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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The Ontario Legislature was opened by Lieut. Governor Crawford, on the 7th inst. The Hon. T. G. Currie having resigned the Speakership, on motion of the Premier, the Hon. Mr. Robert Meares Wells, the member for South Bruce, was unanimously elected in his stead.

His Excellency the Governor General has been pleased to make the following appointments, viz:—

The Honorable David Christie, of Paris, in the Province of Ontario, Senator, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada, to be Speaker of the Senate *vice* the Honorable Pierre-Joseph Oliver Chauveau.

The Honorable Richard William Scott, of the City of Ottawa, in the Province of Ontario, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada, to be Secretary of State of Canada *vice* The Honorable David Christie, resigned.

A very important step has been taken by the Bavarian Government. The decision of King Maximilian II., according to which the Bavarian Constitution had always to give way to the Concordat with the Papal See whenever their respective provisions happen to clash, has been abrogated.

A special despatch from Berlin to the *Times* says the imprisonment of Archbishop Lodochowski is threatened. All his furniture has been distrained, and he still refuses to pay the fines imposed by the Courts.

During the investigation into the *Ville du Havre* disaster, Mr. Waile, of New York, who was a passenger of the steamship, deposed that he was rescued by a French boat. The same boat afterwards rescued Captain Surmont, who was in the sea clinging to some wreckage. Waile further stated that the crew of the *Loch Earn* confounded the pilot of the *Ville du Havre* with Surmont, and it was this that gave rise to the statement that the latter's clothing was dry when he came on board the *Loch Earn*. The court accepted this explanation of Waile's, and thanked him for having made it.

Captain Robertson of the *Loch Earn*, was examined before the Court of Investigation yesterday. The Court unanimously decided that he was not to blame for the collision with the *Ville du Havre*.

The French Admiralty Court has decided that the *Ville du Havre* was blameless for the collision, eulogises Captain Surmont, and gives the bad management of the *Loch Earn* as the cause of the disaster.

The Metropolitan Railway Carriage Works at Birmingham, were destroyed by fire on the 6th. Loss estimated at \$50,000 and 400 hands thrown out of employment.

Reports from Fort McIntosh, Texas, bring news of destructive raids by the Comanche Indians.

There is a financial crisis in Havana, and the necessities of life are going up enormously in price.

The United States' Public Debt has increased nearly eight and a half million dollars during the past month.

A Madrid despatch to the *Standard* reports that 200 persons were killed and wounded before disturbances in Zaragosa and Valladolid were suppressed.

The new Government intends soon to add 100,000 men to the reserve.

The Madrid Municipality has been reorganized, with Senor Caraval at his head.

Yesterday the Spanish ironclad *Arapiles*, was taken out of dry dock, and while being towed to the ordnance dock, ran aground at high water.

Thirteen of the conductors on the Hudson River Railway have been discharged for refusing to submit to the general orders reducing the salaries.

The *Virginus* correspondence has been transmitted to the Senate. It is said to be very voluminous.

The President of the United States forwarded Caleb Cushing's nomination as Minister to Spain to the Senate yesterday.

There are sixteen American war vessels at Key West.

Another appropriation of sixteen million odd has been made by the American Government for Navy expenses, apart from the \$4,000,000 already appropriated.

On motion of the District Attorney in the Supreme Court, orders have been issued on Twed, Ingersoll, and Genet, to show cause why they should not be struck off the Rolls of Attorneys.

The confidential diplomatic despatches were not included in the *Virginus* correspondence transmitted to the Senate, as it was feared they might complicate matters and render future relations with the new Spanish Ministry unpleasant.

On Monday night the Metropolitan Railway Carriage Works at Birmingham, England, were destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at only \$50,000, 400 hands are thrown out of employment.

President Castelar's Government was defeated on two votes in the Cortes on Saturday, whereupon General Pavia, a friend of the President, occupied the palace of the Cortes and all the public buildings with a force of some 14,000 troops and dissolved the Cortes. There was a great excitement and the streets were filled with people, but no blood was shed. A new Ministry has been formed with Marañon as President.

A thousand men were discharged from the Brooklyn Navy Yard on Thursday.

A decree was promulgated on the 5th suspending constitutional guarantees and putting in force throughout Spain the laws of 1870. Decrees are also published appointing Senor Martinez Minister of Justice, Senor Mosquera Minister of Public Works, and Senor Albarba Civil Governor of Madrid.

The Minister of the Interior of Intergo, Garcia Buez, has ordered the publication of all Carlist and Intransigent newspapers to be stopped.

An armed rising of volunteers of liberty took place in Saragossa on Sunday. It was incited by the municipality. After eight hours fighting the troops took 200 of the insurgents prisoners and captured eight cannon and a large quantity of rifles and ammunition. The municipality has been disallowed.

The besiegers of Carthage have captured by assault and burned the outlying fort of Calvarie.

The Home Government have granted without restriction the extraordinary powers by Captain-General Jovellier.

The sensitive party here is highly delighted with the change of Government at Madrid.

It is rumored that the insurgents have taken the Spanish Colonel, Montaner, prisoner.

It is reported that the Government remove the Captain Generals of the Philippines, Cuba, and port Rico. It is probable that General Jose De la Gorchá will be appointed Captain General of Cuba.

The disarmament of the disaffected volunteers is going on quietly everywhere. The malcontents in Valladoif and Malaga dispersed before the troops arrived.

Overthrow of Castelar's Ministry has been favorably received in Havana. The volunteers are evidently in favor of a monarchy. Crowds on the stern of Spanish vessels in harbor, which were painted over when republic was in favor, are now being repainted. The Imperial Spanish coat of arms has again been placed in the palace of Captain General.