

ECHOES OF THE WEEK

Canadian.

Another case of yellow fever has developed in Halifax garrison as a result of the bringing of the disease into the port by the troopship Atlas. There are now three cases at the military hospital.

A brother of the late N. Garant, who died some time ago in California, leaving a fortune of \$100,000 without any known heirs, has been found residing at Etchemin, Levis.

About three o'clock on Wednesday afternoon a large stone weighing about seventy pounds fell from the cliff opposite Marion's chapel on Champlain street, Quebec, and struck the building with such force as to damage it somewhat.

Fourteen doorkeepers, messengers, etc., and three women sweepers of the Quebec court house have been dismissed.

The "Soo" train on the Canadian Pacific railway going west was partially derailed at Hull station on Wednesday afternoon. Fireman Thomas Golden was killed and Engineer M. O'Connell badly scalded. The engine and three cars were considerably damaged. The passengers escaped injury.

European.

The Paris correspondent of the Times asserts that Prince Bismarck told a friend recently that he had warned Emperor William when he quitted the office of chancellor that the artisans whom the Emperor desired to regenerate would prove more ungrateful than courtesans; that he might even experience a repetition of the scenes of 1848, when the Prussian sovereign was forced to flee from the rioters.

At the election held in the East division of Worcestershire to fill the vacancy in the House of Commons caused by the expulsion of George Woodyatt Hastings, Liberal-Unionist, Austin Chamberlain, Liberal-Unionist and Conservative, was returned without opposition.

Wm. Dinkelspiel, formerly an agent of the New York Life Insurance Company, who gained considerable notoriety at Detroit in connection with his insurance methods, and who started in business in London, has failed with liabilities of £27,000 and assets £2.

A severe earthquake occurred in Africa Wednesday afternoon and caused great alarm among the inhabitants. It was accompanied by a heavy tidal wave. The shock was felt at Valparaiso and Santiago.

A small British force operating on the Kaukive river had an engagement with the natives and were defeated. One soldier was killed and six were wounded.

It is stated semi-officially that the general elections for members of the House of Commons will be held in June or July.

The German Reichstag has passed a credit for the construction of a complete system of strategic railways.

The German Reichstag Tuesday passed the bill allowing the Government to declare a state of siege in Alsace-Lorraine in the event of war.

The Chinese Government has garrisoned all the mission districts in China and has promised to severely punish the perpetrators of any future outrages.

A collision resulting in the loss of fourteen lives occurred on Wednesday off the Isle of Wight. The British barque Falls of Garry, from San Francisco for Havre, via Queens-town, came into collision with the British steamer Thetis. The Falls of Garry was out nearly in two and sank almost immediately. The crew of the Thetis hastened to assist the wrecked seaman, who were struggling in the water, and succeeded in saving one-half of them. Fourteen were drowned. The Thetis was considerably damaged.

American.

A woman in Mexico has given birth to seven children. The septets are said to be doing well. Physicians say this is the greatest number of children born at once of a civilized woman.

Secretary Blaine has resumed charge of his official duties.

The crew of a train coming down a steep grade on the Frankville branch of the Philadelphia and Reading road on Wednesday night lost control, and engine and cars shot down the decline at fearful speed. The engineer and fireman jumped for their lives. After running some distance a light locomotive was overtaken and there was a terrible crash, both locomotives being badly damaged and the cars sent flying in every direction. Brakesman Josiah Troy and John Bauer were standing on the platform in front of the light engine and when the collision came they were crushed to death.

News has been received from Washington that the administration is willing to pay to the relatives of the men murdered by the New Orleans mob whose Italian citizenship has been proved the sum of 100,000 fr. as indemnity. The payment of the sum, it is understood, is to be accompanied by a declaration which will make it plain to the Government of Italy that this act on the part of the United States is in no wise to be considered an acknowledgement of its liability for the failure of the local authorities in New Orleans to protect the lives of Italian citizens, but as an evidence rather of the good will and friendliness of feeling which have always characterized the relations of the United States Government with that of Italy. It is understood that in this case Congress will not be called upon to appropriate the sum, but that the contingent fund of the State department will be drawn upon.

TRUTHS AND UNTRUTHS.

All the world over at least 35,000,000 people die every year.

Women may not be deep thinkers, but they are certainly clothes observers.

It has not been proved that a policeman was ever killed by an accidental discharge of duty.

Whoever prophesies the weather in this country, we seem to get the same old kind about the same old seasons.

When a man bows to a girl and finds himself cut, he is right to regard her as a rather sharp young person.

Another illusion has to go. The intestines of cats are never used for violin strings. The works of the lamb are the favorite materials from which music is obtained by the players on stringed instruments.

There are 765,000 more women than men in England and Wales. With this surplus the population must continue to increase.

