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THE CHIMNEY COLLAPSED

AND BURIED MANY FEMALE OPERATIVES IN THE RUINS.

Frightful Casualty in a Yorkshire Manufacturing Town—A Massive Pile of Masonry Crushes on a Factory Roof and Fire Breaks Out Among the Ruins—Searching for Corpses.

LEEDS, Feb. 24.—The manufacturing town of Cleckheaton, in the West riding of Yorkshire, eight miles from Leeds, was to-day the scene of a frightful accident, resulting in the loss of a number of lives.

A massive chimney 60 yards high at Marsh Mills' machinery and flannel factory in that place collapsed and fell on the roof of the factory just as a number of young women operatives were leaving work.

The fall of the chimney converted the wing of the factory on which it crashed into a heap of debris made up of fragments of masonry and the shattered remnants of machinery.

Fire Adds its Horrors.

The piteous cries of those caught in the ruins could be heard, and the horror of the scene was soon augmented by the breaking out of fire, in which numbers of the imprisoned victims were more or less burned.

A force of workmen and the fire brigade of the town speedily got to work to move the tons of debris.

The number already extricated includes eight killed, all women, and many injured by having limbs crushed.

Twelve of those who were in the building at the time of the disaster are still missing.

"Steeple Jacks," who have been occupied for a week past in repairing the chimney, found it was collapsing and made their escape.

The factory manager states that an expert examined the foundation of the chimney at 3 p.m. and declared it to be in a safe condition.

It is reported that the cause of the disaster was the removal of a number of defective bricks for the purpose of making repairs, which caused the structure to thus become unduly weakened.

A girl who was rescued from the garret was found with her head jammed between two beams. She gives a horrifying account of the spectacle presented by the ruins beneath her.

Five women are still missing.

The Death List Growing.

LEEDS, Feb. 25.—At 3 o'clock this morning 12 bodies have been extricated from the ruins. Two of the wounded persons have succumbed to their injuries and another is in a dying condition.

Fifteen Men Entombed.

LISBON, Feb. 24.—An explosion occurred to-day in a quarry pit near the royal palace of Ajuda.

Fifteen men are known to be entombed in the pit and all may have been killed.

ROUVIER WILL TRY IT.

The Former Minister to Become Premier of France.

PARIS, Feb. 24.—The selection of M. Rouvier by President Carnot to form a ministry has afforded great satisfaction to the party of the right, because when he held the office of Premier in 1887 he advocated an entente with that party and opposed the Radicals' support of Boulanger.

Before accepting the task entrusted to him by the President, M. Rouvier stipulated that he should be permitted to dissolve the chambers and have a fresh election if he deemed it desirable.

The Probable Cabinet.

M. BURDEAU, Minister of Public Instruction and the Fine Arts.
M. RAYNAL, Minister of Marine.
FELIX FAURE, Minister of Public Works.
M. LOUBET, Minister of Justice.
M. CONSTANS, Minister of Interior.
M. DE FREYCINET, Minister of War.
M. ROUVIER, Minister of Finance.
M. RIBOT, Minister of Foreign Affairs.
JULES HOCHE, Minister of Commerce.
M. DE VELLE, Minister of Agriculture.

The rejection by M. Rouvier of M. Bourgeois, Minister of Public Instruction in the last Cabinet, is significant as showing that the Premier does not intend to count upon the support of the Radicals.

Activity of French Anarchists.

PARIS, Feb. 24.—The theft of dynamite from the state factory has had the effect of waking the police up to the fact that Anarchists are making early preparations for May Day.

The domiciliary visits which begun yesterday in virtue of an order issued by a magistrate were continued to-day.

The police place some confidence in the report that the Anarchists intended to attempt to blow up the Spanish embassy in Paris, and they have consequently placed a close guard about that building.

The Cannes Sensation.

CANNES, Feb. 24.—At the inquiry to-day in the Deacon shooting case, M. Baumann, the secretary of the Hotel Splendide, who was with Mr Deacon when he burst in the locked door of Mrs. Deacon's room, testified that when he and Deacon entered the room Mrs. Deacon was undressed.

Mrs. Deacon's maid was also examined. She corroborated the testimony of M. Baumann, that Mrs. Deacon was undressed while Abeille was in her room.

Woman's Work Sometimes Done.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—In the House of Commons to-day the bill amending the shop hours regulation bill, so as to include women, passed its second reading by a vote of 172 to 152.

A workshop as defined in the bill includes saloon, restaurants and drapershops and limits women's work to 74 hours weekly, including meal times. At present there is no law regulating the hours women shall be employed in shops.

Absconder Franck's Accomplice Sentenced.

BERLIN, Feb. 24.—Herr Schwieger, a stock broker of this city, who was convicted of being an accomplice of Herr Franck, the absconding bookkeeper of the Deutsche Bank, who is accused of having defrauded that institution out of 3,000,000 marks, was to-day sentenced to four years' imprisonment.

