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FROM Yesterday's Edition!

[For the benefit of those who were unable to secure copies of Yesterday's issue, we reprint on this page a portion of Yesterday's contents. All of the reading matter on inside pages, however, has been set up specially for this number.]

The Shooting Affair, in the Police Court.

CONTINUATION OF THE EVIDENCE.

The Whitman-Isaacs shooting case was resumed this morning before Justice Gilbert at the City Police Court.

DONALD MCDONALD

was the first witness sworn. He was in the office of the hotel at the time; did not see the firing, but a quarter of an hour afterwards went into the dining room and picked up two bullets, which he gave to the Chief of Police.

Cross-examined.—Had no conversation with any one about what I was to say at this examination. Saw marks on the ceiling where the bullets struck. Whitman was a nice enough man when he is sober; but pretty cross when he is drunk. He was drunk most of the time. He generally quarrelled with small men when he was drunk.

JAMES H. MCAVITY,

of T. McAvity & Sons, said he saw the prisoner, Isaacs, on Friday last. He bought a small sized pistol from me. Don't know that the one in Mr. Guthrie's possession is the one. It's not a Smith & Wesson. Don't know the maker. He bought a box of cartridges also.

Cross-examined:—It was about five o'clock he purchased the pistol. He had been in about one o'clock the same day. He came in in consequence of an appointment made to meet me before six o'clock. It is usual for commercial travellers to travel with pistols. Ninety-nine out of a hundred of them carry them. Can't swear the pistol produced is the one purchased from me. The box of cartridges has our private mark. Isaacs remarked at the time he bought his pistol he had left his home and hoped to God he wouldn't have occasion to use it. He didn't pay for the pistol. The firm for which he was selling, he said, would pay for it. He tried the cartridges to see if they would suit the pistol; that's generally done by parties purchasing a pistol. We filled the chambers at the time, and I don't know whether the cartridges were taken out.

WILLIAM ROGERS,

waiter in the Waverly, on Friday evening between six and seven o'clock, waited on Isaacs at the table. He was very civil to me. He was there about a minute, when Whitman called to me "to fetch a screen to place between him and the object;" that he could not eat or relish anything before a nigger or Jew crucifier. Isaacs then got up and said to Whitman, you are no gentleman, at the same time placing his hand behind in his pocket, saying, you have insulted me this afternoon and at the tea table and if you insult me any more I'll fix you! Whitman got up and said, you are a damned coward, and prisoner then got up. Mr. McShane pulled Whitman down saying, you have insulted that gentleman. Isaacs then sat down a second time. Whitman got up again and the prisoner got up, placing his hand in the same position he did at first. Mr. McShane caught hold of Whitman, and some others also caught him. He tried to get away from them. Just before he got to the end of the table Whitman got away from McShane and Doctor DeWolfe, just as Whitman got to the end of the table;

I SAW A FLASH

and the pistol went off. Isaacs held the pistol. Whitman and Isaacs were only three or four feet apart when the pistol went off. Don't know whether Whitman was rushing for the door or Isaacs when the pistol was fired. The shot struck the ceiling, as the pistol was pointed too high. I know the mark made by the bullet was from the first discharge by the direction. Isaacs fired at the time. After the first shot was fired Whitman ran into the office and then came in again and rushed towards the prisoner, when the second shot was fired. After the second shot Whitman grabbed the prisoner and scuffled with him till they got near the end of the third table, throwing the table to one side, and they fell on the floor, Whitman on top. I saw the revolver, the barrel pointed towards myself, and I thought I'd shift to the other end for fear it would go off. After I moved

THE PISTOL WENT OFF AGAIN,

and the bullet went into the ceiling about three feet from where I stood. The crowd then rushed in and parted them. The prisoner was put in charge of the porter and myself till the police came. The porter asked him why he did not tell Mr. Guthrie when he was insulted. He said he had been so outrageously insulted he didn't know what to do.

On cross examination, he again testified to the insults to Isaacs and Whitman's drunkenness. Didn't hear Mr. Guthrie say he would sacrifice Isaacs on the spot, and take the law into his own hands after the affray.

ALEX. STEWART,

steward of the Waverley, recited the incidents connected with the first altercation between Whitman and Isaacs, and testified to the former having at that time challenged Isaacs to "take out your revolver and I'll take out mine." He spoke to the shooting affair, much to the same effect as other witnesses, as well as to Whitman's drinking habits and violence when drunk. The evidence of

JAMES REDMOND,

a waiter, threw no new light on the affair. He was certain Isaac was so excited he didn't know what he was doing.

