CANADIAN NEWS. lews of Eastern Canada in Short Par-

agraphs. Jos. Snasdell, an old and prominent resident of West Flamboro, is dead, aged 71. The Manitoba government say they can-ot grant assistance to the Manitoba South

The Electric Street railway between Galt d Preston was officially opened for traffic ne other day.
Thomas R. Merrow, of Russell, was killed lightning while standing at the window

Daniel Sullivan, a respectable reside te St. Antoine, was killed by the caving of a road pit.

Monday was one of the hottest days in he history of Halifax, the the egistering 92 in the shade.

A young man named Burns was killed

ar Portage la Prairie, becoming entangled a grain chopping machine. Rev. Father Chiniquy was 85 years old m with an address and a purse of money Christian Olsen fell from the top of a building into the basement in Winnipe staining injuries which are likely to prov

Thos. Kelly, a Grand Trunk brakeman was killed by falling from the top of car at York. He leaves a wife and thro

George Patch, the well known railway ticket agent at the Windsor hotel. Mon-treal, has cleared out leaving considerable The body of the late Patrick Purcell was on Saturday taken to Summerstown, where the deceased resided, and interred for a

George Cliff, a young Englishman arrest. d for passing confederate bills in Mon-real, was committed for trial. He is a tege of Lady Margaret Cecil. Joseph Landry, aged 60, and Benjamin nell, aged 25, of Harwich township, quarlled. Snell kicked Landry in the abdonen and side, inflcting fatal injuries. Hannan, residing on Allumette lake, ear Pembroke, was drowned yesterday, in a attempt to save his eight-year-old daughwho was bathing. The child was

The Globe's Ottawa correspondent says report emanating from Montreal that Ion. Joseph Royal has purchased Le Canaa, of Ottawa, and was to assume its edi-

It is understood that A. W. Morris. ontreal's representatives in the legisature will be taken into the Onehee cobi een appointed to a judship. Adolphus Martin, of Maidstone, a wealthy

armer, was found guilty on the charge of cutting out the eyes of some pigs in or-der to prevent them from damaging his crops. He was fined \$20 and costs. Ex-councillor J. J. Jackson, of Toronto function, aged 70, is dead. He was for was one of the most successful importers f thorough-bred horses in the country. George Montgomery has been confined in Barrie jail on account of insanity, but on Tuesday was released. He evaded his riends and stole out to a barn where he

G. R. Hibbett, a traveller for Joseph Doust, law stationer, Toronto, suicided at the Grigg House in London. He was found in a room. The transom was tightly closed and the gas was turned on. He had been

The suit entered by the Grand Trunk against the Central Vermont for \$1.000.000 has been satisfacorily settled. The an nouncement of the dropping of the sui was made at a meeting of the Central Vermont directors a few days ago.

Jas. H. Crockett, editor asd proprietor of

the Fredericton, N.B., Gleaner, was com-mitted for trial at Woodstock on a charge of criminal libel. The complainant is John on County, whom the Gleaner accused of retaining money placed in his hands for a retirement of a mortgage. The Montreal fina

olved upon increasing the taxation ler to meet the obligations of the city The estimated new taxes and increases \$200,0000 out of the nockets of the citizens made but was not seriously entertained. Dr. E. B. Sparham, who was sentenced in 1875 at Brockvalle to be hanged for murer, but whose sentence was commuted to mprisonment for life, died lately at Brockville. After having served about 11 years in the penitentiary he was pardoned and mmediately returned to his former home

General Wolfe's sword is to be brought to Canada and deposited at the National capital, the Hon. J. C. Patterson having purchased the relic for £300 sterling. same gentleman has secured the Victoria cross won by Col. Dunn at Balaclava which was affixed to that officer's breast by the hand of Her Majesty in Hyde Park as well as his medals for the Crimea and Abyssinia, and a copy of his portrait paint ed for the Victoria Cross gallery. This is to be the first step towards carrying out suggestion once made by Str John Macdon that the time had arrived for enlarging the scope and character of the parlia nentary library by adding to it a national history museum.

