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WHO SHALL RULE THEM

A Pair of Pastors for One Pulpit.

TROUBLE IN THE B.M.E. CHURCH.

The Congregation Divided Against the Reign of the Presiding Minister, Rev. Mr. Slater—Why the Police Had to be Called In—An Unseemly Wrangle in the House of Worship—Shall the Union Jack or the Stars and Stripes Wave Over the Sacred Edifice of the Freedmen of St. John's Ward?—A Stinging "Farewell" Sermon.

THERE is serious trouble in the ranks of the congregation of the British Methodist Episcopal Church in Chestnut-street. It has been smouldering for years past, but it was not until yesterday that it was fanned into such a flame as to require the aid of the police to suppress it. Sunday morning the service in the little red brick edifice was most unique in character in that there were three pastors in the pulpit all claiming possession and two policemen standing on guard at the foot of the altar to enforce the great Christian precepts of Charity, Peace and Love.

The World as a result of its enquiries gives the following history of the causes which have led up to the present "unpleasantness": As announced on a small marble tablet above the main entrance the congregation was founded in 1856 and entered upon possession of the present place of worship in 1871. The congregation worshipped under the wing of the British Methodist Episcopal Conference, a distinctively Canadian and British religious body. There exists on the other side of the line an exactly similar organization in rubric and ritual known as the African Methodist Episcopal Church. This of course only holds sway within the limits of the United States, and it is the latter's desire to absorb the successful little congregation in Chestnut-street which has caused all the trouble.

The founders of the Toronto congregation were in great part those men who had sought under the free air of Canada that relief from the galling chains of slavery which oppressed their brethren to the south of Mason and Dixon's line. These in truth were the fathers of the church, and many of them are alive to-day. Although founded on its present site in 1856, it was in full working order in 1852 and served as a beacon of welcome to the homeless fugitives from Uncle Sam's dominions. The present officers of the church are:

PASTOR—Rev. John Slater.
TRUSTEES—Benjamin Dorsey, J. B. Gains, J. H. Wright, John Jackson, C. Sharp.
STEWARDS—Benjamin Russell, Romeo Dorsey, William Brown, Henry Dorsey, C. M. Sharp.

The congregational roll shows a membership of 100.

In Those Cruel Slavery Days.

While the old fathers held sway in the councils of the church and the recollections of their sufferings for freedom remained green, the devotion of the congregation to the British Methodist Episcopal conference was unswerving. But of late years things have changed. The old men began to drop out and there was an element growing in the congregation which knew not Joseph. These having no sentimental associations to tie them to the home conference rather favored the African Methodist Church in the States and betrayed a disposition to throw in their lot with it. The subject has been mooted many times within the past four years, but it was not until lately that matters approached a crisis.

The conference of the British Methodist Episcopal Church for Ontario is now in session in St. Catharines, and two weeks ago Rev. Mr. Slater proceeded thither to attend it. In his absence his flock was given spiritual pabulum by Rev. Mr. McBain, a young man from the West Indies, who by the bye is quite a preacher. Taking advantage of his absence the African party, which is almost half the congregation, wrote Bishop Tanner, the head of the church in the States, for a pastor after their own heart. He responded heartily and dispatched Elder Roberts to the incumbency. Rev. Josephus O'Banyoun accompanying him to see him duly installed. The British party meanwhile were informed of what was going on in the camp of their enemies and wired Mr. Slater to return forthwith. This he did last week, and about the same time Messrs. Roberts and O'Banyoun also appeared on the scene.

Both Parties Were Prepared.

Both parties were pretty well prepared for all emergencies. The battle was opened at 11 o'clock yesterday morning. As a precautionary measure the British party had sought the aid of the police, and in consequence Sergeant Miller and Policeman Ross of the Agnes-street division stationed themselves within the edifice. When the doors swung open Messrs. Roberts and O'Banyoun, brushing aside all opposition, proceeded up the aisle to the pulpit and took possession. This created quite a disturbance, and Trustees Sharp and Jackson, as leaders of the British party, demanded that the police eject the strangers as intruders and trespassers. This the officers refused to do, alleging that so long as they behaved themselves they were as ministers of the gospel entitled to their position in the church. Nothing further was done in the matter until after service. Rev. Mr. McBain delivered an excellent sermon on "Is there balm in Gilead? Is there no Phys cian there?" Behind him sat the two strangers with eyes shut, and to all appearances perfectly indifferent to the angry glances of the congregation.

