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Personal.

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Miscellaneous.

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THE DISPUTED TERRITORY.

Trouble in Rat Portage on the Liquor License Question.

WINNIPEG, Nov. 20.—The *Free Press* publishes a sensational despatch from Rat Portage, trying to make it appear that Attorney-General Miller's visit there was for the purpose of bulldozing the Manitoba Council into a course calculated to cause resistance by Mr. Mowat's officials.

The following despatch to the *Times* gives the facts regarding the trouble foreshadowed in THE MAIL telegram some days ago, when it was announced that Brigadier Burden was buying up all the fire-arms and arming the Grit specials:—"At a Council meeting held last night, at which Mr. Miller was present, it was resolved to take proceedings to restrain the Grit Council from acting in municipal affairs. The liquor licenses were also regulated.

"A summons was issued by the Manitoba Magistrate Brereton against Malcolm McQuarrie for selling liquor without a license. McQuarrie ignored the summons, whereupon a warrant was issued for his arrest. Chief of Police Creighton, with four men, went this morning to arrest McQuarrie, when eighty of the Grit special constables stationed in the rear of the building rushed into the store and resisted the Manitoba force, handcuffing Chief Creighton and taking him to the Ontario gaol. Later McQuarrie made his appearance on the street, when he was arrested by Policeman Campbell. The signal was given by the ringleaders of the Mowat band, and Campbell was immediately surrounded and pounced upon by forty men, who dragged him to the Ontario gaol.

"Action will be taken by the Manitoba force to make a test case, but the Grit forces prefer to let it remain an open question. They have adopted the rioting principle to sustain themselves. The greatest excitement prevails, and indignation is freely expressed at the proceedings of the Mowat authorities. More trouble is momentarily expected."

The news has caused much excitement here.

Premier Norquay, when interviewed, said:—"Our sole object is to get Mr. Mowat's Government to consent to a reference of the question of jurisdiction to the Superior Court or some other competent tribunal as a preliminary step towards the settlement of the boundary question. We wish to protect the Municipal Council of Rat Portage, which is incorporated under Manitoba jurisdiction. We shall be happy to have a reference agreed to by the Mowat Government, the result of which will relieve both parties of the uncertainty of the jurisdiction claimed by them, and if the Mowat Government will submit to a friendly investigation before a competent tribunal we will be only too glad to consent. We are not acting in a hostile spirit, but merely wish to test our jurisdiction."

Attorney-General Miller returned from Rat Portage to-night. He says the disturbance to-day will hasten the settlement of the boundary question, and has no doubt as to Manitoba's position. Unless new and serious troubles take place the military will not be sent.

Constable Campbell has been bailed, so has Noxon, who was arrested about the same time. Chief Creighton has been remanded to gaol.

OBITUARY NOTES.

Baron Samuel Jones-Lloyd Overstone is dead, aged 88.

Mr. John Simeon, M.P. for Dewsbury, is dead, aged 65.

Sheik Obeidallah, a Khurdish chief, has died of cholera at Mecca.

Rev. Wm. Murphy, Episcopal minister of London, Ont., who has been superannuated for some time, died on Monday, after a long illness.

Never say die while you can get a box of Notman's Laxative Tooth Paste. It is the best purgative in the world, and will cure constipation without fail.

On the feast of St. Edward the Confessor a large number of Roman Catholics visited his tomb in Westminster Abbey, where they prayed, counting their beads.

UNITED STATES.

A Budget of News from Over the Border.

Scarlet fever has broken out in the New Jersey State Model and Normal School at Trenton.

The meanest man has been found at Atlantic City. He pulled his daughter's teeth out to discourage the attentions of her young man.

Increased consumption and a short crop have caused an increase of from ten to forty per cent. in the price of leaf tobacco in New York.

Senator Plumb, of Kansas, is resolved to keep abreast of the times. He subscribes regularly for as many as two hundred newspapers.

Secretary Folger recommends the retirement of trade dollars and their use as bullion to keep the coinage up to the legal standard.

The indications are that the internal revenue for the present fiscal year will amount to $150,000,000, or $20,000,000 more than estimated.

