

where the question may be solved at once; sacrificing for that purpose the last penny I possess, my children, and all that I have.

Pandovan (Minister of Public Instruction)—I assure you that if any base creature who shall have participated in the scheme should happen to put his foot on any part of the country where I have influence, he shall find his grave there, for the grave is the proper place for such abominable and flagitious beings.

Lombardo—We have voted to-day unanimously our national insurrection. Thanks to you, Mr. President; you have been the first to rise and vote for it; thanks to you, members of the house, and particularly, Cefalonists, you have been among the first to declare that you subscribe with your blood the union with Greece. Who dare now say that the forsigner can find any support in these islands?

Preterderi—He can find none.

Lombardo—With enthusiasm and unanimity we have voted our national insurrection; henceforward therefore, it is by force only that the present political system can be kept up.

Advocate-General—We are a Greek independent State like Greece, with the sole difference that we are under British protection. We all wish for the greatness and the glory of the nation; but the question as to when a union with Greece and the whole nation will take place, must be decided by time and by circumstances.

The house unanimously appointed a committee of inquiry, and ordered the minutes of the sitting to be published. The greater part of the speakers, among them the Minister of Public Instruction, dined at the Governor's table, by special invitation, the day after their demonstration; and it is made a subject of indignant remark that the Governor had not removed from office "the ringleaders in this spiteful, false, and calumnious denunciation of England."

CURIOUS SCENE IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS.—The rules of their lordships respecting proxies led to a curious scene on Friday night on the division on the Jew bill. The rule is, that when proxies are being taken, no peer is to leave his seat, but as the proxies are called *seriatim* by the clerk at the table from the book in which they are entered, the peer to whom the proxy is given rises uncovered, and says content or not content. Usually, instead of rising, the peer simply takes off his hat.—On Friday night one of the peers gave his proxy vote whilst apparently standing below the bar. The vote was instantly objected to, on the ground that the peer in question was not technically in the House. Hereupon a discussion arose, which had the drollest possible effect upon the spectators, inasmuch as the peers were supposed to be glued to their seats, all motion being contrary to the rules of the House. They all spoke sitting, some with their hats on, half a dozen at a time, and each, to make himself heard, had to raise his voice to a pitch almost unusual in that solemn assembly. Lord Campbell commenced questioning the delinquent peer, "Where were you—were you in the House?" all this sitting and across the floor, and we know not how many peers speaking at the same time. On this the voice of the Duke of Buccleugh is heard thundering across the House, protesting against one peer being called in question by another peer. Some one quoted the House of Commons. Lord Westmeath thunders out, protesting against being governed by the precedents of the House of Commons. Their Lordships must stand on their own bottom. Lord Granville quietly remarked that they should at least be governed by common sense. Lord Clanricarde, to settle the question, tries to get at a book; but as he, like the rest, is supposed to be glued to his seat, he had to make a furious rush to the table and back again for the purpose. Lord Campbell again commenced questioning. Lord Redesdale expounding the law, Lord Salisbury explaining where the peer was, and the peer himself laughing and explaining nothing, all in the same automatic fashion, as if they were afraid that even their lips should be seen to move. This droll spectacle ended by the vote being admitted.

The Province of South Australia is once more in hopes of possessing its own peculiar gold-diggings, and joyfully announces the discovery of auriferous sands in the Torrens and other rivers, which are stated to be almost inexhaustible in extent, and to yield a proportion of the precious metal to the amount of ten ounces in the ton. A higher cause of congratulation exists, however, in the fact that the estimated wool clip for this year is valued at £387,000, whilst that of Victoria, with treble the population, is only rated at £771,081. Of the £180,000 set apart for public works, exclusive of railroads, £15,000 is to be expended on the new Legislative Council Chambers, £5,000 on Government Offices, £7,000 on the jetty at Glenelg, and £9,350 on barracks at Dry Creek.

A clever escape has been made by Dr. Schutte and two military officers imprisoned for political offences in the fortress of Josephstadt in Bohemia, by ascending a chimney, and descending from a granary into the fosse by means of a rope ladder, no doubt provided by some one in the fort. The fugitives got safe into Prussia. Dr. Schutte was under sentence of twenty years' imprisonment for taking part in the Vienna insurrection of 1848.

UNITED STATES.

