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LATEST EGYPTIAN NEWS.

TERRIBLE EXPLOSION OF AN AMMUNITION TRAIN AT CAIRO.

Thirty Men Reported Killed—Many Badly Wounded—Railway Station on Fire—Riots in Upper Egypt—The Sultan's Threats—Egyptian War Losses.

LONDON, Sept. 29—A despatch from Cairo, referring to the explosion of an ammunition train there, says the train from Benha had arrived with the 60th rifles when an ammunition wagon in the stern exploded, killing the doctor who was in the train with some invalids, and some men. The number is unknown. The train was ignited, and the fire spread to the railroad depot, which was quickly burned. The flames next reached the commissary depot, and thence extended to some of the British magazines, which exploded. It was found impossible to prevent the reserve of ammunition from being destroyed. Later news shows that the train with the 60th rifles arrived just as another was starting for Alexandria with trucks containing ammunition. The shells on one of the trucks exploded, scattering shells all over the station, and demolishing the end of the carriages of the Benha train, in which were a number of invalids. It is feared some of the soldiers and natives are buried among the debris. Engines are going forward, but the fire has spread so rapidly it is hopeless to expect that anything of consequence will be saved. The ruck with 300 rounds of ammunition has not yet exploded, rendering approach perilous. The whole of the commissariat stores, the greater part of the forge, all hospital necessaries and large quantities of clothing were destroyed. The loss is estimated at £100,000.

KILLED BY THE EXPLOSION.

The News' Cairo dispatch says; It is reported that three of the rifles were killed and six wounded by the explosion. Some of the army service corps were wounded and several natives killed. The correspondent passed a number of the inhabitants rushing about with children, money and portable articles, and under impression that Cairo had been surprised by a new enemy.

WOLSELEY'S STAY IN EGYPT.

CAIRO, Sept 28.—General Wolseley will not leave here until the urgent questions awaiting solution respecting court martials, the withdrawal of the British troops, and the organization of the Egyptian army are settled.

EGYPTIAN WAR LOSSES.

It is now definitely ascertained that the expenses and losses through the war are less than expected. The provincial treasury is being fairly filled.

EXPLOSION OF AN AMMUNITION TRAIN.

An ammunition train exploded near the Cairo railway depot. Explosions still continue. Arabs and Europeans are flying from the scene. Thirty persons are reported killed. The explosion of shells still continue, at intervals of less than half a minute. The train caught fire, it is believed, by spontaneous combustion caused by the exceptional heat.

TROOPS SENT SUDDENLY TO TANTAH.

ALEXANDRIA, Sept. 28—It is stated that two companies of the 49th regiment have been suddenly ordered to Tantah, and it is further stated that the Egyptian government possesses a telegram from Prince Ibrahim to Arabi, congratulating him on the supposed Egyptian victory at Kassassin, and hoping at the next feast of Bairam that Englishmen will be sacrificed instead of sheep.

RIOTS IN UPPER EGYPT.

There have been riots in several parts of Upper Egypt owing to the efforts of the officials to enforce demonstrations of loyalty to the khedive. Flags and devices have been torn down by the mobs, and the christians have been insulted and maltreated.

THE PORTE RETURNS THANKS.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 28—The British ambassador has communicated to the British foreign secretary a note from the porte thanking Great Britain for re-establishing order in Egypt, and expressing the hope that the bonds of friendship at present subsisting between Turkey and England may be drawn still closer. The secretary has replied expressing satisfaction at the sentiments of the Ottoman government.

AN OUTBREAK IN ARABIA.

Five battalions of troops have been despatched to Hadjez, in Arabia, where an outbreak is reported. The outbreak is probably connected with the recent deposition of the Grand Shereef of Mecca.

THE SULTAN'S THREAT.

It is reported that the sultan has ordered the punishment by imprisonment or exile of all Turkish subjects returning to Turkey from service with the British in Egypt.

CONSTRUCTING TORPEDOES.

The construction of 200 Berdan torpedoes has been ordered to be hastened and all other work at the arsenal if to give place to this work.

NOTES.

The British channel squadron has sailed for Malta.

The Indian troops will return to India immediately.

The Erie and Huron Railway.

The president of this road has intimated to the Chatham council that the company has completed an arrangement with E. O. Bickford of Toronto, to finish the road through Kent, on condition that the municipalities interested raised additional bonuses to the amount of $80,000; connection to be made with the Canada Southern before Christmas, and the remaining sections within a year from date. Mr. Bickford further agrees to continue the line to Sarnia if bonuses are forthcoming in Lambton. The council will take immediate action in the matter.

