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A SUGGESTION BY RUSSIA.

FRANCE AND GERMANY APPROVE BUT NOT THE OTHER POWERS.

Prince Ferdinand Asks Permission to Visit Constantinople to Pay His Homage to the Sultan, But the Visit Will Not Be Permitted.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 24.—Russia's reply to the last circular of the Porte suggested that an Ottoman commission and a Russian general should go to Sofia to secure conjointly and in a legal manner the election of a new Sobranje which should elect a new Prince. This proposal being submitted to the powers was sanctioned by France and Germany, but disapproved of by the other powers, who advised the Porte to adopt a policy of moderation and to await events.

M. Vulkovitch, the Bulgarian agent, has handed to the Porte a telegram from Prince Ferdinand expressing his devotion to the Sultan and asking permission to come to Constantinople to pay his homage in person. Kesaui Pacha, the Prime Minister, will reply to the telegram, informing the Prince that the Sultan cannot accede to his proposition.

A Protest from the Porte.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 21.—The Porte has telegraphed Prince Ferdinand that it disapproves of his entry into Bulgaria without the sanction of the Porte and the powers.

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THE MANHATTAN BANK THIEF.

A New York Woman Said to Have Received $10,000 of the Stolen Money.

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—Mrs. E. Roberts, described in Teller Scott's affidavit, charging her with receiving and retaining from him $10,000 of the money stolen from the Manhattan Company's Bank, while Lawyer Dunn received and appropriated the remainder, or $140,000, was found this morning at her residence. To the reporter's questions as to the truth of Teller Scott's affidavit she said, with apparent surprise at the accusation: "You are the first to tell me what Scott has stated in his affidavit. I was informed at breakfast that there was something in the paper about me, but had not had time to read what it was when you were announced. I never use the name Fanny when signing or writing of myself, but usually sign my name as Mrs. J. B. Roberts. I am a widow, and, having some means, occupy this house with my colored man and maid-servants. I have no objection to saying that my name is Fanny S. Roberts, and suppose that I am the person alluded to in the affidavit which you have read to me. Of course, such a publication as this is not pleasant, but being conscious of right I have no fear of facing the trouble if any should arise. I never heard until to day of this Richard Scott and certainly could not have been friendly with him. No, I have not had the papers lately and had no idea that such a man existed. No, it is not true that I received $10,000 from Scott, or from any man known to me by that or any other name. The charge of intimacy with a man who confessed to me that he was a thief is too preposterous for me to answer, except in a court of law." Later it was learned that Mrs. Roberts had been arrested and taken to Ludlow-street jail.

CIGARS VS. PIPES.

Extravagance of American Smokers as Viewed by a Londoner.

From The American Analyst.

"One of the features of American street life that strikes an Englishman on first arriving here most forcibly," said a young Londoner, recently, "is the abundance of cigars. I was simply astonished to observe, on my arrival here, teamsters, porters, cabmen—aye, even pedlers with handcarts—smoking cigars. In England, you know, where cigars cost just as much as they do here, a man who never smokes anything on the street but a cigar is looked upon as an epicure, and, if he is not a gentleman of landed property, is regarded as a very extravagant fellow.

"What do we smoke? Why pipes, of course. I know fellows—London fellows, too—who are worth all the way from £100 to £1000 a year—who are inveterate smokers, and yet regard cigars with about as much reverence as you do diamonds, no doubt. The most extravagant of them smoke two cigars, at 3 pence or 6 cents apiece, per day. No; I must say that the princely extravagance of the American smoker, who, though he may be too poor to buy himself a warm overcoat when the cold wind comes, will still scorn to smoke a pipe on the street, floors me. In London, if a coster-monger or cabman appeared among his comrades with a lighted cigar in his mouth, he would be hooted from one end of the street to the other for endeavoring to assume a luxury his circumstances in life did not entitle him to."

The Missing Boat Found.

LONDON, Aug. 24.—The City of Montreal's missing boat has been picked up and the seven passengers and six members of the crew who were in it are safe and well. The rescue was made by a German vessel named the Mathilde, which arrived at Falmouth to-day with the thirteen survivors on board.

The survivors say that on the first day after leaving the steamer they experienced very rough weather. They had a plentiful supply of bread and meat but very little water. As a consequence they suffered badly from thirst. The weather was hot, and this contributed to their discomfort. The boat was rescued on Aug. 15.

The Gentle Jersey.

NEWAYGO, Mich., Aug. 24.—Samuel Shippy of Ashland Township, while leading his Jersey bull to water, slipped, when the beast made a dash for him and threw him a distance of twenty-four feet against the barn, and before he could regain his feet he was again caught by the infuriated animal and thrown upwards, alighting upon a scaffold ten feet high. He was taken into the house more dead than alive, with a terrible gash of six inches, from which his bowels protruded. His recovery is doubtful.

