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A VIOLENT SHOCK ON THE WESTERN COAST OF ASIA MINOR.

Villages Wrecked—A Thousand People Killed—The Adjacent Islands Visited.

The western coast of Turkey in Asia and several of the adjacent islands in the archipelago have been visited by a severe earthquake, of which the accounts are beginning to come in.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 17.—Tuesday's earthquake was most severe in Anatolis, being particularly destructive on that portion of the coast which lies directly east of the island of Chios. All the villages between Chesmeh and Vourla are completely wrecked. At least 2000 persons lost their lives by being buried under the falling walls of their dwellings. An immense amount of property has been destroyed, the value of which it is at present impossible to estimate. Chesmeh was badly damaged but no lives were lost. At Smyrna the shock was quite severe. A regular panic prevailed during the continuance of the vibrations, but the damage was slight. On the island of Chios the shock was also severe, but the duration was short and little damage was done. From reports received from points lying east of Chesmeh and southeast of Smyrna it appears that an extensive area of country was affected.

Another dispatch says that much damage to property and great loss of life were caused by earthquakes on the peninsula between Chesmeh in Asia Minor, opposite the island of Chios, and Vourla, on the southern coast of the gulf of Smyrna. All the villages in that region are destroyed. It is believed upwards of 1000 persons perished. The survivors are suffering great privations and a complete panic prevails.

Most of the houses collapsed at the first shock, burying the inmates. The people escaped, became panic stricken and sought the fields, where many are still huddled together, starving and suffering from cold. Help is going forward from Smyrna. The porte has issued a notice stating that 20,000 persons are homeless, and pleading for immediate assistance. A government commission will go to aid the local officials. The report that 1000 persons perished is confirmed.

ENGLISH LIBERALS AT LEEDS.

John Morley's Speech on Opening the Conference.

LEEDS, Oct. 17.—The liberal conference was opened by a speech from John Morley, M. P. He announced that five hundred liberal associations were represented and expressed a strong opinion that the government should bring in a county franchise bill at the next session, because the whole liberal party of the house of commons, excepting perhaps Goschen, was united in believing that the question could be no longer delayed. If the lords raised an objection it would be very dangerous for them. Letters expressing sympathy with the objects of the conference were read from Trevelyan, John Bright and Crawford. Miners Secretary Dale moved a resolution asserting that it is the duty of the government to introduce a bill dealing with the county franchise at the next session of parliament. Illis, chairman of the Nottingham liberal association, seconded the motion. Firth proposed an amendment in favor of the government giving precedence to county government and London government bills. Joseph Arch the well known labor agitator is a member of the conference.

Firth's amendment was rejected by a large majority. The original motion was carried. A motion that any measure for the extension of the suffrage should confer the elective franchise upon women fit to vote was carried. It was supported by Messrs. Cobden and Bright.

O'Donnell to be Tried for Murder.

LONDON, Oct. 17.—The grand jury returned a true bill on the indictment charging O'Donnell with murder. O'Donnell was arraigned and pleaded not guilty. His trial was fixed for Nov. 21.

Von Moltke Reported Ill.

PARIS, Oct. 17.—It is reported that Von Moltke, chief marshall of the German empire, is seriously ill.

The New Cables to be Laid.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—The Telegram published the following cable, dated Paris, to-day: Mr. J. W. Mackay and Mr. James Gordon Bennett signed a contract on Sept. 28 with Messrs. Siemens Bros. for two trans-Atlantic cables, which are already in process of construction at the works of Messrs. Siemens Bros., near London. The first cable will be open to the public about June 1 next, and the second a few weeks later.

Convention of Locomotive Engineers.

BUFFALO, N.Y., Oct. 17.—At the opening of the convention of locomotive engineers, an address of welcome was delivered by Mayor Manning, and speeches were made by other local celebrities. Letters of regret were read from President Arthur, Governor Cleveland and others, at not being able to attend. The convention will be in session eight days, but its deliberations will be secret.

Dry Goods Failure in Buffalo.

BUFFALO, Oct. 17.—Hiram Exstein, dealer in men's furnishing goods, etc., made a general assignment to-day. No schedule of assets and liabilities has been filed. There are preferred creditors to the extent of $150,000. Among the second preferred creditors is a firm in London, Ont.

The Advancement of Women.

CHICAGO, Oct. 17.—The eleventh annual congress of the association for the advancement of women began this afternoon. Distinguished women from all parts of the country are in attendance. Julia Ward Howe is president.

Wharf Owners Indicted for Manslaughter.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 17.—July last a rotten wharf at Tivoli broke down and sixty-three persons were drowned. The grand jury to-day indicted Lowry Albert, owner, and Frank Debiliers, lessee, for manslaughter in not keeping the wharf in proper condition.

