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CANADIAN NEWS.

Residents of Belleville Pass Resolutions in Favor of Union With the States.

An Epidemic of Mill Fires—One Thousand Cattle Form One Shipload for England.

Presbyterian Church Appointments.

TORONTO, Oct. 15.—The Presbyterian mission committee ordered the following claims for mission work done, during the past six months, to be paid: Winnipeg, $1,757; Rock Lake, $957; Brandon, $1,003; Minnedosa, $1,950; Regina, $1,190; Calgary, $2,216; British Columbia, $2,822. The augmentation claims, for the past six months, were passed and ordered to be paid, as follows: Winnipeg, $450; Rock Lake, $3,491; Brandon, $800; Minnedosa, $104; Regina, $63; Calgary, $343; British Columbia, $150. They made the following appointments of missionaries: Rev. J. McElmon to Surrey, B.C.; Rev. G. Hamilton to Fort McLeod; Rev. W. J. McKenzie, to Kettle River, B.C.

Heavy Cattle Shipments.

MONTREAL, Oct. 15.—The steamship Labrador sailed, yesterday, with six hundred and sixty head of range cattle. the largest consignment made on one steamship. They are from Senator Cochrane's ranche. There are one thousand and seventy, in all, of these cattle, will leave port this week. They are consigned to Pritchard, Moore & Cruit, of London and Liverpool.

Small-Pox in Quebec.

SHERBROOKE, Que., Oct. 15.—Four cases of small-pox has been discovered near here and quarantined. There are now about thirty cases throughout the province.

In Favor of Annexation.

TORONTO, Oct. 15.—A despatch from Belleville, Ont., says that a large and enthusiastic meeting on behalf of political union with the United States was held there this evening. Among the speakers were Sol. White, M.P.P., and D. Biron, ex-M.P. for South Essex. At the end of the meeting, a resolution was passed in favor of political union, every person rising to his feet to show his sympathy with the movement.

Fire Among the Sawmills.

GRAVENHURST, Oct. 15.—Cereots' saw mill here was burned this morning; loss, $12,000; insurance, $8,000. Deblaquieres' sawmills at Leg Lake, with 3,000,000 feet of lumber and several cement houses, have also been burned. Loss on mill, $8,000; other losses and insurance unknown.

Fire's Ravages.

CHAMBLY CANTON, Que., Oct. 15.—A Paper mill at Richelieu, and one house, were burned early this morning, together with the large tubular bridge between here and Richelieu.

The Lake George Blockade.

STE. MARIE, Oct. 10.—The blocade caused by the sinking of the Susan Peck in the channel, at Lake George, was raised this morning. The propeller Monarch being the first boat to come through. She reached here at 9 o'clock this morning, bound up.

Rescued.

HALIFAX, N.S., Oct. 16.—The schooner Elite arrived at St. Johns, Nf., from Oporto, on Oct. 11th. She sighted a boat in mid-ocean, flying a signal of distress; she hove to and took on board captain and crew of the bark "Lina," which left Liverpool in ballast August 18th, for Guysboro, N.S., and encountered stormy weather up to Sept. 7th, when she sprung a leak in lat. 48°, long 33° W. On September 9th the crew took to the jolly-boat and left the ship, which went down shortly afterwards. The men suffered from lack of food and water until rescued by the Elite.

Militia Orders.

OTTAWA, Oct. 16.—Militia orders to-morrow will contain the promotion of Sergt. Benjamin Williams as Lieutenant 3rd Battery, B. C. B. G. A., vice E. W. Matthews, resigned.

B. C. Navigation.

OTTAWA, Oct. 16.—The Gazette to-morrow will publish a lengthy series of notices respecting the navigation of B. C. waters, the result of enquiries prompted by the publication of the British Admiralty hydrographic notice, 1891. They will prove valuable to mariners in B. C. waters.

A Mine Closed Down.

WHITE FISH, Ont., Oct. 10.—The Blizzard Worthington Mines, operated by the Dominion Mineral Co., Montreal have been closed down. Over 200 men are out of employment. It is said a controlling interest in the stock of the company has been bought up by some English mining capitalists, and that the mine will be worked by them on a larger scale next year.

The Baie des Chaleurs Railway.