Burned to Death in a Stable.

TOPEKA, Kas., Aug. 24.—This morning the barn in which the horses belonging to the City Police Force are kept was set on fire, and a man and four horses burned to death. Shortly after the flames were put out the charred remains were found to be those of Col. C. Graves, Lieut.-Col. of the 2d Iowa Cavalry, and Brigadier-General of the Kansas National Guards.

A Sporting Man Shot.

FREEPORT, Ill., Aug. 24.—C. A. Winship, one of the most prominent horse-owners in the West, lies in a critical condition from a shot fired from a revolver in the hands of D. Brown Staples, son of the wealthy Isaac Staples of Stillwater, Minn. The shooting occurred in the hall of the Brewster House. No cause is assigned for the deed. Staples was arrested.

The Colored Mason's Convention.

CHICAGO, Aug. 24.—The convention of colored Masons reassembled to-day. J. Hugo Johnson of Virginia presented a very interesting paper on "The True Status of Negro Masonry in America." Several equally well sustained orations were delivered. Then followed the routine work incident to a first convention.

Died of Grief.

PARIS, Aug. 24.—The Russian Prince Pierre Wittingenstein has died at Konleon, near Brest, of grief for the loss of his wife, the daughter of a Breton fisherman whom he had educated. He leaves a vast fortune to Princess Hohenlohe.

CHAT ACROSS THE CABLE.

The Cologne Gazette says that public opinion in Russia is highly suspicious of Germany, and that the strained relations between the two countries is due to this popular antipathy.

THE DAILY DISASTER.

Trains Continue to Meet With Mishaps and Kill People.

PITTSBURG, Aug. 24.—The second section of the Cincinnati express going west on the Pan Handle road jumped the track near Skelly's station, and was precipitated over an embankment into a creek. The train was composed entirely of mail and express cars, and was badly wrecked. Engineer George Thompson was terribly scalded, and will die. George Moreland, baggage master at Columbus, O., received painful cuts about the head and body, and Fireman James McCollough was badly bruised. George Norvin, express messenger, were also slightly injured. The cause of the accident is not known.

Two Lives Lost.

WHEELING, W. Va., Aug. 24.—Emigrant train No. 83, coming west on the Baltimore and Ohio railway this morning at 8 o'clock, ran into freight train No. 88 at Easton Siding, twenty miles east of the city. A. L. Smith, engineer of the emigrant train, and Isaac Arberthot, his fireman, were instantly killed. The engineer and fireman of the freight train was slightly injured. Fifteen of the emigrants were seriously but none fatally injured.

A Gang of Trackmen Run Down.

SCRANTON, Aug. 24.—A frightful accident on the Lehigh Valley Railway at Ransom Township at noon to-day. A pony engine, on which were Gen. Supt. Stevenson of the Lehigh Road, John M. Rahm, roadmaster, G. Collins and L. M. Hall, while rounding a curve plunged into a gang of five trackmen and instantly killed Foreman Connell and a Hungarian laborer, and fatally injured another Hungarian.

A TEXAN ROMANCE.

A Sheriff for a Consideration Lets a Desperado Down Easy.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Aug. 24.—Campbell Langley, father of the ones notorious and not yet forgotten Bill Langley, removed to Bell County, Texas, from near Lexington, Lee County, Texas, twelve years ago. During his residence in Lee and Bell counties he has been known as a well-to-do farmer and an upright citizen. He says that his son, Bill Langley, who was publicly hanged twelve years ago in Giddings, Lee County, by Sheriff Jim Brown, in the presence of several thousand people, was not hanged at all, but was allowed to escape. The father says when the Supreme Court and the Governor refused to intervene in Bill's behalf, a rich uncle in California came to the county, and with $4000, with which he so worked upon the sympathy of the sheriff charged with execution of the sentence that friends of Bill were permitted to so arrange things that when the drop fell the weight of the body fell on an iron hoop supported by an appropriate body harness in such a manner that he escaped physically unhurt.

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Another McGlynn Adherent.

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—It is announced that Rev. Sylvester Malone will be on the platform with Rev. Dr. McGlynn on Friday evening, when the Doctor will lecture before Division 3, Ancient Order of Hibernians, in Brooklyn, next Friday evening, for the benefit of the widows and orphans of that society. His brother, Edward Malone, M.D., will introduce Dr. McGlynn. When asked if he regarded this as consistent with his standing as a good Catholic he said: "Certainly I do. In my estimation and that of my brother, the Rev. Sylvester Malone, Dr. McGlynn was unjustly excommunicated, and as good Catholics we must follow our own conscience, which forbids us from severing our connection with him."

Mysterious Disease in Virginia.