The Rose Ambler Case.

STRATFORD, Conn., Oct. 17.—The state attorney decided in the Rose Ambler murder case not to present Lewis, the suspected man, to the grand jury for indictment. This probably ends the case.

BETRAYED AND BUTCHERED.

The Body of a Young Girl Found in a Byway near Lincoln, Ill., with Her Throat Cut.

LINCOLN, Ill., Oct. 15.—The name of Zora Burns is to be added to those of Rose Ambler and Ada Atkinson. Her fate is to be linked to the same as that which has overtaken them and left the perpetratrators hidden behind an impenetrable mystery.

The body of this one was found in a lane on the outskirts of this city. The throat was cut from ear to ear. The general appearance of the face showed that it had been beaten before the blade had finished the tragedy. People looked at the face, examined the clothing, shook their heads and went away sickened at the sight and depressed over the fact that the dead was nameless. Later in the day a woman came to the morgue, looked the ghastly dead in the face and said: "I know her. That is Zora Burns. She used to work in the house of Mr. Carpenter." The Carpenter family identified the body. When she left this place she went to Vaudalia. Last Saturday she came back and took a room at the Lincoln house. Sunday evening she left, taking her valise with her. She was seen going in the direction of the lane where the body was found.

While employed at Mr. Carpenter's she was betrayed. She went away and soon after realized that very soon her sin would point her out to those whom she knew. She came back here to meet the one who had placed the blight upon her. To plead with him to protect her, perhaps, or give her something by which she might go away and hide her shame. The man, who had done her the most irreparable wrong which can be inflicted upon a woman, refused. That she may have threatened to expose him. That she went away under the wing of night, and that, watching, he followed her. That he threatened, and that when she turned upon him he determined to close her lips forever, and did it in the ghastliest way he could.

The feeling in this city is one which cannot be precisely described. Of course it is one of sorrow, of the deepest sort. It is forgotten that she yielded, if yield she did. It is forgotten that her face is not one about which beauty placed its tender touches. She was only a domestic, but the years had not accumulated upon her. She was entitled by the law governing existence to live out more days. She was wronged, and this has made a deep impression. She was slaughtered by her betrayer, doubtless, and that has put revenge upon the alert, which will not falter in its pursuit until the ends of justice are met.

Rights of the Colored Race.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Oct. 17.—Rev. A. Allensworth, colored baptist minister, Bowling Green, has issued an address to all colored ministers of the gospel of all denominations in the United States, in which he suggests the calling of a national convention to give moral force to the work begun by the late convention of colored men at Louisville, and represent to the world by documentary evidence and statistical data the moral, religious and financial progress of the race since emancipation, to advise colored people what they should do to repair the moral disaster which came through the existence of slavery, to amend family life by restoring the parental authority, and marriage integrity broken down by that institution; to improve their social standing, and to secure legal equality with all men. The convention is to be held at Louisville or Indianapolis.

A Child's Death from Hydrophobia.

LANCASTER, Pa., Oct. 17.—A horrible death from hydrophobia of the 5-year-old son of John Well of Safe Harbor village in Constoga township is reported. About 4 o'clock yesterday morning he was seized with convulsions, slight at first, but each succeeding one was more violent, and he suffered intense agony. At times he was conscious and recognized those about him, but during the convulsions, which occurred at brief intervals, he foamed at the mouth, snapped, snarled and barked like a dog, and tried to bite and scratch those near him. His hands were muffled, and his father held him in his arms until death ended his agony.

Official Returns of the State Election.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Oct. 17.—The full returns gave Sherman (republican) for governor 25,472 majority over Kinne.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Oct. 17.—The returns from 65 counties gave Foraker (republican) 220,986, Hoadley (democrat) 228,385. The judical amendment has a majority of about 40,000. The second amendment has 10,500 less than a majority. Hoadley's plurality is about 12,600.

A Whaling Vessel Lost.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—Capt. Healey of the revenue steamer Corwen reports the loss of the whaling bark Cyane off Port Belcher, in the Arctic ocean. The crew and cargo were saved. The scarcity of whales made the whalemen venturesome, with the possibility that some would be caught in the ice. Healey recommends that arrangements be made to send out relief in the spring if required.

New York Presbyterians in Council.

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—The sessions of the Second avenue meeting of the New York presbyterian synod began to-day. Rev. James McLeod of Buffalo was chosen moderator. A resolution recommending the observation of the anniversary of Luther's birthday on Nov. 10 by religious exercises was adopted. After an address by the Rev. A. M. Irving on the needs of foreign missions the meeting adjourned.

The Telegraph Tappers.

