SUMMARY OF NEWS.

BY CUNARD STEAMER.

From Liverpool, Nov. 3rd.

THE UCHATIUS GUN.

The *Daily News* says:—"The Uchatius gun scandal at Vienna has terminated in the committal to prison for two years of the three principals concerned therein. The charge made against the men was that they conspired to sell the secret of the Uchatius invention to a foreign Government, and we doubt if the punishment awarded would have been much more severe had their purpose not been frustrated at the outset. That there is a secret connected with the manufacture of the Uchatius cannon is beyond a doubt, and that the Austrians have a perfect right to keep to themselves what is theirs is equally manifest. General Von Uchatius has produced a gun which is as durable, apparently, as the steel weapons of Herr Krupp, and which it moreover is so accurate and efficient as those well-known arms; yet the new Austrian field piece costs but thirty-five pounds sterling, where as that of the Prussian artillery comes to up wards of a hundred. No wonder the Austrian Government is jealous of its secret, and means to keep it if it can. Some people think Uchatius was ploughing in his melting pots to ensure a better blending of the copper and tin; but if he does, we fear there is certainly burnt away in the process, for chemical analysis, we are told, fails to give evidence of the presence of phosphorus. If this is certain, however, that Uchatius possesses the secret of making solid bronze guns strong enough to withstand rifled projectiles, and he has a right to keep this knowledge to himself if he can."

THE MASONS' STRIKE.

Matters in connection with the strike are without much change. The masters have to have held a meeting in the Cambridge Hall, Mr. Henry Broadhurst in the chair. Many of the foreigners brought over by the Masters' Association were present. The Chairman stated that subscriptions were coming in increasing every day. He had ascertained that when the strike commenced there was sufficient work contracted for to employ all the masons for four years to come. The contractors for the Law Courts, he said, had had notice eighteen months ago that a demand for increased wages would be made. A resolution was passed expressive of confidence in the Strike Committee.

A Master Builder writes to a London journal:—"In a certain building there will be a large number of window heads to be worked, all of the same pattern, and a price of £5 each was allowed by the architect. In order that there might be no mistake one was worked as a pattern for approval, and the cost of the labour was found to be within the £5. When the others were executed the labour was found to be about £8 each, and on the employer remonstrating it was admitted by the man who did the sample that the other men were not allowed to work either too quick, and the best men must 'hang on' to the rest, or lose their time. Is further reason strange, the men demanded their money and left work. This will, I think, show to the public the kind of tyranny we have to put up with from the Masons' Union."

AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS.

Capital and Labour publishes the following gang forms contracted and adopted in some quarters:—"A. B. undertakes to work for C. D. from November 1st, 1877, to October 31st, 1878. A., B. is to receive for said service, horse, garden, 16 poles potato land manured, 20 cwt. of coal, half a ton of coals, all free, and 11s per week; 15s per week in lieu of beer for harvest-time; 2s 6d in lieu of beer for harvest-time; 1s 3d extra for such days as he may be employed in haymaking; 2s 6d; 11 new laid eggs per day for one month in harvest, 6d extra per day for hedging and ditching; 6d extra per day drilling turnips; 9d extra per day sowing corn or manure broadcast. That the A. B. extra per day hedging and ditching, may not be paid when working by the piece. Piece-work, such as hedging, ditching, mowing, reaping corn, will be set at the discretion of the bailiff. That if it be necessary to employ the said C. D. to do any piece-work other work by which he will be employed on Sundays, he will receive 1s per week for his trouble. That he is not to be employed more than 10 hours per day. That no regular hours be kept in hay or harvest-time. That the regular working hours will be from six in the morning till six in the evening, allowing half an hour for breakfast and one hour for dinner, from April from November 1 to February 1, when he will be required to be at work by seven o'clock in the morning, one hour for dinner, from twelve to one o'clock. It is also to be understood that C. D. is to work when employed in connection with horses, will be required to be at work by six o'clock in the morning; in such cases they will be allowed half an hour for breakfast at ten o'clock, and the same at noon when the horses have off work. Volunteer labour, one day or days with C. D. to be considered a sufficient reason for stopping the day or days' wages."