A NEW PHASE IN THE BURDELL CASE.—The public interest in this case has received a fresh momentum by some astounding disclosures made in the papers of yesterday. It appears that Mrs. Cunningham has gone through a sham accouchement, and that

a child from Bellevue hospital was procured to personate the heir to the Burdell estate. The particulars, in brief, are these. Shortly after the incarceration of Mrs. Cunningham in the Tombs, she sent for Dr. Uhl, and stated to him that she was *eniente*, asking him to prescribe for her. He advised her, under the circumstances, to be examined by two respectable physicians. This she at the time consented to; but, on some plea or other, continued to evade the examination. Subsequently, and after her acquittal by the jury for the murder of Dr. Burdell, she again on several occasions consulted Dr. Uhl, and desired to engage his services on the eventual occasion which she alleged was about to arise. Finally Mrs. Cunningham made a clean breast of it, and offered Dr. Uhl \$1,000 if he would aid her in her plans, procure the child, and assist at her accouchement. Dr. Uhl had previously placed himself in communication with the District Attorney, A. Oakley Hall, who advised him to simulate in the matter. Accordingly he assented to this proposition of Mrs. Cunningham's, and notified the District Attorney of what had taken place. To be brief, Dr. Uhl and Mr. Hall busied themselves in perfecting the arrangements. A physician, duly night-capped and metamorphosed to personate a "Californian widow," feigned to be living in at 190 Elm Street. Mrs. Cunningham, habited as a Sister of Charity, called to receive the little stranger (an infant two days old, previously procured from the Bellevue hospital, and marked so as to be easily identified,) and immediately returned to No. 31 Bond street, where, at 11 o'clock the same evening (Monday) the police having paid a domiciliary visit, she was found playing the sick woman to perfection, with a nurse sitting by the side of the bed holding the child in her arms. She was placed under arrest, together with her nurse (Jane Bell), her so-called sister (Mrs. Barnes), and Dr. Cathu—the latter, the same personage, it is stated, who attended Mr. Cunningham at his death. Mrs. Cunningham still remains at 31 Bond street, very ill, it is asserted, from strong mental excitement. The penalty for the offence is ten years in the State Prison. Whatever the inferences to be drawn from these circumstances as to her participation in the murder of Dr. Burdell, one thing is certain, that they must materially affect the decision of the Surrogate in regard to the disposal of the property. We cannot doubt that there are further revelations to be made with respect to the horrible tragedy of which this is so ludicrous a sequel. The murderer, whoever they may be, will spread for themselves a net in which they shall eventually be taken in their own cranniness.

THE CUNNINGHAM (BURDELL) CASE.—The case of Mrs. Cunningham, the depraved woman who stands out so prominently in the foreground of that dark tragedy enacted at 31 Bond Street in January last, in her recent attempt to produce a sham heir to the Burdell estate, still continues the all-absorbing topic of conversation. Proceedings have been had before a police justice, who has rendered a decision refusing to admit the accused to bail. Two writs of *certiorari* were on Tuesday granted by the judge of the Court of Common Pleas to review the case. It is said, however, that the District Attorney has already sent the case before the Grand Jury. Opinions seem to be divided as to her amenability under the statute, and sympathy is endeavored to be excited, most probably by interested parties, in her favor and that of her children. For the purity of justice, we hope that no legal quibbles will be allowed to divert attention from the merits of the case, and for the honour of the city, that our officials will exercise extraordinary vigilance in its prosecution, in order, if possible, that some further light may be thrown on the dark tragedy of which it is a sequel, which may eventually lead to the discovery of the actual murderer or murderers. Some new circumstances have transpired, which, it seems to us, afford a clue which only needs to be carefully and skilfully unravelled to attain the desired result. Above all, let the sanctity of the oath, so recklessly violated on the trial for murder, be carefully guarded, and the least suspicion of perjury be promptly met, and there will be the surest guarantee for the elimination of the truth.

THE HARVEST.—There can be no doubt that the harvest, taking the country through, is very large. Illinois alone contributes 280,000,000 bushels of grain. All the West groans under the rich yield. All the South is burdened with its crops. All the East and middle section of the Union, albeit, delayed by the late spring and by frequent and too much rain, has nevertheless a fair margin of products to show. Our own wheat region is not the abundant region of two years since, and corn too is kept back.—*Rochester American.*

CANADA.

