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Political and Social News by Cable and Correspondence from the Old World

RIOTING RODENTS SCARE ENGLAND

Astonishing Increase of Rats in the Island Blamed for Much Prevailing Sickness.

TEN THOUSAND ARE KILLED DAILY

Hunters Are Decimating Rat Tribe with Ferret and Trap.

BUSINESS MEN JOIN WARFARE

Infection from Rats Has Spread to Other Animals.

KING GEORGE IS CLOSE-FISTED

Contributes Fifty Dollars to Christmas Fund for Crippled Children Through a Patronizing Letter Signed by Secretary.

BY PAUL LAMBETH.

LONDON, Nov. 26.—(Special to The Bee.)—People in this city, not to speak of many thousands living in places remote from it, are greatly alarmed at the great increase of rats, which, it is believed, have caused many cases of sickness in the interior. The popular seaside resort of Felixstowe is almost bare of winter visitors because of the rat plague. Around the Orwell peninsula nearly everybody is engaged in a rat hunt. Ten thousand rodents are being killed daily.

In a great war being raged against rats in Suffolk, increased activity is being manifested, as it has been proved that plague-infected rats are spreading over a wider area. Not only so, but at the rate infection is spreading amongst other animals, it seems probable that alarming revelations which are the outcome of the bacteriological examinations of Dr. Reath of Ipswich are that the area of danger is increasing was shown by a black letter bill headed "Plague," with the word "warning" printed in staring red below, which told residents of Woodbridge that the war against rats had swept over their boundaries. Broadly, 50,000 acres of the peninsula, around Ipswich, Woodbridge and Felixstowe, have become a battle ground against rats. One man at Wherstead has trapped 1,400.

Two hundred rats' tails decorate the barns of a farm near Tattingstone. These are two instances of heavy mortality by ferret and trap. Woodbridge was the scene of the most dramatic battle between men and rats since the compaign began. There was an abnormally high tide in the River Deben, and, as a result, hundreds of rats were washed out of their holes in the river islet known as the Saltings and in the wharves. The enemy was thus defenseless. L. Hayward, head of a firm of millers, put off in a boat and shot many rats as they swam upon the flood. Two other men waded out in top boots and killed others. Along the banks was a company of a dozen killers, generaled by an official of the local council. With dogs to help them and with sticks as weapons, they harried the pests, killing thousands.

Monarch is Close-Fisted.

English merchants, and, in fact, all members of the reigning family, have been known as close-fisted in money matters. They make a shilling scream before they let go of it.

Recently King George was asked for a contribution to the Christmas fund for the crippled children of London and now comes the news that "he has been graciously pleased" to donate $50, about one-twentieth the amount which an American business man would give. The letter announcing the "gracious contribution" reads:

"I am commanded to inform you that the king has been graciously pleased to continue the subscription of 10 guineas a year towards the fund you raise to provide Christmas hampers for crippled children.

"W. CARRINGTON."

The will of Sir Claude Campbell was recently probated in this city and his estate goes to his mother, Lady Esther Campbell. He spent much of his life as a common sailor on merchant vessels, one of which was wrecked ten years ago, when he lost his life. Campbell, who was born in 1871 and died in 1900, had an extraordinary career. At the age of 8 he was taken to Italy by his mother, who afterwards became unsound in her mind. In 1882 the court of chancery sent a representative to Italy, who discovered young Sir Claude working in a slaughter house. He was brought back to England.

When only 18 years old he went to the United States and became a cowboy on a western ranch, but after a few years of it he returned to this country, from which he went to Africa and shipped as a sailor. The Sutherlandshire, one of the vessels on which he sailed, was wrecked off the coast of Sumatra. Sir Claude, with two apprentices, volunteered to swim ashore for help. In this gallant attempt he and one of the boys lost their lives. Sir Claude's body was washed ashore and identified by Captain Hickell as that of the man who had shipped with him as Claude Robert Campbell. Since 1900 no trace of Sir Claude has been forthcoming. A month ago the following document, but not in Sir Claude's handwriting, reached the family solicitors:

"Alive and well.—R. C. Campbell."

At a recent quarter session at Coventry, a man who had passed as Sir Claude Campbell was convicted of fraud. The Campbells were Irish baronets, the first being Robert Campbell of Donegal, whose descendants had a long association with the East India company. The third baronet, Sir Gilbert, father of Claude, was captain in the Ninety Second Highlanders.

