

THE WEEKS NEWS

General Wolseley has arrived at Suakim.

There are 8,000 coal miners idle or on strike in Illinois.

Almost all the Montreal Grand Trunk employes struck Friday.

The steel man-of-war *Houe* has been launched at Pembroke, Wales.

The British steamer *Garnet* sailed Friday supposedly for New York.

The Czar has signed an order for the equipment of the whole Russian fleet.

The Queen and Princess Beatrice have returned to London from the continent.

The Admiralty has chartered the steamship *France* from the National line.

Earl Dufferin is said to have evidence of the premeditation in the assault on Penjdeh.

The people of Afghan-Turkestan are said to be looking to England to help the Amir.

The Scott Act petitions for Hastings have been filed and the voting will occur in June.

The family of Mr. Asahel Marroe of Matilda, have taken up their residence in Iroquois.

One of the main bridges at Lyndhurst was carried away by the recent freshets at that place.

The Turret ships *Rupert* and *Devastation* have been put in commission for active service.

Gen. De Leslie telegraphs that the Chinese are loyally fulfilling the conditions of peace.

The Government steamer *La Camille* has gone down the St. Lawrence to place buoys in position.

The report that the King of Denmark will be selected as arbitrator between England and Russia is denied.

The Bey of Tunis has refused the arrest of his brother, who was about to go to France without leave.

The publication of the revised edition of the Old Testament has been postponed until the 15th of May.

The Amir of Afghanistan has been gazetted Knight Grand Commander of the Order of the Star of India.

It is reported that Russia is meeting with great opposition in the endeavour to purchase coal out animals.

The British bark *Northwest*, which left New York on January is reported lost with a crew of twenty-five.

A list of 200 properties has been placed in the hands of the sheriff of Montreal to be sold for arrears of tolls.

The Franco-Egyptian relations have been re-established and the French Charge d'Affairs has been retained.

Since his birth day, Bismarck has become the richest proprietor in Prussia. His yearly income is now \$10,000.

Wigglesworth and Franks have been convicted of conspiracy by ballot-box stuffing at the late Mayoralty election in Toronto.

All the English ships of the first naval reserve have been completely equipped with torpedos and machine guns.

Jean Dubois, flogged in Montreal a year ago for an indecent crime, has been found insane and sent to a lunatic asylum.

An English man-of-war is anchored at the entrance to the Dardanelles, and another is steaming to and fro through the straits.

The post office at Port Elmsley was reopened last week and is now in full running order. Mr. Wm. Hunter, is the postmaster.

The British Government has chartered the Guoin Line steamer *Abyssinia*, and the Allan Line steamer *Peruvian*, for troopships.

The steamer *Germania* left Whitehall on Saturday with thirty boats for Montreal. This is the first tow of the year on Lake Champlain.

Mr. John Burgess, Government boiler inspector, is confined to his home in Montreal owing to his having been accidentally scalded.

Wainright's brewery at Pittsburgh caved in on Saturday and 10,000 barrels of beer were lost. The total loss is estimated at \$100,000.

Lieut. Carstairs of Iroquois has been ordered to square himself and get into fighting trim. His company will occupy the fort at Prescott.

Mr. D. B. Coons, an old Iroquois boy, now resident in Dallas, Texas, was married on Tuesday evening last to Miss Murphy, of that city.

The measles epidemic continues in the city of New York. Four hundred and fifty children have died from the disease since January 1st.

A despatch from Panama states that National Commander Poyas has imprisoned the rebel leader Aizpura and several other of the insurgents.

A Russian spy who pretended to be purchasing furs, secured a plan of the harbour and fortifications at Victoria, B. C., and left for San Francisco.

Mr. N. Cowd, of Toledo is running three cheese factories this summer—Silver Creek, Newbliss and Robinson's Mills. They opened on Monday, April 27th.

Owing to the bitter fight between the saloon keepers and prohibitionists of Redkey, Ind., and frequent threats of incendiarism all fire risks have been cancelled.

U. S. Lieut. Commander Nicholas reports that at Hooneyah, Alaska, the man and woman who were accused of witchcraft were hung up and left to starve to death.

The *Canada Gazette* contains the proclamation declaring that elections under the Canada Temperance Act will be held in Kingston and Frontenac May 21.

F. Elkington is appointed returning officer for the city and W. Ferguson, sheriff, for the county.

The trial of Richard Short for attempted assassination of Phelan was commenced Friday.

The Brockville Lacrosse Club has lost a very strong man this season in the person of Frank Bissonnette, who has returned to Kingston. He will join the Kingston club.