CONEY ISLAND, Oct. 17.—The telegraph tappers had perfected a plan to defraud the pool sellers here, but the police captured the apparatus, which was set up in the Iroquois hotel. A. R Samuels and a man named Furst have been arrested on suspicion. It is said $500 was offered an operator for the day's services. The plan was to hold back the dispatches from Washington until tickets were purchased on the winners by the parties interested.

A Pretty Actress' Good Luck

BALTIMORE, Oct. 17.—Mlle. Nixau, the prima donna in Maurice Grau's French opera company, has just been married to a Californian millionaire. During the lady's stay in New York her intended husband presented her with fifty thousand dollars' worth of diamonds including a ten thousand dollar necklace. He is to settle a million dollars on his affianced. Mlle. Nixau is only 20 and is pretty and piquante.

Trichnosis is spreading in Saxony. There have been twenty deaths so far.

FROM ALGOMA TO HURON

DR. SULLIVAN ELECTED AS BISHOP HELLMUTH'S SUCCESSOR.

He Receives a Large Majority of Both Votes—A History of His Career.

LONDON, Oct. 17.—To-day the election of a successor to Bishop Hellmuth took place. Dr. Sullivan, bishop of Algoma, received a majority of the entire vote, both clerical and lay. On the first ballot the other candidates were Rev. Dr. Lobley, Rev. Mr. Courtney, Rev. Canon Carmichael, Rev. Rural Dean Cooper, Very Rev. Dean Baldwin, Rev. Henry H. Waters, Rev. Canon Innes, Rev. J. Richardson, Rev. Archdeacon Marsh, Rev. Mr. Boomer and Rev. Mr. Rainsford. The following is the vote:

	Clerical.	Lay.	Total.
Sullivan	69	118	187
Courtney	15	5	20
Lobley	13	11	24
Innes	4	1	5
Marsh	2		
Carmichael	2	3	5
Cooper		2	2
Baldwin		1	1
Waters	..	1	1
Richardson	..	1	1
Rainsford	1	..	1
Boomer	1	..	1

Bishop Sullivan's first charge in Canada was as minister of St. George's church in the township of London. On the resignation of Rev. Dr. Leach he accepted a call from St. George's church, Montreal, the rector being Very Rev. Dean Bond, the present bishop of Montreal. After eight years he removed to Chicago, where he became very popular as the minister of Trinity church. Some years afterwards he returned to Montreal, to accept the rectorship of his old church—St. Georges—rendered vacant by the election of Dean Bond to the bishop of Montreal. When the death of Bishop Bethune rendered it necessary to elect a bishop for the diocese of Toronto, Dr. Sullivan, then a resident of Chicago, was put forward as the candidate of the low church party, his principal opponent being Archdeacon Whitaker. The contest lasted for several days and was watched with the keenest interest. Ballot after ballot gave substantially the same result. The archdeacon polled a majority of the clerical, and also of the total vote; but the laymen gave Dr. Sullivan a majority, so that a deadlock was caused, which was only ended by both parties agreeing upon the election of Rev. Arthur Sweatman. In May, 1882, Dr. Sullivan was elected to and accepted the bishopric of Algoma, which he now holds.

WOODBRIDGE FALL FAIR.

A Good Attendance—Toronto Visitors Entertained at a Banquet.

WOODBRIDGE, Oct. 17—To-day was the second and closing day of the fair, and the grounds have been crowded with visitors. The weather on both days has been very favorable, and the large attendance, combined with the number of exhibits, has rendered this show an unparalleled success. Judging of the live stock and speeding in the ring were gone through. A special train from Toronto brought a party of celebrities, including Mayor Boswell, Ald. Baxter, City Solicitor McWilliams, Captain McMaster, Major Gray, M. P. P., and other of the directors of the Industrial exhibition. This evening these gentlemen, with the officers, judges and friends of the societies, were entertained at the Woodbridge house. After a substantial repast had been served, speech-making and toasts whiled away a pleasant time. Captain McMaster, representing the Toronto Industrial exhibition, presented a gold and silver medal to President Abell, being the highest awards given for the last two years for engines made by the Woodbridge Manufacturing company, of which he is proprietor. The visitors returned home to-night.

A $10,000 THEFT.

The Express Office at Port Hope Gone Through.

PORT HOPE, Oct. 17.—The Guide says on the arrival of the train from the west this morning at 9 30, the express messenger on the train handed to Mr. Thos. Spry, the messenger here, a large package of money, said to have contained ten thousand dollars. Mr. Spry at once locked the money in the safe at the express office at the station and went about his other duties which occupied him between ten and fifteen minutes, when he went to get the package to take down town, after unlocking the safe, lo! and behold! the bird had flown! Some thief had been before him, opened the safe, taken out the satchel containing the money, locked it again and made his escape.

