

News Summary.

Lord William Beresford died on Friday night. He was born July 20, 1847.

The Michigan Central depot at Wyandott, Mich., was robbed of \$100,000 on Thursday night.

A strong international syndicate has been formed for the development of the mineral resources of Damaraland.

The brother of Andree, the missing aeronaut, despairing of his return from the Arctic regions, has opened his will.

The residence of Mrs. Harrigar, near Brookville, Pa., was destroyed by fire Thursday and the mother and two daughters, aged 5 and 7 years, burned to death.

A clique of Italian stonecutters tried to assassinate Chief of Police Patrick Brown at Barre, Vt. on Thursday, and six of them were arrested. Brown is in a critical condition.

The first ocean freighter ever built in Chicago will be launched Saturday afternoon. The new boat is 242 feet long and has a capacity of 2,500 tons. Its first cruise will be to Hamburg, Germany, laden with grain.

Dr. W. George Beers, the father of lacrosse, died in Montreal on Wednesday night of heart failure. Dr. Beers was captain of the lacrosse team which went to England in 1876 and played before the Queen at Windsor.

The tramp, John Murphy arrested at Amherst on the charge of stealing an overcoat from, and committing an indecent assault on Adam Trenholm at the railroad station, was found guilty and sentenced to four years' imprisonment.

Simon Landry, a 22-year-old brakeman, had his foot caught in a frog in the railway yard at Picton Friday morning. A shunting engine came down upon him, cutting off both legs and otherwise badly mutilating his body.

Wm. Westlake, inventor of the Westlake car heater, which dumped the fire in case of a derailment or other accident, the loose globe lantern universally used by railroad men, the oil cookstove and the stove board, died on Friday in Brooklyn. He was born in England in 1821.

"The foreign engagements of the Porte, the purchase and renovation of warships and for naval and military artillery now amount to £2,400,000," says the Constantinople correspondent of the Times, "while the treasury is absolutely empty and internal bills increase daily."

There has been a row between Winston Churchill, M. P., and his manager, Major Pond. Churchill contracted to deliver fifty lectures on his experience in South Africa at \$250 per lecture. Montreal gave a \$1,300 house, and Ottawa \$1,200. It is now said that Churchill wants more money and refused to go to Brantford, Friday, where the house was sold out.

A conference of the leading pulp manufacturers of the United States and Canada, which has been held in Boston closed on Friday. The chief business transacted, was the vote to reduce the low grade pulp three dollars. Low grades are used for the cheaper grades of paper, including newspaper. Among the Canadian firms represented at the conference were the St John Sulphite Company and the Cushing Sulphite Company.

It is announced that at the coming session of Parliament, incorporation will be asked for a company with power to erect a railway and general traffic bridge across the harbor of St. John, with the necessary approaches for railway, street railway, tramway, carriage, foot and passenger purposes, and with power to charge toll for the passage of cars, vehicles, and pedestrians. The name is the Harbor Bridge and Railway Co., of St. John.

The Usher Steamship Company of Yarmouth, is applying at Ottawa for incorporation. The proposed amount of capital is \$245,000. The applicants are Hugh Bradford Cann, Charles W. Cann, George B. Cann, Augustus Cann, Charles C. Richards, John H. Killam, of Yarmouth, and Hugh D. Cann, of Cheggoggin. The Canada Cold Storage Company of Montreal, with a capital of \$1,000,000, is applying for incorporation. Application will be made to Parliament at the next session for an act to incorporate a company to be known as "The St Lawrence Lloyds."

The General Assembly which convenes in January will be asked to make kidnapping for ransom punishable by death. Stirred by the kidnapping of young Edward Cudaby, at Omaha, and his release on payment of \$25,000 in gold, some members of the State Legislature are determined that the Illinois laws shall be amended so as to make liable to the gallows anyone who may commit similar crimes in that State. Already three State representatives from Chicago districts are engaged in drafting bills to be presented to this end.



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Captain Bernier, a French Canadian, who is now in England, is making plans to sail from Vancouver next summer in search of the North Pole. At a recent meeting of the Royal Geographical Society the president, Sir Clements Markham, spoke in encouraging terms of the plans and proposals of the "Canadian ice pilot," and expressed a wish that the society should give him every encouragement. Bernier's crew is to consist of four scientists, a doctor and six seamen—eleven in all—and his vessel is being designed by the Armstrongs.

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