

Almost a Fight!

Narrow Escape from a Conflict in Siamese Waters.

A Fiery French Captain Compelled to Apologize to a British Commander.

Startling Facts Regarding Prevalence of Cholera in Europe.

The Bank of England Raises Its Rate of Discount—Great Fire in the Capital of Bismarck—Baltour on Bimetallism.

More Gold Coming. SOUTHAMPTON, Aug. 3.—The steamer Normanna, which sails to-morrow for New York, will take \$200,000 in gold.

Bank of England Discount. LONDON, Aug. 3.—The Bank of England has advanced its rate of discount from 2½ to 3 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for both short and three months is 2½ per cent. Money ½ per cent.

Charles De Lesseps Visits His Wife. PARIS, Aug. 3.—Charles De Lesseps, escorted by three detectives, was taken from prison on Wednesday and allowed to visit his wife, who is dangerously ill. After the interview he was taken back to the prison hospital.

Fatal Fire—Seven Lives Lost. ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 3.—One hundred and eighty houses have been burned at Borsk in the Government of Orenburg. Seven persons were killed and a large number injured. The City Hall and Catholic Church were destroyed.

Bank Rate of Discount Raised. LONDON, Aug. 3.—At the regular weekly meeting to-day of the directors of the Bank of England it was decided to advance rate of discount to 3 per cent. The advance is attributed to the further large withdrawal of gold to-day, and the probability of fresh shipments on Friday or Saturday.

Latin-American Monetary League Proposed. CITY OF MEXICO, Aug. 3.—There is a project on foot here to unite all Latin-American nations in a monetary league to resist the depreciation of silver. Public opinion here would favor entering into a monetary league with the United States, transferring the trade of Latin America largely to Americans, only asking on the part of the United States a freer entrance of raw materials.

Peasants vs. Police. ROME, Aug. 3.—The efforts of the Government to stamp out the phylloxera in Northern Italy have led to serious conflicts with the peasants. The Minister of Agriculture, with the view of stopping the ravages of the pest, ordered the destruction of vineyards in the Province of Novara. The peasants losing employment began to riot. Many were injured in conflicts with the police, and a large number were arrested. Troops have been sent to the scene of the disturbance.

Another Dahomey Campaign. PARIS, Aug. 3.—Advices from Porto Novo, show that although Behanzin, the deposed King of Dahomey, promised to submit himself to Col. Dumas, the commander of the French forces on July 25, he did not appear. His followers, it is said, are persuading him to renew his resistance to the French.

Gen. Dodds, commander-in-chief of the French forces in Dahomey, who arrived in St. Louis, Senegal, from France a short time ago, started yesterday for Porto Novo. It is his intention to lead another expedition against the contumacious Dahomeyans in September.

Almost a Crisis. PARIS, Aug. 3.—It is now known that the active intervention of President Carnot alone prevented a Ministerial crisis, and probably a different issue, out of the Siamese trouble. M. Delcasse, supported by a majority of the Ministers, stubbornly insisted that harsher terms be exacted from Siam as a stopping-stone to a French protectorate, and M. Develle would have been compelled to yield or resign if M. Carnot had not thrown his whole weight into the scale in favor of his colleague.

Scale in favor of the bi-metallists induced the additional conditions imposed in the second ultimatum. The Delcasse clique are particularly gratified at the establishment of a consulate at Koral, which a few years hence will be connected with Bangkok by railway, and is regarded as an admirable center for French intrigues in the future.

In the House of Commons. LONDON, Aug. 3.—In the House of Commons to-day Sir Ellis Ashmeade Bartlett (Conservative) asked the Government whether since the stoppage of the free minting of silver in India there had been an stated a depreciation in the value of securities held in England in the value of 2130,000,000; whether the supply of gold was not insufficient for the monetary requirements of trade, and what measures the Government proposed to take to avert a crisis.

Mr. Gladstone replied that he did not know how to ascertain the truth of the assertion that a decline in the amount referred to had taken place in the value of securities held in England. He did not believe that the supply of gold was insufficient for trade requirements, and he could not announce measures to avert a crisis that he did not believe would occur.