HINTON, W. Va., Aug. 24.—Summers County and that portion of the State and south-western Virginia the drouth has made the waters very low, and the peculiar disease which has several times previously followed this state of affairs, and which is supposed to be a result of minerals in the water has broken out. In the Dead Horse Cave neighborhood there are over one hundred cases with thirty deaths. Farm work is at a stand still, it requiring the entire time of every individual able to labor to care for the sick and dead.

A Woman in the Case.

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., Aug. 24.—The Episcopal bishop of New Jersey has been asked to investigate the scandal affecting the character of Rev. Mr. Glazebrook, a summer resident here, who has been charged by several eyewitnesses with recent conduct at this place unbecoming a minister. Mr. Glazebrook is rector of St. James' Church at Elizabeth. A woman is concerned in the affair.

Dying From the Bite of a Man.

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—Mrs. Jane Metbrook, wife of a Tenth-avenue grocer, is dying from a peculiar combination of circumstances, the principal one of which is a bite of a man named Chas. Possehl who, with his teeth, bit her in the hand a few days ago. Since then Mrs. Metbrook has suffered greatly and blood poisoning has set in. Possehl is under arrest.

The Watkins Regatta Postponed.

WATKINS, N.Y., Aug. 24.—Owing to the rough condition of the water the regatta did not take place to-day. The program announced for to-day will occur to-morrow afternoon and the final heat and junior scull race will be rowed on Friday. The attendance is good with strong indications of a largely increased crowd to-morrow.

A Great Fire Near Aspinwall.

PANAMA, Aug. 24.—A fire broke out at the village of Old Gatun, a few miles from Aspinwall on the canal route, on Aug. 7. It did about $200,000 damage and reduced hundreds of laborers and small shopkeepers to complete destitution.

The Break in California Wheat.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 24.—The wheat market broke to $1.35 per cental for seller, 87, this morning, a drop of 9 cents from yesterday and a full decline of 82½c since the break of the bull corner.

A Cyclone on its Travels.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—The signal office reports that the cyclone previously noted is apparently central off the South Atlantic coast, moving slowly northeast and causing dangerous gales.

John Ruskin is Insane.

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—A London despatch says there is no longer any doubt that John Ruskin is insane.

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UNITED STATES NEWS.

Nearly 100 head of cattle have died at St. Louis, Mo., within the past three days of Texas fever.

G. W. Wilkins, the extensive lumberman and boat-builder of Kittanning, Pa., assigned yesterday; liabilities unknown.

Pearce's distillery, the Standard Oil Works and Swan's marble works, at Nashville, Tenn., were burned on Monday night.

Mrs. Sarah Jackson, mistress of the White House during President Jackson's second term, died at Nashville, Tenn., on Monday, aged 81 years.

The suspension is announced of the Portland and Kennebec Steamboat Company, whose steamers plied between Portland, Augusta and Bath, Me.

A passenger train on the Peoria, Decatur and Evansville Railway was derailed near Salt Creek on Monday night by train-wreckers. The train was only slightly damaged.

The Aurora, the largest wooden vessel on the lakes, was launched at Cleveland, O., on Monday. She is 41 feet beam, 310 feet long and 25½ feet deep. She is intended for the ore trade.

The Toledo, Peoria and Western officials are refunding the amount expended for Niagara excursion tickets to persons in Hancock County who were in the Chatsworth wreck. No suits for damage to person or effects have been commenced by any survivors in Hancock County.

THE PROSCRIBED LEAGUE.

DEFIANT TALK AT THE MEETING IN THE DUBLIN ROTUNDA.

Mr. Gladstone and the Leading Liberals Have a Conference Regarding the Proclamation of the League—Mr. Russell's Position.

LONDON, Aug. 24.—At the meeting in the Rotunda in Dublin last night the English members of Parliament present advised Irishmen to be calm and to refrain from collision with the law.

Mr. Dillon said that in spite of the proclamation the league would continue to exercise what Mr. Balfour had called intimidation. Instead of advising tenants to be reasonable they would advise them in future to double their demands.

Mr. O'Brien said that no Irishman was worth a pinch of salt unless he trampled the proclamation under foot, but he advised calmness in the struggle for freedom.

Mr. Gladstone Feels Cold.

LONDON, Aug. 24.—Mr. Gladstone, Sir Wm. Vernon Harcourt, Earl Spencer, Mr. Arnold and John Morley had a long conference this morning in reference to the proclamation of the National League. Mr. Gladstone is in good spirits. He wears a thick overcoat, though the weather is hot.

An Outside Worker.

LONDON, Aug. 24.—In reply to Lord Hartington Mr. Russell says that he is willing to attend a conference but that his position is a difficult one. He adds that he must in future, although a staunch Unionist, work outside the party.

A Nationalist Elected.

