

MR. GLADSTONE.

Awaiting a Fitting Moment to Announce His Resignation—An Audience With the Queen.

London, February 28.—The Westminster Gazette says:—The retirement of Mr. Gladstone is now merely a question of days or weeks rather than months. His retirement, however, must not solve the question of Home Rule, which is still the leading and dominant factor in the situation. Whoever shall follow Mr. Gladstone must nail the green flag to the masthead. The Pall Mall Gazette says:—Besides the physical and political reasons for Mr. Gladstone's retirement, he has never liked the ideas of the new radicalism. Outside of the question of Home Rule, he is a staunch Whig. If Mr. Gladstone remains in the Cabinet, his successor to the premiership will have a barren and difficult career. Mr. Gladstone will have an audience with the Queen this afternoon, and this evening he will entertain the Ministers and a number of other prominent Liberals at a dinner.

The Edinburgh Evening News says:—All that now remains is to select a fitting moment for making a formal announcement of the change in the leadership. It was at the request of the Queen, the Evening News says, that Mr. Gladstone did not make a statement of his intention in the House on Monday.

The Central News bulletins make the statement that Mr. Gladstone drove from Downing street to Buckingham Palace at three o'clock, and had an audience of an hour's duration with the Queen. He did not tender his resignation.

That Mr. Gladstone's eyesight has grown so much worse that an operation will soon be necessary, almost everybody now believes, and it is understood he informed his colleagues that for that reason he would be compelled to retire, though he hoped his retirement would only be temporary.

The Liberal papers insist that in the event of his retirement Home Rule will survive, but Conservative papers take the opposite view. The Times declares Home Rule will be dropped, no matter who may become Liberal leader, and expresses the belief that neither Lord Rosebery nor Sir Wm. Harcourt will be likely to take it up.

The Edinburgh Evening News emphasizes its assertions that Mr. Gladstone will retire, and says positively that the Earl of Hovebery will succeed him as Premier.

The St. James' Gazette says that already widely-published comments upon the statements made have diminished the weight of official denials. The increasing reliance of his entourage is regarded as actual intimation of the possibility of Mr. Gladstone's withdrawal at any moment.

THE P. O. I.

Annual Convention of the Grand Association—The President and the Fee System.

Toronto, Feb. 28.—The third annual convention of the Grand Association of the Patrons of Industry opened in Richmond Hall yesterday. The chair was taken by the president, C. A. Malloy, Warkworth.

President Malloy in his annual address said that 300 additional organizations had been formed during the past year, and that increased interest is being manifested in the movement. Referring to the fee system the President said that while Patrons have made no pronouncement, in the interest of economy they contended that no greater sum should be retained by county officers than reasonable remuneration for services rendered. He also referred to the fact that the Grand Board had not caused petitions to be presented the past year to either Parliament asking consideration at their hands in the interest of the masses.

"The serious consideration" with which former petitions were greeted by both Parliaments has resulted in nothing practical to the Patrons' interest, and the grand association concluded that the time for petitions was past, and that it was necessary for industrial classes to show by a united effort that in a democratic country the people must rule, and that the greatest number must rule and be recognized by legislators.

The report was taken and discussed clause by clause and adopted. Mr. Charles Braithwaite, grand president of the Grand Association of Manitoba, was introduced to the association, and delivered an address indicating the rapid growth of the Patrons in the Northwest.

Mr. D. McNaughton, M.L.A. for North Bruce, was also introduced as the "conquering hero of Bruce," and addressed the association briefly, inspiring the delegates with hopefulness for the future of the order.

The Patrons will be in session all week.

A New Tunnel, Perhaps.