New York Treasury officials are looking for $20,000 worth of diamonds which, it is reported, have been recently smuggled into that port from France.

The Garfield Monument Fund now amounts to from $125,000 to $130,000. The collections made by the Knights Templar will probably swell it to $150,000.

Anti-Polygamy societies are forming at Salt Lake, and every Gentile camp meeting in Utah and Idaho. They will be extended to other Pacific States and Territories.

The presence of white ants in the State House at Boston causes some alarm. It is feared that they may have attacked the wooden girders or stairway supports.

During the last fiscal year the increase of retail liquor licenses in Maine compared with the previous year was 136, Vermont 27, New Hampshire 116, Rhode Island 14.

Andrew McLennan, a farmer of Blythewood, S.C., aged 116 years, on Tuesday married Martha Wilson, a widow of 27. The pair started on their bridal tour to New York.

Woman suffrage has triumphed in Washington Territory, the measure accomplishing it having passed all stages except receiving the Governor's signature, which will be affixed forthwith.

Admiral Porter, in his report to Secretary Chandler on the condition of the United States navy, recommends a liberal appropriation by Congress for an immediate increase in its strength.

Sherman and Grant were St. Louis men before the war; Grant drove in cordwood and Sherman was president of a horse-car line. Sheridan, meanwhile, was engaged in carting earth dug out of a canal.

It is reported that Mrs. Briggs, of Washington, known as a writer for the press over the signature of "Olivia," has devoted her property on Capitol hill, valued at $100,000, to that city to found a girls' school.

The Congregational Association of the South on Sunday adopted a resolution advocating equality among Christians of all races in religious communion, and strongly condemning the present system of separate churches for white and black Christians.

A letter has been discovered written by Andrew Jackson, declining the offer of a sarcophagus for his remains, on the ground that his Republican feelings and principles forbade him to allow his body to be placed in a receptacle made for monarchs.

It is reported that the remains of President Lincoln have been removed from their supposed resting-place at Springfield, and deposited in another portion of the monument known only to a select few, to prevent the success of any further attempt at desecration.

Temsen Walker, a white girl, eloped from Virginia with John Ash, coloured, recently. Mr. Walker reclaimed his daughter and persuaded her to apply for a divorce. Ash has filed an answer to the petition, in which he claims the girl did most of the love-making and planning the elopement.

The designs of the United States Naval Advisory Board for the new cruiser Chicago are made the subject of vigorous attack by the London *Engineer*, which, after condemning the principle and mode of construction, winds up by stating with regard to her boilers that it is simply inviting destruction to go to sea with them.

Lafayette Cook, who died mysteriously at South Auburn, Me., on Sunday night, was warned of death by a partridge which flew around him a number of times, sat on his shoulder, and pecked at his face. The bird remained with him half an hour, and then flew in the direction of the burying ground. Soon after Cook fell into a trance, when his death was foretold.

A party recently set out from New Orleans to explore the unknown region called the Florida Everglades. Despatches just received state that the party is in imminent danger of destruction, the saw grass which abounds in that region, growing to a height of ten feet, being on fire, the flames raging over miles of country. The one hope is that the explorers themselves fired the grass to facilitate their progress; if not, and they had entered the region, nothing but the direct interposition of Providence could rescue them from a horrible death.

In a recent discourse Rev. Henry Ward Beecher remarked that the evils of intemperance surpassed all other evils put together, but he thought their immediate extinction impossible. Maine, he said, has failed by legislation to clear out drinking. In Kansas the sale of liquors has increased since the passing of the constitutional amendment, and Iowa is just like it. This is a discouraging report from the rev. gentleman. The fact is, legislation is only a small factor in the suppression of drunkenness; even the Guelph *Mercury* admits that the Crooks Act has failed in that direction.

