

Disasters in the Western States

The town of Scorro, New Mexico, was inundated by the overflow of a mountain stream on Tuesday of last week and hundreds of people were made homeless. Six members of the Durane family were drowned. The loss is estimated at \$1,000,000. There was a disastrous outbreak on Tuesday night last at Casper, Wyo. A freighter and family named Newby were camped on Garden Creek. They were in bed when the flood came upon them, and without a moments warning were hurled into the mass of water and debris. Mr. Newby only escaped. His wife and children were carried off with the flood. Two other children were also drowned in the torrent. A freight train on the Florence and Cripple Creek railroad was caught in a landslide and derailed near Adelaide. There was a succession of cloudbursts at the head of Eight Mile Creek, about twelve or fifteen miles north of Adelaide. Three lives were lost, and four employees of the railroad company are missing. Colorado was visited for two days with the most destructive rains and cloudbursts in the history of the State. At Golden, the gulf trains are all tied up because the track up Clear Creek canyon was washed out in several places, and four bridges were carried away. At Castle Rock, the New Mexico, the Red river went on a rampage, bridges were washed out, and several families had to flee for their lives. From a score of other points on the mountain come reports of heavy rains and cloudbursts. The Midland terminal passenger train from Cripple Creek was caught in a landslide near Gillette, and the two star coaches derailed. No one was injured, but the train and its occupants had a narrow escape. Travel on all the mountain roads is interfered with, and it will be weeks before the damage to some of them will be repaired.

A Town Wiped Out

A special, dated the 4th inst. to the Minneapolis Tribune, from Spokane, Washington, says—The business portion of Sprague, Washington, 40 miles west of Spokane was burned yesterday, and the town is practically wiped out. The flames started in the northwestern portion, and, fanned by a fierce wind, quickly destroyed several buildings in its path, then jumping to the extensive Northern Pacific machine shops, the shops, round-house, with a score of engines, were consumed. The fire then crossed the track to the south, where the main business portion of the town is located. Facilities for fighting the fire were limited, and nothing could be done to stop it. Fifty stores, dwellings, hotels, and stables are in ashes. The telegraph wires were down and communication was not established until a late hour. Special trains went from Spokane with hoses, but arrived too late to be of much service. The loss is estimated at three quarters of a million. Mayor Sanderson of Sprague communicated with Mayor Ball of Spokane asking for food and tents for homeless people, which were sent immediately. Sprague has a population of 4000 and mainly depends on the railroad shops for income. It is also the county seat for Lincoln county. The blow is all the more severe because the shops will probably never be rebuilt, the Northern Pacific being for some time under the plan of moving them to Spokane. This undoubtedly will now be done, and the town will never be able to recover from the effects of the calamity.

LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

NAROLON DEMERS has been committed to stand trial before the Court of Queen's Bench, Montreal, for the murder of his wife.

COL. GASCOIGNE of the Scottish Grenadier Guards, is the man picked out to succeed General Herbert in the command of the Canadian Militia.

A LARGE excursion party came over to this City, from New Glasgow, N. S., on board the St. Olaf, on Friday last. They returned the same evening.

THE post office at Gravenhurst, Ont., was entered by burglars a few nights ago. The burglars blew open the vault and took about \$250 in cash therefrom.

THE gross proceeds of the tea party at Lennox Island on July 24th amounted to \$388. There were between 1,000 and 1,200 people present, and all heartily enjoyed themselves.

ABOUT six hundred millions of dollars were expended upon the Panama Canal scheme, and now it is proposed that a hundred millions more shall be obtained and the work completed.

AN Indian named Charles Mouse was killed on the railway track between St. Lawrence and New Glasgow on Thursday evening last. He lay down to have a sleep and the train went over him.

LATE advices from Montreal state that Mrs. Elizabeth McGarry has instituted proceedings against the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada for \$10,000 damages, resulting from the Craig's Road accident on July 9.

MISS BETSY FLAHER, daughter of the Hon. D. W. Flaher, chief of ordinance, U. S., shot and instantly killed a colored boy named Ernest Green, on Friday last, who was stealing fruit in a part of Flaher's residence at Washington.