A GIRL'S DREADFUL DOOM.

Sentenced to be Hanged for Drowning Her Infant.

HAMILTON, Oct. 17.—At the assizes here Judge Morrison sentenced a young girl, Maria McCabe, to be hanged for drowning her infant child in a cistern here a few months ago. As soon as the sentence was pronounced the prisoner put her hands to her face and broke into loud weeping.

Shot While Hunting Divers.

BARRIE, Oct. 17.—Two young men named Jessop and Stewart went out in a boat hunting "Divers" on Kemperfeldt bay. Stewart carried the gun, and Jessop managed the oars. The gun was prematurely discharged, the contents mutilating Jessop's right hand, and just grazing his side. Drs. Ross and McCarthy performed an operation, taking out the whole second finger from the wrist. They expect to save the rest of the hand. Jessop is a clerk in Dowler's store here.

Dynamiters at Halifax.

HALIFAX, Oct. 17.—James Holmes and William Brackett were arrested to day as dangerous characters. One hundred pounds of dynamite cartridges were found in their valises and their pockets were stuffed with them. The valises were hidden in the Parker house. It is said the men were in the city during the fenian scare last spring. On Holmes was found a baggage check, for which a Boynton swimming suit was received.

A Child Burned to Death.

OTTAWA, Oct. 17.—A house in Hull occupied by one Bourgois was burned down this afternoon. In the confusion a three-year old child of Bourgois was left in the building until it was too late to rescue it, and was burned to death.

Two Men Drowned at Rondeau.

ST. THOMAS, Oct. 17.—John Nicol of this city and a man named Woods of Morpeth were duck shooting yesterday at Rondeau. By some means the boat capsized and both men were drowned.

THE NEW YORK MARKET.

The Bears Make a Terrific Onslaught—The Bulls Meditating Revenge.

A late despatch says the break in stocks to-day was due solely to the manipulations of the bears. They covered over 100,000 shares of different stocks. After the close of business 2 per cent. was bid for the use of Jersey Central stock to-morrow. It is reported that some of the wealthiest owners of this stock are interested in a movement to punish shorts and that intimate relations of Gowen and Vanderbilt have induced the latter to lend a helping hand. The upward tendency of Jersey Central previous to the close took operators by surprise, and if continued to-morrow will probably frighten many shorts into covering. Seligman & Co. have a million and a half francs of gold en route from Paris.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—At the opening of the stock market the bears made a terrific attack on the market, and prices broke ½ to 4½ per cent. No support was accorded. The sales of long stock were enormous. The Jersey Central and Northern Pacific preferred command one per cent per diem for use, indicating how largely the market is oversold. Stocks after 11 a.m. were a fraction better. Subsequently the bears made a sharp drive on Villards.

Stocks have been firmer since noon. Prices rallied from ½ to 8¾ per cent., the latter increase being in Oregon navigation. Commission houses report considerable inquiry for dividend paying stock from investors. Directors of the Northern Pacific to-day ratified a sale of second mortgage bonds to a syndicate in Newburgh.

The Fulda is expected to bring a consignment of half a million dollars in gold to the Bank of British North America, and the Canada has brought $100,000 in gold from Havre.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

State Engineer Seymour reports the Oswego canal in good condition.

Joseph Medill, proprietor of the Chicago Tribune, was elected president of the Western associated press yesterday.

The sixteenth annual reunion of the society of the army of Tennessee began yesterday. General Sherman delivered an address.

Since the outbreak of yellow fever in Alabama there have been thirty-one cases and eight deaths. But one patient has fully recovered.

There is some typhoid fever at Yale, and Thomas Garner Lawrence of New York, the most popular student in the college, has died of the disease.

The national association of wholesale druggists began their ninth annual meeting at New York yesterday. Three hundred members were present.

N. W. Fitzgerald, pension claim agent, has sued the Cincinnati Commercial Gazette for $100 000 and the St. Louis Globe-Democrat for $50,000 for libel.

The will of the late Henry Farnam, New Haven, leaves an estate of four millions to his widow and five children, and property valued at $200,000 to Yale college.

Joseph P. Hale, a New York piano manufacturer, died on Monday of heart disease, leaving ten million dollars. George B. Allen, well known on Wall street, died on Tuesday.

Suits have been brought against 2500 stockholders of the defunct Great Western Telegraph company to recover the amount unpaid on stock to meet the company's liabilities, aggregating $300,000.

A bad state of affairs exists along the Mexican railroads. Six men were murdered in the past two weeks. Railroad men have found the skeletons of three Texas cattle thieves, murdered near Gloueta four years ago.

