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News Summary

The British government has succeeded in carrying its education bill through the Commons by 333 votes, against 215.

The Argentine Republic is offering special inducements to encourage immigration from Japan.

Severe fighting has taken place between Machadorp and Lydenburg, the Boers being defeated, with at least 50 killed.

The United States has 38,600,000 pigs, a number equal to the combined stocks of Russia, Germany, Austria and the British Isles.

The Boers attacked a constabulary post at Houtkop, July 11, capturing a seven-pound gun. They were eventually driven off. The British loss was three men killed and seven wounded.

The Manitoba government announces that the province this season will need 12,000 men from outside to gather in the bountiful harvest. The largest number ever required before was 10,000 in 1899.

Two boys, about eight and ten years of age, sons of Wm. Daphney, of Bonny River, were drowned Thursday afternoon. They went for a swim and got beyond their depth.

Lord Selborne, outlining in the House of Lords the plans for improving the navy, said it was proposed to establish a school of naval strategy, such as in the United States.

Portland Argus: Although Andrew Carnegie has philanthropically squandered forty millions he still has \$280,000,000 left, on his own showing. He will have to adopt heroic measures if he is to escape the fate of dying "rich and disgraced."

At Halifax it is reported that Andrew Carnegie has announced his willingness to give the School of Art and Design and the Citizens' Library an amount equal to ten times the cost of maintenance for one year. This would mean a gift of about \$75,000.

Fifty non-union brick layers and masons have arrived at Sydney to fill the places of the Italians. The steel company engaged a number of non-union men and other contractors will follow suit. There is intense indignation among the union men, and there may be trouble between them and the non-union men.

Sir Edwin Arnold, who has lost the use of his legs through paralysis and become totally blind, fears he will never again be able to see. In spite of his infirmities Sir Edwin—whose son, now serving a term in prison for embezzlement, robbed him of the savings of his life—is obliged at the age of 60 years to work hard for a living.

Fourteen persons are dead, two probably fatally injured and a large number of others less seriously hurt as the result of the head-on collision between passenger and fast live stock trains on the Chicago and Alton Railroad near Norton, Mo., on Wednesday last.

John A. Hinsey, former president of the board of control of the endowment rank, Knights of Pythias, appeared before the Supreme Lodge at Chicago on Wednesday, 10th inst., and admitted the deficit is \$225,767. Hinsey declared he had done his best to keep the treasury in a sound condition, but that death claims had mounted up, investments had turned out failures, and it had been frequently necessary to overdraw the rank's account at the bank.

A Des Moines, Ia., despatch states that S. W. Dawson, who has served five of a ten-year sentence for shooting Walter Scott (his son-in-law) on Christmas night, 1895, has been pardoned by Governor Shaw. "Damascus" Dawson, as he is known, claims to have recovered the arts of making Damascus steel and hardening copper. Capitalists who are interested in a project to develop Dawson's processes, secured the evidence upon which he was paroled, as he had asserted that he would die with his secrets rather than reveal them in prison.

A Chatham, N. B., despatch of Sunday night, says:—Terrible forest fires are raging along the southern bank of the Miramichi, east of Chatham Junction, in the parishes of Nelson and Glengel. The flames can be seen for miles. Reports, though not detailed, tell of a great extent of fine timber country being burned over. The starting point was in the vicinity of Barnaby River. All Saturday night the fire raged and all to-day, and tonight it is still burning fiercely. Two houses and two barns have been destroyed and a number of sheep have been burned. The fire extends from Barnaby River eastward and has already swept over 15 miles of country. Black Brook was in great danger Saturday night and to-night Black River and Nowlan settlements are threatened. The loss will be heavy.

London Chronicle: The dedication by Archbishop of Canterbury of the new open air pulpit in the graveyard of Christ Church Spitalfield's is a reminder that open air pulpits were more common of old than nowadays. The new pulpit may be said to replace the old pulpit cross which stood in the churchyard of the Priory of St Mary Spital. This pulpit cross which was destroyed at the Revolution, resembled the famous one at St. Pauls. In it Dr. Barrow once preached a Spital sermon to the Lord Mayor and aldermen that lasted three hours and a half. When asked whether he had not fatigued himself, he replied: "Yes, I began to be weary with standing so long." There are now four open air pulpits in London, of which three are in the East End. The fourth is at Holy Trinity, opposite Portland Road station. They are all associated with short rather than with long sermons; it was only when Londoners were without umbrellas that they consented to stand in the rain.

A report from Captain Percy Fall has been received by the Governor General. It covers the movements of the Canadian South African constabulary from Cape Verde to arrival and location in South Africa. On the voyage from Cape Verde the report says sixty or seventy cases of measles and mumps developed, but without fatal results. The authorities in Africa expected the Canadians would arrive in khaki, and so made no provisions for uniforms for them. The consequence was that the Canadians had to go up country in their sea-going kit of overalls, sweaters and toques. The disposition of the troops was as follows: Bloemfontein, 509 officers and men, being squadrons D, E, I, and K.; Heidelberg, 403 officers and men, being squadrons C, H, L, M.; Krugersdorp, A, B, and F.

While bathing at Island Park, Toronto Wednesday, Walter Smith, eight years old, fell into a hole. Ernest McRae, fifteen years old, went to his assistance. Smith grasped McRae around the neck choking him, and both sank. The bodies were recovered half an hour afterwards.

The British Government is the owner of over 25,000 camels. Several thousands are used in India to carry stores and equipment when regiments are changing quarters by line of march.

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E. A. Martel, the French explorer of caverns, whose discoveries underground have attracted much attention, reports that he has found in the Department of Hautes Alpes a cavity in the form of a "natural well," whose depth exceeds that of any other known. He has sounded it to the depth of about one thousand and twenty-seven feet, but the actual bottom has not been reached.

Workmen on the new Ann Arbor Hotel at Frankfort, Mich., unearthed a golden altar crucifix eleven inches in length, with arms five inches long, set in a base two inches square, supposed to have been the property of the Jesuit Priest Marquette, who was buried there 225 years ago. Some time ago a skull believed to be Marquette's was found on the same spot, which created great excitement.

The Montreal City Council has decided to call for the new tenders for the lighting contract to be opened in September. A decision was only reached after an exciting debate, during which Ald. Clearhne said

he had been offered \$3,000 to vote for giving the contract to the Royal Electric.

The medals for the Canadians who served in South Africa are on board the Ophir in charge of Lieutenant the Duke of Roxborough, who, upon arrival of the ship at Quebec, will hand them over to the general officer commanding. This means they will probably not be engraved with the name of the recipient.

The department of militia has received a requisition for twelve thoroughly trained chargers for use of His Highness and party at military reviews while in Canada. Four of these, which are to be jet black, for the staff of the Duke.

The Viceroy of India telegraphs that the rainfall in the Bombay Deccan, central provinces, Eastern Bengal, Burmah and Assam has been generally sufficient for agricultural purposes. There has been a good rainfall at Gujerat. The total number of persons employed on the relief works is 585,000.

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