When Mr. and Mrs. Van Alstyne, who ives three miles northeast of Morden. Man toba, started for church on Sunday evening they left two farm laborers. Edward Can nuff and Sam Lard, in charge. On their return Lard was missing, and Cannuff said ne had gone out to pick berries and re fused to return. Little was thought of it Monday Mr. Van Alstyne and Cannuff had gone sixteen miles away to cut hay, when Mrs. Van Alstyne discovered pullet hole in the window glass and blood stains on the floor. The neighbors were called in and decided to send for a constable, who made a search and discov a newly made grave. He took Cannuff into ustody, who confessed that he had accidentally shot his companion and through fear had buried the body. A coroner's jury is being empanelled and the body will be

taken up. inion cabinet last Thursday dealing with the memorial of Cardinal Taschereau and the Roman Catholic bishops on the subject f the laws relating to education in Maniba and the Territories will be sigsed by His Excellency. The order recites the prayer of the memorialists and recommends that a copy of the petition and the order to be sent to the Lieutenant-Governors of Manitoba and the Territories with the request that the same be laid before their ad The order in council continues: "The committee beg to observe to Your Excellency that the statements which are contained this memorial are matters of deep concern and solicitude in the interests of the Doninion at large, and that it is a matter the utmost importance to the people of Canada that the laws which prevail in any ortion of the Dominion should not be such as to occasion complaints of oppression of the njustice to any class or por lishing perfect freedom and equality, especially in all matters relating to religion and religious belief and practice, and your mittee therefore advise that your Exellency may join with them in expre he most earnest hope that the legislatures f Manitoba and the Northwest Territories respectively take into consideration at the ealiest possible moment the complaints which are set forth in the petition and which are said to create dissatisfaction in among the Roman Catholies not only Manitoba and the Northwest t likewise throughout Canada and may take speedy measures to give redress in all matters in religion to which any well founded complaint or grievance can be asertained.

THE JAPS SHOW NO MERCY

Half Drowned Men Shot While Swimming From Transport Kow Shung.

Two Germans Among Those Who Were Killed While in the Water.

Shanghai, July 30.-The following is the latest Chinese version of the sinking of the troopship Kow Shung: The Japanese cruiser sent a boat along-

side the transport with a prize crew to convey her to Japan. Captain Galswor thy, an Englishman, refused to obey the order, and the Japanese withdrew. Their cruiser then opened fire, using the machine guns mounted in the tops of the Japanese ship. This fire soon cleared the Kow Shung's decks. The cruiser transport, sinking her, and drowning Colvon Honneken, a German, formerly viceroy's aide-de-camp, and other foreign officials, were among those killed ov the fire before the torpedoes were dis-

According to reports received here there were two German passengers on their way to Corea to close up business affairs before the war begun. They succeeded in swimming to the Japanese cruiser, in spite of their appeals were shot The Chinese who swam to the cruiser shared the same fate. The French warship Lion rescurd some unfortunate Chinese soldiers, but all the foreigners are reported killed. The Japanese are said o have behaved with utter disregard to the laws of civilized warfare.

A large Chinese army has crossed the northwestern frontiers of Corea and is marching down the peninsula, and a secand army is being hastily equipped. No details have been received of the battle said to have taken place at Asan between the Chinese and Japanese forces. Torpedoes have been placed in the Shaweishan channel of the Yang Tse Kiang river in order to compel vessels to pass within easy range of the Woo Sang forts. ship Lion rescued some unfortunate Chinese official version of the engagement between the Chinese and Japanese fleets The collision between the Chinese and Japanese ships occurred in Prince Jerwere escorting a second and smaller division of the troops dispatched from Takku to reinforce the Chinese army at The Japanese opened fire, the unless they were attacked, or if the landflag. No news has been received here of

Minneapoles, July 30.—From railroad officials it is learned that Hang Moo and Ye Chung, agents of the Chinese governhe way to China. Five carloads left mary procedure. Montreal last night via the Canadian Pacific and Soo. Two hundred and fify rifles have been ordered.
Berlin, July 30. China has ordered

four torpedo boats of German firms. London, July 30 .- The news that the were bound to notice this neutrality.

