

HAPPENINGS OF THE HOUR

Chronicle and Condensed for Busy Readers.

A Quebec Postmaster's Son Confesses to Robbing the Mails.—The U. S. Tariff Bill at its Final Stage.

CANADIAN.

Mr. Joseph Tasse has left the editorial chair of La Minerve.

The Hon. Edward Blake passed through Quebec yesterday from Murray Bay.

Le Progrès du Saguenay confirms previous reports as to the failure of crops in that district.

It is stated that the proposed establishment of a branch of the Bank of Hamilton in Kingston has been abandoned.

The great quadrennial Conference of the Methodist Church in Canada opens at Montreal to-day. The delegates number 290.

H. M. S. Canada and Thrush, with Vice-Admiral Watson and H. R. C. Prince George on board, arrived at Montreal shortly after noon yesterday.

A young man named Lauzier, son of the Postmaster of St. Sauveur, Que., confesses to having broken open the box containing registered letters, of which he abstracted five and took \$51.

A deputation waited upon the Minister of Justice yesterday in regard to the pork duties. The Minister's ruling is that both meat and clear mess pork bear duty at the rate of 14 cents per pound.

The schooner Annie C. Moore, belonging to North Sydney, C.B., and now engaged in the seal fishery in Behring Sea, arrived last night at Victoria, B.C., with 1,430 skins, her total catch for the season.

Mr. H. S. Stafford, for the past eight years city editor of the Montreal Gazette, has severed his connection with that paper, having purchased the Montreal Courier.

He received a silver tea service from the staff.

Jas. Lapaney, of Thorold, in the employ of contractors constructing the Grand Trunk's second track, attempted to jump a moving freight train near Rideau. He fell under the wheels and received injuries which caused his death.

A John Lawrie, widow of the late John Lawrie, in the township of Darlington, died Monday afternoon from apoplexy. She was apparently in perfect health up to the time of the occurrence.

Mr. Pete Jacobs (Pahitahaga), of the Ojibwa tribe, died at Rama on the 4th inst., aged 82 years. He was formerly a missionary in the Northwest, had been an extensive trader in the fur and seal trade, and was a devoted Christian.

John L. Sullivan's father, who died on Sunday, was 65 years old. He has two sons and one daughter, Mrs. James Lennon.

Several valuable Ayrahts have been brought to an Ohio fair took sick and died at Detroit where they had been on exhibition. The disease is pronounced to be Texas fever.

Trinity Church, Watertown, N. Y., has been completed by the gift of \$90,000 from Hon. Mr. Roosevelt and Anson B. Flower, of that city, in memory of the latter's wife, and was dedicated yesterday.

At Chicago the directors of the World's Fair yesterday re-affirmed their choice of some months ago, and selected the dual site of the lake front and Jackson Park as the place for locating the exposition.

In the United States Senate yesterday the Tariff Bill was passed through all but the final stage. To-day there will be six hours' general debate. Senator Aldrich's reciprocity amendment was adopted and Senator Sherman's was dropped.

FOREIGN.

The cholera has spread to Tokar.

The King of Portugal is reported better.

The Russian general, Lieut. General Rodzko, commander of the Third Infantry Division of the Guards, has died suddenly of apoplexy.

TORONTO LETTER.

Opening of the Exhibition by Lord Aberdeen.—The Christian Scientist Case—New Barristers.

Toronto, Wednesday, Sept. 10.

The Toronto Industrial Exhibition was opened with great eclat and under most favorable auspices by the Earl of Aberdeen yesterday. The weather was charming. Spectators were numerous throughout the morning and by the time the hour arrived for the opening ceremony there had full 2,000 passed the turn-stiles.

The Mayor and representatives of the City Council met at the Earl of Aberdeen at West Toronto Junction and escorted them to the Exhibition Grounds, where his Lordship formally opened the great annual Industrial Exhibition. After the ceremony had been performed the guests were entertained at luncheon in the main dining hall, where about 60 gentlemen sat down. After a toast to the Queen, the health of Lord and Lady Aberdeen was drunk with enthusiasm. The Earl responded in a happy vein and speeches were made by Hon. Oliver Mowat, the Mayor and other gentlemen. A message of greeting was received by carrier pigeon from Mayor Taylor on behalf of the people of London and also one from Guelph.

Mrs. Stewart, against whom a coroner's jury returned a verdict of manslaughter, of the late John Kent, school trustee, was arrested on a warrant yesterday morning and released on bail. Judge McDougall fixing the amount at \$5,000.

The annual meeting of the Dominion Millers' Association was convened here yesterday. Adam Brown, M. P., addressed the meeting, urging millers to send four to the Jamez Exhibition. A committee was appointed to procure from railways arrangements for the grinding in transit of Manitoba wheat. The question of uniform half-barrel bag packages came up, but was not passed upon. A committee was appointed to investigate the best kinds of wheat for mill purposes suitable to Ontario.

At the Police Court the four public school boys accused for taking part in the row on Camer Street between the separate and public school boys, were discharged as there was no evidence against them. Matilda Berry was charged with

keeping an unlicensed baby farm. When a warrant was served on her Monday night she told the constable that one of the infants in her place was dying and she could not be present. The case was adjourned till Friday.