Whitman has not yet put in an appearance. Mr. Alward wished Dr. DeWolfe summoned. Further hearing of the case was adjourned till to-morrow, at 10 A. M., bail for the prisoner being refused in the meantime.

Dr. James Christie wishes us to correct our report of his evidence of yesterday, by stating that his reference to Whitman's personal habits was to the effect that "when he was intoxicated he was always talking of some imaginary person who was a dammed coward and wouldn't fight." The Doctor did not wish to convey the impression that Whitman "always appeared to want to fight."

Too Late.

The warning of the St. John TRIBUNE came too late. Ottawa has now her soup kitchen in running order.—[Ottawa Free Press.

Ocean Steamers.

The Steamers "North American" (which sailed from Liverpool 21st ult.) and "Moravian" (28th ult.) put into Saint John's Newfoundland, 10th instant, for coal—having experienced very heavy weather.

Dangerous Street.

That portion of Dorchester Street leading from Sewell Street towards the Railway Station, is in a very unsafe condition and seems to have been uncared for all winter. Falls are frequent there, and several persons have been injured. It is not fair to the persons who pass that way to keep it in such a state.

Personal.

The Charlotte town *Argus* says of Rev. Mr. Sprague, now laboring in Portland (St. John,) that he is "one of the cleverest young men ever owned by P. E. Island."

Rev. Peter M. Morrison, at present pastor of the Presbyterian congregation at Bridgewater, N. S., was recently presented by his friends with a purse of $126. Mr. M's friends in St. John, St. Stephen and other parts of this Province will learn with pleasure of the esteem in which he is held in his present field of labor.

Handsome Marriage Certificates.

Mr. Day supplies a blank Marriage Certificate, which some of the Clergy appear to prize highly. It is on stiff, well finished paper, is neatly printed in red and blue colors, with an ornamental border. Altogether, it is something which the Minister will feel pleasure in handing over to the bride, and the bride will deem worthy of special preservation.

Complimentary Notice.

The *Citizen*, which originated the phrase, "Hospitable Halifax," says of a political opponent who was not offered Spanish honors:—"The wonder only is that all the Ottawa ring were not so decorated; but then some of those, such as Mr. Tupper, have a French title already, *Chevalier d' Industrie*, which is fashionable Parisian for Swindler of the First Order." We trust that it was not our esteemed Parisian friend, Mr. Garvie, who was guilty of this piece of bad taste.

Masonic.

The Grand Master and officers of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, officially visit Carleton Union Lodge this evening in their beautiful new Hall, which is said to have been very elegantly furnished. A large number of the brethren will probably go over with the Grand Master. It is arranged that the Ferry boat shall leave at 7 30 *sharp*, to accommodate them.

Recovering.

Mrs. Thomas, Senr., of Rothesay, who fell on Rocky Hill yesterday, in consequence of a sudden faintness and dizziness overcoming her, was much better to-day.

New Rifle Corps.

A number of young men belonging to some of the principal business establishments in our city, are engaged in endeavoring to form a Rifle Corps in connexion with the Volunteer battalion now reorganizing. They purpose to have it so arranged that the drill shall not interfere with business hours, and this of itself should be a great inducement to all young men not before connected in any way with the movement, to give it their aid and support. Should these young men, now numbering from 40 to 45, succeed in obtaining what they are so strenuously working for, others will probably follow their example. It is to be hoped they will receive every assistance from the Militia, and that their undertaking will prove successful. In the course of a few days a meeting will be held, of which due notice will be given, when, it is hoped, all interested in the movement will attend.

The Westmorland Election.

We publish to-day the Election Card of Robert A. Chapman, Esq., of Rockland, who is a candidate for the vacancy in Westmoreland. It will be noticed that Mr. Chapman takes direct issue with the Local Government.

Mr. John A. Humphries, of Moncton, publishes his Card in the Sackville *Post*, which announces that Mr. E. A. Walsh, of Botsford, will also be a candidate.

Our information leads us to believe that Mr. A. E. Killam, of Petitcodiac, is favorably regarded by many in the Upper Parishes, more so than Mr. Humphries, and that requisitions to him are in course of signature.

BY TELEGRAPH.

British and Foreign.

[*Special Telegrams to the Daily Tribune.*]

PARIS, Jan. 15.

