GAINS A POINT ON ENGLAND

Russia's Hand Seen in the Baptism of Young Prince Boris.

RECOGNITION OF FERDINAND TO FOLLOW

Blue Book Just Issued Discloses that Russia Has Persistently Opposed Coercion in Treating with Turkey.

(Copyright, 1898, by the Associated Press.) LONDON, Feb. 15 .- There is no denying that the past week has been a busy one in politics, both at home and abroad, for the manipulators of British diplomacy. The Transvanl question took the first place in the parliamentary debates, although the chief event in foreign politics was the baptism of Prince Boris, eldest son of Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria, into the orthodox Greek church, the significance of which is that it is generally admitted to be a prelude to Russia's shows that Russia and Turkey are now hand in hand, and this is proved by the fact that the latter country has already asked the powers will not oppose this request, as it abroad whether Russia will obtain the influence in the long run that she hopes to obtain throught her influence over Bulgaria. The pope, it is known, has been greatly annoyed by Prince Ferdinand's action, and has declared that it excommunicates him. Considerable comment has been caused by

the appointment of Li Hung Chang to represent China at the czar's coronation, espe-cially as it is connected, by rumor at least, the reported Russo-China alliance, is a strong belief in diplomatic circles that Russia will try to use Li Hung Chang to the full extent of the latter's capability of eing adapted to pushing the czar's policy But, on the other hand, there are people who think it probable that Li Hung Chang's rival, Wung Tung Ho, the empror's tutor, wants to get him out of the way, and has caused the Chinese diplomat to be sent to Russia for the coronation in the hope that Li Hung Chang will so seriously damage his reputation that he may pass at least an un-pleasant hour when he returns to Peking. Though the Transvaal question led in the parliamentary debates, the Venezuelan dispute came in a good second, and some inter-

esting remarks were heard for and against the Boers and boundary arbitration. Then again, the speech which Mr. T. M. Healy de-livered on home rule, which question bobbed up as screnely as ever, is generally conceded to have been the cleverest heard this sesble, watery character of Mr. John Dillon's

urging arbitration reflects the general feeting of the House of Commons, and, for that matter, of all the thinking portion of the

population.

M: Chamberlain's speech on the Transval question produced an excellent effect, but the credit he has gained by his masterly handling of the subject from first to last his been marred by weat appears to be an error of judgment in publishing his message to President Kruger before it was delivered to the chief accountie of the South African republic, who only got a short cable summary from the secretary of sixter.

Under these circumstances there is a geninternational side of question is still susceptible of serious trouble. The publication of the blue book here and the white book in Berlin show that there has been friction between Germany and Great Britain over the Transwall for the past eleven months, and the shrewd attitude of Portugal in delaying making a reply to the request to allow Cerman ma-rines to land at Delagoa bay until the crisis was over has given a great deal of satis-

The English newspapers interpret the correspondence as disclosing that Germany is a ming to establish a veto, not merely over the political, but over the commercial union of South Africa, and there is a general feel ing here that Great Britain must resist this pretension to the utmost. The speech of the German minister of foreign affairs, Marschall von Bieberstein, has somewhat smoothed the hitterness and it is thought to have been intended as an advance toward Great Britain, especially in the case of his denial of any knowledge of refuzeer having appealed for German intervention. But this denial is puzzling, in view of the British official advices to the contrary,

RUSSIA OPPOSES COERCION. The blue book just issued on the Armenian negotiations is exceedingly interesting shows that Russia, throughout, has been steadily opposed to coercive measures, and intimated that any such steps upon the part of Great Britain would be positively distasteful to her. She objected to the scheme of reforms being regarded as an ultimatum, and did not want to see another Bulgaria established in Armenia. The distance of Privac Lohnoff Restorach the patches of Prince Lobanoff-Rostovoski, the Russian minister for foreign affairs, indicate that Russia was convinced that the In England against the so-called a rule of the sultan was really due to the work of the Armenian agitators.

A striking feature brought out by the blue book is the fact that in spite of Russia's attitude, Great Britain persisted in a pre-tense of coercion. The newspapers are inclined to throw the blame on Sir Philip Currie, ambassador at Constantinople, and it is already announced that the latter is to leave of absence that may prove perpetual and it is reported that Baron Cromer, the British consul general in Egypt, will replace him. Baron Cromer has very successful in his treatment of Egyptian affairs. Another rumer is that Sir Philip Currie will succeed the marquis of the British ambassador at Paris

who will shortly resign. is stated that the blue book on Venetwo divisions. The first is reported to be a narrative and summary of the British case and the second is described as being the full evidence upon which the British claims

scientific circles over the announcement pub-Hished in various Canadian papers that the prince of Wales would visit Canada in 1897, n order to preside at the meeting of the British association, which is to be held in Toronto at that time. A reporter for the Associated press has seen one of the leading officers of the association, who made the following statement in regard to the matter "It is as yet too early to determine just what arrangements will be made for the Toronto meeting. The association is exerting itself to make the occasion a success It is probable that if the prince of Wales is unable to accept the presidency of this meeting it will be offered to the duke of York Pailing him, either Mr. Balfour or Mr

Joseph Chamberlain will be asked,
"Mr. Griffithe, secretary of the association will start for Canada in May, and upon his eturn we will be able to announce something more definite.