Mary Churchill, who created so much excitement by mysteriously disappearing from her home in St. Louis, has been found. After being tracked from place to place she was at length discovered behind an ironing board in the laundry of the Indianapolis Insane Asylum. She was a highly educated girl, with kind parents, and surrounded by all the luxuries which ought to make home happy. Yet she abandons all these, not from some freak of romantic love; not through an ambition to appear before the public as an actress or a singer; but simply to earn her own living. If Dr. Howard Crosby is right in recommending work for girls in wealthy homes to remove discontent, let the young men crowd round Mary Churchill. The young lady who can stand behind an ironing board, ten hours a day, six days a week, should not shirk the little domestic work devolving upon a wife.

A Brave Woman Succumbs to the Fell Destroyer.

NEWPORT, R.I., Nov. 20.—Miss Lewis, sister of Ida Lewis, "the Grace Darling of America," died this morning from consumption at Lime Rock lighthouse, within sight of the boats used by herself and sister in rescuing many lives from drowning. She was young and handsome.

Dime Novel-Readers Again.

MILWAUKEE, Nov. 14.—Paetz and McCullough, arrested for shooting Car Driver Grothe, when they attempted to steal his cash-box, confessed to-day. The accused are boys addicted to dime novel-reading. The police have evidence of their work as highwaymen in other cases. Grothe is still alive.

Uniting of a Giant and Giantess in the Bonds of Wedlock.

PITTSBURG, Nov. 20.—Patrick O'Brien, the Irish giant, and Christiana Dunz, the German giantess, were married to-day in the German Evangelical church. An immense concourse was present, including the Mayor and Council, the Mayor of Allegheny City, John McCullough, Margaret Mather, and others.

Complication Arising out of the Change of Time—A Very Particular Official.

BOSTON, Nov. 20.—The first legal complication arising from the change of time occurred to-day. Notice for the examination of a poor debtor was issued last week from the office of the Commissioner of Insolvency, returnable at ten o'clock this morning. The insolvent appeared at 9.45, standard time, but the commissioner ruled it was after ten, and defaulted him. The case will probably go to the Supreme Court.

Father, Mother, and Son Arrested for Counterfeiting.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 19.—Saturday evening Henry Rykert, a boy, was arrested for trying to pass counterfeit silver dollars. His mother called at the police station to learn whether the missing boy was heard from, when she was locked up. Later the father called to look for the wife and son, and was also arrested. Detectives searched their house, and found buried in the cellar a number of counterfeit dollars of a coinage which had circulated.

A Murderer Taken from Gaol and Hanged to a Tree.

FOWLER, Ind., Nov. 19.—Last night 300 masked men rode into the town, posted guards to warn away citizens, and went to the gaol, where they broke down the door with a sledge. They then proceeded to break the iron door leading to the cell of Jacob Nelling, who brutally murdered Atkinson Nelling. He met them at the door of the cell, dressed and ready to go to his doom. He was quickly walked to a carriage, in which was a rope. The only remark he made was "Go a little slow, gentlemen. I am older than some of you." He was taken to Oxford and hung immediately.

An Auburn Man Announces the Day of His Death Two Weeks Beforehand.

AUBURN, Me., Nov. 14.—Lafayette Cook, an eccentric citizen, two weeks ago predicted that he would die November 11th. On Sunday morning he remarked that he would never eat another breakfast with his family. He appeared to be in unusually good health, and went for a walk in the afternoon. Returning, he said he would prepare himself for a coffin, which he did, then bade his relatives good-bye, lay down on the lounge, soon fell asleep, and sank into a stupor from which he could not be aroused. A physician was summoned, but the man died on Monday morning. The *post-mortem* disclosed no evidence of poison.

Roasting a Man's Feet to Get his Money.

DENVER, Col., Nov. 16.—Peterson Olsen's house at Petersburg grove, seven miles from this city, was visited Wednesday night by four disguised men, who seized Olsen, threw him on the floor, and demanded to know where his money was concealed. He replied that he had none. After thoroughly searching the house to no purpose the robbers got willow switches and whipped his bare feet and legs until they were covered with blood. Still refusing, they built a large fire in the back yard, carried Olsen out, and proceeded to execute their threat to roast him alive. They placed his feet in the fire and literally roasted them. Even this terrible treatment would not open his mouth. The old man was then compelled to walk back to the house, where a scuffle ensued, during which the stove was overturned, disclosing a money-box containing $600, which the robbers took and decamped. There is no clue to the ruffians. Olsen will probably recover.