JEANNETTE EXPEDITION.

Relics and Records of the Artic Trip—Chances of the Greeley Party Discussed.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28—Secretary Chandler had an interview this morning with Melville, Danenhower and Ninderman. All the relics and records of the Jeannette expedition in the custody of Melville were formally transferred to the secretary. The chief signal officer says there is no ground to fear that Greeley's party at Lady Franklin will not have sufficient food. He thinks Greeley's men have been down to the point reached by the Neptune before this and got their mail from the coaches. He says there are large quantities of food available for Greeley which was left by the previous expedition. He thinks there is no doubt but the sea will be open next year, and if not a sledge party can be sent up from the farthest point the relief party will be able to reach.

THE McNAMEE LIBEL CASE.

Conclusion of the Trial—Verdict for the Defendant—Result Received With Cheers.

MONTREAL, Sept. 28—The McNamee libel case against Phelan of the Post was continued to-day. Mr. A. P. McDonald, railway contractor, confirmed the evidence given by the plaintiff about taking men to work in the States during the American war. Mr. James McShane, M.PP., was the only other witness, but his evidence irrelevant. The counsel on both sides occupied the whole day in addressing the jury why at a late hour brought in a verdict acquitting the proprietor of the paper. The verdict was received by the crowded court with cheers.

OBITUARY.

DUBLIN, Sept. 28—Gerald Fitzgibbon, prominent among the counsel for the defence in the state trials of 1843, is dead.

CABLE NOTES.

The German and English governments will act jointly in the support of measures for the suppression of gambling in Monaco.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Dr. Ezra P. Gould, of Boston, has been removed by the trustees from the chair of New Testament interpretation at the Newton Theological institution (Baptist), which he had occupied fourteen years, because his views are alleged to be too liberal.

Another Agrarian Murder.

DUBLIN, Sept. 28—James Hickey was murdered near Templemore, county Tipperary. Twe brothers of a family lately evicted are arrested on suspicion.

Female Duellists.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 28.—This morning Melissa Power and Addie Johnson, young women, fought with knives about a young man. Melissa is dead and Addie lies in a critical condition.

Disturbances in Montenegro.

CATHIRA, Sept. 28—Disturbances have broken out among the Montenegrins in Kolaschin. The governor of Novi Bazar has sent a body of Nisams to occupy Turkish Kolaschin.

Extensive Theft of Jewelry.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Sept. 23—Diamonds and jewelry to the value of $12,000 were stolen at the exposition building this morning from an exhibit. The valuables were insecurely kept in a show case.

Russian Press Censorship.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 28.—The new laws for the regulation of the press require all newspapers, after receiving a third warning from the censorship, must be submitted to the censors before publication.

Dillon's Retirement.

LONDON, Sept. 28—It is understood that Davitt and Dillon have explicitly denied that any difference exists between the latter and Mr. Parnell. Mr. Dillon resigns solely because of ill health. There are hopes in the party that he may be able to resume his duties after a year's absence.

Shooting His Stepmother.

NEW YORK, Sept. 28—Thos. McCabe, aged 16, who shot his stepmother, was found guilty of manslaughter in the second degree yesterday. The crime attracted much attention because of the exceptional atrocity, and there is great surprise over the leniency of the verdict.

Attempted Suicide in London.

LONDON, Ont., Sept. 28—A barber named Robertson attempted to commit suicide by shooting himself in the Sulphur Spring garden to-night. He placed the pistol in his mouth and fired. The ball lodged in the head, but is not necessarily fatal. He has been drinking of late and this is supposed to have led to the attempt upon his own life.

The Tale of the Towel.

OTTAWA, Sept. 28—Major-General Luard has, it is understood, sent his reply to the statement furnished by Capt. Scott to the militia department. It is said to be remarkable for its brevity, doing little more than asking if Capt. Scott's statement is all he has to say in way of defence.

Report of Ireland's Prosperity.

NEWPORT, R. I., Sept. 27.—Dr. Grace, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic church, arrived last evening from Europe. At a public reception he remarked that he could truthfully say that while in Ireland he saw no evidence of want, hunger or misery, though he had caerfully and sympathizingly investigated the condition of the people.

Extensive Failure in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 28—Helmerich & Hanson, the well-known wheat brokers and dealers in promissory notes, have failed. It is reported the French bank, engaged in the discounting business, holds securities of the firm for $60,000, another bank for $25,000, and a third for $10,000. It is estimated that the total liabilities are $160,000. The assets cannot be determined definitely.