NEW ATLANTIC LINE.

Under the above heading the London correspondent of the Liverpool *Courier* writes:—"A scheme originated by Mr. William Vanderbilt, the American capitalist, to create a new line of ships between Liverpool and New York is, if not already accomplished, all events postponed indefinitely. The steamers were to be constructed specially for the carriage of cattle, commodious grain, and immigrants—and the time was intended to give great competition to the Cunard, the New York Central railway, in which Mr. Vanderbilt is largely interested. During the progress of the Transit of Venus Mr. Vanderbilt obtained plans and estimates from both Messrs and Clyde shipbuilders for a fleet of steamers that were to compete the Company's fleet. Now that he has returned to New York he has come to the conclusion, we learn Mr. Roach, the shipbuilder there. Mr. Roach consented to the terms and offer that applied to the Company, towards the capital of which Mr. Vanderbilt is said to have given half a million sterling. But the Company has not yet been constituted, and now it is known most unlikely that it ever will be. Mr. Vanderbilt has withdrawn from the project as a purely American scheme, but that he has been in communication with capitalists in this country to join in the formation of a different company for a purpose not yet disclosed."

HOLDING ALOOF.

At a numerously attended conference of clergymen of all denominations, held at Glasgow, to consider the question of holding aloof from Church union, the Rev. David Russell, who stated the following objections which he conceived working men were in the habit of stating in the country districts for not regularly attending divine ordinances, viz., that "the halls they hold them in," Churches in fellowship from members of the churches, yet they saw very little of it in their conduct and actions; that their elders were in the habit of extracting drink, still there were no more moporous in the district; that they had heard of many ministers; that from the discussions on essential doctrines of Christianity, which sometimes were in danger of a split, whether ministers believed what they preached on the Sabbath; that Sabbath-schools were sometimes not trained as to their work, and the children were not properly caught hold of; that some ministers were too high, and that is, 6d. per head was sufficient to change annually, the income being made up from voluntaryism—that was the reason why some pastors had to preach three times on Sunday, and a prospect of marriage resulted immediately. The wedding preparations are remarkably sumptuous. The Normandy jewels which are of immense value, are being re-set for the approaching nuptials. The Sheffield tenantry are ranging to send a very handsome wedding present to the bride."

THE AMERICAN CATTLE AND MEAT TRADE.

The new number of the "Journal of the Royal Agricultural Society of England" contains among other articles, one on the cattle trade, by Professor H. P. Armsby, Westhampton, Massachusetts, and another on the same subject by Professor Brown, of Agricultural College, Cirencester. Mr. Sheldon comes to the conclusion that meat can be sent quite as safely from the United States as in winter, but at a little more expense, and that it is probable that the American fat stock will stimulate the production of meat in Britain, if it should lead to the prohibition of the import of live cattle from those foreign countries which are the homes of the contagious diseases that have for so many years so interfered with the trade branch of English farming. Professor Allworthy gives a table showing the number of sonal knowledge of the great resources of America, that American beef will be sent readily and at a low rate to Liverpool and Glasgow at 4½d. per lb. (3s. per stone) by the carcase; that the price to the consumer can be brought to meet demands not yet thought of; and that the quality will in time be such as to satisfy the most discriminating British public. Professor Sheldon declares that there is no reason whatever for assuming, although temporary fluctuations in the exports during wet weather have occasionally been met with, that the American dead meat trade will not rapidly increase and before long become a very important one. He also says that the regular trade commenced in October, 1876, with a total for the month of 80 cwts., and ended with a total for the month of April, of 8,378,310 lbs., a total during the period of 8,378,310 lbs.; the chief ports of New York and Boston.

THE CREDIT SYSTEM OF BIRMINGHAM.

