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A porter in London was engaged in cleaning a luggage van, when the door swung back, striking him violently on the head.  
"Oh, Pat!" he exclaimed to an Irishman standing on the platform, "I believe I have opened my head."  
"Bedad, and now's the time to put something in it," was Pat's witty reply.—Ex.

News Summary.

A detachment of thirteen hundred Government troops commanded by General Lucio Valasco, arrived at Colon, Col., from Sabanilla (department of Bolivia) on board a French steamer.

It is understood that Mr. T. B. Flint, M. P., of Yarmouth, will receive the appointment of Clerk of the House of Commons, which position became vacant by the death of Sir John C. Bourinot.

Announcement has been made of a new railroad to connect the Southern Illinois coal fields with the Ohio River and to give the industry a new market in the east, which in the past has never been sought.

Passengers who have just arrived in Kingston, Ja., from Venezuela, by way of the Island of Trinidad, say the forces of General Matos, the Venezuela revolutionary leader, are approaching Caracas, the capital.

The negotiations between Great Britain and Turkey, with regard to the encroachments of Turkish troops to the Hinterland of Aden, have resulted in a satisfactory settlement. The Porte has modified its note to Great Britain, and has ordered the evacuation of the Hinterland, which was formerly occupied by British troops.

John E. Redmond, member of Parliament, who came over to attend the United Irish League Convention in Boston, sailed Oct. 31st, on the White Star Liner, Celtic. He was accompanied by his wife and son, John Dillon and Michael Davitt who came to New York with Mr. Redmond, will remain there until Christmas.

Vessels from Ogdensburg, N. Y., are preparing to rush coal to Montreal and the Canadian ports before the canal freeze up. The steamer Avon passed down the river Nov. 1, with 1,600 tons of hard coal from Oswego to Montreal. This is the first hard coal to go to Canada since the Pennsylvania anthracite coal strike began.

Small pox continues to spread in Barbados at an alarming rate. A week ago the total number of cases reached 1300. In consequence of the shipping restrictions the customs revenue declined the last quarter by over \$20,000, a comparatively large sum. The other islands are observing the most strict quarantine against Barbados.

Premier Bond has returned from Washington. In an interview today the Premier said he had succeeded in negotiating a convention with Washington authorities; that on Oct. 18, the British Foreign Office instructed Ambassador Herbert to sign this convention and that he then started for home, his work in Washington being completed.

John Carroll Lathrop, John Quimby and his wife Georgiana, were indicted Oct. 31 by the Grand Jury of Westchester County, the charge being manslaughter in the second degree. Mr. and Mrs. Quimby are the parents of Ester Quimby, a child who died last week of diphtheria, after the dismissal of a physician and the substitution of Mr. Lathrop, who is a leader of one of the Christian Science churches in New York.

The Gazette says that Colorado Springs is to have another outlet to the Pacific coast, as well as a new road, which will tap the immense coal fields at Trinidad. Within 60 days, it is said, contracts will be awarded for the building of 265 miles of railroad by the Rock Island system, connecting Pueblo and Santa Rosa (N. M.) The Rock Island line from Liberal (Kansas), which connects with the Southern Pacific at El Paso, runs through Santa Rosa, and the proposed line from Pueblo to Santa Rosa will be the connecting link in the Rock Island system between Colorado and the Pacific coast.

The town of St. Pierre (Miq.) has been devastated by fire. A destructive conflagration started Nov. 2, and swept the main portion of the town. The governor's house, the government buildings, the court house, the building occupied by the ministry of marine, the Roman Catholic cathedral, the presbytery, and the schools and a number of other buildings were destroyed. There was no loss of life or serious accident. The rapid spread of the conflagration was due to the trifling water supply and to the fact that St. Pierre has no adequate fire fighting appliances. The town of St. Pierre has been partly burned down three times before—in 1865, 1867, and 1879.

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Mr. Stackhouse's Programme.  
Following is the programme of Rev. W. T. Stackhouse's itinerary in the interest of the 20th Century Fund.  
Oct. 29. Upper Canard.  
" 30. Poraux.  
" 31. Canning.  
Nov. 2. Billtown (a. m.) Kentville (evening).  
" 4. Coldbrook.  
" 5. Cambridge.  
" 6. Waterville.  
" 9. Berwick field.  
" 11-14. Kingston, Morristown, Burlington, Wilmot.  
" 16. Upper and Lower Aylesford.  
" 18. Melvern Square.  
" 23. Nictaux (a. m.,) Middleton (evening).  
" 24, 25. Nictaux field.  
" 26. Lawrence town.  
" 27. Port Lorne.  
" 30. Paradise, Clarence, and Bridgetown in evening.  
Dec. 1. Annapolis.  
The brethren are asked to give Mr. Stackhouse and the 20th Century Fund the right of way—if possible, according to this schedule—and to communicate at once with Mr. Stackhouse and complete the arrangements for his coming. Mr. Stackhouse, as you will see from the above has some dates left open which may be used by the churches in the vicinity where he happens to be. The Committee has done its best in this matter—Do you brethren do the rest!

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