

Chinese on the Run

New Chwang Evacuated by the Celestials.

Native Officials at Shanghai and Ningpo in a Panic.

Probable Loss of a British Steamer With All on Board.

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Death of Francis II, Last King of Naples and the Sicilies.

Death of Francis II, the last king of Naples or the two Sicilies, died today, aged 58 years.

Earthquakes.
ROME, Dec. 27.—Reggio di Calabria, the district at the extreme end of Continental Italy, was shaken severely today. The most violent shock either in Italy or Sicily was felt in Milan.

For Bismarck's Birthday.
BERLIN, Dec. 27.—The senates of several universities have suggested that the professors of all the universities in the empire unite to celebrate Prince Bismarck's 80th birthday. A silver birthday medal has been struck.

Over 120 Men Burned to Death.
A special from Montevideo says: Advice received here report that a house at San Gabriel, used as a hospital, has been burned by Brazilian troops. More than 120 rebels perished. Several who tried to escape were forced back into the flames by bayonets.

The Anti-Vaccinists.
LONDON, Dec. 27.—The Society for the Abolition of Compulsory Vaccination has urged all anti-vaccinists and all lovers of liberty to use their utmost exertions at the election of guardians to procure the return of candidates favorable to their movement.

Death of Lady Grosvenor.
LONDON, Dec. 27.—Lady Henry Grosvenor, wife of the second son of the Duke of Westminster, died at Eaton Hall, the residence in Chester of the Duke of Westminster. She gave birth to a boy last Sunday. Lady Henry Grosvenor was the daughter of the late James H. Erskine Wemyss, and was married on April 21, 1887.

Gooch—Drury.
LONDON, Dec. 27.—Captain J. H. Gooch, of the Royal Artillery, was married this afternoon in St. Peter's Church, Eaton Square, to Miss Ella Drury, daughter of Mr. W. C. Drury, of St. John, N. B., a large number of distinguished guests being present. The bride received upwards of 300 presents.

Successful Treatment of Sewage.
LONDON, Dec. 27.—New experiments have been made in treating separately with lime and protosulphate of iron the sludge liquor at the two outfalls for the sewage of London. The results were so satisfactory that it is intended to make arrangements for treating the whole quantity of sewage in this way.

The Irrepressible Old Man.
LONDON, Dec. 27.—In anticipation of Mr. Gladstone's birthday, which comes on Dec. 29, the Daily News has gathered the latest information as to his physical condition. It learns that he is in almost perfect health, and is able to read ten to twelve hours daily. In going to Cannes from Haverden he will stop to consult Dr. Nettleship, who operated on his eyes.

Lost With All on Board.
LONDON, Dec. 27.—The washing ashore of a quantity of wreckage upon the Scotch coast indicates the loss of the steamer Oswald with her crew, bound for Cardiff. The wreckage was chiefly washed ashore three miles north of Port Logan, Wigtownshire.

The British steamer State of Georgia, Capt. Laurie, from Montreal Nov. 15 via North Sydney, C. B., which arrived at Aberdeen Dec. 24, encountered a gale on the passage, which drove her out of her course, and during which her foremast, cabins and engine room were flooded. She lost a winch, hawser and ropes, and was otherwise badly damaged. The Norwegian bark Agnes, which sailed from Fleetwood Dec. 21 for Ship Island, is ashore on the Isle of Man, and will probably prove a total wreck. Her crew are safe.

The British ship Arklow, from Greenock for Ship Island, Scotland, with nine feet of water in her hold, has been surveyed. She will probably be sold.

The British steamer Mohawk, from New York Dec. 15, which arrived at London today, was cut down through two plates on the port quarter by a collision with the Thames with the British steamer Indian Prince. The latter steamer had a hole stove in her port bow.

Celestials on the Run.
LONDON, Dec. 27.—The Globe prints a dispatch from Yokohama to a news agency in this city which says the Chinese forces have evacuated New Chwang.

