

AMERICAN NEWS.

Mangled by Mastiffs—Frightful Death of a Boy in Wheeling, Virginia.

Three Men Roasted to Death by Burning Naphtha—A Child Killed by an Eagle.

WHEELING, W. Va., Sept. 6.—Edward Gillis, nine years old, had a horrible and fatal experience in this city, this evening. Young Gillis was playing in the street, and near at hand was a dog kennel, in which were confined six huge English mastiffs. While playing, Gillis began teasing the dogs and they became ferociously excited. One of the dogs broke down the door and the six ferocious brutes made a fierce attack upon the boy. He was knocked down at first, and then all the dogs began biting and chewing him. Over twenty people were in sight at the time and a crowd quickly gathered, but so great was the fear of the ferocious brutes, who seemed utterly mad from the taste of blood, that it was fully five minutes before aid reached the unfortunate youth. Police-Constable James Campbell, by William Robinson, armed with revolvers and crow-bars, finally reached the infuriated animals, but it was impossible to make them loosen their hold on the child, and Carney shot five dogs dead which were seen to be biting and biting their victims. The sixth brute escaped. Carney was severely bitten. Gillis' wounds are terrible. His eyes, ears and nose were literally bitten out, while his body has so few wounds as to be considered that those that were killed were valued at \$100 each.

Three Men Roasted Alive.—In view of 100 spectators three men were literally roasted alive, with water 40 feet deep all about them. The city has a process of disposing of its garbage by treating it with naphtha, a large tank of which was being on the bank of the river, near the river. The tank began to leak yesterday, and the river became covered with a thick coating of inflammable stuff. Just below the tank there was a raft, on which was an engine and boiler, and three men were on it. Their names were Patrick Nagle and Patrick Fennedy of Providence, and Phineas Gannell of Pawtucket. The outgoing tide carried the naphtha to the raft, which was completely surrounded. The gases arising from it were ignited by the fire under the boiler, and instantly the piledriver was ablaze and a fearful flame and heavy black cloud of smoke hid the raft and piledriver from sight. While the smoke was rolling up there were heard the most agonizing screams from the men on the raft. An alarm was given, and when the fire was subdued the three men were found floating on the raft, rolling in their frenzy and agony. They had been burned by a solid sheet of fire and had been roasted. Every bit of skin on Nagle's face, hands, arms and legs came off like an old glove as well as the hair on his head and nails. Gannell was not so badly burned, but his injuries are very serious. All will die.

Child Killed by an Eagle.—John Fowdrie, former chief of the Chippewa tribe of Indians, lives on the banks of St. Mary's river, and acts as a guide for hunting parties. Yesterday, three Cincinnati men engaged him for a day's hunt. They started to cross the river, this morning, and when nearly over noticed a large bird flying high in the air. The Indian said it was an eagle, and suggested that he should row back to the American shore, so as to be within gun range of the bird if it should alight. He did so, and the bird came down within a mile of the point where the party landed. They then started for a gunshot distance. Fowdrie's squaw had just gotten down to the river to get some water, leaving her three-month-old papoose tied to the usual board and leaning against the side of her boat. The eagle spied the child and slowly descended to the earth. When about 200 feet from the ground the bird made a swoop on the helpless child. The squaw saw the descent of the bird and supposed that it was after a chicken, but she was horrified a moment later to see the eagle seize the child in its talons. When about ten feet from the ground the eagle dropped its load, but immediately swooped down on it again. Falling in an attempt to pick up the child, the bird struck her on the head and eyes, gouging one eye out and lacerating its body. The squaw soon reached the spot and attempted to drive the eagle off with sticks, but the bird turned on her and pecked at her, inflicting a serious gash. It then rose in the air about 100 feet, but apparently changing its mind, swooped down again. At this moment the sound of a rifle shot was heard, and the bird fell to the ground. A minute later Fowdrie and party rushed up to make sure of their game. Fowdrie scarcely reached the eagle when he heard a shriek from his squaw. He looked down and saw the child lying dead. It is not known whether the child was killed by its fall or by the loss of blood from its wound. The eagle was one of the bald-headed variety, and is one of the largest ever seen here.

Mangled by a Panther.—TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Sept. 6.—While a gang of section men were working on the Florida & Western railway, to-day, 20 miles from here, along a big swamp, a large ferocious panther leaped from a tree and struck one McWilliam, knocking him flat. The rest of the party fled, leaving McWilliam to fight alone. The contest was short and bloody. McWilliam had no weapon, except a shovel, and in a few minutes had been mangled beyond recognition. The rest of the gang secured arms and returned, but were too late, as the panther had torn the arms of the corpse and fled to the swamp. Work has been suspended on the railway, the men fearing to work.

Met by on the Maraposa.—SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 6.—The steamer Maraposa, on her passage between Sydney and Auckland, encountered a severe storm, lasting 24 hours. The sea broke over the steamer continually and two of the boats were washed away. Dr. W. A. Grover, surgeon of the ship, was struck by a heavy sea and thrown violently against the dock house. He had not recovered from his bruises when the steamer arrived this morning. The ship was driven two days late in reaching Auckland. During the voyage there was a mutiny on a small cable. Charley Ryer, one of the cabin boys, got into an altercation with M. B. McDonnell,

one of the cabin passengers. McDonnell threatened to show Charley out of the cabin. The latter dared him to do it, when a scuffle ensued, and Captain Hayward was called. He ordered Ryer in irons for 24 hours. Ryer had been in irons for about 15 hours and dinner was almost ready to put on table, when every man in the steward's department struck and said they would not go back to work until Ryer was released. The frames joined in with the strikers and sent up word that if Ryer was not released in an hour they would stop firing. The matter was laid before Capt. Hayward and Ryer was released. The men went back to work and the dinner was served and the trouble blew over.

