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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Ottawa City has again been visited by another great fire which has consumed property to the amount of about \$100,000. The fire broke out in a block of buildings belonging to Alderman Heney, on Sussex Street, at about 48 minutes past seven o'clock, on Friday morning last.

Color Sergeant Oman, of the 13th Batt. Hamilton, won, at Creedmore, N. Y., on Saturday, the diamond badge given by Remington & Sons to the best shot at 500, 800, and 1,000 yards, with a breech loader. Oman made 70 points out of a possible 84.

The storms of the past week have been pretty general over this northern part of the Continent, doing great damage to shipping, and the destruction of other property. The gale at Boston caused considerable damage to buildings. The storms on Cape Cod was the most severe that has occurred for years.

The captain of the steamer *Morro Castle* from Havana, reports that on the night of the 17th he encountered the heaviest gale ever experienced on our coast.

The Tweed jury have brought in a verdict of guilty on all the counts.

The New York papers almost unanimously express approval of the verdict in the Tweed case.

The *Commercial* says:—"So, after two years' struggle, the responsibility for some of the stupendous operations in and around the City Hall is fixed by a legal adjudication."

The *Express* says:—"The verdict is a just one, and the jury is honored. Satisfaction will be felt not alone in New York State. The magnitude of the offence gives it a national importance." Tweed has been sentenced to four years' imprisonment, and to pay a fine of \$4,000. The *Express* adds:—"This is a heavier sentence than was generally expected."

In the French Assembly on the 19th inst., the debate was continued on General Chan-garnier's motion for an unconditional prolongation of President McMahon's power.

N. Rouhr moved that the question be referred to a plebiscite, and advocated his motion in a speech to which he hinted that Providence might in time restore the Bona-partists to power.

Immediately after the adjournment of the Assembly last night, the members of the Cabinet waited upon President MacMahon and tendered their resignations. He refused to accept them, and begged the Ministers to retain their seats until a new Cabinet was formed.

Fresh revolutions are reported in Yucaton and States of Mexico. The Government troops will immediately move against the rebels.

A company of volunteers is being raised in Pittsburg, Pa., to assist the Cuban rebels.

Further naval preparations are going on at the different Government dock-yards in the United States.

Rumours were circulating in Madrid yesterday that a Ministerial crisis was impending on account of the *Virginus* affair.

A procession and meeting were held in New York, on Saturday, by sailors who demanded the repeal of the Shipping Act of 1872.

At the opening of the Italian Parliament on Saturday, King Victor Emmanuel, in his speech from the Throne, defined Italy's position towards the Pope, referred to the friendly relations between Italy and the Foreign Powers, and suggested the re-organization of the army and navy.

Further intelligence from Cuba brings the horrible details of the execution of 30 of the *Virginus* crew. Notwithstanding the protests of the British and American Consuls, the sentence was carried out with shocking barbarity, the marines taking as much as seven minutes to perform their bloody work. Sixteen of the victims were British subjects.

Admiral Porter reports the United States fleet unfit for war and unable to cope with Spain's.

President Grant yesterday, in conversation, said the United States authorities had acted on all the information received in re-

gard to the *Virginus* affair, that they were now busy collecting further information, and future action shall be such as will meet the approval of the American people.

Three officers of the U. S. A. have been ordered to Buffalo on recruiting duty.

The news from Cape Coast represents the British forces as vigorously prosecuting the campaign against the Ashantees.

A plot for the establishment of the Commune in Lyons, France, has been discovered, and several arrests have taken place.

On Monday night Halifax and vicinity was visited by a severe gale and rain storm, which inflicted considerable damage on shipping and other property.

The severe gale which swept over the New England and Middle States on Monday night did much damage among shipping. At Newburg, N. Y., 12 laden canal boats were sunk; in the vicinity of Boston harbor a number of small craft were beached, and similar reports come from other points, but happily no loss of life is recorded.

Naval preparations of a warlike character are still going on at the different United States dock-yards.

Seventeen Cuban conspirators are reported to have been executed for complicity in a plot to cooperate with the *Virginus* party.

All members of the Spanish army reserve have been ordered to report in person at the depots of their respective corps within a fortnight.

It was reported on London Exchange that Thomas Baring, senior, founder of the banking house of Baring Bros., is dead.

The *Daily News* expresses a hope that the British and American Governments will act together in the settlement of the *Virginus* affair with Spain.

The steamer *Wilmington* sailed from New York, for Havana, yesterday, with a large quantity of arms and provisions for the Spanish Government. Numerous Spanish spies were on the dock prior to her sailing.

Considerable sums of money have been sent in accordance with the orders of the Spanish Government to hasten the completion of the *Zepiles*.