A dispatch to the Central News says the Chinese army under Gen. Sung having been defeated at Kung Wa Sei, retreated to New Chwang. There they were joined by the troops under the command of Gen. Ma, and the combined forces retreated to Tien Chon Ta, the town of New Chwang being completely evacuated. The Chinese troops at Tien Han Lien are spreading their front and increasing the number of their banners, in order to make the greatest possible display of strength. Japanese cavalry scouts report that 3,000 Chinese from King Chow have reached Tien Han Lien.

The native officials at Shanghai and Ningpo are in a complete state of panic, fearing a Japanese invasion.

A dispatch from Washington states that John W. Foster has been requested by the Chinese Government to go to Japan and meet the plenipotentiaries of that Government

to aid them in their negotiations for peace. He has accepted the invitation, and expects to leave Washington within a day or two. The Japanese Government has been advised of the appointment, and its minister in this city has expressed his satisfaction with it. Mr. Foster goes to Japan purely in a private capacity as an adviser of the Chinese plenipotentiary.

In official circles in Washington when the announcement became known tonight it was taken to mean that from now until the peace negotiations are formally begun there would be a complete suspension of all hostilities between the armies of Japan and China. The fact that Mr. Foster's appointment was submitted to the Japanese Government and approved by it indicates that peace overtures were begun simultaneously with Mr. Foster's selection as the adviser of the Chinese Government.

Late Canadian News.

First Consignment of 72 Patients Sent to Brockville's New Insane Asylum.

Hon. Mackenzie Bowell was 71 years old on Thursday.

Bridge Street Methodist Church in Belleville, has the names of 1,000 scholars on the roll.

The health of Lieut.-Gov. Schultz continues to improve, but he is yet unable to leave his bed.

The question as to whether standard or solar time should govern the closing of bar-rooms has been raised at Hamilton.

Dan Edwards, brakeman on the T. H. and B., had the middle fingers of his right hand taken off while coupling cars at Brantford station Thursday.

An order in council has been passed creating Sarnia tunnel station an outpost of customs and a warehousing port under the port of Sarnia, from Tuesday next.

The beautiful pall which the Governor-General and Countess of Aberdeen are presenting for use at the late Sir John Thompson's funeral, has been completed.

Miss Emily Carson, one of the most popular young ladies in Brantford musical circles, and Mr. O. Trusdale, commercial traveler, were married on Thursday evening.

The first consignment of patients for Brockville's new insane asylum were transferred on Thursday from Mount Allison, numbering 72. They were accompanied by Drs. Ross and Barber.

Mrs. Mills, relict, of the Hon. Samuel Mills, died on Thursday at the residence of her son, Mr. F. H. Mills, Hamilton. Deceased was 83 years of age, and up to ten days ago was strong and well.

Mr. James B. Laing, accountant, of Toronto, has been appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in council to investigate the municipal finances of the village of Arthur, Ont., on a request by a number of the ratepayers.

Bradstreet's reports these assignments: Louis Allard, grocery, boots and shoes, Ottawa; W. T. Mitchell, blacksmith and carriage-maker, Palmerston; Andrew Foster, hats, caps, etc., St. Catharines; R. Foster, livery, St. Catharines.

A railroad man named Alexander mysteriously disappeared a year or so ago from Winnipeg. A few days ago a body was found on the prairie with a bullet through the head. The clothes on the body correspond with those worn by Alexander.

The Dairywomen's Association of the Province of Quebec have asked the Montreal Butter and Cheese Association to join in a petition asking the Government to grant a bonus on butter to be exported fresh, or as made, from the Province of Quebec.

HON. WILFRID LAURIER

Holds an Informal Reception in Toronto and Luncheon With Leading Liberals.

TORONTO, Dec. 27.—Hon. Wilfrid Laurier gave an informal reception today in the rooms of the Ontario Liberal Association. Many prominent Reformers were present. Mr. Laurier was lunched at the Toronto Club by Mr. George A. Cox. The gentlemen who met him included Sir Oliver Mowat, Messrs. Cockburn, M.P., Edgar, M.P., Mulock, M.P., Sutherland, M.P., W. R. Brock, J. R. Davidson and J. S. Willison. Mr. Laurier responded to the toast of his health in a few happy words.