For years and years, says the Birmingham Gazette, "the jewellery trade has been carried on upon the most unsound commercial principles that could possibly be devised. Among other evils of the system, that of giving long credit is undoubtedly the worst. Credit is given for twelve months, eighteen months, and even two years almost as a regular custom of the trade, thus giving every advantage to the unscrupulous trader. The one idea of the shopkeeper appears to have been the length of credit he could obtain, and in order to catch the large profit that must be afforded by credit transactions the merchant was induced to run the greatest risks, thus reducing the trade to rash speculation and a dealing in dishonest simply. At length a circular has been issued by one of our leading firms, in which their customers' attention is drawn to the growing evils of long credits and the mischief attending the pernicious bill system. Messrs. Abraham Bloothers, merchant jewellers, of Vyse street, have in this circular that as wholesale jewellers of twenty years' standing they have ever regretted the ready facility with which "lines of straw" have obtained credit, to the loss and injury of legitimate dealers. Statistics show that the losses incurred among provincial jewellers for the last five years have reached the enormous sum of two hundred thousand pounds per annum, which amount has to be made up from the profits of those who arrange liberal settlements or dishonest competitors, as in no other branch of the trade are the losses so disproportionate to the profits. Messrs. Abraham Abrahams have found a remedy for this, and a remedy which every man of straightforward commercial principles will hail with gladness. They have determined not to extend their business beyond a reasonable and legitimate all trade breaking up the British Empire. As the United States remained at peace with Great Britain, the Government could not allow expeditions to be fitted out and sent from their ports. The watching of neutrality was impossible. The rational course would have been to have recognized the rebels, and allow the matter to be tried out, instead of this, the leaders fell to mutual recrimination as an excuse for doing nothing. Yet Fenianism is not yet quite dead. The funeral of Col. O'Mahony, the propagandist and Irishman Funds in his hands a hold on the minds of many people, and in America, though secret, it is not inactive. Very respectfully, we omitting to say "My lord." When counsel resumes his examination he sits down in his accustomed manner he is very polite. He speaks English exquisitely, but with rather the intonation of a native. Some faint traces of a slight trace of the French accent. On hearing and seeing him in the case he was struck at once in passing himself off on his judge as a person of distinction. He is of the Count of Newfoundland for its revenue, the witness has deposed that Benzon kept two horses, three men servants, a housekeeper, and a governess. The groom's name is Kurr has the air and the twang of a low cockney blackguard. Both, therefore, are not the remotest typical representatives of Paris and London.

THE PENIANS.

The *Standard*, in connection with an editorial notice of a book recently published giving a history of Fenians and Fenianism, says:—"Fenianism has long been dead, and the failure of the movement and on its prospects for the future:—" Recent wars have not failed to show that the British soldier's enthusiasm, and courage, when undisciplined, is against a well-organized foe. The Irish peasantry are less fitted than most others to cope with regular soldiers, because they are—wisely, in this conspiracy abundantly proved—not allowed to drill or bear arms. They have no opportunity or weapons to fight with, and were at once dispersed by a few volleys from even a handful of disciplined troops. To give an insurrection in Ireland a chance of sustaining itself for any length of time it would be indispensable that a regular force should be landed in the island sufficiently strong to overpower the garrison, and that this force be put in the field until the multitudes that would flock to it could be armed and given some kind of organization. Colonel Hoche, at the close of the last century, showed his sense of the difficulty of such a task when taking with him to Bantry Bay five-and-twenty thousand men; and if this number was required, the following charge will show what the Channel might prevent reinforcements from being sent from this country for weeks together, and when, besides, there existed neither railway, nor telegraph to disembark, we may safely estimate that less than twice as many would be sufficient to crush the revolt. Considerable stress is suggested by the last unsuccessful attempt of the Romanians. If two regiments of regular troops, after a month in a position which lies only thirty yards from their foremost parallel, how many would fail in storming the Bucarea redoubt, which lies a mile distant?

