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AFTERNOON TELEGRAMS. NEWS IN NUTSHELL FORM.

EUROPEAN NEWS.

The strike of coal miners of Lens, France, has been settled. The masters conceded the demands of the men. Mr. Gladstone writes that if the country wishes it the Irish representation at Westminster should be retained.

Emperor Francis Joseph, of Austria, has assented to the demands of the Hungarian cabinet regarding the army. The report that Moussa Bey, who is charged with brigandage and outrage in Armenia, had been pardoned by the Porte, is denied by the Turkish authorities.

In consequence of the death of the King of Portugal, who is a brother-in-law of King Humbert, the proposed festivities at Rome, in honor of Emperor William, have been abandoned.

The Paris Cabinet has expelled M. Laisant, the Boulangist Deputy, from his position as an officer in the Territorial Army. During the recent campaign Laisant declared he would not take the field for France under the present Government.

Ex-Empress Frederick, accompanied by her daughters, Princess Charlotte, Princess Victoria, Princess Sophie and Princess Margaret, and Prince Bernhard of Saxe-Meinigen, left Berlin on Saturday for Venice, on their way to Athens, where Princess Sophie is to be married on the 27th inst. to the Crown Prince of Greece.

The St. Petersburg Official Messenger states a plan had been made to wreck near Jassy, in Roumania, the train on which Ex-Queen Natalie, of Servia, recently travelled to Belgrade. The train started ten minutes earlier than the time announced, and it was owing to this fact that the plan of the conspirators was frustrated.

The Irish Parliamentary party will hold a meeting at the Mansion House in Dublin next Thursday. The object of the meeting is to prepare a set of resolutions which shall be presented to the convention in Tipperary, with a view to inaugurating a new Tenants' League, and beginning a fresh and well organized method for the aid and defence of Irish rent payers.

A long and bitter fight is promised before the electric light comes to be generally adopted in London. Gas is cheap and of fair quality, and the companies appear to be actuated by a desire to deal honestly with their patrons, which does not always characterize those of other countries.

An immense capital is invested in gas plants, and the conservative nature of tradesmen and householders generally will prevent the speedy adoption of any untried system. The widest circulation is given to all accounts of fires attributable to electric light wires, and the horrible deaths which have occurred in American cities from the same cause lately lose nothing of their terrors when commented upon by certain London journals friendly to the gas interests.

The London rough is threatened with the loss of one of his most ancient and dearly cherished privileges. It is leaving his mark on his traditional enemy the policeman, and as the magistrates make light of such assaults it has become necessary to adopt some restraining measures.

As the result of a meeting of the heads of the police department, it is said that Chief Commissioner Monro, Inspector Moore and others recommended a more vigorous treatment of desperate men who resist arrest. Over thirty policemen are now reported as crippled temporarily in the line of duty, and bruises and torn uniforms are matters that receive no notice. The impunity with which they have been hitherto allowed to act has given the lawless element practical possession of some localities, and respectable persons who are now compelled to make long detours or incur the expense of cabs to avoid certain streets, will rejoice to learn that a little treatment in kind is to be extended to the rough element, who can be taught by no other means that the police are to be no longer objects upon which to exercise their fists, boots and teeth safely.

Judge Falconbridge addressed the jury at Toronto in the Hicks murder case on Saturday morning. His remarks leaned slightly to the side of the defence. At 2 o'clock this afternoon, after being out two hours, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty. There was no scene in court, though the prisoners were much agitated. They were discharged.

No further date has been appointed for the hearing of the argument in support of the petition of W. J. Dougall and others against the allowance of the Jesuits' Estates Act.

Typhoid fever is on the increase at Quebec, and there have been some deaths from the disease. Hon. Mr. Duhamel, Commissioner of Crown Lands, has it is stated, three children down with the disease.

The United States President has appointed General Green Raum, of Illinois, to be Commissioner of Pensions.

The steamer Kehler, which left New York on Sunday, and which it was feared was lost, arrived at Baltimore, M. D., on Friday night.

Friz Seuger and Fred Summerfield were crushed to death by the wall of a school house, which was being torn down at Milwaukee, Wis., on Friday.

An organization for mutual benefit has been perfected among the farmers of Jefferson County, N. Y. State, who grow seed peas. They will devote their efforts to having the duty on Canadian seed peas restored.

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Violent Wind and Rain Storms—A Tidal Wave Fifteen Feet Higher Than Ever Known Before—Alarm. ing Condition of Affairs—Entire Villages Submerged and the People Drowned.

