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Current Events.

THE WEEK.

PUBLICATIONS OF FINANCE.

A cable telegram a few days since was read by mistake at New York as saying that: A financial panic has set in among members of the stock Exchange in London. What the telegram was meant to say, as afterwards explained, was: that in relation to American financial legislation no panic or uneasiness was felt in London. During the brief time which this misinformation prevailed such apprehension was felt both in the States and in Canada. Trade is depressed on both sides of the frontier, and manufacturers hesitate to take back the workmen discharged in the winter and last fall when the American financial panic set in. Money is reported abundant at Montreal. To importing merchants requiring discounts it may be. But in the west, where more manufacturers are operating than in Montreal, money held for discount purposes is affected by every vibration of fact, or of falsehood on the wires. On the day that story came flashing from New York, misquoting London, western Canadian traders and other employers, saw blank faces in their local banks; and blank faces among men seeking employment, to whom they had made promises of re-engagement. Expecting employ ment men went home to wives and children dismally, telling that Easter would bring no relief this season. The pulses of finance are excited, though in the Dominion not unhealthy.

PAPER MONEY LEGISLATION.

The bill before Congress authorizing an additional issue of \$46,000,000 in bank notes passed the senate some days ago. However desirable a return to a true gold basis may be or seem to be in the abstract, the vast body of industrial interests in the United States have been shaken too much by the panic of 1873 to bear that stringent corrective at present. The only mode of industrial recovery in the States this year is to take medicinally a fractional portion of the former stimulant. Forty-six million dollars of fresh notes in circulation will gradually relax discounts at the banks; resuscitate manufacturers; employ hundreds of thousand of people now unemployed, carry food into dwellings where hunger now wails; clothe little children now poorly clad, and make the hearts of sorrowful mothers more hopeful.

IN OUR PROPER PLACE.

It may, to some minds, seem out of place in a Church newspaper to treat of trade and legislation, yet it has happened to fall within our cognizance that the late money panic commencing in the United States last fall, affected Canadian manufacturers very injuriously, through a sudden influx into this market of unsold American goods at prices ruinous to Canadian competitors. The Niagara peninsula was to become a new Diocese of our beloved Protestant Episcopal Church. A Cathedral was to be erected at Hamilton when sufficient funds were collected, or guaranteed. The old timber structure of Christ Church was to be rebuilt in stone, as a parish Church. The first idea was to reconstruct on the old site. Ideas grow while commercial prosperity continued to inspire enterprise and high resolve. But commercial prosperity cooled. The inundation of "sacrificed" American goods flooded and paralyzed the city of Hamilton, in common with other manufacturing centres of Canada. Not only have the children of labour gone without warm clothes all winter, hot cross buns on Good Friday, and the promised new dresses at Easter, because fathers were out of work, but subscriptions for the new Bishopric dwindled and dried. Enthusiasm evaporated with the means to pay subscriptions. Christ Church was to have been rebuilt on a more prominent site as the Cathedral of the new Diocese. It is now to stand where the former edifice stood, simply the parish church; and unless some eminently wealthy persons advance to the front with private funds, which is just barely possible, Hamilton city will possess no Protestant Episcopal Cathedral, until it industrially recuperates. Such are the sequences of things secular and clerical; unlike in the beginning, but becoming more and more akin as they go on.

ASK YOUR WIFE.

In the Church Herald last week, we gave a paragraph under this heading from a prudent farmer, and now present a painful, practical illustration of a husband's omission to ask his wife: The Western Times mentions the case of a young couple who were ruined by the Tichborne case. They set out in life

with every comfort, but the husband, much against the wishes of his wife, invested £14,000 in "Tichborne bonds." After the cross-examination of the claimant by Sir John Colridge, the young man became disheartened and desponding and died in a short time, his early death being attributed to vexation consequent upon the feeling that he had lost his money and had shown a great want of prudence.

ASHANTHE ONCE MORE.

Advices from Cape Coast Castle state that an embassy from the King of Ashantee had arrived there with a message disputing the validity of the treaty made with General Wolsley. At this distance we ask, was the treaty ever formally concluded? If so, why was the city of Coomassie burned? The message to Cape Coast Castle seems incorrectly telegraphed to Canada.

GOOD FRIDAY.