AT Quakerstown, N. J., on Sunday last, lightning struck the Methodist church, just as the service was finished, injuring a score of people, some fatally. All the clothing was torn from the sexton, and his shoes were literally torn to pieces.

CAPT. CHARLES E. COX, of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa, was drowned at Gattineau Point on Thursday last, in presence of his wife and only child. He had gone in bathing in front of his summer residence, and drowned before help arrived.

THE largest number of gold areas ever taken up by one person in Nova Scotia occurred at Halifax on Friday last. E. W. Christie, C. E., it was who broke the record at the mine office. The applications covered 800 areas. Christie is acting in the interest of English Capitalists, who are largely interested in South African properties and a cyanide process.

ROBT. HON. J. CHAMBERLAIN, Secretary of State for the Colonies, has under consideration the question of assisting the establishment of a fast Canadian Steamship Service across the Atlantic. With the view of arriving at an early decision, the Colonial Secretary has instructed the Departmental Committee having the matter in charge to expedite its report on the subject.

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS, a direct descendant of the famous Adams family which contributed two Presidents to the United States was a few days ago found lying dead on the sidewalk near his home in Niagara, Ont., with his bicycle standing beside him. The supposition is that Mr. Adams fell an attack of heart failure coming, and dismounted, propping his wheel against a tree when death overtook him.

DURING the months of August and September the P. E. Island Railway will have Saturday excursions from Charlottetown to Moncton for \$3.00, good to return on following Monday. Persons availing themselves of this very low rate will have from 1.05 p. m. on Saturday to 4 p. m. on Monday to take in the railway hub of the Maritime Provinces and see the remarkable tidal bore which passes up the river twice in each twenty-four hours.

A NEW ZEALAND despatch of 31st July says—In the House of Representatives yesterday the Colonial Treasurer said that the Government had decided to subsidize the interest on loans between this island and Vancouver, B. C. The amount of the subsidy proposed is £20,000. A bill has been introduced which proposes legislation looking toward co-operation with the Dominion of Canada in the matter of the construction of a Pacific submarine cable.

WORD comes from Vienna that Prof. Olekow of Galicia, is about to start for Canada to study the Agricultural resources of this country. He will be accompanied by a practical farmer. He left for England on August 1st and thence proceeds to Canada. He comes to this country in the interest of various farmers' societies, and hopes, if the visit proves satisfactory, to be able to make arrangements to divert to Canada some of the Austrian agricultural immigration that has hitherto gone to Brazil.

A FEW days ago two young ladies visited the residence of Henry Anderson, King Square, and asked Mrs. Anderson to buy some tin. She bought some, and while she had her back turned getting change the boys abstracted a \$5 bill and 20 cents in silver from her purse, which she left on the table. Mrs. Anderson missed the money while the boys were in the house, and charged them with the theft; but they ran out without returning what they had taken. The matter was turned over to the police.

SHORTLY before three o'clock Friday afternoon, as the principal rafter of the new St. Paul's Church in this city was being placed in position, in some way it fell down, and a man named Harry Reid, who was engaged in the work of hoisting, received a severe scalp wound. It seems that Reid was on top of the north wall of the building, and seeing the rafter coming in his direction, jumped to the ground, a distance of about 15 feet. After he struck the ground Reid fell against the wall, and his head came in contact with a large stone, causing a bad cut. The ladder on which Reid climbed to the top of the wall was struck by the rafter and broken in two. The rafter was also broken. The wound on Reid's head was dressed by Dr. S. R. Jenkins. The noise made by the fall of the rafter was heard a considerable distance. Ex.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The funeral of the four victims of the Aymer Lake disaster took place at Ottawa, on Friday last, and was the largest since the state funeral of the late Sir John Macdonald. The cabinet ministers were present, and Lord Aberdeen was represented by Mr. Gordon, A. D. C.