San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 19.—The steamer, City of Pekin, from China and Japan, brings an account of a tidal wave in which nearly twelve hundred persons lost their lives, and two thousand houses were washed away. On September 11, the same day, Yokohama was also severely damaged by a typhoon, and a violent wind and rain storm occurred at Hazugun and Aichiken. By two o'clock the sea had risen several feet above ordinary high tide, and just after midnight the waves mounted to a great height, washing away the embankments, and levelling the buildings near the shore. Shortly after the tidal wave fifteen feet higher than the highest of those that had preceded it rolled in with a great roar, washing away the remaining portion of the embankment, and carrying with it nearly all the houses of the villages along the beach. This was done so suddenly that the people had no time to escape. At Okudo all the houses—twenty-three in number—were washed away, and out of fifty inhabitants fifty-two were lost.

At Jizuroku 40 houses were washed away, and fifty out of the population of 250 were killed. At Ikuta 120 houses were washed away, about 20 broken up and 40 of the inhabitants were killed. At Yoshida Mura 350 out of 650 houses were washed away, and 628 of the population of 3,000 were killed. At Toba Mura, containing 220 houses and a population of 1,300, ten houses were broken up and ten persons perished. In addition to those enumerated, 369 bodies have been found, and there are yet 280 persons missing.

A Harder Over Politics. Elizabethtown, Ohio, October 18.—Last evening Thomas Hayhurst and Rollo Hayes, two wealthy young farmers, discussed the chances of Campbell and Foraker for Governor. The argument became so warm that Hayes suddenly drew a revolver, and bringing it against Hayhurst's side pulled the trigger. The latter fell dead, shot through the heart. The murderer fled.

Immigration Statistics. Montreal, Oct. 18.—An examination of the figures of the Dominion Immigration Office has been obtained in accordance with official statements, from which it appears that the total number of arrivals has amounted to 24,082. The number last year was 33,414—a decrease for 1899 of 9,332. One reason for this falling off is the withdrawal of Government aid since last year. In April of 1898 the arrivals were 3,104, while in May they went up to 11,188, to seize the last chance of assisted passage. The quality of the immigration has much improved. Last year the immigrants had only \$175,000; this year it amounted to \$278,700. In spite of the decrease in numbers Ontario took 7,767, against 12,378 last year; Quebec took 3,811, against 4,973 last year; Manitoba and the North-west 6,539, against 7,367 last year.

A Young Nova Scotian Murdered. Yarmouth, N. S., October 17.—News was received here to-day of the cold-blooded murder of a young Yarmouther named Enoch Crosby, at Tacoma, W. T., on the 5th inst. The deceased was returning to his boarding house between 11 and 12 o'clock at night, when two unknown masked men assailed him on the street, and one of them fired a revolver at him, the bullet entering his body over the hip and passing through his bowels. The assailants then fled. Crosby died next day from the effects of his wounds. The city of Tacoma is in great excitement over the tragedy. Public meetings were held and citizens subscribed to a reward of \$2,500 for information as to the assassin. The deceased was a plumber by trade, and went to Tacoma last February to join his father, Capt. Freeman Crosby. It is supposed Crosby was shot in mistake for some one else, as he was a young man of exemplary life, not known to have an enemy in the world.

At a meeting of the barb wire and nail manufacturers at Pittsburg, Pa., on Friday, the price of barb wire was advanced 5 per cent, and wire nails 7 1/2 per cent. Ninety per cent of the manufacturers in the country were represented. Trade is unusually good.

William Gaines murdered a fellow workman, Eugene Sullivan, Friday, at a farm in the town of Bristol, W. T. Gaines cut Sullivan's throat with a butcher knife, and thrust the blade through his body seven times. He was arrested and confessed, saying he feared Sullivan would beat him out of his job.

A Chicago paper says one of the most gigantic trusts ever organized in the United States is about to be formed. It is the complete monopoly of the entire trade in barbed and ordinary wire by a few firms. The head of the monopoly is Mr. Washburn, of Washburn, Maen & Co., of Worcester, Mass.

Mrs. Lydia Drake, of Rockford, Ill., died on Friday, aged 97. She was a descendant of Sir Francis Drake. She had fourteen children, 11 of whom are living. The eldest is 76 years, and the youngest 52. Mrs. Drake had 126 living great grandchildren, and 11 great great grandchildren. Her faculties were remarkably well preserved.

John Burke, a well-known book maker, sporting man and local politician of New York, was attacked by two highwaymen on his way home at 1.30 Friday morning. He was struck across the back with a sand bag by one robber while the other tried to take his gold watch and chain. Burke fought desperately and got away. The robbers pursued him to his own door way, but Burke got the door closed in time. Burke had several thousand dollars with him.