CANADIAN NEWS.

The News of Eastern Canada in Short Paragraphs.

Belleville's rate of taxation this year is 20 1-2 mills on the dollar. Seaforth has been made a port of en-

try in accordance with an election promise of Hon. Clarke Wallace. The Nova Scotia crop report just issued for July shows a highly satisfactory outlook for harvest prospects.

During a heavy rain storm the barn of William Carscadden, near Kingsville, was struck by lightning and was destroved.

Alderman Shaw and Treasurer Cody of Toronto have gone to Europe to sell \$167,000 city of Toronto 3 1-2 per cent.

The American steamer Louise, seized in Lake Ontario last week for alleged nfraction of the fisheries and customs aws, has been released. All the stave and hoop mills in Essex

county have closed down for the summer, and about two thousand men are thrown out of employment. A case of smallpox in Chatham township, near Chatham, was reported to the Ontario board of health. It is said to

have been imported from Detroit. R. H. Perry's store in Fergus scorched yesterday. An electric light wire set fire to a window frame, and two bottles of alcohol exploded, smash-

ing the window. It is stated that while Hon. Mr. Laurier is making his tour through the west . I. Tara, L. P. Brodeur and Bruneau will hold a series of political meetings

in the different parts of Quebec. Mrs. William Gee, an old lady, wife of a well to do farmer near Chatham, was found dead in bed. She is supposed to have committed suicide, and had been eranged for quite a long time.

The St. Lawrence Yacht club, of Montreal, has been notified by the minister of marine that the club is authorized to put the word "royal" before its name and fly Her Majesty's colors.

Miss Valliere Gunn, only daughter of Alexander Gunn, ex-M. P. for Kingston. was married to Robert Harcourt Smith, wealthy lumber merchant of Quebec. e ceremony was witnessed by all the fashionable people of Kingston.

Sir Charles H. Tupper has left Ottawa for Kamouraska, where his family are staying. One of his children has infortunately been stricken down with iphtheria, which has led to a dispersal the guests at the hotel at which Lady

Impper is ståying. John E. Hewart, of St. John, N. B. who originated the Tobique railway enerprise and was the first president of e company, but in the later re-arrangenents was left out, has entered action | it

against the company for \$15,000 claimed as salary for president and as the value of services ren

Alfred Theackson, alias Thakary, for merly a prominent Toronto busin man, who married a Miss Renaud of Detroit a few months ago in Windsor, and got \$900 and some jewelry from her, was in the police court at Windsor sentenced to six years in the Kingston

penitentiary. A milkman in the fields near Long Point insane asylum was met by a cangerous looking lunatic. He ran sad the madman chased him. After a long run he fell exhausted into a ditch. With a yell of exultation his pursuer ran to the prostrate man, touched him on the shoulder and yelled "tag!"

D. G. Stephenson, one of the bes known men of York county, of which he was warden, is missing, and an investigation shows he owes something like \$50,000, and that his assets amount to only about two-thirds of that amount. Assignee Baird says he knows of no the discharged two torpedoes at the reason why Stephenson should absent hem discharged two torpedoes at the reason why Stephenson should absent himself, and he may back again at all of the 200 souls on board. any time. The authorities of the Dominion and Imperial banks say Stephenson was indebted to them in very small sums, being less than \$5,000 ail together.

With reference to a dispatch from Melbourne dealing with the subject of the seizure of Necker island by the Hawaiian republic, Mr. Sandford Fleming was asked for information, but emphatically declined to be interviewed. The Hawaiian government had no idea of the fact that Necker island was unoccupied territory until Hon. Robert Reid, a member of the Victoria government who visited Canada last May, informed President Dole that it would be to the interest of Hawaii to aid the proposed cable scheme to the fullest extent, otherwise they might be given the go-by, as it was in contemplation to land the cable on an island a few hundred miles to the north of Hawaii. Within twentyfour hours, as already announced, a steamer was dispatched by the government from Honolulu, and as the result the flag of that republic is floating today ver Necker island. The island is of but little importance, as Fanning island, in British territory, will make a much better landing place.