More gun accidents are reported. Young people think it manly to be careless with firearms. We have seen a parent in Canada showing his children to point and take aim at one another with wooden toy guns. Preliminary to death by gunshot some day. In the British army one of the first things taught a recruit is, "Assume that the rifle, or carbine, or pistol may have been loaded unknown to you, although morally certain it is empty." To point a rifle, pistol, or carbine at any one in that service, even in jest, and though all present may know that the piece contains nothing, is a crime. Were Canadian boys led by persons of manly accomplishments to feel that a cautious regard for the lives of others, and of their own, is true manliness; and that bravado, or easy negligence with firearms, indicate a mean, low, slovenly, barbarous nature, a diminution of accidental deaths and wounds might bless the precautions. The accident on Good Friday was most deplorable. We leave, to be urged by others, the idle wickedness of making that day of sublime sanctity a time of sport. The accident might have occurred on any other day when negligence over-bore common sense. At Thorold two boys, Morley and McElroy, had a gun that would not go off, when pointed at fish in the water and the trigger drawn. Morley began, rickling the nipple, while the muzzle was directed towards McElroy, who poor boy looked on admiringly. It went off, the contents lodged in McElroy's body, Morley was horrified, and carried the wounded lad home. Doctors came but of no avail; death ensued in a few hours.

At Fergus, two boys had lighted cigars in their mouths, in itself an offence, as public smoking in the streets by men is a nuisance to three-fourths of the population. Powder and shot had been mixed together. The Fergus boys puffing the foul odours like men, were sorting out the shot, exploded the powder and are blinded, it may be for life.

REV. CHARLES KINGSLEY.

This gentleman is in Ottawa, the guest of His Excellency the Governor General.

GENEROUS ENGLISH.

The amount of the Indian Relief fund at the London Mansion House was fifty-one thousand four hundred pounds as reported in the Guardian of 18th March.

NEW AMBASSADOR.

Sir Robert Peel has been offered by Lord Derby, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a first class Embassy to one or other of the great European Powers. The Right Hon. Baronet has intimated a willingness to accept the offer. Then will be displayed abroad an escutcheon figured with honey bees, and the motto, *Industria*. Not the stinging bees of war and conquest borne by the Bonapartes, but working bees of the first Sir Robert, grandfather of the present owner of the great family properties and honoured name of Peel; the estates which came of successful calico printing, which in its turn had come of a generous treatment of men whose industrial genius aided Robert Peel's own.

MR. GLADSTONE.

This distinguished statesman and scholar, has been to the county of Nottingham in reference to the Duke of Newcastle's estates of which he is a trustee. There is sadness in that family as represented since the late Duke's demise. A more truly noble, genuine man never lived than the late Duke of Newcastle,—so writes a literary man who knew him. When holding one or other of the highest offices of the State, he did not think the condescension unbecoming to take a newspaper man by the hand, and go arm in arm with him through Westminster Hall, among the members of both Houses and out to the street, walking to and fro by the porch

of the House of Lords, saying in this manner: "You have been travelling lately where I have not been for years. I have followed your movements in the papers. A debate is coming on this evening in which fact, known to you may be useful to me." Questions and answers followed. Then; "be sure you call on me at Clumber." The Ducal residence in Nottinghamshire.

MAN RUN OVER.

Dundas, April 6.—This forenoon express train No. 3, moving west, when approaching Sydenham siding, near Dundas station, ran over a man, killing him on the spot. It appears the engine driver, on coming round the curve near the siding, saw the unfortunate man lying on the track, but too late to stop the train. The body is badly crushed and mutilated, and as yet it has not been identified. From the clothing the deceased is supposed to have been a labourer.

FATAL ACCIDENT.

At Montreal, April 6th. An inquest was held on the remains of Josephine Lavoie, a young woman, aged twenty-eight, who was accidentally killed by a fall, caused by tripping on her dress, from a stairway. She struck the floor with her head, and the injuries she sustained were so serious that she died within ten minutes.

ATTEMPT TO SHOOT.

A sequel to the gun accident to a boy at Thorold, and to the powder explosion at Fergus, was reported from Montreal on April 6th. Thus: A shooting affray occurred at the American House hotel, about half-past eight o'clock this evening. One of the bell-boys, named Edward McCullen, had an altercation with one of the guests, a Mr. Cochrane, who caught hold of the boy and thrashed him. McCullen, as soon as he was released, drew a revolver and fired three shots at Cochrane, missing him. One of the shots went through the window of the hotel and into a confectionery shop across the street: but fortunately hit no one. McCullen was arrested.

Ecclesiastical.

