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He lost too many legs. The St. James Gazette tells the following story: A young British officer at the front recently wrote home to his father from South Africa: "Dear father, kindly send me £50 at once; I lost another leg in a stiff engagement and am in hospital without means." The answer was: "My dear son, as this is the fourth leg you have lost, according to your letters, you ought to be accustomed to it by this time. Try to wobble along on any others you may have left."

M. Gaston Menier, the noted "chocolate king," is very much to the front in French affairs just now. Having built a modern workmen's village, he entered the chamber of deputies and became an intimate friend of M. Waldeck-Rousseau. He is about to back up a great newspaper enterprise—a Paris paper on the lines of the American dailies.

John Redmond, M. P., in a letter to the Irish papers, formally announces that he has concluded a preliminary contract with Mr. Augustus St. Gaudens, the Irish-American sculptor, for the Parnell monument at a cost of \$40,000. The work is to be completed within five years. Only \$3,000 has yet been subscribed. Mr. Redmond expresses a hope of being ultimately able to purchase Avondale, the Parnell residence.

London Telegraph: What is believed to be by far the longest record of travel in the railway world has just been completed by the Great Northern express engine known as "No. 1," which has covered the enormous distance of 4,000,100 miles, or fifteen times the span from the moon to the earth. The engine is still daily employed on express trains between King's Cross and Doncaster, and is stationed at Peterborough. It has single driving wheels and was one of the first to be fitted with outside cylinders. Over thirty years have elapsed since it left the company's works at Doncaster, and the original wheels still carry their massive burden.

Mrs. John P. Kidder, of Glens Valley, Cal., is probably the only woman railway president in the world. She succeeded to the presidency of the Nevada County Narrow Gauge Railroad Company on the death of her husband, who had for some time occupied that position. She had become familiar with the duties of the office during her husband's illness, when she was obliged to assist him with his work, and she is now practically the sole owner and manager.

News Summary.

O'Brien, the murderer, was executed at Dawson City on August 23.

Trooper Charles Tupper Busby was accidentally seriously wounded, at Bloemdale, Aug. 26. Next of kin, Mrs. Busby, Moncton, N. B.

F. G. Fauquier, government agent at Revelstoke, is reported as absconded with government money amounting to somewhere between \$2,000 and \$3,000.

A train leaving Sodus Point, over the Northern Central railway, was derailed on Thursday near Newark, New York. One person was killed and 28 injured.

The steamer Prith arrived at Hammerfest on Thursday and reports that she successfully landed the Baldwin-Zeigler Arctic expedition at Camp Zeigler, Algiers Island.

The superior jury of awards has decided unanimously to give Henry Austin, who designed the Pan-American illumination, a gold medal in recognition of his achievement.

Toronto Telegram: Toronto's civic government will not have to start working on Labor day, for the good and sufficient reason that it has yet to show the first sign of starting to work.

Mr. James Weller, a member of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, has just left London for Melbourne, in charge of seventy-five Esquimo dogs for the Antarctic exploring ship Discovery.

Judge Berry, of Lynn, fined a fellow who was working a sore-backed horse, \$50. "How would you like to have a ball on your neck, and the collar constantly rubbing against it?" asked the judge.

W. MacKinnon, of the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, comes next week to New Brunswick and Nova Scotia to furnish information regarding the making of fruit packages exposed for sale.

Mme. Crispi has lodged a protest against the government's action in officially sealing up the late Signor Crispi's private papers at Mount Lina, on the ground that at the moment of his death he was a private person and no longer a public official of the state.

The next imperial officer appointed to the command of the Canadian militia may combine with that duty the direction of the imperial forces at Halifax and Esquimalt, B. C. The imperial offices at those places will likely be closed up and matters directed from Ottawa.

The Free Baptist conference of New Brunswick to have been held this year at Waterville, Carleton Co., will be held at Marysville, York Co., on the first Saturday in October. The change is made on account of the prevalence of smallpox in a part of Carleton county.

The Bishop of Carpentaria, has started on an adventurous journey, the overland trip from Port Darwin to Adelaide. The whole of the Northern Territory of South Australia, comprising an area of about 567,000 square miles, is included in the bishop's diocese, as well as the northern parts of Queensland.

A Paris despatch states: Dr. Koch will inoculate Dr. Garnault with bovine tuberculosis. Dr. Garnault volunteers himself to test the theory advanced by Professor Koch at the recent Medical Congress that human and bovine tuberculosis have nothing to do with each other, and that men cannot catch the disease from cattle.

A second strike of oil was made at St. Joseph's Thursday morning. The second well is producing and looks even better than the first well. The depth is the same as in well No. 1, indicating that the oil sands are continuous. The two wells are about 450 feet apart. It is the intention to start more wells, and, as new machinery is coming, it is expected to have three or four wells started within a week.

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A Harrisburg, Pa., despatch states: Daniel Drawbaugh, the aged inventor, who for many years fought the Bell Telephone Company to establish his right to the priority of the invention of the telephone,

announces that he has invented a wireless signal system capable of application to telegraphy and telephony. He makes use, he says, of the electrical currents of the earth, and claims to have successfully telephoned a distance of more than half a mile, and sees no reason why great distances should not be covered with equal success. Mr. Drawbaugh has constructed a machine capable of producing a high number of electrical vibrations per second and this plays an important part in the new system.

One of the Auckland newspapers describes an interesting incident which occurred during the visit of Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York to New Zealand. After the Duchess had alighted from the coach at Ohinemutu and was proceeding towards the village square, there was a muddy patch in the road, and as soon as this was observed a native clergyman named Rataua Te Awa Kotuku snatched off his korowai mat and threw it down for her Royal Highness to pass over. The graceful act was gracefully acknowledged.

A horse wearing snowshoes, and that in summer, is a somewhat unusual sight. Mr. Welcome Thomas appeared in the street Monday with his horse equipped with a full set of shoes

that were practically the same thing. The shoes consisted of an iron bound wooden plate, about a foot in width, secured to the hoof by wooden clasps. Mr. Thomas secured the model, and the work was done by Mr. W. H. Purdy. The horse was thus equipped to enable him to draw a mowing machine across the soft spots in the meadow of his owner.—Bear River Telephone.

PECULIAR TREES.

The visitor to the Falkland Islands sees a number of what appear to be weather beaten, moss covered boulders of various sizes scattered here and there. On attempting to turn one over he is surprised to find that it is anchored to the ground by roots of great strength. These are the boulders. They are trees. No other place in the world can show such a peculiarity of "forest" growth. The Falkland Islands are exposed to a strong polar wind which renders it impossible for trees to grow in the proper form. Nature consequently adapted herself to the prevailing conditions and produced this strange form of plant life. These "living stones," as they are called, are quite devoid of "grain" and it is next to impossible to cut them up and utilize them for fuel.

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