Almost a Fight. LONDON, Aug. 3.—The Bangkok correspondent of the Times telegraphs as follows: "By Admiral Humann's command the captain of the French gunboat Lion has made an unreserved apology to Capt. McLeod, of the British cruiser Pallua, for having quarreled down with crew at quarters and guns out upon the Pallas, which was lying outside the blockade line. Capt. McLeod's prudence and coolness alone averted an armed conflict."

A dispatch from Bangkok, dated Thursday night, says nothing has been done yet to carry out the presumed instructions to

the French officials to raise the blockade. Residents are still very anxious. The opinion is that Rear-Admiral Humann is receiving orders through Saigon, where the forward party is delaying in the hope that events may enable France to increase her demands.

Crippled by a Great Fire.

LONDON, Aug. 3.—The Paris correspondent of the Times says that nearly one-third of the town of Port Louis, the capital of the island of Mauritius, was destroyed by fire on July 23. Eight streets were burned, including the Rue de la Chausse, the principal commercial thoroughfare, on which were located the offices of the leading French and English merchants. About 200 houses were consumed. The loss amounts to more than 1,000,000 rupees.

Warfare in the Irish Sea.

LONDON, Aug. 3.—The mimic warfare between the red and blue fleets of the British navy is being carried on in the Irish Sea. Combats between sections of the fleets are of daily occurrence, but nothing specially noteworthy has occurred. A reporter of the Standard, who is on board the Royal Sovereign, flagship of the channel squadron, says that the maneuvers are clearly showing that the present types of gunboats are virtually useless as torpedo boat catchers or as scouts. They must be made faster and more powerful with a more efficient signal staff. Many of the signal officers aboard of them are absolutely unable to take a semaphore signal correctly. In fact, there is great deficiency in the signal staff around. On the other hand, the reporter is high in his praise of the second-class cruisers taking part in the maneuvers. The gunboats Shellbark and Salamander, attached to the red squadron, have gone to Devonport for repairs, each having leaky tubes and defective crank bolts.

Many Deaths from Cholera.

LONDON, Aug. 3.—According to the Lancet, the well-known English medical weekly, cholera has been epidemic in Marseilles for the last three months. The local officials, it is asserted, have carried their policy of deception to such length that even the Government has been led astray as to the real state of affairs. The prefecture now admits that there have been 601 deaths from cholera in Marseilles since the middle of May. On several days 20 deaths were recorded and on last Saturday the mortality went up to 25. During the last four weeks there have been 826 deaths from cholera throughout France.

LONDON, Aug. 3.—The Rome correspondent of the Central News says: Since the outbreak of cholera in Naples more than 100,000 residents have fled from the city. The official reports greatly understate the facts. The report for Sunday last said that there were 19 new cases and 9 deaths. Reliable private advices declare that there were 52 new cases and 28 deaths on that day, and 69 new cases and 27 deaths on Monday. The official figures for Tuesday are 18 new cases and 6 deaths. Several cases of cholera have occurred in Rome.

LONDON, Aug. 3.—There have been 6,696 deaths from cholera in Mexico and 2,515 in India since the present epidemic broke out.

ODessa, Aug. 3.—The Government is closing all the schools in the south of Russia on account of the prevalence of cholera.

Turkish Outrages.

LONDON, Aug. 3.—The question of Turkish outrages upon Armenian Christians was again brought up in the House of Commons yesterday. Several members asked for information as to the charges made that the Turkish officials had tortured the persons who were some time ago executed for complicity in the sedition rioting at Cessarea and Marsovan in their efforts to get the accused to implicate themselves and others. In response to the questions, Sir Edward Grey, Parliamentary Secretary of the Foreign Office, said that what information the Foreign Office had on the subject was very painful. Fifty-six persons had been arrested, and of this number seventeen had been condemned to death. Most of the others were sentenced to long terms of imprisonment. Subsequently the Sultan of Turkey commuted the death sentences of all but five of the prisoners. These five men had been executed within the last two or three days. From the evidence that had been given at the trials, all of which had been given at the trials, and a report thereon forwarded to the Foreign Office, it was clear that two of the men executed, and probably more, were innocent of the charges made against them. The British representative in Constantinople had used his influence to convince the Ottoman authorities that the trials were unfair, but his efforts to have the wrong righted were in vain.