DUBLIN, Aug. 24.—O'Gorman Mahon, (Nationalist) has been elected without opposition to the seat in the House of Commons for Carlow, made vacant by the death of J. A. Blake.

Ennis Not Truly Loyal.

DUBLIN, Aug. 24.—The Ennis Board of Guardians has adopted an official resolution defying the Government's proclamation against the National League and exhorting all boards of guardians to advance the principles of the league.

O'Brien Always in Trouble.

DUBLIN, Aug. 24.—William O'Brien has been summoned to appear before a magistrate for making inflammatory speeches at Mitchelstown on Aug. 9 and 11. The hearing has been fixed for Sept. 9.

OFFICERS OF THE O.R.A.

Mr. Wm. Mulock, M.P. Elected President—Removal of the Ranges.

The Council of the Ontario Rifle Association met for the election of officers and the transaction of general business, at Garrison Common yesterday afternoon, Col. Gibson in the chair. The names of Col. Gibson and Col. Otter were proposed for the presidency, but both officers respectfully demurred. Col. A. M. Ross, Provincial Treasurer, was suggested by Col. Aylmer as a highly suitable gentleman for the position, but the president felt satisfied the honorable gentleman would not accept on account of his burdensome duties. Then the name of Mr. Wm. Mulock, Q.C., M.P., was proposed. It met with general favor, and the president felt satisfied Mr. Mulock would accept the office. The other officers elected were: Vice-Presidents—First military district, Lieut.-Col. Aylmer; second military district, Lieut.-Col. Jones; third military district, Lieut. Macnachtan; fourth military district, Lieut.-Col. Macpherson. Treasurer, Lieut.-Col. Alger, District Paymaster; Auditors, Captain Boomer, Mr. Seymour Porter; Secretary, Capt. Mutton, Q.O.R.

As to the matter of the rifle ranges, referred by the association to the Council, Col. Gibson suggested a committee should be appointed to attend to any negotiations that may take place as between the city and the association, and the association and Industrial Exhibition. He would not give the committee full power to act but merely to go into the matter in all its bearing whenever it came up and report to the Council. The suggestion was approved of. The Executive, Col. Gibson (Hamilton), Col. Otter, Col. Macdonald (Guelph), and Capt. Bruce being named as the committee.

In the course of a desultory conversation it was learned that the ranges were now under control of the Board of Inquiry (Col. Gzowski, Col. Otter, Col. Jackson) appointed by the Militia Department to make a report as to the safety or otherwise of the ranges and to recommend such provisions as would ensure their perfect safety. No firing will be allowed on the ranges until the board reports. It will meet on Sept. 8.

Fatal Accident at Napanee.

NAPANEE, Aug. 24.—Among a number of men who were unloading cheese at the station to-day was a farmer named Jolly, of Richmond, a young and promising man of about 24 years of age and unmarried. The whistle of the engine startled his horses, when he caught them by the head, but the horses were frightened and plunging madly forward threw over the wagon with its load of cheese, striking the unfortunate man Jolly on the head, fracturing his skull and killing him instantly.

Fire at an Hotel.

A fire broke out last evening at the hotel of Mr. Thomas Brewer, at the southwest corner of Spadina-avenue and Adelaide-street. Alterations are being made in the premises, and a scaffolding is erected on the back. Here the fire broke out and burned into the kitchen, the scaffolding being an obstacle to the speedy extinguishment of the fire. The fire-box at the corner was out of order and did not respond to a policeman's pulling of the alarm. The flames had obtained a good hold before they were extinguished. The damage is estimated at $150, covered by insurance.

Not a Costly Luxury.

From The Buffalo Times.

"How much does your best girl cost you, old fellow?" was plumped at a beardless boy who makes his bread and butter, about $8 a week, in the carpenter trade. After demurring, as usual, over looking at the sentimental affair in so practical a light, his objections were finally overruled and he consented to talk.

"Me and my girl take in all the museum shows. Ten weeks of museums at 20 cents a week makes $2. All the girls hanker after ice cream, and I generally put up $2 at the cream. I have to get her 10 cents worth of taffy off and on. That comes to 75 cents easy. In summer time we get reckless and go to two big blow outs anyway—most generally picnics. With the car fare that comes to $3. Other evenings we go to the parks and freeze to one of them benches. That don't cost nothing except the car fare. Sixty cents would about settle that, for sometimes we walk, don't you see. When Christmas comes I do the grand, and buy a pair of earrings or some other piece of finery the kind girls like, and never pay less than $2 neither. Let's see; $2, $2, 75c., $3, 60., $3 comes to $10.35. My girl says that's good enough for her."

Where is Nellie Crowell?

From The Buffalo News.

A well-dressed lady walked into The News office last evening and handed in the following advertisement:

PERSONAL—MISS ETHEL CROWELL, better known as Nellie, has fallen heir to $100,000 in England. Address Harold Maclee, Welland, Ont.