The United States consul at St. Pierre, Miq., telegraphed to Ottawa on Friday last, to the Minister of Marine requesting assistance for twenty-three men composing the crew of the British steamer Masonic. Instructions were promptly forwarded to have the men cared for while in port and despatched to Halifax by the first steamer.

Swarms of visitors came to the Exhibition at Regina by every train, a great many of whom availed themselves of the facilities offered by the territories. The way the C. P. R. officials coped with the exceptional conditions put upon them has earned them the thanks of the unusual crowd assembled at Regina.

At the Northwest exhibition at Regina on last Thursday a band of several hundred Indians waited on Lord and Lady Aberdeen and presented them with an address expressive of loyalty. Lord Aberdeen replied through interpreters and made all the redskins and their squaws happy by inviting them to see the Tom Thumb midge performance at his expense.

A young man named Rufus Mastall, formerly of Tatamagouche, came with a very painful accident at East Amherst, on Monday afternoon of last week. He was working for Mrs. Thomas Embree and was showing a man who was cutting grass with a mowing machine, when he drove the horses, and by some means got in front of the cutter. Both legs were badly cut, one of them being nearly cut off. He was taken to Halifax to the Victoria General hospital for treatment.

The United States ambassador at London is not a jingo, nor is he in the habit of making a doctrine because Great Britain has taken possession of the island of Trinidad; on the contrary he says that "understood that some cable company had found the island useful for the establishment of a station in the South Atlantic, and said that it was just as well that the island had been found to be of some use and benefit, inasmuch as it was a barren spot which nobody has hitherto seemed to want."

A laboring man named Spencer Westover, his wife, and five children had a narrow escape from being burned to death at Belleville, Ont. on Thursday night last. At about 11 o'clock fire broke out in their dwelling, yet he walks off with his head of 800 pounds. The cooler, fed on rice, is more active, and can endure more than the negro fed on fat meat. The heavy work of the world is not done by the men who eat the greatest quantity. Moderation in diet secures to be the prerogative of endurance.—Detroit Free Press.

Robert J. is King of the turf no longer. The honor was wrested from him by the black stallion Joe Patchen, in the most exciting speed contest ever seen on the grand circuit track at Cleveland on Friday last. The event was the free-for-all pacing race. After the first heat \$100,000 was bet on the race, and the second heat was the beginning of the surprise that was to follow. The favorite and his rival came into the stretch neck and neck, after having paced the middle half in one minute. Jack Curry, who was driving Patchen, seemed to push the black whirlwind under the wire and won by the shortest kind of a nose in 2.04. The last two heats were a trifle easier for the black stallion, although he won each by less than a length. It was the fastest four heat ever paced.

Despite some advances in prices for a few leading staples, business throughout the United States has slackened off perceptibly during the past week. The activity noticeable for the greater part of July has ceased, and the usual "midsummer dullness" is being experienced. Crop estimates are more moderate, and, except for corn, a full yield is not now expected. The recent rise in prices has to a certain extent stimulated production, while it has, on the other hand, also checked purchases somewhat. Still, more regular employment and higher wages have added to the spending power of the people, and fear of monetary disturbance has subsided. Strikes on a rather large scale continue, and trouble with the coal miners is again feared. Generally, however, all things a hopeful feeling is the predominant one.

Third officer M. H. Gibson of the British steamer Lancaster, Capt. G. W. Muir, reports to the Naval Hydrographic Office at Washington that at 10 a. m., July 6, while in latitude 44 degrees north, longitude 48 degrees 48 minutes west, the Lancaster passed through a very large

number of whales extending as far as the eye could reach north and south, and eight miles east and west. Mr. Gibson says there must have been many thousands of them, and that this was the fourth time the Lancaster had passed the school.

A sudden squall that came up Sunday afternoon capsize the sloop yacht Ella S., of the Elclection Boat Club, off the foot of 93rd street, Brooklyn, N. Y. The yachting party was composed of John Strand, his three sons and Arthur Hemmingway, 19 years old. They were thrown into the water, but strand and two of his sons managed to seize the boat and were rescued by the steam launch Edwin A. Powers. His eldest son, John, and young Hemmingway were caught by the heavy seas and swept beyond reach. They were both drowned.