The Trans-Pacific Service.—SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 5.—F. S. Crocker in speaking about the trans-Pacific service and the competition, said: "As far as a comparison of the new Canadian Pacific steamers we are holding our own, and expect to do so. They are now taking a larger portion than last year, though all the lines have increased their business. We have a larger share than we were getting. The trade that used to go to New York by way of the Suez Canal lines, because of our more regular rates and service. The Occidental and Eastern Mail Co's will improve the Occidental and Oriental, and the Pacific Mail Co's will improve their service much in the near future. Our present steamers will be supplanted by better and faster steamers before a great while."

A Battle of Brutes.—SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 5.—Details of the Goddard-Choyanski fight, which took place at Melbourne on July 21st, are at hand by the Mariposa, and show it to have been even a fiercer battle than the first one. In the first round Choyanski cut open Goddard's eye with a terrible blow. Terrible rills followed, Goddard receiving some fearful punishment. In the second round the American banged the Australian all over the ring, fighting like an exasperated mad dog. So fierce was the onslaught that he fairly reeled. Both men were bathed in blood, and the spectators around the ring in many instances were bespattered with it. For fully a minute Choyanski fairly smothered Goddard, ending by sending him down in a heap.

A Novel Marriage.—CLARESBURG, W. Va., Sept. 6.—Last evening a young man from one of the back counties, accompanied by a very pretty young woman, applied several boarding houses for two rooms for the night. As the city is overrun with guests to the fair, they failed in their quest and the young man was in despair. Suddenly he asked the proprietress if she had a room for rent. She replied that she had a room for rent, but it was very small and the rent was very high. He asked her to let him have it, and she agreed to do so. He then asked her to let him have it, and she agreed to do so. He then asked her to let him have it, and she agreed to do so.

Death of Judge Sawyer.—SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 7.—Judge Lorenzo Sawyer died suddenly at 7:45 o'clock to-day. He had been better during the day, and was deemed convalescent. His son Houghton was reading to him. His son Prescott and his grandson, Howard Adams, were also present. Suddenly Judge Sawyer died with severe fits of coughing. Prescott ran for Dr. Yeaman, who administered a few drops of oil, but before he could return Judge Sawyer was dead. The disease was capillary bronchitis, from which he had been suffering for several days. A moderate cause of death was the formation of a clot of blood, which the coughing forced to a vital spot in the heart, causing instant death. The funeral will be held from the First Congregational church, which he attended. The death of Sawyer leaves the northern district of California without any federal judge, the late Judge Hoffman's place not having been filled.

MONETARY TIMES' PORTFOLIO.—This special edition of Toronto's principal Financial and Commercial journal is at once a valuable and attractive presentation of the substantial interests of the Dominion. It is relieved of much of the dryness which has been the fault of the journal in the past, and presents the hard facts in a very interesting way. The work opens with a well written, and to a certain extent, minute account of the existing conditions and of the merits of national and commercial enterprise that stimulated the early navigators to seek new lands beyond the sea. It describes the arrival of Jacques Cartier in the St. Lawrence valley, the discovery of Hochelaga, and the gradual growth that has been going on until to-day, when we have in Canada a population of nearly five millions, a million tons of shipping, 14,000 miles of telegraph, and a vast system of canals that is known, with fleets of sailing vessels and steamships plying to Great Britain, India, Japan and China. It is shown that Canada has no less than 100,000 miles of navigable water, and a system of banking and insurance that no man can devise, all combining to prove that we are truly "heirs of all the ages in the foremost files of time."

Exports and Imports.—A few items selected from the Custom House Returns for the Month of August. The value of goods exported from Victoria during the month of August amounted to \$80,255, of which \$36,548 were the products of the mine, \$1,146 of the fisheries, \$27,229 animals and their products, \$11, agricultural produce and \$2,628 manufactured articles, \$2,389 being the produce of Canada. Of the goods not the produce of Canada appearing under this classification, \$3,385 were wood and manufactures of that material. The articles imported and entered for consumption were valued at \$249,598, of which duty was paid amounting to \$72,055.90. Includes such articles as, descriptions, \$12,911; drugs and medicines, \$13,254; iron and steel manufactures, \$23,337; provisions, \$13,384; spirits, \$6,007; ale beer and porter, \$6,546; manufactures of cotton, \$4,878; manufactures of wool, \$2,228; musical instruments, \$2,536; oils, \$2,068; waxes, \$4,181; tobacco and cigars, \$1,734; molasses manufactures, \$4,118; paper and manufactures of that material, \$1,637; books, pamphlets, &c., \$1,030; earthen, stone and chinaware, \$1,010; fancy goods, \$1,475; hats, caps and bonnets, \$1,156.

CAPITAL NOTES.

Sir Hector Langevin Resigns His Portfolio as Minister of Public Works.

Hon. Mackenzie Bowell Sustains a Relapse—J. A. Mara Leaves for Home.

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Grand Trunk Extension to the Coast.—WINNIPEG, Man., Sept. 4.—A rumor is published here that the Grand Trunk is to-day to extend its lines to Winnipeg, via Sault Ste Marie and Duluth, and that when this city is reached the line will be extended to the Coast.

Not by His Brother.—WINNIPEG, Sept. 5.—Harrison Webb, who was shot by his brother, is still alive. The genius who did the shooting was brought into the city to-day.

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