Port Huron, Mich., February 28.—Four mysterious surveys have been at work the past week on a line with the Government lighthouse, north of Port Grotto, across a sand bar above the inlet of St. Clair River, in Lake Huron. The men are very quiet about their work, and will not tell for whom they are working. It is generally thought that the Canadian Pacific Railroad is making another survey, in anticipation of constructing a tunnel across the river. A survey was made some time ago further down, and across the channel. It is argued that the proposed tunnel could easily be constructed under the sand bar, as the water is not deep and the excavation would not be difficult. An effort will soon be made to compel the Grand Trunk to make use of a considerable amount of land in that vicinity, or else the land will be condemned and will then be taken up by the Canadian Pacific. The tunnel project is not new, but was supposed to have been abandoned.

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MURDER IN MICHIGAN.

Burglars Kill a Farmer's Wife in Her Bed, Knock Her Husband Senseless and Steal Several Hundred Dollars.

Sciofield, Mich., Feb. 28.—Burglars last night entered the house of Henry Gierman, treasurer of Exeter township, Monroe county, shot Mr. Gierman and made their escape with nearly \$1,000. Mr. Gierman was awakened by a noise in the house, and found a man standing at his bedside with a revolver pointed at his head. He instantly seized the revolver with his left hand, when the burglar pulled the trigger, the ball passing through the hand. Mr. Gierman sprang out of bed, when the burglar shot at him a second time, the shot taking effect in his leg. Meantime another burglar had made his appearance. Gierman grappled with one of them and threw him against a window with such force that the sash was broken out. He was then struck on the head by the other man and was knocked senseless. When he came to Gierman ran for assistance to the nearest house, and upon his return with help he found his wife dead in bed, shot through the head, the ball having entered just back of her left ear. The burglars secured between \$700 and \$1,000 which was hidden in the bed, but missed \$400 that was hidden in other places. There is no clue to the thieves.

THE STEAMER BRISCOE.

Her Long Absence Occasioning Fears for Her Safety.

New York, Feb. 28.—Nothing has been heard of the steamer Briscoe since she left Queenstown four weeks ago. She is only a tramp freighter, yet in spite of the rough weather, which has been prevailing of late, she should have been in port some time ago. The Briscoe left Hamburg with a general cargo. Her machinery and decks were damaged by the storm, and she went to Queenstown for repairs. She sailed from Queenstown on January 13th, and she has not been sighted nor spoken to since. She is an iron steamer, measuring 1,444 tons. The vessel is commanded by Captain Soares, and manned by a British crew. She has not been here for more than a year. She has made the trip from Shields to Montreal in 15 days. Her agents here said yesterday that they were not worrying about the Briscoe, and that they had vessels from English ports out for as long a time. The ship Broomhall is taking her time in coming here from Hamburg, which port she left 100 days ago. The Broomhall was coming here to load for Australia, and was fitted out with stores for that voyage.

LYNCHED BY A MOB.

Two Prisoners in Arkansas Taken from Jail and Killed.

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 28.—Justice, swift, sure and sweeping, was meted out to two murderers by a mob, at Mountain Home, Ark., shortly before midnight, Monday night. About half-past 11 o'clock several hundred men assembled at Mountain Home for the purpose of killing Anderson Carter and Bud Montgomery, alias Jasper Newton. The mob overpowered the jailer and guards, took their guns, procured the keys, unlocked the doors and commenced shooting into the jail. After about two hours firing ceased, and Anderson Carter and Jasper Newton were found to be alive and asking for water. This was given him, and then the mob finished his vengeance by riddling his body with bullets. The crime for which the men were killed was the killing of Hutton Wilson in Baxter county, Ark., on the night of Dec. 18.

THE FIRE RECORD.

Huntsville, Ont., Feb. 28.—Fire broke out this morning about three o'clock in Snyder's blacksmith and carriage shop, which was totally destroyed with the whole of the contents. Loss on building about \$1,100; on contents about \$1,000. Building insured in the Lancashire for \$700.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 28.—Fire in the five-story brick building, 72 and 74 Pearl street, last night caused a loss of \$90,000. The building is owned by the Boston Real Estate Trust. It was occupied by the Oakes Manufacturing Company, P. F. Collier, publisher; Geo. M. W. Bates & Company, dealers in musical instruments; Bigelow & Doves, hardware, and the Coburn Stationery Company.

