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which has been amended by inserting the words "street railway." It appears to me the clause is objectionable in this way: A system of transfer tickets exists in the city of Toronto similar in some of its features to the transfer system in Ottawa, with which no doubt you are familiar; but there are special provisions and clauses in our transfer system which are just now the subject of consideration by our City Engineer, and are not in a settled condition. I therefore state them by way of illustration, and do not assert that they are exactly in the form stated.

Every person desiring a transfer ticket must name the place to which he is going; he must transfer at the junction of the track upon which he starts with the track leading to the place to which he intends going. The time at which such junction will be reached is marked upon his ticket, and to enable him to use his transfer he must take the next car leading to his place of destination. The passenger, unless he carries an accurate timepiece, has no means of verifying the time punched on his ticket. If the time be wrong on production of the ticket it is evidence of fraud on his part.

Will Proceed to Ottawa.

Ald. Scott moved that the matter be referred to the chairman of the Executive Committee, who, with the City Solicitor, may proceed to Ottawa, if necessary, and seek final amendment of the objectionable clause.

Ald. Sheppard strongly denounced this stringent legislation, which was solely in the interest of the Street Railway Company and against that of the public.

The motion carried.

A Pavement Preservative.

Mr. W. S. Finch wrote with reference to the condition of certain sidewalks treated with the Finch Wood Preservative in 1886. It stated that the Board of Works, concerned at the city's loss by decayed lumber, and learning that it could be prevented, ordered two sidewalks laid, one preserved, the other not treated. Both were laid of similar lumber. By order of Ald. Lamb, planks and scantlings from both these sidewalks laid in 1886 were exhibited in the City Engineer's office, where they are at present. Those which were preserved are found as sound and good as when they were laid, and after eight years are seasoned equal to or better than any new lumber in the city yards. That which was not treated was reported very much decayed in 1891. Probably 100 miles, or one-half of the city sidewalks, are now decayed, unsanitary or unsafe, which would have been sound if they had been preserved. The cost of a permanent preserved plank sidewalk, good for ten years, is about one-fifth the cost of stone or granolithic. Having proved beyond question that decayed rotten sidewalks are expensive, though good for trade, and bad for the taxpayers, he trusted that the council would order their discontinuance.

The letter was referred to the Board of Works.

Island Dredging.

Ald. McMurrich and Allen carried a motion, that the Harbor Commissioners, having notified the council that they are not willing to do the dredging at the Island, so as to make the waters of the bay navigable for Island ferries, and in view of the fact that the City Counsel has given it as his opinion that the Harbor Board is legally bound to do the said dredging, the City Clerk notified the Harbor Board that it is the intention of the city to proceed with the work of dredging on the north shore of the Island, and to charge the cost to the Harbor Board.

Test of Coal.

There was another discussion on the alleged defective nature of the coal which is being supplied to the Waterworks Department. Ald. R. H. Graham moved that an independent analysis be made by Prof. Ellis and that he report to the Board of Works. Ald. Jolliffe seconded. Ald. Allen regarded the motion as one of want of confidence in the Board of Works. Ald. Leslie supported an outside analyst. The motion carried.

The City Engineer reported that, in compliance with the resolution of Council, he had arranged with the Treasurer for the keeping of a register showing all local improvements in course of construction.

Ald. Jolliffe carried a motion abrogating the 5 per cent. penalty on unpaid rates until the following instalment is due.

On motion of Ald. Blong a resolution carried requesting the Police Commissioners to secure from the Street Railway Company the right of free passage on the cars for all policemen in plain clothes who should, by the wearing of a special badge, show they are on duty.

A motion of Ald. Allen and McMurrich for more seats in the city parks and gardens was referred to the Parks and Gardens Committee.

To Forward Public Work.

A motion of Ald. Scott and Rowe carried, instructing the City Engineer to report on the advisability of his taking the preliminary steps at a much earlier date in such works as he may propose to undertake, and also take such necessary steps thereafter as will provide for the beginning of such public works at the earliest suitable time for carrying out his recommendations.