Mr. Laurier is reported to have said: "Whatever the Government's plans are they are keeping them very quiet. The death of Sir John Thompson has upset their arrangements badly, and I don't think they know yet what they will do. I hear they may bring in a redistribution bill for Quebec. I don't think, however, that that will strengthen them very much or prevent us from sweeping that Province. The Conservative Provincial Government has certainly weakened the Conservative party down there by their measures. If we do have a session the Government are face to face with a deficit in the budget, and that will not be an element of strength to them when they go before the electors. When we have an election the Liberals are ready, and we expect to sweep Ontario and to have a majority in Quebec."

Dropped Dead.
COVSELAND, Ont., Dec. 27.—Henry Wilkinson, of Courtland, dropped dead this afternoon as he was talking with friends in Sneed's hotel here. Dr. Renwick was called in and pronounced it a case of heart disease. He is a brother of the celebrated "Big Push," and was well known in the county.

The Late Premier's Funeral.
HALIFAX, Dec. 27.—As the Bienenheim, with the remains of the late Premier on board, is due at Halifax Dec. 31, the order of procession at the funeral and other preliminaries have been fully decided upon and announced. It has been arranged that Bishop Cameron, of Antigonish, will officiate at the funeral service at St. Mary's Cathedral, and Archbishop Brown will preach the sermon.

The Thompson Party.
NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The Thompson party arrived at the Fifth Avenue Hotel about noon, but to avoid callers none of the party registered. Mr. O'Hara left in the afternoon for Hamilton, Ont., the home of the Misses Sanford, who accompanied him. Miss Thompson and Mrs. Sanford left on the 2:25 p.m. New York Central train, which is due in Ottawa, where Lady Thompson is at present, at 11:25 tomorrow morning.

Lower and Lower.

The Mercury Trying Hard to Get Into the Bulb.

A Fall of Seventy-two Degrees Registered at Sioux City.

The Cold in Quebec Emphasized by a Hurricane.

WEST SUPERIOR, Wis., Dec. 27.—The cold snap last night did not moderate today, and a sharp wind made the traveling disagreeable. The thermometer was at 22 degrees below zero at 9 p.m., and is still falling.

FALL OF 72 DEGREES.
SIOUX CITY, Ia., Dec. 27.—Intense cold has prevailed here since yesterday morning, the mercury dropping from 60 degrees above to 12 degrees below.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 27.—This was the coldest day of the winter in Minnesota, the temperature ranging from 14 degrees below zero at 9 a.m. to 4 degrees at 9 p.m. In the State the range was from 25 degrees below at Grand Rapids to 20 degrees below at Stillwater. The cold is moderating rapidly.

STOPPED 20,000 MEN FROM WORKING.
HAZLETON, Pa., Dec. 27.—The storm raged furiously here this afternoon. Traffic is at a standstill, freight and coal trains having been abandoned and passenger trains running two hours behind time. All coaleries have suspended, throwing 20,000 men out of work. Telephone and telegraph service is paralyzed.

EMBARGO ON FREIGHT BUSINESS.
AMSTERDAM, N. Y., Dec. 27.—A snow storm almost equal to the famous blizzard of 1888 has been raging the Mohawk Valley since last night, about eighteen inches of snow falling. It has drifted badly, and the Central Hudson and West Shore trains are from three to four hours late, and some of them have been abandoned. No freight have been run today.

HURRICANE IN QUEBEC.
QUEBEC, Que., Dec. 27.—The height of the hurricane occurred about 6 this evening. Very few ventured out of doors, and in many instances doors of houses were blocked with snow banks.

Six sleighs were upset near the Parliament buildings, and much trouble was experienced with the horses in the drift. A couple of boys had to be rescued, being completely carried off their feet by the wind. Trees and fences were wrenched away and some damage was done to property. The city is in utter darkness, the electric light lines having been demoralized. The telephone and telegraph lines also suffered through the storm. At 7:30 the storm began to subside somewhat.