COLONIAL BOOK POSTAGE.—It appears from a correspondence which has recently taken place between the Post Office and Sir Cusack Roney, relative to the transmission of newspapers and other printed matter to the Colonies, that on and after the first of October next, packages of printed matter, not exceeding 4oz. in weight, can be sent free by a prepayment of 3d. stg. each package. The lowest charge at present by the Colonial Book-post is 6d. This arrangement will, however, be of comparatively little value as regards Canada, unless Book packages can be sent by the weekly Cunard or the Canadian line. They now can be forwarded by the Canadian steamers fortnightly in summer, and next year once a week, but owing to the illiberality of the British Post office in refusing to enter into a general arrangement for the transit of mails respectively over British and United States territories, all printed matter (except newspapers) from or for Canada goes, in winter, via Halifax, and overland, through New Brunswick. The time occupied by this rapid route varies from six to eight weeks.—*Toronto Patriot.*

The Bank of Upper Canada, at Toronto has been robbed of about £5000. Suspicion rests upon a Mr. Cumming, the bank agent, who, it appears had been for some time secretly lending the funds of the bank (entrusted to him for government purposes) to various individuals. The *Globe* says:—

We have not ascertained the names of all the parties implicated, though rumour points to more than one individual occupying a prominent position. There is no doubt, however, of the melancholy fact, that warrants have issued for the arrest of Mr. J. T. Kerby, Barrister of this city, and Mr. McGaffey, formerly a contractor, and now Director of the Northern Railway. Mr. McGaffey was apprehended yesterday afternoon, but at a late hour last night neither Mr. Cumming or Mr. Kerby had been arrested.

THE ATLANTIC TELEGRAPH.—ST. JOHN'S, N. F., August 7.—The Superintendent of the New York and Newfoundland telegraph line is about to open an office at Trinity Bay, the point where the Atlantic cable is to be brought ashore. This will enable us to communicate the result to New York the instant the telegraph fleet comes in sight. The steamers are expected to reach Trinity Bay between the 20th and 25th instants.

The Admiral and Naval Commander in Chief has very properly issued the following commendation of what under all the circumstances, was really a dangerous service:—

[COPY.]

Indus, at Halifax, Aug. 13.

GENERAL MEMO.—The explosion of the Merchants' Powder Magazine, a little after midnight, on Thursday last, afforded an opportunity for the display of so much zeal, firmness, and activity on the part of so many officers and men, whom I have the honor to command, that I feel bound to tender to them my appreciation and thanks.

The characteristic promptitude with which Captain Hay summoned aid from the *Indus*, and the efficient manner in which Commander Wake had even anticipated his summons, as well as the zealous and valuable services of Lieut. Herbert, R. N., and Cap. Gould, R. M., with the parties under their command, in so quickly guarding and drowning the remaining half ruined Magazines and Shell Rooms, are deserving of all praise.

I witnessed the exertions made and judicious measures taken by Mr. Chevalier, the naval store-keeper, and in order to mark my sense of the firm conduct of the men of the Dockyard, in unhesitatingly hastening forward with the fire-engine to the remaining Magazines, although an additional explosion might not unreasonably be still apprehended, I have directed that they shall receive one extra day's pay; to the seamen and marines actually present, extra pay will also be granted. The serious injury effected by the explosion on the naval hospital buildings did not prevent Dr. Donville from making instantaneous and most effective preparation for the reception of the wounded, and the kind and skillful treatment they received afforded me the most lively gratification.

I am confident that all who were present will accord their approval of the prompt and steady conduct displayed by the military on this trying occasion, and more especially so of the personal firmness with which Captain Grain, of the Royal Engineers, and his party explored the remaining Magazine.

HOUSTON STEWART,

Rear Admiral and Commander in Chief.

To the officers and men of the Royal Navy, and of the Naval Establishments at Halifax.

The verdict of the Coroner's Jury on the body of John Harney, who died from wounds received at the late explosion was:—

"That John Harney came to his death from wounds inflicted by the explosion of the City Magazine on the morning of the 15th inst. The Jury, from the evidence, 'recommend for the future a more rigid supervision of the City Magazines and City Offices.'—This is a gentle but pretty significant expression of opinion that, as regards the past, there has been too much carelessness in the matter, which seems to be the general impression among the owners of property in that neighborhood.—*Morning Journal.*