THE WEEK'S NEWS.

CANADA.

Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain is at Hamilton retail grocers have organised an

The price of wheat in Manitoba averages 80 cents a bushel.

Three young men were drowned on Monday near Sundridge.

Bishop Farand, of Athabaska, died last week at St. Boniface.

The Earl and Countess of Aberdeen left Ottawa on Monday for British Columbia. Coal dealers in Toronto on Wednesday advanced the price of coal 25 cents per ton. Begin & Co., boot and shoe manufacturers,

Roch's, Quebec, are reported to have

Hon. D. A. Ross has been sworn in as President of the Council in the Quebec Cabinet. Taxes to the amount of \$1,671,807 have

peen collected in Toronto in two instaln The English farmers' delegates are at Salt Coats, N.W.T., and they are greatly pleased with the country.

The Gloucester fishing schooner Dave Crockett has been seized at Souris, P. E. Island, for illegal fishing. The military authorities at Halifax decided that last week's mimic attack proves the forts to be impregnable.

Mr.R. M. Meredith, Q.C., London, has been appointed Vice-Chancellor of Ontario, to succeed Justice Proudfoot, who retires. The Locomotive Works at Kingston have

received an order from the Grand Trunk rail way for ten of the strongest Mogul engines. Mr. Locker, dairy expert for the Cana-dian Pacific Colonisation Co. at Queenstown, was found dead on the prairie n.ar Gleichen N.W.T.

The body of Dr. Eberson, who was drowned in Rideau lake, has been taken by body-snatchers from the grave where it was intered in Kingston

Bryce Douglass, a British shipbuilder, wh was at Ottawa a day or two ago, submitted a proposal to the Government in regard to the Atlantic mail service.

The Governor-General and party left Que bec on Monday by the Intercolonial railway for a trip through the Maritime Provinces. They will be absent from Ottawa until the end of October.

Capt. Watts of the patrol boat Keewatin, lost on Lake Winnipeg, has arrived at Selkirk. The mounted policemen were drowned, one of whom was a son of Mr. Morphy, a Toronto lawyer.

Sir Hector Langevin was in Montreal on Monday on his way back from the North-West. He spoke of the wonderful progress made by that country since his last visit, twenty years ago.

Hon. William Macdougall returned on Monday to Ottawa from Cobourg, where he recently met with a severe accident. His health is improving, though he still suffers from the strain and bears traces of his con-

A meeting was held in Toronto the other A meeting was held in Toronto the other day for the purpose of forming an association to advance the mineral interest of Canada, and a strong committee was appointed to report on a scheme to aid in the mineral development of the country.

A deputation waited upon Sir John Thompson last week and urged that in pur-chasing tobacco for the Indians the Govern-

Canada.

A little boy had one of his feet caught between a plank and a rail at a crossing in Toronto the other day. Awoman seeing the dangerous position he occupied held him down till an amount of the company to the control of the company to the

Sir George Baden-Powell, who has returned to Ottawa from a visit to the phosphate fields of the Du Lievre district, says the resources are splendid, but the high prices demanded for the claims will retard the development of the mines and drive capitalists to seek investments in Spain or elsewhere.

Shooting Beer.

Complaints are once more being made by the people of Muskoka that deer are shot during the close season, the destruction being very great. The laws, they claim, are stringent enough, but their enforcement is

A deputation of Montreal citizens, headed by Major Grenier, waited a day or two ago upon Premier Mercier and Provincial If the deer are to be pressent the Government to reduce the number of liquor licenses in the city, of which there are nearly a thousand. Mr. Shehyn wanted to reduce the number of licenses, but increase the amount, so that the revenue would not suffer.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Mr. Joseph Savory has been elected Lord The Comte de Paris left Liverpool on Monday for New York.

At the trial of the arrested Nationalists at Tipperary last week there was a considerable struggle between the police and the crowd, caused by the court house doors being closed on the latter.