We are extremely gratified at the success the association has enjoyed in the past year. The attendance at the meetings has been large. The president, Captain S. I. Douglas Dalton, has taken an immense interest in

CHRISTENING THE DUKE'S SON. The christening of the second son of the duke of York will occur on Monday, Feb-

the recent death of Prince Henry of Battenberg, it is understood the queen par-ticularly favors this name. The gold christening bowl that will be used on the occasio was made in Edinburgh. The bowl and the font were surrounded by white heather. This is an ancient ceremony and is supposed to bring good luck. The heather used at San-dringham will be brought from Lancashire, but as none is in bloom at this season of the year the green house instead of the moors will have to be depended on. The infant will be sprinkled with water brought from

he river Jordan.
One of the interesting houses which are disappearing before the touch of innovation, in London is the three-story brick residence at 145 Gower street, which was taken down last week. This is the house which John Dickens, father of the novelist, rented in order that his wife might start a young ladies' school and thus repair the family fortunes. The enterprise was a failure, and the heavy expenses incurred forced the heavy expenses incurred forced the Dickens family into the debtors' prison, know as the Marshaisea.

COURT FETES ARE ONLY DELAYED.

Yields to Importunities of London Shopkeepers. LONDON, Feb. 15 .- During the past week the weather has been remarkably warm and recognition of Prince Ferdinand. It also with young grass, in strange contrast to is regarded as conclusively showing that the the frost which whitened the parks at the came period last year.

Socially, the prospects are more cheerful. powers to recognize Prince Ferdinand. The for it is announced that the court ceremonies, which were cancelled on account of the death settles a delicate question, and it is doubted of Prince Henry of Battenberg, are only postponed until after the court goes out of mourning, when the usual number of drawing rooms, levees, balls and concerts will be held. The queen has taken this course owing to the representations which have been made to her of the great loss which the trades people and others would suffer if the court ceremonies were abandoned.

It is stated that her majesty intends to confer a dukedom upon Princess Beatrice with the succession to her sons. Conse-quently it is believed that the princess will probably be created duchess of Kent and her

eldest son will be carl of Sussex.

Princess Beatrice and her children arrived at Nice yesterday. The princess will visit ex-Empress Eugenie and will take a short cruise in the Mediterranean on board the steam yacht Thistle, which the widowed empress has chartered from the duke of Hamilton for the season. It is understood that Princess Bestrice takes this trip to sea upon the special advice of her physicians.

It transpires that the first lord of the treasury, Mr. A. J. Balfour, the noted conservative leader in the House of Commons, who is a regular wheel rider, had a narrow escape the other day while passing throug! the main thoroughfare of Whitechapel or his wheel. The roadway was greasy with black mud and Mr. Balfour's bleycle skilled and spilled the first lord of the treasury into about as rank a gutter as that part of London could produce. Mr. Balfour rolled completely over in the fat-like mud, after ble, watery character of Mr. John Dillon's remarks. Mr. Healy's speech was a fine fighting effort, and he repeatedly scored the conservative leader, Mr. A. J. Balfour, to the huge delight of the occupants of the Irish benches. HARCOURT GENERALLY COMMENDED. hair's breadth, a rapidly driven butcher's however, that he did not know exactly how cart, which, however, drove over and spoiled Dr. Nansen would prove he had been there HARCGURT GENERALLY COMMENDED.

The remarks of Sir William Vernon Harcourt, the liberal leader, proved very satisfactory to the members of his party, and his attitude toward the Venezueian dispute has been strongly commended by conservative as well as liberal organs. In fact his urging arbitration reflects the general feeting of the House of Commons, and, for that the driver to drive to the treasury, where, not long afterward, spotless as a satting just issued from the mint, Mr. Baltour was attending to business as if nothing extraordinary had happened.

There seems to be a prospect that motor cars will soon be seen in the street; of London and in practical use. Hitherto, the so-called autocar has been liable to a heavy penalty, according to antiquated laws, un-less it was preceded in the streets by a man South African republic, who only got a short cable summary from the secretary of state for the colonies, briefer in fact than the one sent to the Cape by the news regentles. President Kruger was greatly offended at this slight and replied curtly, resenting interference in the internal affairs of the discount of the internal affairs of the discount of the internal affairs of the discount of the prince of the prince of which he is known to have a decided predilection. In fact, only yesterday, the prince of Wales was seen at the Imperial institute, engaged in making a personal trial of a new and highly improved antoger. The prince drove it up and down Under these circumstances there is a peneral feeling that the imbroglio is in no way settled and that the international side of with his work. There was no hitch in the

company way above par. The Hendersons of Glasgow, builders of Valkyrie III, laid the keel of a large racing yacht yesterday. The vessel was designed by George L. Watson, designer of Val-kyrie, and will be built secretly, as is usual with Mr. Watson, under a closed shed, guarded strictly by watchmen. People who have watched Mr. Watson's previous attempts to concerl the creations of his brain simply smile at his latest exhibition of fear that his secrets of yacht building may be stolen for the benefit of designing Yankees from Rhode Island and elswhere.

The name of the owner of the new racing craft is not known, but several prominent racing yachtsmen have been mentioned as being behind Mr. Watson in this venture. But in spite of the secrecy maintained regarding the work the Hendersons are engaged on it is not generally believed that the new yacht is intended as a cup challenger, although stranger things have happened than the issuing of a challenge for the America's cun Watson's latest creation turn out to be as fast as he expects.

The name of Sir George Newner, pro-prietor of the Westminster Gazette and Tidbits, has been mentioned with many others as Mr. Watson's angel, but the report has been contradicted so frequently that no

credence is placed in it.