The 14-year-old son of Alexander Dundas, a milk dealer of Bincarth road, was accidentally and fatally shot on Saturday by the explosion of a rifle cartridge with which he was playing.

The executive of the Young Men's Liberal Club met last night and made arrangements for the carrying on of the work of the club during the winter. The general opinion is that—unless a dark horse is in training—the coming president will be found in the following list of expected candidates: Messrs. M. G. Cameron, J. W. Russell, Jas. Knowles, jun., Thos. Wallace, J. E. Edgar and W. J. Clark.

A letter has just been received by Sir Daniel Wilson from Hon. Ed. E. Norris on behalf of the Premier of the colony of Victoria and the Council of the University of Melbourne, announcing a liberal gift of books to the library of the University of Toronto.

The following gentlemen were yesterday presented by Mr. B. B. Oler, Q. C., to the Chancery Divisional Court at Osgoode Hall, Toronto, and sworn in as barristers: A. C. Boyce, A. J. Armstrong, W. H. Nesbitt, W. J. Oler, A. C. Oler, G. H. Hutchingson, H. E. Stone, P. H. Bartlett, W. E. Marsh, A. Abbott, L. B. Arnold, T. G. A. Wright, W. J. Hannah, A. B. McCallum, A. H. O'Brien, F. McLean, J. A. Ritchie, E. O. Swartz, I. Greenstein, Mr. Crooks, C. Fraser, J. J. Drew.

"A DEED OF DEVILS."

The Journal of the K. of L. on Train-Wrecking.

Vessels Boycotted by British Dock Laborers.—The Embargo on Australian Trade.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 10.—This week's Journal of the Knights of Labor will say: "The wrecking of a passenger train on the New York Central Railway Friday morning has filled the public mind with horror. Nothing more heinous has been recorded in criminal annals. The almost miraculous fact that no lives were lost does not lessen the hideousness of the crime; and it, as is devoutly to be hoped, the perpetrators can be discovered, the only regret will be that the penalty which the law provides is altogether inadequate. That professional procurer of assassination and suborners of perjury, Robert Pinkerton, and that employer and applier of assassins, Mr. Webb, do not hesitate, in the absence of the pretense of evidence, to assert that the crime is chargeable against the strikers, and the former adds that he has evidence of some one high in the councils of Knights of Labor instigated the deed. While we need care little what the Pinkertons and Webb may say, it is of the utmost importance to us what the public may believe or even conjecture, and no good end will be served by closing our eyes to the fact that, however unjustly a certain number of suspicious rests in the public mind upon the strikers. The duty of Knights of Labor, therefore, is clearly to do everything within their power to assure the public of the culpability. Let us urge upon the men on strike and all who sympathize with them to do everything in their power to assist the authorities in ferreting out the funds in human form who have been guilty of this deed of devils."

THE LONDON DOCKMEN.

LONDON, Sept. 10.—The London dock laborers, in response to the appeal of Dublin strikers have boycotted the steamer Lady Morduehouse from Dublin and have induced the crews to desert. Vessels from Cork will be treated in a similar manner.

EMPLOYERS' CONVENT.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Sept. 10.—A conference of employers was held here yesterday, when it was decided to form a combination for mutual protection.

THE SITUATION AT SOUTHAMPTON.

SOUTHAMPTON, Sept. 10.—No trains have passed into the docks except those carrying mails. The strikers have been ordered to Mr. Davitt and Mr. Cunningham Graham, asking their assistance. If the strike continues, the Union Company will send its ships to London. The military remained on duty all night.

ARRIVAL OF DEFEW.

NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—Chauncey M. Dewey, president of the N. Y. Central, arrived on the morning train.

SYMPATHY FOR STRIKERS.

TORONTO, Sept. 10.—At the meeting of the Builders' Laborers' Union last evening the New York Central strike was discussed, and it was decided to only a special meeting for the purpose of making a grant in aid of the strikers.

MONTEAL SHIP LABORERS.

MONTEAL, Sept. 10.—The number of ship laborers employed on the steamships of the Allan Line, is the outcome of the discharge of a delegate who attended the Trades and Labor Congress recently held in London. The man discharged left his work without notifying his employers, and after a week's absence returned to find his place occupied. A vain appeal was made for his reinstatement, but the strike was ordered on. The strikers say that they will fight the matter to the bitter end. The work of loading and unloading the ships is going on.

POWDERLY'S OPINION.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 10.—Master Workman Powderly, of the K. of L., in the current number of the Journal of the Knights of Labor, denouncing the "devils" who wrecked the New York Central Railroad train at Castleton, says as to a similar act at train-wrecking at Knarags that he believes from the testimony of a passenger that there was no obstruction to the track there. It is his opinion that the officials of the N. Y. C. Railway are attempting to bring the Knights into discredit, and that their hired men were in the train-wrecking plot.

Fish from the Clouds.

