PART OF IT IS IN CANADA

REPORT TO THE U. S. SENATE ON THE ST. CLAIR FLATS CANAL.

The United States Chief of Engineers says a Portion of the Channel is in the Dominion.

The report of the Chief of Engineers in response to the resolution of Senator Conkling, affirming the jurisdiction over the St. Clair Canal was transmitted to the Senate yesterday by Secretary Endicott. The report states that the question of jurisdiction is determined by the position of the boundary line between the United States and Canada. The exercise of jurisdiction by Canada over the exceedingly small portion of the canal to the east of the boundary line could not in any way affect the use or control of the canal by the United States, and it was apparently the recognition of the fact and the desire to benefit the citizens of both countries that prompted the adoption of Article 27 of the treaty of May 8, 1871, between the United States and Great Britain.

The River and Harbor Bill has been completed by the River and Harbor Committee and will be reported to the House early this week. It appropriates in round numbers $11,500,000.

A HAPPY WIFE IN A HAPPY HOME.

The Secret of Presidential Satisfaction in the White House Detailed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Ever since the Presidential election of Nov. 6 last there have been hints in the American newspapers of disgraceful stories that were widely circulated from mouth to mouth relating to Cleveland's home relations, and which it is now asserted, exercised no inconsiderable influence in regards Cleveland's chances for re-election. The newspapers, though they took no notice of them before the election, are now taking up the question and the stories are being promptly denied in every case.

Mrs. Whitney, the wife of one of the most prominent members of Cleveland's cabinet, has permitted an interview with her to be published, and in the course of this says that she is utterly at a loss to understand how such stories as these could possibly gain ground, or even could arise, and she is extremely indignant over the whole matter. As an intimate friend of Mrs. Cleveland, Mrs. Whitney declares most emphatically that all stories in regard to the alleged matrimonial infelicity at the White House are scandalously false, while on the contrary the President's conjugal relations are now and have always been of the most lovable and affectionate character. Mrs. Cleveland she speaks of as a winsome lady, and a devoted wife, and "Grover Cleveland," she says, "is a perfect gentleman in every respect. The stories about the President getting drunk are false like all the rest. He's not a drinking man and I don't believe he was ever intoxicated in his life, nor is he given to overeating and other bad habits. The President is gentle, considerate, even-tempered and kind to everyone about him, and since he has been in the White House he has never spoken an unkind word to anyone there, much less to the sweet girl he was so fortunate as to win as his wife."

Mrs. Whitney in hoping that this will be the last of such stories says that since her marriage Mrs. Cleveland has lived an exceedingly quiet and domestic life and though much in company and every day receiving so many callers and guests, no one has ever yet found her otherwise than a happy wife in a happy home.

Chauncey M. Depew, who is charged by Mrs. Whitney with having at a private dinner told the story of Mrs. Cleveland's going to the theatre one night with Mr. Watterson of Kentucky and that on her return her husband vilely abused her and called her wicked names and finally slapped her face, states that though he told the story he personally did not vouch for it, in fact declared that it was not true. He says in effect that after the dinner, in conversation with some five or six friends, he repeated the story as one he had been told, and said then as he says now that he did not credit it.

SHOT IN THE BACK.

The Birmingham Crowd Had Turned Away When the Deadly Volley Began.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 11.—The coroner's inquest yesterday endeavored to get at the bottom of the facts in Saturday night's massacre. Excitement still runs high and the people are divided over the action of the officers. One remarkable feature is that nearly every man killed was shot in the back, showing that the crowd had turned away when the firing was begun. Postmaster Throckmorton was shot in the lower back through and through. A. D. Bryant was shot through the heart from the rear. Many point to this as very damaging to the officers.

Several funerals took place yesterday afternoon: the postmaster's, Mrs. Hawes', the murdered woman, and little May's. Throckmorton's was the largest and most imposing ever held here.

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, of which Hawes was a member, have telegraphed that they have engaged a detective to work up the case. They believe that Hawes is innocent and that the colored woman, Fanny Bryant, and Albert Patterson murdered and robbed Mrs. Hawes and then killed the children.

Business is going on as usual except that all saloons are closed by order of Col. Jones, commanding the troops, and the only evidence of the trouble remaining is the line of troops and the cannon guarding every approach to the jail. There is still much feeling but it is subdued. No matter who was right or who was wrong in the tragedy of Saturday, that terrible volley has settled all desire of the mob to break down the jail. They will not try it again.

