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Reference was recently made to a Choctaw Indian whose execution for murder in the State was postponed in order to let him play a baseball match. It appears he has been permitted to depart on a regular tour. The New York Mail of last Thursday says: "It is not without reason appealing strongly to the average mind that the press of the country has developed a certain lively interest in the case of Walla Tonaka, the athletic young Choctaw Indian, who is under sentence of death for murder. This interest is due to the tribal custom which liberates such a prisoner after sentence, solely of his promise to appear at the place of execution on the day set—a promise which we believe, has never been broken. Of course, the fact has been intelligently used for advertising purposes, as Walla Tonaka is travelling about Southwest with an Indian ball team engaged in playing exhibition games."

**News Summary.**

Ogilvie's refuse to sell flour ahead at the present prices, waiting to see the turn the market will take.

Bridgetown, N. S., votes on incorporation on the 4th of September, and a lively contest is anticipated.

Halifax will spend \$49,000 for a plant to run 250 arc and 1,500 incandescent lamps for the street and civic buildings.

The girls at Elgin, Albert county, are raising money to repair sidewalks that the municipal authorities have neglected.

The British steamer Gairlock, bound from Aberdeen, has been wrecked at Cape St. Vincent. Eight of her crew were drowned.

Steamer Prince Edward was at Louisburg, C. B., Thursday for coal. The captain says she can make 20 knots an hour.

Stipendiary Fielding, Halifax, fined the men who coaled the steamer St. John City on Sunday \$4 each for violation of the Sunday labor law.

The federal government will take over the Drummond County Railway for the experiment of extending the I. C. R. to Montreal on Oct. 26th.

Advices from Whalehead, Labrador, shows that the 13-year-old daughter of one of the fishermen on her way to visit a relative was set upon by dogs and almost torn to pieces by them in their attempt to devour her.

Sir Donald Smith, the Canadian High Commissioner in London, who was raised to the peerage during the jubilee festivities, was officially gazetted a few days ago as Baron Strathcona and Mount Royal.

Inspector Sewan and four mounted policemen leave Edmonton, Tuesday, to investigate the feasibility of the route to Yukon via the head waters of the Pelly River.

At the encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at Buffalo, N. Y., on Thursday, J. P. S. Gobin, of Lebanon, Pa., was elected commander-in-chief, and Cincinnati was chosen as the place of meeting in 1898.

Von Holleben, the new ambassador, is well and favorably known in the United States, having been German minister to this country from March 7, 1892, to Sept. 4, 1893, when the mission was raised to an embassy.

A gentleman connected with one of the leading transportation companies stated that in no former season in the like period had there been as many American tourists of the better class in St. John as during the last three or four weeks. They are of the class who want the best and are willing to pay for it.

A gold watch has been awarded by the Marine Department to Capt. Batancourt, master of the Spanish schooner Lolo, of Havana, in recognition of his gallant services in the rescue of the shipwrecked crew of the Beatrice McLean, St. John. Money awards at the rate of £2 each have also been granted to the boats crew that accomplished the rescue.

Mr. Henry Crank, of New York, has been permitted by the New York courts to change his name. In his appeal the petitioner set forth that he was handicapped in life by the name. He was a Crank, and yet he was no crank. When his name was mentioned people smiled, and their mirth made it impossible for them to take him seriously. The courts saw the point.

Nova Scotia provincial exhibition for entries for live stock, poultry, dogs, dairy produce, ladies work, fine art and all classes of manufacture close on or before Saturday, September 11th. Grain, field roots, fruit and horticultural products on or before Tuesday, September 21st. The Spood competitions close Saturday September 11th. Those dates for closing entries will be strictly enforced and intending exhibitors should govern themselves accordingly.

The expedition of Prince Luigi di Savoia, who has arrived at Victoria, B. C., to the summit of Mount St. Elias, Alaska, has fixed finally the altitude of Mount St. Elias at 18,120 feet. There was not the slightest indication of volcanic origin anywhere. A new glacier was discovered by the explorers from the eminence of Mount St. Elias, between the Augstas Mountains and Great Logan and was named by the prince "Colombo." At the summit of Mount St. Elias there was neither wind nor fog and only 20 below freezing. The prince does not consider the ascent difficult, except for the last few hundred feet, which is a solid mass of ice.

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