QUEBEC, Oct. 16.—Hon. Mr. Garneau gave evidence before the Royal Commission, this morning. He testified that while acting in the place of Mercier, during that gentleman's absence in Europe, he had to act in the case of the Baie des Chaleurs railway.

Diphtheria in Toronto.

TORONTO, Oct, 16.—The Gladstone Avenue Public School closed to-day, it having come to the knowledge of the health authorities that children were in attendance from houses infected with diphtheria.

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Oct. 15.—Plans have been prepared by C. O. Wickenden, of this city, and accepted by the Bank of British North America, for their new building at the corner of Hastings and Richard streets. Tenders will be called for in a few days, so that the foundation and basement may be completed this fall. The plan shows four story, stone front, building, fronting 52 feet on Hastings by 64 feet on Richards street.

The Nanaimo fire brigade will doubtless before very long be given a chance to prove that they are properly entitled to the laurels won in the recent tournament at Victoria. A movement is now on foot in the city to get up a purse of $1,000 for a contest here, providing Nanaimo will bet $1,000 against the Vancouver team's money. If the race is a "go," it will attract a good deal of attention, both in Vancouver and out of it.

WESTMINSTER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., Oct. 15.—The bark Rothesay Bay was towed out of port, this afternoon, for Victoria, to discharge cargo.

The injunction obtained by James Punch, M.P.P., to restrain the Southern Railway from passing through his property, has been dissolved, arrangements satisfactory to both parties having been arrived at.

A fisherman named John Anderson, who left this city Tuesday night, in a canoe, for his home across the river, has not been heard from since, and it is supposed he is drowned, as he was very drunk when he left town. Anderson was one of the oldest fishermen on the river.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Oct. 16.—An old man from the Sound was robbed of $310, last night, while considerably the worse of liquor.

A Sapperton man, named Walmsley, will be tried in the police court, to-morrow, for pinning his wife to a wall with a hot stove lid, and burning her neck very severely.

A deserter from the Warspite was arrested here, this morning. He was sleeping comfortably under a sidewalk.

VICTIMS OF THE EXPLOSION.

The Evangel's Death Roll Now Numbers Three—Others will Die.

PORT TOWNSEND, Oct. 15.—Seven victims of the terrible boiler explosion of the steamship Evangel were brought from Whatcom on the City of Seattle, to-day, one dead and six wounded. One of the wounded died at 4 o'clock, this afternoon, making the number of dead be three. The body of Gus Carlson, the deck-hand, who was drowned in his bunk by the bursting of the water tank, was left at Whatcom. Carlson was a native of Sweden.

Julius Flint, the fireman, was a native of New York, 21 years old, and has lived in Port Townsend for the last seventeen years. He was standing on the main deck, lighting a lamp, when the explosion occurred. He was caught by the flying timbers, was bruised and scalded, and died while being brought here.

William R. Biggs, a deck-hand, a native of Prince Edward Island, was scalded and injured from inhaling steam and smoke. He died here at 4 o'clock, to-day, at the Marine hospital.

The injured at the Marine hospital are:

Albert E. Biggs, assistant engineer, a native of New Brunswick, 26 years old, who was in bed when the explosion occurred, is severely burned about the face and body.

David Ross, fireman, a native of Australia, aged 27 years, is paralyzed from his waist down, having been crushed by falling timbers. He will probably die.

John Feeney, fireman, is a native of Ireland, 26 years of age. His skull was fractured and his injuries are supposed to be fatal.

Charles R. Turner, the steward, is a German, 34 years of age. His hands and body are badly bruised.

Joseph Burrows, negro cook, was badly scalded all over the head and body.

The doctors are trying hard to save the injured men, but say there is great danger from the terrible shock to their nervous systems and the depth of their wounds. Fears are entertained, to-night, that Assistant Engineer Biggs and Cook Burrows may die.

The cause of the explosion is a mystery and cannot be accounted for by the employes of the boat. Chief Engineer Mann says the steam was going down when he left the Evangel at the wharf, and was below thirty pounds pressure. Capt. Morgan and Engineer Mann were up town when the explosion occurred.

Dr. William A. Olmstead, surgeon for the Denver & Rio Grande railway, of Pueblo, who is here on a pleasure trip, rendered good service to the wounded, and attended them from Whatcom to this place. He thinks the injuries of all the men will prove fatal.