Old Cellars to Be Let.

It is proposed to let the one-acre space of cellars in the heart of London. They are the historic cellars or vaults under the church yard of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar square.

These cellars stretch under the playgrounds round St. Martin-in-the-Fields, which was until eighty years ago the burial ground of the Royal parish. Francis Bacon was baptised in the church; Nell Gwynne and Jack Sheppard were buried close to these old vaults, which adjoin the crypt under St. Martin's. Lord Mohun, who was killed in a duel with the duke of Hamilton, in the eighteenth century, in which he also killed his adversary, was laid to rest in the church yard.

The cellars, which are massively arched, were built long before the present church, which was not erected until 1721.

When the old whipping post of the parish was removed it was placed in the cellars, and was a great attraction to visitors until some one burnt it for firewood by mistake.

IRISH PRIMATE IS PLEASED

Cardinal Logue Tells His People of Reception Here.

HIGHLY PRAISES UNITED STATES

Parnell Monument to Be Unveiled on Anniversary of Great Patriot's Birth in June—Fund is Very Popular.

BY THOMAS EMMET.

DUBLIN, Nov. 26.—(Special to The Bee.)—Cardinal Logue, who recently returned from America, is enthusiastic about the country, and he said to a friend that if he was a young man he would locate there. Speaking at his home, Armagh, he said to the vast assemblage that greeted him:

"The people of the United States, whose kindness I experienced on a former occasion, were even more hospitable on my late visit. And, as I mentioned before—and this is one of the striking things in the United States—kindness is not confined to persons of our own creed. We find that those who do not belong to our faith and on some of whom we have not the claim of a common country, are just as kind as the Catholics in America. I had numbers of instances of that where I was received and treated with the greatest hospitality by people who were protestants in religion and on whom, very likely, as far as I know, I had no claim. It is the genuine spirit of the place, a spirit that is experienced by every one who goes to visit there, provided he does not go to teach them how they should conduct their government or themselves. If he goes there simply as a guest he is sure to receive at the hands of the people a most hearty welcome.

"I must say for the people of the United States that it is a pleasure to visit them, a pleasure to see their wonderful country, a pleasure to see how they are progressing under a free government. There may be, and no doubt there are as there are in every country, drawbacks and to some extent abuses. But the people are sound at heart and they are an energetic people. They are a people of whom we have every reason to believe that, as in the past they have been great and successful, so in the future will they be greater and more successful. And they cannot be greater and more successful than I wish them to be. The least thing I can do in return for all the kindness I received is to wish prosperity and happiness and good government and every other blessing to that great country, which opened its doors to our exiles and opened up to them a career when it was denied to them at home."

Parnell Monument Popular.

At a recent meeting of the Parnell monument fund trustees the question of a date for the unveiling of the monument was discussed and it was decided that the ceremony should take place June 27, 1911, the anniversary of the birth of Charles Stewart Parnell.

The fund is steadily increasing, each county has been asked to donate £150 so that all might be on equal footing, but County Kerry has contributed over £300. Cork has also done splendidly.

Widowed Almost at Altar.

The Belfast papers recently published an announcement of the marriage of Hugh McBride, a well known and wealthy civil engineer of Armagh. Tragically enough the notice of his death appeared the day previously. On October 25 he led to the altar his former typist. After the wedding the newly married pair were proceeding to the railway station when the bridegroom was taken ill and died an hour later. They were about to start for the United States.

Ghost in a Law Case.

An amazing story of an old woman's superstition came before Judge Drummond at Bailieborough, Cavan, in the course of an action brought by Anne Brady against a farmer named Connell. The plaintiff said that in June last the defendant told her that the ghost of her brother, who had been dead twenty-six years, was haunting him because he forget to pay the defendant 70s he owed him. The witness was frightened and paid the money, which the defendant swore was due. Her reason for giving the defendant the money was that the ghost frightened her. She was over 70 years old.

The defendant said he, after Phil died, walked nine miles to see if he could get an opportunity of mentioning the debt, but he wasn't given a chance. He denied having said anything about the ghost.

His honor, giving judgment for the plaintiff, declared that he firmly believed her story.

Australia Reaching Out for Immigrants

Premier of New South Wales to Start Campaign to Compete with Canada.

