 31 degrees below zero.

No passengers were injured in the accident on the Maine Central Railway near Kingman on Saturday.

Wm. Bassett, builder, of Boston, has assigned liabilities \$674,000, of which \$618,000 is secured by mortgage.

Leamington has raised the liquor license from \$150 to \$200 each, and Essex Centre has fixed their rate at \$300.

The farmers of South Essex are complaining of the number and boldness of foxes. Two hunters killed thirteen last Monday.

Mr. Stevens, who is going on a mission into the interior of Africa in the interests of The New York World, has arrived at Zanzibar.

Saturday was the coldest weather of the winter in Chicago. The mercury was from 5 to 11 below zero, and did not go above it during the day.

Over 100,000 tons of ice was housed on the Hudson above Poughkeepsie on Saturday. That will be the daily harvest for a week or more if the weather keeps cold.

The traffic on the line of the Northern and Northwestern Railway, north of Georgetown, was entirely suspended Friday and Saturday by reason of the snow blockade.

The Welsh colliers have given notice that on March 10 they will demand an advance in their wages. It is believed that the demand will be refused and that a strike will follow.

Advices have been received in London, that Prince Alexander of Battenburg has been already married to the opera singer Leinberger. She is 23 years of age and of humble parentage.

William Cleveland, a Michigan Central brakeman in Windsor, who some time ago lost part of his hand while making a coupling, has notified the solicitor of the company that he is about to institute an action, claiming \$2000.

The loss to the English Government through its conduct of the telegraph business of the kingdom has amounted to \$332,000 during the last fiscal year and upwards of \$3,000,000 since 1872, the deficit gradually increases.

At a sitting of the Italian Budget Committee on Saturday, Signor Ricotti, late Minister of War, declared that if Italy desired to maintain her military strength it would be necessary to increase the war budget by 40,000,000.

A United Press cable says: The popular as well as the official fear of an invincible attack upon some if not all of the members of the Ministry not only continues but increases. Lord Salisbury, for the first time in his official career, was followed to the Foreign Office Saturday by two detectives.

THEIR WORK IS CUT OUT

THE NEW FRENCH MINISTERS ISSUE THEIR MANIFESTO.

Adoption of the Budget and the Success of the Exhibition Their Great Tasks—General Cable News.

PARIS, Feb. 23.—The ministerial declaration was read in the Senate and Chamber of Deputies to-day. It says: In responding to the President's appeal we have not hid from ourselves the difficulties of the hour and we are sustained by the thought that you will not refuse to co-operate with men presenting themselves to you determined to accomplish the duty required by the situation. Our great tasks will be to secure the adoption of the Budget of 1890 and to assume by a broad, tolerant and wise policy the success of the exhibition which will show industrious and pacific France all people's industry and work.

We hope you will satisfactorily conclude important measures such as the military laws, the discussion of which has commenced. We consider that the Government's principal duty is to prepare for all Republicans and all Frenchmen loving order and liberty a ground for common, energetic and decisive action with the view to defend and strengthen the role of peace, justice and progress which France in founding the republic desired to give itself.

The success of our policy depends upon our firmness and vigilance, on which you may rely. While deciding to cover with our responsibility officials devoted to their duties we shall severely judge faults and shortcomings. We consider it our imperative duty to resolutely take all the means necessary to maintain order and respect for the Republic by contracting, or if necessary repressing, factious enterprises.

The declaration was received with cheers by the Centre.

M. Rouvier announced in the Chamber of Deputies to-day that the ministry accepted its predecessor's budget. The ministerial statement was more warmly greeted in the Senate than in the Chamber of Deputies.

A German Squadron Ordered to Samoa.

BERLIN, Feb. 24. It is officially stated that the German squadron at Samoa has been ordered to Port Said, but The National Zeitung announces that the destination is Samoa.

Anxiety for the Missionaries.

ZANZIBAR, Feb. 24.—Much anxiety is felt here regarding the fate of the missionaries recently captured by insurgents. No news has been received from them since they were taken prisoners.

The Workmen Denied Audience.

PARIS, Feb. 23.—M. Constans, Minister of the Interior, has informed the Prefect of Police that he will not be able to receive the deputation of workmen to-morrow, requesting the prefect to inform the workmen that public assemblies are forbidden and that the police will not tolerate any manifestations by them.

THE MONROE DOCTRINE.

Great Britain to be "Amicably Eradicated" From Her Canadian Possessions.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Representative McCreary of Kentucky, in behalf of the majority of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, has prepared a report recommending the adoption of the Edmunds Panama Canal resolution. The report says:

The resolution reaffirms a public policy that is of both national and international importance, that has been so intimately interwoven with the treaties and teachings, doctrines and necessities of the American people that it seems to have originated in the very earliest days of our republic.