John Feeney says he was sleeping near Carlson when the crash came and the water flooded the room. He says Carlson was not struck by the timbers or scalded, but was drowned in bed. He says if the water tank had not burst he and Carlson would both have been scalded to death.

Some of the men are bitter in their denunciation of the chief engineer, and say he went away and neglected his duty, leaving on a full head of steam. Capt. Morgan and Engineer Mann would both have been killed had they been in their rooms, for that portion of the boat was torn to fragments.

The steamer was insured for $7,500, but this is insurance against fire or marine disaster. The vessel will be towed to Seattle. Capt. Morgan places his pecuniary loss at $10,000.

WHATCOM, Oct. 15.—The Evangel's wounded crew were this morning taken to the Port Townsend Marine hospital by the City of Seattle. Gus Carlson, the dead deckhand, a Swede, aged 23, was left in the wharf warehouse by Captain Morgan, without any arrangement for burial. The body will be cared for by citizens here. The coroner will to-morrow hold an inquest to investigate the cause of the explosion which resulted in Carson's death and injury to the others.

Mate Davis, who escaped uninjured, is reticent about the cause, but the coroner's jury will try to ferret out the facts. Steamboatmen believe that water poured into the hot boiler precipitated the disaster.

Immense crowds visited the wrecked Evangel to-day. The hull is moored at the Sehome wharf. The entire inside is shattered and the upper works carried away. The boiler flew from amidships from the bottom of the hold upward and forward over the boat into the bay, where it rests under the water. The mast and its strong timbers are broken to slivers. It is a miracle that all on board were not killed.

The hull is not injured, but as the water tank was cracked the vessel is partly filled with water.

BY ATLANTIC CABLE

Healy Says the Living Present Should Chiefly Concern True Irishmen.

Subscriptions to be Received in London for the Relief of Distress in Russia.

The French Chamber of Deputies.

PARIS, Oct. 15.—The Sessions of the Senate and Chamber of Deputies were formally reopened, to-day, although no business of importance was transacted. In the lobby of the Chamber of Deputies there was a general interchange of greetings and felicitations upon the exceptionally promising economic position of France. The deputies generally expressed themselves as satisfied with the success of the foreign policy of the Government, while it is true that the members of the Right were the most enthusiastic in their praise of the policy which has resulted in the rehabitation of France as a controlling factor in the political councils of Europe. There were very few of the members of the Left, who did not utter a word of praise. The matter of the suicide of General Boulanger was not openly adverted to.

The Bishops' Protest.

PARIS, Oct. 15.—The Cabinet, to-day, considered the protest of the Archbishop of Rheims and of the Bishop of Angers, against the government order prohibiting bishops from leaving their dioceses without having first obtained the permission of the government to do so. The order complained of was issued as the result of the recent disorders in the Pantheon, at Rome, before the tomb of King Victor Emanuel. The Cabinet decided that the order must be enforced.

Lichfield Cathedral Struck by Lightning.

LONDON, Oct. 15.—Lightning to-day struck, and slightly damaged, the central tower of the Lichfield Cathedral, one of the noblest ecclesiastical edifices in the kingdom. Lord Grimthorpe and two clergymen, who were inspecting the new cathedral clock, were severely shaken and greatly alarmed by the shock. The three gentlemen escaped from the tower in safety.

Irish Affairs.