The Assembly to-day resumed discussion of taxes.

President Thiers addressed the Assembly, and, alluding to

THE TREATIES OF 1860,

characterized them as fatal to the true interests of France, detestable and intolerable.

THE REDS

are becoming active in Lyons, and the authorities are exercising more than usual vigilance to prevent an outbreak.

MITRAILLEUSES

have been seized in the house of a carpenter at Bordeaux.

VIENNA, Jan. 15.

Both houses of Reischrath have adopted, without amendment,

AN ADDRESS TO THE CROWN,

calling its attention to the manifest increase of discontent among the subjects of the various portions of the Empire, arising from recent misgovernment, and particularly opposing an increase of taxation for military purposes.

WASHINGTON, Jan 15.

In the Supreme Court, Associate Justice Strong delivered the opinion of the Court affirming the constitutionality of the

LEGAL TENDER ACTS

of Congress, Justices Swain, Davis, Miller and Bradley concurring.

Chief Justice Chase delivered a dissenting opinion for himself and Justices Field, Clifford and Nelson.

Judge Nelson was absent.

NEW YORK, Jan 16.

The Grand Jury in Oyer and Terminer Court brought in yesterday morning

AN INDICTMENT AGAINST STOKES

as the murderer of James Fisk Jr. He will be arraigned to-day.

The Grand Jury of Oyer and Terminer Court, concluding that they are

AN ILLEGAL BODY,

have applied to Judge Ingraham for discharge. They were counselled to finish the business on hand and not commence new work.

It is reported that the same Grand Jury have decided not to continue the investigation into charges against Judge Barnard, which will stand over for the next Grand Jury.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 15.

Steamer *America*, from China and Japan, has arrived, and brings an

IMPERIAL JAPANESE EMBASSY,

consisting of Twakura, Prime Minster of Japan and Envoy Extraordinary to the Treaty power; Kedo, a member of the Imperial Privy Council and Assistant Ambassador; Akaba, Chief Minister of Finance and Assistant Ambassador; Ito, Assistant Minister of Public Works and Ambassador of Second Rank; Hama Guchi, Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs and Ambassador of the Second Rank.

LONDON, Jan. 15.

The hearing of

THE TICHBORNE CASE

was resumed to day.

Sir Jas. Duke Coleridge opened for the defence. He said that the testimony they proposed to offer would show the claimant was a conspirator, perjurer and forger; in fact, a common imposter and villain, and that Baigent and Carter, accomplices, were unscrupulous rogues and concoctors of this stupendous imposture. The speech of the distinguished Counsel was received in a crowded Court-house with applause, which was immediately suppressed.

The distinguished counsel read a number of letters showing that the real Sir Roger Tichborne was a refined gentleman; in point of fact, the very opposite of the claimant; and announced that he would call among the witnesses for the defence a nobleman who had tattooed the genuine Sir Roger, and would also produce upon the stand a cousin of Sir Roger, Madame Radcliffe, who would swear to the effect that the claimant told a falsehood in respect to those charges which affected her.

[The brief despatch to the Associated Press contains the following additional items:—

LONDON, Jan. 15.

A STRIKE

occurred to-day among the compositors of Stuttgart, and workmen of Charlereroi, for higher wages and a reduction of hours of labor.

THE ITALIAN PARLIAMENT

reassembles to-morrow.

The Imperial Japanese Embassy numbering 105 persons, arrived at Sanfrancisco to-day, comprising persons of highest rank ever sent abroad.

FIVE JAPANESE PRINCESSES

go to Vassar College.

A fire at Roshiwara, Japan, burned 400 houses and 80 women; caused by kerosene.

Political troubles continue in New Orleans.

Matters in Ontario.

INTERERTING FACTS AND OCCURRENCES.

Some of our Ontario Special Despatches have reached us too late for publication on the day intended. They contain some interesting news items, however, which are still supplied in advance of the mails. We quote:

A Convention of Reformers at Brockville, on Friday, chose Lieutenant Colonel Buell candidate to contest South Leeds at next election for the House of Commons. The Conservatives, also, held a Convention and nominated Harry B. Abbott, President of the Brockville and Ottawa Railway.

A Sewing Machine Agent, while driving from Orangeville to Alton lately, was fired on from a wood several times, but not struck. About Christmas, while the same man was driving near Orangeville, a man sprang out of a swamp and seized his horse by the head. The robber refusing to let go, the man fired, and the robber, uttering a piercing shriek and falling into a ditch, the Agent drove away.