The Doxology was sung and the worshippers were being dismissed when Elder Roberts rose to address the congregation, and it was just here that the circus really commenced. Ancient fathers, men away up in the nineties, rushed up and down the aisles shouting a "melody" at the top of their voices to drown that of Roberts, while the younger portion clearing the seats six at a time made a dash for the pulpit. The police, however, were ahead of them. Sergeant Miller and Officer Ross created the waves of the angry throng until they reached the foot of the altar, where they faced round and ordered the crowd back. One burly person, who was peculiarly demonstrative, was caught by the sergeant in chancery and given a hug and a reminder in the shape of a club close to his head which quieted him down. This determined action on the part of the sergeant and the entreaties of Mr. Slater succeeded in quelling the tumult. The congregation fyled out and peace was restored for the time being.

They Will Remain British.

The World interviewed Trustee John Jackson in the afternoon relative to the trouble. "You see," he said, "it just amounts to this. The British Methodist Episcopal Church is Canadian and British and the other is American. We are quite satisfied to remain as we are, and refuse to be placed under the jurisdiction of the American, and what is more they cannot do it, leastways so long as I am above ground. It was a trust surrendered to us by our old fathers, and we will keep it as such."

"Then you hold that Elder Roberts has no legal standing here?"

"Exactly. Of course, Mr. Slater is going to leave us. He is going to the Old Country, but no African conference can make us accept a pastor. Our new pastor will be chosen Monday night in St. Catharines, and until then Mr. Slater holds the fort."

Trustee C. Sharp spoke to much the same strain, but believed that there would be legal trouble about it yet. "I am Canadian," he said, "and don't want any American organization to rule our church, Bishop Tanner or no Bishop Tanner, and don't you forget, he won't."

"How does the congregation stand on this matter?"

"Perhaps half and half; and the trustees and stewards about the same, but all the same we have got the church and will keep it, and if the others want the African church let them build a place of worship for themselves."

YOU'LL MISS ME WHEN I'M GONE.

Pastor Slater Preaches His Farewell Sermon and Scores the Congregation.

In the afternoon a policeman kept guard during Sunday school. When that was over the sentinel was dismissed, but five uniformed men and Inspector Ward kept the peace during the evening service. The little church was crowded to the doors and the proceedings were quiet and orderly. Mes-rs. Roberts and O'Banyoun occupied seats within the altar rails, while Rev. Mr. Slater, the retiring pastor, conducted the exercises. White-winged peace seemed to have succeeded the storm of the morning. Mr. Slater, who is a good-looking, middle-aged man with some pretence at oratory and not at all ebony in color, delivered his farewell address, and it is safe to say that his utterances will long tingle in the ears of his congregation.

"This," began Mr. Slater, "is my farewell address. I have been with you two years, and in that period have made many friends. Some have become my enemies, but I did not make them so. And I am sorry to express myself in this way, but I cannot do anything else. Now, I would challenge anyone in this congregation to say if they ever heard or saw anything in my conduct unbecoming a Christian pastor. If there is anyone, let him or her stand up and say so. This is a bold challenge to make, holding as it does, if true, the prospect of disgrace to me.

"You have never seen me in a public house. That is the character of a great many ministers. If it is mine now is the time to speak.

"Have you ever seen me drunk in the streets? If so, say so now.

"I have never disturbed the peace of your families. I have never separated man and wife. If I have get up and speak.

"No answer. Well, if I have not done these things then I have finished my course and that is my text for to-night.

The Church Full of Deception.

"My course and manner of life has been marked with great anxiety since I have been among you. There is no need telling you that you know it and you know the cause. I have been in many churches, but I never saw so much deception as I found in this place. You know it. I have tried to be a friend of both saint and sinner. I have not stood on the street corner or dodged into public houses or run after women. [Sensation.] I have insulted no young men in this congregation. Looking at this intelligent audience before me I feel disappointed that I have not been so successful as I might have been. And why? All on account of the two spirits in the congregation. One belongs to the African party, which never saw Africa, the party which wishes to import into Canada a foreign church, although these very promoters are living here protected by the British flag. Then there is the British party, who, loyal to the grand old flag, wish to remain so. It is these two spirits I had to contend with, and can you wonder I am worn to skin and bone?

"But you must not think because this is my farewell sermon that you are through with Slater. Here I will remain until my successor is appointed, to whom I will surrender my books. Do you know that the people outside say that you are possessed of the devil? Now, I have challenged you to say whether Slater is a drunkard, a licentious man or a man running after women. [Another sensation.] Again I challenge you. If you cannot answer forever hold your peace.

"You'll Miss Me When I'm Gone."

