

NEWS SUMMARY.

A Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis passenger train was blown from a bridge at Petersburg, Ill., on Tuesday. A baggeman was killed and 15 or 20 persons were injured.

Premier Balfour announces that under no circumstances will there be a dissolution of parliament this year unless he should fail to secure the support of his colleagues.

The railway commission has purchased the handsome private car Acadia, and Messrs. Blair and Mills will leave about the 20th inst. on a six weeks trip to the west.

Ex-King Prempeh, of Ashante, admired Joseph Chamberlain to such an extent that he ordered for himself a complete suit of clothes and monocle like those worn by the ex-Colonial Secretary.

Seventeen survivors of the wreck of the Danish steamer Norge were landed at Aberdeen on Tuesday night by the steam trawler Large Bay. They were picked up from one of the boats of the Norge.

John A. McRae was tried at Sydney Tuesday at the Supreme Criminal Court on a charge of murdering his father in his saloon at Glace Bay, on the night of June 11th, and was acquitted, the jury returning a verdict of "not guilty" after being out three hours.

Si Henry Irving, after his professional farewell tour of England, will pay a farewell visit to America at the end of 1905 under the auspices of Charles Frohman. It will extend for twenty weeks, beginning in San Francisco in September, 1905, and finishing in New York.

The asylum of Villejuif, Paris, has organized a band of madmen trumpeters. A sum of \$100 was expended for trumpets, and the least violent of the inmates were presented with them and taught to use them. When they play a strong relay of guards is in attendance as an audience.

The Annual Methodist Camp meeting at Berwick, N. S., is to be held this year August 5-12. Among the prominent men expected are the Rev. C. W. Blackett, Ph. D., now president of the Boston Preachers Meeting, and the Rev. Mr. Neis, both Ministers in the active work of New England Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The fort held by Tibetans was captured by a mere handful of British and Indian soldiers on Wednesday. British ten-pounders made a breach in the wall between the towers on the face of the cliff, the wall falling down in great masses. Shortly afterwards an explosion occurred in a powder magazine of the Tibetans by which many must have been killed.

The so-called "Mad Mullah" of British Somaliland is again active. He is encamped south of Nogal with six thousand followers, two thousand of whom are armed with rifles and has large supplies of ammunition and transport. Some of the tribes hitherto friendly to the British are reported to have joined the Mullah since the British forces were withdrawn from the country.

Trenton, N. J., celebrated the Fourth of July by the destruction of Devil Rock in the Delaware River, behind the State House. A large charge of dynamite, fired by electricity was used in the work of destruction. The rock was destroyed with a view of removing a treacherous eddy in the river where no less than sixteen boy swimmers have lost their lives during the last seven or eight years.

To meet a decrease of over \$12,000,000 in the revenues during the past quarter, some English financiers have seriously suggested to the government that a tax be placed on cats; not only for the money to be collected that way, but to lessen the number of cats. Some physicians have taken the subject under consideration and believe that if a tax were to be put on every cat, not so many would be kept, and that the wander-

ing animals, which are the spreaders of the most annoying diseases would be killed.

Travelling as "Mr. W. H. Howard," the Earl of Suffolk arrived on Sunday on the Celtic at New York. He was very much surprised that his identity had become known. "I am sorry," he said. "I am travelling only for experience and that is why I took another name. After a week or two in New York, I shall probably go to Philadelphia and then West. My plans are uncertain." Lord Suffolk went to the Hotel House.

The immense grain elevator of the Boston & Maine Railroad Co., one of the largest in the world, together with the freight houses Nos. 1, 2 and 3, on piers 1 and 2, Mystic wharf, Charlestown, Mass., was burned on Tuesday night, entailing a loss that will exceed \$1,000,000. Three lives are supposed to have been lost—those of sailors of the Allan Line steamer Austrian, which was lying at pier 1, and who, with thirty-four fellow seamen, jumped overboard to save themselves from the flames, which had communicated to their vessel.

Official immigration returns for the last fiscal year show the total number of arrivals to be 130,329, to which will be added 1,000 or 2,000 more for later arrivals. This is an increase, according to the present returns, of about 2,000 more than the previous year, when the number was 128,364. The returns are as follows: British Isles 50,915, as against 41,792 last year; continent of Europe and miscellaneous, 36,241, as against 37,099 last year; United States, 49,173, as 37,099 last year.

A despatch from Batavia, capital of the Dutch East Indies says the commander of the expedition to North Achin, Northern Sumatra, attacked Likat on June 20. The Chinese losses were 432 killed, including 281 women and 88 children, and 54 wounded. Seventeen prisoners were taken. The Dutch casualties included the commander, a lieutenant, two sergeants and thirteen soldiers wounded. On June 23 the Dutch troops attacked Langat Bars, when the Chinese losses were 654 killed, including 186 women and 130 children and 49 wounded. Twenty eight persons were taken. The Dutch losses were a captain, 22 soldiers and 6 coolies wounded.

A fierce fire raged for several miles beyond the Sydney limits Tuesday, causing great destruction to property and timber lands. The hardwood hill cemetery was swept clean of ornamental trees and shrubs. Losses as far as can be ascertained are as follows: Mr. Charles Hart, house, \$1,500; John Ferguson, house, barn and workshop, \$3,000; C. Brown, house, \$1,000; James McKinnon, house, \$1,000; Daniel McSweeney, house and barn, \$1,500; Henry Cossit, house, \$2,000; William Moore, house, \$2,000; Daniel McLean, house and barn, \$2,500; Peter Morison, house and barn, \$2,000; Moore, McLean and Cossit were the only parties who carried insurance and then only nominal amounts.

Robert Buchanan's farm in Lakeport, Iowa is being eaten up by the Missouri River. It has taken but five years for the current to swallow 200 acres of his 400 acre farm, which is valued at \$75 an acre. Great sections of rich earth, with growing crops, tumble into the river day and night, and the encroachment is approaching the buildings. "When the river gets near enough to take the buildings," Mr. Buchanan says, "it practically will have the entire farm. I have had opportunities to trade my farm, but I would not dispose of it to persons unfamiliar with the character of the river. I would rather lose it myself." At one time the Buchanan farm was worth \$30,000. Several other farms in the vicinity have been damaged by the river, and the Lakeport shore, containing the post office, is in the path of the greedy stream.

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25—Express from Halifax Pictou and Campbellton	17.15
1—Express from Halifax	18.45
81—Express from Moncton (Sunday only)	1.35
135, 137, 155—Suburban Express from Hampton	7.45, 15.30, 22.05

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