A boy who was passing through Cedar street, Jersey City, N. J., on Sunday last saw the cover of a manhole in the street partially removed. He was curious to know what would happen if he threw a lighted match down the hole. He tried the experiment, and was rewarded by seeing the man-hole cover sail forty feet in the air, projected by an explosion of sewer gas that rattled the windows of the houses in the vicinity, but did no other damage. The boy was lifted from his feet, but escaped unharmed. The explosion filled nearby houses with sewer gas.

There was considerable excitement in the Russian neighborhood, ten miles Northwest of Vandalia, Ill., on Saturday last, over the finding of a well in his place. At a depth of sixty feet he started to bore with the view of striking water. When two feet down with the auger a sudden force shot the instrument forty feet above his head. A flow of sand and gravel followed and poured out on top of the ground. Thomas Flanagan, the man in the well, was drawn up as quickly as possible, being almost suffocated. They supposed they had struck gas, and an ignited

match was held over the hole. The gas was ignited, and unfortunately Mr. Rush and three employees were badly burned about the face and head. Mr. Rush says he will proceed further for gas.

Last week's business on the London stock exchange was not only on a large scale, but all markets have shown an unusual firmness for the holiday season. This is explained by the continued congestion of the money market driving the Bank of England and the joint stock banks to seek investments in new channels which would not be entered with any prospect of a profitable discounting business. Even the foreign market seems to have forgotten its political scares, and the feeling was distinctly good. American operators are also anxious at the unexpected gold shipment from New York. The following are the advances for the week: Louisville and Nashville, 2 1-2; Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, 2 3-4; Illinois Central and Wabash, 2; Norfolk and Western, 1 1-4; New York Central, Erie pfd, and Union Pacific, 1. Other stocks show a fractional advance.

The San Francisco Chronicle of the 4th inst. prints a story exposing an alleged plot to restore Queen Liloukalani and loot Honolulu. Redolph Spreckles, youngest son of Claus Spreckles, is said to be backing the scheme. The Chronicle says: One of the best equipped and most dangerous filibustering expeditions ever fitted out on American soil was uncovered in San Francisco yesterday. Its object is, or was, to take the Hawaiian republic by force of arms, restore to the throne ex Queen Liloukalani, divide money and goods worth approximately \$7,000,000 among some freebooters, picked up by ones and twos in Western America. The active agent of the conspirators is W. P. Morrow, a native of Connecticut, aged 31 years, recently a resident of Grass Valley, California. He is still in San Francisco, under surveillance, so that the federal authorities can get him if they want to do so.

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First Day, 21st August, 1895.

2.38 CLASS.....Purse \$150
2 YEAR OLDS....." 150 and entrance money added.
4 YEAR OLDS....." 150 and entrance money added.

Second Day, 22nd August, 1895.

2.30 CLASS (Pacers and trotters)Purse \$150
1 YEAR OLDS....." 150 and entrance money added.
3 YEAR OLDS....." 150 and entrance money added.
TRUCK HORSE RACE(Best 2 in 3) \$ 15 to first; 10 to second.

Entrance money in Colt Races \$5, to be paid on entering. In 2.30 and 2.38 Classes, 5 per cent on entering and 5 per cent additional from winners. In Truck-horse race, all horses entering must have been trucking on street continuously since 1st July, entrance fee 50c, payable on entering. Entries close 14th August. No horse barred by record made since 30th June. Other conditions same as in P. E. Island Provincial Exhibition Races.

Special arrangements will be made for trains and steamers. All communications to be addressed to the Secretary.

A. B. WARBURTON, Secretary.

Ch'town, July 31, 1895.—3i.

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Charlottetown, August 7, 1895.

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For 21 days, and among other things offer 1,000 manufactured samples at the lowest prices ever quoted by us. Sensational bargains are crowded on every counter.

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Because there isn't enough for EVERYBODY. Only those who call as early as possible can share in them. Don't YOU miss them whoever else does.

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