NO LETUP.
MONTREAL, Dec. 27.—At 3 o'clock there was no letup in the snow storm here. If anything it was rather worse. No street cars are moving, and the wind, which has veered around to the northeast, is whirling the snow deeper and deeper over the tracks.

WORST IN TEN YEARS.
ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 27.—The storm that has been raging throughout Western New York for the past 24 hours is one of the most severe and disastrous known in this decade. On the Central Hudson many passenger trains were abandoned and freight traffic is at a standstill. Country roads are well-nigh impassable.

KILLING COLD.
OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 27.—A blizzard came upon this State last night and tonight. At various places the temperature marked two to sixteen degrees below zero, and light snow fell late last night. The mercury dropped 34 degrees in 24 hours, and tonight it is growing colder. Deaths by freezing in Western Nebraska among the destitute farmers are almost certain to occur.

TRADE IN CANADA,

As Reported by R. G. Dun & Co.'s Agency.

The Situation Not As Encouraging As One Might Wish It To Be.

TORONTO, Dec. 27.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s review of trade in Canada for the past week says: In the Montreal district trade is quiet generally. Travelers are home for the holidays, and the general lack of snow in the country parts is unfavorable to the movement of produce and lumbering operations. Manufacturing operations are also somewhat curtailed. Retail holiday trade in the city has been moderate, but taking it all round there has not been the amount of money spent that there has been some years. In values the only recent marked variations are the advance in flour and the steady decline in sugar, granulated having reached the unprecedented low figure of 33 cents at the refinery. Hides have been firming up late, with some difficulty of meeting the demands for the lighter quality of hides. Money is apparently scarce in the country, but plentiful at the banks, where call loans are readily available at 4 per cent on good security.

The volume of trade in wholesale circles at Toronto shows a decrease this week. In most lines travelers are in, and the mail orders are few in number. Some of the wholesale drygoods houses, report a larger number of orders for spring goods, which will keep them busy for some time. Generally speaking, however, this year has not been a very profitable one.

Canadian imports and exports for the five months of the fiscal year show considerable decreases, but the excess of our exports this year over imports is several millions more than last year, a very satisfactory statement indeed.

The money market is inactive. In spite of the lowering of the rate of interest on deposits, there is a further increase in the deposits of chartered banks. The small movement in produce is reflected by the decrease of nearly \$1,500,000 in the note circulation of banks during November. The discount line of the banks has also been curtailed.

The number of failures for the week is 41, against 31 for the corresponding week of last year.

The Paris Figaro recommends an international convention to forbid Atlantic steamships from crossing the banks of Newfoundland during the fishing season, with the view of preventing collisions.

A Cruel Blaze

A North End Family Burned Out of House and Home.

Narrow Escape of the Inmates, Scantly Clothed.

Turned Out in the Bitter Cold—Thomas Hayes Dangerously Cut—Nearly Bled to Death—House and Furniture Ruined.

Thrust scantily clothed out of warm beds and a comfortable home into the bitter cold of early morning was the experience today of Mr. Andrew Hayes and family, of 965 Colborne street, just north of Cheapside.

About 3 o'clock this morning they were suddenly awakened to find the house on fire. The inmates numbered five—Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hayes, a little girl and the two sons, Thomas and William. William had come from Dayton, Ohio, to spend the holidays under the parental roof. The house was a substantial story and a half frame. William and Thomas were sleeping upstairs at the time and the others below. When Mr. Andrew Hayes rushed towards the parlor whence the smoke came he was met by a blinding sheet of flame, which

felled him to the floor.

He was discovered lying there and was speedily carried into the open air, where he soon revived. Mrs. Hayes and the child were also taken out as quickly as possible, for there was no time to lose. The house had been recently painted and oiled, and the flames spread over the combustible surface with amazing rapidity, until the structure was wrapped in a fiery sheet. The sons, upstairs, were

forced to jump from the windows, the stairway being blocked by the flames. The suddenness of the conflagration left no time to dress and the family were compelled to face the biting cold in the few garments they had hastily thrust on without shoes or stockings.

