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### NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The Prince and Princess of Wales left England for the South of France on 9th inst. and were at Paris on the 11th.

Mr. Secretary Fish's reply to Lord Granville has been received, it expresses the desire of the United States Government for a final amicable settlement, neither Government are in favor of re-opening the proceedings of the Joint High Commission.

Lord Northbrook (one of the Barings) has been appointed Viceroy of India.

Lady Mordaunt has been declared hopelessly insane, her husband's petition has been dismissed.

France has paid two milliards of francs of the war indemnity, leaving three milliards yet due, this gives the Provisional Government control of six departments in which as large a military force as the country desires may be maintained.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs has sent a friendly note to the Italian Cabinet respecting the fortifications on the Genoese coast.

Joseph Mazzini, the Roman revolutionist is dead.

Considerable dissatisfaction is expressed at Berlin at the conduct of the Pope in appointing secretly the Archbishop of Posen to be Primate of Poland. This office has been long extinct. When Poland existed as kingdom, one of the functions of the Primate was to act as Regent in case of the death or absence of the Sovereign.

At a public dinner at Rome on the 11th, the Pope said the troubles of the Church commenced in 1848, and the existence of two powers in Rome was impossible.

A crisis is approaching in Spain, the King has been concentrating troops about Madrid and taking precautions to suppress an outbreak.

The Washington Cabinet has decided to proceed with the arbitration, and not withdraw the claims for consequential damages, whether England consents or not. Gladstone & Co. will have an opportunity of appreciating the good faith and feeling of their dearly beloved friends the Yankees—and can realize the exact value of their good will by the length of their little account.

The "Erie ring" has been overthrown by a series of manoeuvres unparalleled in the history of legal proceedings and could occur in no other country than the United States.

The Secretary of the Navy in reply to a resolution of the Senate on Iron ship-building, and the restoration of commerce has submitted a report advising the establishment of ship building yards in favorable localities with reference to a supply of materials, the Government giving a bounty equal to the duty on foreign material, and that suitable foreign stations be provided for the interchange of commerce, the whole being evidently an attempt to restore the commercial activity of the country by state and personal enterprise being unequal to the task, the capital of the country being absorbed by war expenditure.

If the New York papers are to be believed every one of their city officers should be inmates of the penitentiary.

A most extraordinary winter voyage has been made by the steamer *Arctic* from Quebec to Escoumains harbor at the head of the Gulf to relieve the ship *Pride of England* ashore there, a work successfully performed.

By this voyage which occupied ten days the navigation of the Lower St. Lawrence has been demonstrated to be perfectly feasible at all seasons, a most important matter to the Dominion of Canada.

The Representatives from British Columbia are arriving at the Capital previous to the opening of Parliament. The House of Assembly has been opened in that province.

From the Maritime provinces we are happy to hear accounts of increasing prosperity in ship building and other industries.

The demand for timber built vessels is increasing in England, and will give a great impetus to that industrial pursuit.

*La Parti Nationale* has had a meeting at Quebec, and condemned the Canada Pacific Railway project. The world progresses but the *National Party* tries to execute a crab like move to the rear.

Mr. Graves one of the Conservative members for Liverpool, has struck out a great idea. He tells the people that the Government ought to buy all the railways, work them at a fair profit, as the post office and

telegraphs are worked, and in a few years pay off the national debt.

A "joke" is credited to an American visitor in England. "Wall stranger," he is reported to have said, "I guess you English jurists ain't smart. If an American jury had tried the Tichborne case, I'll tell you what they'd have done. They'd just bought up all the Tichborne bonds, and then found a verdict for the plaintiff."

The land grant system in the United States is being carried to an extent which, if some check is not soon applied will leave very little land, even in "the boundless west" at the disposal of the Government. At the present there are fifty six land grant bills before Congress, embracing a total area of over two hundred million acres, or more than six of the largest States together.

A set of paper wheels on a Pullman car have run 160,000 miles and worn out their steel tires. Cast iron wheels will run only 60,000 miles.

Sheer Aller, the murderer of Earl Mayo, was not sent to penal servitude in the first place on account of any outbreak of religious fanaticism, but simply because he had killed a personal enemy, in the prosecution of a blood feud between his own family or clan and another. This was of course a crime under British law, but to get the mountaineers of India to regard it in this light is hopeless. It is no easy task to force upon the people a degree of civilization beyond what they can understand and appreciate.

We are happy to learn that our Canadian young men are appreciated in foreign lands, especially in the Southern States, as the following notice respecting a brave Canadian soldier, copied from the *Daily Union*, Columbia, South Carolina, illustrates:—

"Mr. Robert Sisson, the efficient reading clerk of the Senate, has been appointed postmaster at Blackville, Burnwell county. It is a pleasing duty to note these, even small, recognitions of the services rendered to the county in her time of need and peril by her defenders. Mr. Sisson was an efficient officer in the Union army and rendered valuable services in this State in the army of the Potomac.