John Brown, a hotel-keeper and Division Court Bailiff, hanged himself yesterday (Friday.) Supposed cause—intemperance.

At the Episcopal Methodist Burying Ground of Marvin, near Napanee, on Tuesday night, the grave stones of Elizabeth Gardiner, and the Scotch Granite monument of Mrs. Jas. Gardiner, which cost $500, were battered to pieces by some person unknown.

The pigeon match, between Bogardus, of Chicago, and Payne, of New York, which was prevented near New York a few days ago, by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, came off on Friday, at Fort Erie:—100 birds each; Bogardus hit 66; Payne, 66.

At a meeting of the Toronto Volunteer Relief Fund Committee, on Saturday, the Secretary reported a balance on hand of $5,802. This, it was decided, to distribute *pro rata* among the subscribers.

George Sayers fell into a tank of hot water in Bell's Organ Factory, Guelph, on Saturday; he was scalded from the armpits downwards. Small hopes of his recovery.

Taylor's Oil Refinery, at Wyoming, with 550 bbls. of oil it contained, was destroyed by fire on Saturday morning. Loss, $15,000; no insurance.

Travis, convicted of murder last week, has had the execution of his sentence postponed till 22nd Feby.

Sheard was re-elected Mayor of Toronto, yesterday.

A man, two women and two children were burned to death on Sunday morning in a house at Bradford.

Sir John A. McDonald is expected in Toronto this week.

A despatch from Fort Garry says, that Petitions for the reprieve of the Fenian Letendre, have been sent to Ottawa.

There is still a serious division in the Manitoba Cabinet, and a prospect of their defeat on the opening of the house.

The Provincial Treasurer will not accept a Dominion Senatorship till he sees if his government will be sustained.

A Powder-House Blown Up.

ONE MAN KILLED AND SEVERAL WOUNDED.

ROCKLAND, Jan. 13.

About 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon a powder-house at the granite quarry near Cedar Point, Vinalhaven, was accidentally blown up, killing one of the quarrymen and severely wounding several others who were near at hand.

The particulars of the accident, as near as can be ascertained from the survivors, were its follows:—

A blast had been prepared in the ledge, the hole heavily charged and the fuse lighted, when, as customary, the men at work in the vicinity, six or seven in number, ran up some distance back of the powder house, which stood near the quarry, to be out of the way of the flying fragments. The charge exploded as usual, and the men were returning to their work, when another loud explosion close at hand was heard, and an instant afterwards the whole contents of the powder-house—thirty-two kegs of blasting powder—blew up with a tremendous shock. The fragments of the building were thrown hundreds of yards in every direction, ponderous blocks of granite were hurled into the air like feathers before the wind; tools, boards and other articles lying on the ground within a long distance of the spot, disappeared like a flash, and the ledge where the house stood was swept as bare as with a broom. The men were thrown down and pitched and rolled headlong for a long distance, bruised and battered by contact with the rocks and the shower of heavy missiles which a moment after the explosion rained down upon them, their clothing torn and burned nearly off their bodies, and their skin scorched and blackened by the fiery blast. It was some time before any of them were able to ascertain the extent of the disaster, when those who could went to the aid of their companions more severely injured. One man, named Bryan, lay dead, the upper part of his skull blown completely away, and his brains scattered in every direction. Mr. Austin Mink, overseer at the quarry, was thrown many feet by the explosion, receiving, besides numberless cuts and bruises, internal injuries which it is thought will prove fatal. Another man was shockingly hurt, and his recovery is doubtful; the others still live, but most of them will carry marks of the accident with them all their lives.

The cause of the disaster was the carelessness of the workmen, who left the can of power out of which they charged the rock, standing outside the powder-house, and it is supposed that fire was communicated to this by a bit of burning fuse from the blast. The explosion of the can communicated fire to the powder in the house, which blew up as above stated.

FIENDISH ATTEMPT TO BLOW UP A POWDER-HOUSE IN ROCKLAND!

ROCKLAND, Jan. 13.

An attempt was made last night to blow up the powder-house of Messrs. Bird & Co., near Blackington's Corner, in this city. A keg of powder was taken from the house and carried across the road, and a fuse was attached to this and another fuse led from the keg to the powder-house. The keg of powder was exploded, but fortunately the explosion did not extend further. The powder-house contained more than 100 kegs of powder, and had it blown up the results would have been most disastrous.