In jumping on the hard ground from the window above Mr. Wm. Hayes sustained a painful sprain of the foot, but he immediately proceeded to give the alarm. The nearest box was at the corner of St. James' and Colborne streets two blocks distant, and after the delay of securing the key, it was found the latter did not fit. A telephone message was sent in from the chief of police's residence and the brigade arrived about 25 minutes after the discovery of the blaze, too late to be of service. In the absence of an alarm bell few of the neighbors knew of the fire and the family received little outside assistance. They were kindly sheltered by Messrs. Michael and John Shea, who live next door, and who rendered all possible aid.

Mr. Thomas Hayes was not so fortunate as his brother. In leaping down his wrist was badly cut by the glass of the window. Some arteries were severed, and before he could be taken to the

NEARLY BLEED TO DEATH.
The blood was spurting with terrible force from his wrist, which was hastily bandaged. His relations thought he was dying, and two doctors were instantly summoned. They found him in a very weak condition. Five stitches were necessary to sew the wound which, without medical care, would probably have resulted fatally. Mrs. Hayes also suffered from the shock and exposure.

House and contents are

A TOTAL LOSS.
Of the former only a few charred timbers remain. There is not a vestige of furniture worth preserving. Mr. Hayes owned the homestead which was worth about \$900. The furniture, which included a new and handsome parlor suite, was valued at \$1,000 or over. Both are insured but not for their full value, and the loss to Mr. Hayes, at his time of life, is very considerable. He is thankful, however, that all escaped with their lives. The fire is supposed to have originated from the coal stove.

There is general complaint of the insufficiency of fire equipment in the neighborhood. The alarm boxes there are few and far between and the nearest brigade is a mile and a half away. Under these circumstances the residents of that section may the keys ought to fit at least.

TELEGRAPHIC TICKS.

Sir Charles Tupper continues to improve from his recent attack of influenza.

On the final distribution of the Matabelo war loot fund, the British soldiers interested received \$550 each.

A dhow captured on Lake Nyassa recently by a British gunboat contained a number of slaves fastened in irons. Diphtheria is rapidly depopulating the village of Wesley, Minn. Wesley is a town of about 300 inhabitants; all Bohemians.

The Canadians now in San Remo will hold a memorial service on the day of Sir John Thompson's state funeral in Halifax. Among those who will be present are the Baroness Macdonald, Lady Abbott and her daughters, and Sir David Macpherson and his family.

A Buffalo dispatch says at Mount Morris last evening Mark Penny, a helpless invalid, upset a lighted lamp near his bed, and Mr. Penny and his aged wife were probably fatally burned. The timely appearance of a neighbor saved the aged couple from being roasted to death.

At Buffalo notice of an appeal has been filed by the attorneys for Mrs. Juliette C. Smith, the Toronto woman who brought a libel suit against the Buffalo Express some time ago. The appeal is taken from the order of the Superior Court General Term granting the defendants a new trial and reversing the judgment of the Trial Term.

On Wednesday night three masked men entered the house of Wm. Johnston, six miles south of New Lisbon, Ohio. While one of the gang covered the family with revolvers the others ransacked the house, securing \$800 and some jewelry. While the thieves were at work one of Johnston's daughters aroused the neighbors. The robbers then began to shoot and Johnston received a mortal wound.

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Men's Heavy All-Wool Cardigan Jackets, worth \$2, for \$1 25.

Women's Extra Heavy All-Wool Hose, worth double the money, 20c.

Extra Heavy 28-Inch Gray Flannels, only 12 1-2c yard.

Full Seven Pound Pure Wool White Blankets, \$3 pair, worth \$4 85.

Heavy All-Wool Canadian Tweeds, cut free of charge, 37 1/2c.

54-Inch All-Wool Mantle Cloths, reduced from \$1 25 to 50c, cut free of charge.

44-Inch All-Wool Cheviot Dress Suitings, reduced from 65c to 35c yard.

Extra Heavy Scotch Wool Shawls, reduced from \$5 50 to \$3

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