

ECHOES OF THE WEEK

Canadian.

Ten thousand barrels of apples were shipped from Halifax for London on Saturday.

George Mahler, a well-to-do farmer of Delaware township, Ont., hanged himself in his barn on Saturday morning.

A nugget of gold weighing 317 1/2 ounces and worth \$6,000, was brought to Halifax from Eastville, N. S., on Saturday.

The celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the opening of the first Parliament of Upper Canada took place at Toronto on Saturday afternoon.

A man named Tobin got caught in the machinery of the blast furnace at Ferrona, Pictou County, N. S., on Saturday. He was drawn in between two large drums and crushed to death.

The first Grand Council of the Royal Templars of Temperance for the North-West Territories was organized in Regina last week, delegates being present from all parts of the North-West. W. D. Cowan, of Regina, was elected Grand Councillor.

Mr. Samuel Wilson, proprietor of the Commercial Hotel, Whitewood, Man., was accidentally shot and killed yesterday while driving across the prairie on a shooting expedition. His gun fell on to the buggy wheel and discharged, the contents entering his chest.

C. F. Hamilton, barrister, of North Sydney, C. B., attempted to get off a train before it stopped at Grand Narrows Saturday night, and fell on the track. Part of the train passed over him, mutilating badly and killing him instantly. He was made a barrister two years ago, was 28 years old, and son of Mr. Hamilton, collector of customs at North Sydney.

The mystery surrounding the identity of the man who was drowned on August 7 by jumping overboard from the steamship Canopus opposite Quebec is at last cleared up. Peter Wilson was the name of the man who risked and lost his life in his desperate dash for liberty. Wilson was a young fellow, aged about 21, a cattleman, who had shipped with a mate named Kennedy on the Canopus.

A brakeman named John Rice had his legs cut off while coupling cars yesterday at Farrelton on the Gatineau Valley Railway.

A barn belonging to Thomas Cuff, living near Lindsay, Ont., was burned on Monday. It contained nearly his whole crop and all his farming implements. The loss will be heavy. Insured for \$1,000. The fire is supposed to have been caused by tramps.

On Tuesday morning about 8.15 o'clock, Mr. George Cogger, for a number of years yardmaster for the G. T. R. at Point Lewis station, was doing some shunting and went to get off pilot engine No. 378, when he slipped and fell on the rails and the locomotive passed over him, cutting off both his legs, crushing his skull and tearing open his stomach. Death was instantaneous.

Messrs. Hamel and Cowie, engineers of the public works department, have gone to Grosse Ile to make soundings for the proposed deep water wharf. They are instructed also to report upon the suitability of Hare, Bic and Goose Islands as quarantine stations in preference to Grosse Island, and examine Margaret Island, with a view to its being utilized as a place of detention for suspected passengers and vessels.

Diphtheria has broken out in Fredericton in a boarding house occupied by Normal school students. The authorities have removed one lad to Victoria Hospital and have quarantined the premises.

The anti-Home Rule demonstration took place in Toronto last night. Several strongly worded resolutions approving of the present position of Ireland in the British Empire were passed.

John Treleven, an inmate of the House of industry at Kingston, is in lock. Lawyer Snook, of that city, has received a letter from solicitors in England notifying him that \$2,000 had been placed in a bank in London to the credit of Treleven, from the Treleven estate. It will be drawn in instalments.

E. H. Rooms, a ledger keeper in the Bank of British Columbia, at Vancouver, who was accused of embezzling \$5,000 from the bank and who has been under surveillance pending an investigation of his books, made his escape from the third story of the bank building early yesterday morning. It is believed he has gone to Mexico.

Matthew Riley, a young railroad man, mysteriously disappeared from Winnipeg last winter, and the conclusion was arrived at after a long search that he had been lost on the prairies. Yesterday he appeared on the streets and was found to be insane, and will be committed to an asylum.

American.

The house of Mr. Craven, at Ashbourne, Pa., was burned by the upsetting of a coal oil lamp, and his two children and a servant girl were burned to death. One of the

children was two years of age and the other ten months. Susan Curren, the servant girl, was brought to the Jewish hospital in Germantown, where she died soon after admission.

The wife of Charles Billings, an illiterate mountaineer, living in Asho County, North Carolina, twenty eight miles from the nearest railway station, has given birth to six children, all boys. They weigh from four and a half to nine pounds each and all are alive. Mrs. Billings is of medium stature and 31 years old.

The four children of Mrs. Eckenbach, of Missouri Valley, Iowa, were burned to death on Monday morning. They were sleeping up stairs. Their mother tried to fill a lighted gasoline stove and an explosion followed. She threw the stove down stairs and ran down herself to extinguish the flames. The fire rapidly spread, and before help arrived the house was a mass of flames. The bodies of the children were burned to a crisp.

