

Miscellaneous.

Monroton, N. B., Feb. 26.—Mrs. McCarthy, widow of the late Timothy McCarthy, was married this morning at the Catholic Chapel, to Mr. John Dowd, of Louisville, Mo.

Hiram Walker & Sons, distillers, of Walkerville, anticipating an increase in the excise duty on whiskey, have paid \$250,000 into the Revenue department within the present week.

London, Ont., Feb. 22.—A Mrs. Graham left Hamilton yesterday for the Great Western Railway, apparently in health. When she arrived here she was a raving maniac, and was removed to the city hospital for safe keeping.

Wheat from Siberia is likely to be a formidable competitor with American, and even with Russian wheat, as it may be sold in London, including freight, for 99 cents per 36.10 pounds, while Russian wheat costs 108 1/2 cents and American 110 1/2 cents.

The schr. "Sea Bird," Crowell, hence from Bear River by the West Coast, has been abandoned at St. John's Newfoundland. By telegram to Captain's wife. The Sea Bird was owned by George F. Miller Esq., at Bear River.

A troop of Volunteer Cavalry is being organized at Winnipeg, Manitoba, under the command of Capt. Young. Saddle, cloaks, uniforms and arms have been furnished to this newly raised corps, who are reported to be composed of a fine active body of young men, and well mounted.

A despatch from Capetown says the colors of the 24th Regiment were found on the battle field. Natal front, see quiet up to 11th. The situation is unchanged. Chelmsford is acting strictly on the defensive. The British loss in the fight at Burke's drift, including the native contingent, is estimated at about 500.

CHURCH BURNED.—We regret to state that on Thursday morning last the Baptist Church at Beaver River was totally consumed by fire with its contents. The fire originated from a defective stove pipe. A meeting was held at the church on the previous evening, but the fire broke out quite low before the audience dispersed. As there was no insurance on the edifice, the loss—about \$4,000—is a serious one for the congregation.—Yarmouth Herald.

A New York despatch says:—The fact that twelve steamers of 400 tons each, owned, manned and officered by Chinese, ply along the Chinese coast, and that the line is successfully and skillfully managed, strengthens the opinion in commercial circles that maritime nations must expect Chinese competition on the ocean. Thirty steamers are run by the China Merchants' Steamship Company, whose manager is a Chinaman. The opinion is expressed that the first to feel the competition would be the fleet of ships which carry the profitable mail service to the California grain trade under the American flag.

Snow has played havoc with American Railway lines, especially in the York State. It has been estimated that the loss to Vanderbilt and the fast freight lines pooling with him, at no less than \$30,000 a day for two months past. It is said the repair shops at Boston are crowded with disabled locomotives, and that there are 15,000 loaded east bound cars upon the New York Central switches, and that nearly a thousand are over due at Boston, from the Central and its connections. The steamship owners and the owners of the merchandise on the road are also great losers.

INSOLVENT ACTS' AMENDMENT.

Mr. Bourassa's bill to amend the Insolvent Act of 1875, and amending Acts, has been printed. In this revision the expression "creditor" means any farmer, grazier, common laborer, workman for hire, or other persons who cannot be declared an insolvent under the Act now in force. The principal provisions are as follows: Section 2 says if in the statement of liabilities and assets, which the insolvent is required to furnish to the assignee, the insolvent shall discriminate between his insolvent traders and non-traders at any time after the making of the assignment or issue of writ of attachment, previous to the first meeting of creditors, any creditor who is a non-trader shall not be assigned in writing that such is the case, and that he purports to avail himself of the provisions of this Act, and no assignee shall be bound to accept the composition or sign the discharge of the insolvent, but the claim of such non-trader shall, nevertheless, be ranked by the assignee on the dividend in the same manner as the claims of other creditors, and the receipt signed by the non-trader in respect of such claim shall be as valid as if the non-trader had assented thereto. Section 3 says a non-trader, who has availed himself of the provisions of this act, may attend a meeting of creditors of the insolvent, and may vote thereat in the same manner as other creditors, except on any question touching the acceptance of any offer of composition, or the granting of the discharge of the insolvent, and on calculating the claims of creditors, and the amount of claims against insolvent non-traders who have availed themselves of the provisions of this act, the amount of their claims shall not be counted, and no deed of composition and discharge, nor any discharge from the court or judge shall, in any way, or March 1881. The Princess gave an impat the rights of the non-trader, who has availed himself of the provisions of this act, to recover from the insolvent any balance that may remain unpaid of the claim of such non-trader, but such balance may be recovered only in the manner provided in this act, notwithstanding the acceptance by the non-trader of any dividend from the insolvent, as herein before stated; provided always that the non-trader shall avail himself of the provisions of this or the next proceeding section, in the case of an insolvent whom the said non-trader has compelled to place himself under the insolvent laws, or whose assignment he has demanded.

Telegraphic News.

CALIFORNIA.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 25.—A shooting affray occurred at Bodie last evening between George Taft and Henry Heath. Taft was instantly killed; Heath badly wounded, and a bystander named Sullivan fatally wounded.