Sad Railway Accident.

DETROIT, Sept. 28—A switchman named Wm. McCracken met with a frightful accident at the Grand Trunk junction. At 11.30 o'clock last night he was engaged in switching when he slipped and was struck by a loaded freight car, which passed over his legs, and nearly severed them from his body. The unfortunate man shouted for help and crawled out from under the wheels, dragging his legs after him. He was found by Frank Davis, another switchman, between two tracks. The sight that presented itself to Davis was a horrible one and he lost no time in making a report of the accident. The ambulance was summoned by telephone. Mr. McCracken was placed on a stretcher and taken to St. Mary's hospital.

WRECK OF THE ASIA.

COTINUATION OF THE INQUIRY BEFORE CAPT. SCOTT.

Several Witnesses Re-called—No New Light—Arrival of Miss Morrison.

COLLINGWOOD, Sept. 28—The commissioner, Capt. Scott, opened his court this morning as usual; but the business to-day has been light. All the testimony taken was that of recalled witnesses. The first to be recalled was Capt. E. B. Anderson, who testified that while commanding the Quebec, he was caught in a storm that must have been as severe as the terrible temptest which caused the loss of the Asia. It was in October 1880, the Quebec then being about 100 miles north-east of Duluth. The Quebec shipped heavy seas and three of her gangway shutters were broken. The sea also stove in the fore companion way and went into the stoke hole. The weather was very cold at the time and great seas rushed through the cabins and over the promenade deck. The captain saved his boat by throwing overboard 800 sacks of flour of her cargo. He is of opinion that life rafts should be carried by all boats, they being safer than boats.

The next witness recalled was H. W. Bellsmith, the company's bookkeeper, who said that when the Asia last left Collingwood her main deck was six feet above the water at midship. The Simcoe and Columbia were of the same style as the Asia, though of an inferior class and both boats were lost by getting into the trough of the sea and becoming unmanageable. The Waubuno was lost by being driven on a lee shore. He had discussed and thought over the advisability of keeping a complete shore record and believed it was impracticable on the Georgian Bay route.

After the noon adjournment Capt. Anderson was visited on the Campana by Capt. Scott just before leaving port, and denied emphatically that Capt. Savage had ever informed him that when the Asia grounded at Thornbury she got a rock in her bottom.

Miss Morrison has arrived here by a late train to-night and her testimony will be taken to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

Russia Sounding the Danube.

BUCHANES, Sept. 28.—The Russian officials at Kilia, near the mouth of the Danube, are taking soundings, notwithstanding the remonstrances of the international commission. The Russian government has arranged that Russians shall perform police duty instead of the employes of the commission. In consequence of these infringements a meeting of the commission has been summoned.

Secret Coronation of the Czar Rumored.

VIENNA, Sept. 28—A newspaper published a story that the emperor and empress of Russia were secretely crowned during the recent visit to Moscow. If the emperor survives till the public coronotion the secret ceremony will be considered void; in the event of his death it will be made public, so as to avoid any difficulty in proclaiming the Czarwich Alexander as the lawful successor of the crowned monarch. An interesting description of the manner of crowning the czar will be found in another column.

A Free Lance Attack.

OTTAWA, Sept. 28—"The hon. secretary of the Royal society of Canada," a literary venture by Nicholas Flood Davin, is published to-day. It is a review of J. G. Bourinot's pamphlet, "Canada as a Home," and is dedicated to his excellency the governor-general. The author enters a strong protest against Mr. Bourinot, opposing the secretary and demands his removal on the grounds that he cannot write the English language, and has nothing orignal about him. The pamphlet has created considerable excitement in literary circles.

A Curious Mistaken Identity Case.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 28.—In the Federal court here, Mrs. Wackerle sued the Mutual Fire Insurance Company yesterday to recover insurance on the life of her husband, killed by a train at Shreveport, Louisiana, in 1872. The defence claim that Wackerle is still alive, and will produce a man claiming to be Wackerle, who obtained a pension under his name, and who has been identified by some old acquaintances in Minnesota. Mrs. Wackerle denies that the man is her husband. His identity is also denied by some old acquaintances.

Buried in the Ruins.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 28—Early this morning a dwelling house fell, burying several inmates in the ruins. All were rescued, but some were seriously injured. Since Mrs Roche was taken from the ruins she has been seized with spasms. It is feared her injuries are fatal. In falling, her bed turned over, and when she reached the cellar, the bed clothes were under and the matress on top, thus shielding her from the avalanche of brick and lumber. Harry Roche, a boy, was precipitated from the third story to the cellar, and was severely injured. The others have broken limbs, and are otherwise seriously hurt.