SYDNEY, Nov. 26.—(Special to The Bee.)—Mr. McGowen, the new premier of New South Wales, speaking to the Scottish commissioners visiting Sidney, said he hoped to provide cheap lands for immigrants and to compete successfully with Canada in the minds of the British people. Further, he believed in increasing the facilities for marketing produce by cheaper transit and by the opening of fresh ports. The commissioners, he said, were not immigration agents, but he hoped, as the result of the publication of their opinions, that the overflow of British population would be directed to Australia rather than to countries not under the flag. He considered that there was great need at home of a really scientific immigration organisation financing and regulating the outward going stream of people, so that the home land should not be depleted of its best blood, while immigrants genuinely fitted for rural work should not swell the congested cities.

RAISULI DESERTS HIS POST

Noted Ex-Brigand Leaves Tribesmen to Starve and They Proceed to Kill Sheiks.

TANGIER, Nov., 26.—(Special to The Bee.)—Raisuli, the famous ex-brigand, has fled from his post as governor of the Alcazar district, to which the sultan appointed him in the summer. He left the tribes, his supporters, destitute and practically starving.

They have consequently revolted and have killed all their sheiks. Other tribes are now joining them. It is expected that Raisuli will be forced to take refuge in Tangier.

CLEAN SURGERY BY ELECTRICITY

Berlin Experimenters Are Reported to Have Achieved Results Almost Marvelous.

PUBLICATION SOON TO BE MADE

Discoverer Has Demonstrated Before Royal Society of Medicine.

HE IS DR. F. NAGELSCHMIDT

New Bloodless Method Particularly Useful in Cancer.

GERMAN POLICE SYSTEM STANDS

Herr Von Jagow, Chief of the Berlin Force, Finds Nothing Superior to His Own Methods in British Metropolis.

BY MALCOLM CLARKE.

BERLIN, Nov. 26.—(Special to The Bee.)—Several of our surgeons here have experimented much with bloodless surgery and, reports have it, with much success. The results of their work in that direction will soon be published. Some of the results are said to be almost marvelous. With the usual conservation of Germans, they have refrained from declaring the system a finality.

Surgical operations without bloodshed are the latest triumphs of electrical science. The discoverer is Dr. F. Nagelschmidt, who has demonstrated it to the Royal Society of Medicine. The advantages claimed are that the operation can now be performed without blood being spilt, as the passage of this type of electricity through the diseased tissue coagulates all the albumen in the blood and tissues, and prevents the blood from flowing. This will be particularly useful, it is stated, in the case of large cancers on the surface of the body, and particularly in the type called "en Cuirasse." The current that the doctor uses is a distinct modification of the ordinary high-frequency electricity. It is applied as follows: Two wires lead from the generator to two electrodes. These are placed on each side of the part to be operated upon, and the flow of blood in the region between the two electrodes is stopped. All blood and tissue contain a very large proportion of albumen—a substance similar to the white of egg—and this the current coagulates so that the flow of blood is arrested.

Dr. Schoenbrodt of the Potsdam Bacteriological laboratory, while engaged in making investigations regarding the bacilla of typhus, contracted the disease, and died a few days ago. The doctor was only 35 years of age.

German Antartic Expedition.

Lieutenant Filchner conferred recently with Sir Earnest Shackleton at Hamburg on the subject of his proposed Antartic expedition, on which he will start next April. The expedition will be accompanied by a geographer, a meteorologist, a zoologist, an astronomer, a geologist, an aeronautic expert and a nelectrician. He will leave Hamburg on a newly built vessel for Buenos Ayres. The island of South Georgia will be the headquarters. Thence the expedition will proceed to the Weddell sea and explore the communications between the eastern and western Antartic.

Swindler Used Roosevelt's Name.

The Berlin police are searching for a young fellow who called himself Charles Juller, buyer for an American jewelry firm, and who, it is said, has represented himself to be the son-in-law of Theodore Roosevelt. It is alleged that a wealthy resident of this city paid Mr. Juller 3,800 marks in Amsterdam for jewels which, he says, he saw sealed on a package. When he opened the package, he declares, it contained only soap. He reported the matter to the police, and when he received a letter from Amsterdam in which "Mr. Juller" requested a loan of 400 marks, the money to be sent to the postoffice in the Taubenstrasse, this city, the police watched all day there. No one, however, appeared for the letter, the dispatch of which is supposed to have been a ruse.