Afraid of Violence by Strikers.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 17—Thirty men were sworn in as deputy sheriffs at East St. Louis to-day and placed in the different railroad yards. In the Cairo short line yard one new man was assaulted and others were driven out. The deputy sheriffs appeared, and the new men resumed work. All the roads except the Ohio and Mississippi, which is protected by United States marshals, are working with small forces. On this side of the river only perishable freight is moving. The strikers assert that the yardmen of the Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Pittsburg will strike within a week.

Ada Atkinson's Murderer.

FOWLER, Ind., Oct. 17.—The excitement has subsided except inside the jail. Nelling is much frightened, and declares he would never have murdered Ada Atkinson if he had been in his right mind. The jail is well defended by the sheriff's force.

Against Church Schools.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 17.—At the Episcopal convention, the committee on christian education reported adversely on a resolution for raising a fund of a hundred million dollars for the establishment of church schools.

A Bank Afraid of Its Clerks.

CHICAGO, Oct. 17.—The First National bank has notified its 130 clerks that they must all procure bonds of from $40 000 to $500. The aggregate will be over $320,000.

LATEST SPORTING NEWS.

Ottawa college defeated the Ottawa club at football yesterday, their score being a goal and two rouges to one rouge.

The Acmes and Mutual lacrosse clubs play the last match of the season Saturday, Nov. 4, on the Jarvis street grounds. As a spirited rivalry exists between these clubs regarding the title of junior champions a good game is looked for.

The Acme lacrosse club play a game with the St. Michael's college club Saturday next. The following players represent the Acmes: B. Ryan, R. Eckardt, E Gordon, C. Hudson, D. Mullen, W. Donaldson, C. Thompson, H. Briggs, E. Walsh, G. Irving, H. Wilson, sparemen: W. Woods, G. Irving, W. St. Croix.

Fifteen-mile Bicycle Race.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—The 15-mile bicycle race, between Keen of England and Higham and Prince of Washington for $500 was won by Keen in 49 min. 7¼ sec. Prince was 2d and Higham 3d.

Racing at Beacon Park.

BOSTON, Oct. 17.—Beacon park: 2 17 class pacing, Billy S. of Buffalo won, Bessie M. 2d, Princess 3d, Eddie D. 4th; time 2 21, 2 20, 2 20. Unfinished 2.22 class, won by King Almont of Syracuse, Kentuckey Wilkes 2d, Don 3d, Amelia C. 4th; time 2.20½, 2 23, 2 22½, 2.23, 2 22. Special race, George A. won, Westover 2d, Lady Thornton 3d; time 2.30, 2.26½, 2.27.

August Siegert, the German painter, is dead.

THE MORRICE FAILURE.

HOW THE ESTATE IS TO BE WOUND UP.

A Surplus of $260,000 Promised—No More Financing for Manufacturers—Reducing Production.

MONTREAL, Oct. 17.—Bankers and mill owners were largely represented at a meeting of creditors D. Morrice & Co., this afternoon. The statement submitted showed the unsecured notes to be about $1.750.000, with assets which left a surplus of $260,000. The meeting then granted an extension to the firm of three, six, nine and twelve months to pay creditors in full. A committee of three leading bankers and two mill owners was appointed to supervise the winding up, and D. Morrice to act as manager under them. The estate is to be realized for the benfit of creditors generally and payments are to be made as the goods are sold, proceeds to be distributed pro rata as quickly as the money is received. It was recommended that hereafter the firm should confine itself to selling exclusively and give up financing for manufacturers altogether. The resolutions were all carried unanimously, and confidence in Mr. Morrice was expressed at the close. The statements submitted were considered satisfactory. It is thought the result of the meeting will be to restore confidence again, although it is rumored that the mills are called on by the meeting to close down. I am assured by those who were present that no such resolution was even introduced. Advice was tendered to keep production within bounds in future, a course which the mill representatives said had been already entered on.

THE MARRIAGE AID SWINDLE.

Mr. Manager Webber Tries to Explain—He Would go for The World if it was Any Good.

Mr. T. J. Burns with D. McCall & Co., Wellington street, was a subscriber in the Mutual Marriage Aid association of Canada and had paid all the assessments. When The World came out with an exposure of the affair Mr. Burns sent a copy of the paper to Walter B. Webber, secretary and treasurer of the association, asking for an explanation. The answer he got was the following.

HAMILTON, Oct. 16th, 1883.