"You will not forget Slater when he is gone. When a minister has done the right thing then he will be missed, and you will miss me. Some won't because I have not met them intimately. But you will miss Slater when he is gone. Now I want you to promise me that should I never see you in life again you will try to meet me in heaven. Those who will promise will please stand up. [Over two-thirds of the congregation arose.]

"In my first year a brother wrote the superintendent praising me for my work. Then when he found that he could not gain his point he wrote a letter abusing me. I have it in black and white. That is the kind of material I had to work with. Brothers met me with friendship in their hands and the devil in their hearts. I have traveled some in my time. I have been in Africa. I have been in the Cape Colony and worshipped among the Africans, but I never met with so much difficulty as in Toronto. [Sensation.] They make a great deal of show here, tears running down their cheeks and all that, but the devil is there too.

"I am sorry to see that we had to have officers here this morning, but if we had not had them here we would have had bloodshed in the House of God. Shame, I say, shame to those responsible for this disgrace."

After some more words, mostly of advice, the pastor closed his unique sermon. The collection was taken up and the congregation departed in peace.

What the Visitors Say.

The World met Rev. J. B. Roberts, Bishop Tanner's appointee, and his friend, Rev. J. O'Banyoun, after service. "We are here," said Mr. Roberts, "to stay. We have the law on our side and there is no back-down with us. Here is my appointment as pastor to the church signed by Bishop Tanner at Philadelphia, June 8, and here is a true and attested copy of the deed of teh Chestnut street Church. You will see that it is owned by the African Methodist Church and no other.

A perusal of the document, which is duly certified to, bore out this statement. It is entitled as follows:

City of Toronto, No. 24,012. Memorial of John B. Robinson and wife, and the Trustees of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.
Recorded January 31, 1845.
(Signed) JOHN RIDOUT,
District Registrar.

"You see," continued Mr. Roberts, "that we have all we want in our own hands. And the parties opposing us are only fighting a stone wall."

"What did you think of to-night's sermon?"

"Never heard the like before. A great deal of self-praise and abuse of the congregation."

Mr. Roberts is a portly looking man, very light and a fluent speaker of good English. He is presiding elder of the Eastern District Conference of Ontario of the African Methodist Church.

His companion and friend, Rev. Mr. O'Banyoun, is also light in complexion and apparently equally well educated. He said he was here to see Mr. Roberts through. He is presiding elder of the Western District Conference of Ontario and pastor of the A.M.E. Church in Chatham. Both will look up the law in the case to-day.

Grand Summer Numbers.—London Graphic 50c., London News 50c., Saturday Night 25c., Saturday Ledger 25c., Review of Reviews 20c., at Wanklyn Bros., 6 Toronto-street. 136

Chicago Switchmen on Strike.

CHICAGO, July 19.—The 200 switchmen employed by the Chicago, Rockland & Pacific Railroad between 14th-street and South Chicago struck to-day and all business on the line is at a standstill. The cause of the trouble is the unpopularity of Yardmaster Carey.

Ran Down a Hand Car.

EASTPORT, L.I., July 20.—A wildcat train ran down a hand car near here last night fatally injuring two section hands.

Flags of all kinds for decoration, Hammocks and Hammock chairs. Milne's, 169 Yonge-street. 136

REPUBLICS AT WAR.

Fierce Fighting in San Salvador.

THE GUATEMALANS LOSE A BATTLE.

An Invading Force Numbering 9000 Driven Back With Heavy Loss—The Guatemalan Artillery Captured—A Revolution Likely to Break Out in Guatemala—The President Talks of Resigning—The Cause of the Conflict—Union by Coercion.

CITY OF MEXICO, July 20.—El Universal publishes an account of a battle between Guatemalans and San Salvadorians in San Salvador, in which the former were defeated with heavy loss.

The Guatemalan force numbered 9000.

General Barrundia, the Guatemalan refugee, has left Oaxaca to take part in the war.

He will probably raise the standard of revolt in Guatemala.

Private telegrams from San Salvador say the San Salvadorians captured the Guatemalan artillery in the battle which took place on Thursday.

It is rumored that President Barillos of of Guatemala talks of resigning.

THE CAUSE OF THE WAR.

Attempting to Force San Salvador Into the Central American Union.

GUATEMALA CITY, July 20.—The trouble between the Central American States grows out of the proposed union of the republics of San Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Costa Rica and Nicaragua. The convention for the union of the states was signed by Honduras, San Salvador and Guatemala, while a favorable report was received from the Senate of Costa Rica in regard to signing it. The convention will also be presented to Nicaragua next year, it being too late this year, as the Senate had already met.