Manitoba and the N. P.

WINNIPEG, Man., Sept. 28—The Winnipeg Times this evening publishes an official return showing that the value of the dry goods, groceries, liquors, settlers' effects, machinery, manufactures of leather, hardware, and manufactures of iron, furniture, agricultural implements, lumber, ready-made houses, breadstuffs, and other goods imported to Manitoba from the other provinces, during the fiscal year ending June 30 last, was $10,576,000. The Times says the imports for the current fiscal year will exceed $16,000,000, and adds that Eastern Canada has no reason to complain of the N. P., which has taken the custom of Manitoba from the Americans and given it to the eastern merchants and manufactures.

Escape of Five Burglars from Jail.

OIL CITY, Pa., Sept. 28—Five burglars who two months ago robbed the express office at Greenville, Pa., and were afterwards captured at Oil City after a desperate street fight and confined to the Mercer jail to await their trial next week, escaped to-day. The desperadoes seized Marshall Hughes while he was guarding the inner court of the jail, bound him hand and foot and gagged and confined him in a cell, after which, with the aid of their revolvers, they forced fifteen prisoners into their cells. Then as the turnkey entered with the jail physician, they seized them both and locked them up. Securing the keys, they opened the doors and passed out to the sheriff's quarters, captured the sheriff's wife and the cook and locked them up so as to prevent an alarm being given, after which they made their escape. They are very desperate characters and are supposed to be among the best cracksmen in the country. A reward of $500 is offered for their apprehension.

PRIZE PILS

A Gala Gathering at the Toronto Collegiate Institute Yesterday.

The Collegiate institute on Jarvis street was the scene of a gala gathering yesterday afternoon, the occasion being the distribution of scholarships and prizes to successful pupils of the last academic term. The gardens of the institute look lovely in their green and brilliant garb of grass and flowers, and the spacious hall in which the proceedings took place was liberally decorated with hunting. The pupils occupied forms in the body of the hall the girls on one side and the boys on the other, all well dressed, healthy and right smart looking. Co-education of the sexes is not the rule at the institute, a fact that the rector laid considerable stress upon in the course of a few observations during the afternoon. The visitors who were mostly of the fair sex were accommodated with seats on either side of the platform, which was occupied by Walter S. Lee, chairman of the board, who presided, Ex-Ald. Lobb and John Winchester, trustees, Mayor McMurrich, Rev. H. D. Powis, and the faculty of the institute, wearing their academical robes. Mr. MacMurchy, the rector directed the proceedings, which were opened with devotional exercises by Mr. Powis.

Mr. MacMurchy premised the distribution by stating that all the prizes were fairly and honorably won, and subject to the following conditions: There were three classes of prizes, form, examination and special. The special prizes were for the pupils who obtained first-class honors at the junior matriculation examination of the university, and also for those who obtained first-class teachers' certificates. The form of class prize was for the pupil who stood highest in his or her form during the last six months. The examination prize was for those who obtained 66 per cent of all the marks given; an honorable mention was for those who obtained at least 60 per cent. The scholarships were five in number, three of them being open to boys, and the remaining two to girls.

The prizes, consisting of handsome and useful books, were then distributed to the winners by the mayor. The rector had a good word to say for each pupil as he or she stepped up to the platform and his worship sent them off happy with a gracious bow and smile. The list is too long for publication, but some of the more important features may be reproduced. The school scholarships were obtained by: Long, Thomas, the "Kennedy;" Baillie, Mary, the 'McLean;' Graham, Wm., the 'Michie;' Roseburgh, T. R., the "Howland;" Hunter, Alfred, the "Hay." W. H. West carried off the governor general's bronze medal in the intermediate examination. The scholars this year obtained 42 certificates at the examinations of the department of education for Ontario, one first-class, grade C., and 41 second-class, 6 grade A. 25 grade B. and 10 grade C. The record of ex-pupils and pupils in the university examinations was very creditable, consisting as it does of 76 I. class honors, 68 II. class honors, 5 scholarships, and 1 gold medal. The rector stated with pardonable pride that the institute was more than holding its own in the province.