Balfour on Bimetallism.

LONDON, Aug. 3.—A meeting was held to-day at the Mansion House for the purpose of considering the financial and business situation. The meeting was presided over by Lord Mayor Knill. The gathering was very largely attended. Among those present were: A. J. Balfour, the Conservative leader; Henry Chaplin, formerly President of the Board of Agriculture; Sir John Lubbock, of the firm of Roberts, Lubbock & Co., bankers; Thomas F. Bayard, American ambassador to Great Britain; Dana Hays, and most of the leading bankers of London. Mr. Balfour made an address. He disclaimed political motives and alluded to the anxiety felt throughout the business world, which anxiety was connected with the changes in India and the action that might be taken by the United States Government. A gold standard, Mr. Balfour declared, would never satisfy commercial wants, while a double standard alone would prevent dangerous oscillations in trade. He condemned isolated action on the part of the individual States, and recommended an international agreement fixing the ratio of value between gold and silver. Mr. Balfour denied that the advocates of bimetallism aimed at an inflation of the currency. This might be true of some of the bi-metallists connected with the Western States of America, but it did not apply to the bi-metallists of Europe, who believed that the adoption of bimetallism would prove the safest commercial policy. In the event of a European war, a double standard would, according to Mr. Balfour, be found very advantageous. The meeting adopted a vote of thanks to Mr. Balfour for his able address.

The latest improvement in bicycles is to dispense with the brake. That is all well enough, but a big fortune is assuredly in store for the man who invents a bicycle that can be operated without pedals.

Late Canadian News

Substantial Progress of the Parry Sound Railway—Governor's Island Sold for \$1,000.

Wheat harvesting has begun in several parts of Manitoba. John James Browne, a prominent Montreal architect is dead, aged 55 years.

Alex. Chisholm, of New York, has purchased the Lingham gold mine for \$44,000. The coronation of the new 3,400-acre Presbyterian Church was laid on Wednesday in Montreal.

Bradstreet's report these assignments: F. J. Howe, stoves and tinware, St. Catharines; C. F. Zarhorst & Co., pork and provisions, Toronto.

There is talk of the formation of a company to build a series of dams in or along the Ottawa to insure a big head of water there all the year round.

In the case of Galt against Gundy et al, charged with throwing the stones which crunched in the skull of a girl named Knight, the defendants were acquitted.

The body of an unknown man was found in Niagara River under the upper suspension bridge yesterday. It is thought to be that of a young man named Shaw of Queenstown.

At the quarterly meeting of the Ottawa St. Andrew's Society Tuesday night it was decided to present an address to Lord Aberdeen on the first available opportunity after his arrival in Canada.

A dispatch from Toronto says Alfred Geddes, a well-known local breeder, has been notified of his appointment as superintendent of the Canadian exhibit of dogs at the World's Fair Sept. 19.

Charles G. Emery, of Calumet Island, has purchased Governor's Island, opposite Clayton, N. Y., from ex-Governor Alford for \$5,000. Twenty years ago the ex-Governor bought it for \$172.

Aside from the claims of the hotels and boarding houses in Montreal who failed to receive expected lodgers, the shortage in connection with the recent Y. P. S. C. E. convention will be about \$3,500.

In a letter published in Le Canada, Mr. J. Israel Tarte emphatically denies the story of the Ottawa Citizen that he received \$3,000 from the Mercier Government for printing that he never did.

An excursion train of 11 cars, carrying about 700 passengers from the county of Leeds and points, reached the city of Ottawa Tuesday, and had just deposited a load on the elevator when it suddenly started before he was aware. As a result his leg was so badly crushed that amputation was necessary.

Thomas Haydon, a laborer working on the Montreal docks, Colborne street, Toronto, was carrying bricks on the fifth story Tuesday, and had just deposited a load on the elevator when it suddenly started before he was aware. As a result his leg was so badly crushed that amputation was necessary.

