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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

On the evening of Tuesday last, about 7 o'clock, a train on the Richmond, Drummond and Arthabaska Railway, coming from Yamaska ran over an obstruction which had been placed across the track by some diabolical scoundrels. Six platform cars were in front with about 70 laborers on them, the engine being in the rear and running at full speed when the accident occurred. About two miles from Yamaska, a man placed in front of a train with a light, made signals, when he seen there was danger and jumped overboard, as well as all the men on the same platform. Conductor Swan stopped the engine. Every one on the tender with him jumped over without any injuries, but two or three platforms were upset by the shock, and all the men on them were crushed under this fearful weight. The number killed is eleven, and twenty-five fearfully bruised.

Another railway accident occurred on the same day by which two men were killed and one fatally injured by a collision on the Hamilton and Dayton Railway. They were stealing a ride and were seated on the platform of the sleeping car.

We are glad to learn that the Hon. Mr. Geoffroy continues to improve in health, and will shortly be able to resume his place at the head of his Department.

At the Ottawa races on the 27th ult., there were three serious accidents. One of the riders, who was thrown while going over a hurdle, was fatally injured, and the other two had their legs broken.

Lt. Col. Thos. Ross, of the G. G. F. G., returned to Ottawa on the 29th ult. He was received at the station by a number of his friends and escorted to his residence.

A Mowatt & Son, of Ottawa, have been awarded the contract for the manufacture of such forage caps, jackets, trowsers, great coats, etc., as may be required for militia purposes for the year 1875-'76.

Petereborov' passed the Railroad By law yesterday, in aid of the Huron and Quebec Railway, granting \$150,000 to that enterprise.

Intense excitement prevails at Montreal, owing to the railroad disaster near Sorel.

A fine specimen of gold bearing quartz has been taken from the British Gold Mining Company's mines at Waverly (Nova Scotia) which is to be sent to the Philadelphia Centennial Exhibition. It is a rough chip of quartz just as cut from the solid rock. It measures 10 x 16 inches, is about three inches thick at the thickest part and weighs about 17 lbs. The face of it is streaked with veins of gold which doubtless extend through the rock from which it was taken.

Another disgraceful row occurred at Toronto on Sunday last, resulting in the wounding and maiming of several innocent persons, among the number the Hon. C. Fraser. Several arrests were made. The Police acted nobly.

Mackerel and herring, which have been very scarce during the season, are now striking in on the shores of Shelburne County.

The rifle match at Redford, Tuesday, between fifteen non commissioned officers, each of the 60th Royal Rifles and 87th Royal Irish Fusileers, 30 shots each, was won with a majority of 182 points by the Rifles.

Capt. J. J. Mason, of Hamilton, won the first prize in the Judd match at the annual meeting of the National Rifle Association, now going on at Creedmoor, N. Y.

A British Admiral with four men of war is now on the Chinese station. It is also reported that the artillery at Hong Kong and Singapore is to be increased.

Besides the lives lost at Inthanola during the late Texan cyclone, fifty-seven persons were drowned near the mouth of Brazos River. Three thousand head of live stock perished.

A hostile alliance has been concluded between China and Burmah; and it is highly probable that war will immediately be declared by Britain against those two countries, should the latter persist in disregarding their most solemn international obligations.

The Osage and other Western Indian tribes are on the "war path" in consequence, as usual, of the United States authorities not keeping faith with them in regard to furnishing supplies.

The crop prospects throughout the United States are, upon the whole, considered favourable.

The American fishing fleet off Cape Breton, have, so far, met with poor success, mackerel being very scarce.

The Great Powers have most earnestly exhorted the Porte and Servian Government to avoid any precipitate act.

Despatches from the Swedish Arctic Expedition report its arrival at Hammerfest Norway. All the officers and men are well.

The difficulty between Great Britain and China is still unsettled, the latter power being dilatory in carrying out its agreement.

Ned O'Baldwin, commonly known as the Irish giant, was shot dead in a quarrel by his partner Michael Fimmel.

A ministerial crisis is said to be pending at Belgrade, Servia, in consequence of the irreconcilable dissensions in the Cabinet on the question of peace or war. The members comprising the minority in the Servian Chamber of Deputies have resigned in a body.

The Court martial to investigate the sinking of the steamer Vanguard concluded today. The court find that the cause of the sinking of the ship was owing to the great speed maintained.

It is said that an important copper mine has been discovered at St. Jean Port Joli: the copper much resembles that of the famous Lake Superior mine.

Exciting rumors come from Vienne, to the effect that the Porte is about to invade Servian territory.

The Servian Army of Observation, on the Turkish frontier, has been increased to 24,000 men.

The damage to crops by the floods is reported to be enormous in Longford, Kerry and Tipperary, Ireland. At Cork the floods have subsided, but it is believed several persons were drowned.

Belgrade papers are publishing alarming reports to the effect that Turke are preparing to attack the Servian frontier.

It is reported that the Sublime Porte has notified the Servian Government that it is about to occupy the Island of Little Redout in the River Drina, which is claimed by Servia. The Servian Government opposes the project.

The address in answer to Prince Milan's speech, proposed by the minority of the Skuptschina, has not been published. It has been ascertained that it demanded the immediate declaration of war against Turkey; the reform of the bureaucratic abuses, and a wholesale dismissal of the officials, and absolute liberty of the press. Epidemics have appeared among the Turkish and in surgent camps. Servia, replying to Turkey's complaint about the Servians invading Bosnia, declares her inability to restrain her people any more than Austria, which has not prevented at least a thousand Croats from joining the Herzegovinians.

Two letters with maps have been received at the Daily Telegraph office from Mr Stanley the African explorer. Both letters are dated from the village of Kaghobiji, district of Uchumbi, in the country Tsukuma, situated on the Victoria Nyanza, the first on March 1 and the other May 15. In the beginning of March Stanley had reached the shores of the Victoria Nyanza Lake, having accomplished the remarkable march of 720 miles in 103 days. During the journey he passed through a totally new country, much of it covered by primeval forest and jungle. In this forest country he suffered greatly from hunger, and was engaged for several days in a conflict with a fierce treacherous people called the Natura, in which he lost twenty-one of his followers. With his diminished force Stanley made a close survey of the great lake, Victoria Nyanza.