"Nellie is probably working in Buffalo," said the lady, "but we have lost track of her whereabouts. We think she is working as a domestic here. Her relatives in England are very rich." Mr. Maclee is a lawyer at Welland, and has been engaged to find the missing girl, and he thought the best way to reach her was through The News.

The workingman's paper, the manufacturer's paper, the politician's paper, the family paper, The Toronto World delivered to any address for 55c. a month.

FIRE AMONG THE PAINT POTS.

A $30,000 Conflagration at Montreal Yesterday Morning.

MONTREAL, Aug. 24.—A fire took place this morning in the paint and oil manufactory of William Johnston, William-street. The building is divided into two sections, one a new structure which fronts on William-street and the other an old building fronting the canal. The fire caught in the flat in the southwest corner of the old building, and spread like a train of gunpowder over the whole western section. A general alarm was given calling out the whole brigade. The engines set to work drawing their suction from the canal. The heat was intense and dense volumes of black smoke almost suffocated the firemen, but they were not to be daunted and stuck to their post.

About twenty minutes after the fire started, twelve large tanks, averaging in capacity from 500 to 10,000 gallons and filled with benzine, turpentine and Japan black caught fire and exploded. The scene was now magnificent as the flames from a huge roaring furnace shot high into the sky. The efforts of the firemen were directed to save the building fronting on William-street and to keep the flames from spreading to McDougal's car wheel foundry and the Canada Fibre Company, which adjoins, and in this they were successful. At 6 o'clock, with a crash like thunder, the roof fell in, but now the efforts of the firemen began to tell, and from every cologne of vantage a powerful stream was projected, and by 6.30 the fire was completely under control. The old building was completely destroyed, only the walls are standing; but with the exception of a little damage by water the new building is uninjured. The damage will amount to $30,000, which is fully covered by insurance.

Following are the insurances: Caledonian, $3000; Citizens', $4000; Guardian, $4000; Liverpool, London and Globe, $6000; National, $6000; Atlas, $2500; Norwich Union, $2500; British America, $6000; Aetna, $7000; Hartford, $4000, and Phœnix, $3000.

Don't fail to see championship lacrosse match, Saturday afternoon. Rosedale Grounds. Toronto v. Ontarios. Aug. 27, 3.30 sharp. 46

THE CAPTAIN OF THE VIGILANT.

He Will Probably Be Dismissed Because of Excesses at Souris.

SOURIS, P.E.I., Aug. 24.—The first officer of the cruiser Vigilant, who was maltreated by the riotous American fishermen last Friday night, will probably be dismissed from the service. He says he was the victim of a conspiracy, and was drugged by the men. After his rescue by Commander McLean of the Critic, the town was left in the undisputed possession of the mob. Captain Gordon arrived on the steamship Acadia on Sunday and released the cruiser Vigilant, and placed Captain McLean of the Critic in command of this station, but the fishermen regard McLean as a joke. Four of the sixteen men comprising his crew were so dissatisfied with their skipper and the service in which they were engaged that they deserted, for which they are now in prison at Georgetown.

ONE KILLED AND MANY INJURED.

Fifteen Men Fall Forty Feet From A Scaffold at Hespeler.

HESPELER, Aug. 24.—The scaffold on the new addition to Forbes' woolen mills, in course of erection here, about forty feet high, broke this morning. About fifteen men were hurt. One has since died, and two more are not expected to recover. Some of the other cases may result fatally. A few received slight injuries on the head and limbs. The names of those seriously hurt are John Sachs, Harry Conewarl, Ed. Johnson. John Sachs has since died.

His Lordship the Priest.

QUEBEC, Aug. 24.—Lord Archibald Douglass, who arrived here by the English steamer this week, and who is a priest of the Roman Catholic Church in the Diocese of Galloway, Scotland, and the founder of the orphanage there, known as the St. Vincent House, is at present the guest of his personal friend, Rev. R. Casgrain, parish priest of Sillery, in this neighborhood, in whose church he celebrated Grand Mass on Sunday. The rev. lord is on his way to Ontario to visit the 150 orphans which his institution has sent out to that province.

Grape Shot for Rioters.

OSTEND, Aug. 24.—Rioting was resumed to-day. In endeavoring to quell the disturbance the authorities resorted to the use of artillery, killing two of the rioters and wounding several, four seriously. A proclamation has been issued forbidding the assembling of crowds.

OUR OWN COUNTRY.

Items of Interest Received by Mail and Wire.

The Grand Trunk Railway is about to erect a new station at Guelph.

There will be a firemen's tournament at Georgetown on Friday night.

Willie Aldridge, aged 8, was drowned in the Grand River near Caledonia on Saturday.