The Vienna correspondent of the *Telegraph*, writing on the 22nd, says that the war is estimated to cost over a million of florins a day. And to this the frightful sacrifice of human life through the severity of the winter season, and the scarcity of assuming a speedy result will be undertaken by a council of war at Gorny Studen it was decided that the campaign should be suspended for the capture of Plevna at any cost, and the veteran Todleben was consequently given full powers. Reinforcements and provisions have had work to out his way out towards Widdin in the face of Osman's army after over bad roads. Every important position on the Sophia road excepting Orkhanie is in possession of the Russians, and the Emperor and their friends should not be too sanguine; they have not got Plevna yet. The gallant Turk has decided to hold his mud walls till the end, and trusts in Allah, perhaps, rather than in the fortunes of his Constantinople friends. He adds: "What is the use of Osman's army to them where very existence is staked on immediate and overwhelming victory, if Plevna proves impregnable and Suleiman Pasha holds his own against the Czarevitch! Where will the Russian commanders seek shelter for their army repeatedly, as hunting to say nothing of long bad roads and rotten bridges would be almost impossible to transport guns. There is no alternative between such a course and the prompt destruction of two hitherto unconquered armies, and the Czar's reinforcements said to be marching daily to the front calculated to influence the turn of events. The Russians have already as many men in the field as can be safely employed in the back—hop they have been from. All further aid can be of very little use, and would only served to throw panic and disorder in the midst of a retreating army. Moreover, with the inferior means of transport mentioned in my friend's telegram, it will be a marvel if a large number of the troops now in Bulgaria do not suffer from want of provisions."

TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

SCOTLAND.

Mr. Gladstone has been elected Lord Rector of Glasgow University, defeating Sir Stafford Northcote.

The King of Abyssinia has written to General Gordon accepting the terms of peace proposed by the latter.

A Council of the Vatican has decided that not a new one rule the Conclave's selection of a successor to the Pope.

The latest news from the Caffre rising in South Africa is altogether satisfactory. The Galekas, who were in revolt, have been completely defeated.

The Blackburn, England, spinners have resolved to resist the proposed reduction. A general strike, 44 for an indemnitie is considered, is regarded as certain.

A Pole has been arrested in Berlin on suspicion of intending to attempt the assassination of the Emperor and Prince Bismarck, and a judicial investigation has been instituted.

At a Consistory to be held in Rome in December the following will be created Cardinals:—The Papal Nuncios at Vienna and Paris, and the Archbishops of Venice and Palermo.

The British Post Office has concluded a contract whereby the Cunard, Inman, and White Star steamship lines have the sole carriage of mails to the United States from December 1st.

It is stated the German Government will ask Parliament for permission to contribute £50,000 to the Egyptian loan, and to contract a loan of £87,500,000, a third of which is representative of the consumption of gold coinage.

The weavers of two large mills in Oldham, Lancashire, struck against a proposed reduction of wages. The masters throughout the district threaten a lockout, which would affect nearly 10,000 operatives.

The chief of the new Catholic hierarchy in Scotland will be Archbishop Eyre of St. Andrew, and reside at Edinburgh. There will also be bishops at Glasgow, Lismore, Aberdeen, Dunkeld, and Dunkeld.

The Austrian Supreme Court rejected the appeal of Henry Perreau alias de Pourville, and confirmed the sentence against the capital sentences for murdering his wife in the Tyrol. It is expected the Emperor will commute the sentence to life imprisonment.

AMERICAN.

Oakey Hall will soon start on a lecturing tour.

Major Reno says he has very little confidence in the truthfulness of Sitting Bull, or any other Indian.

The New York *Sun* rumours that Theodore Tilton and wife are to be reconciled, but Mrs. Tilton's friends positively deny it.

The Pittsburg, Pa., grand jury has returned indictments against 100 persons engaged in the late railway riots.

Sandoe & Co's rubber works, in New Haven, Conn., were completely destroyed by fire on Monday evening. Loss, $500,000.

The ceremonial of unveiling the tablet to the memory of the late Bishop Jones, of Quebec, M. C. Church, in John streets church, New York, took place on Sunday.