Sheriff Smith is still in jail under arrest and Chief of Police Picard was released on a $10,000 bond yesterday morning.

The French Budget Adopted.

PARIS, Dec. 11.—The Panama Canal Commission held another meeting yesterday. It reported measures which were adopted permitting the company to prolong the period for meeting its obligations. The Commissioners will meet again to-day.

The Chamber of Deputies yesterday adopted the Budget by a vote of 383 to 113. The amount of the sinking fund is fixed at 27,000,000 francs. The members of the Right contended that the estimates were not genuine, alleging that the amount of the expenditures was falsified.

The C. Switchmen's Strike Off.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—At a meeting of the striking switchmen yesterday the strike on the C., B. and Q., so far as the switchmen are concerned, was declared off at this point by a majority vote.

A Valuable Steamer Wrecked.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11.—The steamer Quaquina ran aground in Quaquina Bay on the Oregon coast last night and is a total wreck. She was valued at $250,000.

COMFESSION OF A YOUNG CRIMINAL.

A 15-year-old Boy Committed Murder to Conceal His Crime of Robbery.

LAREDO, Tex., Dec. 11.—The last chapter in a remarkable story of crime was made public here late night. On Wednesday morning Pedro Orneles, a 15-year-old boy in the employ of L. P. Bryant, shot and killed a Mexican named Nicholas Tirjas in Mr. Bryant's house. The Bryant family was absent at the time, and the boy said that Tirjas and a companion had entered the house and were robbing it, when he discovered them and fired. One of the robbers escaped. The Bryant family had been absent for several weeks, and the plucky action of the boy made him a hero. Tirjas had been shot three times, but lived until the police arrived, and with his dying breath accused the boy of murder.

Only one policeman believed the story and he made an investigation that culminated in a tremendous sensation. After securing the most complete evidence he arrested the boy at 9 night, and two hours after the arrest the lad made a confession to the police and a number of city officials.

He said that during the absence of the employer he had robbed the house of a large sum of money and jewelry. He realized that the robbery would be discovered at once on the return of the family. He determined to execute a horrible crime to free himself from the charge of robbery. He invited Tirjas to the house and while the unsuspecting victim was sitting in a room Orneles stalked behind him and shot him through the head. Then he fired two more bullets through his body, broke open a window to give color to his story of robbery and gave the alarm. He did not believe the Mexican would live until the arrival of the police, and the escape of the imaginary robber would account for the disappearance of the property. All the stuff was recovered to-day, where Orneles had pledged or lost it.

The Haytian Troubles.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Despatches from the United States Consul-General at Portau-Prince were received at the State Department yesterday, stating that the Haytian Archbishop, the French Minister and the British Consul-General had made a visit to Cape Haytien in the French ship Brisson for the purpose of conferring with representatives of the revolutionary party at that city as to the best methods of securing peace on the island. The negotiations were altogether ineffectual however as it was impossible to bring the two bodies together, the authorities at Cape Haytien refusing to go on board the French vessel and the committee on that vessel declining to go ashore to confer with the authorities, each showing a decided lack of confidence in the other. The Consul-General also forwarded letters from masters of American vessels at Port-au-Prince protesting against the action of the authorities there in refusing their clearance papers to other ports on the island said to be under blockade.

The Dynamited Chicago Distillery.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—J. D. Lynch, manager of the Shufeldt Co., offers a reward of $25,000 to the person who threw the dynamite in the distillery building for the name of the man who employed him to do the work or such information as will lead to the detection and arrest of the parties responsible for the outrage. The members of the whisky trust ridicule the idea that the attempt to destroy the property was the work, directly or indirectly, of their organization.

Husband and Wife Murdered.

NEW ALBANY, Ind., Dec. 11.—Sunday afternoon Jacob Mottweiler was found murdered about a quarter of a mile from his farmhouse and his wife lying unconscious in the stable yard. Mottweiler had been shot and his wife had been hit with an axe. Mrs. Mottweiler is still alive but as yet no statement has been obtained from her. With the Mottweilers lived Wm. Benson, a laborer, and Sallie Snyder, a servant girl. They were arrested and Benson confessed. He said he was engaged to marry Miss Snyder. She was found to be in a delicate condition and this gave rise to a quarrel between himself and the Mottweilers. As he returned from hunting he met Mottweiler and shot him. Coming to the house he found Mrs. Mottweiler milking and hit her on the head with an axe.