A new definition of an island has been given by a boy, who describes it as "a place you can't leave without a boat."

The harness manufacturer has about the best right to express an opinion on the topic of rein-making.

The virtue of man ought to be measured, not by extraordinary exertions, but by his every-day conduct.—Fascal.

No man likes an extravagant woman, but a good many of the sex would be more popular if they were a little more wasteful.

A good action is never thrown away, which may account for so few of them being found.

It would be a good thing for some of those who are getting their full share of the world's good things to look back and see if they deserve them.

By a mistake, it is alleged, some arsenic got mixed with the oatmeal used for making porridge in an English Hospital. A couple of deaths took place. There should be one more death, if the person responsible for the "mistake" can be found without too much trouble. Errors of this kind cannot be regarded entirely as accidents.

John Fitzgerald, the President of the Irish National League in America, is the richest man in Lincoln, Neb., having a fortune of \$1,500,000. He began his career as a laborer with pick and shovel on a Western railroad.

A Bendigo woman named Cook killed her son, aged seven years, during the week. She split him to the chin with an axe before the father, who was looking on, could interfere. In court she stated she killed the boy because he had been studying too hard and wanted a rest. She discovered the surest way of giving him a rest, which will not be broken until Gabriel wakes the morning echoes with his horn. Needless to say the unhappy woman was mad.

Belief is involuntary. Nothing involuntary is meritorious or reprehensible. A man ought not to be considered worse or better for his belief.—Shelly.

Woman is a greedy creature. She robbed man of a rib at the outset of her career, and she has been after his heart ever since.

A philological statistician calculates that in the year 2000 there will be 1,700,000,000 people who speak English, and that the other European languages will be spoken by only 500,000,000 people.

Frank Siddalls, the prominent soap manufacturer, was once asked why he did newspaper advertising altogether, and did not follow in the footsteps of other manufacturers, putting up signboards, etc. He replied that in his experience he found that the man that does not read the newspapers never uses soap.

Religion is not an end, but a means, whereby to reach the highest culture through the greatest peace of soul.—Goethe.

Black is the absence of all color—and, henceforth, virtue.

It is said that in a few years it will be possible to transmit telegraphic intelligence without the aid of the wire—most surely is the store-house of science full of marvels.

By the spectrum analysis astronomers have discovered that brass enters largely into the composition of Mars. In fact, that it is a sort of planetary Cotton.

The savage of the Sandwich Islands has developed a taste for poetry. Of old he used to sit on his hams and chew missionary. How have the mighty fallen!

The echo at the "Eagle's Nest," on the banks of Killarney, is renowned for its effective repetition of a bugle call, which seems to be repeated by a hundred instruments, until it gradually dies away in the air. At the report of a cannon, the loudest thunders reverberate from the rock, and die in seemingly endless peals along the distant mountains.

THE SPORTING WORLD

WRESTLING.

Sebastian Miller, of Muldoon's combination, had a finish wrestling match in Newark on Saturday night with Samson. There has been bad blood between the men for months. To this incentive was added a \$50 purse. The exhibition drew a crowd that packed the theatre to the doors, and scores were unable to gain admission. When Tom King gave the word the men locked in a Graco-Roman embrace. They struggled for 14 minutes, when Miller caught Samson in a half-Nelson lock and forced his shoulder to the floor.

Articles of agreement for the wrestling match between W. H. Quinn and Prof. Cottonast, of Providence, have been drawn up and a copy forwarded to Providence for signature. They call for a three style match for \$500 a side. Quinn is at present in Cornwall.

THE RING.

Frank Childs and George La Blanch fought on Monday night at Los Angeles, Cal., the best middleweight contest ever given on the coast. Childs is a negro and has never been in a fight before, but has always been fond of boxing. Some weeks ago in an exhibition he knocked La Blanch out, but it was claimed that "The Marine" was drunk then, and the present match was made to allow him a chance to retrieve himself. The fight lasted eight rounds and the negro played with La Blanch, battering him all around the ring. In the eighth round La Blanch, who was a plainly whipped man, tripped the negro and threw him and kicked him in the face as he lay there. The African, wild with rage, jumped to his feet and knocked La Blanch all over the ring, knocking him down, and would have unquestionably killed him if the police had not pulled him off. The greatest indignation prevailed, and La Blanch would have been roughly handled had the officers not protected him. The fight was given to Childs, who clearly won it, outside of any claim for La Blanch's fouling.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The M. A. A. grounds at Cote St. Antoine are to be thoroughly lighted up by the electric light, so that practice in many of the games may be carried on after sunset.

A meeting of cricketers was recently held in the Walker House, Toronto, for the purpose of forming a Dominion Association. A resolution was carried to that effect and for the encouragement of provincial associations as well.