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THE HONOLULU REVOLT.

What Mr. Wilcox Proposed Doing Had the Scheme Succeeded.

San Francisco, Cal., October 19.—Honolulu papers state that on October 9 James Kauhane, Jack Kaumoo and others charged with offenses connected with the late insurrection, were called in court. Several prisoners pleaded guilty. Robert Boyd, who played a prominent part in the revolt, testified that a secret society had been formed, with Wilcox as President, and Albert Loomis as Vice-President, to overthrow the Ministry and to restore King Kalakaua and the natives the rights of which it was alleged they had been deprived. If the revolt was successful Wilcox was to appoint himself dictator, eject the ministers and proclaim martial law. He would then have the King sign the constitution in which the power and rights of the natives were restored.

THE FIRE RECORD.

Serious Fires at Bismarck and Menoken and Elsewhere.

Bismarck, N. D., Oct. 19.—An immense prairie fire has been raging since yesterday morning within a few miles of Bismarck, and a large number of farms have been destroyed. The village of Menoken, 14 miles below Bismarck, consisting of 16 blocks, has been entirely swept away and the inhabitants are destitute. The residents here apprehend great danger. Princeton, Minn., October 19.—Extensive forest fires have been raging for the past three weeks between this place and Bridgeman, extending east and west from Mora to within ten miles of Sank Rapids, and destroying thousands of tons of hay and great quantities of cordwood and timber. Mrs. Hiram Whittier was burned to death in the town of Greenbush while trying to save her property.

Virginia, Ill., Oct. 18.—A whole block, with the exception of eight badly damaged brick store-rooms, was destroyed before the fire of yesterday could be got under control. Loss, \$30,000.

A Plot Discovered and Frustrated.

Chicago, Oct. 19.—The Daily News prints a sensational article alleging that a plot has been discovered to rescue by force from Judge McConnell's court some day next week Martin Burke and Daniel Coughlin, the Cronin suspects, now awaiting trial with O'Sullivan, Beggs and Kunz. The plot, which the News ascribes to the Clan-na-Gael, was got up in the interest of Coughlin and Burke, only for the reason that they are men who must be saved at all cost, to prevent their confessing and implicating men whose necks are thought to be worth much more to the Clan men. Precautions have been taken by the authorities to prevent surprises.

The Irish National League of America.

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 18.—It is announced on the authority of a prominent member of the Irish National League residing here that there is a movement on foot within the League to increase its numerical strength and place it on a firmer basis than it has ever been. In the past year affairs in Chicago have done much to create a wrong impression of the League, and it has been affected to a considerable extent. It is denied explicitly that the League has in any way been mixed up with the Clan-na-Gael or the Cronin murder. Rev. Father O'Reilly and Col. John Atkinson, of Detroit, have gone to England for the purpose of consulting Mr. Parnell and his friends on this subject, and last night Chas. O'Brien, of this city, who has just returned from a conference at Detroit with Father O'Reilly, left for Lincoln, Neb., to consult with John Fitzgerald, President of the League, and make arrangements for a thorough organization of the whole country.

Protestant Episcopal Convention.

New York, Oct. 17.—The House of Deputies of the Protestant Episcopal General Convention to-day adopted Dr. Huntington's resolution to form a committee to prepare and submit to the Convention of 1892 a standard prayer book, and to report also what changes, if any, should be made in Canon 19. The Committee on Canons presented a report recommending the creation of deaconesses, and giving details of their management. Placed on the calendar. Changes in the order for the administration of the Lord's Supper, as suggested by the House of Bishops, were approved. The question of the adoption of the best part of the book was brought up. H. H. Harding, of Missouri, objected to any more revision. The only persons, he said, who will be benefited by revision are the booksellers. Dr. Huntington closed the debate, and the amendments proposed by the committee were adopted. The House then adjourned.

LONDON SOUTH.

A couple of residents complained Saturday morning of the extortion practiced by a couple of draymen on a poor widow woman, who resided on Stanley street. She engaged the men to move her furniture and household effects a couple of blocks, and when they had finished they heartlessly charged her \$4—about four times the legal rate in the city. An effort was made by interested parties to get some of the money back, but the men would not return any of it, and there was no redress.