Manager Fleming of the National Sporting club has arranged a match between Dick Burge and Kid Lavigne for £500 (\$2,500) a side and a purse of £700 presented by the club. The men will box at 138 pounds during

IN THE BLACK HOLE OF PRETORIA formers Are Confined.

(Copyright, 1896, by the Associated Press.) LONDON, Fab. 15.—The Daily News and Graphic published descriptions of the prison at Preteria and describe this, called the "Black Hole of Pretoria," in which Hammond and four others were confined. It is stated to have been a hideous hole twelve feet square, swarming with vermin, having no ventilation or drainage and presenting a sickening ecent, heightened considerably by the torid heat. It transpires that an incident, which it was at first thought might cause friction between the United States and Great Britain occurred in the Transvaal in connection with Captsin Heeny, an American, and one of Jameson's officers, who was handed over to the British officers. Captain Heeny, it appears, was placed on board the troopship Victoria, now on her way to England, and it is said the British government is aware the captain was an American and consethe captain was an American and consequently explained the matter to United States Ambassador Bayard in order to avoid trouble. Inquiries at the colonial office show the story to be true. But the officials there said that had it not been for the action of the British authorities in getting Captain Heeny sway from the Transvaal the latter would now be breaking stone in Pretoria. It is also said that Mr. Bayard had been notified of Captain Heeny's arrest and that he had been promised that the captain whould be released upon his touching British soil. This will possibly be at the island of Malta, where the Victoria arrived today.

The colonial official added: "We wish it to be clearly understood that we have not

acted in an unfriendly spirit. The govern-ment will extend all its good offices in the matter. Heeny was in a similar scrape in 1891. He got into trouble with the Portu-guese at Mozambique and at that time naturalized in Chicago. The British gov-ernment helped him to escape the conse-quences." claimed to be a citizen of the United States.

stories of the coarse treatment to which Mr. John Hays Hammond, the American engineer and member of the Reform commission of Johannesburg, and other prisoners, have been subjected by the Boers at Pretoria, have aroused much interest here. The prompthess with which the secretary of state for the colonies, Mr. Joseph Cham-herlain, obtained the release of Mr. Hamduke of York will occur on Monay, Feb-raary 17, at Sandringham. The coromony will take place in the church there and Canon Harper, chaplain to the prince of Wales, will officiate. It is probable that the child will be named Henry, and in view of the British prisoners.

MORE NEWS FROM DR. NANSEN

British Consul at Archangel Confirms the First Reports.

GAEAT INTEREST MANIFESTED IN EUROPE

Celebrated Arctic Explorer Evidently Alive and Homeward Bound Even if He Has Not Found the North Pole.

Archangel, capital of the Russian government of that name, telegraphes confirming the report that Dr. Nansen is safe and returning from the north pole,

The news of Dr. Nansen's success has created intense interest in this city. The report received from Irkutsk, Siberia, was generally discredited at first, although more faith was placed in it than in the previous rumors which have reached London during the past twelve months. The dispatch from springlike and the parks are already green the British consul at Archangel, given above Norwegian explorer is homeward bound, ever if he has not discovered the pole.

Dispatches received here from different parts of the continent indicate that the same interest in the news from the north is manifested throughout Europe, and it is also generally credited at the European capitals, although even Dr. Nansen's wife and relatives did not believe the announcement which came through Kouchnareff, the agent of Dr. Namen near the mouth of the Lena river, residents of which locality frequently visit

Later advices say that the news of Dr. Nansen's safety was sent by Kandaroff, the local Russian official in the Yakutsch region, who was a member of the Siberia-Koffs expedi-

Dr. Nordenskield, who is in Christiania, is inclined to believe the news of Dr. Nansen's safety, at any rate, even if it is not true that he has succeeded in discovering the north

According to the opinion of Arctic experts here, when the Fram left Kara sea in 1893 she may have found the sea northward free of ice and pushed on until she was locked in. They add that she may then have been allowed to drift until the expedition came to land around the pole and that Dr. Nansen and his party may have returned in sledges to the Siberian islands.

At the Siberian islands it is believed Dr. Nansen and his companions may have been stopped by the broken ice. Dr. Nansen wrote Baron Toll from Yugoro straits, saying that he expected to return to Koteny, Siberian islands, where dogs have been awaiting him. Mr. Scott Kelto, a member of the Royal Geographical society and the agent of Dr. Nansen in England, in an interview today said he was surprised that he had not re-ceived a telegram from Dr. Nansen, but he thought it probable that the explorer had returned after reaching the pole. He added, however, that he did not know exactly how except by his report and observations.

DISCREDITED AT WASHINGTON. Greely and Lieutenan

Scheutze Are Extremely Doubtful. WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 .- The reported onfirmation from Archangel of the report of the return of Nansen, the seeker after the north pole, does not really amount to a confirmation in the opinion of General Greely and of Lieutenant Scheutze. The latter is, with the possible exception of Commodore Melville, who is temporarily absent from Washington, better posted than any other official in Washington upon the character-latics of the north Siberian coast, which he has visited on a governmental mission, being charged with the distribution of rewards to the natives who aided the survivors of the unfortunate Jeanette expedition. Said he: "This confirmation from Archangel is as if we had a telegram from Portland, Me., con-

firming a story of Sandy Hook."