In Newark, N.J., three children of John Keene died of diphtheria on Saturday and one on Monday. Two more are dying. Keene, while crazed with grief, fled from home, went to New York city and committed splicids there. nicide there.

Judge Tyner, the Assistant Attorney-General of the United States Post-office Department, says the legislation which he contemplates putting in motion against the Louisiania State Lottery will also apply to Church raffles.

UNITED STATES.

The population of Detroit is officially ced at 205,669.

Heavy rains have damaged the cotton crop in the Memphis, Tenn., district. The population of San Francisco is 297,000

an increase of 64,031 since 1880. The steamship Majestic made a trip from Queenstown to New York in 5 days 21 hours and 20 minutes.

Texas fever is proved to have existed in several herds of prize cattle at the late Detroit fair. A bull valued at \$2,000 died. Mayor Gleason, chief executive of the Ohio branch of the National League, says the League in America is practically dis-

The western coal agents in New York on Monday decided to advance prices 25 cents per ton at Buffalo, and 15 cents at Chicago and other lakes ports, on October 1.

IN GENERAL.

The owner and crew of an English cutter we been massacred by the natives of New duinea.

The Turkish newspapers have been for pidden to comment on the affairs

It is stated the Crown Prince of Roumania will shortly be betrothed to Princess Vic-toria of Wales. The Swedish elections for members of the

Reichstag are going strongly in favour of the free trade party. The damage by floods in the department of Ardeche, France, alone amounts to

50,000,000 francs. Several extra steamers have been chartered to take goods from France to America before the McKinley bill comes into force.

In a duel at Harczburg, Germany, last week, between Lieut. Blethist asser and Lieut. Garner, the former was killed. The duel was the result of a quarrel. Polish journals say that during the recent Russian military manageuvres 400 soldiers were thrown into the water and drowned

by a bridge breaking down. Horr Soueberg, a Socialist, has been sen enced to three months in prison at Berlin because he remarked that Emperor William would in time become a Socialist.

Referring to the recent scandals involvng members of the German aristocracy, the Kreuz Zeitung says the nobility must lead a better life if they do not wish to pro-voke the masses to revolution.

It is stated that Germany instead of intering into a war of reprisals with the United States over the McKinley bill will lopt a scheme to lessen the cost of living of the masses by higher imposts on the

moneyed classes.

The Society of German Wine-Growers ment should purchase only tobacco manufactured from Canadian leaf, in order to encourage the growing of tobacco in Lower ruin the export trade with America, and asking whether it is possible. ruin the export trade with America, and asking whether it is possible to obviate this by diplomatic means.

The Italian government has been informed by several prefects that there is apprehension of trouble in their provinces owing to over one of his feet, doubtless by her presence of mind saving the boy's life.

Sin Googga Balan Panall, who has a second demand work.

elzewhere.

A young Englishman named Thomas Veitch, left Fencion township. Ontario, near y a year ago for Australia via San Francisco. His mother in England has written to friends in Fencion asking as to his whereabouts. Inquiry shows that he never sailed from Francisco, and fears are entertained that he has met with foul play.

Three members of the Alpine Club of Paris, France, have returned to Ottawa from a trip to the Rocky Mountains. They succeeded in taking observations from the summit of Mount Sir Donald, at an altitude of 11,000 feet, and ascertained that the mountain is 400 feet higher than set down in the Dominion Government Survey reports.