On Wednesday night Mrs. R. G. Barrett, of Toronto, left her home and has not since been seen. She was carrying a large party has been hunting for her. She lived on Bloor street, which is on the edge of the Rosedale ravine. She is elderly and in poor health.

BURNED OUT.

Planting Mill Plant Destroyed at Rat Portage—Other Fires.

HEWITSON, Ont., Aug. 3.—Last night a barn on lot 35, con. 2, Am. was destroyed by fire about 10 o'clock. Loss about \$800. Insurance small.

WINNIPEG, Man., Aug. 3.—A Rat Portage dispatch says: The Safety Bay plant, and many of the others, were destroyed by fire about 2 o'clock this morning, about 100,000 feet of lumber and a C. P. R. car. Loss about \$8,000.

CAINVILLE, Aug. 3.—The barn and drive house of Mr. Thos. Featherstone, of this place, with the season's crops and implements, were totally destroyed by lightning Tuesday afternoon. Insured for \$1,500 in the London Mutual.

FINANCIAL EMBARRASMENTS.

Silverman's Private Bank Suspends in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Aug. 3.—The private bank owned by Lazarus Silverman suspended business this morning. Bankers estimate his deposit account at \$600,000. Besides the deposit account the liabilities will not exceed \$100,000 or \$200,000, and few estimates place the debt above \$1,000,000. Against this liability account Silverman has been bearing a face value of nearly \$2,000,000.

MORRISTOWN, Pa., Aug. 3.—The Woodstock yarn mills of J. Morton Brown & Co. closed. The property was attached on a judgment for \$151,000.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Aug. 3.—The National German Bank of St. Paul, capital \$2,000,000, will not open its doors to-morrow morning. The president said the bank has sustained no serious losses and has ample assets to meet all its liabilities, but when the temper of its depositors is so unreasonable and unrelenting no other course but temporary suspension is possible.

DISASTER IN A BOSTON SUBURB.

Three Pleasure Seekers Killed and Fifteen or Twenty Injured.

BOSTON, Mass., Aug. 3.—A distressing accident that has resulted in the death of at least three people and injuries to probably fifteen or twenty others occurred this evening at the boathouse of the Chelsea Yacht Club on Broadway, Chelsea.

It was illumination night at the club house and there was a large crowd in attendance. A band was playing on the pier in front of the club house and many people had filled the balcony directly over the musicians' heads. Suddenly the balcony gave way and its occupants were thrown upon the pier and many of them into the water. The confusion that followed was indescribable, men and women shrieking in their attempts to save themselves and their friends.

Killed—H. J. P. Warren, band leader, Chelsea; A. L. Penberton, musician, Melrose; Mrs. Augusta P. Schuman, Chelsea; Mrs. A. P. Fucman, Chelsea.

Injured—Mrs. Mary Van Vorst, Rosvere;

a son of above, slightly; Mrs. L. E. V. Barnes, Chelsea; Miss S. Davis, Chelsea; Mrs. Thos. Mitten, Cambridge; Mrs. F. J. Lynde, Chelsea; Miss Josie Grimes, Chelsea; Miss Fannie Newman, Chelsea; Miss Eva Wipott, ex-Councilman Chas. H. Foye, Mrs. Morton, Miss Annie Farley, Jerry McCarthy, of Chelsea.

IN LABOR'S FIELD.

Fully Fifty Thousand Men Out of Work in Colorado.

Fifteen Hundred Men Laid Off by the Michigan-Penninsular Car Company at Detroit.

The depression in the car building business, which constitutes so important a part of Detroit's industries, is not due to any order to keep the Michigan-Penninsular plant running individual members of the company have lent their credit to different roads, creating the opportunity to such roads to place orders for cars which would otherwise have to be deferred, but resources in this direction are now exhausted. Since June 1, no less than 1,500 men have been given vacations at the two plants. A reduction of the wages of those still in the company's employ has become necessary this week. Each of the 1,600 or 1,700 now at work has been cut from 10 to 15 cents a day, and the reduction will continue in effect until the revival of business strikes the country.