LONDON, Oct. 15.—There is much curiosity as to where the money is to come from to conduct the two projected new Parnellite organs in Dublin, the Irish Daily Independent (morning) and the Evening Herald, the prospectuses of which have been published. The anti-Parnellites predict that the masses of the people will not subscribe to any appreciable extent, and that the burden will fall chiefly upon Mr. Pierce Mahony, M.P. for Meath, and the very few other Parnellites who have means. This is assuming that these papers are to be conducted as newspapers pure and simple, and in the interest of the Parnellite party solely. But the McCarthyites freely express their skepticism on this point and declare that the bulk of funds needed will be supplied underground by the Tory caucus. The fight between the factions in Ireland will begin next week. On Tuesday, the county convention at Kilkenny will afford an opportunity for the McCarthyites to show their strength. Mr. O'Brien will be the principal speaker. On Thursday, Dillon and Healy address the Wexford county convention, therefore there will be at least one big display a week outside the election meetings. It is hoped that before the campaign is over Mr. Davitt will join the other noted speakers in presenting the anti-Parnellite view of the situation to the people. Meanwhile the Parnellites will be far from idle, and a lively time is expected. It is undeniable, however, that in spite of the bold front maintained by the Parnellite leaders, some of the hot-headed and reckless of the adherents of the late statesman are showing signs of a readiness to make terms with the majority. Col. Nolan and some others of the more respectable element of that party are plainly wavering in their allegiance to the Redmond faction, and beside these there are a number of Parnellites who are wholly dependent upon their salaries as members of parliament, and they cannot be depended upon a moment should the signs begin to point to the support of the McCarthyites by the majority of the people. As the feeling aroused by Parnell's death recedes, the prospects of the advents to his views seem to grow less bright. The boycotted Catholic tenants on the Barry estates have addressed a petition to Archbishop Croke for the removal of the priest Humphrey, who was the local leader of the disastrous plan of campaign in that district. They declare that if the objectionable priest is retained they will withhold their support from the annual collection of funds in aid of the curates of the parish.

There are signs that the trouble of long standing between the proprietors of the Ponsonby estate and the tenants is about to be settled.

Murdered Their Master.

LONDON, Oct. 15.—A farm steward and two laborers have been arrested at Schonburg-Goldapp, on suspicion of having murdered their master, the Lord of the Manor of Reiner.

A Village Wiped Out by Fire.

LONDON, Oct. 15.—The greater portion of the village of Ottendorf, Lubeck, has been destroyed by fire. Seventy-one families are destitute and homeless, as a result.

It Will Be a Great Fair.

LONDON, Oct. 15.—Sir Henry Wood, Mr. Dredge and other gentlemen who have been visiting Chicago to inspect the preparations for the exhibition, landed at Liverpool yesterday on the steamer Majestic, which they report, in spite of the storm, made a fine passage. Sir Henry Wood arrived here yesterday evening, and to-day accorded an interview to the representative of the International Telegram company. He said he was exceedingly pleased with the visit to the United States. His reception everywhere was delightful, especially at Washington. In reply to questions, about the fair Sir Henry continued: "From what I saw and heard I think the exhibition will be a success. When I arrived in America I was undecided as to whether New York or Chicago was best adapted for the fair. Now I think Chicago is decidedly the best place for it. Chicago needs to advertise herself, New York does not. Chicago is sure to put vigor and concentration of purpose into the enterprise. Wherever I went in the United States I found the keenest interest in the fair. The people of Chicago are alive with it. There was a slight tinge of jealousy in New York, which made some of her people pretend to disparage Chicago in the matter, but this was sure to evaporate before long. The arrangements made at Chicago so far are admirable. The plans of the buildings are good and give ample room. There is one disadvantage; the site for the exhibition is five or six miles from the centre of the city. This is hardly worth mentioning, since the location is so beautiful and the collective facilities are so ample. Mr. Dredge and myself are preparing our report, which, I may say, will be very favorable and, I cannot doubt, will have the effect of making the English section a success. The German commissioner is also pleased with the aspect of affairs like ourselves. We were treated with the greatest kindness, and every courtesy was extended to us in the cities which we visited." Sir Henry remarked that Washington had made wonderful progress, and he preferred it to all the cities he saw.

Healy Speaks Plainly.

DUBLIN, Oct. 16.—A convention of the Irish National federation was held at Cavan, to-day. Numerous priests were among the delegates. Timothy Healy presided, and, in address, said the members of the Irish National party were not concerned with eulogies over the dead, but with the interests of the living. "Let the dead past bury its dead." He hoped that dissensions would be interred in Parnell's grave. The note for a renewed war came from the minority and not from them. Ireland has given the minority no mandate to perpetuate the feud. Their position was degrading. If the letters and repeated declarations of Redmond and Harrington were published, he promised such an exposure as probably had never been known in regard to the public men and people of Ireland. He could forgive Parnell, but these men pretending to be his political heirs were acting solely in the interest of Dublin castle and the Orange lodges.