Coming to America Expecting a Home and Finding Poverty.

Willard Asylum for the Insane has among its inmates a Danish lady of good education, who, previous to her insanity, occupied a respectable position in society. Her delusion is that she is immensely wealthy—the queen of the universe. On all other subjects she is relatively rational, and converses with ease and fluency. She has the delusion that the asylum is her castle, built for her special benefit, and that the attendants and inmates are her servants. Recently she managed to elude the vigilance of the attendants and mail a letter to a brother in Denmark, stating that she had become wealthy and was living in a magnificent mansion, surrounded by luxury and attendants, and had abundance to provide for herself and family; and closed by urging him to accept her hospitality, and spend the balance of his life with her. Having frequently heard of the good luck of his countrymen in the land across the sea, he did not have a suspicion but what fortune had favoured his sister, and that she had actually become rich. He, therefore, proceeded immediately to close out his little tailoring business, in which he had managed, with difficulty, to support his family, and with the proceeds purchased tickets for the transportation of his wife and five children to central New York. Allowing the letter announcing his intention of coming only a few days' start, the little family took ship for America with light hearts and great expectations.

Arriving in New York, they set aside barely sufficient to take them to their destination, and spent the remainder in improving their appearance, so that they should not bring discredit upon their rich kinswoman. On reaching Ovid, they recognized Willard, from the description in the sister's letters. The cruel disappointment of the brother and his wife was pitiable. Instead of finding a wealthy sister to welcome them to her palatial abode, they found her in a hopeless condition, and an inmate of an insane asylum.

The "American Irish Secret Society."

The *Standard* publishes a long letter from a correspondent, whose good faith it says is beyond question, who professes to be a member of the "American Irish Secret Society." The writer expresses regret at having joined the organization, and says every one is watching the other; that he is a paid officer; that he must keep himself acquainted with the whereabouts of 228 men, to whom he is required to hand sealed orders; that everything the society is done with the greatest secrecy by ballot, and that no one knows the other's business, although several may have similar tasks to perform. The writer believes some employés of the post-office are members of the society, as it is known at headquarters when a member receives a letter whence and from whom it comes. He says the "old man" has reorganized everything since the last great failure, and that some new movement is contemplated, as thirty of his party have left for an unknown destination. All of them have received English money. The writer concludes as follows:—"It is cruel tyranny, and once the oath is taken a member surrenders his liberty, and spies watch his every step."

Our Canadian Silk Industry

is prosperous. The great difficulty to be contended with is the low grade of goods required. In nothing is this more apparent than in the comparatively small article of sewing silks. The great demand in Canada seems to be for a cheap quality, buyers forgetting that a cheap thread must necessarily be a fine and consequently a weak one. Messrs. Belding, Paul & Co. make three grades of spool silk; of these different qualities the poorest one has by far the largest sale, at the same time they constantly hear of complaints of poor sewing silk. If ladies will take the trouble to ask for Belding Paul & Co's. own brand, *and see that their name is on the end of each spool*, they will be sure of getting the best made.

The receipts of the American Missionary Association for the financial year just ended were $312,000,567.29, an increase of $14,982.84 over the previous year.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE

General Gleanings from Distant Lands.

EUROPE.

A grant will be asked by the German Government for the construction of fifty torpedo boats.

The Crown Prince of Germany will have a meeting with the King of Italy on his return from Spain.

Germany will send a special envoy to Pekin to endeavour to arrange an amicable termination of the Franco-Chinese difficulty.

The claims of Egypt and Bulgaria to negotiate treaties of commerce with foreign powers on their own behalf are disputed by Turkey.

Princess Louis of Battenberg will marry Princess Victoria of Hesse at Darmstadt in February. The Prince of Wales attends the ceremony.

A Nihilist editor in St. Petersburg in a poem bitterly attacks the Czar, and contrasts court splendour with the general misery of the nation.

A Constantinople despatch says the Porte declined to admit the claims of Egypt and Bulgaria that they can negotiate treaties of commerce directly with foreign States.