Police System Satisfactory

Herr Von Jagow, the chief of police, has returned from London quite unconvinced of the reputed superiority of British police methods over those which obtain in Germany. He declares that after visiting England he realizes that when people speak of Prussian police tyranny it is nothing but empty talk. Prussian subjects, he declares, enjoy in many respects more personal liberty than English. By way of illustrating this statement. Herr Von Jagow cited the compulsory closing of licensed houses at the hour of 12:30, exclaiming: "What would happen in Berlin if the restaurants, cafes and other public resorts were compulsorily closed half an hour after midnight?"

Chief Jagow has drawn up an elaborate report concerning his trip and what he learned. It is not thought he will make any changes.

Such good results are daily being obtained by the employment of police hounds that the authorities have decided to increase the number of hounds for use in connection with the police force. No fewer than 120 policemen have volunteered to take a three-month's course of instruction in the management and care of dogs.

New German Coaling Station.

A heavily capitalized German-Abyssinian company is in process of formation for the purpose of establishing a coaling and provisions depot at Djibuti, the French colony on the Gulf of Aden. Its principal object will be to compete with the port of Aden on the opposite side of the gulf for supplying non-British vessels on the way to and from the far east.

Great Heiress Weds Naval Officer.

The marriage has just taken place of Irmgard Ballin, adopted daughter of the director of the Hamburg-American line, and one of the wealthiest of German heiresses. Her husband is a naval officer, Lieutenant Hans Bielefeld.

Owing to Herr Ballin being suddenly attacked with pleurisy, the wedding took place with the greatest privacy. Invitations for the elaborate ceremony, which was to have been held, were withdrawn on the eve of the wedding day. Fraulein Ballin met Lieutenant Bielefeld at the Kiel regatta last year and was betrothed to him a few days later. Herr Ballin adopted her eighteen years ago, when she was a child of 2 years. She is heiress to a fortune of $5,000,000.

AUSTRIAN CABINET FRETFUL

Condition of Aged Emperor Such He May Die Any Day.

SUCCESSOR MAY CAUSE STRIFE

Accession of Franz Ferdinand Full of Dangerous Possibilities to the Continued Peace of the Great Powers.

BY EMIL ANDRASSY.

VIENNA, Nov. 26.—(Special to The Bee.)—The feeble condition of the emperor, to which I have alluded in previous letters, is giving the men responsible for the government more concern just now than any other question. The accession of Archduke Franz Ferdinand will bring to the front a number of questions, any one of which has political dynamite enough in it to cause an explosion which might shake the empire to its foundations.

One of the most important of these will be the standing of Franz Ferdinand's wife, the former Countess Chotok. When he married her, he signed a formal renunciation of the right of his wife to share his rank and of his children to inherit the throne. In Hungary there is a strong feeling existing that the archduke's wife shall be recognized as queen of Hungary and their children as Hungarian princes, with right of succession. The settlement of this question is bound to cause trouble.

Then the religious question is another great danger. The heir to the throne is an intense churchman and inclined to favor the extreme views of the Jesuits and other orders.

In fact, so far as can be judged, Franz Ferdinand in character is not unlike Charles I and James II of England, and it is feared that his accession to the dual throne may result for Austria-Hungary much as the reigns of those unhappy kings did for England.

Brutal Murder of a Maid.

Refused a rose by a nurse maid from whom he demanded the flower, a young man of 20 shot the girl dead on the spot in a street in suburban Vienna. At his trial it was related that he came of a good family and a commission of doctors pronounced him to be sane.

The young man met the nurse maid, who was only 15 years of age, in the street with a child and wearing a bunch of roses. On her refusal to give him one he took the revolver from his coat pocket and shot her four times.

At his trial the man said that he had decided to adopt the profession of a distinguished criminal. He was completely cool and cynical. He was sentenced to ten years' penal servitude. On each anniversary of his crime he will be confined in a dark underground cell.

Attempt to Explode Ammunition.

A daring attempt to blow up the chief ammunition depot of the Roumanian army outside Bucharest has just been frustrated. A man wearing the uniform of a Roumanian soldier went to one of the sentries at night and asked to be directed to the quarters of the guard, which, he said, he had been ordered to join. He was allowed to pass, but another sentry challenged him, and, as he was unable to give the pass word, fired at him and brought him down.