Viola Porter Chapelle, colored, died at her home in Ellington, Conn., yesterday, aged 109.

An epidemic of genuine black diphtheria prevails at Portsmouth, Ohio. There have been many deaths. A panic is being averted with difficulty.

At Dexter, Kansas, yesterday afternoon, two masked robbers raided the bank, and with drawn pistols compelled the cashier to hand over the money in the safe. They got \$3,000 and escaped.

The body of a man, who in all probability was murdered by being thrown into the bay or sea while still alive, with his hands tied behind his back to prevent him from swimming, was found at Gifford's, Staten Island, N. J., on Tuesday.

Joseph Zeller, Emil Stranke, Paul Stranke, the two-year-old son of Emil, and an unknown man, were drowned in Lake Michigan, opposite Chicago, on Tuesday afternoon. The skiff in which they were sailing was capsized by the waves of a passing steamer. None of the bodies have been recovered.

Dr. E. A. Dridger, pastor of the Congregational Church at Jenning, La., was cowhided on Tuesday by D. E. M. Burke, who acted for the male portion of the congregation, for uttering sweeping condemnations of the characters of the women of the town generally. Dr. Dridger did not flinch under the punishment.

Mrs. Simon H. Wessler and her only daughter, Kate, a young woman of 19, were instantly killed at Blairstown, N. J., on Tuesday by the Pennsylvania, Poughkeepsie and Boston express. They did not hear or see the train, which was running at a high rate of speed, until they were on the tracks directly in front of it.

European.

There is great depression in the shipbuilding trade of the Clyde. Only one third of the berths are occupied, and there has been a total suspension of orders. Fifteen hundred hands had been employed in various capacities and most of those still at work are on short time. Many of the workmen are going to Belfast or to shipbuilding or manufacturing towns in the north of England.

A despatch received at Paris from Aix says that one person was killed and thirty injured in a railroad accident at that place.

The Standard's Berlin correspondent says: It is reported that the Kaiser has invited Queen Victoria to be god-mother to his recently born daughter.

A despatch to the London Times from Buda Pesth says: A party of six drunken conscripts ran amuck in this city to-day. At first they stabbed a woman and her husband, killing the woman and leaving the husband unconscious; afterwards they stabbed and seriously wounded several other persons. Two of the gang were arrested. The remainder escaped.

The London Chronicle's Odessa correspondent says: "A measure recently adopted prohibits Jews giving their children names identified with the Christian religion, such as Matthew, Mark, Paul, etc."

A mob of Federationists attacked the Parnellite amnesty procession on Monday at Limerick and a big riot ensued, in which clubs and knives were used frequently. William Redmond had a narrow escape from being killed.

Commenting on the recent seizure of British sealers by a Russian vessel in Behring Sea, the London Times says: "We find it easier to believe that the Russian commander is an inhuman and almost irresponsible ruffian than to suppose that Russia seeks to pick a quarrel with England. All the same an apology is due to England for the insult to her flag and indemnity for the loss inflicted on the ships' crews."

The body of James McLennan, a tunnel employee and a former resident of Hamilton, Ont., who has been missing since Sept 1, was found in the hydraulic canal at Niagara Falls Thursday morning.

LABOR AND WAGES.

Bakers won their strike at New Orleans. German police are kept busy trying to keep out French labor and socialist papers.

For every 4s spent in England on drink, only a half penny is expended on education.

The socialists of Paris have collected a fund wherewith they are to publish a daily labor paper.

Of the 20,000,000 workers in the United States, less than 1,000,000 belong to labor organizations.

In St. Paul, Minn., no distinction is made in wages of male and female teachers in the public schools.

All the workmen on the Chicago University building, 237 in number, struck against non-union trimmers.

The 2,400 horse butchers in Germany who slaughter about 86,000 horses per year, have organized a national association.

Two out of three of the militia companies of Nevada, have decided to disband. The use of the militia in labor strikes is assigned as the cause.

The federated trades of San Francisco have resolved that the ballot box is the place to "strike," and will support Weaver and the Omaha platform.

The Co-operative Society of Railway Employees of Italy has at present about 17,000 members, with a capital of \$200,000, of which \$120,000 is invested in railway bonds.

In Marquette County, Mich., the last of the five big pig iron furnaces has gone out of blast, and not a pound of pig iron will be made in the county until the pig iron industry improves.

An engineer resident in Glasgow has, after nineteen years' labor and experimentation, devised an arrangement in an engine by which he returns all the steam back to the boiler after doing its work in the cylinder.