The French press is denounced by the German official organ for having, by its anti-German crusade, paralysed every branch of business by keeping alive the fear of impending war with Germany.

Cardinal Hohenlohe, who was summoned by the Pope to Rome for the purpose, as understood, of offering him the alternative of yielding or being expelled from the College of Cardinals, has refused to comply with the summons.

Prince Alexander of Bulgaria has signed an agreement with Russia by which he appoints his own Minister of War, subject to the Czar's approval, and all Russian officers serving in the Bulgarian army will render him obedience.

A Nihilist paper in St. Petersburg states that the agrarian troubles in Russia are increasing, owing to the deplorable state of the rural population. Conflicts between peasants and landlords, calling for military intervention, are frequent.

A Berlin despatch says:—The warmth of the Crown Prince's reception at Genoa has given much gratification here. The presence of a Russian admiral with two Russian corvettes is regarded as a special mark of the Czar's friendship, and as having a political significance.

A Rome despatch says:—While the Communal Council was discussing the motion in favour of entrusting priests with religious instruction in municipal schools, a crowd burst into the hall and commenced whistling and shouting. The greatest disorder prevailed. The hall was finally cleared, and the discussion was resumed with closed doors. There were several arrests.

It is believed the report that a papal nuncio will be sent to the United States is unfounded. The object of the Conference of the American Bishops at Rome is simply to settle points of Irish discipline. No dogmatic questions are involved. The advisability of holding a plenary council of the United States is probably being discussed.

A Belgrade despatch says: Theodorevitch, editor of the *Samoupravz*, the Radical organ, who was recently arrested for complicity in the rebellion, died lately in the fortress here, in which he has been confined since arrested. He had refused to take food since the first day of his imprisonment. The other members of the Radical committee are still confined in chains in the fortress. It is stated they will be pardoned. A court-martial has sentenced to death Pope Miolje, a schoolmaster named Provolitch, and a peasant belonging to Boljevatz, leaders of the revolt in the Boljevatz district. A special commission is sitting at Zaitchar trying the leaders in that district. Regular reserves have been enrolled and installed in the barracks here in place of the troops despatched to the interior to suppress the rebellion.

Narrow Escape of the Prime Minister of France.

PARIS, Nov. 15.—While Prime Minister Ferry was in the Senate chambers, a man of 18 went to the Ministry of Public Instruction and asked to see M. Ferry. The latter's secretary informed the youth that M. Ferry was absent. The stranger left, but returned ten minutes later and forced his way into the reception-room, holding in his hand a revolver, which he kept pointed as if ready to fire. An official seized him, and after a struggle overpowered him. While being held he shouted, "Vive La République sociale!" "Vive La Commune!" The revolver was fully loaded, and thirty cartridges were found on the youth, who gave the name of Currieu. He said he was a baker by trade, and that the murder of the French Ministers had been agreed upon at a meeting of a secret society at Lille. He had come to Paris to execute the mandate, and regretted he had not been successful. He said that as soon as he was liberated from prison he would make another attempt, which would be successful. A physician has examined Currieu, and pronounced him a lunatic.

Physicians state that Curieu, who endeavoured to shoot M. Ferry, is suffering from the effects of a recent attack of typhus fever. He does not belong to an Anarchist society.

Later inquiry into the antecedents of Currieu shows that the prisoner is not a madman but a fanatic holding ideas of a violent nature. It is known that he frequented meetings of Anarchists at Lille and Roubaix.

ASIA.

The French Government have decided to reinforce their fleet in Chinese waters.

Admiral Courbet, commanding the French forces in Tonquin, is rumoured to be seriously ill.

Marquis Tseng, the Chinese ambassador to Paris, is stated to have been educated by the Jesuits, and is a member of the order.

There is much uneasiness among European residents in China, the prospect of war with France being too near to be pleasant for them.

It is stated that Chinese troops are being concentrated at Canton in order to keep back the Black Flags when the French drive them from Tonquin.

A Calcutta despatch says the Ameer of Afghanistan has caused the execution of a number of persons suspected of favouring the projects of Ayoob Khan, and expelled a number of others.