Gen. Eyeta, the new president of San Salvador, sent word that he would agree to every policy of the four other Republics except that upon the the union of the States. This was almost an open declaration of war, and Guatemala and Honduras will endeavor to make San Salvador live up to the agreement. It is believed that Eyeta represents the old Conservative or Church party, which is endeavoring to return to power.

Guatemala, which has been the foremost in endeavoring to bring about this union, has two objects in view—namely, to protect herself from home invasion and to strengthen her credit abroad. The meeting of Commissioners upon the Mexican boundary question is to be held in November. The decision of the Commissioners, if averse to Guatemala, will take a large slice out of her territory, and there will, undoubtedly, be some dispute over the matter. Mexico is supposed to be casting longing eyes upon Guatemala with a view to annexation, and she is certainly a power to be feared by such a small nation.

Costa Rica and Nicaragua will undoubtedly range themselves under the banner of the coming union, and it would be a difficult task for Mexico to endeavor to interfere with the affairs of the Republics just now, for that would doubtless change San Salvador's attitude.

EYETA'S EMEUTE.

The Assassination of President Menendez—Guatemala at Fever Heat.

NEW YORK, July 20.—In connection with the war news from San Salvador this letter, dated four days after the assassination of President Menendez of San Salvador and received here yesterday, is of interest:

GUATEMALA CITY, June 26.—This place is in a fever heat in regard to politics. All sorts of rumors are floating about, and it is hard to obtain information either of what is happening in Salvador or what the policy of the Government here will be towards the new administration. From authentic sources the following are the facts in regard to the change of Presidents and the death of President Menendez:

On June 22 the President of Salvador was to have a review of the troops stationed at the capital and to give a ball at the palace in the evening in honor of the fifth anniversary of his entering the capital under the banner of the Liberal party. Everything passed off quietly during the day, but in the evening, when the President was dancing at the palace, the building was surrounded by troops and an attack made upon it. The President rushed to his private room, and seizing his sword and pistols ran to the main entrance of the palace and fired into the crowd of soldiers in front. He then stepped back and immediately fell dead into the arms of the attendants. The report was given out that he had died from a stroke of a apoplexy brought on by excitement, but this assertion is denied, and it is stated he was shot through the heart.

Gen. Eyeta then seized the palace and issued a proclamation declaring himself President, but not mentioning his party. In the attack upon the palace 11 men were killed, among whom was Gen. Marcial, son-in-law of President Menendez. The latest news from there is that everything is quiet.

Gen. Eyeta, the new president, was raised by Menendez from the post of a petty officer to the Governorship of Santa Ana.

Several days before the rising Eyeta came up to the capital with 1500 soldiers, pretending that he desired to join in the festivities. In making his arrangements for the overthrow of the Government he gave orders that Menendez should not be harmed, but it turned out that his orders were not obeyed.

TROUBLE AT BUENOS AYRES.

The Political Situation Disturbed—The Garrison Under Arms.

BUENOS AYRES, July 20.—The political situation here is disturbed. Reinforcements of troops have arrived and the garrison is under arms. At the close of the market yesterday the premium on gold was 200.

Conflicting reports are current of the discovery of a plot against the Government. Semi-official papers declare the reports have no foundation.

A national convention will be convoked in January to designate a candidate for the presidency.

Before you start on your Holiday Trip call up Telephone No. 2200 and have an Accident Ticket covering the loss of time or life through accident. It costs only 25c per day for $3000 and $15 weekly indemnity, or $4.50 for same for a month. Wilson Irwin, Dist. Agent Travelers' Insurance Co. of Hartford, Conn. 136

Bowling on the Green.

Since this ever-popular pastime has come into such prominence in Toronto the demand for a jaunty hat and one that will at the same time be a protection from the sun has become very great. At 101 Yonge-street just such a hat can be obtained at a very moderate cost.

Also boating and camping hats and caps in large variety. Cricket caps for boys of every age at J. & J. Lugsdin's, 101 Yonge-street. 136

Hamilton Hotels Cut Off.

HAMILTON, July 19.—The license of Carl Blasse, 80 James-street north; Anthony Moran, 186 James-street north; E. Nixon, 31 King William-street, and Thomas Baine, Corktown, have been cancelled.

JOTS FROM THE JUNCTION.

The Hess Company's New Building—The C. P. R. Shops to go on at Once.

Councillor Spears and family have returned from a holiday visit to Claremont.

A party of 20 prominent citizens under the charge of Mr. Z. D. Tuttle will leave for Mackinaw.

The new building of the Hess Manufacturing Company has been completed, and the machinery will be put in motion to-day for the first time.