On Thursday during the demonstration in Guelph Miss Wright of Rockwood was run over and badly injured.

John Pilling, John Coulon and O. J. Phelps, M.P.P., were yesterday elected by acclamation to be the first water commissioners for the Village of Merritton.

Robert Stratton, a Hamilton letter carrier, fell yesterday while jumping off a train and had one of his feet badly crushed.

The Comber Independent newspaper has been purchased by Jacob M. Kennedy, publisher of the Essex Center Liberal, who will hereafter conduct both papers.

The petition asking for a repeal vote of the Scott Act in Bruce will be posted in the sheriff's office, Walkerton, on Aug. 27, and will remain there for ten days. After that time it will be forwarded to Ottawa, and the Government will fix a date for the vote.

The Brant County Council has paid the salary of the County Police Magistrate under protest, and decided to ask the Government to cancel the appointment of that official on account of the increased expenditure which it entails, without a corresponding benefit.

THE GRAND'S OPENING.

Sol Smith Russell in "Edgewood Folks"—Other Theatrical Topics.

After many successful seasons the Grand Opera House was opened last night for what will surely be another of the old kind. Manager O. B. Sheppard with a black plug hat and a Muskoka-tanned face, stood on the handsome new oilcloth that covers the lobby, smiled to see such a crowd pouring in and greeted many of his old patrons. Treasurer Herbert Sheppard's face, Muskoka-browned like his father's, beamed at the box office wicket; Fred Felize was at the door annually collecting pasteboards and giving checks to innumerable men who wanted to see a man named Dan between acts; and all the other efficient employes were in their old places. The interior of the house was as bright as a new pin. What had not been retouched had been renovated and the whole place looked brilliant and cheerful. The most noticeable change was that of new curtains of a handsome pattern instead of the old red tapestries of last season.

The opening attraction was that old favorite, Sol Smith Russell, in another old favorite, "Edgewood Folks." He is a man for whom no lengthy notice is necessary, because he is so well known here as a character rich, original and humorous to a high degree. He has the same semi-cracked voice, the same thin face, so full of twists and originalities that a glance at it will make one cry, and the same thin legs with knees that bend any way. His songs and recitations were very funny and he had several recalls by a tickled audience. The supers all through is good, especially Miss Merri Osborn as Faith Hardwicke.

Theatrical Tips.

"Michael Strogoff" is drawing big crowds at the Toronto. Matinees to-morrow and Saturday.

"Hearts of Oak" at the Toronto next week.

"Hanlon's Fantasma" is announced for the Grand for the week commencing Sept. 5.

A Garden Party at St. Michael's.

A successful garden party was held in the grounds of St. Michael's College yesterday. Not less than 1600 people passed through the gate. The grounds were beautifully illuminated at night and looked their best. Six electric lights burned at different points and hundreds of Chinese lanterns, suspended from the boughs of the trees, shed their varied tints about. The party, which is the fourth of a series, was gotten up in aid of the new building fund, to clear off a balance which still remains on the wrong side of the ledger. Miss Hoskin, as President of the Committee of Management, left nothing undone to make the affair the success it proved to be. She was ably assisted by Rev. Father Ryan and the prominent members of the congregation.

The band of the Governor General's Body Guard was in attendance and discoursed a very choice program. There was no lack of refreshments or amusements. The refreshment stall was presided over by Mrs. J. J. O'Connor, assisted by Mrs. Mahony and Mrs. D. O'Connor; the fruit table by Mrs. Doane and Mrs. Roester; ice creams were dispensed by Mrs. De la Haye, Mrs. Lynn and Mrs. Rooney, and the flower stall was rendered a source of profit under the management of Mrs. James Mason and the Misses Smith. Mr. John Mason took charge of a monster wedding cake, from which the children derived great amusement.

The Right Sort of Immigrant.

Mr. R. Mitchell, a Yorkshire (England) gentleman-farmer, is at present in Toronto, en route to Duck Lake, in the Northwest, where he intends settling down to farming on an extensive scale. Finding agricultural life in the Old Country up-hill work, Mr. Mitchell resolved to avail himself of the advantages which the Government of the Dominion hold out to the proper class of immigrant, and has purchased a vast track of virgin soil on the western prairie. He has written home to friends of the purest breeds of cattle from England, but the animals have been quarantined at Quebec. As soon as this little obstacle is overcome Mr. Mitchell will start for his new home, where he is prepared to expend a considerable sum of money in getting it into shape. This is his first visit to Canada, and he expresses himself most favorably impressed with the climate and all that he has seen. Toronto he declares to be a magnificent city.

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About Lord Montague's Book.