during the close season, the destruction being very great. The laws, they claim, are stringent enough, but their enforcement is lax. Hounds are allowed to run loose all they were round, and many deer are killed, while others are frequently so injured that death ensues. During the summer season the deer leave the woods to evade the flies, and feed upon the tender grass that grows in the bottom of the treams or small lakes. To get at the grass, which does not grow out of the water, and while feeding thus at night are attacked by po-hunters, who use a light, and can get clese enough to the animal state of the value of the dear leave the woods to evade the flies, and feed upon the tender grass that grows in the bettom of the treams or small lakes. To get at the grass, which does not grow out of the water, and while feeding thus at night are attacked by po-hunters, who use a light, and can get clese enough to the animal state. mals to kill them with a club, although as a rule they are shot. During the day time the deer frequently enter a cultivated field, and enjoy a meal of roots, etc., but if noticed by the owner they are shot on sight, regardless of the conditions of the game laws. If the deer are to be preserved it will be necessary for the Government to appoint necessary for the Covernment to appoint persons to look after law-breakers, especial-ly the owners of dogs, and those persons should not be given too large a territory to inspect. If the law regarding dogs were observed or enforced the destruction of deer would be greatly reduced. vernment to appoin

The Canadian Methodist church has settled, for four years at least, the question of the length of the ministerial pastorate. The the length of the ministerial pastorate. The old term of three years will not be departed from. The majority in favor of this resolution at the Conference now being held in Montreal, was a small one, and the large vote in A death from cholera is reported to have cocurred at Bristol, England.

A man named Easton shot himself dead in St. Paul's Cathedral on Sunday during service.

Twelve persons were fatally scalded in Consequence of an explosionat Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Saturday.

W. C. Barron, M. P. C. Barron, M. P. C. Barron, M. P. Charron, M. P. Commons, who was arrested at Dublin, is suffering from gastric catarrh.

The London Times predicts that the McKinley bill will cut both ways. It will do grave harm to America, and dislocate the general industries of the world.

Tat the Conference now being held in Montreal, was a small one, and the large vote in favor of a four years term shows a growing policy that would give the ministers some nearer appreach to a settled home. It was noted though, that while the strongest resistance arose the ministers, the strongest resistance arose among the lay members are the church. It may be a thought, that while the strongest resistance arose the ministers of an extension came from the ministers, the strongest resistance arose among the lay members are the church. It was noted though, that while the strongest resistance arose the ministers some the ministers some of the body to the proper author. Captain I homas of the Catherine Sudensties, gave a harrowing account of the same transmitted to safety the strungest of a batch of Russian exiles, whom he was a small one, and the large vote in favor of an explosion that the church. It may be a suffering sof a batch of Russian exiles, whom he was a small one, and the large vote in favor of an expension came from the ministers, the strongest resistance arose with the start of the siscovery of the body to the proper author. Captain I homas of the Catherine Sudensties, gave a harrowing account of the sterile of a batch of Russian exiles, whom he had been done, he also took up the revolve and blew out his brains. All the police have discovery of the body to the proper author. Captain I homas of the Catherine Sudensties, and the feel of the discovery of t

FOREIGN NEWS

In the region of Kharkov, Poltava, and In the region of Kharkov, Poltava, and Ekaterineslavsk, Russia, the production of wool has decreased by more than fifty per cent. during the last ten years. There are three causes of that decrease, says the Yoothing Krag, a Kharkov daily. Pasture lands have increased in value, wool has diminished in price, and the best ranchmen have emigrated to America. The owners of diminished in price, and the best ranchmen have emigrated to America. The owners of large ranches of merino sheep realize at present no more than about six pounds of wool from every sheep, while under the care of good shepherds ten pounds and more were realized every year. Besides this the cloth factor: adulterate their fabrics large-

A certain Ivan Nikolaevitch Zykoff of St Petersburg has discovered a method of bak-ing rye bread directly from the grain withing rye bread directly from the grain without requiring the latter to be ground into flour first. By this new method, says Syn Ottetches Va, a St. Petersburg daily, the grain is washed only to clean it from dust, and immediately afterward is turned into dough and baked in the usual manner. Those who have tasted this bread say that it cannot be distinguished from the bread made of flour. Samples of the new kind of bread have been sent to the Ministry of War and to the Imperial Technical Commission, and to the Imperial Technical Commission, and a patent for the method of baking has peen applied for

