

On Sunday morning about 8 o'clock, the two prisoners confined in Sandwich Gaol for the robbery of the Harrow P.O. a short time ago, shot and killed Gaoler Leech, and probably fatally wounded Turnkey Davis, and made their escape. The gaoler and turnkey were standing at the corridor door while one of the prisoners was sweeping out the cells, when O'Callaghan rushed at the door and pushed it open so suddenly and with such force as to knock the gaoler and turnkey down; then he fired two shots at the gaoler, killing him instantly. He got the keys and passed them into the other corridor to Kennedy, who unlocked the door, came out into the corridor, knocked the turnkey down and pounded him with a bottle which had been on the stove. The two then walked into the passageway leading to the street, one carrying the revolver, the other the bottle. The matron gave the alarm and parties saw them going away, but could not capture them. The deputy turnkey followed them up to Windsor where he went to the police station to get help. They proceeded east from the gaol until they reached the Catholic Church between Windsor and Sandwich, where they appropriated a horse and buggy belonging to a man who was attending early Mass. Kennedy was captured on board the Walkerville ferry-boat just about to cross to Detroit. He had procured a suit, supposed to be an old suit belonging to a railroad man or some of the men employed in the cattle sheds of Messrs. Walker & Sons. O'Callaghan, who shot Gaoler Leech, is still at large.

Mr. McColeman, the Conservative candidate in East Grey, was elected by a large majority.

On Monday, the Hamilton Collector of Inland Revenue Fortier sent Officer O'Brien and Amor to seize an illicit still on the residence of M. T. Evans, in the village of Ancaster. The officers found in the cellar a 35 gallon copper still charged and in full running order. Evans was at once arrested and with him David Davis and W. H. Fox, who were also found on the premises, and are believed to be interested in the business. Two men were subsequently arrested in Toronto on charge of complicity in the affair.

At Niagara, Ont., there died on Monday at the great age of 121 years a colored man named "Dr." Henry Brown. Deceased was born on the plantation of Mr. Lionel Clayton, on the James River, near Jamestown, Virginia, and when fifty years old escaped from a slave dealer at Baltimore to Canada, where he lived ever since. He claimed to remember General George Washington, and said on one occasion he drove that gentleman from his master's plantation to Washington.

Rev. Badgely, of Plainfield, committed suicide last Friday by hanging himself to a beam in his barn. He was about sixty years of age. Cause unknown.

The body of an unknown man who had cut his throat was found on Sunday morning in a coach house in the rear of No. 42 Young street, Toronto.

Yesterday afternoon while some boys were playing on the ice at Morrisburg, Ont., a ten-year-old son of Mr. Carleton, pruner, broke through, and the current being strong was drawn under the ice and was drowned. His body was not recovered until to-day.

A wealthy farmer named Thomas Goddard, of Sutton, was murdered last week at St. Cesaire, Que., where he had gone to buy a farm. The body was found in an open field, with his head split open. Fifteen hundred dollars was found in his room at the hotel, and it is supposed \$600 was taken from his pockets. No clue to the murderers is reported.

At Colborne, on Saturday morning, a fire broke out in the Victoria Rink, owned by Scripture Brothers, and completely consumed it, together with the contents. Loss about \$2,000; insured in the Phoenix for \$1,000.

At Grand Jervoise, N.B., Fortune Bay, a man named Martin strangled his wife and then killed himself.

At Halifax a fire broke out in the upper floor of P. Walsh's hardware establishment. The flames were quickly extinguished. Only a hole six feet square being burned through the floor, but the damage by water to a large quantity of stock on hand was very considerable. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

UNITED STATES.

A terrible mining accident occurred last week at Pocahontas, Va. An explosion of gas took place, killing all who were at work in the mine. A number of bodies were discovered horribly mangled; some with heads torn off, others with the limbs all gone. Houses two or three hundred feet from the mines were overthrown and several demolished. The large ventilator of the South-West Improvement Co. was blown to atoms, and the mines cannot be entered until another is constructed for the purpose of freeing the atmosphere of the suffocating fumes. The list of those killed foot up 154. Of these 52 were colored, 32 were Hungarians, and the remainder were from Virginia and Pennsylvania. The explosion was of terrible force as portions of the entrance to the mine, and a torn overcoat of one of the victims has been picked up half a mile distant. Coal dust was blown over the mountains and covers the earth on the opposite side to the depth of half an inch.