Because of letters having appeared in some of the papers alleging that through undue influence a copy of Lord Montague's book, exposing what he considered was wrong in the Roman Catholic Church, had not been purchased for the Public Library as requested, The World yesterday called on Capt. Mason, the chairman, and Mr. James Bain, jr., the librarian, and asked them for the facts of the case. Both gentlemen stated that since the establishment of the library it had been a guiding rule with the officials that no book of a controversial character should be allowed on the shelves. Mr. Bain stated that instead of several parties asking that the book be placed on the list there was an application from only one person, and that there is no truth whatever in the statement that the book was refused a place because "of a few hints from responsible parties that the book is objectionable to the Roman Catholic Church."

The Erie Excursion to New York.

Of all the seasons of the year the present is the most agreeable in which to visit New York, for the heated term is over, and sightseeing may be indulged in without the suffering and fatigue inseparable from such a journey during the midsummer months. For the convenience of those who desire to visit the American metropolis the Erie Railway Company will issue tickets for the round trip on Aug. 30 at $10.50. It is needless to speak in praise of the Erie. All travelers know it to be admirably equipped and thoroughly trustworthy. There are no delays, and the comfort of the passengers is the first consideration. The tickets for this excursion are good for ten days, which will give all who go ample time to take in the sights of the great city.

Passed the First Intermediate.

The following have passed the Law Society's first intermediate examination: D. A. McKillop, A. Weir, H. Armstrong, R. M. Graham, S. H. Brookes, H. W. Lawlor and A. E. Lussier (equal), W. H. Irving, P. H. Bartlett, G. A. Jordan and George Ross (equal), J. P. Dunlop, B. W. Davis, J. F. Keith, J. H. Cooper, J. Greenizan, G. E. K. Cross and W. J. Hanna (equal), E. W. R. Burns, A. C. Patterson, F. M. Young, S. B. Arnold, W. G. Green and C. Murphy (equal), A. W. Macdougald, C. C. Hart, A. Henderson and J. Knowles (equal), G. J. Smith, H. P. Thomas (without an oral), J. W. Blair, T. W. R. McRae, E. G. P. Pickup, A. Purdom, J. W. Roswell (to go up for oral).

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Police Court Yesterday.

James Lawson, larceny and assaulting Detective Reburn, remanded. Frank Mitchell, feloniously wounding Martin McDonald, pleaded self-defence and was admitted to bail in $100. McDonald was unable to appear in court. Isaac Johnston, obstructing Policeman Veitch, fined $10 and costs. George Warren and Thomas Backley, who drove off with a livery rig from Centre-street the other evening, were discharged. George Belfoy, petty larceny, five days in jail. Henry Williams, larceny of thirteen gold rings, 30 days. David McCullough, larceny, will be sentenced on Aug. 29. William Lee, larceny of a watch, 60 days. Daniel Campbell, cruelty to a horse, $1 and costs.

Mr. Costigan Passes Through.

Hon. John Costigan, Minister of Inland Revenue, arrived in the city yesterday morning from Ottawa. He left at 12.20 for Hagersville. He will be one of the speakers at the Conservative picnic at Selkirk to-day in honor of Dr. Montague, M.P. for Haldimand.

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A LIE THAT TRAVELED FAR

A SILLY YARN THAT SHOULD REQUIRE NO DENIAL.

It is Reported That Sir Charles Tupper is Trying to Have His Son-in-Law, Colonel Cameron, Appointed to the Command of the Canadian Militia.

OTTAWA, Aug. 24.—Some amusement has been caused here by the yarn published in a Toronto newspaper and cabled to England and sent to New York, that Sir John had told "a prominent gentleman from Manitoba" that he (Sir John) would bring out a thousand regulars to enforce the Dominion authority in preventing the building of the Red River Valley road. Of course there is no truth in the story. It is only a case of the Toronto "liar on spoon" getting jealous of his Ottawa brother and endeavoring to emulate him.

Private letters from Hon. Mr. Chapleau contain the satisfactory information that his health continues to improve.

It is rumored that it is the intention of the Canadian Pacific Railway shortly to change the through express train service so that it will go to and from Montreal by way of the Smith's Falls short line instead of through Ottawa and along the North Shore. This will be side-tracking Ottawa pretty effectually.

Mr. Andre Senecal, Superintendent of the Government Printing Bureau, has returned from New York, where he has been inspecting press and other plant. It is understood that no purchases will be made until work on the new printing office has been commenced. This will probably be very shortly now.

Sir William Des Veux, ex-Governor of Newfoundland, who is on his way to Hong Kong to assume the government of that dependency, arrived here to-night. Sir William resided for several years in Toronto, is a member of the bar of Upper Canada and went from Toronto to fill his first Imperial appointment, that of stipendiary magistrate in British Guiana. He has since been Governor of Fiji and has filled several other important positions. Apropos of the item telegraphed last night that there was a possibility of Colonel Oliver retiring from the command of the Kingston Royal Military College and being succeeded by Sir Frederick Middleton, The Free Press re-iterates its statement that private letters from England say that Sir Charles Tupper is using his influence with the home authorities to have his son-in-law, Colonel Cameron, appointed to the command of the militia force here in place of General Middleton.