General Greely took a smilar view, and held that it was inconceivable that the same story should emanate from two places so reangel. He knew of no way in which news of Nansen's approach to the mouth of the Lena delta should also reach Archangel. With the aid of a chart General Greely

indicated the vast distance between Arch

that where the first report of Dr. Nansen's return started. He showed that if it were really true that news of Dr. Nasen's movements had reached the mouth of the Lena and had so worked up the river to Irkutsk, then it was improbable that the same information could have reached Archangel. Then, too, there was the same lack of detail about this last report that had been noted in the first and this absence of even a hint of where Nansen was, or how he was communicated with, casts suspicion on both Archangel, said General Greely, is a large and important Russian town with good connections with the outer world, and if such news had reached there, he saw no reason why full details were not obtainable. General Greely called attention to another emerged from the polar regions anywhere of the Siberian coast, then he has himself dis-proved the correctness of the theory upon which his expedition was embarked. It would show that instead of an existing current across the pole there was a current that swept him up from the neighborhood of Bennet Island to the pole and then turned back and returned him to his starting point. General Greely, not unnaturally thought this state of affairs was hardly possible. Certainly, there was no scientific evidence of the existence of such an obliging current as this, and therefore, notwithstanding the Archangel story, General Greely stood un-shaken in his disbelief of the return of Nan-

apparently escaped observation, that if the first story from Irkutsk was true, then Nan-sen was sighted or heard from off the Lena river delta away back last summer. Lieutenant Scheutz is thoroughly familiar with that country. From Irkutsk to Yakutsk, which is the most northerly Russian poet of any significance, is a distance of about 2,000 miles, and communication is had only by uleds or in summer by rafts down the river Lena. From Yakutsk to Uet Yansk, at the s said to have been heard from, Nansen is s said to have been neard from Namen is a distance of 1,500 miles through an unbroken wilderness, and the means of communication are reindeer or dogs. The only travel between Yakutsk and Ust Yansk is confined a few half-breed traders, who go up to he latter point early in the winter and stay through until the next spring. Many months are required for the trip, and so any news

oming from Ust Yansk of Nansen would Reverting to the possibility of the same news coming also from Archangel, Lieutenant Scheutze said that it was extremely unlikely, although it was not entirely impossible that after having been sighted somewhere off the Lena delta Nansen may have worked his way westward clear to the neighborhood of Archangel. Lieutenant Scheutze explained the difficulties that might be encountered in the attempt to trace such a rumor as that in question. He said that the natives who might have sighted an Arctic explorer could not conceive the nature of his undertaking, and owing to their dense ignorance it would hardly be possible for them to transmit an intelligible account of the event. The natives of the Siberian islands were stricken in ter-ror at the sight of the steamer Velga, which had a hunting party in that region. They hid themselves in the ice for months after-ward until it was finally explained by a haif-

not understand how he happened to be returning in the way. If he had sailed the course he intended following, the expectation was that it would bring him out between Splizbergen and wast Greenland, and the first news of him-should naturally reach us from Maher's Eyes Will Not Permit Him to Fight

BY DALLOON TO THE NORTH POLE Scientists Interested in the Latest Arctle, Exploring Project.

LONDON, Feb. 15 .- Advices received here om Stockholm may that the foreign ministry has received promises from the governments of Great Britain and Russia to give all the assistance possible to Prof. Andree's projected balloon expedition to the North

Mr. Clements R. Markham, president of LONDON, Feb. 15 .- The British consul at the Royal Geographical society, is sending a circular to Canada with a drawing of Prof. Andree's balloon, asking the Dominion authorities to take every step possible to have the balloon watched for and reported, if seen, to the British government. The Hudson's Bay company will bear the cost of the distribution of a large number of these circulars in the northernmost districts of the Deminion

An official of the Royal Geographical so ciety states that a large sum of money has been raixed to help Prof. Andree's scheme, which is thought to be feasible.

CHANGES IN THE PLAY BILLS London Theaters Shift the Scenes for New Pieces.

(Copyright, 1896, by the Associated Press. LONDON, Feb. 15 .- After the terminaof the run of "The Strange Adventures of Miss Brown" last Saturday, the Terris theater was closed till Friday evening, and Mr. Kerr and his company were busily rehearsing "Jedbury, Jr.," which was then produced successfully, and

which was then produced successfully, and which promises to have a long run.

The comedy, "Mrs. Ponderdury's Past," which was withdrawn from the Avenue theater last Wednesday night, to make room for the production of "The New Barmaid," will, next Monday, February 17, be transferred to the Court theater. Mrs. John Wood will at this time he added to the cent will, at this time, be added to the cast.

After months of delay and frequent an-

nouncements, work has at last com-menced on the new theater in the Haymarket. The plans include a theater the same size as the Lyric, and a hotel, which com-bines the advantages of cafe and residential chambers. A large force of works:en is now engaged in excavating for the new foundation.

Sir Arthur Sullivan has been appointed conductor of the musical festival to be held in Wales in June. This is the festival which the late Sir Joseph Barnaby would have conducted had not death, unfortunately,

A large dinner will be given at the Queen's hall, Buckingham, on the night of Friday, February 28, by the colonel and officers of the Quenn's Westminster volunteers, to the new commander-in-chief. Viscount Wolseley. The function will be an important one, as all officers interested in the volunteer movement in the London district are invited to the eception, which is to follow the dinner. So great an interest has been manifested in

the collection of the Carlyle mansion in Cheyenne row that it will be continued during the month of February, and possibly March. Many donations of relics have been received, and they will go to make up a nucleus for a permanent museum at the

house.