Then it was found that the man's uniform was a disguise, and that he had been bribed to blow up the depot with dynamite cartridges found on his person.

Spanish Grandee is French Workingman

Duke of Saragossa Prefers Job as Engine Driver to Living in Idle Ease.

PARIS, Nov. 26.—(Special to The Bee.)—The duke of Saragossa, who is twice a grandee of Spain and the representative of an old and distinguished family, was an unwilling striker during the recent railway crisis in France. Although the duke is very wealthy and owns large estates in Spain, he prefers the life of an engine driver in the service of a French railway. The duke declares that he has always been facinated by a railway engine—"that sublime invention of the human mind," as he expressed it in an interview. After driving line on his train over a private railway line on his estate at Saragossa for two years he decided to take up the profession.

He returned to his work after his enforced idleness during the strike when he scarcely recognized himself, he declares, because of his unusually white hands.

SPANISH NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER WINS A WATCH

Alert Soldier Beats a Special Investigator in Search for a Traitor.

MADRID, Nov. 26.—(Special to the Bee.)—Sergeant Jose de L. Morena of the Badajoz garrison is the happy possessor of a gold watch which was presented to him by the officers and men of his company. It bears an inscription stating that it is a reward for loyalty.

According to the "Correspondencia Militar," General Jose Macon, the military governor of Badajoz, was informed that since the establishment of the republic in Portugal some unknown conspirator had been distributing anti-military literature among the soldiers, inviting them to revolt for a Spanish republic. The general commissioned Colonel Ampudia to investigate the matter, but Sergeant de La Morena, acting in accord with the indignant soldiers, kept watch and caught the culprit, Laureano Lopez, a municipal officer of Banio, whom he delivered to Colonel Ampudia.

AUSTRALIA'S LIST OF CHAMPS

Antipodean Commonwealth Claims an Assortment of Clever People in Many Fields.

MELBOURNE, Nov. 26.—(Special to The Bee.)—Australia has produced a wonderful number of champions in all branches of life. Here are a few of them: Sculptor, B. MacKennel; jockey, F. Cotton; billiard player, George Gray; swimmer, F. Beaurepaire; diver, Annette Kellerman; lawn tennis, A. F. Wilding; oarsman, R. Arnst; soprano, Melba; contralto, Ada Crossley; artist, Norman Lindsay; orator, Alfred Deakin; actress, Marie Lohr; actor, Oscar Asche; pianist, Percy Grainger; cricketer, W. W. Armstrong; pigeon shot, Donald McIntosh; inventor, Louis Brennan.

REDS WILL QUIT KILLING PEOPLE

Destruction of Property Hereafter to Engage Attention of the European Anarchists.

ACCUSED OF RECENT OUTRAGES

Organization of Destructives Not Composed of Workingmen.

EDITOR GATHERS INFORMATION

Forgotten Prisoner Raises a Row in a Police Van.

AMERICAN IN A REAL DUEL

His Opponent Was a Prince Handy with the Sword, Who Afterward Ate Ice Cream and Cigarettes to Soothe His Nerves.

BY PAUL VILLIERS.

PARIS, Nov. 24.—(Special to The Bee.)—The anarchists who divide their time between this country and England have, it is said, decided not to resort to murder hereafter, that phase of crime being too hazardous. Their policy now seems to be the destruction of property. It is a mistake to confound anarchists with workingmen or trades unionists. Anarchists are not workingmen. They despise labor of any kind and apparently look upon men who work or who employ labor as enemies of the human race.

That M. Guichard attributes most of the recent sabotage to anarchists who have forsaken the bomb and the danger for the willful damage of state and other property is extremely significant. The Patrie, Edited Massard, has been able to obtain about all information from the recent outrages. There were six bombs in all. One was exploded in the Rue de Berri. Another was laid in the Avenue Kleber. The third was exploded at Mr. Massard's dwelling. The fourth was discovered in a road. Four of the bombs were manufactured in the same way, in a strong case and with a heavy charge of cheddite. Bombs of this make can scatter fragments 200 yards, and both mangle and kill. The police think they have the four makers of these bombs, but they have no evidence which could insure their conviction.

Forgotten Prisoner Raises Row.

