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Mr Gourley, M P. for Colchester, who, from his seat in the House of Commons last week proposed cheerfully to sacrifice himself, his wife and family, if necessary, on the altar of the "cruel goddess Bellona" they would all get down in the ditch together, was the way he put it—has received an open letter from Mr. J. Frank Crowell, of Shelby, Ohio, who wishes Mr. Gourley to announce the date on which he intends to capture the Capital of Washington, also the line of march he proposes to take, as Mr. Crowell says he has quite a little delegation anxious to see him pass. Mr. Crowell very evidently appreciates the humor of the situation, which would also have appealed to William Cowper, the gentle author of John Gilpin. If all wars were fought with the firing of such paragraphs as Mr. Crowell's, humor would be the best friend and servant of humanity.—Montreal Witness.

"Didn't the grocer send the macaroni?" inquired the mistress, arranging for the dinner.

"Yis, mum," replied the cook, "but Oi sint it back. Ivery wan of thim stims wuz impty."

News Summary.

Great floods are reported in the Southern States. There has been no loss of life.

Senators McLaurin and Tillman, of South Carolina, were severely censured by the United States Senate Friday.

Rates on the White Horse Pass are to be reduced. The minimum rate for passengers is fixed at 18 cents per mile.

Driver Forest, of Kingston, Ont., who went to South Africa two years ago, has been recommended for the Victoria Cross.

The meeting of C. P. R. shareholders called for Thursday at Montreal to ratify the issue of $20,000,000 of new stock has been postponed for a month.

Justice Street ordered the winding up of the American Tire Company Friday. The assets are $81,000 and the liabilities $109,000. F. R. Clarkson is liquidator.

The directors of the Sissibo Pulp Company, of Montreal, have decided to issue an additional amount of the preference stock, probably in the vicinity of $100,000.

The Canada Paper Company's issue of $275,000 seven per cent. cumulative preferred stock was over subscribed four times. Allotments will be made next week.

Lieut. Governor Tillman, of South Carolina, has withdrawn the invitation to President Roosevelt to present a sword to a South Carolina officer for volunteer services in the Spanish-American war.

The street railway men's union of Kingston, Ont., has disbanded. The strike headquarters in the United States refused to pay the men the money they were entitled to draw while out on strike.

Nearly 300 fishermen are in peril, adrift on an immense ice floe in Saginaw Bay, and the beach is lined with anxious relatives and friends busy with plans for rescue in case a storm should come up.

Little four-year-old Mabel, coming into the room one day and finding the baby with one end of a doorkey in his mouth, exclaimed: "Baby, take that key right out of your mouth, or the first thing you know you will have the lockjaw."—Glasgow Evening Times."

The most terrible snow slide ever known in Colorado caused the deaths of from thirty to seventy-five men at the Liberty Bell mine on Smuggler Mountain Friday. Nearly all the buildings of the Liberty mine were carried down by the avalanche.

The Montreal street railway directors have decided to issue $1,500,000 4½ per cent. second mortgage bonds to shareholders on record up to April 15 at par for each eight shares of stock. This is to pay for the Montreal park and island system.

The Quebec branch of the Dominion Alliance met Thursday and a resolution was introduced with the object of offering what assistance it can to the Ontario branch in its contest for prohibition and against the Ross referendum. The resolution has not yet been acted upon.

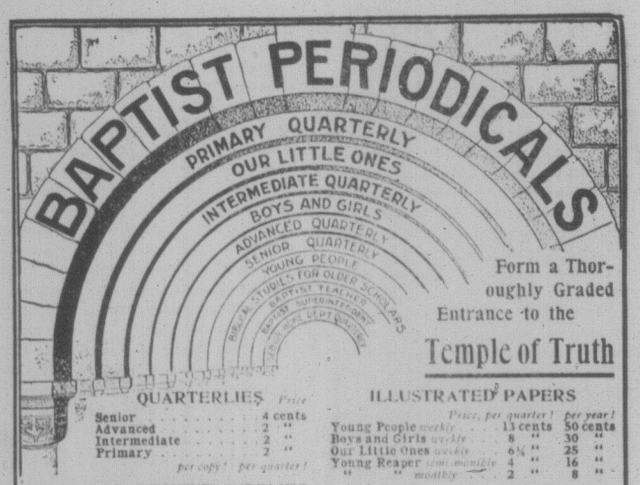
Private bills committee of the Manitoba Legislature amended the charter of the city of Winnipeg, allowing the city to take a vote on Sunday street cars. The vote must be held on municipal election day and should the majority of votes be against Sunday cars another vote cannot be taken for three years.

Arthur E. Brunet, defendant in the St. James election frauds case, was arrested Thursday on a warrant issued at the instance of H. G. Bergeron on a charge of concealing witnesses and helping them with money to go to the United States. Mr Brunet pleaded not guilty and was admitted to bail.

The annual report of the Boston Chamber of Commerce shows that the total foreign trade of Boston for the year 1901 was $197,005,218, and that Boston is the only port among the principal ones along the Atlantic seaboard that shows an increase in its exports or in its total foreign trade during the year.

Major Maude, representing the Governor General, will receive Prince Henry when he sets foot on Canadian soil. A royal salute will be fired by the Welland field battery, the 13th Regiment of Hamilton will furnish a guard of honor, and a detachment of the Royal Canadian Dragoons of Toronto will act as escort.

The Chinese report was presented to Parliament Thursday. The findings of the commission are in favor of the prohibition of Chinese laborers. Commissioners Clute and Foley want an immediate raising of the poll tax to $500, and Commissioner Munn wants a trial for two years pending a prohibitive treaty, and if $300 is not sufficient he would approve of raising it to $500.



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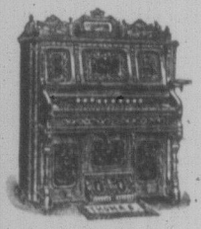

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