TRADE AND TRAFFIC.

Leading Features of the Grain and Produce Markets At Home and Abroad.

TORONTO, Dec. 11.—The St. Lawrence market was quiet yesterday morning. The supply and demand were poor and prices unchanged.

Eggs were quoted yesterday at 22c; butter rolls, 22c; tubs, 18c.

Chickens are 50c a pair, ducks 60c a pair and turkeys 90c each.

Receipts of hay were small, the demand poor, and prices steady. Hay sold at $19 to $20, and straw at $13.

On the Call Board $1.01 was bid for No. 2 spring wheat with none offering.

On the street the sales were: 400 bushels of wheat at $1.03 and $1.03½ for white and red, $1.03 and $1.04 for spring and 89½c to 89½c for goose; 1500 of barley at 55c to 64½c; one load of peas at 62c, and 100 bushels of oats at 37c and 38c.

ATTEMPTED PORK CORNER.

The belief that some one was making desperate efforts to form a corner on pork for January delivery in Chicago, which has waned somewhat during the past few days, has been strengthened by the drop of 35 cents per barrel which took place yesterday. Early last week the price fell to $13.50, but later it was forced up again till it reached $13.70 on Saturday. Yesterday morning, however, it opened at $13.35, and no efforts of the bulls could raise it.

BEERBOHM'S REPORT.

Beerbohm reports: Floating cargoes—Wheat steadier, corn nil. Cargoes on passage—Wheat steadier, corn firmer. Mark Lane—Wheat steady; corn, American steady, Danube quiet; flour steady. Spot, good No. 2 Club Cal., wheat 36s 3d was 36s 6d, present and following month 36s, was 36s 3d. French country markets firmer. English farmers deliveries of wheat during the past week, 55,821 qrs; average price, 31s 3d, was 31s 8d. Weather in England frosty. Liverpool—Spot wheat and corn steady.

LIVERPOOL MARKETS.

Liverpool reports: Wheat, quiet and steady; demand fair; supply good. Corn, steady; fair demand. Spring wheat, 8s 1d; red winter, 8s; No. 1 Cal., 7s 11d and 7s 11½. Corn, 4s 8½d. Peas, 5s 11d. Pork, 82s 6d. Lard, 43s 6d. Bacon, short cleared, 46s 6d; long cleared, 45s 6d. Tallow, no stock. Cheese, white and colored, 52s.

LITTLE FALLS CHEESE MARKET.

The cheese market at Little Falls yesterday was much the same as a week ago. The best lots found a quick demand but inferior grades were rather slow of sale. The factories are about all closed in that section and there is not much stock left unsold. Transactions were: 19 lots at 10c, 12 lots at 10¼c, 4 lots at 10½c, 5 lots at 10¾c, 1 lot at 11c; total 41 lots, 2001 boxes. There were also 29 boxes of farm dairy cheese sold at 9½c to 11c. Butter—Fifty packages farm dairy butter sold at 20c to 22c with the bulk at the latter figure.

TORONTO TOPICS.

The Charlton Inquest Again Adjourned—The Central Bank Liquidators' Fees.

TORONTO, Dec. 11.—It had been expected that the adjourned inquest into the death of Lillie Charlton would have made some substantial progress last night, but the illness of Mrs. Charlton, mother of the unfortunate young woman, and the fact that the report of the post-mortem had not been received in time to permit furnishing the defence with copies caused an adjournment until Dec. 18.

In the Police Court yesterday Joseph Ford was fined $40 and costs for driving off R. P. Gilmore's buggy and smashing it. Ford was drunk at the time. Jim Daly was sent for trial for assaulting Lily Kelly. Pasquin Ruzis, the St. John's Ward stabber, was remanded for a week. His victim, Wm. Young, is unable to leave the hospital. Robert Reinhoit, steward of the Turn Verein, was fined $20 and costs for keeping liquor for sale. Wm. White and Ed. Manshaw were each fined $1 and costs for disturbing the Salvation Army at their barracks.

The application of the liquidators of the Central Bank to the Court in Ordinary to have the bank's [illegible] occupied his attention yesterday and was not concluded when the court arose. An extensive affidavit of Mr. W. H. Howland was put in as evidence as to what the liquidators should receive. The affidavit showed that claims to the value of $70,000 had not yet been proved; that there was at the present time $[illegible] lying in the bank of Commerce to the credit of the liquidators; that a million and a half of [illegible] had been allowed by the master. [illegible] to the extent of $27,000 were yet to be redeemed. Also that had a million dollars of the double liability was still outstanding; a further dividend of [illegible] per cent was also suggested. Mr. Gooderham repudiated the suggestion that he had ever intimated his willingness to serve without emolument. The $800 per month allowed each liquidator will be deducted from whatever amount is decided upon.

