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THE ICE CASTLE.

We present to our readers to-day a picture of the Ice Castle to be erected on Dominion Square, Montreal, for the winter carnival beginning on the 26th of January. The main wall is to be almost circular in form. The building will be 100 feet long, and 120 feet broad, and will consist of 12,000 large blocks of ice. The round towers seen in front will be 44 feet high, and the main tower in the middle will be 100 feet. Other towers will be from 40 to 70 feet high. Mr. A. C. Hutchison, who

COL. TORRES and Jose Manuel Solo have been hanged in Colorado for murdering a Chinaman. Cook Teets, a blind man, has been hanged at Owen Sound, Ontario, for poisoning his wife.

A BRITISH PLEASURE VESSEL arrived at Madeira last Wednesday, and the Portuguese authorities threatened to seize her for some infringement of the customs rules. The captain set sail and went right out to sea, the ladies on board answering the firing of the guns in the fort by contemptuous cheering.

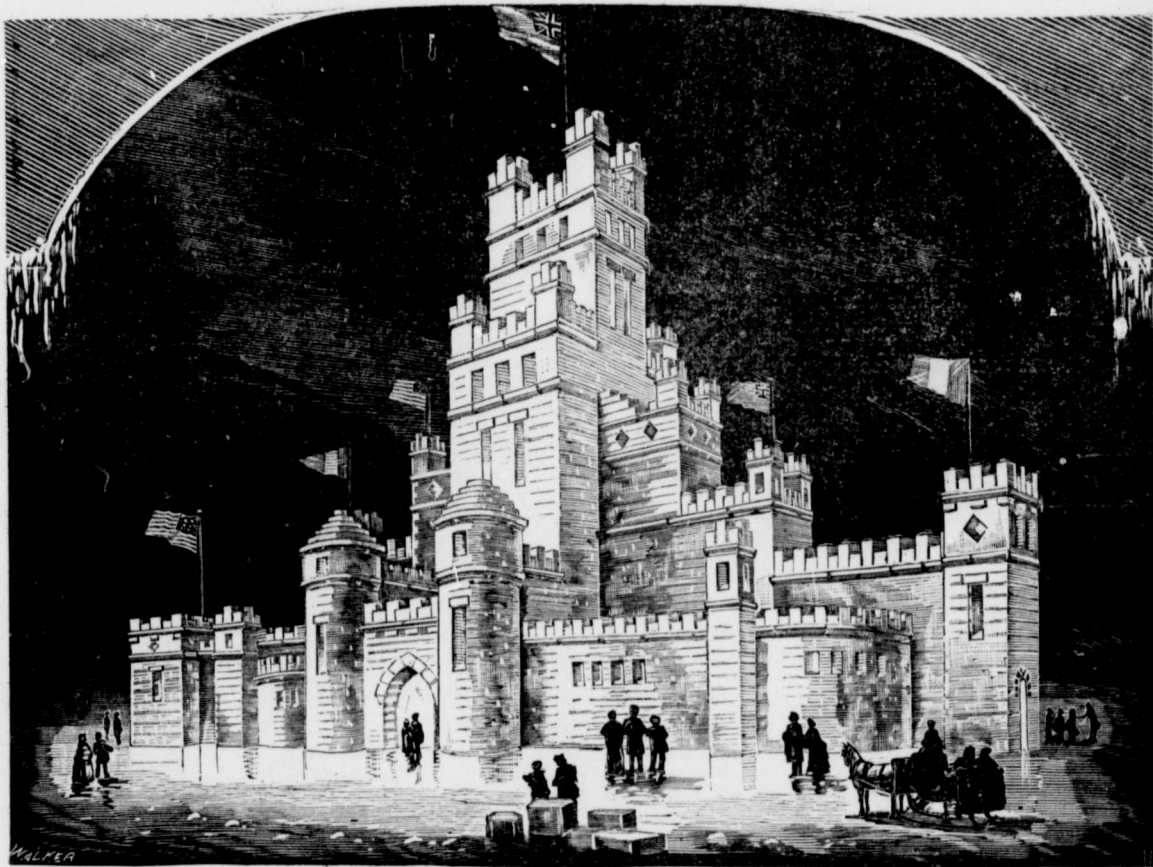
THERE ARE REPORTS of fresh defeats suffered by the Chinese in Tonquin, but no certain news. The Chinese seem to have given up hope of making peace now, and are preparing for a sharp war. The French government has been defeated on a vote on another question at home, but has not resigned, and no doubt France will not draw back from the war.

THE PIG IRON manufacturers of Philadelphia are trying to establish a great association of all sorts of manufacturers to oppose a reduction of the tariff.

A TERRIBLE explosion in the Henry Clay coal mine, near Shamokin, Pennsylvania, occurred on Monday night while 200 men and boys were at work there. It is not yet known how many lives have been lost.

SO MANY SCANDALS connected with priests have come to light in Italy lately that the Pope has ordered a searching inquiry into the whole question of priestly purity.

THE PANAMA Government has mortgaged its mint to raise \$50,000.



THE CARNIVAL ICE CASTLE FOR 1885.

built last year's ice castle, is the architect again this year.

MISS MARY WILLARD, daughter of one of the wealthiest men in Washington, was to have been married on the 11th to Mr. Frank Simpson, son of a rich New York banker. Two thousand invitations had been sent, and many costly presents had been received. Miss Willard told Mr. Simpson she could never love him, and went off quietly and married the man she really loved—Mr. Paxton, a patent office attorney.

SENATOR MITCHELL is going to ask Congress to vote \$5000 a year to General Grant for life, beginning with the year he left the Presidency.

THE FRIENDS OF FURNIVALL, accused of murdering three persons in Nebraska, write to the English papers that the evidence is purely circumstantial, and he is a remarkably industrious and harmless man.

A WOMAN named Mandelbaum, notorious in New York as a receiver of stolen goods, has arrived in Toronto.

LORD ROSEBERY, in a public speech, has come out squarely with his opinion that the hereditary principle of legislation is wrong.

THE BRITISH steam-ship "Cranbrook" has been seized in Baltimore by the Customs officers, charged with throwing overboard in Chesapeake Bay 400 tons of coal she brought as ballast to avoid paying the duty.

A FIRE at Port Dalhousie, Ontario, on Sunday night destroyed more than a whole business block. An old hostler at an hotel was fatally injured.

DIPHTHERIA is raging in Omro, Wisconsin, and the public schools are closed.

THE CAPTAIN and mate of the yacht "Mignonette" have been sentenced to death in England for killing a boy to save themselves from starvation; they will most likely be pardoned.

THE PLENARY Council at Baltimore having decided to raise \$3,000,000 for a great Catholic university in America, Mrs. Mary Caldwell of St. Louis heads the subscription list with \$300,000.