The Convent of St. George, situated at about ten versts south of Kherson Russia, will be a thousand years old in 1891. It is the oldest Christian institution in Russia; it was established a hundred years before Vladimir established a hundred years before Vladimir Sviatoslav caused his people to acce tristianity. During the first three hundred years of its existence the convent was the only stronghold of the Christians on the peninsula of Taurida. In 1475, when Turkey gained possession of the Crimea, the Greek Christians were driven out and the convent was turned into a Mohammedan sanctuary. Although it was restored to Christian possession by the Tartars, the convent has never since exercised any great influence has never since exercised any greatinfluence among the Christian believers of the Crimea among the Christian believers of the Crimea. The monks there live in great poverty, working the lands which belong to the institution. The newspaper Krim of Kharkov strongly advocates that that historical institution. be restored to a dignified position on the occasion of its thousandth anniversary.

La Nature gives an account of a remark-La Nature gives an account of a remarkable fig tree growing in Brittany, near St. Pol-de-Leon. It is not more than five to six yards high, but it covers an area of about 490 square yards. The spreading branches rest on props, which cause it to form avenues, one of which is thirty-four yards long. Very little could be learnt of the history of the tree. An all farmer said yards long. Very little could be learnt of the history of the tree. An old farmer said he had always known it as it is now, and all the information he could give about the yield of figs was that for two or three months in each year it gave an abundant supply for all who wanted them, and there were more than were wanted.

Savary, who was sentenced to death for Savary, who was sentenced to death for the murder of a woman in the Pas de Cal-ais, was executed on Sunday morning at Montreuil-sur-Mer. The criminal conduct Montreuil-sur Mer. The criminal conducted himself with courage till he reached the foot of the guillotine. He then turned deadly pale. When the executioner's assistants seized him he struggled violently for several seconds. He was, nevertheless, quickly mastered, but when the knife was on the point of falling he bit the executioner's hand.

There has recently been shown at Port There has recently been shown at Port Elizabeth a photo of perhaps the most remarkable cheque ever drawn. It was on the Kimberley branch of the Cape of Good Hope Bank, and made out for the nice little sum of £5,338,650. This cheque was passed by the De Beers Mining Company at the time of the amalgamation of the Kimberley mines.

The announcement that the Australians are on the eve of sending one more expedition in search of some tidings of the long-lost party of Ludwig Leichhardt is evidence fost party of Ladwig Leichnardt is evidence of the extent to which this mystery of the Antipodes has affected the imagination of our fellow-countrymen in the far South. It is their one women and the country of the co is their one romance, and they make much of it. More than forty-two years have passof it. More than forty-two years have passed since the German explorer entered the Gueensland bush, never to return. Party again and again reports have reached the settlements of bushmen having come upon traces believed to be those of the vanished pioneer.

Gustry and commercial enterprise is driven out of the country, the coming generation of military commanders is to be taught salon the presence of ladies."

A gentleman who has been visiting recently the Mormon colony at Lee's Creek in the Canadian Northwest canadian N

Writing under date of July 28 a Sidney correspondent says:—Last week, under the New Land Act, a very large area of land was offered to the people, and already nearly a quarter of a million acres have been taken up. Next week another lot is to be offered to the public, and if one may judge by the rush last week, a very large quantity will be selected. The squatter must now move westwards, as the cultivator takes his place over large areas of land. This is a "forward movement" for New South Wales; the king lives by the field, as she Old Book reminds us, and the more the land is really cultivated the better for all classes in the community. If we may judge from the eager demand for land, there must be a large number of men ready to till the soil. Writing under date of July 28 a Sidney

