

CASUALTY.

A heavy explosion occurred in Eastport, Maine, caused by a fire built to thaw the ground to get at a leaking gas pipe. Twenty feet of the street for the entire width went two hundred feet into the air. Many windows were broken and the sidewalk destroyed, and two boys and a man were thrown up several feet and severely bruised. C. E. Douglass was fatally shot, as the audience was dispersing from the opera house in Galveston, Texas, from the discharge of a pistol that fell from the pocket of a county Sheriff. It is related that the wife and three children of John Woods, formerly a resident of London, Ontario, have been frozen to death in Manitota while the husband and father was away from his hut looking for fuel. Mrs. McGowan, of Toronto, has lost her life through the carelessness of a drug clerk in making up opiates for her. A sled containing William McNally and his son-in-law and their wives was struck by a train near Canterbury Station, New Brunswick, and the two women were killed, the men escaping, though the elder one was seriously injured. Mr. Albert Grant, of Montreal, slipped in going on a train at Carleton Place, Ontario, and falling under the wheels sustained injuries that made amputation of his leg necessary and caused his death in a few days. Henry Soveles, of Birdsall, New York, was summoned from the factory where he worked, by his wife in her night clothes, to save his three children from his burning house. He saved two, he and they being badly burned, but on going back to save the baby was overcome and perished with it in the flames. Miss Holly, of Orangeburg county, South Carolina, while warming her feet at a fire of leaves she kindled in a field, had her clothes catch fire and she was fatally burned, dying at the very hour that had been fixed for her marriage. Thirty-two ladies and gentlemen at Hawley, Pennsylvania, were injured by a sleigh on which they were coasting going off the road and falling forty feet into a tana. Six of them were hurt seriously and Reinhard Waig, a prominent merchant, died the morning after the accident. Five children named Sullivan, at Pine Grove, New York, were attacked by trichinosis from eating raw pork, one dying and two being not expected to live. A collision between two freight trains near Woodstock, Ontario, caused an explosion of coal oil with which a car was loaded, and two cars and a caboose were burned, besides the serious wreck caused by the shock of collision. W. A. King, of St. Catharines, Ontario, was blown to pieces and two other men seriously injured, by an explosion of dynamite that he was trying to thaw. A ten-year old girl named Pomeroy has died in agony from her clothes taking fire. One hundred thousand dollars' loss has been caused by a collision between two freight trains between Newcastle and Newtonville, Ontario, one of the trains being loaded with oatmeal and oat and completely destroyed. The floods in the Mississippi and Missouri valleys are driving people off the lowlands, but it is not thought the floods will be as serious as those of last year.

FIRES.

The Dunlop elevator, Albany, New York, was burned on the third instant, and several persons were killed and injured by the falling walls. The Ontario Cotton Mills, Hamilton, Ontario, were damaged on February twenty-eighth, in stock and machinery, to the amount of fifteen thousand dollars, which is covered by insurance. A fire in a building on Vandewater street, New York,

occupied by Fish & Swan, dealers in oils, and the New York Popular Publishing Company, March third, did fifty thousand dollars' damage. The flames spread with great rapidity, and thirty girls employed on the upper floors became panic-stricken, and some escaped by climbing out to adjoining buildings, and others down the fire escapes, many were carried out in a faint and three were seriously burned. The mills and warehouses of the Redwing Mill Company, Redwing, Minnesota, were burned on the fourth; loss two hundred thousand dollars. Younger's hop store, Edinburgh, Scotland, has been burned. James Wood's wood-working factory, Kingston, Ontario, was burned down on Saturday last. A number of establishments in St. John, New Brunswick, were damaged, principally by water, on the occasion of a fire that broke out in E. J. Armstrong's printing office. The Burlington station house and freight shed on the Great Western Railway, Ontario, were burned down on the sixth, it is believed by an incendiary fire. The Clepington Spinning Company's jute warehouse in Dundee, Scotland, has been burned; loss one hundred thousand dollars.

FORMIDABLE SOCIALIST ORGANIZATIONS have been discovered in the Province of Andalusia, Spain, which documents seized show to be connected with similar societies in other countries. Their aim is to destroy the rights of property and exterminate the aristocratic and land-owning classes. They were formed by an international member, and the plot was revealed by the master of the branch in the city of Jerez, which would not agree to the policy of murder. Informers in other towns soon disclosed a widespread organization and several hundreds of persons were arrested. The doings of the societies resemble the worst outrages in Ireland, and landlords especially are the objects of fierce hatred. Letters threatening to murder them have been received by the magistrates conducting the investigations. Some of those under arrest have declared that over two hundred and twenty-five of them were pledged to murder landlords, rob and burn at the bidding of their leader. One society called the "Black Hand" is said to number fifty thousand members throughout Europe. The Spanish Government has the names of the society's committee in Spain, together with complete lists of its members. The prisoners will be tried by a special court, and all found guilty of murder, probably fifteen, will be hanged, and about three hundred will go into penal servitude for life. An explosion of dynamite occurred in the open air in the village of Ganshorten, Belgium, and two men, one of whom was mortally wounded, were arrested and made a confession showing that they belonged to a committee of anarchists, and that the explosion had happened accidentally while they were making experiments. The Brussels police seized documents revealing a plot affecting Belgium and other states, and cipher telegrams were sent to the authorities in Austria, France, Germany and Russia, which are expected to lead to arrests in all those countries.

MANITOBA has outgrown its accommodation for criminals and lunatics, the only refuge for these classes throughout the whole Canadian North-West being a single penitentiary near Winnipeg, and it is overcrowded. It is to be hoped that, in having the want supplied, all the faults that experience has disclosed in such institutions in older countries will be avoided.