The commercial telegraph operators of the country have organized a secret protective and insurance organization in Kansas City, Mo. The name of the new organization is the United Telegraphers of North America.

An investigation of the complaints of some brewery workmen at Munich, Bavaria, where the best and more beer than anywhere else in Germany is brewed, elicited the fact that these men were compelled to work 18 to 21 hours per day at \$4.50 a week.

Of the 11,000,000 women in Italy, nearly 2,000,000 are employed in industrial labor and over 3,000,000 in agriculture. They are in the majority in the cotton, linen and jute industries, and in the silk trade there are 117,000 women employed and but 17,700 men.

The granite cutters now say that there are 3,000 of them still on strike in the New England States, and that, as there are 9,000 members of the union at work and paying assessments cheerfully to aid the strikers, the strike can be carried on indefinitely. They believe, they say, that the manufacturers are gradually working around to the terms of the men.

Five conductors of the C. P. R. on the division between Ottawa and North Bay were dismissed on Saturday, and the rumor is current here that a number more will be dismissed between here and Vancouver. Most of the dismissed men have been many years in the service of the company. No cause is assigned for the dismissal except that their services are not required.

The Treasury Department has directed the return to Germany of seven persons who arrived at New York last week in the steamship Werkendan to work under contract in a New Jersey tannery. The department had an intimation of their coming, and, when they were examined, it was found that their contracts to labor were written in German, and that they had been instructed as to what answers they should give when questioned by the inspectors.

The United Silk Ribbon Weavers' Union of New York has determined to assist morally and financially the men and women of the trade in Switzerland who are about to engage in a struggle for new conditions of labor. The organization has discussed the recent big labor troubles and come to the conclusion that the strike in itself is no longer to be relied upon to win against capital. The union has resolved that the remedy for the grievances is independent political action.

The telegraphers of the Missouri Pacific system on Tuesday made a demand for an adjustment of grievances. The difficulty, which means a higher wage scale, will affect over 1,400 operators on the Gould lines. The recognition of the Order of Railway Telegraphers is also involved. Male and female hands are embraced in the employes and include the commercial operators as well as the train despatchers. If a strike should be ordered the traffic would be virtually blocked. The railway officials profess not to be worried, but refuse to be interviewed.

The Central Trades and Labor Union of St. Louis, Mo., recently petitioned the city

council for free municipal bath houses. The petition was pigeon-holed, with the lame excuse that there was no money in the treasury, whereupon the Central Union suggested that sufficient revenue could be raised by simply assessing unoccupied building lots at the same rate as adjoining improved lots. A legislative committee appointed by the union is engaged in securing the enforcement of the eight hour ordinance and in working for a barbers' Sunday rest bill.

A crowd numbering 6,000 persons sent a deputation to Sir G. R. Dibbs, prime minister and colonial secretary of New South Wales, on Tuesday, to demand the release of the labor agitators who were arrested in connection with the strike at the Broken Hill mine. The prime minister refused to see the deputation until Wednesday morning. This action incensed the crowd, and they rushed to the house of Parliament and tried to effect an entrance, but were repulsed by armed police. Many threats of violence were made, and it was feared the mob would attempt to release the prisoners from the jail.

At the annual meeting of the Chambers of Commerce in London, the president, Sir Albert Kaye Rollit, said the coal, iron and steel trades were dull, while textile industries were embarrassed by tariff and perplexed by economic monetary and labor problems. Sheffield, Bradford and other centres, he said, complained of the destruction of old branches of business by the tariff. Ship building was little more than a remembrance. The official returns, Sir Albert added, showed that there was little likelihood of betterment in the present conditions. The volume of England's trade was declining. A resolution was adopted in favor of universal free trade between the colonies and Great Britain.

To the Weak Kneed.

The man who persists in trying to urge himself into the belief that the People's Party stands no show for success in the coming election is simply wasting time. This is a people's movement, and the people are going to walk up to the polls and vote in their own interests. Don't stop to ask what Colorado and Montana and Georgia and the Carolinas and Kansas and other states will do! You know their electoral votes will be cast for Weaver. But what will your township and your county do? You can carry them—of course you can. This talk about throwing votes away when voting for a good cause in a grand, united movement is all bosh, and you know it.

The day for ridicule and abuse of men who dare to exercise the right of franchise as free American citizens is past. Professional political wirepullers can no longer run things in the interest of organized monopoly that denies labor the right to organize in its own behalf. The People's party is bound to be a great, grand success from one end of the land to the other, and the man who acts the Tory will have the supreme satisfaction after the votes are counted of looking backward on a very stupid career. Be a man and take a manly stand in this great movement of the people is the only safe rule to insure a clear conscience.—Iowa Tribune.

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