A bylaw of Ald. Dunn that police officers other than inspectors have power to discharge persons arrested for drunkenness when they became sober was carried.

A bylaw to incorporate small lots of Island property when the leases fall in as part of Island Park carried.

A motion of Ald. Dunn and McMurrich that the council adjourn till Sept. 23 was lost by a large majority. It was stated that there was sufficient business to necessitate the holding of another meeting before the vacation.

Council adjourned at 6 p.m.

Niagara Falls Growing Fast.

Niagara Falls, Ont., July 8.—A special census of this town was taken by the municipality here to-day, which shows the exact population of the town of Niagara Falls, Ont., to be 4515, an increase of nearly 1000 since the Dominion census of 1891. The large increase is due to the many improvements going on here.

Betrayed Military Secrets.

Berlin, July 8.—The High Court at Leipsic has sentenced a Metz coal dealer named Haupe and a sergeant in the German army named Schreiber respectively to four years' and eight years' imprisonment for betraying military secrets to the French.

HEAT AND CYCLONIC WINDS.

Immense Damage by Wind—Sudden Drop in Temperatures—Welcome Rains.

Chicago, Ill., July 8.—Terrific heat was succeeded by destructive storms throughout the northern portion of the state yesterday. At Joliette the hottest day of the season was experienced. The thermometer stood at 107 degrees in the shade. Last evening a heavy windstorm visited this section, being the worst in years, and doing much damage. Rain fell. Crops of all kinds were drying up, and were greatly benefited.

At Freeport, after several hours of the most oppressive heat, a windstorm struck the city, doing a great deal of damage. It was followed by rain.

At Savanna, a storm amounting almost to a cyclone struck the city. The thermometer dropped from 97 to 76 in 15 minutes. Little rain fell there, but there was a heavy storm to the south.

At Plano, the drought, which had prevailed for ten weeks, was broken by copious rains, accompanied by cyclonic winds. The rain came in time to save the corn, potato and oat crops. The hay, rye and wheat crops are almost a total failure.

At Kewanee, the hardest windstorm occurred that has prevailed for years. At 3 o'clock the thermometer registered 105, and in half an hour it dropped 40 degrees. A heavy rain followed, which will save the corn.

Ten Cars Blown Off the Track.

Canton, Kas., July 8.—Four inches of rain fell here yesterday, and a strong wind damaged buildings, blew over a barn where a dozen men had taken shelter, and injured four of them, one fatally. Ten cars were blown from the tracks in the Santa Fe yards. Not a barn or windmill is left standing in the track of the storm, and the damage is incalculable.

A Town Under Water.

Richland, Mo., July 8.—A cloudburst struck the town of Linn Creek, the county seat of Camden County, Saturday evening, and it is entirely under water. The citizens were compelled to leave their houses and run for the hills.

Called Out Winter Coats

Hill City, S.D., July 8.—Bean vines and other garden truck suffered Saturday night along the Harney range. The weather called out winter overcoats.

18 Dead at Winona.

Kansas City, Mo., July 8.—Official advices received from officers of the Kansas City, Fort Scott and Memphis Railroad, at headquarters in this city, state that 18 bodies have been recovered from the Winona, Mo., flood, and that two bodies have been recovered at Thomasville.

MUTUAL MURDER.

A Missouri Man Kills His Wife and Child and Commits Suicide.

Meadeville, Mo., July 8.—S. A. Fields, until recently editor of The Post at Polomo, cut the throats of his wife and baby with a razor this morning, and then ended his own life in the same manner. The bodies were found in a garden about 200 yards from the residence of his mother-in-law, who lives near here. Fields, his wife and little boy were visiting his mother-in-law, Mrs. William Thomas, two miles northeast of this place. They went out in the pasture this morning, and the supposition is Fields cut his little boy's throat, then his wife's, then his own. No reason is given for the deed. A note was found on Mrs. Fields, saying that everything they had was left to her mother, Mrs. Thomas. It seems that Fields and his wife had planned the tragedy, for she went into the house after they went out and put on an old dress, and then returned to the pasture.