A vigilance committee has been appointed in Toledo to see that the license law is properly carried out this year. As good men are appointed the matter will be well looked after.

The Assessor this year makes the population of Gananoque 3,208, an increase of 139 over that of last year. Only 114 dogs are acknowledged, out of the thousand that run the streets.

On May 1st, the Scott Act went into operation in Oxford, Simcoe, Dundas, Stormont and Glengarry, Bruce, Huron, and Dufferin, Ont., Yarmouth, N.S., and Arthabaska and Stanstead, Quebec.

In reply to a cable inquiry from the British War Office, the Canadian Pacific Railway have stated that they can undertake to transport, at any moment, torpedoes or other material for coast defence.

In consequence of the damage done to the Rideau Canal by the recent freshets, it will not be opened for navigation as early as was anticipated. It probably be the 1st of June before the canal will be flooded.

Mr. Jacob Hanes, of Honesville, died last Friday, and was buried on Sunday afternoon at Honesville cemetery. He was in his 87th year. An old Veteran of 1812, and a man much respected by all who knew him.

Navigation will, it is expected, be closed between Ottawa and Merrickville for the ensuing three months on the Rideau canal, owing to several serious breaks in the dams at Long Island and other points. Traffic for the time specified will be open only from Merrickville to Kingston.

It would be well for farmers and municipal officials to make a note of the fact that a recent order-in-Council imposes a penalty of \$200 for removing an infected sheep from any farm-yard or building, unless by authority of the Minister of Agriculture. Deceased sheep must be slaughtered by the corporation, and the owner compensated.

The Canadian voyageurs who have lately returned from service in Egypt will not be sent home in a special vessel but return independently at their own leisure. The Imperial authorities have provided the men with special tickets good till used so that they can see the Old Country before they return home or sail at once if they please.

About three hundred boxes of cheese were offered on the board of trade last Thursday principally by James Bissell, F. H. McCrea, James Miller, N. H. Field, J. A. Wright, and the Elbe factory. They were all sold, some at 9¢, others at 9.5-8 and one lot at 9¢. The average price was 9.5-8.

New South Wales has offered the Imperial authorities a contingent for service in India or elsewhere.

Five steamships have been purchased in the United States by Russia. They are to be used as cruisers.

A despatch from Gen. DeLisle states that the Chinese generals refuse to evacuate Tonquin or retire from the positions they have captured.

John Murgatroyd, a miser, died on Tuesday in a hospital in Philadelphia. \$25,000 was found sewed up in his shirt, and he had \$25,000 in the bank.

The fast Russian cruiser *Dyghit* is lying off the coast of Peru somewhere. There are five English warships on the South Pacific station.

The Reformers of Toronto have called a mass meeting in Shaftesbury Hall on Friday evening to consider the Franchise Bill now before the Dominion Parliament.

Inquiries amongst steamboat men lead to the conclusion that, owing to the troubles in the west, the carrying trade via Winnipeg to the Saskatchewan will be considerably duller than usual this summer. Traders are not prepared to run any risks, and are waiting for things to quiet down.

The Custom House Officer at Gananoque granted the first clearance this season to the *Schr. B. W. Folger* last Tuesday, and she left for Oswego with grain next day.

The schooner *Mansuilla*, lying below the bridge at Kingston for the past two years, has been sold by Hon. J. G. Ross, Quebec, to Messrs. Murphy & Wison, Hamilton.

The flood in the vicinity of South Mountain surpasses anything before known. The bridge was swept away, and several bridges along the Nation received injury to a very considerable extent. They had to ferry the river with a small boat which was by no means safe, some of the boys being carried nearly over the dam, Peter especially having a close call.

A recent amendment to the Ontario liquor license Act reads:—Every person, not being the occupant or a member of his family or lodger in his house, who buys or obtains or attempts to buy or obtain intoxicating liquor during the time prohibited by this Act for the sale thereof, shall be liable to a fine of not less than \$2 or not more than \$40 and costs.

The Iroquois Mail Carrier on his return trip from Mountain last Saturday week met with quite an adventure. While passing Mr. Montgomery's, where the water was about as high as the fence, his horse got on a cake of ice and jumping upset the buggy and threw an old lady passenger and the driver into the water. The lady's clothing kept her up until she reached the fence and Mr. Montgomery came to the rescue with a canoe, the lady was taken to his house, where she obtained dry clothing, then taken to the bridge in a canoe and proceeded on her way rejoicing.