At Nos. 20 and 26 Rue de Cambrai there are large stables and coach houses belonging to carriage contractors who supply the transport for the prefecture of police. There are housed the police vans known as "paniers a salade." About 3 o'clock Thursday morning the concierge was awakened by shouts, oaths and blows. He roused two stable hands and they made a round of the stables. The shouts came from one of the prison vans. They opened it and found a prisoner who had been forgotten. He complained of the narrowness of his sleeping quarters. Policemen were called and the prisoner, a man who had been arrested for theft, was taken to the nearest police station. He threatened to demand an investigation and the officials have commenced one.

American Cut in Duel.

Another real duel! One Tony Stewart, who is said to be an American, and one Prince Ferdinand de Faucigny fought a duel with swords near this city recently. Stewart being slightly injured, to the satisfaction of his honor. The cause of the trouble was of a personal and private nature. After the trouble was over the prince ate three plates of ice cream and smoked a box of cigarettes to restore his nerves.

Great Church Nearly Finished.

The new Catholic church of the Sacre Coer, which will be one of the most beautiful in the world, will be finished in about three years. It is being built by national subscription. Millions were collected in the years after the war, which proves that France is still a believing country. It is all very well to say that the French are unbelievers, but when there is a question of appealing to heaven with prayers and sacrifices, the French are still good Catholics. The church of all times are touching monuments of these appeals to the Most High, and they are land marks of national wants, just as the wonderful Sainte Chapelle is a souvenir of the crusades of the faithful in the middle ages, when St. Louis, barefooted, carried the crown of Our Savior to the receptacle worthy to receive it, and which was made for it.

The church can be seen on its great elevation from every direction. The Catholics call the Sacre Coeur the expiatory church, to obtain forgiveness for the sins which brought on the Franco-Prussian war.

Nonstrikers Harrassed.

War on nonstrikers has been carried on here. Some strikers seem to be determined to make life miserable to all dissenters. The latest phase of the struggle was shown when 200 strikers marched to one of the suburbs and attacked workmen in a sand pit. The workmen had not joined in any strike, and had no reason to do so. Hearing that a score or so of men were working in sand pits at Choisy-le-Roi, they proceeded thither, invaded the pits, pelted the workmen with bricks, and stones, and punched and kicked them, after which they set to work to demolish some of the machinery. They then set out for another suburban place, but were met on the road by policemen. A skirmish ensued, during which the policemen had a hard time. But as reinforcements were coming, the strikers fled.

Frenchmen Buy Bonds Freely.

Recently the city issued a loan amounting to nearly 250,000,000 or 250,000,000 of francs. Hours before the opening of the sale of bonds the places where it had been advertised to take place were packed with people, ready in their turn to buy bonds. This would give you an idea of what the thrifty Parisians are. Women, with baskets on their arms, the modest bourgeois, with savings earned cent by cent, had their money ready to buy. Then there were messenger boys paid to keep the places of some who had no time to wait; workmen with their money in their pockets, waiting to buy a bond of this city, which is constantly vilified. The loan was covered thirty times over. The offices where these bonds were sold are in all parts of the city, and nothing in those quarters would show that everything was not going on all right. What did these Parisians care about the strike and travel being stopped? They always go the even tenor of their way; work, save, behave themselves, and have faith in the security of their city. I don't remember what philosopher said that 10,000 in a city can make more noise than 10,000,000. The trouble is that the noisy people are always talked about and make reputations.

SHOCKING CRIME IN THEATER

Vindictive Italian Kills a Friend for Trivial Cause.

FIREMEN GET BUSY IN HASTE

Think Murderer's Shot a Signal of Fire and Drench Audience and Actors fro mHose Provided for Emergency.

BY CLEMENT J. BARRETT.

ROME, Nov. 26.—(Special to The Bee.)—Italy has long been famed for sensational crimes. Offenses against the law are not so numerous as is supposed, but seem to have features about them not duplicated in any other land under the sun.

During the performance of a melodrama at one of the theaters in Palermo a real tragedy was enacted in the orchestra. It was noticed that two of the musicians, named Propeta and Oliveieri, were quarreling, and in the entr'acte they struck each other. The two men were separated and took their seats. Suddenly, as a soft passage was being played, the audience was horrified to see Propeta draw a revolver. He fired four times, and Olieiri fell, gravely wounded. His side partner was shot.

Hearing the shots, the firemen took them as signals of an outbreak of fire and drenched actors, orchestra and audience alike to the skin with fire hose. The wounded men were taken to hospitals.