Rev. Mr. Powis addressed the pupils on culture, which he regarded as embracing every form of education, physical, moral, intellectual, social and religious. He counselled his youthful hearers to educate themselves in this way, and so become a credit to themselves and an ornament to the community. The reverend gentleman, whose address was an admirable one and warmly appreciated, was followed by Mr. Lobb, Mr. Winchester, Mr. Lee and Mayor McMurrich, all of whom said something nice, his worship in particular, for he announced amidst applause that it was his intention to offer two prizes this year for proficiency in the sciences.

The national anthem and the benediction brought the proceedings to a close.

THE BLACK FLAG.

The Latest and Greatest New York and London Success Coming Next Week.

The Grand opera house next week will present an attraction of rare merit, and one that will undoubtedly draw bumper houses. The names of the principal members of the company is enough to warrant the correctness of the following from the Syracuse Standard of Wednesday last: Mr. and Mrs. Nat Goodwin and Edwin Thorne, supported by a first-class company, appeared at the Wieting opera house in the great Union square success, "The Black Flag." The audience was a fine one, and the new opera house presented a brilliant appearance. The scenery was from the Union square theatre, and the setting was admirable. There are several highly sensational tableaux and strong situations, and the sentiment is wholesome. As the play proceeded the development of the plot followed with breathless interest, the deep silence only being broken by sudden bursts of applause or shouts of laughter at the comicalities of Sim Lazarus, Nat. Goodwin, jr. The piece was the most unqualified success ever produced in this city. The delight of the audience was manifested by long and loud applause, the curtain being repeatedly raised upon the grand tableaux, and the principal performers having to acknowledge the compliments paid them by appearing before the curtain. The piece is in four scenes and acts. The first a roadside inn by the sea—a beautiful picture; the second act a sitting room in "Owen Glyndon's" house—a perfect bit of artistic work in every respect; the third the quaries at Portland, which changes to the open sea—a marvel of scenic skill. As scarcely anything had been said by the management about the mechanical and scenic part of the production, the audience was taken all aback at the grandeur of the scenes, which have never been excelled, even in the gallery of scenic art."

Osgood Hall Happenings.

A number of election petitions are set down for argument to-day.

The Hall extradition case, in which the liberty of the subject is concerned, was argued before the chancery division nearly a month ago, and judgment has not been given yet. The probability is that the matter will be delayed for another month, all the judges having gone on circuit.

Laying Rails in College Street.

Over a week ago Mr. Littlejohn, of the works department, wrote to the bursar of the university of Toronto regarding the laying of the rails for the new line of horse cars in College street. Up to yesterday evening no answer had been received, and it is the intention of the company to proceed at once with the work, and let the university senate prevent it by legal machinery if they can.

THE WATER WORKS EXTENSION.

The Original Report Before the Executive Committee—Sent to the Council.

The principal business which occupied the attention of the meeting of the executive committee of the city council yesterday was the consideration of report No. 27 of the water works committee. Quite a discussion took place on this report and the members appeared to be unanimous in sending it to the council without amendment or alteration. That the readers of The World may fully understand the exact position of the city in relation to Mr. F. B McNamee the contractor, the report is here published in full:

REPORT NO. 27 OF THE COMMITTEE ON WATERWORKS.

In the matter of the Island contract, your committee, after further consideration of the recommendation contained in the report referred back by the council, deem the settlement suggested as the best in the interest of the city, and the report, as follows, is therefore again recommended for adoption:

Your committee have had under consideration a report from the city engineer and manager in reference to the lake extension contract, accompanied with a recommendation to accept the work as it now stands, and to make a final settlement with the contractors, Messrs. F. B. McNamee & Co., upon the basis of the following statement prepared and submitted by the city engineer:

Total amount of work per contract	$42,034 36
Deduct for filling in at the basis, to be done by the department	351 00
	$41,683 36
Deduct former payments	30,796 57
Balance	$10,886 79

The payment of this sum will close the contract as between the contractors and the city.

Under the new agreement entered into by the contractors in July last, it was stipulated that failing the completion of the work by the 31st of August, the penalty of $100 per day would be incurred from the 1st of July until the work was finally handed over complete. The amount to date would therefore be $8700. This is reported to the council for decision as to the disposal of the same.

The committee concur in the recommendation of the city engineer to close the contract upon the basis of the estimate included herein, as they think it the best step to take towards securing an early supply of lake water.

The amount to be paid when the work is completed to the satisfaction of the city engineer, which will be decided by a close examination, to be made forthwith, of the several portions of the work.

A NEW RANCHE COMPANY.

Started by a Canadian in Montana—Avoiding the Northwest.