The cast of the new opera by Gilbert & Sullivan at the Savoy theater includes Rosina Brandam, Florence Perry, William A. Owen, Turland Barrington, Walter Passmore Kenningham and Scott Fische. A special contract has been entered into with Mme. Von Palmay, the Viennese actress, who made her debut in England last summer in "Der Vogel Handler" when that onera was produced at Handler," when that opera was produced at Drury Lane, to

The business at all the leading theaters continues good. Wilson Barrett is doing a phenomenal basiness with "The Sign of the Cross" at the Lyric; "Trilby" continues to turn away meney nightly and "The Prisoner of Zenda" at ll draws crowded houses. The same holds good of the Adelphi, the Criterion. the Royalty. The Shaftesbury, with "A Woman's Reason" and the comedy, with "The Late Mr. Castle," are doing fairly

well.

E. S. Willard will make no change in his bill until after Easter, when "The Profesthe play by Henry Arthur Jones substituted.
"The Professor's Love Story" is now nearing its 250th London presentation.

The new Lyceum play, which is an English version of Coppee's "Pour la Courraine," will be produced on Wednesday, February 26 By an arrangement with Comyns Carr, Winifred Emery will assume the leading part while Mrs. Patrick Campbell will assume a minor role. Forbes Robinson has recently been in Paris for the purpose of witnessing the production of this play at the Theater de l'Odeon. The management promises that the play shall be much better mounted and costumed in London than it was in Paris. Mr. Robinson gives as his reason why the idea of producing "Othello" was abandoned, that, as the expense would be too great and his lease of the Lyceum is limited to Irving's return, the undertaking is not war-

The duke of York's theater, which had a disappointing experience under the manage-ment of Messrs. Cartwright & Davis has again reverted to Horace Sedger. Of the three plays, "Her Three Advocates," "Tommy Atkins" and "The Fool of the Family," produced under the former man-agement, only the first was a partial success, while the latter was withdrawn after a brief run of three nights. Mr. Sedger will phortly revive "The Gay Parisjenne" and is engaged in finding a company for the piece.
The new comedy by Robert Buchanan and Charles Marlowe, authors of "The Strange Adventures of Miss Brown," is in active rehearent at the Vaudeville, where it will shortly be reproduced. The play is called "The Romance of the Sleep Walker" and he cast includes Weedon Grosmith, M. A. Victor, Nina Boucicault, Mrs. Elwood and David James. In the new comedy Mr. Gro-smith is to play the part of a vulgar little snob, who is unexpectedly brought into contact with certain members of "upper classes" and who falls in love with a titled The scene of the first act is laid in a flo

ist's shop, which conveniently provides a rendezvous for all sorts and conditions of men and women.

DESERTERS WERE POOR SOLDIERS Minister of War Says the Army Is Well Rid of Them.

(Copyright, 1896, by the Associated Press.) BERLIN, Feb. 15 .- Count Zeppelin has lelivered a lecture at Stuttgart, in the presence of the king of Wurtemberg and the military authorities, on a steering air ship, which, it is said, will cost about \$75,000, and

which, it is said, will cost about \$15,000, and travel eleven miles an hour. It is asserted that such an air ship can remain in the air for seven and a half days. The officials of the Prussian war office believe the scheme feasible, but they, say the speed will not exceed five miles an hour.

The minister of war, General Bronsart von Sachelendorf, in the Reichstag today, replied to Herr Bebel's statement concerning the lill treatment of soldliers. The general said the ill treatment of soldiers. The general said the entire country was now convinced that the ill treatment of soldiers was strongly condemned by officers of all ranks, and that it was rapidly decreasing, owing to the strict preventative measures which had been adopted. The desertions which occurred, he continued, were not due to ill treatment. The deserters were worthless fellows, and the authorities were glad to get rid of them.

Fifty socialists have been arrested at a secret meeting, at which Herr Fischer, a member of the Reichstag, was present. Their homes were searched on Tuesday, and many compromising papers were found.

Before that Date.

MANY SPORTS ARE LEAVING FOR HOME

Fitzsimmons May Claim the Forfelt on Monday-Mexican Authorities Put the Pugilist and His Retinue on Ticket-of-Leave.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 15.-The official ancouncement of the possibility of a further postponement of the prize fight until next Friday added other to the delegation of home goers. The announcement was made about noon and was the result of telegram from Las Cruces, N. M., which stated that the physician in attendance upon Peter Maher forbade his patient attempting to fight before Friday. A ment that the meeting between Maher and Fitzsimmons might not take place until Friday. The news had a depressing effect upon all the sports and many fearing still further delays, prepared to get away on the first outgoing trains. Julian will not say what he will do. His decision will be given Monday noon. Dan Stuart is still determined He says he will bring the fight off on any date that the men can be brought together No one questions Stuart's sincerity, and his determination to bring the two principals to

Maher has declared he will enter the ring even if he cannot see Fitzsimmons. He is afraid the public will think he fears the issue with the Australian. Quinn at first insisted he should go in to save the forfeit money and Peter agreed. Connolly would not hear to this, and threatened all sorts of things if it was attempted Julian, on the other hand, grows less willing each day. He feels that he has been getting the worst end of the stick. His every move is watched by the rangers on the American side and the Mexican soldiers on the other, where he lives. The impression is gaining that Julian will, on Monday, claim the forfeit money, the right to which he waived after looking at Maher's eyes on Thursday evening, and "pull his freight" for more congenial regions. Fitzsimmons' wholesale terror of the law s known, and it has taken strong assurances all along to keep Fitzsimmons in line. In yelw of the situation, there is talk of

bringing off two of the other fights on Tuesday. Stuart has nothing to say about this. He is determined to pull off the big fight first, and says his first concern is about that event. He thinks it might possibly be a good card to bring off two of the other fights immediately following the Fitzsimmons-Maher battle, but he will think of it after he has found out whether he can bring Fitzsimmons and Peter together.