A Railway Disaster.

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 27.—The west-bound passenger train on the Y-230 and Mississippi branch of the Illinois Central RR. met with a disastrous accident this morning three miles from Durant, Miss. A defective rail threw the two rear coaches from the track. Several persons sustained serious injuries, burns, bruises, scratches and cuts. The injured are:—C. A. Henderson, New York, bruised; P. T. Wilkinson, New York, internal injuries; Mrs. M. P. Preston, Tequila, Miss., cut on hand and head, internal injuries; Mrs. J. P. Preston, Tequila, Miss., bruised; P. R. Montgomery, Memphis, badly burned; J. M. Jackson, Jackson, Tenn., bruised; Mr. Harvey, Kosciusko, Miss., hand badly burned; Dr. W. F. Gresham, Durant, Miss., knee sprained; A. Brown, Memphis, leg and thigh badly hurt.

East Bruce Conservatives.

Walkerton, Feb. 28.—The annual meeting of the East Bruce Conservative Association was held in the Town Hall here on Saturday and was largely attended. After the transaction of routine business, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. James Tolton; Vice-President, Mr. J. A. Reintger, editor of the Ontario Gleaner; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Arthur Collins; Mr. Gargill, M. P., was unanimously re-nominated. Resolutions were passed endorsing the Government of Sir John Thompson and his colleagues, also approving the course of Mr. Meredith.

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Disorder at Honduras.

New York, Feb. 28.—A special from Taguicalpa, Honduras, says:—Great disorder prevails here. Generals Ortiz and Bonilla are both issuing proclamations. All the property of the adherents of Vasquez has been confiscated. A force of \$250,000 to pay the troops has been made. There is much pillaging. Ex-President Vasquez is in San Salvador. A special from San Salvador says sixty prisoners, principally military, were shot yesterday.

ON TRIAL AT SANDWICH.

The Munger Brothers, of Leamington, and Their Young Victims in Court.

Windsor, Ont., February 28.—In Judge Horne's court, at Sandwich, to-day Joseph and John Munger, of Leamington, Ont., were tried for grossly mistreating four or five little girls. The offences took place in January and February of this year and were committed at the home of the Munger's, near Leamington, at divers times. All the victims are under 12 years of age, and the little girls appeared in court this morning to offer testimony against the white-haired villans who had imposed on them. With one exception they were quite pretty and extremely modest. The court room contained not more than a dozen persons while testimony was given, and the little girls were taken up by the side of the judge on the bench, and the attorney stood in front of them. The testimony was taken in voices so low that it could not be heard three feet from the stand. Every consideration was shown for the timid and weeping witnesses and the full import of what was taking place might be only conjectured. The prisoners present a most remarkable appearance. Joseph Munger is a tall patriarch, sixty-one years, and when he was asked to stand up and plead guilty as charged, as in 1902, and there was much dignity in his bearing. His hair is snow white, and his beard is long and almost white. He was tried first, and no defence was offered. The court took the matter under advisement. The case of John Munger was then taken up. Three of the former witnesses gave evidence against him, but he did not appear to be of as serious nature as that against his brother. At the conclusion, Lawyer Hanna contended there was no evidence to sustain the serious charge that had been made, but Crown Attorney Clark contended there was. Judge Horne said he would adjourn the case until tomorrow morning, when he would pass sentence. Meanwhile, he said, he would examine the evidence given and look up the law bearing on the case. The charge is under section 269, and not under the Charlot Act. The full penalty is imprisonment for life, with lashes. Adolpa Jones, also of Leamington, will be tried at the Spring Assizes.