Duncan Plumb, son of J. B. Plumb of Niagara, has just returned from England, where he has succeeded in organizing a ranche company with a capital of £200,000. Several distinguished gentlemen in England and Scotland are in the directorate, amongst them Mr. Nelson, the publisher of Edinborough. The site selected for the ranche is on or near the famous Black Hills of Dakota. Mr. Plumb is now on his way west to buy 40,000 cattle, and expects his company to have over 100,000 head in four years.

All this is very well for the Englishmen who come in for the profits, and the Dakotians who have their country improved by such a large expenditure as Mr. Plumb's company proposes to make. But Canadians can't see why Mr. Plumb has "cut" our great Northwest.

Is it that our government is not offering such inducements to ranchemen as our neighbours in Dakota? Can it be that our great Northwest is not adapted to cattle raising? Has "Alkali" or "Frost" frightened off Mr. Nelson and Mr. Plumb? Possibly the Scotch radical, Mr. Nelson, is opposed to being swallowed by an English duke who, it is alleged by some, controls our land of promise, and he prefers to invest his money within sound of the eagle's screech, and at a reasonable distance from the avaricious grasp of the syndicate and the duke. Mr. Plumb is to be congratulated on his venture, though we would have preferred that this ranche were in Canada.

DOINGS OVER THE DON.

Complaints are made by the residents of Leslieville of a slaughter house in course of construction on Curyon street.

The brick season at Leslieville is about over, and the quantity made far exceeds former years. John Russell manufactured 1,200,000 bricks and David Waystaff 1,200,000.

Several van loads of employees of the "soft drink" trade were observed going eastward along the Kingston road yesterday morning. They were going fishing on Ashbridge's bay, it being their annual excursion.

The case of Mrs. Blanchard who has lost her husband and eldest son by the foundering of the Nellie Sherwood is a hard and pitiable one. The poor woman has six small children left and nothing to depend upon to support them. She is almost in a state of distraction at her sudden bereavement. The family have lived in Riverside for a number of years and are highly respected.

LAWN TENNIS.

The Championship Between Gamble and Hellmuth.

At the tournament yesterday Mr. Gamble and Mr. Foy played off their tie. The former won: the first was Gamble 6, Foy 1; second set Gamble 7, Foy 5. In the double tie Mr. Gamble and Miss Bradshaw defeated Mr. Mackenzie and Miss Cameron, the former winning the first and third set. To-day Mr. Hellmuth and Mr. Gamble play off the final tie for the championship.

The Canada Southern Railway.

The Detroit News gives publicity to a rumor that the Canada Southern railway has been purchased by the Delaware Lackawanna & Western and the Wabash lines, but the rumor is not credited by attaches of the Canada Southern, who say Vanderbilt wouldn't spend his money in building the Essex Centre cut-off if he intended relinquishing his management of the line. They stoutly assert that as long as he controls the Michigan Central he will not let go of the Canada Southern, as the latter is necessarily as an eastern outlet for the former. Again, they state that the consolidation of the Great Western and Grand Trunk makes the Canada Southern of increased value to Vanderbilt, and the time has just arrived for him to develop the business of the lin

YORKVILLE MUST ANNEX.

SO SAID A MEETING IN THE TOWN HALL LAST NIGHT.

Speeches by Several Leading Residents for and Against Union—A Lively Time—The Resolutions.

The proclamation of Reeve Wickson for a public meeting to discuss the annexation question brought together a large gathering in the town hall last night. The question is agitating the village to its very depths, and the meeting was a lively one. It was after 8 o'clock before the hall was opened, but when it did start agoing, it was kept continually on the spin.

Reeve Wickson, in taking the chair, said speakers for and against would be heard alternately, fifteen minutes being allowed to each. This rule was, however, more honored in the breach than the observance, some of the speakers occupying considerably more than the allotted time, but the audience bore with them very good-naturedly.

Samuel Alcorn was the first villager who stepped forward to air his views. Mr. Alcorn is an old residenter and a red hot anti-man. They tell us, said he, that we want more police protection in the village. Why, with all their protection in Toronto, the city is full of everything that is wicked and foul. They ought to protect themselves before they offer to protect us. We don't want protection. There is not a more calm, cool and peaceful place in the country. If Toronto kept its vagrants at home we would have no use for the police. Then another cry is raised that we want drainage, when nature has given us the most perfect drainage that ever existed. The only question of importance is the water supply. He admitted if a large fire broke out three-fourths of the village would be liable to be swept away for want of water. The supply at present is inadequate, but as far as he knew the supply could be increased at a moderate cost. He objected to the manner in which the question had been brought on. It had been run thro' as if by steam power. (Hear, hear). And Mr. Reeve, said the speaker approaching close to the chairman, I don't think the people sent you to the council to hand us over to the city body and bones without the question being considered pure and simple, bare and naked. Mr. Hastings was the only councillor who had come out square on the question at the polls. Annexation would depreciate the value of property 25 per cent.