MEXICANS MAKE STRICT RULES. Governor Ahumada this morning adopted ore stringent measures against Fitzsimr and Julian than he has heretofore used. sent a messenger to Julian informing him that he wished to see him at once at the governor's office. When Julian arrived he was told that he or Fitzsimmons was not to cross the river into El Paso or leave Juarez vithout first reporting to the governor where he was going and for what purpose. "Suppose I have to go in the middle of night," said Julian, "will I come around and pull you out just to tell you I am going over to El Paso for a telegram or something

of that sort?"
"No need of that," said the governor, have three men watching you night and day. Just tell one of them and he will go along," and with that Julian had to be content. Fitzsimmons and Julian went to Stuart this morning to ask if it was advisable to remove their personal belongings from Juarez. If the fight should take place in Mexico, they would never dare to go back after their stuff out of Mexico, but would give no more inout of Mexico, but formation as to the battle ground than was implied in this statement.

Late this afternoon it was arranged that

the proposed postponement of the fight should Julian is not inclined to agree to the post-ponement. The Maher party are very anxious that the fight shall go over until Friday Stuart is anxious that the fight shall take place as soon as possible. It was finally agreed that the matter should be settled at agreed that the matter should be settled at a conference to be held tomorrow afternoon. Julian will, in all likelihood, insist upon improving. Quinn pent a telegram from Las patient and by next Friday they would see

fight worth seeing.
INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 15.—James J. Cor bett said today that he felt satisfied all along that there would be no fight between Maher and Fitzsimmons. While he admires Stuart, and thinks he has done everything a man could do to bring off the mill, that at no time Stuart was assured of a battleand. The odds of both governments wer

too big to overcome. PITTSBURG PHIL DUMPED AGAIN. Darfargilla Badly Beaten in a Special

Match Race. SAN FANCISCO, Feb. 15.—The California nurdle stakes at two miles, with \$1,500 added money, and a special five furiong dash were the features of today's racing at Ingleside park. John Brenock's imported horse, St. Brandon, although carrying 165 pounds, was an 8 to 5 favorite. After trailing behind the field under a pull. Boyd gave the favorite his head and the imported horse won with ridiculous ease. He is evidently the best jumper on the coast at present. The special match at five-eighths of a mile consisted of Pittsburg Phil's mare Darfargilla, Corrigan's fily Mobolasca. Spreckes' gelding Pat Murphy and Stanfield's crack sprinter George Miller. Darfargilla was a hot favorite, notwithstanding the fact that she had been beaten by the same horses two days previously. Miller won easily, Mobolasca second and the favorite third. The Australian system was used with great success again today in the three seven furlong races. St. Brandon and Olive were the winning favorites, the other races going to three outsiders and one second choice. The weather was pleasant and the track fast; the attendance was very large. Summaries:

First race, four furlongs, 2-year-olds, purse \$400; Casper, 111 (Griffin), 5 to 1, won; Orseno, 104 (McClain), 8 to 1, second; Lindendale, 101 (Frawley), 12 to 1, third. Time: 0:51. Billy Vice, Popinjay, Viking, Gordon, Phillip H, Charlemagne, Modesta, and Investigator II also ran.

Second race, seven furlongs, selling, purse \$400; Casper, 110 (Griffin), 5 to 1, won; Or 3 vear-olds; Wyoming, 108 (Macklin), 15 to 1, won; Kowalsky, 104 (Bergen), 3 to 2, second; Don Plo Pico, 104 (H Martin), 100 to 1, third. Time: 1:294. Ferris Hartman, St. Lee, Sam Leake, City Girl and Unity also ran.

Third race, California stakes, two miles over eight hurdies, 3-year-olds and upwards, value \$1.500; St. Brandon, 165 (Boyd), 8 to 5, won; Bellringer, 155 (Spence), 3 to 1, second; Contentment, 135 (McCullough), 6 to 1 third. Time: 3:38. Carmel, J O C and Janus also ran. money, and a special five furlong dash the features of today's racing at

ond; Contentment, 135 (sectulough), 8 to 1, third. Time: 3:48, Carmel, J O C and Janus also ran.

Fourth race, special race, five furlongs, purse \$500; George Miller, 113 (Coady), 2½ to 1, won; Mobolasca, 87 (Gardner), 11 to 5, second; Darfargilla, 107 (Lamley), 7 to 5, third. Time: 1:01%, Pat Murphy also ran.

Fifth race, seven furlongs, selling, purse \$400, for 4-year-olds and upward; Senspray, 95 (Jones), 5 to 1, won; Fortuna, 101 (Coady), 8 to 1, second; Hermanlta, 100 (H. Martin), 4½ to 1, third. Time: 1:25½, Hydy; Mollie H. Pecksniff, Sligo and Kitty L. also ran.

Sixth race, seven furlongs, selling, purse \$400, 4-year-olds and upward; Olive, 94 (Garner), 7 to 5, won; Foremost, 96 (Piggott), 15 to 1, second; Schnitz, 99 (Jones), 15 to 1, third. Time: 1:25%, Babe Murphy and Chartreuse II also ran.

New Orleans Race Results.