Her Case in the Commons.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—In the House of Commons Mr. Patrick O'Brien asked why Mrs. Robert Montagu had not been arrested until a week after the charge had been made against her. The Home Secretary replied that the arrest was perfectly regular. He declared that it was untrue that Mrs. Robert Montagu, in order to avoid trial, had attempted to leave the country.

One Deaf Mute Kills Another.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 24.—Two deaf mutes named R. G. Bennett and R. J. Thompson, employed as firemen aboard the steamship City of New York, now in the Birkenhead dock, became involved in a quarrel to-day, in the course of which Bennett inflicted mortal wounds on the head of Thompson.

Begged Not to Fire Upon the People.

BRUSSELS, Feb. 24.—The drawing of the numbers for service in the army begins to-day, and last night anarchistic bills were posted all over the town, calling upon the conscripts to desert, or, if they remained in the army, to fire into the air when they were ordered to attack the people.

Lady Evelyn Has a Mishap.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—Lady Evelyn Gordon-Lennox, while hunting with the Goodwood foxhounds yesterday, had her collar-bone broken and was severely bruised.

George Meredith, LL.D.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—The honorary degree of Doctor of Laws has just been bestowed by the University of St. Andrew's upon George Meredith, the novelist.

Mme. Karavelloff Acquitted.

SOFIA, Feb. 24.—Mme. Karavelloff and her two alleged accomplices were to day acquitted of the charge of treason.

The Loss of the Pearl.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—The ship Pearl, bound for Iceland, has been lost near Peterhead. Twelve of the crew were saved and arrived home.

Healy and The Freeman's Journal.

DUBLIN, Feb. 24.—It is understood that Timothy Healy has purchased all the shares in The Freeman's Journal, formerly owned by the mother of the original proprietor, Mr. Gray.

Foreign Notes.

Mr. Gladstone has announced that he will not return to England until the severity of the weather abates.

The police of San Fernando, in Spain, yesterday captured 54 rifles and 1000 cartridges stored by Anarchists.

Heavy floods are reported from the province of Cordova, in Spain, and the city of Cordova is threatened with an inundation.

A train bound for Douai collided yesterday with another train while shunting at St. Denis. The driver of one of the locomotives was killed and 13 persons were injured.

A train collided with an engine near Hastings, Eng., yesterday, and many persons were injured, some of them seriously. The collision was due to the driver's disregard of signals.

THE MILITARY SPIRIT.

Stirring Lecture by Lt.-Col. O'Brien—Canada's Military Record and Spirit—Increased Expenditure Called for.

There was a good assembly at the Canadian Military Institute yesterday evening to hear Lt.-Col. W. E. O'Brien, M.P.'s lecture on "The Growth of a Military Spirit in Canada." Among the officers present were: Lt.-Cols. Otter, G. T. Denison, J. Munro (Woodstock), O. Dunn, W. Love Milligan and William Henry O'Brien, Surgeon-Major Napier, Keefer, Herr Kruger, 101st Rhenish Infantry German army, and Majors Meade and McSpadden.

Major Mason, late 10th Royal Grenadiers, was in the chair and introduced the gallant colonel of the 25th, the "Simcoe Foresters," to his hearers.

The Colonel's lecture was a most interesting and instructive one, and was well worthy of a non-professional audience. The two races of Canada, French and English, were traced from their origin and shown to have had military records of a high order.

The French-Canadians came from the most military nation in Europe and were inured to war by a long succession of wars with the Iroquois and English colonists. The United Empire Loyalists were trained in the early Indian wars, and in the Revolutionary struggles were expatriated to Canada, and were augmented by large numbers of military immigrants. The military spirit thus fostered was shown in the war of 1812 so glorious to Canada.

Proved Their Loyalty.

It was in 1855 that the Active Militia force began, and the "Trent Affair" soon occurring gave the people an opportunity of showing their readiness to stand by the Mother Country in an Imperial quarrel. The Fenian raids came soon after, and for the first time a purely Canadian force took the field. Two things were shown by these occurrences: 1, Canada's alacrity in taking part in all Imperial quarrels; 2, Great Britain's promptitude to forward troops and military assistance.

Soon after these affairs the militia was placed on its present footing, and upon Confederation the organization was extended to the entire Dominion. In 1885 this force was tested, and Canada has no reason to be ashamed either of the conduct of the campaign or the warlike spirit manifested by the people.

How the Valorous Spirit Flourishes.