Russia or England.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 16.—A sensation has been caused by the publication of a letter in the Samareand Gazette, to the effect that the Khan Ghudonar, of Khokand, has instigated England to menace Russia authorities in the province of Farghana. Russia has found it necessary, as a measure of protection to annex the adjacent Khanites. It is known that England will protest against the annexation.

A Dismissed Vice-Consul.

LONDON, Oct. 16th.—The Argentine Republic has dismissed its vice-consul, Aldana, at Southampton, owing to the local complaints against him.

The Parnellite Programme.

LONDON, Oct. 16.—After consulting with his constituents, Mr. P. McDonald, M.P. for North Sligo, concluded to sign the Parnell manifesto. Col. Nolan, M.P., intimated that he would not sign, although he supported the Parnellite programme, and would continue to do so.

Bank Boodlers.

LONDON, Oct. 16.—The managing director of the English Bank of the River Platte, Arthur Smithers, was arrested to-day on a charge of having stolen £7,000. For years he has been in the habit of taking money from the funds of the bank, but until recently he has been able to replace the amount abstracted before the auditing of the books took place. Investigations at the time of winding up the affairs of the bank, which suspended on July 18th, revealed the dishonesty of Smithers.

Relief of Russia.

LONDON, Oct. 16.—There is some discussion as to the propriety of starting a Mansion House subscription for the relief of the famine in Russia.

France and the Tariff.

PARIS, Oct. 16.—Before the Customs Committee, to-day, M. Ribot, minister of foreign affairs, and M. Roche, minister of commerce, advocated the raising of the prohibition from American pork, and the substitution of a duty of 20 francs. Several members of the committee opposed the bill. A proposal by M. Ferry to postpone the discussion till Saturday was rejected. M. Ferry then declared that he would resign the Presidency. Efforts were made to reconsider the vote.

The Pamir Difficulty.

LONDON, Oct. 16.—The English foreign office denies the report from Russia, that the Pamir difficulty will be settled through a delimitation of the frontier. No power has made such a proposal, and England would not be likely to entertain it if made.

Socialists at Loggerheads.

BERLIN, Oct. 16.—In the Socialistic Congress, to-day, Herr Werner and Herr Wildberger were allowed the greatest freedom to explain their accusations of the leader. They indulged in torrents of personal invective and abuse, thereby causing great disorder. Wildberger refused to reveal the names of the two deputies who, he said, had informed him of the misapplication of money, as he declared that he knew that Congress would expel him. He would not agree to a committee, on the ground that the verdict was a foregone conclusion against the opposition. His speech was constantly interrupted by cries of "Turn him out." The uproar reached a pitch that bordered on a free fight. The speeches of the opposition were mostly of an anarchist character, and not endorsed by the majority of the congress, who waived Beliel's demand for the expulsion of the fire brands. The congress adjourned amid the wildest uproar. On summing up, the report of the central committee on the general finances of the party, was adopted, and the committee's action at all points was approved. A committee of nine was appointed to inquire into the accusations presented by the opposition.

CAPITAL NOTES.

The Tarte-McGreevy Scandals—The The Production of Connolly's Books Ordered,

Appointments which will Receive Public Favor—After the Storm Comes the Calm.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

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OTTAWA, Oct. 15.—The award in the C. P. R. arbitration, on Onderdonk's section, was taken up, to-day. It is impossible to ascertain the amount awarded, but it is believed to be considerably beneath the estimate of the railway.

There is considerable amazement in the Postoffice Department over the receipt of news, from the New York postoffice, that letters mailed from Scotland, on September 23rd, directed via one of the White Star steamers, mysteriously got to British Columbia and returned to New York via the C.P.R., thus travelling six thousand miles more than necessary.

Judge Doherty, of the Quebec Superior Court, has resigned, on account of ill health and old age. His successor will be appointed immediately. James Curran, member for Montreal, and P. J. Doherty, son of the late Judge, are mentioned for the post.

George Stanton, postmaster at Paris, Ontario, is just deceased; he was the oldest postmaster in Canada, and had held his position for over 30 years.

Internal revenue officers have seized the distillery at Berthier, 30 miles from Montreal, for infraction of the excise law.

The Cabinet sat three and a half hours to-day.

