

Æsop's fables: "There was once a frog which saw an ox." He said, "I wish I were as big as an ox, and so he swelled, and he swelled till he burst, and then he was dead. It did not do him any good to be so big." History and Scripture teach the same lesson as *Æsop's fable*, and Shakespeare has crystalized it into the familiar words: "Vaulting ambition, which o'erleaps itself, and falls on the other side."

A pregnant cause of death to *Lodges* is lack of discipline. Out of charity a black sheep is allowed to remain in the fold, and perhaps half a dozen other sheep are lost as the result. Was it charity? Would it not rather have been charity, even to himself, to expel him? But there is no necessity for harshness, even in administering discipline; on the contrary, a father might administer it to his son and yearn over him more deeply than ever. Without this noble emotion, charity, we are as sounding brass or tinkling cymbal; but the charity of the Apostle Paul did not prevent him from exercising discipline at Corinth, and the charity of God himself will not prevent him from punishing those who have rebelled against him.

General News.

CANADIAN.

The members of the British Association have given Lieut. Greely a complimentary lunch at the Windsor hotel, Montreal.

Ald. F. C. Denison, Toronto, has been offered and accepted the command of the 600 Canadian voyageurs to be employed in the relief of Gen. Gordon. Mr. Denison is major of the Governor-General's Body Guards, and was aide-de-camp to General Wolseley during the Red River expedition of 1870.

The agent at Ottawa for engaging the boatmen to go up the Nile with the Gordon relief expedition, is meeting with great success, and there will be no difficulty in getting the full number. Major F. C. Denison and Lord Melgund are both at Ottawa in connection with the matter.

While Miss Carrie Wood, daughter of Mr. A. F. Wood, M.P.P., and a young lad named Claude Gaugot, were boating on Moira lake at Madoc, the boat upset and Miss Wood was drowned. The boy swam to shore and escaped. The body of Miss Wood was recovered.

Hugh Maguire, a man about 75 years of age, who made his home at Mrs. Wright's, Cavan-street, Port Hope, was found dead Sunday afternoon about 5 o'clock. He apparently had got in the hay mow it is supposed to put down some hay when he had fallen head-foremost into a hole in the mow, and was found in that position quite dead. A medical man was called who found the man died through strangulation.

A boy named Merriam fell from a freight car on the Grand Junction on Pinnacle-street, Belleville, Saturday, and was cut in two. Deceased was about 13 years of age, and was the son of a widow who lives close to the scene of the disaster.

An old man named Richard Robinson, aged 82 years, whose home was on lot 8, South Monaghan, committed suicide by hanging himself with a trace chain in Pierce's lane, not far from his own house last week.

Last Saturday evening a sad accident occurred at Fairholm, a few miles north of McKellar, which resulted in the death of Mr. Jonathan Caisp's eldest son, a lad of about fourteen years. Deceased and his friend were out with their guns, and when nearly home on their return began shooting at a hornet's nest. After bringing the nest down, while they were quite close to each other, a gun of one accidentally discharged, and the contents entered the abdomen of Crisp and lodged in his side. He died Sunday evening.

Friday morning the mangled corpse of a man named Maybee, a resident of Brighton, was found on the Grand Trunk Railway track, near the station. It is not known how the accident occurred. Maybee had been for some time doing business as a commercial traveller, having a line of teas from Mr. Allan, of Cobourg. Last night he rode to the station in the bus, and was seen on the platform. Nothing further is known of his movements and his body was found as stated. He leaves a wife and several children.

A shocking accident occurred on the Canada Southern Railway last week, resulting in the death of a widow woman known as Mag. Hill, the mistress of the boarding house at Montrose station. The woman was walking across the track and did not perceive the approach of No. 12 express from the west, until too late. She was struck by the cow-catcher and knocked down, and the wheels passed over her body, mangling it in a terrible manner and causing instant death.