From the history of the people the Colonel passed to present circumstances. The very existence of the present militia, he said, proves the military spirit of the people. There is no profit or advantage in it for officers or men. The Government gives its supplies grudgingly, employers of labor discourage it, and yet, in spite of all, it flourishes. It is an inexpensive force, costing the people only 25 cents per head a year. It is a volunteer force and affects only those immediately concerned. It is a local force, concerned with local feeling and pride. Its strength and efficiency can easily be doubled. It can easily and rapidly be assembled and mobilized. On the whole, the present force is well adapted to the country and its resources. There should, the Colonel contended, be more expenditure, since the extra money given would go to the solid improvement of the rank and file. The Colonel closed with a final appeal to Canadian patriotism.

Lt.-Col. G. T. Denison moved the vote of thanks to the lecturer in a stirring speech, in which he indignantly repudiated the idea that Canada must of necessity succumb to a powerful foe, and called for a larger Government grant, pointing out the popularity of military expenditure, as shown by the municipal grants in favor of local corps.

The vote was cordially passed and the meeting dissolved.

Another Keeley Patient Dead.

DWIGHT, Ill., Feb. 24.—Harry H. Ausley of St. Joseph, Mich., has died at the Keeley Institute. He was 32 years old and a dipsomaniac.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 2?.—Luther Benson, the temperance orator, went on a spree a few weeks ago and then into the Plainfield Keeley cure for treatment. He says he fears he has been driven crazy by the bi-chloride of gold injections. He has slept only two hours in five days.

Those Jolly Boys.

Fifty happy smokers composed of I Company, Q.O.R., and their friends attended the annual complimentary "smoker" given by Capt. Murray at Webb's last night. Messrs. Kain, Garvin, Carlyle and Fairweather made the time slip by pleasantly by singing all the latest humorous and pathetic songs.

Earthquakes in California.

SANTA ANNA, Cal., Feb. 24.—Eight shocks of earthquake were felt here last night. Clocks were stopped.

At San Bernardino a heavy shock was felt, lasting 1¼ minutes. The vibrations were northeast and southwest. No serious damage was done, but the shock was followed by light trembles all night.

Father Fourmond Dead.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 24.—Rev. Father Fourmond, the priest who was instrumental in saving many lives of settlers at Frog Lake during the rebellion of 1885, died this afternoon in St. Boniface Hospital.

If you want a genuine high-grade smoking mixture at popular prices, buy *Puck*. All tobacconists sell it. McAlpin Tobacco Co.

Weavers Strike at Cornwall.

CORNWALL, Feb. 24.—The weavers on the flannelet looms in the Canada Cotton Company's mill here, numbering 170, are out on strike. They claim the price on these goods has been reduced about 10 cents per cut.

ROBBER PERRY COMMITTED.

A HUMAN BAR AS AN ORNAMENT FOR A MANTELPIECE.

Something About Perry—He Always Wore Kid Gloves and Often Addressed Revival Meetings—He Has a Loving Father and Perhaps a Wife—A Little of the Utica Plunder Recovered.

LYONS, N.Y., Feb. 24.—Oliver Curtis Perry, the noted American express train robber, was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Theodore Fries this afternoon at 2 o'clock and held for the grand jury.

When Perry and the deputy were about to leave the court room for the county jail Perry's father, Oliver H. Perry, came hurrying in from the railroad station from his home in Syracuse. The prisoner seemed much affected. Stepping up to him he said, "Hello, father," and kissed him. The father showed much emotion, and the prisoner seeing it said, "Don't cry, father, it will be all right."

Express Messenger McInerney is reported to be doing as well as could be expected after the wounds he received in his desperate encounter with Perry on Sunday morning. He rested quietly yesterday, and all his symptoms are favorable to recovery.

It is reported that Perry has a wife at Batavia, a daughter of James Lathe, whom he deserted.

Part of the Plunder Found.

Yesterday afternoon, when the man who represents himself as the father of Oliver Curtis Perry visited him at the county jail, the prisoner seemed very anxious regarding a hand satchel which he had left in some place in Syracuse and which his father promised to secure.

When Perry, senior, left for Syracuse last night he was followed by a detective, who traced him to the place where the satchel had been left. When he left the house the detective took it from him and brought it to Lyons this morning. When it was examined, among the contents was found the ear of a human being, which was preserved in alcohol and enclosed in a glass bottle, and two bands of gold battered from some of the jewelry stolen in the express robbery near Utica last September.

The sheriff showed the ear to Perry and asked him where he got it. He stated that he cut it from a colored man's head and intended to use it as an ornament on his mantel at home. Still he was very much excited over the affair and seems to think that he is playing in hard luck

An Affectionate Father.

Another suspicious occurrence took place at the same corridor door this evening after the prisoner returned from the Police Court. He was accompanied to the jail by his father, who was admitted.

The deputy-sheriff detected the prisoner pass a scrap of paper through the iron bars to his father. After the conversation had been finished Collins requested the elder Perry to step into the office, proceeded to search him and was rewarded by finding the scrap of paper, and on it was drawn an exact outline of the key which unlocks the corridor door.