The railway crossings are a source of danger in dry weather. A buggy containing two ladies and a gentleman was almost caught by an engine the other day, the dust raised by the carriage preventing a view of the track.

The erection of the new C.P.R. shops will be commenced within the next two weeks. Superintendent Tait has promised that as far as practicable Junction labor will be employed.

The Junctionites are making elaborate preparations for their celebration Wednesday. At the last meeting of the Celebration Committee favorable reports were received on every hand and the citizens are looking forward to a lively day.

MURDERED IN HIS CAB.

A Locomotive Engineer Assassinated—His Fireman Arrested.

VAN WERT, O., July 20.—Fireman Sam Roadhouse, who was on the engine with Engineer Van de Vender when the latter was fatally assaulted Friday night, made a statement yesterday. He said that when a short distance this side of Stumps, a small station south of this city, he thought he heard a noise and turned to see the cause, when he was struck several blows upon the head which felled him to the feet of an unknown assassin. Roadhouse was found lying unconscious near the fire-box, the heat of which terribly burned his face and hands. Investigation of the engine cab revealed spatters of blood on the boxes, windows, etc., and showed the blows must have been struck with terrible force. A soft copper hammer belonging to the engineer was found in the cab covered with clotted blood and hair.

The passengers on the train say the usual signal was given at Stumps, and that one whistle was sounded after that when the train slacked its speed to about six or eight miles an hour, which it kept up until the collision with the other engine. As the train carried no valuables the idea of robbery is out of the question.

Roadhouse was to-day arrested charged with killing Van de Vender. He protests his innocence. The men were known to have been quarreling for several days and the detectives' theory is that Van de Vender knocked Roadhouse down, injuring his head horribly on the edge of the tender. Roadhouse then waited his opportunity and struck the engineer with a hammer. Officers are also searching for Blair Mock, the convict whom he he would kill Van de Vender. It is known a man answering Mock's description inquired if Van de Vender was on the train.

A MEAN THIEF.

How a New York Banker Swindled Hundreds of Poor People.

NEW YORK, July 20.—Bernard Aronson, who carried on a banking establishment in Canal-street, was remanded to-day in Police Court on the charge of swindling many poor people who have been sending money and tickets to Europe. More than 300 poor foreigners were complainants and they crowded the capacity of the court room. Yesterday there was a lively scene at the banking establishment when a crowd of people who had been swindled broke into the place and used the banker and his clerk very roughly. Mrs. Annie Josephs told a sample story. She had sent to the banker $75 to be forwarded to her sister and children in Poland. After her sister traveled 300 miles to the steamer's pier she found her ticket was no good. There were 100 people in the same fix and the scene of misery was pitiable.

Rescued by a Nervy Newsboy.

Robert Wilson, newsboy, aged 15, made a gallant rescue at the Island last night. Just as the Mayflower was leaving for the city on her last trip about 10 o'clock a young man and woman thought the boat had not backed away from the wharf. It was dark, and the lights on the wharf were out. Both of them, instead of stepping on the boat or on her platform which connects with the wharf, stepped into the water. The young man managed to save himself. The brave newsboy jumped from the boat and grabbing the young woman kept her above water until ropes were thrown out to them.

It was a timely and gallant rescue. The names of the young man and his companion were not ascertained.

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Every person who has ever visited Chautauqua Lake will acknowledge that it is without exception the finest summer resort in the United States. The hotel charges are extremely low and accommodation is number one in every respect. Mr. Sharp, Canadian passenger agent for the Erie Railway, says this is the lowest rate that ever was quoted out of Canada for Chautauqua Lake, and it is to be hoped the public will take the advantage of this cheap trip. You can leave Toronto by the palace steamer Empress of India at 5:40 p.m. Aug. 8. Tickets good for ten days. For full particulars apply to S. J. Sharp, corner Wellington and Scott-streets, or to P. J. Slatter, G.T.R. agent, corner King and Yonge-streets, Toronto.

The Clandeboye Defaulter.

LONDON, Ont., July 19.—James Walker, the defaulting G.T.R. Clandeboye agent, appeared again before the magistrate this morning and was given a further remand until July 25. Walker is in a bad condition alcoholically speaking and a certain measure of his accustomed stimulants has to be daily meted out to him, otherwise delirium tremens might be the result.

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The success of the Order Tailoring Department at The Model Clothing Store, corner Yonge and Shuter-streets, has been phenomenal, 'tis the prices do it.

A COLORADAN KIDNAPPED.