CANADA.

Toronto, March 1.—An Ottawa despatch to the Mail says:—It is not likely that any satisfactory basis of settlement could be arrived at. It is therefore unlikely that any such division will be made. Whatever else may be done for the benefit of the squawped of the award, a division of the money is the least likely thing that will happen. It may not be amiss to suggest that, as the Americans seem to be determined to abrogate the treaty by notice at the proper time, the interest of the whole sum may be required to put in force our laws against encroachments, and to establish an efficient force for the protection of the fishing grounds. In view of that fact the demands from the Maritime Provinces, if any are made, may be with- drawn, as their interests are deeply involved in the efficient protection of the fisheries in the absence of any treaty.

UNITED STATES.

Boston, Feb. 23.—The dead and somewhat mutilated body of a young lady was found in Sangus River, at Lynn, last evening, enclosed in a trunk. An autopsy disclosed that she had been the victim of malpractice, and had been dead about forty-eight hours. Her person bore evidence that she was a lady of refinement. The case is yet involved in mystery.

Baltimore, Feb. 28.—A coal oil lamp explosion occurred last evening in a house on Dallas Street. Clara Sharp and her son were burned to death, and Clara's mother and Thomas Jones (all colored) severely injured.

Cumberland, Md., Feb. 27.—The roof of a coal shed fell this morning in the Big Vein Mine near Lonsanigan. George Barnett was killed, and others narrowly escaped.

Marysville, Feb. 28.—John Miller, a well-known resident, was assassinated last night at his country home, 14 miles from Stranton, Tenn., by an unknown person.

New York, March 1.—Rio Janeiro dates of the 9th state that a serious outbreak of yellow fever exists at the shipping ports, but the health of the north-east provinces is improving.

Nashville, Ohio, March 1.—A house of J. M. Lunsford was burned this morning, and his six children, who were asleep, were smothered or burned to death. Only his wife and one child escaped.

EUROPE.

The Afghan War.

TAKHEND, Feb. 24.—From an interview it is learned that the Amer is firmly reiterated his intention of continuing the war. It is also asserted that the Afghans have 200 cannon and splendid cavalry, with which they could destroy the invaders if properly commanded. Feroz Khan, the general declared that if Sher Ali should die, Yakob Khan will, in all probability, continue the war.

London, March 3.—The "Times" says Yakob Khan will probably succeed Sher Ali. Once firmly established on the throne it will be the policy of the Indian Government to recognize him as ruler de facto, and to meet favorably any advances he may make, with a view to the termination of the war. His letter to the Viceroy, announcing his father's death, seems to give proof of his disposition to come to terms. The English troops are now in possession of strong places, and are the keys of the Northwestern frontier of India.

Paris, March 1.—Postal communication in Europe is mostly by stage coach, the snow blocking the railroads.

The French Minister of the Interior asked the Chamber of Deputies yesterday for two hundred thousand francs to relieve the sufferers in south of France by inundations and storms. On the French shores of the eastern Pyrenees there was more than the "oldest inhabitant" remembers. Between Cour, Madame and Mount Louis, horseback is the only means of communication. Floods are apprehended in the valleys, if spring sets in suddenly. Foundations in the South-East are subsid- ing, but the foundations of houses have been so undermined that around Agen, in the department of Garonne, quite a panic prevails. At Coulommiers the floods led to a great landslide. During the gale at Trieste, on the Adriatic, the sea invaded the lower part of the town, doing much damage to shops and cafes. Twenty-three Spanish sailors from Perol who were spending a carnival in their native village, were drowned by a host capsizing. In the Spanish provinces several railways are interrupted by snow.

London, Feb. 28.—A Madrid special says the General Campos advocates tariff reform to develop trade between Cuba and the United States and repeal of the sugar duties. Should the Council approve of these reforms and his general policy regarding Cuba, he will probably return to Havana. Other advices seem to indicate that Campos will remain in Spain. The protocol of the treaty between Enstetia and Turkey provides that, although the stipulations of the treaty of Berlin are to be interpreted in case of doubt by the latter; that all claims of Russian subjects for damages sustained during the late war will be settled by the Russian commission at which the Sultan shall be represented by a delegate; that Romania, Servia and Montenegro are left free to make any arrangements they please with the Porte regarding their claims for war indemnity; and that the amnesty provided for in the treaty shall not prevent either Turkey or Russia from taking precautionary measures against dangerous persons.

The wedding of Prince Arthur, of England, to Princess Margaret, niece of the German Emperor, takes place at Windsor, March 18th. The Princess gave a farewell reception in Berlin on Thursday night.

The Mayor of Sheffield says there are 4,000 destitute people in one district in that city, and four hundred families actually starving.

London, March 1.—Queen Victoria will rest one night at the British Embassy in Paris and proceed thence to the Italian lakes, where she will be met by the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, who will then be on their wedding tour. Thence she goes to Germany.

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