

a cry, not a groan over escaped his parched and swollen lips. Poor fellow, he lay so quiet—never moving, save to brush away occasionally some irritating fly that had settled on his fever-heated brow; but never would he let it be known that he felt pain, or that he suffered any inconvenience whatever from the active and plucky show he had made in yonder fight."

Wherein did the heroism of this poor lad, who fell fighting for his people and his country, such as they are, differ from the heroism of General Gordon, whose infatuated insubordination and overweening "If confidence made the invasion of the Soudan a necessity? The bravery of the jingoes in Parliament would be worth something if it would only impel Lord Randolph Churchill, and others of his class, to do some of the fighting.

The proceedings of the British Parliament have for several years past been characterized by exciting and interesting conflicts, in which the great line of cleavage between supporters and the opponents of the Government has been crossed in various directions by other lines, which are more or less temporary in their character. Such a conflict is now impending over the proposed re-enactment of the Crimes Act in Ireland. The split has begun in the Cabinet, and when Parliament reassembles it will probably be found to have run pretty well through the House of Commons. Against the Crimes Act are arrayed the Liberals, headed by Messrs. Chamberlain and Dilke in the Ministry and Messrs. Morley and others of the Government supporters; the young Tories headed by Lord Randolph Churchill, and the Parnellites. It is stated that after being beaten in the Cabinet, Mr. Chamberlain actually drew up the motion to be moved by Mr. Morley in the House. Of course the *Week* sees in this action of the President of the Board of Trade nothing but evidence of a consuming desire to capture the leadership when Mr. Gladstone retires. A more reasonable explanation is that Ireland is as free from crime as England is, and Mr. Chamberlain deems it objectionable to apply to her exceptional treatment. Time will tell who is right. Meanwhile as the Tories are split up on the matter, no one need be surprised if Mr. Gladstone should incline to the Liberal view and allow Sir William Harcourt to resign if he likes.

ONLOOKER.

General News.

CANADIAN.

The Montreal Conference of the Methodist church met in Kingston on Thursday.

The Governor of Jamaica has appointed a Commission to come to Canada to arrange the basis of commercial treaty.

Crop prospects in Ontario are generally good. Fall wheat reported in good condition, and fruit trees healthy.

The Montreal health officers report that the smallpox epidemic has disappeared, and the few cases in hospital are all recovering.

A proclamation is published that an election under the Canada Temperance Act will be held in Hastings July, 2, G. H. Baulter, of Stirling, returning-officer.

James Westhall, of Belleville, fell off the steamer *Hero* while the latter was going up the bay from the Thousand Islands with an excursion on Tuesday, and was drowned. He was intoxicated at the time.

Four saloon-keepers were fined \$20 each at Ottawa on Saturday last, for selling liquor under the Dominion Act alone, and refusing to procure licenses from the Provincial authorities.

George Gerdis accidentally shot himself at Belleville on Friday evening last by the careless handling of his gun whilst crossing a fence. His body was found next morning. Death was probably instantaneous as the bullet passed through his lung.

At Montreal on Thursday, Margaret Courso, wife of an old soldier, was smoking her pipe, it is supposed, when her clothes took fire. Some men extinguished the flames, but too late to save the woman, who died Friday morning without giving an explanation of the accident, but her intoxicated condition explained all.

The body of Lieut. Fitch, 10th Royal Grenadiers, who was killed at Batocie, arrived in Toronto on Wednesday morning. It was buried with full military honors the same afternoon. The ceremony was a most impressive one, and was viewed by a multitude of the citizens, who thronged the route all the way to the cemetery.

The campaign in the North-West is now nearly over. Middleton, with his forces, has arrived at Battleford. The news of the surrender of Riel has thoroughly cowed Poundmaker. He has made an unconditional surrender to Middleton, and is now, with his principal chiefs and the murderers of Payne and Tremont, prisoners at Battleford. The remainder of the tribes were sent back to their Reserves by the General. Big Bear and his followers are still at large, but their submission is expected hourly, as they are expected to be in close proximity to Battleford.

