

The Springhill relief fund amounts to about \$20,000, which is only a quarter of the sum required. The cause of the explosion is still a mystery and the stories about naked lights being used have not been authenticated.

The jury in the case of Jane Harding, found dead in the house of her paramour, Christopher McGrain, at Toronto a few days ago, and for the causing of whose death McGrain was arrested, have returned a verdict of wilful murder against the prisoner.

Mrs. Fuller, wife of Benjamin Fuller of Upper Water street, Halifax, died at Orillia, Ont. a few days ago, from injuries received in the railway accident on the I. C. R. Railway at St. Joseph, Quebec in December. Mrs. Fuller is the tenth victim of the disaster. The remains were brought to Halifax for interment.

The Montreal Herald says: "Among the guests at the St. Lawrence Hall is Mr. J. Macdonald, registered, Toronto. This gentleman is the holder of the ticket that has drawn the prize of \$2500 of February drawing. He presented himself at the office of The Province of Quebec Lottery. The check was already filled up and cashed five minutes after at 'La Banque du Peuple.' Contrary to many people who refuse to have their name known to the public, he has cheerfully authorized Mr. S. E. Lefebvre, Manager of the Province of Quebec Lottery, to publish his name."

The jury in the case of the Worsted factory explosion at Quebec gave the following verdict:—"The said Arthur Tweedel and others were killed by the explosion of the centre boiler of the Quebec Worsted Company's mill, the said explosion being due to an over-pressure of steam in the said boiler, caused by the stop valve being then closed. Furthermore, that the jurors recommend the appointment, as in other places, of a competent city and district boiler inspector, one who has both theoretical and practical knowledge, and who has had experience in the manufacturing of both boilers and engines and all appliances and connections thereof."

It is said that the widow of one of the victims of the explosion has become deranged, and has had to be sent to a lunatic asylum.

How frequently thoughtless persons will not only disturb the clergyman, but also the entire congregation, hacking and coughing during Divine service. By using Oxford Cough Syrup this annoyance would be prevented.

Shebaga Jugero, the Japanese murderer, has failed in his appeal to the United States supreme court to escape the penalty of electrocution. The court has denied the writ of habeas corpus applied for by his lawyer.

The plan to remove Sitting Bull's cabin from Grand River to Chicago for exhibition during the World's Fair pleases the Indians on Standing Rock reservation, who are firmly convinced that the dead chieftain's late abode is haunted by his ghost. No Indian can be prevailed upon to go near the place, which remains entirely deserted, even Sitting Bull's two wives and children having deserted the cabin.

Five of the miners who were entombed in the slope No. 1 at Jeansville Pa. on Feb. 4th were found alive on Feb. 23rd. They were lying in various positions all huddled together in their efforts to keep warm. They were so weak that, with one exception, they could not be moved. The rest of the men could not be moved but were cared for where found. The men said the contents of their dinner pails kept them alive for six days. Then they lived on oil from their lamps and bottles. After that was exhausted they drank hard sulphurous water. This is a marvellous escape.

Quiet now reigns at Iquique, Chili. The banks have re-opened and business is being resumed.

The French artists have decided that in view of the public aversion to their taking part in the Berlin Art Exhibition they will not send any of their work to the exhibition.

An advance post of Dervishes, stationed at Abobana, has surrendered to the Egyptian forces. The friendly tribes have sent word to the Egyptian headquarters that they will not allow Osman Digna to take refuge in their country.

In a contest with 4-ounce gloves at Nelsonville on Feb. 25th, Davie Seville knocked out Art Majesty in the 18th round. The latter died three hours afterwards. His skull was fractured. Seville and his second were arrested.

The invitation tendered by the United States Government to the French Government to take part in the Columbian Exhibition in Chicago was accepted by the Cabinet without discussion. It is said France is the first country to accept the invitation.

The British forces, under Major Smythe, have captured the stockades of the Tsawbwa of Wuntho, in Upper Burmah, killing 25 of the defenders. The Tsawbwa Palace was set on fire, looted and finally destroyed. The British loss was 13 killed or wounded. The Tsawbwa escaped.

The city of London on Feb. 26th was the scene of a most remarkable spectacle in the funeral of the Coles woman, otherwise known as "Carrot Nell," whose murder created such excitement. The woman, who could not have mustered half-a-dozen friends before the tragedy, was followed to the grave by an enormous multitude of mourners. The woman's coffin was deluged with flowers.

M. Constans, Minister of the Interior, has notified the Turf Clubs in France, that on and after March 8th betting on the Paris Mutual System will be considered a penal offence. The people of Paris are intensely agitated over the Government's action, which it is declared, will eventuate in the death of racing in France, and be one of the greatest detriments to horse breeding, which will be severely felt by the cavalry, besides encouraging a worse evil viz: secret betting.

The national Australian conference opened on Monday for the purpose of preparing a general constitution similar to that of the United States. Others prefer the constitution of the Dominion of Canada as a basis of the instrument to be formulated. There is a strong feeling, however, in favor of absolute independence, and it is said the adherents to that principle will endeavor to capture the convention.

At the Vatican it is asserted that Signor Crispi expects to return to power, and that he has approached the Holy See with the view to persuade the Papal authorities not to accord concessions to the Ministry or to the Marquis di Rudini, as the latter's Cabinet cannot last. Signor Crispi is said to have insisted that the Pope ought not to allow Catholics to support the Government at elections, and promised that if he returns to power he will make concessions to the Vatican.

The King has accepted the resignation of the Norwegian Cabinet. The political situation is extremely grave. Of the 114 members of the Storting who took part in Monday's division, in which the Conservative Ministry was defeated, the majority practically demanded that Norway shall have control of her own foreign affairs. The moderate Liberals and Radicals are sinking their differences and present a united front. If the King follows the constitutional usage by choosing a new Ministry from the majority, it will tend to the rapid repeal of the Scandinavian Union; if he appoints a Ministry to combat the majority, it will be certain to provoke a conflict which will threaten public peace and order.

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