DEVELOP, Col., Aug. 3.—State Labor Commissioner Brontinger estimates the number unemployed in Colorado at fully 50,000. Business in all lines has dropped off since March to a degree heretofore unknown in the history of the State. All parts of the State are afflicted alike, and a large number of those are laborers, mechanics and clerks.

EATEN BY A SHARK.

Father Laplante Meets a Horrible Death While Building Off the Island of Trinidad.

QUEBEC, Aug. 3.—News has been received here of the horrible death of a French-Canadian priest in the West Indies. The unfortunate clergyman was the Rev. Mr. Laplante, formerly professor of music and drawing at the Levis College. It appears that some years ago Mr. Laplante left Quebec to accept charge of a parish named Santa Cruz, in the diocese of Port of Spain, Trinidad, and that some days ago he went out with a companion to bathe in a river which runs through the parish.

After bathing for some time, his companion left the water to dress, but Mr. Laplante, who was a skilful and daring swimmer, resolved to take another turn and accordingly ventured out further from the shore than was considered safe in the locality, when, to his horror, his companion saw him suddenly dragged beneath the surface of the water. He at once gave the alarm and more than 100 people were soon on the spot; but all their efforts failed to discover the body, which would have been easy, if the case had been one of mere drowning. In view of the clearness and comparative shallowness in the water; so there is little doubt that the unfortunate priest was seized by sharks, which are said to be plentiful in the locality, and carried off to be devoured. The deceased had many relatives in this district.

ANOTHER OCEAN HORROR.

Explosion on a German Warship—A Number Killed.

BERLIN, Aug. 3.—An explosion occurred to-day on board the German armor-clad steamer Baden at Kiel. Lieutenants Oelenex and Zernbach and seven seamen were killed, and seventeen persons were wounded. Some of the men had just removed from the magazine a grenade measuring 26 centimeters in diameter. Through some cause not yet explained the grenade exploded, killing or wounding nearly every person in the immediate vicinity.

TERSELY TOLD.

Lady Dufferin has come into possession of a legacy of \$200,000 from her deceased uncle, Rowan Hamilton.

Col. Jacob T. Child, of Missouri, is the new United States Minister to Siam. He has sailed for Bangkok.

The section of the Hardy law providing for imprisonment at hard labor has been declared unconstitutional by Federal Judge Ross, at Los Angeles, Cal.

Jacob Wilson, jun., of New York, has returned to that city from Australia. He claims that his wife entered into a conspiracy with her friends to defraud him of his inheritance from his wealthy father, and that he had been kidnapped and sent to Australia. He proposes retaining Robt. G. Ingersoll to help him regain his fortune.

Sunday Reopening Probable.

CHICAGO, Aug. 3.—The opinion is unanimous among lawyers that the gates of the World's Fair will be opened every day in the week from now on until they are finally closed next October.

A Railway Wreck.

STREATOR, Ill., Aug. 3.—A wreck occurred on the Atchafalaya, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway last night at Kinsman, seven miles north of this city. A tramp named Maurice Flynn was instantly killed. Eighteen cars were wrecked and about 30 head of cattle killed.

Mortality in Detroit.

DETROIT, Aug. 3.—Four hundred and ninety-eight people died in Detroit last month, an increase of 84 over the same month last year. Over 300 children died during July, and the increased mortality is due to cholera infantum. There were about 50 fatalities from contagious diseases.

A Rusty Nail Did It.

BENTON HARBOR, Mich., Aug. 3.—Peter Sebert, a rich pioneer farmer in Bainbridge township, stepping on a rusty nail about three weeks ago, was wounded, but broke out again last Monday and looked set in. He died last night, leaving eleven children, all grown up. He was the most widely known German farmer in this section.

"I'm so nervous"—before taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, "I'm so well"—after taking Hood's Sarsaparilla—"Be sure to get Hood's."

Flying from the Fair.

Interesting Experiments With Carrier Pigeons.

The Big Show Now Virtually Out of Debt.

Anthony Comstock Means to Have Objectionable Features in Midway Plaisance Suppressed.