An Offer for Silver Bullion.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 28.—Sec. Carlisle has received an offer of 650,000 ounces for 75,000,000 ounces of silver bullion now in the treasury. The offer comes from the British and American Financial and Industrial Investment Syndicate of New York. The syndicate, through J. T. Rapley, proposes to enter into a contract with the United States, to be approved by the President, to take fifty or seventy-five million ounces of silver, at 65 cents per ounce, and pay for it in lawful money of the United States, or in approved bills of exchange on London. Mr. Rapley agrees to take the syndicate two million ounces of silver monthly, with the option of taking four million ounces. As a condition precedent to entering into the contract he requires that an export duty of 12 1/2 per cent for a period of five years be levied on all silver coined or uncoined sent out of the United States. The writer refers to Senator Hill, of New York, as to his financial standing.

Five Miners Entombed.

Ashland, Pa., Feb. 28.—While seven miners were at work this afternoon in the west gangway of the Boston Run mine an avalanche of coal and surface coal swept down upon them and entombed them. A rescuing party was formed and entered the shaft. They soon found two of the men—John and Joe Wickes. They reported that five men were still imprisoned in the gangway, and that they were Lewis White, Chas. Mohen, Elwood Mingle, James Kramer and William Ervine. All the miners are from Frankville. Since three o'clock this afternoon a rescuing party has been at work clearing away the debris in the gangway, and they hope to reach the shut-in men to-night.

Gold Mines in Washington.

Everett, Wash., February 28.—The gold discoveries along Wenatchee River, between Wenatchee and Leavenworth, are attracting great crowds of persons. A claim has already been located. A Great Northern Railway brakeman swam the ice-cold river a few days ago to locate a claim. Everything everywhere along the river the claims show from twenty to three hundred dollars, and a great rush is heralded.

He Won His Case at Rome.

New York, Feb. 28.—A morning paper says Rev. Dr. Burtzell, recognized as the greatest authority on Roman Catholic Canonical law on this side of the ocean, has won his case at Rome. The decision means that, if Dr. Burtzell desires, he can return to his old charge, the church of the Epiphany, New York city, as soon as he returns to this country, in April.

Brooklyn's Unemployed.

New York, February 28.—There are 46,688 men, and 9,983 women and girls out of employment in Brooklyn, or a total of 56,676. These figures, which were obtained by a house-to-house census, was handed to the form of a brief report, to Mayor Sliemers yesterday. Of the total number of unemployed 19,873 are in need of assistance.

Airra at Rio Quiescent.

London, February 28.—A despatch from Buenos Ayres dated yesterday says:—The Brazilian Government cruiser Niteroi has landed 500 men at Cabo Rio, 75 miles north-east of Rio. Other Government vessels are making their way toward Rio as rapidly as possible. The state of siege at Rio has been abolished.

Killed His Assassin.

Ausonia, Tex., Feb. 28.—While Sheriff L. P. Lowe was attempting to arrest a Mexican named Sanchez yesterday the desperado drew a pistol and fired at Sheriff Lowe, the bullet passing through his body and inflicting a fatal wound. The sheriff drew his own pistol as he was falling and shot the Mexican through the head.

Many Vessels Lost.

Gloucester, Mass., Feb. 28.—The past three months form one of the most disastrous periods in the history of the Gloucester fisheries, and one which surpasses any previous record for the same length of time. The number of vessels reported lost is 18, valued at more than \$100,000, with 61 men.

Mines to Resume Work.

Colorado Springs, Col., Feb. 28.—The Battle Mountain, Raven and the Cascade mines in the Cripple Creek gold camp, will resume work to-morrow on the owners' proposition for a nine-hour day.

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THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

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CANADIAN. —A. K. Bunnell has been appointed secretary of the Brantford School Board. —The Belleville Council has endorsed the proposal to have church property assessed. —Sir John Thompson and Hon. Mr. Patterson, Minister of Militia, arrived at Kingston yesterday from Ottawa. —The manufacture of blinder twine at Kingston Penitentiary will be commenced on the 1st of April. —The body of Henry P. Berg, one of the victims of Monday night's sad drowning accident near Prescott, was recovered yesterday. —At a meeting of the Brantford Board of Trade A. K. Bunnell was re-elected President, S. Cockshead elected Vice-President, and Geo. Hatley Secretary. —The Belleville City Council has granted \$100 for the purpose of having a test of the iron ores of Hasting county by a new process of manufacturing steel direct from the blast.