Jerry Collins is of the opinion that the prisoner expected to have a key made by his father which would fit the lock and after opening the corridor door, to file the heavy steel bar which is on the outside and to which is attached a padlock out of reach from the inside. During the visit his father gave him some canned fruit and oranges. They were taken from him after his father's departure and will be examined for the purpose of ascertaining whether anything is concealed inside of them.

Persons connected with the jail seem to entertain the opinion that the man who represents himself as his father and who was so affectionately kissed by Perry after the hearing in Police Justice Carver's office today is not his father at all but an accomplice.

The more Perry's astounding crime, that unparalleled locomotive duel and the cross-country chase are discussed the greater becomes the wonder at Perry's astonishing nerve. The crime stands absolutely alone in the history of highway robbery in America. In all the wild and savage attacks on railway trains in the west there is nothing that compares with it for desperation on the part of the robber or for exciting incident in the robber's pursuit and capture.

Never before, probably, in the world was there such a duel fought as that between the two flying locomotives, the one manned by the desperate criminal and the other by the two railway employees, who were pursuing him. It was in a way like a running fight between two modern ironclads. The two engines backed and filled and passed and repassed each other and every time they passed each poured a volley into the other at such close range that the combatants could almost have clubbed each other with their weapons. The glass windows in the cabs of both engines were smashed in and the fireman work around them was riddled with shots.

SOMETHING ABOUT THE ROBBER.

Perry Always Wore Kid Gloves and Often Addressed Revival Meetings.

Oliver Curtis Perry is described as 26 years old, 5 feet 6 to 7 inches tall, of slight build, weighing about 130 pounds, with dark brown hair, brown eyes, high white forehead, with wrinkles between the eyes, giving his face a troubled, thoughtful expression; thin lips, rather long nose, slim white hands, with enlarged knuckles caused by hard work. He has a scar about three inches long upon the upper part of his forehead, which can be plainly seen when his hat is off. He also has a scar on his left arm and another on his right breast. At times he wears a small sandy moustache.

He is as unlike the desperado of yellow-covered literature as could be imagined. There is nothing ruffianly about his appearance or demeanor. He is gentlemanly and polite, and even a little effeminate. A nervous uneasy carriage is a noticeable characteristic.

Another thing, totally different from the ordinary desperado, remarkable in Perry is his voice. He speaks in tones that are almost girlish.

In dress he is neat and always tasteful. He is usually attired in dark clothes of fashionable cut and invariably wears gloves.

He was born in this state and began his criminal career, so far as the records show, when 14 years old. At that age he was arrested for burglary in Amsterdam, N.Y., and sent to the reformatory and afterwards to Rochester. After his release he went to Minnesota and signalized his advent there by robbing his uncle's store. For this offence he was sentenced to three years in the prison at Stillwater. While there he learned the trade of shoemaking, but as far as can be learned he never put that 'knowledge to any good use. Since then he traveled all over the country. While out west he tried his hand at the cowboy business. In Miles City, Mont., he received a pistol shot wound in the breast and was sent to the almshouse for treatment. He refuses to say how he was shot.

Notwithstanding his mild manners and feminine voice, Perry has a temper, and a hot one too. He demonstrated that fact when in the Montana almouse by throwing a metal spittoon at another inmate and crushing the latter's skull. The man died the next day. Perry was tried and acquitted.

In addition to his accomplishments in the train-robbing line Perry has achieved some fame as a pseudo revivalist. He professes religion and ingratiates himself with ministers and church people generally. It is said that he has on several occasions shone as an exhorter. He has served as a freight and passenger brakeman on railroads, and it was while engaged thus that he acquired his knowledge of trains and learned how to handle a locomotive. During his railroad career he attended services at the church missions and frequented the free libraries for railroad men.

He has been variously known, while sneak thief, burglar, cow boy, brakeman and evangelist, as Oliver Curtis Perry, Haswell, Van Allen, Havens, Hamlin, Allen, Gavens, James, James Curtis, James Perry, James Curtis Perry and Oliver Moore.

SAYS HE HAS TWO WIVES.

Married the Second One at the Point of a Pistol.

ROCHESTER, Feb. 24.—The case of John Bishop, charged with bigamy, who was to have been examined in the Police Court this morning, was further adjourned till to-morrow morning. It is probable that he will waive examination, as he does not deny having a wife living in Canada at the time he married his present wife in Rochester, but says he was compelled at the point of a revolver to marry the latter. Bishop is about 30 years of age. It is stated his first wife will come to Rochester to testify against him.

MICHAEL DUNN DEAD.

He Had a Remarkable Career as a Criminal and Missionary.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Michael Dunn, 66 years old, died yesterday in the Home of Industry, which he founded, at Hoyt and Livingston-streets, Brooklyn.