Yesterday was anniversary Sunday in connection with the Askin Street Methodist Sunday School, and at the three services the singing was by the children, and the directorship of Mr. John Ward. The junior classes were arranged on a raised platform in front of the choir and the senior ones were seated in the galleries on either side. Rev. Mr. Lock, of Melbourne, preached the sermons, and at the afternoon meeting addresses were given by Mr. Thomas Brenton, for forty years an active Sunday School worker; Rev. Mr. Lancelotti, of the Colborne Street Church, and Rev. Mr. Lock. The entertainment this evening promises to be particularly interesting.

As soon as frost comes either remove the cows from pasture or give them additional feed to make up for their lack of nourishment. Frost is not like the drying up after cutting, which turns grass into hay. Frost disintegrates the particles of matter, and when rains come the value of the grass for nutrition is soon washed out, and the grass after that is nearly worthless as food.

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A Reporter's Interview.

To the Editor of the Free Press. SIR.—Will you permit me to correct a misrepresentation of what I said to Mr. Miller, your reporter, which appears in your paper of this morning, and of which, no doubt unwittingly, Mr. Miller must be the originator. I met Mr. Miller yesterday on Dundas street, when I explained the manner in which a vote might be taken, and which, though informal would suffice to obtain an expression of the wishes of the people, and to which expression I was quite willing to submit. I said exactly then what I said at the meeting. I gave no opinion, one way or the other, as to the fairness of the terms offered by the city, but I did express a strong opinion that our taxes in London South would be so greatly increased as to operate disastrously on me as the owner of many vacant lots and on the working men, to whom I have sold lots, and for whom I have built cottages or whom I have assisted with money, and otherwise, to secure homes of their own on my survey, and whose interests are identical with my own. I said nothing about any probable change of opinion in four or five years, but may probably have said, as I have frequently, that a period of independence, would put us in a better position by far than a similar period of city privileges and excessive assessments and taxation. I do not charge Mr. Miller, as the manner of some is, with wilful misrepresentation, but it will be another caution against speaking unreservedly with some, I am happy to say not all, of our city newspaper reporters.

With reference to the preceding part of your article, I will only say that from an official standpoint incorporation with the city would pay admirably. The introduction of a few taverns, and the inevitable consequent multiplication of offences, would be much more productive of fees than our present innocent suburb is ever likely to supply, and I have no doubt Mr. Schram, ascriber of the Criminal Courts, could say the same. Yours truly, CHARLES HUTCHINSON. London, Oct. 19, 1899.

WHAT MR. HUTCHINSON SAID.

County Crown-Attorney Hutchinson said he was well satisfied with the outcome of the meeting. He did not think amalgamation would carry now if it was submitted to a vote, but it would be hard to say what change might take place in sentiment before January. There could be no objection to taking a ballot on the question, and if the people wanted it the means would be found, even if there was no "legal machinery." Mr. Hutchinson then surmised by the city are very fair, and I don't know but that amalgamation might be desirable. But I have got too many vacant lots back on my survey to go in for it for the next four or five years. I don't want to pay any more taxes than I can help, you know.

MR. MILLER TO MR. HUTCHINSON.

To the Editor of the Free Press. DEAR SIR.—I have just read a copy of Mr. Charles Hutchinson's letter in reference to a statement which he was credited with making, and which appeared in your paper this morning. When he denies the accuracy of the report he states what is palpably false. I was more than surprised when he made the latter statement, having heard his speech the evening previous in the rink, and for that reason am positive of its correctness. I still have the notes of the interview in my possession, which I intend to publish immediately after leaving him, and they correspond exactly with the printed report of the interview. I am quite willing to leave the question of veracity to the public. Yours respectfully, G. W. MILLER.

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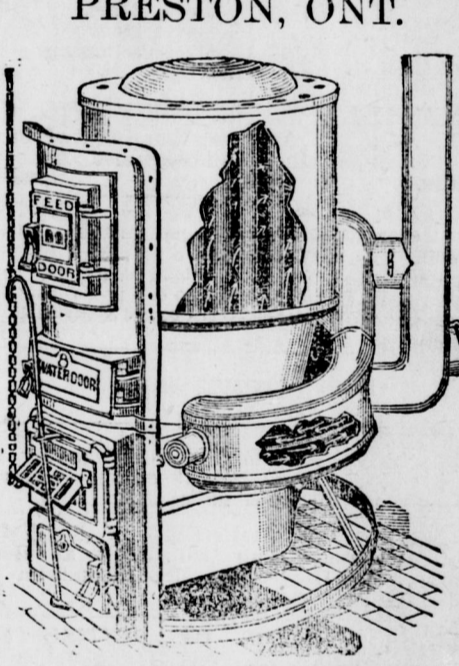
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