CARLO, Ill., Sept. 10.—During a shower last evening quite a number of live fish fell in various parts of this city. They were about four inches long and of the "sun" and "buffalo" species. They were stunned by contact with the earth but many were revived by being placed in water and are still alive.

Steamers Arrived.

Sept. 9. Reported at. From Gremlin.....London
Futaba Point.....Liverpool
Pomeranian.....Glasgow
Majestic.....Queensdown
Bremen.....New York
Illinois.....New York
Schipsle.....Glasgow.....New York

INCREDIBLE CRUELITIES

Committed by the Forces of the Dahomian King.

Male and Female Prisoners Massacred by Thousands.

John Dillon Points Out a Way to Rescue the People—Irish Farmers and Shopkeepers Ruined by the Boycott—"Taking in" the Opera by Telephone at Berlin.

One Hundred and Thirty Fishermen Drowned.

ST. PIERRE, Md., Sept. 10.—The loss of life in the French fishing fleet this season has been 130 men.

Two Families Swept Away.

YENNA, Sept. 10.—Two families at Lins and Zensau were swept away and drowned yesterday while trying to escape in their carriages from the flood.

Outrages by Kurds.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 8.—Kurds have set fire to the crops of the Armenians in many places in the vicinity of Bitlis. The Porte has dispatched troops to limit in consequence of reports of several conflicts between Armenians and Circassians.

Ruined by the Boycott.

LONDON, Sept. 10.—Messrs. Russell, McCartney and Lea, Irish members of Parliament, anti-Home Rulers—appeal in the columns of the Times for donations in behalf of 30 boycotted farmers and shopkeepers in Tipperary, whose business has been ruined.

To Navigate the Nyassa.

HAMBURG, Sept. 10.—A banquet given here last night in honor of Baron Wisniam, 50,000 marks was subscribed to place a steamer on the Victoria Nyassa. Subscriptions on the Bourse and elsewhere assured the building of the steamer for this source at a cost of 150,000 marks.

Ruffianism in Berlin.

BERLIN, Sept. 10.—A band of roughs made a brutal attack upon fourteen workmen while the latter were about to leave work here yesterday. The assailants were armed with knives and inflicted terrible wounds upon their defenseless victims. The police seemed to be virtually powerless. While the wounded men were being conveyed to the hospital in a van, the roughs renewed the attack and tried to get at their victims again. By this time, however, a great crowd had collected and the ruffians were compelled to desert.

"Gilt" at a Discount.

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LAST MOMENT DISPATCHES.

A new newspaper, the Globe, has made its appearance at Boissvain, Man.

Telephonic communication between London and Paris is expected to be inaugurated in a few days.

A tornado, which visited Minton township, Ont., on Tuesday, did an immense amount of damage.

Ten French-Canadian tramps have been sentenced to twenty days each by the Belleville Police Magistrate.

The formal celebration of the 40th anniversary of the admission into the Union of California began Tuesday at San Francisco.

An order has been issued providing for a uniform for the sailors of the German navy similar to that worn by British seamen.

The American schooner Halcyon, Capt. Metcalf, from Hong Kong, is ashore near Yokohama, and will probably prove a total wreck.

Mr. Lowe, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, who has returned from his Northwest trip, reports the harvest as splendid and the prospects of the fall harvest as bright.

The revenue received at Vancouver, derived from Chinese immigration, for the month of August, 1890, was \$10,292.80; for August, 1889, \$5,799.50; increase, \$4,493.30.

The Governor-General has telegraphed that he will pay a flying visit to Toronto after he opens the Saniala tunnel. The time of his visit will probably be on Friday.

A Spokane Falls' telegram says: "The body of a man, supposed to be that of Baron von Strauss, a Prussian nobleman of Duda-Pesth, was found in the mountains Tuesday. It had been nearly devoured by wild beasts and birds."

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IN CONGRESS.

The Tariff Bill Reaches its Last Stage.

Text of the Agricultural, Lumber and Fish Schedules as Revised and Engraved.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—The Senate has possibly passed the Tariff Bill. There only remains the formal party vote on it after the formal speeches. The speeches will not alter the facts in any way, and for campaign news only. The work on the bill is done. There is no reciprocity provision in the bill, unless that curious provision known as the Aldrich amendment can be so termed. That includes no article produced in Canada except hides. The motion to engross the bill carried 38 to 28.

There had been a great deal of interest manifested in the announcement that there would be a debate and a vote on the reciprocity amendment of which Mr. Sherman gave notice the other day. But there was disappointment in both of these particulars. There was no considerable debate in favor of reciprocity with Canada. Mr. Sherman did not formally move his amendment, nor did he make any speech in support of it beyond the brief remarks which he made on the day when he first presented it. The explanation of this is that there was no possibility of overcoming the arrangement which had been made by the Senate Committee on Finance that the Aldrich amendment should be adopted, and there was no disposition to adopt such portions of the Sherman amendment as were in harmony with the general proposition contained in the Aldrich amendment.

Mr. Sherman, discovering what a strong feeling there was against offering anything to the present Ministry at Ottawa, was too experienced a politician to attempt to do anything for no purpose, and so did little or nothing after giving notice of the introduction of his amendment. It was not submitted for