Mr. M. J. Polan has been re-elected Captain of the Shamrock Lacrosse Club.

The Toronto Globe says: The Toronto Lacrosse Club's representative team this year will include some new but not unfamiliar faces, but I am told that such veterans as S. S. Martin and J. S. Garvin will still wear the blue, for the early part of the season at least.

Steinetz, the world's champion, played blindfolded against three of Brooklyn's experts the other night, winning only one out of the three games.

A match has been arranged between T. P. Conneff and W. H. Morton at five and ten miles respectively, to take place at Manchester early in May. Not for money, though—only for honor and a cup. Conneff is also anxious to meet Kibblewhite at one mile.

A cricket match was recently played at Sydney, N. S. W., in which special interest was taken because Master Grace and Miss Grace, children of "W. G.," were among the players. Miss Grace, who was one of the team of ladies, made the top score for her side, twenty runs, and also took 14 wickets.

Latest Deal to Fleece the Public.

The Reading coal "combine" for the purpose of "equalizing" the rates on coal by raising the price 25 cents a ton, has found willing tools in the Legislature of New Jersey. This was the first legislature to raise an outcry and institute an investigation. It found out at once that there was a statute forbidding the combination of the Reading and the other railroads, and with neatness and despatch proceeded to repeal the statute! Governor Abbott is now toying with the bill of repeal as a cat might toy with a particularly delicious morsel. Perhaps it would be uncharitable to assume that he is going to find as many difficulties as possible before signing the bill, in order to make the "combine" bid high for his signature, and yet we are not sure, considering his political standards, but he would be pleased at such an assumption as a tribute to his political skill. There never was a legislature in New Jersey more thoroughly a saloon legislature than this. As we have had frequent occasion to remark, when the saloons send to our halls of legislation corrupt legislators, and corrupt corporations send to the same place corrupt lobbyists, you might as well look for fresh water at a sewer's mouth as to look for any but corrupt legislation.—The Voice.

INTERESTING ITEMS.

There are sixty thousand women farmers in Ireland.

The conductor of a London omnibus discovered in his bus the other day a black bag containing cheques and valuables worth nearly £3,000. The owner was found, and the conductor was rewarded with the magnificent sum of 3s 6d.

It is rather singular that Washington, the first American President, drew his last breath in the last hour of the last day of the last week of the last month of the last year of the last century. He died on Saturday night, 31st December, 1799, at 12 o'clock.

John Marchant Mundy, the blind sculptor of Tarrytown, has completed the model for a statue of Washington Irving. He can scarcely distinguish light from darkness without the aid of an opera glass, but his work has been done almost entirely by the sense of touch.

In Malta and near Naples as many as 15,000 oranges are occasionally gathered from a single tree. On the Sandwich Islands one tree yielded regularly 20,000 oranges, and a crop of 33,000 was twice obtained from a single tree in the south of Europe. The average yield is from 600 to 1,000.

For thirty years the beard and moustache of Mr. James Brown, of Benington, West Virginia, have been untrimmed. With his arms extended, he stretches fully six feet from tip to tip of his fingers, yet the ends of his moustache, when held horizontally, extend beyond his fingers. He braids his wonderful beard and moustache, and tucks them under his vest.

The Canadian advertisers are not backward in blowing the trumpet loudly, but they would appear to be outdone by a Tokio bookseller, who thus announces the advantages he has to offer: "Prices cheap as a lottery, books elegant as a singing girl, print clear as crystal, paper tough as elephant's hide, goods despatched as expeditiously as a cannon ball, and customers treated as politely as by rival steamship companies."

A few days ago an old lady with snow white hair came to a well known Vienna lawyer and asked him to take the necessary steps for the disinterment of her sister's body, buried in the great central cemetery ten years ago. The old lady stated that she had lost her husband, and with him the means of subsistence. Ten years ago she was well off, and had her sister buried with all her jewellery, which was very valuable. She had no other means of getting out of her misery than by appealing to the dead and taking the trinkets out of the coffin, where they had lain for ten years. The lawyer refused to act for her.

The following figures are interesting and should moderate the exuberance of the Americans. They include in each case the gross expenditure on the army and pensions:

	Men.	Cost.	Per Head.
Russia.....	790,000	£38,000,000	£ 40
France.....	555,000	34,000,000	64
Germany.....	500,000	22,000,000	44
England.....	200,000	20,000,000	100
United States..	30,000	6,000,000	200
Do Pensions..	500,000	29,000,000	58

The American army of 30,000 men costs, as seen above, £200 per head; but there is an army of pensioners of about half a million in actual receipt of pensions, the department evidently costing £58 per head. The cost of European pensions is included in the above figures.

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