Peter A. Scott—Give us proof of it.

Mr. French—I'll give you proof in five minutes.

Mr. Alcorn—And not only will property depreciate, but the taxes will go up twenty-five per cent. Time being called, the speaker concluded by suggesting that the meeting appoint a committee to enquire what would be the cost of improving the water system so as to ensure a permanent and abundant supply of good water. The speaker occasioned no little mirth by his vigorous and dramatic style of oratory.

James French came to the front smiling, with a blushing nosegay in his buttonhole. As is well known, Mr. French is the champion anti-annexationist in the village, notwithstanding the fact that he is a very large property owner in the city. The speaker elaborated upon his scheme to construct new waterworks at Price's creek, as published in The World yesterday. Or, said he, if that scheme don't suit, you can bring water from the lake at Parkdale, or enter into an agreement with Parkdale to supply you from their works at so much per thousand gallons. It was very hard to follow Mr. French in his speech. He rambled from one subject to another and back again, but he was against union from every standpoint. They could supply themselves with water at a moderate cost. The Master, who was the finest architect in the world, had given them the finest drainage in the world. They did not want police protection, because the village w s always quiet and orderly. In view of these facts, what were these unionists crying about? He protested against Yorkville being swindled and heavily taxed and made the victim of grabbing contractors. When Toronto would grant them reasonable terms, why he was ready to receive the city with open arms as a bride would her husband, and make an everlasting covenant, but until that time came he would oppose annexation. [Hear, hear]. In his characteristic way he denounced aldermen, councillors, and contractors, and said Yorkville could manage her own affairs at one half the cost the city could.

Arthur Harvey objected to the method in which the matter had been brought before them. The reeve had promised him that no public vote would be taken on this question until it had been fully discussed by the ratepayers with the facts and figures fully before them, but Mr. Wickson failed to keep his word, and sprung the question upon them without giving it consideration. The speaker entered into some calculations to show how much Yorkville would lose by annexation as proposed. The debt of Toronto is $66 per head of the population, while that of the village was only $24 per head. The total difference between the debt of the two places according to population was $202,650, which Mr. Harvey claimed the city ought to hand over to Yorkville for local improvement purposes before annexation should be accomplished. He pitched into the village councillors for acquiesing to the views of the city's representatives as regards terms. Touching the water question, he said $50,000 would secure good water from Parkdale, and that he could organize a company to do the work. On the sewerage question he held the same views as Mr. French.

Councillor Hastings replied to these three speakers. He said Mr. French forgot to include in his waterworks estimate the cost of land, catch and sluice basins, etc., amounting in all to another $10,000. The Parkdale scheme could not be worked for less than $100,000, to which would have to be added the debt of $80,000 on the present works, making a total debt of $180,000. The revenue from the works only amounted to $4622 and a large deficit had to be provided for by general taxation. The speaker sharply rebuked Mr. French for his insinuations against the honesty of the council, and made himself quite a favorite with the audience, although he met with frequent interruptions from the antis.

Mr. Severn spoke against union. Councillor Moore, Frank Turner and Joseph Tait followed with speeches, pointing out the desirability of it.

Resolutions favorable to annexation and thanking the council and the press for their action in furthering the scheme were carried. The meeting broke up at 11 o'clock. Interruptions were frequent and noisy but good humor generally prevailed.

THE CANADA SOUTHERN.

The Road Said to Have Slipped From Vanderbilt's Grasp.