A Shanghai despatch says many coolies who went to Hankow for the tea season are remaining there in the hope of being enlisted. The presence of a large number of unemployed natives alarms the foreigners, who have asked that a gunboat be sent for their protection.

It is asserted that Admiral Courbet has advised the French Government to declare war against China, and that the admiral has been ordered to act in accordance with the requirements of the situation. Another report is to the effect that there is no basis for this rumour.

A Shanghai despatch says:—An aide-de-camp of Peng-Yulin has arrived at Hankow to raise a force of twenty thousand volunteers for military service in the event of war between France and China. Foreigners in China are uneasy, while the "Lily Society," a secret organization, is reported again active.

The military situation in Tonquin is unchanged, the attack on Sontay and Bacninh being postponed in consequence of its doubtful success. It is again stated that England's mediation has been accepted by the disputants, but denied almost in the same breath. It is stated that many British vessels have recently been bought or chartered in London by agents of French commercial houses, and it is believed that they are secretly acting for the French Government, which is in this way preparing means of transport in readiness for a declaration of war.

Referring to the threatened bombardment of Canton, the Marquis Tseng assures France that China is receiving from all sides the greatest encouragement to precipitate the conflict, and these encouragements are frequently made in the shape of offers of material assistance of every kind. The Marquis repeats his ultimatum, which is very different from what it was last July:—"France may hold all the ports and villages her troops have captured south of the Red river, but China insists upon holding Bacninh and the line of the river as mentioned." And this line it may be assumed, France will eventually accept, and with this should be perfectly satisfied.

AFRICA.

It is reported in Paris that several towns of Madagascar will be bombarded by the French.

Official despatches show that the evacuation of Cairo by the British was the result of the persistent demands of the Egyptian Government.

A Cairo despatch says it is reported that a detachment of Egyptian troops have been surprised and routed near Tokar or Sinkat. The British consul at Suakim, who was with the Egyptians, is missing.

Latest news from Khartoum and Kordofan represents Hicks Pasha's column in good condition. A vessel has been despatched to Suakim to discover the fate of the British consul, Commander Moncrieff, of the Royal navy, who is missing.

A letter from Jeddah confirms the report of the death of Commander Moncrieff and the annihilation of the Egyptian force with him. The force, which numbered five hundred men, landed at Toka, when it was cut to pieces; only fourteen escaped. The convict station at Toka is in the hands of the rebels.

It is stated that another Egyptian tribe has revolted at Sennar. The situation has become extremely critical. Either Hicks Pasha, the commander of the Egyptian troops, must retire, or a strong contingent of Sir Evelyn Wood's army must start forthwith to the scene of operations. The whole movement is due to the slave traders of Upper Egypt, who profess to act in the name of El Mehdi, the false prophet.

Advices from the British fleet on the west coast of Africa state that recently 150 English sailors were sent up the Niger to punish the natives at different points on that river for outrages upon explorers and traders. After shelling the town of Aboh at the head of the Delta they ascended to Egga, a large town 300 miles from the mouth of the Niger. Here they landed and were at once attacked by the natives. A fierce fight ensued, in which three seamen were killed and several wounded. The attacking party of natives were driven to the bush, and the sailors returned to the fleet.

Hicks Pasha's Defeat.

The latest official account of the fighting at Toka states that the Egyptians lost eleven officers and 142 men, besides six Turks and several Greeks. They also lost one gun and 300 rifles. About 340 of them regained their ship. The Egyptians during the fight formed a hollow square, when a small number of the enemy locked their shields together and rushed through the Egyptian line. An immediate panic among the Egyptians ensued. It is doubtful if black troops can be spared from Massowah, which is in the same critical position as Suakim. The British gunboat Ranger has been ordered from Aden to Suakim.