The Executive Committee of the Ontario Arts and Agricultural Association held a meeting here this morning to make arrangements about the forthcoming exhibition, which promises to be highly successful. It was decided to invite Hon. G. W. Ross to open the exhibition.

MUNICIPAL TUGS OF WAR.

The Struggle for the "McWilliams Cup"—The Mayor Concerned in all of the Pulls.

For some time past a series of regular tugs of war has been going on between some city fathers and others, some city fathers and the Mayor, the Mayor and the City Solicitor, and other people with other people.

For the "McWilliams Cup" the tug will be pretty severe, as there are said to be about an equal number of aldermen at each end of the rope.

Then there is the Island sanitation tug-of-war, with nearly the whole of the Local Board of Health pulling against Mayor Howland for the question which this tug will decide is, whether or not the Mayor has authority to supersede the Board of Health in matters sanitary.

The Waterworks tug-of-war is an old contest, which law and science alone can decide. The latest tug on the cord arises out of the water question too. Some months ago the committee ordered a survey of Bond Lake and the minor ones on the Oak Ridges, with the view of supplementing the city supply by gravitation. The surveyors were at work in the district, and were called off by Assistant City Engineer Macdougall to turn their attention to Lake Simcoe. This change of operations came to the ear of Ald. Boustead, Chairman of the Waterworks Committee, who called for an explanation, and ascertained from Mr. Macdougall that the change was consequent upon instructions given him by the Mayor. Ald. Boustead immediately countermanded the order by calling Superintendent Hamilton to his aid, but Mr. Macdougall failed off.

"Too many cooks spoil the broth."

Labor Demonstration Committee.

A meeting of the Labor Demonstration Committee was held in Dufferin Hall last evening, but owing to the scant attendance of members, no definite decision was arrived at in reference to the proposed labor demonstration. It is, however, generally conjectured that the trades will not, as a body, participate in the general demonstration.

The Health of the City.

There are at present 203 patients receiving treatment at the hospital—a number substantially in excess of that registered at a corresponding period of previous years. The list includes a goodly number of typhoid fever cases.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

The friends of Mr. ex-Ald. Joseph Wright will be pained to learn that he is dangerously ill.

Acknowledged on behalf of the Young Women's Christian Guild (for news girls' sewing class: Anon. $5, Mrs. Scripture $2, Mrs. Harris Bible Class $2.

Mr. Davey of the Public Library returned from Muskoka on Tuesday night, having had an excellent fishing expedition. He took in many salmon trout of over six pounds.

Last night the Empress of India brought over about 150 excursionists, part of a large party from Indiana now visiting the Falls. The remainder of them will come over to-day.

The funeral of the late William Machle took place at Port Hope Tuesday and was largely attended. Mr. T. McGaw and ex-Ald. D. Walker of this city were among the Toronto gentlemen present.

Mr. Wm. Edgar, General Passenger Agent, G.T.R., and party will arrive in the city this morning and in the afternoon will board the Empress of India for St. Catharines, going thence to Niagara Falls.

Mr. Wm. Fee of Parkdale has loaned to the "Zoological Museum," during the exhibition, a clock made in England and owned in his family for over 500 years. Mrs. Williams of Carlton-street has also lent a chair once the property of Sir Walter Scott.

A plumber named David Martin, working on a new building at 810 Queen-street east, accidentally slipped from a ladder on the second story to-day and fell to the ground, a distance of 30 feet, breaking both his legs.

Through the Canadian Pacific Railway train being half an hour late yesterday a large number of civic holiday excursionists from Streetsville missed connection with the Chicora, by which they intended crossing to Niagara. They strongly expressed their indignation.

At the Surrogate Court yesterday Joseph Fee and Patrick O'Connor, executors, applied for probate to the will of Edward Cahill, a gardener, who died in Toronto, leaving an estate valued at $9220. To his widow he bequeathed all his household stores and provisions and an annuity of $250, and the balance of his personal and real estate he divided among his five children.

At the Police Court yesterday afternoon the woman known as "Dell" Seymour was sent to the Mercer Reformatory for six months on a charge of keeping an irregular resort at 49 Queen-street east. Messrs. Baxter, Love and Miller, J.P.'s, presided. Lawyer Murphy offered several technical objections to the conviction, which, of course, of justices overruled.

Inventors will be interested in learning that Messrs. Nicholls & Howland have fitted up a department in their permanent exhibition building on Front-street west especially for the display of new patents. This department will be under the charge of Mr. W. Booth, an experienced handler of