Baillolet, the little village near Rouen, has Baillolet, the little village near Rouen, has been the scene of a terrible tragedy. A family of three persons—father, mother, and an imbecile daughter, who was about 25 years of age, have been killed. No one knows exactly how the deaths were caused, but the story current among the neighbors is that the mother, affected by the misfortune of having a helpless daughter, gradually lost her reason. While her husband was in the fields at work, and the neighbors were enjoying themselves at a village fete, she took a revolver and, after shooting her offspring dead, fired through her own heart. spring dead, fired through her own heart.
When the husband returned and saw what had been done, he also took up the revolver and blew out his brains. All the police have here able to do is to start the fact of the

The Leipzg police have made a clever capture. A Viennese lady of 17 summers suddenly left her home with a young man, taking with her paper money to the value of 8600 florins, the property of her father. Her companion was a student of Brunn, and just 22. The young lady had put on male costume, and the pair entered their names in the visitor' books at hotels as the "brothers Hohenfels." The capture was made while the young man was attempting to cash a thousand florin note at a bureau of money changers. Seven thousand five hundred changers. Seven thousand five changers. Seven thousand five numbered florins were found in the possession of the couple, together with a phial containing poison, and a revolver. These they had purchased at Carlsbad, were they stayed for eight days.

A telegram from Calais reports that a British officer named Percy Smith behaved with great energy and devotion at the time of the recent accident to the Paris-Calais express, when the train ran off the line near Falaise. The officer lent the most ready and effectual assistance in carrying out the meas-urcs required for averting further disaster, and preventing another trainf and preventing another train from Paris running into the carriages of the express remained on the line.

During the other night, on the Paris-Lyon-Mediterranee line beyond Lyons, the night express, while running at a speed of 60 kilometres an hour, struck a cast of alcohol that he had been defended from a cool train despet. that had dropped from a goods train close to Serve. The cask got smashed, and the alcohol caught fire from the locomotive, which cohol caught fire from the locomotive, which was immediately enveloped in a column of blue flame. The driver and stoker were badly burned. The latter jumped from the badly burned. The latter jumped from the engine before it stopped, and had several

The Ministry of Wir has decided to try the experiments of regular bicycle services in connection with every regiment of the army, and a trained dogs. This year companies of velocipedists will be formed at several parts and if their panies of veroepediates will be formed at several posts, and if their services prove desirable in the course of three years, such companies will be formed at all the military years.

According to the latest reports, the eleven ospitals of St. Petersburg contain 4,900 is. In three of these hospitals there are be is. In three of these hospitals there are 1,220 beds for psychical infirmities, which are always fully occupied. A large number of invalids of this class have to wait long for their turn to get accommodations at the hospitals. For contagious diseases there are 360 beds, and for all other kinds of invalids 300 beds, and for an other kinds of invanta-there are 2,550 beds; a large number of the latter are set apart for acute surgical cases. There are set apart for acute surgical cases. There are almost no accommodations for chronic diseases. The lying-in departments of the city hospitals have been closed altogether this year, while no arrangements have been made to enlarge proportionally the facilities of the lying-in hospitals.

Prof. M. Pozdneyeff of the St. Petersburg Prof. M. Pozdneyeff of the St. Petersburg University has discovered in the National Library of Paris a MS. in the Manjoo language, which is of great interest to the students of the Chinese tongue. It consists of 161 written leaves on Chinese paper. It bears the inscription: "A Collection of Words," and contains a large vocabulary of Mandjoo words and roots. According to the opinion words and roots. According to the opinion of the Professor, the vocabulary has been compiled by a committee of scholars at the order of the first approximate the control of the contr order of the first emperor of the sixth dynasty, in the sixth year of his accession to the

In the schools of cadets throughout the In the schools of cadets infoughout the Russian empire dancing courses have been introduced and made obligatory. This, says Novoye Vremya, is a renewal of the methods of instructing young officers in preserving a of instructing young officers in preserving a graceful posture in action as well as in repose, which was prevalent in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, when dancing lessons took the place of gymnastic exercises. In Russia it was introduced by Peter the Great. An anti-monagaical Russian paper published in Zurich remarks: "While under the benignsway of the Czar industry and commercial enterprise is driven out of the country, the coming generation of

the presence of ladies."

