

The Weekly Messenger

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THE WEEK.

THE TRIAL of the dynamites, at Warwick, England, has resulted in John Daly being sentenced to penal servitude for life, and James Egan to 20 years imprisonment, while William McDonnell was liberated on condition that he would appear when called on.

THE SELECT COMMITTEE of the House of Lords has rejected the bill permitting a ship canal from Liverpool to Manchester, on the ground that Liverpool's trade would be injured.

MR. E. P. MORGAN, of Cleveland, Ohio, a prominent merchant, has lost over \$300,000 by his son, Charles Morgan, and other members of his family, who invested large sums in works at Bay City for the manufacture of soda ash from salt. The venture was a failure.

MR. STANLEY, the explorer, has received the decoration of the Order of Leopold from the King of Belgium.

THE SON of the British vice-Consul at Rodosto, Turkey, has been captured by brigands, who demand £7,000 ransom.

THE GERMAN COLONIZATION SOCIETY invites the public to assist in the founding of farming and commercial colonies in Central Africa.

TWO MORE COLLISIONS on the water have occurred. The steamer "Dione" was sunk by the "Camden" in the river Thames, England, at night. Passengers were only saved by jumping overboard and being picked up by tugs. The "Richard Owen" was sunk at sea after colliding with the "Belle Star," and four of her crew were drowned.

SINCE 1882 no less than \$12,500,000 which was owing to the landlords by farmers in Ireland has been wiped off, so that it is seen that the Land Act is doing the farmers good.

CAPTAIN NEWTON, a passenger upon the ill-fated steamer "Lanham," which recently sank in a collision, escaped with fifteen Spaniards and landed at Muros. He states that after the collision the captain of the "Gijon" shot himself.

A BOSTON DESPATCH says the Seal Island mackerel catch has been very successful, though the fish are small.

THE PRESIDENT and vice-president of the Woman's Suffrage Association, New York, have issued an address asking their co-workers to support the Republican ticket in the coming contest.

A FIRE BROKE OUT on Friday morning in the Delaware Hudson Railway freight house on the wharf at Plattsburg, N.Y., and spread to the Plattsburg Dock Company's building. Both were destroyed, with the freight. A number of loaded freight cars were burned and a steamer was damaged.

MR. STANLEY, the great American explorer in Africa, thinks that it was just biliousness that made General Gordon send gloomy despatches, and that he needs no help from England. Mr. Stanley also says that to crush the slave trade the dealers must be approached both from Khartoum and from the Congo,—that is, from the East and West coasts of Africa.

AN ESTABLISHMENT where explosive bombs are manufactured has been discovered in Paris, and a workman and his mother and brother have been arrested.

SOME MEN, supposed to be dynamites, broke into a colliery magazine at Airdrie, Scotland, last week and stole 65 pounds of dynamite.

THE GREELY RELIEF squadron arrived at Portsmouth, N.H., last Friday and was received with flags flying on the ships in the harbor, band playing, &c. Several noted persons, including Mr. Chandler, Secretary of the Navy, and General Hazen, boarded the "Thetis," on which Lieut. Greely was. Mrs. Greely also arrived to meet her husband, who had not expected her, and the meeting between them was very affectionate. There was also an affecting meeting between Greely and his mother.

CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATIONS are now as much an institution in England as banking is, although they have been very much opposed. The principal kind of co-operative association is the retail store, of which there are 1,200 which have 640,000 members, \$30,000,000 capital and annual sales of about \$90,000,000. Besides interest on their shares, members get a portion of the profits according to the amount they have purchased at the stores during the year. Besides these retail stores there are two Wholesale Societies;—one in England, with sales of \$22,000,000, and one in Scotland with sales of \$7,500,000 a year. There are also 22 manufacturing societies with a business of \$1,200,000 a year, and five co-ops with a business of \$6,500,000. The business of the workingmen's societies for twenty years has been over \$1,200,000,000, and the profit \$100,000,000, most of which has gone into the workingmen's pockets.

MESSRS. Redmond and Sexton, two of the Irish members of Parliament, have left the Old Country for Boston to attend the meeting of the American National League.

THE KING of ANNAM has died, after a long illness.

PIGEON STATIONS are going to be established at the centres of the British army, and officers have been sent to study the way pigeons are used in France and Germany for carrying military messages. About 30,000 pigeons will be used.

THE SULTAN of TURKEY has allowed the Jews to keep possession of that part of the Mount of Olives containing the graves of the prophets Haggai, Zachariah and Malachi. This piece of land had been bought by some Russian priests, but the Sultan granted the Jew's request that they might keep it forever.

SEVEN HORSE THIEVES are hanging from trees at the mouth of the Mussel Shell River. The settlers are desperate, and will lynch all thieves as they are caught. Seventeen thieves have been caught at Willow Valley, Oregon. Two of them were hanged, and the rest handed over to the authorities.

A BURGLAR in womann's clothes on Monday entered a house in Rome occupied by an American lady. The doorkeeper got a policeman, who dashed at the burglar. The burglar drew a revolver upon the policeman. The latter, thinking discretion the better part of valor stood out of the way. The burglar fled, the crowd pursued, caught, and finally hanged him.

A NUMBER of WOMEN and girls have been arrested in Russia for conspiracy against the Government.

THIRTY-SIX DEATHS have occurred in Pleshoff, Russia, from Siberian plague.

A DISASTROUS FIRE OCCURRED last week at Marash, a town of Asia Minor. A thousand shops, two hundred houses, four hotels, three mosques, and the principal palace were destroyed.