DR SIR—Your favor to hand. We have no explanation to offer beyond the fact that the same is a tissue of falsehoods from beginning to end. The same was written by P. J. Dynar of your city, one our member who got mad because we would not refund his money. The piece is altogether to ridiculous for any sensible person to believed; and the paper in which its publish is sufficient evidence of its falsehood. Were the World co—worth one cent we would place suit for libel, but they are not. If any respectable paper would mention the world in their columns we would answer but standard papers will not mention a paper on so shaky a foundation as it would be advertising it to much. Yours &c.,
W. B. WEBBER, Secy.

Mr. Webber, if he is anxious to vindicate himself, can use the Monetary Times (a wealthy concern), which exposed the workings of the Marriage Aid association, or he can sue the Evening Canadian which did the same, and which is backed by two of our most wealthy citizens, the Hon. Frank Smith and Patrick Boyle, Esq., and while he has his hand in he might try The World, which has a large rest account for the accommodation of such gentlemen as Mr. Webber. In the meantime Mr. Burns is going to sue the association to recover the money he has paid in.

A SUIT FOR FEES.

The Interesting Facts of a Case from London East—Seduction and Breach of Promise.

A case at Osgoode hall yesterday, in which a solicitor made a motion before Master Dalton to compel a defendant to pay a bill of costs, revealed some interesting particulars. Benjamin Legg, a grocer of London East, seduced a Miss Anna Sherwood under a promise of marriage. He afterwards refused to fulfil his promise, alleging as a reason that the young woman was unchaste before he had seduced her. Miss Sherwood thereupon brought an action against him, which action was made ready for trial by her solicitors. The defendant's father, however, had in the meantime effected a settlement with the plaintiff without her solicitor's advice or knowledge, by which she was to receive $100, and he would support the child until it was 14 years old. A number of affidavits were read and dark hints thrown out that the plaintiff had been kept in hiding away from her solicitor. R. M. Meredith of London made the motion that Legg, the defendant, and his father should pay the costs incurred in preparing the case for trial. Mr. Aylesworth argued in opposition to this, and set up the agreement between the parties as a bar to the continuance of the action. The master decided that the defendant could elect, upon payment of costs, whether he should plead the agreement at the trial or not.

A Government Laundry.

The laundries and washerwomen have a grievance. They complain that the Mercer reformatory takes in washing at the reduced rate of 30 cents a dozen, thereby taking away business which would otherwise fall to them. A cart from the reformatory calls for and delivers the washing free of charge. A laundryman said he would not mind the Ontario government running a private laundry to wash political dirty linen, but when it put reformatory labor in competition with legitimate business at reduced rates, the thing was carried too far.

The Sanitary Police.

Dr. Canniff says that the sanitary police have given a great deal of information to the citizens on sanitary matters. They have induced a large number of citizens to fill up old and foul wells, the water in which had been used for drinking purposes. A large number of private drains had been put in during the past few months, which showed another good result of the inspection. They had also caused the cleaning out of a large number of foul yards and lanes.

The Union Station.

Another proof of the necessity of a larger station at the Union was brought forth yesterday. The 12.30 p.m. special train for Woodbridge was waiting on a siding on account of Grand Trunk obstructions till 2 o'clock, keeping a large number of passengers waiting.

Factories Shut Down.

This is a slack season with the factories, and a number are working on short time, while others have shut down altogether. Among the latter is the Massey factory, which has closed for a short time.

A LETTER THIEF CAUGHT.

Francis Harte Committed for Stealing Money from Mail Bags.

On Monday last Mr. M. Sweatnam, postoffice inspector, caused Francis Antony Harte to be arrested at Collingwood for the very serious crime of stealing letters from the mails. Harte was employed as mail porter on the steamer City of Owen Sound plying between Collingwood and Port Arthur, Lake Superior. Harte had access to the mail room on the steamer, and was required to convey the mail bags each way between the steamboat and the several postoffices on the line of route. In the latter part of August the inspector was informed of the loss of some important letters from Sault Ste Marie contained in a mail despatched to Collingwood. A prompt and careful enquiry was instituted and the wrong doing was traced to Harte. The missing letters are said to have contained upwards of $600, and the whole amount had been got rid of by Harte in the most reckless and foolish manner. At the time of his arrest Harte had only sixty cents. When he was brought before the inspector Harte made a statement of his crime, and Mr. Sweetnam obtained a mail key which Harte had stole from one of the postoffices, and by the use of which access to the bags had been obtained. Harte pleaded guilty to the charge of felony and was sent to the Barrie jail to await his trial. It would seem that steamboat owners conveying her majesty's mails are less particular than they ought to be in the selection of their mail porters, and it is to be hoped that the lesson presented by this case will have a beneficial and lasting effect.

Civil Cases at the Assizes.