FIRES.—The total loss caused by the recent fire in Somerset, Quebec, is estimated at \$300,000. One hundred and forty-four buildings were destroyed in three hours, and most of them were uninsured. The destitution amongst the burnt out people is said to be appalling. The church, which was one of the finest in the diocese, was insured for \$20,000.—A fire in the oil house of Rathbun & Co., Deseronto, destroyed about \$5,000 worth of property. Stock worth \$20,000 was removed from the general store and placed in the street, and was saved.

UNITED STATES.

Gen. Grant's improved condition continues. He walked out on Wednesday afternoon.

At Harrisburg, Pa., the House passed a bill making eight hours, a day's work.

Millions of grasshoppers are coming out of the sandy soil on the south side of the Arkansas river, above Pueblo, and devouring early vegetables and tender shrubs.

Miss Nellie Canfield, aged 18, niece of Abraham Lincoln, fatally shot herself Monday, at Bewitt's Seminary, N. J.

Miss Grace Lord, well known in literary circles as a translator of French works, was instantly killed in Boston on Wednesday, by the falling of a derrick.

Angus Bratt, a prominent citizen of East Liverpool, Ohio, shot and killed Jeff. C. Davis, of Youngstown, for alleged slander of his daughter.

Leading fruit growers in the Hudson River valley estimate, with the exception of peaches, the yield of fruits will be the largest and best in many years. The peach-crop is reported nearly a total failure.

The hillside for a quarter of a mile along the Fort Wayne Railway at Agnew, ten miles from Pittsburg Pa., is sliding at the rate of four feet an hour. Ten or twelve houses and the railway track are in danger of being pushed into the river.

A number of miners in Arizona have been surprised and scalped by the Apaches who left their reservation a few days ago. It is believed the Indians will make a desperate stand against the pursuing United States troops, and reports of severe fighting are expected.

The Inman Steamship Company offices in New York, will be discontinued from the 1st of June. Its business will be continued by the agents of the White Star Line. A series of misfortunes for many years, and dullness and competition between transatlantic steamship lines makes this step necessary.

A fire broke out in a house on Fortieth street New York, on Wednesday Mrs Emma Derner was burned fatally, and her baby terribly scorched. A fireman and Wm. McConnell were badly burned. The fire was caused by an exploding kerosene stove. The occupants of the upper floors escaped by way of the roof and fire escapes.—At 10 o'clock, same night, a fire broke out in a tenement house at 98 East Fourth street, New York, occupied by 20 families. The blaze originated in the basement, and at a single bound spread through the air shaft to the roof. The wildest excitement was caused among the inmates, and the stairways being impassable from smoke a desperate rush was made for fire escapes. Seven women and two children descended in safety, and many others were heroically rescued by the firemen, who managed to save them all, though several had very narrow escapes.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught have left India for England.

Sir Peter Lumsden has arrived at Batoum.

The steamship *City of Berlin* from Liverpool to New York, came in collision with an immense iceberg last Tuesday morning during a fog, which damaged the vessel to the extent of five thousand dollars. All the passengers were asleep at the time of the collision, the violence of which caused a terrible panic till it was discovered that the vessel was in no danger.

Genuine cases of cholera have appeared both in Marseilles and in last year's plague centre in Spain.

The French Senate on Saturday passed the *scrutin de liste*, with an amendment that the princes of former reigning families shall be ineligible as candidates for the Chamber of Deputies.

A passenger train was telescoped at Rostoff, Russia by another train. Four persons were killed and twenty injured.

The Austrian Government is drafting a bill for State recognition of the Anglican Church, which has hitherto been only tolerated in Austria.

A revolution has just occurred in Salvador. President Zaldivar was compelled to resign, and left the country Saturday night on a Pacific Mail steamer, his place as president been taken by General Figueroa. Zaldivar is now very rich although poor when he obtained the presidency a few years ago.

The natives of Dongola, fearing massacre at the hands of the Mahdi after the evacuation of the Soudan by the British, are flocking down the Nile in large numbers.

Several reports are in circulation at Cairo to the effect that El Mahdi has sent Hussein Khalifa to Cairo to arrange terms with the Khedive.

The British section of the Afghan Frontier Commission, lately under charge of General Lumsden, is in camp twenty-five miles to the westward of Herat. The officers of the party visited Herat and were well received by the authorities and people.