Held For $2000 Ransom—Fears that He Has Been Killed.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Col., July 20.—Three weeks ago B. F. Spinney, a business man of this place and a ranch owner in South Park, was kidnapped and taken into the mountains by a Texan named Harris, who claimed Spinney owed him $2000 for cattle he had purchased of him. Since that time nothing has been heard of Spinney. Mr. Harrington, a brother-in-law of Spinney, raised the requisite sum recently and went into the mountains to pay the ransom but he too has disappeared. The Texan said he would hold Spinney ten days and if the money was not forthcoming in that time he would kill him. It is feared he has carried out his threat.

A SCORCHER AT MIDLAND.

Coal Docks, Ice and Grain Houses and Several Million Feet of Lumber Burnt—Insurance Companies Hit.

MIDLAND, July 19.—A fire broke out this morning at 10 o'clock in a closet adjoining Jeffery & Co.'s coal dock and grain storehouse. A heavy northwest gale was blowing at the time. The fire soon spread to a coal heap and attacked the sheds, then to Varne's icehouse, Jeffery & Co.'s grain storehouse, Sullivan & Nunan's ice house on Burton's dock, J. A. Smith's boat house and workshop and finally into Yates & Co.'s, who lose their ice and house, and the Emery Lumber Co. yard. After seven hours, work the flames were finally subdued but not before destroying between 5,000,000 and 6,000,000 feet of lumber owned by the Emery Lumber Company of East Saginaw and the Moore Lumber Company of Detroit. The loss on the lumber is heavy, as the best grades are put on the west side of the yard. The loss is covered by insurance. Jeffery & Co., Sullivan & Nunan and J. A. Smith are partly insured. The companies interested are the Northern, Commercial Union, Western, Hartford, London, Liverpool & Globe and Citizens'.

A Blaze at London, Ont.

LONDON, Ont., July 19.—Fire broke out about 11 o'clock to-night in W. Y. Brunton & Son's general drygoods store. The damage to the stock will amount to several thousand dollars but is fully covered by insurance.

A Mono House Consumed.

SHELBURNE, July 19.—The large stone residence of the late Thomas Buchanan, con. 3, lot 15 in the township of Mono, was consumed by fire at an early hour this morning. The inmates had to get out in their night clothes. Loss about $3000, insurance light. How the fire originated is a mystery.

Incendiarism at Paterson, N.J.

PATERSON, N.J., July 20.—The extensive machine works here of J. C. Todd were burned this morning. Loss $150,000. Several firemen were overcome by smoke and had to be carried from beneath the falling walls. The fire is believed to have been incendiary.

Six Families Homeless.

UTICA, N.Y., July 20.—A serious fire occurred in Fort Plain, a thriving village in Montgomery County, this morning about 2 o'clock. It started in Smith & Moyer's block, Kellogg-street, burned that and eight wooden dwellings and rendered six families homeless. Loss $10,000.

A DAY OF PHENOMENA.

A Whirlwind Strikes the Esplanade and Terrifies Mr. Gegg, Mr. Bond and Others—A Falling Star.

Yesterday morning about 11 o'clock everything was quiet on the Esplanade. Near the foot of York-street Mr. Ted Gegg might be seen swimming his dog; Mr. Bob Bond was sitting on a log looking at him; young Frankland of St. Lawrence market was meditating on his experience of the past week. Others were sitting and standing about. The air was as still as a church on Ash Wednesday.

"Suddenly," according to the veracious Gegg, "a cracking big cyclone fell to the earth like a bolt; it whirled round and round, picked up sand and stones and lifted them high up in the air as if they were feathers, roared as it twisted these about, and then it went spinning away to one side for forty feet or more, where it burst and rained down again the stones and sand. It picked up a cedar post, raised it 40 feet and stripped it clear of its bark. I ran to get under a log; Mr. Bond, as is his custom, called 'nex,' thinking no doubt that he could jump in a canoe and escape. I thought the world had come to an end. I can tell you I was never so frightened in my life and I've seen many strange sights. And it all happened in thirty seconds or less. All the people thereabout were badly frightened."

A second phenomenon was witnessed at 9.35 last night by persons who were in the streets. At this hour a star shot across the heavens from the south to the north. It seemed so close to the tops of some of the large building that sparks from it seemed to light on the roofs. Some pedestrians thought it was a skyrocket and thought they could hear the exploding of powder.

The Latest From China.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 20.—Chinese advices say Barrados, formerly superintendent of the money order department of the Hong-Kong general postoffice, was brought to Hong-Kong from Manilla June 23 under extradition papers, charged with having appropriated $46,000.

A passenger boat plying between Hong-Kong and Tai-Kok-Tsui sunk during a squall June 26 and seven persons were drowned.

