

General News.

CANADIAN.

It is expected that the Ontario Legislature will not be convened till February.

The Canadian Pacific Railway strike is over. Ten engineers waited on Mr. Egan, traffic superintendent and offered to sign the agreement and resume work. Many men on the western divisions have been reinstated, and traffic has been fully resumed.

Alex. Wardrope, aged 19, son of the Rev. Dr. Wardrope of Guelph, was accidentally shot while out gunning with some companions, on Tuesday afternoon.

At Toronto, on Friday last, James Yates who was staying at the Revere House, blew out the gas before going to bed. He was found in an unconscious condition, and taken to the hospital, where he died.

Patrick McCarthy, a laborer, while eating his Christmas dinner with friends on Claremont street, Toronto, was choked to death. A piece of meat stuck in his throat. He started to go outside, but dropped down dead in the hallway.

A C. S. R. brakeman, named Oscar Hampden, while making a running switch for his train at Highgate, last Sunday morning, slipped, and the cars passing over him, cut off both legs below the knee.

An old woman named Susan Gibbs, who lived by herself at Lambton Mills, about seven miles from Toronto, was murdered and robbed in her own house, last week. A man named Aaron Harris has been arrested for the crime.

Peter Lazier of Belleville, was shot dead in a friend's house, near Bloomfield, last Friday evening. The shot was fired from outside the house. Two men have been arrested on suspicion.

James Mulrooney shot a girl named Elisa Pare, in a house of ill-repute in Quebec. He then shot himself. Both are dead.

FIRES.—The flour and grist mills of Mr. A. S. Mayrand, at Disraeli, on the Q. C. R. R., have been destroyed by fire.—A fire occurred in the Montreal Printing Company's establishment, on Sunday, destroying the whole interior with the contents. The loss is estimated at from \$30,000 to \$40,000; fully insured.—Last Friday, a fire broke out in the residence of A. Struthers, in Rodney village, and burned the building to the ground.—Shortly after noon on Saturday a fire broke out in Alex. Weir's boot store, 703 Yonge street, Toronto. Damage to stock and furniture \$7,000; insured for \$2,500 in the Scottish Union and National Companies, and \$2,000 in Commercial Union.—A fire was discovered in the engine and boiler room in one of Wm. Bell & Co.'s organ factories, at Guelph, on Saturday, and before it was extinguished damage was done to the extent of about \$700. Loss covered by insurance.

A formidable riot occurred at Harbour Grace, Newfoundland, on Wednesday. The Orangemen of the city turned out in procession with their regalia and flags, when they were attacked by the opposite faction, and three men instantly killed and several mortally or severely wounded. Detachments of infantry and cavalry and police had to be despatched by train and steamer to the scene of the disturbance.

UNITED STATES.

A resolution for the appointment of a Committee on Woman Suffrage has been rejected in the United States Congress by 124 to 88.

RAILWAY DISASTERS.—No less than seven serious railway accidents are recorded for the week. On Thursday of last week a passenger train on the C. B. & O. road ran into the rear end of a passenger train at Gladstone, Ill., telescoping a Pullman car, which ignited, and was completely destroyed. Richard Summers, the Superintendent of the dining car service of the C. B. & O., was killed. Loss, \$150,000.—At Summit station, on Saturday night, a Grand Trunk freight train was run into by a Montreal passenger train. Ten loaded cars were smashed; the baggageman, engineer and fireman of the passenger train, were injured, the former seriously. Loss \$30,000.—Monday morning a freight train on the New York & New Haven Railroad, got stuck in a snow drift near Milford. The snow in extinguishing the fire, caused an explosion, which blew out the furnace doors. The engineer and fireman were killed.—The rear coach of a Grand Rapids & Indiana passenger train was struck by a switching engine the same morning at Fort Wayne, and eight persons seriously hurt, among them was Mrs. Judge Ellison. The accident was due to the carelessness of the engineer.—On Tuesday a passenger train on the Louisville, New Albany & Chicago road, went through a bridge, near Salem, Ind. Eight or nine persons were injured.—On Wednesday a passenger train on the Chesapeake and Ohio railway ran into a freight train while the freight was going on a siding, and the fireman was killed.—The same day a freight train on the Pennsylvania road ran off the track at Long Branch junction and went down an embankment, becoming a total wreck. Fred. Pinnes, engineer, was killed.

