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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

A freshet did a great deal of damage to the lumbering interests in the neighbourhood of Quebec. It is computed that 5,000,000 feet of timber have been swept away.

A Lad sixteen years of age was killed by lightning in Quebec, while sitting between his father and mother. Both parents escaped injury.

Information reached Washington from London, that the Government of Great Britain have made an arrangement through the Bank of England with certain bankers to deliver to the Secretary of State in Washington, on or before the 13th September, fifteen and one half millions of dollars in gold, the amount awarded by the General Arbitrators to the United States.

The report of the proceedings of the Board of Enquiry at Vienna, in the case of General Van Buren, while it does not impugn his honesty, shows his incapacity for the business placed in his charge.

The massacre of Modoc captives at Lost River crossing, is denounced by every one here. Both General Sherman, with the military, and Attorney General Williams, with the judicial authorities, will exercise every possible means to capture and punish the cut-throats.

Advices from Arizona state that a band of Apache Indians started south, probably intending to invade Mexico. Another band is besieging St. Cruz, in Sonora.

Advices from General Davis' camp represent that only four or five Modocs remain at large. The Pitt River Indians delivered eleven Modoc refugees to General Davis on the 7th inst.

A Spanish force, (Cuba) after five days hunt, came upon a rebel band under Magin Dias, killing the latter with 29 of his followers and taking 16 prisoners.

A despatch from Berlin says the prevalent opinion in the German capital is that President McMahon will prove a counterpart of Gen. Monck, restorer of the house of Stuart to the English throne, and that his election

heralds the Legitimists restoration in France.

Mr. Disraeli has written a letter in acknowledgment of an address, in which he emphatically pronounces against the anomaly of excluding women otherwise fully qualified from the political franchise.

The new ironclad turret ship *Decasta*, returned yesterday to Queenstown from a thirty hours' cruise in the Atlantic. She failed to encounter a gale, as desired, but met with rather heavy seas in which she was found to roll and pitch to a greater extent than had been expected.

In the Tichborne case the last two days have been occupied by the examination of witnesses who had known Arthur Orton during his residence at Wapping. All of them, including Miss Loder, a former sweetheart of Arthur Orton's, more or less positively identified the claimant as that person.

A Dublin despatch says that at the recent great fire in that city, crowds of persons, whose object is to plunder, hinder the efforts of the firemen to extinguish the flames. At one time they stoned the firemen and a detachment of soldiers which had been brought to the spot to preserve order. The latter charged on the mob, wounding many of them. The Mayor of the city was present. Intense excitement prevails in the vicinity of the fire, and during the charge of the troops it was fearful. Property to the amount of £100,000 has already been destroyed.

The annual races on the 10th inst. at Ascot Heath began. Great crowds attended. The races run were for the Prince of Wales Stakes; Ascot Stakes and the gold vase. The Prince of Wales Stakes was won by *Kaiser*, with *Gang Forward* second, and *Combat* third. Nine horses ran. The Ascot Stakes was won by *Whalen*. Nine horses ran. The gold vase was won by *Thorn*, with *Hannah* second, and *Strawn* third. Seven horses ran.

The mutiny in command of the Spanish General Velerde arose from superceding a captain. 1,200 of the troops remained faithful, and retired with the General to Tortosa.

Mr. Whitley, proprietor of the *Liverpool Daily Post*, and father of the penny press is dead.

It is reported a treaty of Alliance has been concluded between Germany and Italy.

The Ascott race for the gold cup was won by 'Cremorne,' 'Flagolot' second. Seven ran.

General L'Admirault has applied to the French Assembly for authority to prosecute the Communist Rance, who is now a member of that body.

Ex President Thiers has written a letter to a friend, in which he says he has retired to private life, believing that party government in France is a mistake, and will only lead to a fresh division.

The Sultan has issued a firman, granting to the Khedive of Egypt an independent civil, military, and diplomatic right.

In the Cortes on the 13th instant, an official statement of the future policy of the New Ministry was read. It favors a speedy demarcation of the Federal States; restoration of discipline in the army; proclamation of martial law against Carlist insurgents; liberty of the Antilles and suppression of slavery. It estimates the deficit in finances at the end of the present month at 2,800 000 reals.

A Madrid despatch to the *London Times* reports that the crisis in the Government of Spain continues, and fears of a serious outbreak in the capital are entertained.

The Cortes remained in session most of yesterday. During the deliberations a party of armed volunteers surrounded the Palace of the Cortes and a large body of armed police concentrated at the Column of Dos Mayo, and detachments of troops were posted at other places ready in anticipation of an outbreak, but their services were not called into requisition.

The irreconcilable press openly advocate an armed revolution. The situation is very disquieting.

General Hidalgo has been appointed Civil Governor of Madrid.

A rumour is current here that the Khivan expeditionary column, under the command of General Kauffman, has met with a reverse.