A NEW FRENCH DIVORCE LAW has come into force. Three thousand suits for divorce have already been begun. This is certainly a bad beginning.

CAMPBELL, THE GILLIE, who killed a laborer during an affray between deer-stalkers, gillies and laborers, near Inverness, Scotland, on the estate of Mr. Winans, the American millionaire, has been committed for trial on a charge of murder.

ALL THE VESSELS in the BRITISH NAVY which carry divers, are to be supplied with telephones for submarine communication.

THE BALANCE to the CREDIT of depositors in the Canadian Government Savings Bank on the 30th June was nearly \$16,000,000, being an increase of \$1,700,000 over last year.

ON SUNDAY, July 27, a collision occurred between the steamers "Corsican" and "St. Lawrence" in New Alexandra Bay on the St. Lawrence; happily, however, without any very serious consequences. It seems that both steamers started almost at the same moment; that the "St. Lawrence" raced up, overtook the "Corsican" and steamed across her bows, that the latter unavoidably struck the "St. Lawrence;" but at once reversed her engines, and thus prevented a repetition of the shock, which might have had disastrous consequences.

THE CROPS in South Russia promise well.

THE MAORI KING will return from England to New Zealand by way of New York and San Francisco.

AT THE BRADFORD glassworks on Wednesday there was a serious riot between unionists and non-unionists. Two of the latter were seriously beaten. The police arrested four of the ringleaders. The most severely injured man is the "boss" workman of the new gang, who will probably lose the sight of both eyes.

A DUEL is PROBABLE between Mr. Clemenceau, one leader of the Republican party in France, and Deputy Arene. A political dispute is the cause.

THE STEEL STEAMER, "J. M. Osborne," was sunk on Sunday night on Lake Superior by coming into collision with the "Alberta," owned by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. The "Osborne" sank almost immediately. The "Alberta" was very much damaged and had to proceed to port for repairs. The cause of the collision was a dense fog. In all, eight persons were lost, and the number would have been much greater had it not been for the conduct of Captain Wilford.

THE GERMAN PARLIAMENT, the "Reichstag," will dissolve at the end of October. Disputes are said to exist between the National Liberals and the United Liberals.

THE FRENCH PARLIAMENT has voted 25,000 francs for the expenses of the occupation of Upper Senegal.

THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT has taken off 60 percent of the export duty on sugar from Cuba.

THE ENGLISH HARVEST is doing much better than a week ago when the prospect was as black as the skies.

THERE HAVE BEEN very destructive storms in Dakota, and at Pleasant Valley about \$200,000 worth of grain is destroyed.

ENVOYS FROM THE King of Abyssinia have started for England.

A PRIEST on THURSDAY in Witplish, Russia, led a mob against the houses of Jews. The military dispersed the mob, and several were arrested.

A ROYAL MEETING will be held in Copenhagen in August. The Czar of Russia, the Prince and Princess of Wales, the King of Greece, and the Duke of Cumberland are expected to be present. The latter is being urged to resign his claim to the throne of Hanover, which is now part of the German Empire.

THE POPE will recall its representative from Buenos Ayres, in case the Government of that country insists upon the dismissal of a certain priest for a letter against employing American school-mistresses.

MR. YARKER, the new manager of the Federal Bank, Toronto, has stated that both creditors and shareholders.

MR. BLAINE is alleged to have said some unpleasant things, three years ago, of the French-Canadians in State of Maine, who, it is stated, voted for the late President Garfield. They number about 12,000 voters; and they now propose to avenge themselves upon Mr. Blaine for the slights he put upon them. The Republicans have tried to conciliate them, but hitherto without success.

RUSSIAN DETECTIVES have discovered a Nihilist printing house in Serator. The owner of the press shot himself when the detectives appeared on the premises.

CAPTAIN ISBISTER, of the Allan Line Steamship "Pomorie," has disappeared in a strange manner from his ship. He was seen at the bow of the boat during the forenoon of May 23rd., and it is supposed that he was looking over the bow and toppled in. A boat searched for several hours, but could not find him. The steamer was on her way home to England from Burmah, and had got about as far as St. Helena.

THE STEAMSHIP "Lydian Monarch," which left London for New York on July 19th, is disabled by the bursting of a steam cylinder. The captain refused assistance from two other vessels because they asked too much for towage, and the captain expected to meet one of his own line. A passenger, Mr. Secord, managed to get aboard the "Austral," which was spoken on the 31st. He says the "Lydian Monarch" was drifting to the southward, being unable to steam, and the sails being of little use.

JUST FIFTY YEARS ago slavery was abolished, by act of parliament, throughout the British dominions. So far back as 1562 England had connected herself with this horrible traffic, and for long she was the most staunch supporter of the system in the world. The year 1788 marked the beginning of the agitation for the abolition of the traffic; but it was not till 1843 that success crowned the efforts of those who took up the cause of universal human freedom. Among the noble band of abolitionists, Wilberforce, by his unceasing energy and eloquence, stands out in the front rank. In spite of the malignity of those whose interest it was to maintain the existing order of things, such a body of opinion was created against the continuance of the traffic that the government was at last obliged to pass a measure for its absolute abolition. The first, or "gradual abolition" act, came into force on August 1st 1834. A measure absolutely freeing the slaves became law in 1843. To the noble spirits who triumphantly fought for truth and liberty and universal brotherhood, the world owes a deep debt of gratitude.