FIRES.—At Ward's Island lunatic asylum last week, a fire broke out in the east wing, which was destroyed. There were 1,320 male patients in the building. The outbreak caused great excitement, but all the patients

were removed to places of safety. The loss is \$25,000.—A fire occurred in Pratt & Colborne's dry goods store, Rushford, N. Y., and destroyed it and the entire block, including the post-office. Loss about \$50,000.—The sawmill of Osterhout, Fox & Co., at Deer Lake, Lake County, Mich., sixteen miles from Reed City, was burned on Saturday. Loss, \$60,000; insurance, \$40,000.

A terrible tragedy has been enacted at Yazoo City, Mich. John T. Posey, of the firm of Williams & Posey, an estimable young man, highly connected, was insulted by John James, a negro butcher. Going off, Posey returned with some friends, when without warning the party were fired upon, and John Posey, Carnot Posey and Jasper Nicholls were riddled with buckshot, and immediately killed. H. C. Ellet was dangerously wounded, and Fritz Halder slightly wounded.

News has just been received of an accident at the Virginia mine, Col., which is owned by the Caroline Mining Company, of Boston. It employs 55 men, and is situated at the foot of Snift's range. Friday afternoon a huge mass of snow started from the top range, and swelled into an avalanche as it descended, striking the building used as a boarding-house, where eleven men were resting, and swept it away, crushing and burying men fifteen and twenty feet under the snow, among rocks and timber, fortunately missing the engine house. After the noise and confusion, other miners were hoisted from the shaft, and started in search of their comrades. Five were taken out alive, but badly crushed and may die. The other six are dead.

On Monday a terrible tragedy was enacted at McDade, Texas. Henry Pfeuffer, Wright McLemore and Thad McLemore had been taken from a saloon here by fifty armed masked men, carried a mile into the bush, and hanged to a tree. Thad McLemore was under arrest at the time on a charge of burglary, and the other two happened to be present when the lynchings arrived. Pfeuffer was under indictment of horse theft in this county. On Monday six men, friends and relatives of those hanged, came to town and picked a quarrel with Tom Bishop and George Milom. A fight with shot-guns and six-shooters ensued, in which two of the six, Jack Bayley and Asa Bayley, were killed, and a third, Hayard Bayley, badly wounded. The remaining three escaped.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

Fourteen thousand cotton operatives in Lancashire are idle in consequence of a strike.

The Orangemen are making great preparations to oppose the Nationalist meeting announced at Dromore, county Down, January 2nd.

The Anchor Line steamship *Bolivia*, from Glasgow to New York, has gone ashore at Wemyss on the Clyde, and is filled with water. The passengers took to the boat which remained alongside the vessel for several hours in bad weather. The cargo is badly damaged. No lives were lost.

A strong shock of earthquake was felt at Lisbon Saturday.

A Marseilles despatch says in consequence of a strike of sailors and steamship firemen steamers are unable to obtain the proper complement of men.

A Berne, Switzerland despatch says the village of Venio has been burned.

A new anarchist journal named *L'Explosion* has appeared at Geneva.

Spain is about to pay over to the United States £92,000, about \$460,000, as indemnity to American citizens for losses sustained during the insurrection.

Baron von Manteuffel, governor of Alsace-Lorraine, has ordered the expulsion from Germany of two Frenchmen, one of them being General Groxvel, for omitting the observance of a slight formality in certain official relations with the authorities.

A married woman, named Vanderlinden, has been arrested at Lynden, charged with having murdered in the last few years sixteen persons. The victims are nearly all members of her own family. She insured their lives first, and received the insurance money after their deaths. The woman has confessed. It is supposed she poisoned five of her own children.

The Portuguese Consul-General, Constantinople, Journian Leis, has committed suicide by stabbing himself in the heart with a dagger.

Railway workmen and officials engaged in a riot at Bolivia, Russia, owing to the exactions of contractors. One official was killed, and several workmen injured. The ringleader of the rioters was arrested.

A Cario despatch says: It is reported that El Mehdi is advancing, and is expected to reach Khartoum in ten days. The latest advices indicate that El Mehdi is still at El Obeid. Three thousand Arabs are threatening Duem. The Egyptian cavalry at Suakim has captured 800 head of cattle and 250 camels belonging to the enemy.

The King of Abyssinia is massing troops at Adua, threatening Massowah. It is stated that about Dec. 1 some Abyssinian chiefs attacked an entrenched Egyptian position near Massowah, and massacred 500 Egyptians.