A statue of the Virgin Mary, twenty feet high, is to be erected in Havre, Franco, to commemorate the preservation of that city from the Germans.

The court of Kaiserlautern has condemned Bishop Hanberg to 25 thalers fine or six days' imprisonment for excommunicating a man and his wife in outrageous terms.

The seminary for the training of Roman Catholic priests at Troves was closed recently by the authorities, and the execution of this measure led to some rioting, which, however, was soon suppressed.

A woman who wrote to Mr. Hammond, the revivalist, asking prayers to lift the mortgage on her farm, that she and her little ones might not be thrown out of a home, had a faith that deserved instruction rather than discouragement.

An authoritative contradiction is given to the statement of the Record that the Archbishop of Canterbury was to resign his see after Easter. So far from contemplating such a step His Grace hopes soon to resume active duty.

The Roman Catholic Pilgrims from United States will sail in the French steamer Pareire from New York on the 16th of May. Thus far about fifty pilgrims have engaged staterooms, and the facilities enjoyed by them will be exceedingly pleasant. They are bound for France and Italy.

Father Hyacintho and the Old Catholic Bishop Reinkens of Germany are at variance. M. Loysen repudiates the latter's jurisdiction, and the bishop's official organ replies that the prelate has never claimed a connection with him since his marriage threw light upon his revolt from Roman Catholicism.

The greatest bell in the world, the "Emperor William Bell," destined for the Cologne Cathedral, has just been finished. It weighs about 60,000 pounds, is eighteen feet high and fourteen feet wide. The first moulding of the bell proved a failure, and considerable difficulty has yet to be overcome in transporting the immense mass from Frankenthal, where it was cast, to the top of the tower of the Cologne Cathedral.

A decree from the President of the French Republic, dated Feb. 23, authorizes the publication of the profession of faith voted by the Synods of the Reformed Church on the 20th of June, 1872. This decree is a matter of great importance. From this moment orthodox Protestantism takes the head of all the other sects in France and Algeria, and no sects will be recognized, allowed to

instal pastors, and consequently draw upon the budget for the support of public worship, which do not subscribe to the *Credo*, which proclaims: The sovereign authority of the Holy Scriptures in matters of faith. Salvation by faith in Jesus Christ, only Son of God, who died for our offences, and was resuscitated for our redemption.

Miscellaneous.

Winnipeg has seven churches.

Manitoba is excited over its first divorce case.

The Welland Canal is to be opened for traffic to-day, April, 9th.

Navigation on the Hudson River is entirely open.

The immigration of Germans to the United States is decreasing.

A man aged 102 years died in the city of Quebec this week.

Three new cheese factories are being opened in Pittsburg Township, near Kingston.

The contractor will begin to lay down the rails for the street cars in Hamilton at the beginning of next week.

Peat manufacture will be carried on extensively near Holland during the coming season.

A New York paper calls Sir Hugh Allan the greatest ship owner in the world.

St. Catharines: A young English labourer named Paterson has found a valid draft upon one of our banks for £80 sterling.

Miners on strike in the Ohio Valley have committed brutal outrages on non-union men who were willing to work.

Handsomeness memorial windows have been placed in Christ Church, Cataract, Kingston, by the Cartwright family and Mr. R. Town.

One hundred and twenty newspapers and periodicals have been suppressed in Franco since MacMahon became President.

Cleveland, O., April 2.—The labourers at the Union Depot, numbering nearly three hundred, struck to-day for an advance of wages. They were all promptly paid and discharged.

A veteran, named Lampman, died at St. Catharines, on Wednesday, at the age of 93. He served in the war of 1812, taking part in the battles of Beaver Dam and Tandy's Lane.

The Erie Railway difficulty is over. Trains are running as usual, and the militia have been sent home. So much for the prompt action of Governor Hartmann.

The body of a man, in an advanced stage of decomposition, was found in the bay, at Toronto, on 1st inst. There was no clue discovered to the identity of the deceased.

Alabama consumes over \$23,000,000 worth of whiskey and other liquor annually, and uses about 60,000,000 bushels of grain in the manufacture of various fermented and distilled liquors.

The temperance movement has spread to Manitoba, and large numbers of members are weekly being added to the roll of the two lodges of Good Templars in existence in Winnipeg.

Six persons have been fined for swearing in the streets at Blackburn, and other towns in England are about to follow the example. If the idea were acted upon here a goodly fund might be raised.

The Quebec Chronicle says that it has information from reliable correspondents that the North Shore Railway bonds have met with a highly favourable reception in the London money market.