Its first official expression was made by President Monroe in the message sent to Congress in 1823 embodying the Monroe doctrine. "The resolution," the report says, "is in accordance with the declarations made by Mr. Monroe applied to existing conditions and the development of events."

The announcement of the Monroe doctrine has embalméd President Monroe's memory in the hearts of liberty-loving people everywhere. Its results have been grand and far-reaching. It secured and has preserved the independence of the Central and South American republics. It was successfully evoked when Cuba was in peril. It enabled the United States to thwart the attempt of Great Britain to exercise dominion in Nicaragua under pretence of benefiting the Mosquito Indians, it prevented the establishment of a European dynasty in America with Maximilian as Emperor, and it has enabled our Government to gradually eliminate from the western hemisphere the domination of France and Spain and Russia, whose possessions at the time almost surrounded our republic; and with the power of destiny and the genius and energy and pluck of the American people Great Britain may soon be amicably eradicated from her Canadian possessions and the three Americas become a constellation of republics filled with happy, prosperous, free and independent people.

The report says that the Monroe doctrine contains no limitations and was not confined to conditions existing at the time it was announced.

Socialist Meetings in France.

PARIS, Feb. 24.—The Socialists made fruitless attempts to hold a meeting in the place Hotel de Ville to-day. Small groups that gathered were dispersed by gendarmes. A few Socialists who offered resistance were arrested. Orderly meetings were held to-day at Bordeaux, Lyons, Roubaux, and Marseilles. At a meeting at Nantes agitators shouted, "Vive la Revolution sociale." Gendarmes dispersed the meeting and arrested a number of those present.

Michael Davitt to Patrick Egan.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 23.—As showing the feeling among Irish Nationalists in Ireland the following cablegram from Michael Davitt to Hon. Patrick Egan, of this city, received to-day, is given:

DUBLIN, Feb. 23. To Hon. Pat Egan, Lincoln: Victory now near at hand. Pigott too clever by half. (Signed) DAVITT.

How the Forgeries Were Made.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 23.—Patrick Egan is willing to produce the original letters upon which Pigott's forgeries were manufactured. Mr. Egan thinks he can accompany the documents with an explanation of how the forgeries were made.

The Radical Congress.

BRUSSELS, Feb. 24.—The Radical Congress here to-day supported military education but demanded the abolition of the conscript law.

The Tourists Play at Rome.

ROME, Feb. 23.—The American baseball team played at the Villa Borghese to-day before a large crowd of spectators, including most of the British and American residents and the students of the North American College.

The Intercollegiate Withdraws From the National.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—The Intercollegiate Athletic Association in annual session to-day withdrew from the National Amateur Association of American Athletes. The action was taken for the sole purpose of placing the Intercollegiate Athletic Association in an independent position.

TORONTO TOPICS.

Judgment in the Cardwell Election Case Postponed for Two Weeks.

TORONTO, Feb. 25.—At a meeting of the County Orange Lodge on Saturday night it was decided to call a public meeting for March 5 to discuss the grant to the Jesuits in Quebec, the grants to Catholic schools in this province, the teaching of French in such schools, etc.

Judgment in the Cardwell election case, which was to have been delivered by Mr. Justice Street at Osgoode Hall on Saturday, was again postponed for two weeks in order to give petitioner Stubbs an opportunity to make a formal application for the withdrawal of the petition.

The Imperial Federation League held a meeting in Association Hall on Saturday night, at which addresses were delivered by Mayor Clarke, J. H. Long, M.A., president of the Peterboro branch; George R. Parkin, M.A., of New Brunswick, and Gen. J. W. Laurie, M.P. for Shelburne.

Mr. F. W. Johnston, the athlete, has been released from custody, having paid the claims on which he was held. Mr. Johnston says that he sold his place of business in Lindsay two weeks ago and wrote to his Toronto creditors stating that he was going to settle with them. He came the day as promised and was, as he alleges, wrongfully arrested. He considers he has been harshly treated and will see if he cannot get legal redress.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor has made these appointments.

John R. McCall of Cobourg, to be a Notary Public; George Wellington Greene of Athens, to be a Notary Public; Edmund Byron Leloy of Cobourg, to be a Notary Public; Lewis Ramsay Adams of Maryborough, to be Clerk of the Seventh and Twelfth Division Court of the County of Wellington, in the room and stead of Lucius Rufus Adams, resigned; Archibald MacDonald of Strong, to be Bailiff of the Seventh Division Court of the District of Parry Sound, in the room and stead of Daniel Grummet, resigned.

The Jeffery trial concluded on Saturday. The Investigators will report to the President the result. This will probably be done in a day or two. Meanwhile it is an open secret that Mr. Jeffery has come off with flying colors so far as the main charges are concerned.