The General Missionary Committee of the M. E. Church has appropriated about $37,000 for missions in the United States. It is said the total appropriation will be $676,607.

Chaplain Spicer has been removed from the Massachusetts State Prison by Gov. Rice, because the Catholic service offended there and had a difficulty with the warden.

The New York *Sunday Mercury* reports the existence in the city of large numbers of Chinese from California. The Chinamen are adopting dress in New York, and the consul is sending all he can back to China.

A vigilance committee has been formed in North Pennsylvania for protection against tramps. A number of stores in Lehigh and Northampton counties have been robbed, and found a rendezvous in Thomas Wiltrite's house, near Coopersburg. The place was surrounded by several thousand dollars' worth of stolen goods recovered. Wiltrite, the Vigilants had a desperate encounter with another body of tramps, four miles from Coopersburg, on Saturday, and captured top, including three arrested wounded.

CANADIAN.

The residence of Maurice Brans, Warwick, was destroyed by fire last week.

John Peters, of Vermillion, committed suicide in Fort Dalhousie on Saturday.

James Carmichael has been appointed postmaster at Oshawa, vice Smith, deceased.

Rev. Mr. Dondiet will lecture in Ottawa shortly on "The Scottish Murder and the Great Orange Uprising."

A thief entered the vestry of St. Paul's church, Montreal, on Sunday evening, and the Rev. Dr. Jenkins was in the pulpit, and stole the rev. gentleman's overcoat and silk handkerchief.

The preliminary examination in Montreal into the charge of forgery of a medical certificate against Dr. Irwin, of Lachine, and Worthington, of Sherbrooke, was commenced last week, and is still in progress.

The young actress who committed suicide in Ingersoll a few weeks ago prove to have been Mrs. Frances Jones. Her first husband is in business at Mount Clemens, Mich. She eloped from there with reporter named Dutton, who left her on the banks of the Thames and travelled.

Thomas Ryan of St. John, before the Fishery Commission on Wednesday commenced the closing argument on behalf of United States. He said to have made a capital case, and sharply criticised the arguments of the United States counsel. He will not likely conclude before Monday. The decision of the Commissioners in the matter whose knowledge of fisheries and islands is derived from the Treasury or Andrew Marvel's celebrated Ode with a "picture of English life and society in the seventeenth century." This he has done very successfully; but the volume is so bulky, the details are so copious, the spelling so antiquated, and several of the letters are purely departmental, that the work must ever remain one to be consulted by the historian or prized by the setitler, rather than sought after by the general public. We can, however, promise to all who are fond of rummaging into family, county, or provincial histories, an entertaining account of the manners and customs of our forefathers in the days of Elizabeth, the first two Stuarts, and the Commonwealth. We may mention that to track, dictator, collect, and decipher the manuscripts out of which this volume is the result, must, we imagine, have been as hard a task as the original discovery of the islands, and that Mr. Brymner and his associates deserve much credit for the pertinacity with which they followed up the scent of hidden treasure, and the skill with which they collated them and got at their meaning when illegible.