The Governor of Suakim has telegraphed the Khedive that although the Bedouins were formerly subjects of the Soudan, they have now latterly attempted to shake off their allegiance to the Egyptian Government. The chief members of the Radical committee are still confined in chains in the fortress. It is stated they will be pardoned. A court-martial has sentenced to death Pope Miolje, a schoolmaster named Provolitch, and a peasant belonging to Boljevatz, leaders of the revolt in the Boljevatz district. A special commission is sitting at Zaitchar trying the leaders in that district. Regular reserves have been enrolled and installed in the barracks here in place of the troops despatched to the interior to suppress the rebellion.

GENERAL.

There were eighteen deaths from yellow fever at Havana during the past week.

A Commercial treaty between the United States and Spain is proposed by the latter power, in which the interests of Cuba are to be considered.

The Mexican Congress has found a true bill against Governor Castillo, of Vera Cruz, for abuse of power while prefect of Cordoba four years ago.

Seven hundred unarmed Indians have been wantonly slaughtered by a column of Chilian troops under General Caceres, who made no effort to stop the massacre.

A royal decree has been issued ordering that the law for the abolition of slavery in Cuba shall receive the widest and most favourable interpretation possible in the direction of benefiting the objects of the measure.

Panama advices state that the question of the Presidential succession of the Republic of Columbia will probably lead to bloodshed, the opponent of Dr. Nunez, the President-elect, declaring that he was not fairly elected. Both sides are making overtures to the army to secure its support.

M. de Lesseps proposes, in the event of a second Suez canal being constructed, that one should be used for vessels going to, and the other for those returning from, the Red sea. An Anglo-Egyptian syndicate have offered to provide the capital if the Government will build the new canal.

The Cuban Government has given permission to about one hundred planters residing at Puerto Principe to exterminate a party of bandits which has been committing depredations in that district. Yesterday seven masked men entered a plantation near Hoyo Colorado, belonging to the Marquis Caso Penalver, and stole $5,000 and a number of important documents.

America's Greatest Horse Dealer.

I. H. Dahlman, New York city, said:—"I handle from 9,000 to 10,000 horses annually. I handle very few Clydesdales. The great proportion of the draft horses I sell are grade Percheron-Normans. They are docile, intelligent, easily broken, steady in harness, powerful, compactly built, standing work on the pavements better than any other breed."—*Chicago Tribune.* The introduction of French horses is largely due to M. W. Dunham, of Wayne, Ill., who has imported and bred nearly 1,400, which have been distributed to all parts of the United States and Canada for breeding purposes. He now has on hand about 500.

The four-mile match, the third of the series between George and Snook, in England, has been abandoned, as has been the 150-yard sprint between Ritchie and Cowie. Snook "is satisfied that he cannot make a race of it with George at four miles," and Ritchie "cannot spare the time from his studies" to run Cowie 150 yards.

Mr. H. McCaw, Custom-house, Toronto, writes:—"My wife was troubled with Dyspepsia and Rheumatism for a long time; she tried many different medicines, but did not get any relief until she used Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and Dyspeptic Cure. She has taken two bottles of it, and now finds herself in better health than she has been for years."

GREAT BRITAIN.

Items of Interest from the United Kingdom.

Sir Charles Tupper has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Colonial Institute.

Gladstone is about entering upon his fifty-second year in the English Parliament.

Her Majesty's health has greatly improved during her stay in Balmoral, though she cannot yet take much pedestrian exercise.

The Queen has intimated that she will herself invest the Duke of Argyll with the ribbon and insignia of the Garter.

The trial of O'Donnell will probably be postponed for a week, in consequence of the non-arrival of witnesses from the Cape of Good Hope.

Counsel for O'Donnell's defence requiring more time, the trial will probably be postponed. Mr. Sullivan may be prevented from appearing by his illness.

Burgan, late manager of the Union Bank of Birmingham, has been convicted of forging bills of exchange and falsifying accounts, and sentenced to fifteen years.

The Duke of Edinburgh is giving up fiddling and sea-going and means to turn farmer, and introduce to England some agricultural novelties from Russia.

It is feared that over-production and the keen competition of German manufacturers will render necessary the shutting down of many iron works in Great Britain.

Mr. Healey, member of Parliament for Monaghan, who is seeking admission to the Irish Bar, has been blackballed by the Dublin Law Students' Debating Society.

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