The quarrel was nothing more serious than the price of a telegram which the two men, who were close friends, were sending jointly. The incident will inevitably prove the origin of a vendetta between the two families.

Brigands Do Devilish Act.

A gang of brigands recently captured Liugi Pivera, who had been visiting his country properties, near Palermo, making the journey on a mule. From his family a ransom of 10,000 lire was demanded, but nothing was sent. Later a mule, mad with fright and dragging a corpse fastened to his tail, dashed into the market place here. When the beast was secured, Pivera's wife, who happened to be near, saw that the body was that of her husband.

The gang had assassinated Pivera, tied him to the animal's tail and started it off.

New Palace for Queens.

Very important alterations, including the building of a new wing, are being carried out in Queen Margherita's palace. The new wing will contain reception and banqueting rooms. When the work is complete, Queen Margherita and Queen Maria Pia will take up their residence there, the suites on the second floor being given over to the dowager queen of Portugal.

The three queens, who are to live in the palace, will return to this city a week before Christmas.

Church's Claim in Spain.

A cardinal, speaking presumably for the pope, said relative to the situation in Spain: "The privileges of the church in Spain are not enjoyed as a gift from a monarch, but are the outcome of the struggle between Christianity, represented by the Catholic church, and paganism, represented by the Moors. It is the profound faith kept alive by the Spanish bishops, priests and monks that created the heroic deliverers of the country, over which reigned Ferdinand and Isabella the Catholic. This Catholic spirit was a mighty source of patriotic strength for Spain, as its religious foes were also its political foes. Although the Holy See cannot approve, it may tolerate separation on condition that the separation be established on an equitable basis, as in the United States, where the church enjoys complete equality and where no attempt is made to take back with one hand what is given with the other."

Countess Tarnowski, having failed in her appeal, is now subjected to the rigors of solitary confinement in her Italian prison. While the appeal was pending she had enjoyed privileges, good clothing, hotel cooking and a luxurious apartment. She is in mortal fear that her beautiful hair will be cut off. Her family allowed her $150 a month, most of which was spent in embroidered linen, flowers and French romances. She had a running account with the leading perfumers in Venice, where her bill came to $5 a week. Now she must wear a coarse prison cloth and a grey tunic tied round with penitent's cord. Her food is prison diet.

Belgian Statesman Sues Paper for Libel

Resents Insinuation that He Was Faithless to State Interest in Finances.

BRUSSELS, Nov. 26.—(Special to The Bee.)—A civil lawsuit has begun here which not only throws some light on King Leopold's latter-day transactions, but may also have some disturbing political consequences. At the beginning of the year it was found that the late sovereign's estate included a sum of $6,000,000 which had been derived from his personal administration of the Congo, and which should have been turned over to the Belgian government, with certain other assets.

M. Renkin, colonial minister, was violently attacked in the chamber and accused of having shown complete incapacity and lack of foresight in his dealings with the king, with the result that the sum of $6,000,000 had been lost to the state. A local newspaper, "Le Progress," went even further and accused the minister of complicity in King Leopold's proceedings.

M. Renkin is, therefore, bringing an action for libel against the paper in question on the ground that any mistakes he may have made were due to over confidence in the figures supplied by the king, and not to his own personal negligence or dishonesty.

WONDERFUL GIRL SINGER DISCOVERED IN AUSTRALIA

Vida Manley, Aged Six, Astonishes All Hearers by Versatility of Her Talent.

MELBOURNE, Nov. 26.—(Special to The Bee.)—A new and wonderful singer has been discovered in Australia in the person of a little Ballarat girl named Vida G. Manley, who trills like Melba, whistles like a canary and generally is said to possess the most wonderful vocal organ ever found in a human being. Doctors and musicians alike are said to be quite puzzled by the unique formation of little Vida's throat.

The child is only 6 years of age and the parents have agreed to let their little one be tested in every way. In the course of an interview the mother stated that one day, when her daughter was only 2 years of age, she suddenly warbled like a canary and ever since had retained at her command this peculiar power. The notes are rich and clear.

KAISER AND CZAR MAY BE ALLIES

Opinions Differ Radically as to the Significance of the Recent Meeting.

SOME PREDICT AN AGREEMENT

Others Insist Interests of Germany and Russia Clash.

KAISER BOSS AT CONSTANTINOPLE

Russian Paper Insinuates Germans Want Too Much.