Dunn, who had lived a criminal life for 35 years, was converted in Jerry McAuley's mission several years ago. Since then he had devoted himself to reforming criminals.

He founded the Home of Industry for the reformation and employment of ex-convicts in Brooklyn a few months ago.

Dunn was born on Sept. 15, 1826, of "ungodly parents," as he himself phrased it, in Manchester, Eng.

He was taught to steal, and before he was 12 years old he had served five terms in prison. He was imprisoned after that in Van Diemen's Land, the British penal colony; in the Old Bailey, London; in Manchester, in Western Australia, in Gibraltar, in Philadelphia, in Montreal, Boston and in Sing Sing. He had been a sailor, a counterfeiter, a garroter and a sneak man in the navy. He once escaped from Blackwell's Island by swimming to the Long Island shore.

It was upon being released from Sing Sing that he became converted. He established a Home of Industry for convicts in Water-street and traveled all over the United States as a convict.

A SHORT SESSION.

A Lull in the Storm of Legislative Discussion.

Yesterday afternoon's session of the Local House was short and uninteresting.

Mr. Barr moved for returns showing the number of persons confined in the different jails of the province as indigent persons, unable to support themselves, and the length of time each person has been confined. He also wishes to ascertain at the same time the number of insane persons confined in the jails of the province, the length of time each person has been confined and the reason for being so confined. In support of the above motion a short speech was made, in which he characterized the principle of committing respectable persons to jails, owing to enfeeblement being unable to sustain themselves properly, as manifestly unfair and tainted by a spirit of miliievalism. Responding, Mr. Mowat remarked that everything possible had been done for the ample protection of the aged and infirm in the various communities, but owing to the large numbers accommodation had in some instances run short. He had, however, no objection to making the returns asked for.

A number of gentlemen interested in the building of a railway from Durham to Orangeford, via Markdale, met in the reception room. The proposal is to construct a single track broad gauge road between the two places mentioned, connecting at both points with the C.P.R. and G.T.R. systems. There were present: J. J. Johnston, Mayor of Meaford; C. R. Sing, ex-Warden county of Grey; W. J. McFarlane, ex-Reeve of Markdale; J. J. Brown, Reeve of Durham; J. E. Richards, Rocklyn; R. W. Evans, Meaford; Gilbert McKenzie, M.L.A., Durham; James Clelland, M.L.A., North Grey; Dr. Landerkin, M.P., South Grey; A. S. Allen, M.L.A., Wellington, and Major Rooke, M.L.A.

A deputation from Lindsay, consisting of Mayor D. Ray, J. Winters, Thomas Connolly, Capt. Crandel and Kylie, waited upon Hon. Mr. Mowat and Hon. Mr. Hardy with a view to urging upon the Government the advisability of making an additional grant of $2000 to complete the improvements recently undertaken in the Scugog River near that place.

Mr. Mowat remarked, as of yore, that he would give the matter his "most serious consideration."

Suicide Follows Sickness.

HALIFAX, N.S., Feb. 24.—William Keith, aged 71, a prominent resident of the county, was found in a barn near Mineral Springs, a property at Havelock, with a bullet hole in his right temple and a revolver by his side. Cause supposed to be depression caused by sickness. Deceased was in good financial circumstances and held several prominent offices.

North American Life Assurance Company.

At this season of the year those who are interested in life insurance, and that class may be said to embrace nearly every wideawake man in the community, are on the watch for the reports of the various companies operating in our midst. The North American Life, which certainly occupies a very prominent position in regard to its progressiveness in every other direction, was, as usual, among the first in the field with its report. According to the statement presented at the annual meeting held on the 28th ult. the company shows a record almost unexcelled by that of any other company. Parties wishing to take out a policy of life insurance should at once communicate with the head offices of the company, Toronto, or with any of its agents, who will be pleased to give information as to the plans, etc., of the company. 246

Much-Wanted Man Caught.

BELLEVILLE, Feb. 24.—Thomas Geary, charged with burglary at various places in this district and who escaped from two constables at the jail door, has been arrested at Detroit.

Pin Tickets.

A full line of pin tickets and string tags always in stock. H. M. Blight, 51 Yonge-street. 246

The Last Chance.

This week we will sell Natural Wool Shirts or Drawers, which we sell at $3.75 each, for $2.35; our $3.00 Natural Wool for $2.10, our $2.50 Natural Wool for $1.60, our $1.75 Scotch Lambs' Wool for $1.30, our $1.25 for 90c, our $1.00 for 75c. Try our Unlaundried Shirts at 50c, 75c and 90c; our 90c Unlaundried Shirts are equal to ordered shirts at $1.75 and $2.00. Try a sample one. Bonner's, corner Yonge and Queen-streets. 246

Messrs. Millichamp & Sons have in their show window a remarkable specimen of the carver's art in the shape of a mantel. It is very rich and elaborate and executed in the style in vogue in the time of Queen Elizabeth. The peculiarity of the work is that every thing is left rough as from the carver's tools and the effect is wonderfully good. 246

Worth its weight in gold. Adams' Pepsin Tutti Frutti Gum for all uneasiness at the stomach. Sold by all Druggists and Confectioners 5 cents.