The first case tried in the civil assize court yesterday before Justice Galt, was the interpleader issue of Robins v. Bliss. This was an action to set aside a preference judgment of $5000 obtained by E. W. Bliss of Brooklyn, N. Y., against the firm of Macdonald & Williams of this city. Robins, the plaintiff, was a creditor of the firm, and claimed that the preferred judgment of E. W. Bliss had been made under such circumstances as to render it null and void. His lordship entered a verdict for the defendant. The case of Kerr v. Briggs was appointed for hearing to-morrow. Donovan v. Herbert was a suit of ejectment as to lots 17 and 18 on the east side of Seaton street. The whole of it came up in a suit for trespass between the same parties in June last, when Justice Osler gave judgment in favor of Herbert. It now stands for argument before the fall court of common pleas. His lordship at the close of plaintiff's case adjourned further hearing until after the decision of the other suit.

Heaps of Trouble.

A. Julia Ross, millinery, Cornwall, assigned in trust. John Barbour, furniture, Galt, offering to compromise. John Habbick, dry goods and millinery, Galt, assigned in trust. C. Smith & Co., general store, St. Agatha, assigned in trust. S. R. Warren & Son, organs, Toronto, assigned in trust. Harris & Co., hotel, Brandon, sold out by bailiff. Quigley Bros., hardware, Brandon, stock sold at 40 cents on the dollar. G. B. Fraser, Herald printing and publishing, Morris, sheriff in possession. W. A. Russell, general store, Morris, estate sold at 59 cents on the dollar. F. C. Moule, grocer, Rat Portage, stock sold at 55 cents on the dollar. W. Muir, contractor, Winnipeg, stock to be sold by bailiff D. Bolduc & Co., jewelers, Quebec, assigned in trust.

Yesterday's Police Court.

Half a dozen drunks was done up in quick time. Martin Carey, disorderly at St. Andrew's hall, $1 and costs. Joseph P. McManus, obtaining money from Pat. Shand by fraud, remanded until to-day. Jeremiah Kane, malicious injury, $1 and costs. John Whalen, who robbed a pensioner on York street, was sent to a higher court. The case against Kate Walters for keeping a disreputable house was adjourned till Friday, as was also that against the inmates Mattie Flint's case was enlarged till the same date. C. J. Gorman, Benjamin Pollard and Geo. H. Lawrence, breach of liquor law, were each fined $20 and costs. The cases against Charles Burns and Joseph Moseby were dismissed.

A Masked Burglar at Weston.

On Sunday morning last the house of Mrs Wilson at Weston was entered by a burglar. The intruder wore a mask, carried a light, and was making his way up stairs without his boots. On Mrs. Wilson moving her hands to the side of her bed the burglar evidently thought she was going to produce a revolver, and rapidly made for the door, asking her if she "would like to be choked?" She then gave the alarm and some neighbors came to her assistance, but the burglar had made his escape. Nothing has been missed from the house.

Berkeley Street Methodist Church.

The work in this church is steadily progressing. The congregations are good, and more pews and sittings are now rented than at any former period. The quarterly board, encouraged by the growing interest manifested, has made an advance this year of $200 in their appropriation to the minister's salary. On Monday evening last week the young people reorganized their association. An address was given by Rev. I. Tovell, the pastor, and by E. Coatsworth, jr. Mr. Coatsworth was re-elected president.

Stock Brokers Attention.

The attention of the stock exchanges in Montreal and Toronto is directed to the following from the rules and regulations of the London stock exchange:

General Rule 55—The committee particularly caution members against transacting speculative business for clerks in public or private establishments, without the knowledge of their employers.

Members disregarding this caution are liable to be dealt with in such a manner as the committee may deem advisable.

Tenders for the Queen Street Subway.

The lowest bid for the subway is that of Ardagh & Leonard for $29,208, the next lowest being that of A. W. Godson for $31,858. The contract will be awarded to one of these firms. Six other tenders were received, the amounts being considerably above those specified, and ranging from $40,000 to $55,000.

Bacon for England.

In the face of a falling market, a local firm has shipped about $10,000 worth of bacon to Liverpool. By the time it reaches England they expect an advance in price, but knowing ones here claim that prices will get even lower than they are to-day.

Eggs and Cheese.

The Grand Trunk Railway company shipped yesterday $6000 worth of cheese and 165 barrels of eggs to New York.

THE BIGGEST DEAL YET.

THE GRAND TRUNK TO GET INTO NEW YORK.

Other Grand Consolidations—Two Mighty Systems to Control the Continent.

A gentleman on the inside of Grand Trunk policy said last night that the biggest deal yet on was now in motion, namely, the purchase by the Grand Trunk of the new West Shore line (down the west side of the Hudson and parallel with the Hudson river road) and other roads between it and the Grand Trunk system, thus carrying the war against the Vanderbilt consolidation right into New York. The Grand Trunk has got into Chicago and it is bound to get into New York. It has fought Vanderbilt's roads in the west and it will fight them in the east. The Grand Trunk can get all the financial backing it requires.