OTTAWA, Oct. 16.—Sir John Thompson and Deputy Minister of Justice Sedgewith, have received subpœnas to attend the Court of Queen's Bench at Quebec, in the case of Thomas McGreevy against Owen E. Murphy and Robt. McGreevy for conspiracy, and have been ordered to produce the books of Larkin, Connolly & Co., which have been retained by the Crown.

The Department of Justice expects next week to commence the prosecutions of the Quebec harbor work boodlers.

Frederick Champess has been appointed collector of customs at Lethbridge, and E. G. O. Hopkins, Regina, succeeds Ernest Bradley as inspector of mounted police.

Public opinion as to the repeal of the Scott Act will be taken at the polls at Drummond, Que., and Charlotte, N. B., on Nov. 17th.

Finance Minister Foster has gone on a week's holiday, which will be spent in New York.

The arbitration in the case of the C.P.R. on the Onderdonk section of the line is still kept secret, so far as the award is concerned. It is, however, understood that the decision against the Government will not exceed half a million. This is a considerable reduction, considering that the claim was ten millions. The whole amount of the award, by original agreement, will be spent on improving the mountain sections, so that the country will lose nothing by it.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

A Circus Afloat.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 15.—The steamer Monowai, sailing from here, Saturday next, for Australia, will carry away the largest cargo for the colonies that has ever left this port. Each inch of space on the steamer is is occupied, and it is with difficulty that one can move about the vessel. The principal part of the cargo consists of Sells Bros. circus. For the last two days a large force of men has been employed placing the tents, etc., on board. The work was accomplished without much difficulty, and, this morning, some of the animals were placed on deck, in their cages, for their trip to Australia. Besides animals, rolling stock, tents, etc., going on the Monowai, at least two hundred persons connected with the circus will take passage.

A Respectable Murderer.

SONOMA, Cal., Oct. 15.—Perry Sears, one of the oldest and most respectable farmers of this valley, shot and instantly killed John Riebli, between 12 and 1 o'clock to-day. The shooting took place on Sears' ranch. Immediately after the shooting Sears came to town and delivered himself up to the officers. The cause of the homicide is not known. Sears had been engaged in a bitter lawsuit over the possession of his home with his sister, Mrs. R. J. Snyder, and had been driven to the verge of insanity with his many troubles in connection with the suit.

Peterson a Hot Favorite.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 15.—The principal topic of conversation in sporting circles at the present time is the sculling race on Sunday afternoon next, between Peterson and Dutch, to take place on Oakland creek. Peterson is a hot favorite, and his admirers think that while he will have a hard race he will come ahead.

Murder in the First Degree.

WILLOWS, Cala., Oct. 15.—The jury in the case of J. Leroy, charged with the murder of Frederick Butterwick on August 24 last, to-day found the defendant guilty of murder in the first degree, with a recommendation to imprisonment for life.

Mount St. Elias Explorers Loss.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 14.—Much apprehension is felt for the safety of Lieutenant Russell and party, who were sent out by the Smithsonian Institution to explore Mount St. Elias. Russell and two men were to have met the revenue cutter Corwin at Yakitat on September 1st, but when the Corwin went there the Russell people did not appear, and the searching party sent out failed to find any trace of them.

Their Schemes Defeated.

SAN JOSE, Cal., Oct. 15.—Frank Adams, 18 years of age, who is in the county jail waiting trial for the murder of James Holman, jr., whom he shot while the latter was acting as a peacemaker, was to-day found to be implicated in a plot with Harry Sloan, serving six months for petty larceny, to break jail. Occupying a cell together in the second story of the jail, they had made a rope of blankets. Arrangements had been made with Adams' little sister to bring him a saw, and the bars were to be cut. The plot was discovered through the girl, and Adams confessed.

Supposed to be Drowned.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 15.—Steamer Venture, twenty-four hours from Rock Port, Cala., reports that yesterday, after letting go the lines, a boat capsized with the second mate and two men. They could only see one man get ashore, and the other two are supposed to be drowned, the sea being too rough to land again.

Not Guilty.

VISALIA, Cal., Oct. 15.—Wm Dillon, on trial for complicity in a train robbery, was acquitted, this afternoon.

A STUPID FAKE.