MURDERER 12, VICTIM 10.

Fatal Quarrel Between Boys Over a Baseball Game.

Albion, Mich., July 8.—While playing ball in Dalrymple's Grove yesterday, Ernest Kushrow and August Nauss, aged 10 and 12, respectively, got into a quarrel, and young Kushrow, seizing a ball club, struck Nauss across the face. The boy gasped once and fell dead. An unfriendly feeling had existed between the two lads for several days, and Kushrow exclaimed as he took up the bat, "I'll fix you now."

Attempted Wife Murder

Niagara Falls, N.Y., July 8.—Frank Renonnatti, a vicious Italian, who last March nearly severed another Italian's leg with a hatchet, for which he recently completed a sentence of 60 days, nearly murdered his wife this morning by slashing her throat with a razor. The woman was taken to a hospital, and Renonnatti fled, but was later captured. The woman will probably recover.

FOUGHT AT BALAKLAVA.

Another of the "Thin Red Line of 'Eroes" Called Home.

Jackson, Mich., July 8.—Thomas Phillips, an Englishman, died at his home at Woodville, west of this city, at the age of 70 years. He was a member of the famous Light Brigade, which charged at Balaklava Oct. 25, 1854. Mr. Phillips came out of the battle with many bullet wounds and sabre cuts, though none of them proved serious. He had among his possessions a bronze medal commemorating the deed of the brigade. By his death the remnant of this band of heroes is reduced to three, who are supported by pensions in England.

LURED BY PERUVIAN GOLD.

Australian Miners Settling in South America

Colon, Colombia, July 8.—Peruvian gold is attracting Australian miners, who purpose settling in Peru.

The Chilian Times vehemently opposes the contemplated purchase of the property and assets of the Peruvian Corporation by the French. It gives statistics to show that European syndicates systematically swindle the South American republics, which generally receive only fractions of the loans raised for them.

SUNDAY CARS IN KINGSTON.

Will the Lord's Day Alliance Take Action to Stop Them?

Kingston, Ont., July 8.—The Lord's Day's Alliance has reported to the Executive at Toronto the action of the managers of the Kingston Electric Street Railway Company in running cars on Sunday, and await instructions. The company yesterday collected between eight and ten thousand fares. The managers are ready for a suit, and will test the question to the highest court, as the charter gives them power to run cars "every day."

111° in the Shade in Italy.

Rome, July 8.—Intense heat prevails throughout Italy and several deaths caused thereby have been reported. At Palermo the mercury to-day registered 111 degrees in the shade.

DROPPED DEAD ON THE WHARF

SUDDENLY STRICKEN WHILE HURRYING TO CATCH A BOAT.

A Former Well-Known Canner of Stamford Who Was in the City on a Visit Dies Suddenly From Heart Disease in Front of the Ticket Office on the Yonge-street Dock.

Hurrying to catch the Niagara boat at 4.45 p.m. yesterday A. B. Dunning, an old gentleman whose home is in Stamford, Ont., dropped dead from heart disease in front of the ticket office on Yonge-street wharf.

Deceased came here from Stamford on the morning boat, and, after having transacted some business in the city, visited his friend, Mr. W. D. Fox, who lives at 204 Wilton-avenue. Mr. Fox drove him to Dr. Garrett's surgery, where he obtained a prescription for medicine for heart trouble.

It appears that Mr. Dunning has suffered from a disease of the heart for some time, and he was advised by the doctor to take no violent exertion. He at one time owned a canning factory at Stamford, having recently retired.

Deceased leaves an invalid wife, but no children.

Coroner Young, who was on the wharf at the time the sad affair occurred, took charge of the body and had it removed to the Morgue in the patrol wagon.

Deceased was about 70 years of age and was identified by papers found in his pockets. The body was handed over to Undertaker H. Ellis last night, who will have it taken to Stamford this morning.