The speaker then went on to say that there was talk of a consolidation of the Erie and the Central as a set-off to the aggression of the Grand Trunk. This he thought would eventually be effected. For, said he, sooner or later the whole business of the north will be controlled by a Canadian line (owned entirely in England) and an American line (owned partly in England and partly in the United States). The Canadian line will be the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific consolidated, and in the American system will be the three big American lines of to-day knocked into one. The enormous consolidation that has taken place and is taking place will not stop where it is—it will go on till all the two mighty systems—by which time it will be in order for the two governments to take hold. And all of this is nearer than you think. Look out for a startling announcement before Sunday.

The Financial Situation.

Yesterday saw the financial situation somewhat improved in this city. A bull check had been formed, so it was said, to hold up Federal, and this looked to be the case. Bears on this stock said last night that the worst was now over. But all stocks are weak and are likely to continue so.

A MODEST NEWSPAPER MAN.

In most newspaper offices you will find one journalist whose usefulness is only equalled by his modesty. He brings in column after column of news at absolutely no expense; he can spin off a powerful editorial as quickly as an ordinary man could describe a runaway. His negative qualities are not less admirable. Nobody ever sees him running about with a paper in his hand, and asking people "How did you like that editorial of mine?" He never wants any theatre passes—never asks for a rise of salary—and never leaves in order to better his position. The gentleman to whom we refer is Mr. Scissors.

COL. COLLIER'S ITALIANS.

Well, colonel, how are your Italian navvies getting along?
They are fat and keep frisky.
What do you feed them on?
Cheese, bologna, lard and bread.
Lard?
Yes, they spread the lard on the bread as you would butter.
Any maccaronni, colonel?
Only on Sundays.
Where do they sleep?
In a barn felted on the inside.
But don't they complain of cold?
O, yes. They shiver every morning. The Italian is more afraid of cold than a stiletto.
Well, how are you going to warm them up?
Give 'em more lard.

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING.

I had a front seat at the drummy last night—Hon. Jim Jung.

I saw you from the back; if it had been a bally I'd been well to the front myself—Hon. Arthur Ardy.

Oh, my wicked colleagues—Onorable Oliver.

AT THE WOODBRIDGE DINNER.

My song took—Ald. Baxter.

I gave those farmers a few "pointers"—Captain McMaster.

But I collected subscriptions for a "charitable object"—C ty Solicitor.

I did enjoy myself at that dinner—Father Eagan.

So say all of us—The Guests.

WINTER.

ALMOST TOO PREVIOUS.

List to the whistling wind.
All strive their wraps to find,
Winter is near.
Sharp bites the frost at night,
And tends to make the sight
Horribly drear.

As men in work engage,
Overcoats all the rage,
Hundreds are cold.
While the poor needy chap,
Who can't afford a wrap,
Shivers with cold.

Fly to your houses, fly!
Seems the incessant cry,
When work is done.
While in the small boy's eyes,
Visions of sleds arise,
Goodness, what fun

What can the poor man do,
All the cold winter through
Starving and chilled
While amidst joy and mirth,
With the good things of earth,
Rich men are filled.

If this they only knew,
Would not a pitying few,
Charity give
Oh, if men would give more,
Out of their plenteous store,
Happy they'd live.

C. C. A.

The Lights of London was played to a large audience yesterday afternoon and at night. It will run for the remainder of the week.

LOOK OUT FOR SIGNS.

TORONTO, Oct. 17.—The meteorological department has ordered cautionary storm warning No. 1 up at the following places: Port Stanley, Port Dover, Port Colborne, Port Burwell, Amherstburg, Port Dalhousie, Burlington Beach, Oakville, Port Credit, Cobourg and Port Hope, Midland, Collingwood, Presqu Isle, Owen Sound, Barrie, Kincardine, Goderich, Saugeen and Bayfield.

WARMER WEATHER WITH RAIN.

TORONTO, Oct. 18, 1 a m—*Lakes: Strong winds and moderate gales from the southeast and southwest; increasing cloudiness; warmer weather, with rain areas towards evening or at night.*

SAFE OVER THE SEA.

Date.	Steamship.	Reported at	From
Oct. 17	Hibernian	Liverpool	Baltimore
Oct. 17	Ethiopia	Moville	——
Oct. 17	Ollanto	New York	Hull
Oct. 17	Helvetia	Queenstown	——
Oct. 17	Pennland	Antwerp	——
Oct 17	Amsterdam	Amsterdam	——
Oct. 17	Lydian Monarch	London	——