CZAR WARNED TO BE CAREFUL

Viscera of Cholera Victim Found in St. Petersburg Street Causes Anxiety for Safety of People Who Handled It.

BY GEORGE FRASER.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 26.—(Special to The Bee.)—Will the recent meeting of the czar and the German kaiser have the effect of bringing about a closer understanding between Russia and Germany? In some circles there is a disposition to give an affirmative answer, but the great majority of opinion is that there can be no great friendship between the empires. Their interests clash at too many points. In the minds of the well informed Russian, Germany is in fact the main obstacle to the fruitive of Russian hopes in the near east. German influence has practically supplanted that of Russia at Constantinople and it is being steadily increased and always used against Russia in the Balkans. Under the circumstances it is not believed that which might be done by the two sovereigns will ever make the relatives of Russia and Germany really friendly.

The Novoe Vremya surmises that Germany is willing to forgo opposition to Russian interests in the near and middle as well as in the far east, but what, it asks, will be Germany's price? Recent events in Portugal and in Turkey give a sufficient indication. The Novoe Vremya, as well as the Bourse Gazette, insists on the necessity of sincere and cordial relations with Germany, but the former warns Russian diplomacy not to surrender to empty threats.

Dangerous Box Found.

A wooden box containing jars filled with human viscera was picked up in the streets of St. Petersburg recently and afterwards claimed by a doctor, who informed the police that tthe viscera had been obtained from the Odessa plague hospitals from a patient who had succumbed to pulmonary plague, the most violent form of the disease. The official version, which is alone permitted to appear in the newspapers, asserts that the numerous persons who handled the remains have been duly disinfected, but trustworthy accounts declare that no such precautions were taken.

Head of Secret Police Dies.

M. Rachkovski, former head of the secret police in Russia and agent of the Russian police in Paris, has died, suddenly, in the government of Vitebsk. M. Rachkovski has been called "the nearest approach to Sherlock Holmes Russia has ever had." He was a consummate detective, and under his regime the services of the famous spy Azeff were acquired. He, too, obtained the services of Father Gapon, whose murder was brought about by Azeff, who feared in Gapon a dangerous rival. M. Rachkovski narrowly escaped the same fate as Gapon.

Fortunately for him he failed to keep an appointment, and on Gapon's body was found a card from Rachkovski excusing himself from being present.

Russia to Have Airships.

General Sukhomlinoff, Russian minister of war, has ordered the formation of a permanent Military Aeronautic commission. He will offer a prize for the best dirigible balloon built by a Russian firm. Among the conditions are that these dirigibles shall be of 8,000 cubic meters, that they have a spread of seventy kilometers and be able to carry enough petrol to remain up at least twenty-four hours.

Careless Shouting Death to Smugglers

Six Men Meet Death from Queer Cause on the Swiss-Italian Frontier.

GENEVA, Nov. 26.—(Special to The Bee.)—A joyous shout, thoughtlessly given by an Italian smuggler on having eluded the customs guards on the Swiss frontier, was the cause of his six companions being killed by an avalanche. The party, coming from the Grisons, had, with a thousand precautions, successfully negotiated the Forcola pass on the Swiss-Italian border. Five of the men were loaded with valuable contraband goods, and two acted as guides and scouts. When they were all safely on Italian soil, one of the guides named Maretoli gave vent to a joyful yodel. In the still air, the least sound causes a vibration which may set enormous masses of snow moving. This is what occurred here. A quarter of a million tons of snow thundered down from the mountainside upon the party, who were swept in an instant into the abyss. Maretoli alone was able to extricate himself.

PORTUGAL'S TREASURES IN ART ARE LOCKED UP

Rich Syndicate Finds it Cannot Secure Possession of Palace Decorations.

LISBON, Nov. 26.—(Special to The Bee.)—It is understood here that a syndicate has been hastily formed of some of the largest and most wealthy art dealers in New York and London to secure the magnificent treasures which the royal palaces of Portugal are known to contain. A well known expert, armed with a credit note for a large sum, was ready to commence business with the new government, but found to his chagrin that the doors to the palace were sealed. Things are not yet sufficiently settled to enter into negotiations, and moreover it is not yet quite clear which are personal and which are national belongings. Anyway, the man and the money are in readiness to secure any or all of the priceless pictures, tapestry and china with which the palaces abound.