A gentleman who has been visiting recently the Mormon colony at Lee's Creek in the Canadian Northwest says the Mormon sthere do not practise ploygamy and ars thrifty and enterprising settlers. One of the main charges preferred against them by the leaders of Gentile society is that "they never spend a cent over a bar." Another is that "they have reduced the price of hay to \$20 a ton, butter from 40 cents to 20 cents a pound, and potatoes from 6 cents a pound to 75 cents a bushel." Furthermore, "when they come to town they bring crackers and cheese with them," instead of buying a meal at the hotels. He is very positive ploygamy does not exist among them. They themselves say that while they regard polygamy as scriptural, they do not practise it in this country and do not intend to do so.

At a meeting of Moscow merchants on the fair of Nijhni-Novgorod the question was broached why the Russian cotton fabrics cannot vie with those of England in the market of Persia. It was shown that the quality of the Russian goods was superior to that of England, but that the English manufacturers know better low to nack and to skip of England, but that the English manufacturers know better how to pack and to ship their goods, so that they arrive in Persia fresh and nice, while the goods from Moscow get spoiled and unmarketable on the road. To prove this a bale of cotton goods was ordered from Liverpool. When the bale arrived in Nijhni-Novgorod it was opened before a commission of merchants, and the goods therein were found as fresh and as

Live Stock in Ireland.

A gratifying fact in Irish agriculture is the immense increase of late in live stock. Horses and mules, the number of which is about the same as that of horses in Ontario, have since late as that of horses in Ontario, have since late as that of horses in Ontario, have since late as the same as about the same as that of horses in Ontario, have since last year increased 11,369. Asses, of which Ontario has but few, but Ireland 213,044 have increased 6,808. In other live stock the increase in one year has been enormous. Cattle, of which Ireland has nearly twice as many as Ontario, are more numer. mous. Cattle, of which freiand has head twice as many as Ontario, are more numer ous by 146,579 than a year ago. Poultry of which Ireland has now more than twice of which Ireland has now more than twice as many as our province, show a gain of 554,592, or more than ten per cent. Sheep, of which Ireland has nearly three times as many as Ontario, have added to their numbers 534,618, or about sixteen per cent., and pigs twice as numerous as here, have increased in one year ty 189,609, or twelve per cent. These increases, which have taken cent. These increases, which have taken place in the face of an increased demand place in the face of an increased demand from England, have few parallels anywhere else in the world, and fortunately most of the kinds of live stock affected by them dethe kinds of live stock affected by them depend mainly on other crops than potatoes, amongst them on turnips, beets and mangels, crops not seriously injured by the weather, and which occupy in Ireland three times as many acres as in Ontario and relatively a a much greater area in proportion to the total amount of land under cultivation, for Ireland has but two thirds as many acres in Ireland has but two-thirds as many acres in frields as Ontario. Altogether then, even should the potato crop turn out as short as in 1879, the agricultural outlook is not on the whole as serious as it was then.

Made Whole by Prayer.

FREEPORT, Illinois.—A most remark-ble case of alleged faith cure in this FREEPORT, Illinois.—A most remarkable case of alleged faith cure in this city is the uppermost topic of conversation. Miss Frances Dubs is a young lady of seventeen summers, tall, good-looking and accomplished. Nine months ago she was taken sick. Competent physicians and careful attendants administered to her sufferings, but without avail, and she rapidly grew posts of the empire. So also will the advance posts. Yards for the training of the amiliary salvance posts. Yards for the training of or at Kovno.

According to the rife of the post of the animals will be established at Dinaburz door, and the doctors declared it was impossible to save her. At 4 o'clock in the afternoon she partook of the last sacrament according to the rites of the Methodist church. She then told those about her that between the hours of 6 and 9 o'clock that evening something supernatural would occur. something supernatural would occur.