RAILWAY MEN AT DINNER.

International Railroad Congress Banqueted at the Crystal Palace.

London, July 8.—The Railway Companies' Association gave a dinner tonight at the Crystal Palace to the delegates to the International Railway Congress. Lord Stalybridge, chairman of the London and Northwestern Railway Company, who presided, said he hoped that the congress would not only do good for the railway world, but that it would promote peace and friendship generally.

Mr. Henry S. Haines, president of the American Railway Association, made a long and earnest speech. It was, he said, a serious undertaking for himself and his associates to forsake their duties so long. They would not have felt warranted in doing so but for the assurance that the congress would be given dignity and importance equal to the preceding congresses. He referred to the interest the Queen, the Prince of Wales and the Board of Trade had taken in fulfilling this assurance.

The railway managers of Great Britain, he added, had made the name of British railways synonymous with safety of life and celerity of transit. He hoped that the railway men present would soon visit America and inspect the railways there.

Seven hundred and fifty persons were present at the banquet. After the dinner there were fireworks in the palace gardens.

CRUELTY IN A CONVENT.

A Mexican Girl Accuses the Superior, Who Is Thought Insane.

Mexico City, July 8. — A young girl belonging to an excellent family in a rural town near this city, owing to a disappointment in love, was induced to enter a convent and become a novice. Shortly afterwards she ran away, returning to her family.

She now charges that the mother superior was exceedingly cruel and that, among other things, she compelled the novices to arise in the night and pray. As this girl could not avoid dropping to sleep, the mother superior, she asserts, fastened to each eyelid a steel spring attached to a cord in order to hold the lids open — something like a form of Chinese torture.

The girl further declares that she and other girls, in order to keep them humble, were not permitted to eat at table, but were compelled to sit under the table, and were served with very scant fare.

People who have investigated the case say the mother superior undoubtedly is insane, her passion for austerity and asceticism carrying her to incredible lengths.

BELIZE INDIANS HATE GOLD.

Complain That Shelving Silver Has Cut Their Wages in Two.

Belize, British Honduras, via Yucatan, July 8.—The Indian mahogany-cutters complain that the adoption by the colony of the gold standard has cut their wages in two.

They have sent one of their chiefs here to demand that the silver coins which they have received in payment for their work be accepted at their par value and not subjected to a discount. It is impossible to convince the Indians that a gold standard is an advantage to the country, as they point to the fact that they have been juggled out of half of their pay.

The Yucatan residents here want the colony annexed to Mexico, which still maintains its right to this region. Yucatans argue that the case is precisely similar to that in Venezuela, where the English have wrongfully possessed themselves of territory.

England is not disposed to pamper this colony, and it is rumored that it may be offered to Mexico.

Liberty Bell for Atlanta.

Philadelphia, July 8.—The opposition to the removal of the Liberty bell to the Atlanta Exposition seems to have entirely disappeared, and the bell will probably be started on its southern journey Sept. 15.

Peary Expedition Sails To-Day.

St. John's, Nfld., July 8.—Work upon the Peary expedition's steamer is progressing fast. She is expected to sail tomorrow evening for Greenland. Prof. Salisbury, a member of the expedition, has just returned from an exploring trip through the interior.

Shot His Father-in-Law.

Middletown, N.Y., July 8. — Joshua Townsend, a prominent resident of Livingston Manor, was shot and instantly killed there this morning by George Brethaner, his son-in-law, as the result of a quarrel. Brethaner was arrested.

Vesuvius Giving a Free Exhibition

Naples, July 8.—Crowds of people are flocking to this city to witness the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. The Prince of Naples, the Crown Prince of Italy, has arrived here for the purpose. There was an immense emission of ashes to-day. The flow of lava tends to diminish.