CHICAGO, Aug. 3.—Five carrier pigeons were released on the Government plaza at the fair grounds to-day. They were sent hore by parties residing at Buffalo, N. Y. After circling about the World's Fair buildings a few minutes the birds took an easterly course and soon disappeared. This is the first of a series of experiments to be made by the War Department, in which it is intended to demonstrate the use to which pigeons may be put in time of war.

OUT OF DEBT.

In regard to the financial condition of the exposition company, President Higginbotham has given out the following statement this week. When the fair opened there was a great floating indebtedness. Since May 1 we have been compelled to construct several buildings. Now, which we can save a catalogue of the Midway, the money we are doing well. It may be that we still owe a little more than we have the money to pay, but the liability is of little consequence. Inside of five days we will have all of the funds necessary to pay every debt we owe. The assertion that \$1,000,000 will not put us even is entirely false. We owe no such amount—nothing like it.

ANTHONY COMSTOCK VISITS THE PLAISANCE. Considerable wonderment is indulged in by visitors to Midway Plaisance that World's Fair officials should sanction entertainments of the character to be seen daily in several of the theaters on the street. Upon pretext that they are part of the exhibit from countries represented, dancing girls in Persian, Algerian and Street-of-Cairo theaters perform for the edification of unenlightened Americans, so-called, far-famed Eastern dances, which are on Midway, are a combination of all that lacks grace, agility or rhythm in terpsichorean art. Costumes which it were well not to describe combined with ungainly, indecent movements, whose only suggestions is of vice, shock the modest and sensitive and arouse the morbid interest of the sensual.

The very general strictures upon this particular feature of the World's Fair resulted in a visit to President Higginbotham by Anthony Comstock, the well-known censor of all obscenity. Comstock talked long and earnestly with the president, who listened attentively, but said little. On leaving, Mr. Comstock said he would call again. As he went out he dropped a catalogue of the Midway, on the leaves of which were memoranda showing that he had visited the theaters of the giddy Persian and dusky Algerian dancers.

It is Comstock's intention, in case the fair officials refuse to suppress objectionable shows, to appeal to the city authorities to purge the fair of the obscene exhibitions. By order of Superintendent Tucker, of the department of admissions, and by passive consent of the council of administration, Gate Inspector Thornbury, who became involved in a fight with Commissioner St. Clair, was restored to his old position to-day. Gen. St. Clair, who had his right eye slightly shaded, would not listen to pleas for the reinstatement of Gate Keeper Thornbury, who provoked the commissioner to violence.

The Maharajah of Kapthala arrived at the World's Fair to-day.

VAN LOON MUST DIE!

Gov. McKinley Refuses to Interfere in the Bank Robber's Case.

COLUMBUS, O., Aug. 3.—Gov. McKinley to-day refused to interfere in the case of Frank Van Loon, the Columbus Grove, Putnam county, who was indicted for the murder of a farmer Vandermark at the door. Vandermark does not seem to have interfered, but happened to be in the door and was killed on the excited man. Van Loon is now about 21 years of age.

MARRIED HIS DIVORCED WIFE.

An Inventor Twice in Love with the Same Woman.

YAKTOWN, S. D., Aug. 3.—H. W. White, the well-known inventor of this city, was married six years ago to Mrs. G. Wheeler, widow of an old Yankton man. After a year of married life Mrs. White went east, and shortly thereafter Mr. White secured a divorce from her. In May last Mr. White went to the World's Fair with an exhibit. In June he was ill and Mrs. White, formerly Mrs. Wheeler, heard of his indisposition. She went from her home in Ohio to Chicago and nursed her former husband back to health. They became lovers again and two weeks ago were married the second time.

Mrs. Wheeler is Mr. White's third and fourth wife and has been three times a bride. Mr. White is past 70 years old and his bride has seen 65 winters.

Opposed to Sunday Street Car Travel.

TORONTO, Aug. 3.—Meetings opposed to the running of Sunday cars were held to-night in St. Andrew's Hall and in Parkdale. Both were largely attended and showed considerable enthusiasm against the proposed innovation.