The Portuguese and Chinese are in a disturbed state over the question of boundary lines between their possessions at Green Island.

A collision between steamers of the Osaka Merchant Steamship Company and the Yamamoto Company at Jizozoki June 20 resulted in the loss of the latter company's vessel and 14 lives.

A Petition Against Mr. Conmee.

On Saturday a petition was filed against the return of James Conmee, who defeated George Macdonnell, the Opposition candidate in West Algoma. The petitioner is David Ferguson of Rat Portage, jeweler, who charges that Mr. Conmee, both personally and by agents, was guilty of personation, intimidation, treating, furnishing conveyances and railroad tickets to voters, and betting and providing money for others to bet on the result, and on other matters connected with the election.

The petition against the election of Dr. J. A. Sprague in Prince Edward has fallen through. The deposit of $1000 was not put up within the necessary three days.

Chew Adams' Tutti Frutti Gum and induce the flow of saliva. 5 cents.

A Bank Accountant Arrested.

WOODSTOCK, N.B., July 20.—The arrest of Saunders, accountant of the branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia here, for larceny of $4000 of bank funds is causing a great amount of talk. Saunders says he went into the bank at 7½ Friday morning to get some money that was to be sent by the express, which leaves here at 8.38. While in the vault he was knocked down and became unconscious. He did not see the assailant, his back being towards the entrance.

Tents for sale or hire, Folding Camp Furniture and Camp Beds. Milne's, 169 Yonge-street. 136

Hay, Hay, Hay—Buyers will do well to call at 74 Colborne-street. Choice Timothy Hay selling at $9 and $9.50 per ton. 135

An Accident to a Doctor.

As Dr. Gullen was driving down York-street last night his horse took fright at a dog which dashed out at it. The doctor was thrown out and painfully injured and the buggy wrecked against a lamp post. Dr. Gullen was carried into Pete Green's and thence conveyed in a carriage to his home.

Housekeepers, see the Jewel Range, over 2500 in use in Toronto. Milne's, 169 Yonge-street. 136

A CRISIS IS AT HAND.

The War Lord Curtails His Northern Tour.

TROUBLE BREWING IN THE EAST.

Sir William White Makes a Sudden Visit to London to see Salisbury—France's Opposition to the Anglo-German Agreement Abated—Great Britain to Investigate Seizures in Behring Sea—Artillerymen Injured by a Bursting Shell—General Cable News.

BERLIN, July 19.—Emperor William has announced that he will return to Wilhelmshausen from his trip in Norwegian waters on July 26. Ministers DuVernois and Miquel will meet him there. The Reichsanzeiger last night declared the Emperor's plans for his trip had not been altered owing to the political situation, but the facts contradict the official statement. Arrangements were made for his voyage to extend a week longer. Affairs in the east are hastening to a crisis and this caused Emperor William to advance the date of his conference with the Czar.

Count Schouvaloff, the Russian Ambassador to Berlin, who is now in St. Petersburg, has sent Chancellor von Caprivi a formal intimation that the Czar will receive Emperor William on Aug. 10. The great manoeuvres to which Emperor William has been invited will begin on Aug. 7 and last for two weeks.

The opposition of France to the English agreement abates under the prospective arrangements in which the foreign office here acquiesces. The French claims to a sphere of influence from Senegal to Lake Tchad will be submitted to a commission on colonial questions composed of German, English and French officials. M. Ribot, the French Minister of Foreign Affairs, objected to German representation on the commission, on the ground that the disputed territories from the Niger to Lake Tchad did not touch German interests. Chancellor von Caprivi and Lord Salisbury declining thus to cancel an article of the agreement dealing with the Anglo-German trade in the countries drained by the Niger, M. Ribot was constrained to assent. The German Chancellor's official memorandum on the agreement is ready for issue as soon as the English Parliament ratifies the cession of Heligoland. It delares that the Government sympathizes with the German rights over the apparent extension of English influence in East Africa. At the same time it maintains that the impertinence of Zanzibar is exaggerated. Company rule in Zanzibar and Germany has long coveted the island and there have been ceaseless appeals made to the Government to acquire it as the archives of the Chancellerie show. It concludes with the statement that the convention is based on just regard of the pretensions and aspirations of both countries.

The question of Prince Bismarck's divulging, directly or suggestively, through interviews, knowledge of State affairs acquired while he was a minister will be decided immediately upon the Emperor's return.