THE TOTTENHAM TALE NOWHERE.

Cremated Alive in a Charcoal Kiln—Children Banquet on Their Brother—Slices Roasted on a Fork.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Ont., Feb. 24.—At Emerson, a small town 35 miles northwest of here in Michigan, a woman known as Lucy Webb was thrown into a smouldering kiln by charcoal burners and kept there for 5 hours. She was cooked to a crisp. The woman kept a notorious resort in the outskirts of the village. The charcoal burners, who constitute a large portion of the population, quit work and went on a rousing drunk. Late in the evening a large party of them brought up at the Webb woman's resort and proceeded to run things. Shortly before midnight they jostled the proprietress out of doors, tore the clothing from her body, dragged her to the kilns and opening one which was still burning threw her in, closed and locked the door and continued their debauch. At daylight the horrible discovery of the disposition of the woman was made and she was taken out. Authorities are investigating.

The Earth Rocked Like a Cradle.

HAMILTON, Mont., Feb. 24.—Great excitement has been caused here by the fall of a monster meteor, which drove itself 200 feet in the earth, but protrudes 100 feet in the air, and is still sputtering and sizzling furiously, emitting sulphurous gases that impregnate the air for miles around.

The startling heavenly visitor arrived early in the morning, leaving a lurid trail that lighted up the sky and stirred the dozing fowl untimely from the restful perch. But the horrid monster wrought death and worked havoc as it struck the earth on the ranch of Henry Chambers. It struck Chambers' cattle shed in which some 40 head of cows and two Chinamen were corralled, and so great was the circumference of the meteor that not an animal was left on earth, but, with the two Celestials all are buried beneath that awful monument of heated meteoric stone.

The earth rocked like a cradle for miles. Buildings were shaken from their foundations. The contents of pantries were demolished and sleeping inhabitants were thrown from their beds.

Great excitement exists all through the Bitter Root Valley, and hundreds of people are flocking to the scene, which is one of terrifying aspect and makes stout hearts quail.

Great globules of molten metal roll from the sides of the hissing, sputtering monster, and anon come appalling crashing sounds as its limits contract from the effects of exposure to the cold air. Fitful bolts of flame shoot high in the air from the summit and a great stream of liquid lava has plowed its way from the base down the hillside and loses itself in the basin of the extinct lake, in which was recently found a petrified sea serpent 60 feet in length and only a few miles distant from the great cave in the mountains in which were found the band of hibernating Indians, the last of the cliff dwellers.

Ate a Babe's Flesh.

ATLANTA, Feb. 24.—News of a horrible murder and cannibalism near Ray's Mill has been received. Lucy President, a degraded and idiotic negro woman, left her home and 9-months-old infant in charge of her two older children, Mark and Linda, aged respectively 9 and 11 years.

Smashing an ax, Mark deliberately knocked the babe in the head and mangled its body in different places. Not content with the crime he had already committed, he took a fork and gouged out the eyes of the little one, which he roasted, and then taking a slice out of either jaw he and his sister sat themselves down to a feast.

A Woman's Terrible Revenge.

LAREDO, Tex., Feb. 24.—Across the Mexican frontier, 40 miles from here, the neighborhood has been startled by the revenge of an old woman, Marguerite Pinzon. Several years ago six of her male descendants were slain in a family feud by the Morelos clan. Old Mrs. Pinzon decided upon revenge and a few days ago managed to get a decoction of the deadly loco weed in their food and turned four of the Morelos into raving madmen.

Stumbled Upon $1,000,000.

CREEDE, Col., Feb. 24.—Brandt, a poor prospector, while going over Batchelor Mountain found a vaulted cavern whose sides are rich with silver ore worth $1000 a ton. Brandt was offered $100,000 cash for his claim, but it is thought to be worth $1,000,000.

Local Jottings.

Two charges of selling adulterated coffee were yesterday enlarged for a week.

Probate proceedings took place yesterday in these estates: Dr. William H. Oliphant, $11,299; Mrs. Sarah J. Merrick, $8000.

Hon. Edward and Mrs. Blake have become patrons of the Women's Literary Society of University College.

Dr. Hammond of Sudbury will to-night read a paper before the Canadian Institute on the nickel deposits near Sudbury.

Sam Williams, 256 Parliament-street, and John Quinn, 107 Sackville-street, are both in custody charged with ill-using their wives.