Scalded to Death.

PORT HURON, Mich., Aug. 3.—Freddie, the 4-year-old son of Wm. Meters, fell head first into a pail of boiling water which was standing on the floor of the kitchen. The child was scalded in a most horrible manner, and after twenty hours' terrible suffering, expired next morning.

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GLENCOE'S CIVIC HOLIDAY.

Celebrated by an Excursion to Sarnia—A Happy Occasion.

Wednesday, Aug. 3, was Glencoe's civic holiday, and as usual the united Sunday schools of the town ran an excursion this year to Sarnia instead of Port Stanley as of old. About 900 people, old and young, were present, all of whom seemed to thoroughly enjoy the day sight-seeing in Sarnia, Port Huron and St. Ignace. Boating and a "trip around the world" otherwise a street car ride in Sarnia, through the tunnel, down electric railway to Port Huron and back to Sarnia by ferry constituted the greater portion of the day's proceedings. The arrangements at Ray View Park are not quite as good as they might be, but it is a rather pleasant place to picnic. The passengers are loud in their praises of the train hands—Conductor John Gilean, Baggageman Ben Campbell, Brakemen J. Major and W. Rapley—for their kind and careful attention to the wants of all. Engineer John Whiteall and Fireman John McIntyre also won commendation for the excellent time made en route. The excursion was gotten up by the Glencoe Sunday schools, and embraced friends from Mt. Brydger, Longwood, Appin, Ferguson's Crossing and Alvinston, as well.

RAILWAY RUMBLINGS.

Port Huron Expects to Get the C. P. R. Line Soon.

PORT HURON, Mich., Aug. 3.—Sarnia people now think the Canadian Pacific is working towards this point. That company is trying to get the right of way given by the Lambton and Southwold county charters. If the Canadian Pacific comes here, this will mean the construction of another tunnel under the St. Clair River in the near future, and the F. & P. M., which is owned partially by Canadian Pacific stockholders, would be used as a feeder. The Michigan Central is also said to have its eye on Port Huron and Sarnia, with a projected line down the river to Detroit.

"THE FENCING MASTER."

Laura Schirmer Mapleton, the Star, Will Have Good Support.

The Mapleton & Whitney Opera Company, which appears in this city the coming season, is now complete, and its season will open at the Hollis Street Theater, Boston, on Sept. 11. Only De Koven & Smith's successful opera, "The Fencing Master," will be presented, and the star of the organization will be Laura Schirmer Mapleton, whose wide experience in concert, grand opera and opera comique should stand her in valuable stead when she comes to play the role formerly filled by Marie Tempest. The company is made up as follows: Grace Golden, Doree Theo, contralto from the Milan Opera House; Marion Langdon, of the Carleton Opera Company; George Dennen, Marie Beval, from the Paris Opera Comique; Basil Tolson, from St. Petersburg; Chas. A. Bigelow, Fred Buckstone, from Drury Lane Theater, London; George A. Mackenzie and Max Eugene, from the Carl Rosa Opera Company. The musical director will be Signor Tomasi, who sailed from Europe on Thursday last, and who brings with him Francis Celli and Mlle. Montalba, the well-known dancer.

ATHLETICS.

The 80-year-old pedestrian, Ray Earl, who is walking from New London to Chicago, says he feels the distance about 30 years ago in 42 days, and has nothing of pedestrianizing from Richmond, Va., to New London, Ct., whenever he felt like it. Mr. Earl's diet while on the road consists of crackers and cheese, and he does most of his walking before and after the heat of the day.

THE WHEEL.

MANVILLE REPLIES.

To the Sporting Editor of the Advertiser: Dear Sir,—Re challenge of J. B. Townsend, of St. Thomas. Having never heard or read about this "whirlwind on wheels," I would like him to correspond with our club secretary, Mr. H. G. Stanton, about arrangements for a race.

CLAY D. MANVILLE, London Bicycle Club.

Steamship Arrivals.

Aug. 3. At From

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Fuerst Bismarck.....Southampton.....New York

Leviathan.....New York.....Hamburg

Aller.....New York.....Bremen

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