The Journal des Debats confirms the statement that the understanding existing between Austria and Russia relative to the Eastern question is entirely pacific, and in no way tends to any dismemberment of Turkey.

The Scotsman newspaper says that a Bible, bound in calf, and bearing the name of "William Sim," a Dundee man, and the date 1830, has been discovered in the stomach of a codfish recently. William Sim went to sea in 1831, and has not since been heard of.

A party of Pottawatamio Indians consisting of an old "warrior" and ten others, were recently at Fort Scott, Kansas, on their way to the Indian territory on a visit. They persisted in camping on the floor of the hotel office.

This old man was very religious and devout, spending half an hour morning and evening in earnest prayer.

This item and the next to be taken and well shaken together:—Turkey and Russia are said to be quietly preparing for war against each other. Turkey is

purchasing cannon and pushing the construction of railways, and Russia is rebuilding Sebastopol, making all the men of the empire liable to military duty, and adding iron monsters to her Black Sea fleet.

A gentleman late one evening met his servant, "Hallo! where are you going at this time of night?—for no good, I'll warrant!" "I was going for you sir."

The Post understands that the Emperor of Russia, on his approaching visit to England, will come over in his yacht, the Livalia. Some military displays may be looked for, and a grand naval review will probably be held at Portsmouth. The Cologne Gazette states that in May Queen Victoria and the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh will visit Coburg.

We understand that the Department of Marine and Fisheries has received information from the light-house keeper at Point Pelee Island, in Lake Erie, that the first steamboat which has passed his station this spring was on 18th instant. He also states that there is some sheet ice floating about. He commenced lighting on the evening of the 18th instant.

Niagara, April 2.—Miss Margaret Stewart, a grand daughter of Sir William Johnson and of his wife, Miss Brant, sister of the Chief, Joseph Brant, died in Niagara on Monday, the 30th of March. This venerable and amiable lady has latterly lived in very reduced circumstances, finding many kind friends, however, among the people of Niagara. She was a native of Niagara, and about seventy-four years of age.

A writer who accompanied the British forces to Africa in the Ashantee war, discloses the existence of spiritualism among the negroes of the section. No doubt it has prevailed there for centuries, in which case it is evident either that spiritualism is not a thing brand new, and specially given as a reward ticket for the high intellectual development of the age or that this development was reached among the inhabitants of Africa long ago, and therefore "the rest of mankind are behind them."

An Ottawa paper says it is evident there is going to be an over-production of sawn lumber again this season; but square timber makers express a fear that there will be a great deal of timber stuck in the small streams this spring. The ice is so thick on the lakes that the high water will be over before the timber can be brought across them. The operations of logging on the River du Lièvre are about finished for the season. The winter has been particularly favourable for getting out logs.

William Robinson of San Jose, California, although eighty years old, could not wait. He went to bed with a can of gunpowder, lighted fuse, covered his head with a quilt, and was only slightly scorched by the explosion. Those who heard it ran in and found him sitting up with blood running down his clothes. He asked whether he was in heaven, and was sad when told that he was alive yet. Religious excitement had crazed him.

Mr. Plimsoll's agitation in favour of "Poor Jack" bears fruit on all hands. In refusing an application to the effect that the sentence on the elder Quinn, the Belfast shipowner, might be altered, on the plea of his ill health, Judge Lawson declared that since the case was disposed of, authentic information regarding some of the vessels owned by the Messrs Quinn had reached him and caused him some doubt whether the punishment he inflicted was commensurate with the offence.

The following anecdote is related of the late Shurley Brooks, editor of Punch: "Some years ago a fellow-journalist suddenly died: Shurley took his old comrade's work, in addition to his own, for a year, in order that the widow might receive that year's salary. It was a noble subscription in her behalf. That was good of Mr. Brooke. The deceased confere referred to was probably Thomas Ballantyne who in 1818 time had done a good turn to others. Brooks and Ballantyne were together on the Illustrated London News. Some literary men—ourselves of the number—do not know any one year to have passed without having done the work of others besides our own; small thanks most times, but large satisfaction. Ed. O. H.

Ailsa Craig.—The wife of Donald McKenzie McGillivray was yesterday killed in the sugar bush by a tree falling on her. The man who was chopping shouted to her to run, and the woman would have escaped, but she ran a few feet to pick up her little girl. The tree top descended, killing her instantly; the girl escaped uninjured.