The Bermudas, or Sarmoothes, were discovered soon after Amerion, but at what precise date or by whom is not known for certain. One Juan de Bermudes, however, managed to stand godfather to the colony; but, beyond an abortive attempt by Sir Captain Herrera Canale to colonize the place for Spain, nothing very really does for nearly a century, when Sir George Somers, who was shipwrecked there on his outward voyage to Virginia, in 1609, in the wreck of "Sihabe, bogged, and flowie, and built a pinnace, and by carry himself and the survivors away. From that date, the report of the shipwrecked mariners being favourably received on their return to New York, and taken up in earnest, and in a few years more than a hundred of the Islands were granted by a company, which last made them over to the Crown. From 1684 to 1784 they were governed by companions or commeperaries of Sir Henry Tyler, during which reign, which reminds us of Defoe's splendid fiction, we learn that extravagant expectations were raised by the enthusiasm of the discoverers and the apparent plenty and productiveness of the islands. Tortoises were abundant, yielding "very good meat," and "the sea-cow, or manatee is as easy butter." Sea-fowl of various kinds laid eggs in enormous quantities, and, with shocking tameness, perched on men's shoulders, or allowed themselves to be knocked down with sticks. Crops was ample store of pease, and there was large names of cumbungo, Cohara and palm trees flourished in abundance, and mulberries supplied the food of silk-worms. Mosquitoes probably escaped from shipwrecked vessels swarmed in every direction, and hooks and lines had only to be flung over the sea to catch more fish than a whole ship's company could consume. There were no rats, or venomous creatures, or plague of flies, except for two or three months in the year, though these deficiencies were more than amply supplied; and as for evil and wicked spirits, with which the islands were popularly said to be peopled, the first colonists declared such reports to be "false and idle," and in a remarkable spirit of self-depreciation could only say, "God grant that we have brought no wicked spirits with us, or that there come none after us, for we found none there so ill as ourselves." How soon the plenteous stores of fish and fowl were slaughtered by the increase of settlers may readily be imagined; and, though the islands are still justified by the sea breezes and enjoy a good character for salubrity, and though the earth produces potatoes, fruits, and arrowroot in plenty, the latest returns of the settlement only show a revenue of £25,000, an expenditure above the revenue, a public debt of £12,000, and imports from the United Kingdom enormously in excess of the exports. The total population is now set down as rather above 15,000 souls.

A CURE FOR HYDROPHOBIA.—An interesting case, reported from Germany, in which hydrophobia was, according to the statement, cured by the use of that terrible Indian curare, which paralyzes the motor nerves, though without affecting the sensitive nerves, and so stops muscular action, is given in the London *Times*. The somewhat startling experiment was made by Dr. Oldenburg, who treated the case at Münster, in Westphalia. The patient, a peasant girl, was bitten by a mad dog on 23rd July, 1874, but the symptoms of hydrophobia did not come on till the 16th October, when morphia and chlorotorm were tried in vain. Dr. Oldenburg then injected three centigrammes of curare, an injection five times repeated, though not always in quite equal quantity, during the next 44 hours. The convulsions began to diminish after the second injection, and soon disappeared; but then began the paralysis of the muscles of the chest, so that the woman had to be kept alive by artificial inspiration; but after nearly nine hours from the first injection the paralysis began to relax, and from that time the recovery was rapid, except one slight fever-attack, caused by a new injection, and in a fortnight she was quite well again. The remedy, says the *Spectator*, is a terrible one, but the disease is still more so, so that the success of any remedy will be to the public a relief.

A NEW SAINT.

Mother Marie de l'Incarnation

A grand tableau was held last week at the Ursuline Convent, Quebec, in celebration of the canonization of Mother Marie de l'Incarnation, the first Superior of the Convent founded in the New World. The ceremony consisted in the unveiling of a portrait of the foundress in the convent hall. The portrait, which is a copy of the original painted by order of the Duchess of Orleans, and sent to Quebec by her, was placed in a magnificent frame, and covered with a rich veil of white silk. The veil was drawn aside by two little girls, and the portrait was then exposed to view. Mother Marie de l'Incarnation, whose name in the world was Madame Guyart, was born in Tours, France, in 1599. She was married at the age of seventeen, and had a son. Her husband died in 1617, and was followed to the grave by his father and mother in the following year. Madame Guyart then entered the service of her brother-in-law, and remained with him for six years. In 1620 she entered the convent of the Ursulines in Tours, and remained there for fifteen years as novice, sister, and superior. In 1639 she came to Quebec, and founded the convent in which she died in 1672, and was buried in the chapel of the Ursulines. Her remains were found in 1842, and were placed in a leaden coffin, which was enclosed in a wooden one. The latter was opened in 1877, and was found to be in a perfect state of preservation. The body was dressed in the habit of the Ursulines, and placed in a coffin of glass and lead. The coffin was then placed in a wooden one, and the latter was enclosed in a leaden one. The old coffin was then placed in the new