THE WEEK.

A LARGE NUMBER of women in Trenton, New Jersey, are ill from hysteria produced by the exciting services of the Salvation Army.

A BILL GIVING WOMEN a right to vote for city and town officers, and to hold offices themselves in cities and towns, was defeated in the Massachusetts House by a hundred and twenty-seven to sixty.

THE REDUCTION of letter postage to two cents goes into effect in the United States on October first, and it is estimated will cause a deficiency of only a million dollars in the postal revenue the first year.

THE NEW YORK ASSEMBLY has done itself credit by voting down by twenty-four majority, out of ninety-eight members voting, a bill allowing betting on one authorized race track in each county on race days.

A HUNDRED STRIKERS in Sing Sing prison, New York, became submissive after a few days' solitary confinement with bread and water, and were allowed to attend chapel on Sunday, and sent back to work on Monday.

THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, Washington, is the source of a proposal to settle three thousand negroes in Indian Territory. A particular lot of negroes is in view, who are too ignorant at present to make full citizens of, and who are excluded from schools and courts in the South.

IN RESPONSE to petitions from the inhabitants, numerous signed, in favor of checking the liquor traffic with its baneful results, the council of the town of Gananoque, Ontario, have fixed the fees for tavern licenses at a hundred and thirty dollars, and shop one hundred and fifty.

A SEVERE SHOCK of earthquake was felt in Newport, Rhode Island, on the evening of February twenty seventh. The same evening buildings in Norwich, Connecticut, were shaken in an alarming manner, the shock lasting several seconds accompanied by a deep rumbling. A brilliant meteor shot across the sky about the same time.

THE STEAMSHIP "QUEBEC," from Portland, Maine, for Liverpool, England, became disabled at sea, but was heard from when all hope of her safety had about been lost, and she arrived at her destination after a passage of fifty days. The owners and underwriters of the steamship have awarded the captain five thousand dollars.

THE IRISH LAND LEAGUE of Monroe county, New York, have started a movement to induce Congress to establish free trade between the United States and Ireland. Of course no commercial treaty can be made with Ireland apart from the British Empire; but Ireland's ports are already open to free trade with the world, and the object of the Monroe county League will be fulfilled the moment the ports of the United States are opened for the free admission of the products of Ireland.

THERE IS A REPORT from Washington that Mr. Brentano, a former Congressman from Illinois, has been offered the viceroyalty of Samoa. It is said the king desires him to form a civilized Government for the islands, and will make Brentano a prince. A prince from the American republic will be something new under the sun, and we hope Prince Brentano will flourish in the far distant isles of the southern seas, and that his rule will be full of blessing to the people who have forsaken their idols.

THE PENNSYLVANIA ASSEMBLY has, by seventy-eight to seventy-six, passed a resolution to ask the Pennsylvania Congressmen to support woman suffrage.

THE REVOLUTIONISTS OF ECUADOR, South America, captured the capital city of Quito after a most gallant resistance by the Dictator's troops, and a niece of the Dictator displayed remarkable prowess in the struggle.

A DEFICIENCY of two hundred thousand dollars is alleged to exist in the United States Public Printer's accounts. Extravagance and corruption are charged against the office, and it is expected that formal charges will soon be made.

SUPERSTITION SEEMS TO HAVE MADE its home amid the ignorance of the South. Mysterious rappings at a house in Montgomery county, Georgia, have caused great excitement and are attracting hundreds of people to the spot. Rats, as like as not!

NEW YORK CITY is overstocked with liquor-selling places. There is a liquor store for every one hundred and twenty-five persons. A movement is on foot to have the number of places reduced to one for every five hundred and to make the license fee five hundred dollars.

A NEW GOVERNMENT has been formed in New Brunswick, to succeed the one defeated in the Legislature a few days ago. Mr. Blair is Premier and Attorney General, and the other members are Messrs. Elder, Mitchell, Ritchie, Gillespie, Vail, Turner and Harrison. The Legislature has been prorogued until April twelfth.

NUMEROUS ACTIONS have been instituted in Ontario, at the instance of the Society for the Suppression of Vice, against persons having part as ticket sellers and holders in recent lotteries, including the largest prize winners. According to the law, the prosecutors may recover half of the prize money, the remainder going to the Government.

MR. FRIELINGHUYSEN, the Secretary of State of the United States, is credited with making new appointments to good places in his department by promotions of deserving officers already in the service. The result is that there is a great falling off in the stream of outsiders applying for places which once was an intolerable annoyance in the Department of State.

THE PROPRIETOR of a NEWSPAPER in Philadelphia has been forbidden by a legal injunction to run his presses between eight in the evening and six in the morning and ordered to keep the windows on a certain street closed while the machinery is in motion. It is a settled principle of justice that no one has rights involving the personal hurt of others, but there are many worse nuisances than the rattling of printing presses to be suppressed. We suppose, however, this was one of the hardest pills in life to the persons who prosecuted.

THE GOVERNMENT OF VIRGINIA has a good deal of trouble in defending its oyster beds on the mouth of the Potomac River against depredations of fishermen of Maryland. Lately an expedition was undertaken against the oyster pirates on board the steamer "Pamlico," which found twenty-six Maryland vessels at work on the oyster beds. Only one vessel was seized, the others retreating and taking shelter on the Maryland side. Seventy-five rounds of musketry and twenty-six solid shot were fired after the fugitive. The captain and mate of the captured vessel escaped in a yawl.