—At a meeting of the First Presbyterian Church, Brantford, held Tuesday evening, it was unanimously resolved to give Rev. R. H. Abraham, of Burlington, Ont., a call for pastor of the church. —A young man named Andrew Heerle, yardman at River du Loup, Q., while coupling cars on a local express going east, slipped, and the wheel of the coming car passed over his chest, instantly killing him. —Mr. Meredith paid his first visit to the Toronto City Hall yesterday morning in his new position as City Solicitor. He has not yet formally assumed office, but his visit was for the purpose of making a working arrangement. —A Halifax firm of lawyers, acting for a syndicate of Canadian and American capitalists, have bonded about three-quarters of a million acres of timber lands in different parts of Nova Scotia. The price will be in the vicinity of half a million dollars.

G. T. R. Co.'s return of traffic for the week ending February 24th, 1894.—Passenger train earnings, 1894, \$93,368; 1893, \$83,123. Freight train earnings, 1894, \$211,057; 1893, \$217,989. Total earnings, 1894, \$304,425; 1893, \$306,112; decrease, 1894, \$1,687.

—The Salary Reduction By-law which was carried in the Toronto City Council on Monday will effect a saving of only \$100,000 annually. If the public service departments had fallen into line, the saving would have been about \$50,000 or \$60,000. There is no further talk of a strike among the firemen.

—Partly for the accommodation of apple shippers, the steamer Uinada was reshipped from Halifax Tuesday for London direct, with full cargo. There were nearly 1,000 barrels of apples in the vessel, 4,888 bales of hay, 1,000 manufactured doors, 144 cases canned lobsters, 7,980 bushels of peas and 2,883 pieces deal.

—The Boards of Trade, of St. John, N.B., and Halifax, N.S., have memorialized the Dominion Government on the subject of the duties on molasses. They claim that large quantities of molasses so-called have been imported from the United States, to the detriment of the West India trade, and to the public disadvantage in that it is really a mixture of molasses and glucose syrup. This contention was borne out by the report of the trade made by the analyst at St. John. A sample of the supposed adulterated molasses was accordingly submitted to the Dominion analyst for examination, with the result that Mr. Macfarlane reports the stuff does not contain glucose at all. The case has created a deal of stir in importing circles in St. John and Halifax, and now that their contentions are not borne out by examination there will likely be still further trouble before the matter is settled.

AMERICAN. —There are three cases of small-pox in Sing Sing prison among the convicts. The patients have been isolated. —Henry Chapman Ford, a well-known artist, died at San Francisco Tuesday. Mr. Ford was formerly a resident of Chicago, and was at one time President of the Chicago Academy of Art. —The official statement of U. S. Treasury receipts and expenses shows in round figures that for the eight months of the present fiscal year the expenses of the Government have exceeded receipts by \$48,000,000, the aggregate standing: Receipts, \$199,500,000; expenses, \$247,500,000, or at the rate of \$72,000,000 for the year.

Duncan L. Parker, a widower, and Florence Bond, a spinster, were united in marriage at Sifton, N. Y., about a week ago. Tuesday evening a party of men visited their home and gave vent to a horning. During the fracas Mr. Parker fired several shots from the house, one of them striking Alonzo Phillips and injuring him so badly that he died this morning.

Editor W. T. Stead will leave Chicago for London next Friday, sailing from New York March 3. The editor, who is now in Chicago, says that he is called home sooner than he expected by the fact that Parliament will be prorogued March 12, and he believes Mr. Gladstone will resign. The Premier's resignation, and everything politically will be at sixes and sevens. He will be there again next fall.

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