No Ground for the Report that the Russell Party is Lost.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 15. — Professor Davidson, of the United States coast and geodetic survey, speaking this morning of the reported loss in Alaska of the surveying party under Lieutenant Isaac C. Russell, said that he did not believe that any danger had befallen the party, but thought they had returned to the coast, perhaps to embark on the cutter Corwin before she left Behring Sea. Professor Davidson stated that Russell was thoroughly acquainted with Alaska and the modes of life and travel in that country, and that if he found himself cut off from return by reason of no vessels being at hand he would not strike down the coast, but would either winter among the Indians, or endeavor to to make his way into the Chilcat country. Before leaving here Russell told Professor Davidson that he would take only men who could be relied upon to withstand the hardships of exploration and only those necessary to perform scientific work. He would depend on miners and Indians for other assistance. Only one man joined the party from here, he being Frank Gillette Warner, of Hartford, Conn., expert photographer, who joined the expedition on the recommendation of Professor Davidson. The latter believes that Lieutenant Russell selected the remainder of his party in Seattle, and that they were conveyed to their destination on the up cruise of the Corwin. The exploration of Mount St. Elias was not so much the object of the expedition as a geological research throughout that section.

[There is no foundation whatever for the reported loss of the Russell exploring party. The stupid rumor was evidently started before the first attempt had been made to ascertain the facts, which could have been learned in the steamboat offices of Tacoma or Seattle. R. R. Munro, the post office inspector, who returned from Sitka by the last steamer, the City of Mexico, said that the Russell party had come down from the mountains and were on the shore. They had sent word by a passing steamer that they would be at Sitka in time to take the City of Topeka, which is due here within a week. The explorers would have come on to Sitka to catch the Mexico, but the steamer which brought word had no good accommodation for them.]

THE SCOTTISH CROFTERS.

Tacoma Interested in their Settlement on Vancouver Island.

TACOMA, Oct. 15.—The offer made by the British government to appropriate $750,000 to transplant 1,500 families of Scotch crofters somewhere in the British colonies has been brought to the notice of the Tacoma fishing interests, for the purpose of ascertaining, if the crofters were colonized on the west coast of Vancouver Island, if the products of their deep sea fishing industry could be marketed here. The crofters are skilled deep sea fishers, and the reason for transplanting them is the fact that the villages on the coast of Scotland where they reside are overcrowded. The Crescent Creamery and Cold Storage Company, of this city, has facilities for handling a large bulk of fish, and the Englishmen interested in the scheme have been informed that the catch of the crofters could be handled at this point and distributed through the interior. A company to promote this particular industry may be formed here. Colonel Englehue, of the Royal Engineers of London; Alexander Begg, Immigration Commissioner of British Columbia, and Major Clarke, of the Royal Colonial Institute of London, have been in the Northwest a couple of months in the interest of the proposition and have consulted with local capitalists and fish dealers. Nothing can be done until action has been taken by the British Columbia parliament.

PORTER TALKS OF THE CENSUS.

Average Farm and Home Debt—Cost of Gathering Mortgage Indebtedness.

BOSTON, Oct. 16.—Census Superintendent Porter, to-night, talked about the census before the American Statistical Association. He stated that, when completed, the 11th census will make not less than 25 quarto volumes of 1,000 pages each. The result of direct enquiry as to the debt on farms and homes has not yet been completed, but it was so far advanced that Porter was able to state that the average of the home and farm debt, of the partial returns from counties distributed throughout the union is $1,288 for farms, and $925 for homes. If these averages hold good, there is an existing debt in force of $2,500,000,000 on farms and homes occupied by owners and incumbered. It has cost nearly a million dollars thus far to collect these statistics of mortgage indebtedness, and it will take another $500,000 to finish the work.

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AMERICAN NEWS.

Earthquake Shocks in California—Premier Robson Returns Thanks for British Columbians.

A Lexington Woman Mutilated by an Escaped Convict—Fatal Boiler Explosion at Whatcom.

The Prison Congress.