While walking along Linden-street, Mrs. O'Brien, 88 Huntley-street, was robbed of a satchel containing \$4 and some stamps on Saturday night.

William Austin, Brampton, is a prisoner at Her Majesty's, charged with obtaining two horses from William Morton and W. B. Turner by fraud.

Robert Rankin is a man of about 40 years of age who boards at 8 Queen-street east and is deeply attached to a young lady of the Model Lodging House. Yesterday he had a roll of bills, about \$365, and made a bold display of it. He was found at the corner of Windsor and Front streets with his cranium badly damaged and his \$365 gone. His story is that he was attacked by two footpads who knocked him down and robbed him. An oak cudgel was left behind by the pads and Detective Cuddy is working up the case.

WINNIPEG WIRE WHISPERS.

Immigration From Quebec Expected in the Spring—A Morden Elopement.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 24.—Mr. Chambers of Argentine, who was sent out prospecting by his neighbors, returned east to-night and is delighted with the country, so much so that about sixty families will come out in the spring from Quebec on his report.

The case against Col. Herchmer regarding beer taken into the Territories without permit has fallen through.

Radical changes will probably be made in the Real Property Act by which that measure will not be so sweeping. Only three registration divisions will be organized at first and the old system of registration will be temporarily continued.

The recent blizzard in Dakota and Minnesota was one of the worst on record.

Rev. M. Dyke of the Methodist Church preached to the Orangemen to-night, making special reference to the Jesuit Bill and pointing out the dangers of Papal aggression.

A young Dakotan has eloped with a Morden lady named Quigley.

Ex-teacher Blakely was elected school trustee in Ward 2 Saturday by a vote of 145 to Patterson's 85. Great interest was manifested in the election.

Wheat is quoted at \$1.05 at Virgin.

SUICIDE AT BRANTFORD.

J. R. Russell Sends a Bullet Through His Brain—His Farewell Letter.

BRANTFORD, Feb. 23.—J. R. Russell committed suicide at an early hour this morning by shooting himself in the right temple. A doctor was immediately summoned but nothing could be done to save him and he passed away about noon.

Deceased was a teacher by profession and in comfortable circumstances. His mother died a year ago, leaving him about \$25,000. A short time ago he purchased A. Fair & Co.'s bankrupt stock of groceries and started in business. No cause can be assigned for the rash act unless that the business was not meeting his expectations. After breakfast he entered his bedroom and wrote this note on a piece of tea paper:

"DEAR WIFE AND CHILDREN: Good-bye, meet me in the world where trouble is never known and where Jesus Christ our Saviour, God our Father, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter, together with the pure through the blood of Christ will be our companions. Good-bye again, dear Annie. You have been a good, noble wife and it is better that I should be a burden no longer."  
J. R. RUSSELL.

He leaves a wife and three children.

FIRES OF AIDAY.

A Durham Postoffice Burnt—Big Blazes in the States.

PORT HOPE, Feb. 24.—The postoffice at Dale was totally destroyed by fire at noon yesterday. The Postmaster, Thomas Heasman, the owner of the house, with his family, was seated in the kitchen about to partake of dinner. The day being cold an unusually large fire had been made in the cooking stove, from the chimney of which the fire originated. The contents of the office were consumed; insurances, if any, not known.

A \$15,000 Blaze at Buffalo.

BUFFALO, Feb. 24.—The five-story building in Hanover-street, used as a packing house by A. Weppner, was gutted by fire at noon yesterday and several adjoining business houses damaged. Loss \$15,000, covered by insurance.

Carriage Shops Burnt.

ST. PAUL, Feb. 24.—The factory and shops of the Minnesota Carriage and Sleigh Company were burned yesterday, loss \$75,000.

Two Losses at Montreal.

MONTEAL, Feb. 24.—A fire at Payotte's grocery in Ontario-street early yesterday morning did \$2000 damage, covered by insurance. At another fire at Carey's stables, Colborne-street, four horses were burned.

Prince Rupert, the eldest son of Prince Ludwig of Bavaria, the heir to the Bavarian throne, is insane.

THE WORLD OF LONDON.

PIGOTT'S PAST EXPOSED BY SIR CHARLES RUSSELL.