A shocking accident occurred on Tuesday at the lime-kiln on the 3rd con. of the Township of Kinloss, by which Mr. William Fraser, aged 65 years, met his untimely death. It appears that the old gentleman went into the top of the kiln to remove some unburned stones, and while stooping over a large stone fell upon his back completely crushing him with its ponderous weight.

At 1 o'clock Friday morning the baggage-room of the G. T. R., Woodstock, was discovered to be in flames, which in a few minutes, spread to the ticket office and waiting-room on the opposite side of the track, and both structures, which were of wood, were quickly in ashes.

UNITED STATES.

Senator Anthony, of Rhode Island, is dead.

Dessar, Wise & Co., of New York, wholesale clothiers, have failed. Liabilities about \$300,000.

The United States' public debt was decreased last month by the amount of eight millions of dollars.

It is reported that five more horse thieves have been executed near Fort Maginnis, Mont., by cowboy thief purifiers.

Peace and order have been restored in the coal mining districts of Ohio, and no further trouble is apprehended.

Richard S. Storrs, Professor in the Deaf and Dumb Asylum at Hartford, Mass., and a well-known *litterateur*, shot and killed himself on Saturday while labouring under mental depression.

All the cotton factories in the city of Petersburg, Va., and vicinity have stopped work, throwing out a large number of men, women, and children, many of whom are actually suffering for the necessities of life. Application has been made to the City Council for relief.

A despatch from Washington states that the Australian syndicate proposes to lay a cable from Brisbane, Australia, to San Francisco, and that the government of the Hawaiian Islands will probably grant a subsidy towards the enterprise.

The burning of a circus car nine miles north of Greeley, Col., was attended with indescribable horrors, which were published last week. There were sixty men in the car. The forward side door was closed and men in bunks sleeping against it. The rear side door was also closed and the only means of egress was through a small window between the car and the engine. Many of the occupants of the car were unable to get out and were burned to death or suffocated.

An immense labor demonstration took place in New York Monday, and was a complete success, fully 20,000 people being in line. Each body of men in the procession wore a distinctive badge, cap, apron, or other symbol of their trade. The printers carried a press said to have been used by Benjamin Franklin, and a Gordon press. At Union Square the procession was reviewed by Patrick Ford, Henry George, John Surton, Lewis F. Post, P.J. McGuire, Dr. A. Donar, Victor Drury, and others. The men finished their holiday at the Empire Coliseum and Washington Park, where there were dancing and athletic contests, and other amusements. It is intended to make the first of September of each year a workingman's holiday, and to celebrate it by a parade.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

A city doctor has certified that a boiler maker died recently at Mill Wall, London, from Asiatic cholera.

Valentine Baker will leave London shortly for Egypt, where he will be unofficially attached to Gen. Wolseley's staff.

Egypt acknowledges that she is bankrupt.

The latest letter from Gordon says that Khartoum can hold out till the middle of October.

It is reported in Cairo that Gen. Gordon gained a great victory over the rebels on August 11th, and that two rebel leaders were killed.

Gen. Wolseley expects to reach Dongola with the Gordon relief expedition on November 7th. He is confident he will be able to accomplish his programme without difficulty.

M. Ferry says that, owing to the treachery of China, it is impossible to treat her as a civilized nation.

The Foo Chow correspondent of the London *Times* says that the French have destroyed all the defences along Min river, but the occupation of the mainland is impossible.

The imperial edicts and diplomatic circulars recently issued by Tsung Li Yamen indicate a spirit of defiance as the result of the Foo Chow disaster. Placards posted in the streets proclaim war with France, but enjoin the people under severe penalties not to molest the citizens of other nations.

A famine at Mysore is inevitable owing to the drought. The authorities are taking no steps to provide relief.

Cholera has undoubtedly appeared at Madrid, and in the Province of Alicante. It was brought there by a family from Cete. Another case has occurred in the city of Alicante, while at Nouelda, a few miles west, sixteen persons were attacked and five died. A sanitary cordon has been established about the town. There is much alarm at Madrid.