Disastrous floods are reported from the Mississippi valley. The river is

higher than at any time this winter. Many people have been driven from their homes, and there is much suffering among the poor. Nearly all the mills have suspended operations. The list of losses to business men from Pomeroy, Ohio, to Madison, Ind., by the Ohio floods, confined simply to losses on merchandise and manufactures, foot up \$672,000.

A Toledo, Cincinnati and St. Louis narrow gauge coal train was wrecked at Harbines on Monday by a broken rail. Fireman Geo. Smith was killed, and the engineer and one passenger seriously injured. Four cars and the engine were destroyed.

Swine plague is prevalent in Arlington, Mass., and neighbouring towns. One farmer has lost two hundred out of five hundred, and with others the loss is heavy, half their droves having died. The disease is similar to that in the west a few years ago.

At Fall River, the house of Patrick Fallon, where knobstick spinners boarded, was attacked by roughs on Tuesday night, the doors broken and the windows smashed. Fallon's son was struck with a stone and seriously injured. Pistols were fired on both sides. The police dispersed the mob. Some of the knobsticks were lodged at the police station and escorted to work by the police the next morning.

A fast freight train between Corning and Williamsport was derailed Sunday near Cedar Run, Pa. The engine and twenty-four cars were thrown down an embankment and wrecked. Engineer Austin was killed and the fireman lost a leg.

At Dayton, Ohio, John Kontzing and John Marshall, digging a trench twenty feet deep, were crushed to death by falling earth.

Near Troy, N. Y., a grist mill boiler burst and killed the proprietor, Lesner, and his son, and injured two farmers named Hedden.

In a saloon fight at Mansfield, Pa., last week, Edward Summer and Chas. Thornburg were fatally shot.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

The police of Newcastle-on-Tyne have received information of a plot to explode the principal buildings in the city, including the central railroad station and the post office. A box of powder with a fuse attached has been discovered in the post-office at Birmingham. Col Jenkinson, of the Irish police force, is organizing English detectives into a force to cope with dynamiters.

It is stated here that the authorities at the War Office have determined on the appointment of Colonel Middleton to command the Canadian militia in succession to Major-General Luard. Colonel Middleton will probably arrive to take command in the latter part of July.

At Paris on Tuesday, by an explosion of gas in a merchant's house, a police officer and a fireman and two others were killed. Twenty persons were injured, including a number of passers by.

A Madrid despatch says a slight earthquake shock has been felt throughout Alicante this morning.

A subterranean spring flooded a silver mine near Schwatza, a town of the Tyrol near Innsbruck. Several miners were drowned. The damage to the works will be very serious.

Three Hungarian deputies who were believed to be opposed to the Hungarian anti-Lemetic leader were attacked and wounded by peasants at Czegled, in Central Hungary.

The Burmese troops have defeated the rebels at Bhamo.

In the House of Commons the Marquess of Hartington, War Secretary, announced that telegraphic communication with Khartoum had been broken for three days, and that a steamer had been subjected to a fusillade between Khartoum and Shendy. He believed that the tribes in that region had risen in revolt.—A boat left Shendy to try to re-open communication with Gen. Gordon at Khartoum. Zobechar Pasha has offered to go to Khartoum and assist Gen. Gordon, on condition that he be allowed to take funds to raise a force of 1,500 blacks.—Osman Digma has returned with 2,000 of his followers to the neighbourhood of his former encampment, and is exhorting them to a religious war. He assures them that in a third battle success will be theirs. The tribes, however are much demoralized. Two Sheikhs who attempted to leave his camp have been placed in chains. When Admiral Hewett's proclamation, offering a reward for Osman's head reached the Sheikhs with him, they spurned it with contempt. Osman's scouts are near Handouk, and have orders to kill all stragglers.

The French occupied Bacninh last week. The Chinese fled in the direction of Thainguén. The French had seventy wounded. Gen. Negrier's column entered Bacninh at six o'clock Wednesday evening. The Chinese, demoralized by the turning movements of the combined French columns, abandoned their positions and fled. The Chinese loss is heavy. A Krupp battery and much ammunition were found in the citadel.—The greatest exasperation prevails at Pekin against France. If she advances her extravagant demands public opinion will prevent their acceptance. The Black lags are on the verge of mutiny, their pay being in arrears.—It is reported that Li Hung Chang is submitting a basis of peace to English and American ministers at Pekin and asking them to intervene. It is stated France will demand heavy indemnity and occupy the Chinese territory to guarantee its payment.