

Miscellaneous.

A Russian newspaper says if the conclusion of the war will last till next autumn it will cost not less than 2,800,000,000 roubles, of which 250,000,000 are already expended.

Earl Russell celebrated his 85th birthday August 18. It is 64 years since he first entered Parliament as member for Tavistock and 31 since he assumed his first premiership.

Leap year is the year which divides evenly by four, but the year 1900 will not be leap year, to make up for the odd minutes gained between the astronomical and common year, as 365 days. In 400 years 97 are leap.

Rain has fallen in torrents over the north of Scotland. Harvest reports from all parts are most depressing. Floods caused great damage in South Wales. The weather in English midlands and elsewhere is also very bad.

A successful case of transfusion of blood occurred recently in Brooklyn; John A. Kohler, forty years a sufferer from consumption, receiving eleven ounces of blood in three instalments from Louis Burkhardt, and is now able to work to some extent daily.

The editor of the Madras "Times" writes, August 1st, that the population of Southern India are more or less afflicted by famine to the number of 24,000,000. In the most favorable positions at least one-tenth of the people will die. The famine is immeasurably greater than that in Bengal.

A novel libel suit was brought in England recently. A man who didn't like his neighbor's sweet mustard and water-cress on his own grounds in such a way that when they grew, the words "Whitehead is a scamp" was seen. The court decided the act to be libellous, and that vegetables had no right to grow in that style.

It seems that the dreadful accident by which eighteen lives were lost and many injured on the Chicago & Rock Island Railroad was caused by a breaking of an arch which had been weakened by the frost. The train, which was the Pacific Express, consisted of an engine, Barnum's advertising car, one baggage car, three coaches, and a sleeping car, and was running at ordinary speed.

Patagonia is about to enter into the great family of nations. The long-delayed honor she owes to a discovery of salt-petre which has been made in many places to such an extent that a million tons a year might easily be shipped, and a welcome addition of five millions in hard dollars to the revenue of the Argentine Republic.

The Intercolonial Coal Mine, one of the largest and best known properties in Cape Breton, is being worked by a company which has been formed by a line of railway, was sold on Tuesday the 30th ult., by the Sheriff, and after a slight attempt at competition was knocked down to the favor of Montreal for \$2,000,000, or only one-fifth of the bonds issued on the property.

ARMSTRONG GUNS.—It has been ascertained by experiments that the various breech-loading guns of the Armstrong system, which were discarded some years ago on account of their being too weak to endure heavy charges, can be trusted to a much greater extent with the slow but powerful powder to the present day. They are, therefore, to be made warm for effective service in case of any emergency, and a supply of shot and shell adapted to these guns is now being prepared.

Some workmen excavating in the Old Town, Eastbourne, lately discovered a large quantity of bones which on examination were found to be the remains of two human beings and two horses. A silver whistle was found near the remains, together with a flint lock pistol. This discovery confirms a tradition that a century or two ago the London stage coach, with the guard and the coachman, while on its journey, disappeared, and was never afterwards heard of.

REPORTED MURDER.—A rumor comes from the usually peaceful village of Port Geville, Parramore, that a most heinous murder was a few days since committed in that place. We learn that there have been some domestic troubles between the husband and wife of the former, who became enraged and struck the wife a blow, instantly felling her to the floor, when he jumped upon, kicked and most brutally used her, after which he fled to the woods. He returned in the evening when she was bleeding from the mouth and nose and we learn shortly afterwards expired. As the story has not been corroborated we refrain from publishing names at the present.

STEAM SUPERSEDED.—English exchanges announced the death of Mr. William Walkwork, who was engaged maturing an invention which he styled a new motive power, to supersede steam, and which it is stated he completed about six days before his death took place. It is stated positively that the machine has been worked by Mr. Barr and fully justified what Mr. Walkwork had stated to him what it would do. Its power, he stated, was unlimited—of course increasing with the strength of the material—and as a trial it blew off air at a pressure of 40 lbs. as tested by a patent steam gauge. Mr. Mason is patenting the invention, and is a brother to those who have witnessed it how it has been kept so many years in abeyance—at a considerable cost in all countries. It will be put to a large engine and tried practically in the place of steam. Having no fire, of course it smokes no smoke, works with out noise, and the first machine, it is said, will do the work of a 50 horse power engine, yet it takes up 40 little rooms that light and one horse could carry all away, including the patterns. If all this turns out to be correct, we may look for a revolution in the engineering and manufacturing world; and Mr. Mason, a practical man, is sanguine as to the results.

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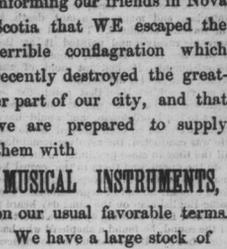
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