The Public Said to be Convinced That Pigott Himself Forged the Parnell Egan Letters.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—If anybody were doubted that Sir Charles Russell is a great artist let him consider the effect of his six hours' cross-examination of Pigott. Sir Charles has as yet hardly approached the vital point, which I take to be, legally speaking, Pigott's account of his alleged purchase of the Parnell-Egan letters in Paris. He has touched upon the question of forgery, but only touched. All the long story of the witness' dealings with Mr. Houston has been left unmentioned. Nearly all the most essential parts are to come. Yet has Sir Charles so handled this witness upon side issues, upon incidental matters, upon historical and bio-rapical matters, that I apprehend no human being who has sat through it in court retains one shred of belief in the genuineness of the letters. Possibly an exception may be made in favor of Mr. Macdonald. I should be sorry to attempt to gauge the depths of Mr. Macdonald's credulity. Convict on that the letters are forgeries has spread everywhere. Belief that Pigott is the forger is not less universal. It is simply the genius of Sir Charles Russell which has wrought this conversion. When Pigott's direct examination had ended there were not a few in court who still maintained his story credible. Outside the court there were many, perhaps almost as many as ever. To-day not one is to be met. So far as the letters are concerned, and so far as public opinion about the letters is decisive, the case is over.

The cross-examination of Pigott, however, is very far from being over. What Sir Charles Russell has done thus far is to exhibit Pigott as a witness whom no man can believe, as a creature entitled to nothing but contempt. Sir Charles has forced him to own that he lied to Archbishop Walsh, lied to Mr. Forster, lied to Mr. Egan, lied to Mr. Parnell, lied to the court, lied to everybody with whom he came in contact. He has forced him to own that both toward Mr. Egan and Mr. Forster he stood first in the relation of a beggar, then of a blackmailer. Mr. Forster's long-suffering kindness to this impudent impostor might touch even Mr. Forster's would-be assassins.

The exposure of Pigott's affairs, had it been wanted, would have seemed cruel, as pitilessly it was pursued. But it bore strictly on the case. Its aim was to present Pigott, by the time he entered upon the Parnell letter business, as prepared by distress and by long practice in disgraceful arts for any safe crime. The suggestion that he forged the letters rests, so far, upon resemblances between Pigott's handwriting and the body of the forged letters, upon identical misspellings in Pigott's letters and in the forged letters, upon the recurrence in the forged letters of phrases, dates and sentences closely corresponding with phrases, dates and sentences in genuine letters from Messrs. Parnell and Egan to Pigott. All this, and much else, has been brought out with ingenuity, with dramatic effect, often with startling suddenness, sometimes sternly, sometimes with decision. There have been moments when the court was solemn as death, and moments when the judges themselves were convulsed with laughter.

Pigott announced himself as 54 years old when he entered the witness-box. By the time he left it on Friday he was certainly 61. He has two days more of this torture before him. It is an open question whether Sir Charles Russell will not in the end extract from him a public confession that he forged the letters. Confession is indeed Pigott's only visible chance of escape from prosecution. If he confesses he may get a certain rate of indemnity from the court. Escape he cannot. His every step is watched by detectives. Confession or suicide is the alternative that awaits him; and, as Webster said, suicide is confession.

Far more important is the question what course The Times will now take. As yet that paper is not called on to move. Proofs are still wanting; the case is incomplete. What is clear on present evidence is that the case of The Times against Mr. Parnell, so far as supported by the letters, rests upon Pigott and Pigott only. The conductors of that journal either share the general conviction that Pigott is the forger, or do not. If they do not, their incredulity is as remarkable as their credulity. If they do, or when they do, immediate acknowledgment is the first though least act of expiation due from them to Mr. Parnell and to the public. G.W.S.

Pigott Not an Apostate Paul.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—The Pall Mall Gazette says: "Pigott has not proved to be an Apostate Paul. The dismay in Downing street must be only a degree less than that which prevails in The Times office. There is not a Tory to-day who is not feeling heart sick at the evidence of the witness whose veracity and unimpeachable reputation The Times' case absolutely depends." The Gazette points out that even the Unionist papers, The Telegraph and The Chronicle, admit that The Times' case has collapsed. The Chronicle even stating that everyone expected that Sir Charles Russell would apply to the court for Pigott's committal or detention. Continuing The Gazette says:

"If the conviction has now slowly filtered into the minds of Mr. Webster and his staff that they have been cruelly hoaxed by an ingenious and resourceful blackmailer, the only course open to them is to publicly own that they have been deceived and withdraw their allegations, offer the handsomest apology and pay the costs they have forced upon those whom they traduced on Pigott's authority."

The Star (Mr. T. P. O'Connor's paper), commenting on Pigott's evidence before the Parnell Commission, says: "The connection between The Times and the Government is two-fold. The Government created first the commission and second The Times' case. If Attorney-General Webster had not been enabled to play the parts of prosecutor judge and framer of the indictment, there could have been no tribunal at all. If he had not assured Lord Salisbury that the letters would be proved to be genuine, the commission would not have been created and the Unionists would never have suffered such a blow as by their own piteous admissions awaits them. The Government chose the game, loaded the dice, selected its partners and arranged the rules of the game, and it must pay up now. The price is the dissolution of Parliament. We want to know what the country