New Orleans Race Results. NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 15.—Weather clear and warm; track slow. Summaries: member of the Reichstag, was present. Their homes were searched on Tuesday, and many compromising papers were found.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Judge Charles P. Dally, president of the American Geographical society, when shown the Associated press dispatch from L'andon today regarding Dr. Nansen's return from the north pole, said to a Commercial Advertiser reporter: "This is rather better than the first account we had it is a remarkable circumstance that the news should come from these two points, but coming from points so widely separated as Irkutsk and Archangel, is rather in favor of the news being true, but I shall want some further information yet before accepting the report. I have always believed the pole would be reached some day, and for Nansen would say that his project presented everysting that was likely to succeed. But I canITCHING SKIN

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upward, selling, six furlongs; Vida (6 to 1) MANNIX EXPELLED FROM CUBA. won, Imp. Mardenspet (10 to 1) second, B. O. Reed (8 to 1) third. Time: 1:19. RUMORS IN YACHTING CIRCLES.

Lord Dunrayen and the Prince of Wales May Have Resigned. NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—The Advertiser this the plantation Labarinto in the Santa Rica morning says the letter from Dunraven in district. Five of the insurgents were killed reference to the Defender-Valkyrie episode and, according to the official advices, many is expected to reach here today or tomorrow. A rumor is floating around town to the effect that the expected documents will consist of manded by Macagua, while foraging recently, the resignation from the New York Yacht were surprised by 100 of the insurgents. Five club, not only of Lord Dunraven, but of the prince of Wales, the marquis of Dufferin and Sir Robert Peel. A number of members of the club were seen by a reporter. As a general thing the club were seen by a reporter.

eral thing they declined to talk.
"I do not care," said J. Pierpont Morgan, "to say anything on the subject. You probably know that I am opposed to hasty meanures. We cannot tell what Lord Dunraven's letter will say. Who knows but it may contain an apology?"

Lewis Cass Ledyard said: "My resolutions speak for me. I believe that Lord Dunraven should be called upon to resign. His letter will not, in my opinion, bring an apology. It will, however, I think, bring his resignation." Frank M. Cronise said: "I have heard nothing concerning the rumor about the prince of Wales' resignation. I don't believe that he will resign and I should be sorry if he did. He is a keen and an honorable yachtsman. Indeed, so was Lord Durraven until lately. When I first saw him, many years ago, in the studio of the artist Bierstadt, in Irvington, I was struck with his bon homme and his captivating The fact that he came over here before-in 1893. I think it was-and took his defeat like a gentleman and a sportsman made him hosts of friends. It made him persona grata

with American yachtsmen "When I saw Lord Dunraven again last appeared to me and others as suspicious, and I have now come to the conclusion that he is a hypochondriac. This is the most charitable way at all events, of explaining his conduct apology. I believe it will be a letter of resig nation. It does not follow, of course, that will be accepted. He may be expelled. I don't think, however, that he will be ex-pelled. Under ordinary circumstances he might, but owing to the strained relations existing between the two countries it would not be good policy to rub it in."

Riley Grannan Gone Broke. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—A local pa-per prints a story to the effect that Riley per prints a story to the effect that Riley Grannan, the young plunger, has lost \$100,-000 since he came to California this winter and has gone broke. Pierre Wibaux, the Montana plunger, Barney Schrieber and other heavy gamblers are also said to have lost amounts ranging from \$20,000 to \$50,000. Grannan, who was formerly followed about the betting ring by big crowds, who followed his plays, is now regarded as a "jonah" and his plays are "coppered."

New Bicycle Club Formed. Friday evening at a meeting of thirty o the employes of Hayden Bros, an organization to be known as the Hayden Bros. Uni form Bleyele club was formed. G. Jamieson was elected president; P. J. Byrne, captain T. Flynn, lieutenant, and M. P. O'Connor secretary and treasurer. The club will take a prominent part in this season's cycling.

Association Foot Ball. strong eleven to Fort Omaha this afteroon to play against the Second infantry The soldlers have not taken kindly to their recent defeat and will also turn out a strong aggregation. The game will commence at aggregation. Ti

Makes a Three-Quarter Mile Mark CORONADO BEACH, Cal., Feb. 15.-C. 8 Wells today broke the three-quarter mil world's record flying start, paced by a sex-tuple. Time, 1:15 2-5. Wells also made one mile in 1:41 4-5.

EXPLORED A WONDERFUL ISLAND Stories of Fabulous Mineral Wealth

Discounted by Actual Facts. LOS ANGELES, Feb. 15 .- S. C. Millard, who acted as guide and interpreter for Prof. McGee and his party in their exploration of Tiburon island in the Gulf of California, has returned from the expedition with an overflowing supply of interesting things to re He says the island is about eighteen by

thirty miles in size, and rises 4,000 feet above the encircling waves of the Gulf of California. The land is barren and rocky and is inhabited by about 300 Ceres Indians, who are unlike any other known race in appearance and language. They wear very few clothes, and scamper barefooted up and down the cliffs like wild goats. They never plan crops, but subsist on game, which is found in abundance on the island, and the waters furnish them with any quantity of fish, clams and cysters. The popular belief that the natives are cannibals has not been strengthened by the visit of the explorers.

There have been wild tales of mines of abulest wealth upon the sign of the description. fabulous wealth upon the island, of ledge of silver and copper ores of wonderful width and thickness, but Mr. Millard is, inclined to discredit these stories. In the half of the island which was visited he saw plenty of rugged mountains, plenty of fertile valleys,

many springs of delicious water, but of min-eral wealth he saw no trace. ACCUSED OF POISONING HIS WIFE.