At a recent meeting of Prince Alexander of Battenberg and Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria at Sofia, Bohemia, Ferdinand asked for an explicit assurance that Alexander would not return to Bulgaria. He also asked what meaning was to be attached to the adoption of Major Panitza's child. He said he felt it to be useless to continue his struggle to maintain himself as ruler at Sofia if Alexander was to do his rival. Alexander protested he had no ambition to return to Bulgaria. Panitza's boy, he explained, was his godson. He advised Ferdinand to return to govern constitutionally and promised if war should break out he would serve in the Bulgarian army in any capacity.

WHO OWNS BEHRING SEA?

Great Britain's Investigations Into American and Russian Seizures.

LONDON, July 19.—The British Government is preparing to lay before Parliament the correspondence in relation to Behring Sea. The contention of the Government briefly is that the limits of American jurisdiction extend only to the three-mile limit from the shores of the mainland and islands of Alaska. To this position it is well understood that the Government will adhere, agreeing, however, to a close season for seals during nine months of the year with freedom to kill during July, August and September.

The British Government is also proceeding further to investigate the seizure of the British sealer Carolina in 1886 by the Russian authorities at the instance of the American Alaska Company, the vessel having been confiscated, the Russians claimed, for fishing within three miles of the Russian shore, the owners of the Carolina, however, having always asserted that they were at least six miles away. The case has for some time been dormant, but is being revived with vigor.

THE FIRST GUN.

A Democratic Senator Will Open Out on the McKinley Tariff.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—The debate on the Tariff Bill is expected to begin in the Senate to-morrow. The understanding is that in the morning hour the Indian Appropriation Bill shall be taken up and considered until 2 o'clock and then give way to the Tariff Bill. Senator Voorhees (Dem., Ind.) has stated his intention to deliver a general speech on the Tariff at 2 o'clock Monday. The Republicans do not intend under the present arrangements to engage in general debate on the bill, therefore a Democratic senator will make the opening speech. Republican members of the Finance Committee have been informed the Democratic minority will not make a formal report against the passage of the bill.

Opposition to the McKinley Bill.

PARIS, July 19.—The American consulate here is overrun with French merchants making inquiries and complaining of the effects of the American customs administration bill.

The president of the French Budget Committee advocates a commercial treaty with the United States to take effect in 1892 when France will have regained her economic liberty.

German critics say the French army never appeared to so great advantage as on July 14 on the celebration of the fall of the Bastile. They especially praise the artillery.

The Chamber of Commerce has sent a petition to the Government, asking that it try to secure a delay of two months in the time of enforcing the provisions of the Customs Administration. The petition also requests the Government to open negotiations with the other European powers for the holding of a congress to adopt measures for the protection of the export trade of Europe against the provisions of the bill.

Down on Secret Societies.

DUBLIN, July 20.—In his sermon at the cathedral at Armagh to-day Rev. Mr. Neece denounced secret societies. He referred especially to the Ancient Order of Hibernians. He said this society, which was founded in America, was seeking new members in Ireland, and he warned all Catholics against having anything to do with the organization.

Victoria's Railways.

MELBOURNE, July 20.—The Premier has introduced in Parliament a railway bill providing for the construction of 1077 miles of country lines and 39 miles of suburban lines, the whole to cost £12,500,000 besides a grant from the treasury of £2,000,000. He said the scheme was necessary, in order to meet the growth of the population which, as the census proved, was increasing faster than the population of America. The bill was well received.

Osman Digna's Losses.

CAIRO, July 20.—It is reported that Osman Digna is at Omdurrman and that his followers have returned to Tokar. Osman, it is said, lost 400 men by famine and sickness.

A Fatal Fight With Smugglers.

CONSTANTINOPLE, July 20.—A company of gendarmes had a fatal encounter with a gang of smugglers at Therapia to-day. The gendarmes were seizing contraband tobacco near the British Embassy when they were set upon by smugglers and badly defeated. Two officers were killed and a number of others were wounded.

A deputation of merchants of Brousss has waited upon the Governor protesting that they are not safe from brigandage.

The European Bourses.

LONDON, July 20.—On the Stock Exchange business was active early in the week, especially in stocks depending upon the values of silver. But this activity was succeeded by a reaction to dulness, owing partly to the holiday season and partly to distrust of the money market and the expected advance of the Bank of England rate. American railways lost the buoyancy apparent on the passage of the silver bill and closed yesterday generally depressed.

The Continental Bourses were generally quiet last week, but prices were fairly firm.

Cable Flashes.

The Duke of Clarence is better.

Sir Richard Wallace, formerly a member of the Imperial House of Commons, is dead.

It is reported that Prince Bismarck has taken apartments at Pertisan in the Tyrol.

During artillery practice at Juaterbogk Saturday a large shell exploded and many artillerymen were