

Capt. Jas. A. Farquhar, of the steamer *Harlaw*, is organizing a northern yacht excursion to the far north for the summer of 1893. Two well-equipped yachts will leave Halifax or Boston the 10th of July, 1893, for the northern Labrador, Greenland and the neighboring regions, calling at the principal ports and visiting many places of note and historical interest, returning about the end of the following September. By this excursion this northern part of the organic world will be accessible to many students of nature for the first time for an exceedingly reasonable outlay. Each yacht will have accommodation for about 25 persons, and will accompany each other throughout the whole voyage, which will occupy about 80 days.

A case of Asiatic cholera is reported from Rangely, Maine.

Four green goods operators have been captured in New York.

Heavy rains in the Western States have caused much serious damage to property.

Five hundred thousand persons are said to be dependent on the sugar industry in the State of Louisiana.

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Sam Johnson, a negro who was born in Africa 115 years ago, was murdered and robbed at Savannah, Ga., on Saturday.

Rev. Dr. Witherspoon Scott, father-in-law of President Harrison, died on Tuesday afternoon. He was born in June, 1800.

A rumor has been circulated that J. Gould is dying. It is stated that this rumor was started by Wall St. "bears" to influence the stock market.

The Mexican Government have restored the import duty on corn. The rush of corn from the United States is now so great that a railway blockade is feared.

Chicago seems to be in a fair way to be overrun with tramps and pickpockets. The police of the city declare that the epidemic of crime now sweeping over the city is directly connected with the large number of criminals and vagrants who have come in advance of the visitors to the World's Fair.

Lieut. Peary will make another attempt to reach the North Pole. The National Academy of Science, of Philadelphia, which is planning the exploration of the northern coast of Greenland, has asked leave of absence of three years for Peary. It is said that Secretary Tracey, who is opposed to Polar expeditions, has stated that he will not grant the request of the Academy, in which case it is understood that Peary will resign his commission as Civil Engineer in the navy.

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A despatch from Taunton to the Boston *Herald* says:—"Lizzie Borden will not be indicted by the grand jury for the murder of her father and stepmother. In another week, without any doubt, she will be a free woman, and the whole miserable pretence of case against her will be ended. The evidence laid before the grand jury was essentially the same as that produced at the hearing in Fall River, and it was not deemed sufficient to warrant the finding of an indictment."

A new bank is to be started in British India, having an immense capital.

La Union, San Salvador, is in ruins from earthquake. Many persons were killed.

The London *Daily Telegraph* announces that the Cynon tinplate works have resumed after a suspension of three months. There has been a general resumption in the Swansea, Morriston and Llanly districts, resulting from extensive American orders.

Reports from Russia state that the peasants in some places are starving. The London *Standard* says: Petersburg correspondent says the appeal of the provinces to the Government for help indicates that the famine will be acute, though less general than in 1891.

General Dodds, commander of the French forces in Dahomey, advises that Dahomey be divided into three territories, under the leadership of native chiefs, to be controlled by a French resident Governor at Porto Novo. General Dodds also suggests that the Dahomeyan coast and lagoons be directly governed by the French, and that Whydah be made a French port.

Votes for a new poet laureate, solicited by the *Pall Mall Gazette*, shows this result:—

Percentage of Votes.	Percentage of Votes.
A. C. Swinburne.....36.14	Christina Rossetti..... 2.41
Sir E. Arnold..... 9.64	Geo. MacDonald..... 2.41
A. Dobson..... 9.64	G. W. Kingston..... 2.41
L. Morris..... 8.44	W. Watson..... 2.41
W. Morris..... 7.23	Prof. Blackie..... 1.20
G. Meredith..... 7.23	Jean Ingelow..... 1.20
C. Patmore..... 4.82	
R. Kipling..... 4.82	
	Total..... 100.00

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