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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The Ottawa Field Battery, under the command of Captain John Stewart, went into camp on the farm of Mr. Marlin, Taylorville, Township of Gloucester, yesterday, to put in their annual drill.

A serious conflagration took place in the village of Almonte on Saturday morning last, by which several of the best buildings situated in the heart of the village were destroyed. The fire originated in the Furniture Factory belonging to Messrs John McGuire & Co. The origin of the fire is not known, but is supposed to have originated in the engine room. The loss is heavy but mostly covered by insurance.

Toronto can now boast in one of her citizens being proclaimed the world's champion Oarsman, in the person of Edwin Hanson, who met with a great ovation from his fellow citizens on his return home from Philadelphia.

The Tecumseh Company have laid before the Attorney General their written report of the finding of the remains of the great chief.

At Quebec on Saturday, at 2.45 o'clock a heavy rumbling was heard, and before the people residing below the precipice had time to rush out of the houses, a tremendous piece of rock, accompanied with heavy stones, shale and tons of gravel fell on top of a building in rear of Mr. Grenier's premises, smashing in the roof and breaking through the timber. Had any one been inside the place at the time, attending to cooking or gathering firewood, they would have assuredly been killed.

A telegram from Victoria, B. C., says:—A Ministerial crisis is impending. Hon. Mr. Brown, President of the Executive Council, has resigned. He was opposed to the demand for the Carnarvon terms, to which the Elliot Government are committed, whilst awaiting new proposals.

At the International match held Creedmoor on the 13th and 14th, at the 1000 yds. range, Milner of the Irish team made fifteen bull's eyes consecutively, aggregating 75 points. This is unprecedented shooting. In another part of today's paper a full account of the shooting of each team is given. The Americans are the winners, the Irish coming next.

A despatch just received from General Sheridan countermands the order to winter a regiment of cavalry on the Yellowstone, which rendered a winter campaign impossible, and indefinitely postpones the subjection of the Sioux. General Terry leaves the field, having accomplished no purpose of the expedition, and with one quarter of his troops killed by bullets or exposure.

A despatch from Los Angeles states a terrible tale of suffering on the Colorado Desert. Henry Smith, from St. Louis, with one companion and a pack train left Yuma Fort, Los Angeles, and wandered four days on the desert without water. Smith opened the veins of his arms and drank the blood, which clotted in his throat. He then cut his windpipe to recover it, and died in a few hours after. His companion reached the station in the last stage of exhaustion.

The report of the arrest of the Turkish officers implicated in the Bulgarian atrocities is confirmed; 15 of them have been sent under guard to Constantinople.

A despatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from Constantinople says that these are the leaders indicated in the report of Blacque Bris, the Turkish official who had been investigating the atrocities in Bulgaria.

A special despatch to the *Political Correspondence* from Constantinople says that Blacque Bris' report admits that the atrocities were indubitably horrible. It is believed that the report will be suppressed.

The *London Post*, a thick and thin supporter of the Government, conspicuously invites attention to the arrests as evidence that the Porte is taking effectual measures to show its abhorrence of the cruel and deplorable acts in Bulgaria. It says:—We may feel confident that Lord Derby's and Mr. Elliot's interposition has not been without effect in securing the punishment and the relief for the sufferers.

The Eul of Derby's speech in reply to the addresses of two deputations that waited on him on Monday last, on the Eastern question, appears to have been pretty generally satisfactory to the press and public. The agitation about the Government's position on this question is weakening, though it is likely it will be kept alive until after the election in Buckinghamshire, to fill the vacancy in the House of Commons, caused by the elevation of Mr. Disraeli to the Peerage, which takes place on September, 21st, and which is hotly contested, mainly on that issue. A liberal victory there would be regarded as a severe check to ministers.

The *Times* publishes a letter from Gladstone, dealing with the recent speeches of Lord Derby on the Eastern question. Gladstone finds fault with the Government for merely protesting and remonstrating, and concludes with the declaration, "the time has come to say you must let Europe define what is just, and then enact it." The writer expresses his belief that circumstances now demand his early re-assembly of Parliament.

A special despatch to the *Times* from Bel-

grade says:—The Servian line extends from a point a little north of Djunis to Deligrad, a distance of about eight miles, and the number of men bearing arms is about 55,000. Horvatovich commands the left, Tchernayeff centre, and Protich the right at Deligrad. On September 11th the left was at Alexinat, and the command contained 22 battalions. When it became necessary to abandon Alexinat, 14 battalions retired, taking with them all the artillery and stores, and those inhabitants who remained when the first evacuation was ordered. Eight battalions under Paponich were not withdrawn.

A Reuter special from Constantinople says, it is stated there that, although the reply of the Porte to the representations of the Powers will formulate the conditions of peace it will leave the conduct of negotiations in the hands of the Powers.

A Reuter's despatch from Berlin says the intolerant measures of the Spanish Government against Protestants are stated to have given rise to frequent exchange of notes between the British and German Governments. It is understood they will address remonstrances to Spain on the subject, and call upon her to act in conformity with her engagements.

The Belgrade special to the *Daily News* says the rain has been falling in torrents for the last two days. The Morava Valley is now a great swamp. By systematically burning the villages, the Turks have destroyed what would have been their shelter, and they are now exposed without cover to the storm. Important military operations are impossible, and a week of rain will render the valley untenable. The Servians have supplies for a year's campaign at Deligrad and Alexinat. The Turks are obliged to haul everything from Nisch. Their withdrawal to that point is expected.

The *Standard's* despatch from Belgrade says the Turks made an attack on Tuesday, on Malizocnik to prevent the Servians from sending reinforcements to General Tchernayeff, but fighting on the Drina cannot influence the issue of the war at Alexinat. A correspondent with the Turks says that their plan of operations is to cross the Morava, storm the Servian position at Deligrad, occupy it and then return to take Alexinat. Both positions are strong, and the task is one of enormous difficulty. The first attempt on Monday to carry out the plan by bridging the Morava was unsuccessful.

The Podgoritza forces, intended for the relief of Medun, forming the Turkish right wing, were withdrawn yesterday, and their positions were immediately occupied by Servians.