Reported Uprising in Venezuela Denied

Washington, July 8.—Respecting the information brought to the United States by the Red Line steamer Venezuela that a number of rifles and thousands of rounds of ammunition were shipped to Venezuela, to be used in an outbreak under the guidance of Dr. Rojas Paul, on account of dissatisfaction regarding the bad financial condition of the country, Senor Jose Andrade, Venezuela Minister to the United States, said to-night that the story was an old one which had been received on several occasions. The latest advices he had received from his Government gave no intimation of an uprising of any kind.

DOINGS IN MONTREAL.

Down an Elevator to Death—Trouble Among the Consuls—The Merrimac Afloat.

Montreal, July 8.—The consular body here is on the eve of dissolution, and it is said that the representatives of Spain will seek another diplomatic post in the near future. The latter, so it is rumored, feels very keenly the treatment received at the recent unveiling of the Sir John Macdonald monument in Dominion-square. Chairs were provided the several Consuls-General on the large platform, but Mr. Pedcorena, the Spanish representative, as well as others, were surprised to see that Mr. Kleczkowski, the French Consul-General, occupied an especial seat of honor beside the Governor-General, the Lieutenant-Governor and Ministers of State. Senor Pedcorena took this as a slight, and immediately left the grand stand. When the statue to Maisonneuve was unveiled later on, it was noticed that the seats reserved for the several Consuls-General were empty, and that all, with the exception of Mr. D. A. Ansell, Consul-General for Mexico, had refused to attend. Of course, the French Consul-General here occupied a seat on the platform with the other speakers, as he was especially charged to represent the French Republic at the unveiling. It is quite likely that the friction which now exists will be interrupted before very long.

Fell Down an Elevator to Death.

A machinist named John Salisbury, aged 50, was killed to-day by falling down an elevator shaft while doing some repairing in Messrs. A. Nelson & Sons' warehouse, St. Peter-street. Deceased, who was married to a third wife and had two grown-up daughters, lived in Ottawa-street.

C.P.R. and T., H. & B.

The monthly meeting of the Canadian Pacific Executive took place to-day, but Mr. Drinkwater told your correspondent that only routine business was disposed of. The same official, being shown the despatch from Hamilton stating that the deal between the C.P.R. and the Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo Railway was to be completed in New York to-day, replied that the negotiations were still going on.

The Merrimac Afloat.

The steamer Merrimac, which grounded on Saturday at Isle Ronde, was got off to-day, and will proceed to sea in a day or two.

The City Council decided to-day to borrow $1,500,000, the same to be devoted to improvements.

SEIZED 19 DOZEN OF ALE.

Successful Raid of a York-street Dive by the Police.

The restaurants and dives where liquor is illegally dispensed have enjoyed immunity from any official visits on the part of Inspector Dexter or his men for some time past, and have increased in boldness and number as a consequence. Numerous protests from residents of the first precinct have induced Inspector Stephen to take the matter in hand, and he has instituted a vigorous policy to check these places.

Saturday evening, with a small posse of police, the Inspector swooped down upon the Green Bush Restaurant, 132 York-street. A thorough search resulted in a find of 20 dozen empties in the cellar. The police were about to withdraw from the place, when one of the officers noticed a plank in the floor of a rear kitchen, which had the appearance of having been disturbed. The floor was pulled up and disclosed a large hole cut into the blue clay beneath. Packed securely away in this hole were found 237 bottles of ale and lager, constituting the largest seizure of liquor ever made in one haul in the city. The entire lot was confiscated and sent to Police Headquarters. The police believe this place to be the headquarters and source of supply for all the unlicensed "joints" which inflict the York-street district.

From here the Inspector took a jaunt around to a restaurant kept at 175 King west by Kenneth Huff. Fifty bottles of ale were confiscated here. The proprietors of both places appear in the Police Court to-day.

A New York Village Wiped Out.

Manchestr, N.Y., July 8.—The business portion of this village was wiped out by fire early this morning. The estimated loss is $75,000, insurance about $45,000.

NEWFOUNDLAND'S LOAN.

Probability That the Whole of the Money Will Not Be Forthcoming.