Max Howitz, who has been a week in jail, was discharged by Judge Macdougall yesterday, as no evidence against him was forthcoming.

Albert Hacking was yesterday sentenced to a week's imprisonment for theft of milk from Edward Macdonald of Downsview.

Mr. Baxter yesterday committed two incorrigible young girls to the Alexandra School, one for 72 months and the other for half that period.

William Muir, livery stable keeper, King-street east, was yesterday committed for trial on four charges of feloniously receiving stolen property.

On the charge of committing an aggravated assault on Frederick Dickson a young man named John Sheehan was yesterday committed for trial.

The propeller Niagara, moored at the foot of Yonge-street, has had two masts placed in her and is now ready to sail as soon as the ice breaks up.

Before Colonel Denison yesterday afternoon Alfred Beatty, 66 Louisa-street, was fined $20 and costs of 30 days for pointing a pistol at P.C. Chapman.

A public meeting of the Missionary and Theological Society of Trinity College was held in Convocation Hall last evening. The Bishop of Algoma gave an address.

Nathaniel Christian was fined $7 and costs for being under the influence of liquor and throwing a piece of ice through a window in Mr. Brown's Hotel, 315 Yonge-street.

Annie Spencer, 3 Trefann-street, is in custody, charged with feloniously wounding Sarah McLean, 134 Teraniey-street. It is stated that she struck the latter on the head with a water pitcher, inflicting a painful scalp wound.

Albert Hacking was found guilty yesterday morning by Judge Macdougall of stealing cream from Mr. Edward McDonald, Downsview. He was sentenced to seven days in jail.

A large number of Toronto's most prominent Masons left here for Hamilton yesterday on the 12.30 train to attend the funeral of Edward Mitchell, Grand Treasurer of the Masonic Grand Lodge.

Mr. Brough has written the Mayor absolutely denying that he used the expression which Ald. Gowanlock charged him with before the Waterworks Committee. He says he never uses profane language.

Thomas O'Kearn, whose place of residence is unknown, was found at the till in Townshend's livery stable yesterday. He was arrested and placed in the station. On his person were found a loaded revolver and two watches. Nothing but some postages stamps were missing from the till.

Lionel Ling, William Rose and Edward Murray were tried yesterday morning before Judge Macdougall on a charge of breaking into the summer house belonging to Mr. W. T. Lindley, Mimico. The last named was discharged, but the other two got a month each in the Central.

The members of A company, Royal Grenadiers, called upon Capt. and Mrs. J. D. Hay, 45 St. George-street, to extend congratulation upon their marriage. A handsome silver salver was presented to Mrs. Hay. Refreshments were served, followed by reading, songs and instrumental music.

RECIPROCITY WITH CANADA.

DELIVERANCE BY GEN. FOSTER ON THE SUBJECT.

The Gentleman Who Met the Canadian Commissioners at Washington Explains Why the Negotiations Between the Two Countries Have Not as Yet Been Productive of Results.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—At the annual dinner of the New York Board of Trade and Transportation at Delmonico's this evening, Gen. J. W. Foster, the gentleman who, with Secretary Blaine, met the Canadian Reciprocity Commissioners at Washington recently and who has negotiated the reciprocity treaties with various nations under the McKinley Act, delivered an address.

Mr. Foster said Reciprocity is inseparably united to protection. It is impossible under the system of free trade. It is only when a country maintains a protective tariff that it is in a position to offer to other countries valuable concessions for specific products in return for exceptional favors for its own products. The country which breaks down the protective system and opens up its markets freely and without price to all nations is in no condition to secure exceptional favors from other countries.

The commercial reciprocity treaties recently negotiated between Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland and Belgium are based upon a recognition of this principle, and they effectually dispose of the question of free trade on the continent of Europe for the next 12 years at least—the period of duration of those treaties.

We have entered upon a similar policy in this country and if consistently steadily adhered to and not broken down by our own partisan action it bids fair to give to this nation a predominating commercial influence on this hemisphere, which will redound greatly to our prosperity and our national pride.

But, it may be asked, if this be true why not extend it to our Canadian neighbors on the north?

The first answer is that with our tropical neighbors, whose products are so dissimilar to ours, reciprocity is a simple matter, but when we come to deal with a country having thousands of miles of coterminous territory and with like products and industries the question becomes more complex.

But this is not the insuperable difficulty. The fact that Canada does not possess the right of negotiating her own treaties, but must have them negotiated for her by a distant power, which is controlled by economic principles entirely different from those of both United States and Canada, constitutes the chief barrier to any arrangement So long as other interests than those of Canada are to control negotiations for commerical relations with such of our neighbors as recognize American (in its broadest sense) paramount to European influence on this hemisphere, to all such countries we should open the doors of trade as wide and as freely as the interests of our own established industries will permit. Beyond that the spirit of genuine American-ism does not require nor permit us to go."