PITTSBURG, Oct. 14.—At the session of the prison congress, this morning, a resolution was adopted requesting the ministers of the United States and Canada to regularly observe the fourth Sunday in October as prison Sunday, on which day a collection should be taken for the furtherance of the work of reformation. Chaplain Dates, of Massachusetts, read a lengthy paper on "The Chaplain." Ex-President Hayes was chosen President for the ensuing year, and Rev. L. J. Melligan, of Allegheny, Pa., Secretary. At the evening session Frederick H. Wines, of Springfield, Ill., delivered an address on "Crime in the Census of 1890." Wines said comparison with the census of 1880 would show a great increase of crime. The increase in the number of prisoners was 40 per cent., while the population increased 25 per cent. The greatest increase, however, was in minor prisons. After other papers were read, the congress adjourned to meet in Baltimore next year.

Tacoma Exposition.

TACOMA, Oct. 14.—Premier Robson of of British Columbia, has written to the managers of the exposition thanking them on behalf of British Columbia for the reception tendered on the closing day at the exposition. The board of directors and Manager Bucey, of the exposition, are slightly at loggerheads, Bucey claiming that the directors infringe upon his authority, they claiming to have the right to issue orders and make suggestions. Bucey will be paid $2,500 in stock for his services. He also claims $1,500 in money put into the building.

Earthquake Shocks in California.

NAPA, Cal., Oct. 14.—Four shocks of earthquake were felt here this morning at 4:30 o'clock. People were startled by quite a heavy shock, and several lighter ones have followed. The damage done by Sunday night's shock is much more than was at first supposed, and will amount to several thousand dollars. Many of the people here were so terrorized by the shock of Sunday night that the slightest quake now starts them into the streets.

PETALUMA, Cal., Oct. 14.—Another lively earthquake shock was felt here this morning at 4:30 o'clock, and a much lighter one about 7 o'clock. The vibrations were from north to south.

Convict Mutilates a Woman.

COLUMBIA, S.C., Oct. 14.—Fred Kempson, a convict recently sent up for eighteen months from Lexington county, for assault and battery with intent to kill, made his escape from the state penitentiary about a week ago, went back into Lexington county, met his former victim and offered her the choice, either of having her throat cut or her ears cut off. She not being able to help herself, chose the latter, whereupon the hardened scoundrel dexterously severed both ears. He also cut out a section of her clothing, wrapped the dissected members in it and left her, after making bloodthirsty threats against the persons who had been instrumental in effecting his arrest and conviction.

Disastrous Blow Up.

WHATCOM, Oct. 14.—At 10:15 this evening a disastrous accident occurred at the Sehome wharf, resulting in the death of one man and the serious wounding of eight others, by the explosion of the boiler on the mailboat Evangel. The Evangel plies between Port Townsend and Bellingham Bay ports, carrying passengers and mail. Shortly before 10 o'clock the boat made the landing at Sehome and discharged her passengers. At 10:15 persons in that vicinity were startled by a terrific explosion. Then arose the cries of the wounded, who were suffering from the frightful scalding by the escaping steam. Assistance was speedily rendered, the wounded being conveyed to a place of shelter. It was found that the dead and wounded numbered nine persons.

Conflicting School Law.

OLYMPIA, Oct. 14.—A controversy between Spokane county officials as to the uses to which moneys arising from fines are to be applied has brought to light a conflict between the school law as published by the Secretary of State and the same act as published by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, both by authority. The statute published in the sessional laws provides that all funds arising from fines for breach of any penal law of the state shall be set apart for the support of the common schools, unless otherwise provided by law. But the words "unless otherwise provided by law" are not found in the superintendent's publication. The enrolled bill on file contains the words, but reference to the journals of both houses of the legislature shows that the words were inserted in the bill in the Senate, but were stricken out in the House, and that the Senate concurred in the action of the House in striking out.

Chinese Immigrants.

ST. VINCENT, Oct. 16.—Within the past few weeks, on account of the strict enforcement of the U.S. customs laws in New York, the tide of Chinese immigration is directed to the northern frontier border of Minnesota and North Dakota. In Minnesota, between lake Superior and Red river, 400 miles is guarded by only three customs officers, and North Dakota is not in much better plight. Consequently the Celestials are coming on in droves, in spite of the best efforts of the officers. Collector Nelson, of the Dakota district, received a telegram, on Tuesday, from Killarney, Manitoba, informing him that 52 Chinese had just gone south towards the international boundary line, and Collector C. J. Williams, of St. Vincent, received intelligence, yesterday, that 28 others are on their way towards St. Vincent. A large increase will be added to our population unless active measures are taken.