St. John's, Nfld., July 8.—Difficulties of a serious character still arise and threaten the Whiteway Government. Trouble is being experienced in England with the bankers who floated the loan, because of Whitewayite extravagance in the sessional expenditures. The bankers contend that the Government has broken faith with them. Doubts are expressed here if all the loan will be forthcoming. Gov. O'Brien's refusal to assent to the reduction of salaries bill has also had a damaging influence. Colonial Secretary Bond will prolong his stay there to settle matters.

John S. Johnson to Go Against Robert J.

Syracuse, July 8.—Tom W. Eck said to-night that John S. Johnson, the white flyer, would accept the challenge of Borden, the English champion, to ride a race for the largest purse ever offered by any club or country, and a side bet of $1000. The condition he imposes is that a forfeit of $250 be posted by Borden with The American Wheelman or any other reliable sporting paper to bind the match, which Johnson will also do. The winner is to have the entire purse and stake money. The race against Robert J., the king of the turf, will be arranged, Eck says, for Buffalo in August. Johnson will give the horse the pole, and will have a quad for a pacemaker. This would require Johnson to ride on the outside, as there would be no chance of getting between the pacemaker and the running horse.

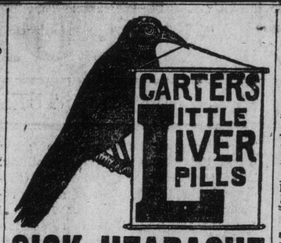
She Killed an 80-Pound Wildcat

From The Cincinnati Enquirer.

Cedar Key, Fla., June 30.—George Higginbotham lives on the Suwanee River, about seven miles from here, and yesterday morning he left home, leaving his wife and children alone. In the afternoon Mrs. Higginbotham and the children went out to the sugar-cane patches, the lady carrying her husband's hunting knife. One of the children strayed off, and soon Mrs. Higginbotham heard it scream.

She rushed to the scene, and found that a large catamount had knocked the child down and was standing over it. The animal immediately left the child and attacked the mother. It sprang at the woman, and tore her face and neck horribly with its sharp claws. The mother plunged the knife into the catamount repeatedly, seemingly with no effect. Finally Mrs. Higginbotham dealt the beast a powerful blow with the knife and fainted. The last blow reached the catamount's heart, and as the woman fell unconscious the animal dropped dead.

The children called the neighbors, and they found Mrs. Higginbotham unconscious, with the dead catamount on her breast. Mrs. Higginbotham was frightfully torn, and may not recover. The child stricken down by the beast was uninjured. The catamount weighed about 80 pounds.



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PARLIAMENT DISSOLVED.

The Queen Signs the Proclamation Dissolving the Commons.

London, July 8.—A meeting of the Privy Council, attended by Lord Salisbury, Premier; Baron Halsbury, Lord High Chancellor, and the Right Hon. A. Akers-Douglas, First Commissioner of Works, was held at Windsor to-day, when the Queen signed the proclamation dissolving Parliament.

The royal proclamation fixes the date of the assembling of the next Parliament at Aug. 12.

Matthews Now Viscount Glamorgan.

Right Hon. Henry Matthews, member of Parliament for the East Division of Birmingham, who held the position of Secretary of State for Home Affairs from August, 1886, to August, 1892, in the Ministry of Lord Salisbury, has been raised to the peerage as Viscount Glamorgan.

A Kilkenny Convention.

London, July 8.—The Irish National Convention met at Omagh, County Tyrone, and was the scene of constant disturbance. Owing to the disputes between Timothy Healy, John Dillon and Dr. Kenny, no chairman could be appointed, and organization of the convention was not effected. A strong force of police was stationed outside the building in readiness to quell any violent disorder.

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Just Listen to This.

Paris, July 8.—The Figaro prints what purports to be an interview with United States Ambassador Eustis, in which that gentleman is made to say that it rested entirely with the United States whether Canada would be taken into the American Federation. The Government of the United States preferred to allow that question to rest, at the same time, however, giving Great Britain to understand that there must be no nonsense, or Canada would be annexed.

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