About 2 o'clock in the night she called all those around her to her bedside and gave them a last farewell. She lay quietly as though cleaning. Her mother was sitting though sleeping. Her mother was sitting by the bedside. When the girl broke from her slight slumber in which she had fallen her slight slumber in which she had fallen she asked her to pray. Soon after Miss Dubs requested all the gentlemen to retire from the room. She then arose from her bed and walked across the room several times and soon had dressed herself. Then all went into the dimng-room, where a lunch had been spread, of which Miss Dubs partook most heartily. She remained up during the balance of the night, talked, prayed and enjoyed herself as though she had never been sick.

Starving Crows Befriended by Gulls.

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"One bitterly cold day," said an old traveller, "we—a ship load of us—were lying at the wharf at Astoria. The river was frozen; we were waiting for the ice to break. We were perishing with ennui. That is how we got to watching the crows. These poor things were dying of starvation, and they could not resist the temptation to hover about the ship. They could not get the food out of the water, but stood on the blocks of ice and looked enviously down into the waves at the drifting bits of refuse. The blocks of ice and looked enviously down into the waves at the drifting bits of refuse. The poor black wretches could not stand still on the ice or their feet would have frozen fast, so they shifted from one leg to another in a manner which gave them the appearance of dancing.

dancing.
"All about, with screams and flapping of wings, flew a flock of gulls, snatching the food from the water and fighting in fierce good fellowship. Soon we noticed a sort of understanding between the black birds and the white ones. For a while the sable birds pranced and danced, surrounding them, picking up bits of rood and despositing them with in gup bits of rood and despositing them within reach of their starving neighbors. And we all looked on and wondered to see dumb creatures helping each other in their sore distress, and pondered on the language of those aventures. se creatures we arrogan

The number of wealthy Americans who rent moors and fishings in Scotland if greatly on the increase. A financially gifted man rom New York reckons the sum total expended by his countrymen at no less than £600,000 a year—this for rent alone, which certainly does not cover half the outlay incurred by the modern sportsmen. So much money for shooting and fishing seems incredible, but it is also shooting and angling for a social position. Then the expenditure of this large amount of cash is incomprehensible.—New York Sporting World.

What with \$180,000,000 additional requirwhat with \$180,000,000 additional required to complete the undertaking, and what with the probability that, when completed the work would be rendered valueless by an earthquake or a flood, to both of which the region is subject, the outlook for the Panama Canal is not very encouraging. region is subject, the outlook for the Fanama Canal is not very encouraging. In view of these things it is not likely that the investors who were induced to go into this scheme will in the future place much confidence in the engineering allilities of their distinguished countryman who will probably be represented to posterity as the author of De Lesseps "great ditch."

Last week a boy named Bunting, aged 11 years, living in Gordon Street, Preston, disappeared in a mysterious manner. Notwithstanding inquiry, his whereabouts could not be ascertained. On Monday it leaked out that he had been swinger. before a commission of merchants, and the goods therein were found as fresh and as nice as if they had just come cut of the factory. The Moscow manufacturers have therefore adopted a resolution to pack their goods for the Persian markets in the English style.

The Ceylon Observer says:—A merchant has been telling us of some very fine and happened, and it was not until Monday night the secret leaked out.

An absurd misconception.

An absurd misconception is said to have occurred during the siege of Sebastopol, when an English Guardsman was "brought up" for having giving a severe thrashing to a French grenadier, the Englishman's only explanation being that "he would 'ave it, and so I just 'ad to give it 'im." It appeared on inquiry that the Guardsman had accosted the other in what he supposed to be French, and that the puzzled Frenchman had exclaimed in bewilderment, comment?"—"How?"—which the Englishman mistook for "Come on!"—"Come on yourself, then," he roared, "if you will 'ave it!"—and forthwith the fisticus began in earnest. An absurd misconception is said to have with the fisticuffs began in carnest.