RECIPROCITY NEGOTIATIONS.

Result of the Visit of the Canadian Commissioners to Be Announced.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—In the Senate to-day Mr. Sherman asked that the Committee on Foreign Relations, if not incompatible with public interests, inform the Senate of the proceedings recently had with the representatives of the Dominion of Canada and the British Government as to arrangements for reciprocal trade with Canada. Agreed to.

HE TOOK HIS OWN LIFE.

A Young Plumber in the West End Suicides Through Drink and Family Trouble—The Sad Old Story.

"O, I'm so lonesome, what time is it? Won't you get up?" This is what Mrs. Spacey, 421 Dundas-street, heard at her door about 12.30 o'clock Tuesday night. She at once recognized the voice as that of Charles Hebden, a young man, 24 years of age, who had boarded with her for a couple of years. She reminded him that his friend, Robert Davey, was rooming with him, and told him he had better go back to bed.

In about an hour she was again awakened by a hurried knocking at the door. This time she found Davey. His face was deadly pale as he told her that Hebden was lying on the floor in a pool of blood. She went up to the room and found the poor fellow had cut a terrible gash in his throat. A razor covered with gore lay on the floor beside him.

Hebden had been subject to seasons of melancholy ever since he came from England two years ago. He always seemed more downcast after receiving letters from his wife and child in Pickering, Yorkshire, and often resorted to drink "to drown his troubles." The deceased had evidently feared that he would do himself an injury, for he had invited his friend Davey to come and stay with him over night.

Coroner Lynd was notified but did not consider it necessary to hold an inquest.

The young Englishman was a plumber by trade and since his arrival here had worked for Mr. W. M. Watson, 9 Dundas-street. Mrs. Jackson of Port Hope is his sister, and George Morley of 296 Bathurst-street is his cousin. The latter is looking after the affairs of the deceased.

Prohibition Plebiscite in Manitoba.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 24.—At next session of the Manitoba Legislature largely signed petitions will be presented praying that at the forthcoming general election a vote be taken as to whether the people desire to have an act passed prohibiting manufacture and sale of liquor in this province.

Special Notice.

S. Corrigan, the leading tailor, 123 Yonge-street begs to call attention to the fact that he is turning out a very superior class of work at the closest cash prices. Gentlemen appreciating quality, style and finish in their garments will do well to visit the above address.

Note prices—Imported Trouserings, from $4 up. Suitings from $16 up. Overcoatings from $15 up. Entire satisfaction assured; inspection solicited. 246

Died While on a Visit.

GUELPH, Feb. 24.—A very sudden and sad death took place at the residence of Mr. W. H. Smith, Cambridge-street, last evening. Mrs. W. Hayden came into the city from Marden on Monday to visit the family, took sick that evening at 5 o'clock and died on Tuesday at 7 o'clock. She had only been married five months.

Catching Up.

At this season there is always a slackness in business. J. Fraser Bryce, photographer, 107 King-street west, claims that for months past he has not been able to keep up with his orders, but will now be as usual, all promptness. 246

Toothache cured instantly by using Gibbons' Toothache Gum.

Cattle Have Wintered Well.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 24.—Reports from all parts of the province and territories go to show that cattle on ranches have wintered remarkably well and are in good condition.

Personal.

Mr. John Goss, late of the Central Press, is convalescing from an attack of grip.

Mr. W. Mack, M.L.A., of Cornwall, was introduced on the floor of the Grain Exchange yesterday by Mr. J. L. Spink.

THE LABORATORY OPENED.

A Galaxy of Savants at the School of Practical Science—Admirable Addresses Last Night.

Probably no educational function for some time has attracted so much attention or awakened such an amount of intelligent interest as the opening of the engineering laboratory of the School of Practical Science. This took place last evening in the presence of a crowded assembly, numbering 1600 persons.

Hon. G. W. Ross occupied the chair. On his right was Hon. Edward Blake, while Mr. Sandford Fleming occupied a similar position on his left. On the platform were gentlemen well-known in scientific and educational circles.

The Minister of Education Speaks.

Hon. G. W. Ross said that he wished to express the appreciation of the faculty of the School of Practical Science at the interest taken by the public as manifested by their presence. He believed that this institution was capable of efficiently carrying on all the branches of technical education embraced in its curriculum. A few years ago such an education could only be secured in the States, but he hoped that by the increased support of the public and the continued liberality of the Provincial Government the school would continue to carry on the good work so auspiciously begun.

A Valuable Paper.

Principal Galbraith's paper on "Technical Education" was very interesting and instructive. "The principal work of a technical school," he said, "is the teaching of science and not, as many suppose, to turn out fully fledged engineers, architects, manufacturers and tradesmen. All that it can pretend to do is to turn out partially educated men. The graduates must supplement the work in the school by practical experience in after life before they acquire