Lady Macdonald and Mrs. Dewdney were visitors to the city yesterday.

Yesterday, almost opposite St. Lawrence Market, on King-street, a little boy named Fred Nagel was run over by a horse and buggy driven by two ladies. The little fellow sustained a fracture of the left leg.

Hanedorfi and Kearney, the two men who were so terribly burned with molten iron at Booth's copper factory on Friday last, are doing nicely at the hospital.

The census of the city will be taken to-morrow.

FATAL ACCIDENT.

An Old Man Killed by a Falling Tree—A Hamilton Lad Loses His Life.

HAMILTON, Dec. 11.—In chambers yesterday morning Judge Sinclair appointed George B. Airey engineer to examine the Burton toll roads in place of Thomas Munro, the St. Catharines engineer, who was unable to attend owing to sickness.

On Saturday morning an old man named Robert McArthur was struck by a falling tree in the bush near Burlington and had his back broken. He died from the injuries yesterday morning.

On Dec. 1 Frederick Plumridge, a 14-year-old lad who lived with a Mrs. Drysdale at 182 Napier-street, was severely injured by the explosion of a toy cannon, a piece of the iron entering his leg. The boy was taken to the hospital and blood poisoning set in. He died on Saturday.

At the annual meeting of the Hamilton Typographical Union No. 129 on Saturday night Wm. McAndrew was re-elected president, R. Obermeyer secretary and Fred Aldridge treasurer. The reports presented showed the union to be prosperous.

At the Police Court yesterday morning Ezekiel Morton, married, was fined $3 for making a desperate effort to escort Miss Matilda Stevens home from church against her will on the night of Sept. 9.

THE STANLEY.

Arrived at Pictou, N. S., of the New Government Steamer.

HALIFAX, Dec. 10.—The new Government steamer Stanley, for the winter service between Pictou and Prince Edward Island, arrived at Pictou yesterday afternoon, having made the run from Glasgow in 10½ days.

Captain McElheany reports a rough passage and he found the new ship an excellent sea boat.

Incendiarism at Laprairie.

MONTREAL, Dec. 11.—La Prairie has evidently been made the rendezvous of some scoundrel who should spend the rest of his life at St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary. Some time last fall anonymous letters were received by different parties in the town, stating that before New Year's the whole village would be devastated by fire, and that the recipients of these reassuring communications had better govern themselves accordingly. Nothing, however, was thought of the matter, people thinking the letters were the work of some crank seeking notoriety, until the serious fire which caused so much damage to Lieut.-Col. Brosseau's property a week or two ago. Another criminal attempt was made on Saturday evening, when the torch of an incendiary was applied to the stable belonging to Mr. McNeil, hotelkeeper. The fiend who had set the fire was scarcely quick enough at his work, and was seized upon as he was leaving the stables, from which the flames were then bursting forth. The author of the crime was, however, a powerful man and, without opening his mouth or uttering a sound, fought like a tiger and succeeded, unfortunately, in getting away, and has not since been seen. This is not the first time that Laprairie has been visited by rascally firebugs. Some years ago a man named Mailloux was arrested in the act of setting fire to a building and condemned to pass several years in the penitentiary. He is now residing in Montreal, and is believed to have had nothing to do with the latest attempts to destroy property.

Agitation Against Canadian Cattle.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—Agricultural journals are again agitating against the admission of Canadian cattle, as a counterblast to the American agitation for the admission of United States cattle. It is argued that the admission of Canadian cattle is ruinous to British live stock interests, and the Government is urged to withdraw the concession to Canada, thus placing Canada on an equality with the States. The Live Stock Journal says that the Canadian concession was never intended to refer to fat cattle, the importation of which has now grown into a regular trade. Unless the cattle are slaughtered when debarked the present trade must bring disease and disaster. The friends of Canada point, however, to Canada's freedom from disease and the absence of all proof of Canadian fat or store cattle bringing disease here.

Justification for Quitting Rome.

ROME, Dec. 11.—The Osservatore Romano declares that the new penal code and other laws would justify the Pope in quitting Rome.

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