DETROIT, Sept. 26—Six years ago or more, when Canada Southern stock was next to valueless, and it looked as though the line would go into the hands of a receiver, the stockholders presented W. H. Vanderbilt with one-half the entire stock of the company, which is $15,500,000 on the promise that he would take the active management of it, and make it a prominent link of his through lines. He "boomed" it for two years, raised the stock from 18 to 80, and then sold 60,000 of his 75,000 shares to a Dutch syndicate at that figure. It is also stated that a short time after sale to the Amsterdam syndicate Vanderbilt disposed of his remaining stock in small parcels. He has kept control of the road during the past 3 years by voting proxies of the Holland syndicate, under first one promise, then another. They have been very restless all this time, however, at the absence of dividends, and just before the last election threatened to turn over their proxies to Jay Gould. To prevent this Vanderbilt made a trip to Europe and as a resort paid the special stockholders a dividend of one and a half per cent out of the earnings of the road, but which funds railroad men claim were sadly needed in running the line and for the necessary improvements. Within six months the Canada Southern, like other lines, has suffered for want of business, and this has again aroused the Hollanders to action. They sent a committee of two to this country some time ago with power to sell the stock or take any action they might think proper. Rumor has it that this committee has been negotiating with various parties to the east for several weeks, and that Vanderbilt has done nothing to prevent the road passing from his control. In fact recently, when a gentleman who has all along furnished the road a vast amount of freight, desired Vanderbilt to make a certain arrangement lasting several years, the great railroad mogul declined and intimated that he didn't expect to control Canada Southern long. Saturday night private despatches sent from New York to Detroit and St. Louis stated that the Dutch syndicate had sold its interests to parties who owned the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western and the Wabash lines, thus making of the Canada Southern a connecting link from Detroit to Buffalo, and forming a great anti-Vanderbilt trunk line from St Louis to the east. A telegram in this morning's Cincinnati Enquirer reiterates the report of this sale. Local railroad officials outside of the Canada Southern consider the rumored sale probable, but can't account for the outlay now being made in the construction of the Essex Centre cut-off, the Canada Southern itself having no money for the purpose. In explanation of Vanderbilt's abandonment of the Canada Southern wise guessers state that he will soon control the "gilt edge"—New York, South Shore and Chicago—running from Buffalo to Chicago almost parallel with the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern, which will furnish him all the western connections he desires.

CANADIAN ITEMS.

On Monday last Gibney's foundry, Uxbridge, was destroyed by fire.

The Rev Rural Dean Allen, rector of Cavan, has returned to Millbrook from England.

It is estimated that there were 12,500 visitors at the London exhibition yesterday.

The Bell Telephone company have commenced to build a line between Guelph, Galt and Hamilton.

Old deer hunters are beginning to think about hieing away to the haunts of the "antlered dwellers of the wilds" in the back woods of Muskoka.

Mrs. Israel's confectionery store on King street, Hamilton, was entered by burglars yesterday morning and $250 were stolen from a drawer in a sideboard.

The attendance at the Hamilton exhibition yesterday was enormous. In the evening the palace was lighted up and the display of goods therein was very attractive.

Hon. S. C. Wood (treasurer of Ontario) on account of serious affliction in his family, was unable to meet the treasurer of Quebec for the purpose of settling the accounts between the two provinces.

An immense comet was seen yesterday morning about half-past five o'clock by Dr. F. Warren of Brooklin. The comet was very bright when first seen, but gradually faded as the sun arose. Its tail was long and fan-shaped.

Looking for Unsafe Vessels.

ST. CATHARINES, Sept. 28—Inspector Meneilly is in the city looking after marine matters. The government is very anxious just now that vessels should be all tough and true. The danger is that annoying and unnecessary restrictions will be made, in which case the remedy will be almost as bad as the cure, for honest vessel owners may be hampered in their work.

THE WORLD WOULD LIKE TO KNOW

How they always find out that a boat is unseaworthy after she goes down.

And a captain that he is no seaman after he loses.

And the City of Toronto that she is unsafe after the season's travel is over.

If there really is a coal ring.

And a milk ring.

And a bakers' ring.

And a wedding ring.

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING.

I'd have been in St. Patrick's society before this but the orangemen wouldn't stand it.—W. B. (worthy brother) McMurrich.

We'll take you in as a drum-major—The Salvation Army.

O Adam! in your hours of ease,
Uncertain, coy, and hard to please,
And variable as the shade
By the light quivering aspen made;
When priest and bishop frown their brows,
A minister-ing muddler thou.
—*Marmion, canto VI., Mail edition.*

I've a hot potato for you, Peter Scott—Jimmy French.

I've eight children myself—Ald. Lobb.

THE WEATHER BULLETIN.

TORONTO, *Sept. 29—1 a. m.—Lakes: Moderate to fresh easterly to southerly winds; fair to cloudy weather, possibly a few local showers, stationary or slightly higher temperature.*

SHIPPING.

Date.	*Steamship.*	*Reported at.*	*From.*
Sept. 28	Pembroke	New York	Antwerp
"	Hibernian	St. John, N.F.	Liverpool
"	Wyoming	Queenstown	New York
"	Faderland	Antwerp	"