Prominent Alabama Man Suspected of A Helnous Crime, LOUISVILLE, Feb. 15.—A special to the Courier-Journal from Mobile, Ala., says: A sensation has been caused here by the arrest of Henry David Hearn, a leading light in the Baptist church, who is accused of causing the death of his wife by the administration of nitric acid, which he had obtained from a local physician for alleged analytical pur-

There have been unpleasant relations between Hearn and family ever since they charged him some time ago with making a propositon to his stepdaughter to marry him

More Insurgent Bands Reported to Be Moving Westward. HAVANA, Feb. 15 .- A column of the Spanish troops recently fought the bands of Leaders Najones, Bacallo and Suarez at were wounded.

Twelve soldiers of the detachment comof the soldiers were killed and one was seriously wounded. The responsible officials in charge of the detachments were arrested for sending so small a fo.ce so far out into the country district.

The report that numerous bands commanded by the well known insurgent leader, Scrafin Sanchez, are coming westward and that they are now in the immediate vicinity of the province of Havana is confirmed.

Captain W. F. Mannix, correspondent in Cuba for an American military journal and representative of several American news-papers, has, after considerable diplomatio

correspondence, been forcibly expelled from Cuba. He left the island today on the steamer Olivette.

The column of Colonel Amaya, on the 10th, 11th and 12th of the present month, sustained a severe and galling fire in the Trini-dad district from the numerous insurgent bands commanded by Bravo, Parico and Muro. No details of the engagement have been re-ceived, but official advices indicate that the

loss of the ineurgents was considerable.

Major Leal, in command of the Bahia
Honda garrison, recently received a message from Soto Mayor, the insurgent leader, de-manding the immediate surrender of the The message was accompanied by fortress. a threat that a refusal would result in dyna-mite being used to destroy the fortifications fall I was struck, not only with the change in his appearance, but the change in his appearance, but the change in his manner. He seemed a different man physically as well as mentally. From the first he appeared to me and others as suspicious, and note and listening to the threat to demolish the town and fortress by the use of dynamite, tore the paper upon which the mes-sage was written into small pieces and scat-tering them to the winds, shouted: "That is

the Spanish answer." The insurgents attacked the place, but found the Spanish ready for them. The fortifications were bravely defended, but it appeared for a time as though the insurgents would make good their threats. At a critical moment the gunboat Alberta put in an appearance and rendered effective assistance. The gunboat scattered shots into the camp of the insurgents and the Cubans fled, but as they retreated their losses were considable. The ranks were badly broken up because of the unexpected relief afforded the

LONDON, Feb. 15 .- The British and foreign arbitration association has delegated one of its vice presidents to visit the United States in order to obtain matter for a report to the association upon the Venezuelan bound-ary dispute and its outcome.

DEATH OF MRS. ELIZA J. NICHOLSON. the Was for Years Editress of the

New Orleans Pleayune. NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 15.—Mrs. Eliza J. Nicholson, proprietress of the Picayune, died at 8:20 a. m. She was suffering from the grip when her husband died a week ago, and the sad event so shattered her system that the disease developed into congestion of the lungs, and she rapidly sank into the final

Mrs. Nicholson was born on Pearl river, in Mrs. Nicholson was born on the angle of Captain Mississippi, and was the daughter of Captain J. W. Poltevant, descended from a Huguenot family, still one of the most influential in family, still one of the most influential in this section. She was a poet, and under the this section. She was a poet, and under the name of Pearl Rivers early wrote songs which made her famous. Her first verses were published in the Home Journal and Lippincott's published a volume of her lyrics, which earned praise from Paul H. Hayne and others. Her latest contributions to American verse were "Hagar," and "Leah," in the Cosmopolitan, intended to begin a series of biblical lyrics. biblical lyrics.

The work of her youth attracted the at-tention of Colonel A. M. Holbrook, then pro-prietor of the Picayune, who offered her a position on the paper, which she accepted. She became his wife, and increased her mastery of the details of newspaper work.

KILLED TWO WYOMING RUSTLERS. Sheriff's Posse in Weston County Has a Fight. CHEYENNE, Feb. 15.—(Special Tele-

gram.)-A private telegram received here toight by Judge C. F. Miller, a Weston county stockman, says Sheriff Owen and Deputy Joseph Lafors of Weston county attempted to arrest a party of rustlers on South Beaver creek last night, and killed two of the party and captured the third. The two killed are John Timms and Hank Thompson

Ocean Steamer Disabled at Sea. NEW YORK, Feb. 15.-The White Star teamer Germanic, which arrived today from Liverpool and Queenstown, reported that or Pebruary 13 at noon, in latitude 41.14 longitude 61.24, she was in company with the British steamer Galileo, bound from Hull for Boston, having in tow the steamer Oceanic with shaft broken, steering west half north. The Oceanic was on a voyage from Sunder-land for Hampton Roads and Baltimore. She was sighted on Friday last by the American line steamer New York in latitude 41.35, longitude 66, since which time no tidings have been received of her until reported by the Germanic this morning, and some anxiets has been felt regarding her safety.

Killed Himself While Insane. CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—William H. Hughitt, the 22-year-old son of Marvin Hughitt, the 22-year-old son of Marvin Hughtt, president of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad, shot and killed himself at his father's home on Prairie avenue tonight. The young man, who was a law student at the University of Madison, Wis., had come home owing to illness affecting his brain and causing him unbearable headaches, and is supposed to have taken his life while temporarily insane.