EVICTED TENANTS BILL.

ome gulf, in the inlet, on which they Time Limit for the Discussion of Each Clause.

London, July 31.-In the house of commons to-day Sir William Harcourt Chinese having strict orders not to fire chancellor of the exchequer, moved a time limit for the discussion of each result of the action was one Japanese clause of the evicted tenants bill, with a ironclad was disabled by the Chinese final closure of the committee stage on battle ship Chen Yuen. The Kow Shung, August 7. In making this motion Sir which was sunk by the Japanese, was a William said the government regarded chartered transport flying the British the bill as urgent, and appreciated the necessity of the time allowed for the loss of the Chinese warship Tsao further discussion of the measure being ample. He was not enamored of the exceptional measure of closure and resorted to it with extreme regret, but the fact that there were 22 pages of ment, have large shipments of rifles on amendments to the bill justified sum-

Rt. Hon. Mr. Balfour said that never in the history of parliament had there been a proposal like this. No government had ever ventured to suggest, after a two days' debate of a measure in committee to have the house gagged; Kow Shung was flying the British flag | yet a minister making such a proposiwhen sunk was received with great sat- tion has thought it sufficient to express isfaction at the Chinese legation. It is his regret in a few perfunctory words, said that Great Britain and Germany giving as the only approach to a reason for the proposal the large number of amendments. He had said that because the house showed a disposition to discuss the bill discussion must be stopped. Mr. Balfour warned the house of its position as a legislative body in the eyes of the country, and moved an amendment of regret that the government should deprive the minority of its just rights and thereby make fair debate impossible, thus bringing its whole pro-

ceedings into contempt. Rt. Hon. John Morley twitted Mr. Balfour with having similarly moved closure on the bill constituting the Par-

nell commission. Rt. Hon. Mr. Chamberlain said that that bill had been supported by both sides, for the house had only been obstructed by a small knot of Irish members. A large number of amendments to the evicted tenants bill, he said, were introduced by Irish members. If these amendments were rejected the government would be legislating for Ireland against the views of the Irish members. If they were accepted the bill would be transformed far beyond Mr. Morley's

pledges. Mr Labonchere asked what was the use of discussing the bill week after week. It was certain to be rejected by the house of lords. It would be better to have the soonest possible appeal to the country to settle the question whether the house of commons was the master of the situation or whether its members were the subservient and humble servants of the hereditary lords. Mr. Balfour's amendment protesting

against the brevity of the time allowed

for the discussion was rejected by 217 to 174. The Unionist members of the house of commons have decided to abstain from further action on the evicted tenants bill and to refrain from moving the amendments standing in their name. They will take no part in divisions on amendments yet to be considered. Many of them are McCarthyite motions. The bill is likely to be virtually disposed of at the end of the week. The opposition may possibly raise a debate on the third reading of the bill, but they will move

no amendments. The Conservative majority of the Irish land committee sent a letter on July 24 to Rt. Hon. John Morley, protesting that the curtailing of evidence and the withholding of returns in connection with the land committee would result in a hasty and incomplete report. As their request for more satisfactory procedure was not heeded, the minority brought up the subject again to-day at the conclusion of the taking of evidence before thecommittee by submitting a mo tion embodying their protest. The chairbefore the committee by submitting a mosomething more than mere exhortations

tion. Ayre's Ague Cure never fails to neutralize the poisons of malaria, and etadicate them from the system. This preparation is pure ly vegetable, contains no harmful incredients, and, if taken according to directions, is warranted to cure fever and ague. Try

British Merchant Vessels Warned Not to Carry Any Contraband Cargoes.

Different Version of the latest Naval Battle Between the Contending Powers.

London, Aug. 1.-A dispatch just received says Japan has made a formal declaration of war upon China to-day. Lord Kimberley, upon receipt of the notice from the Japanese ambassador that war had been declared, wired all British representatives abroad to warn captains of merchant vessels of the fact, in orden that they might form their cargoes accordingly. Any contraband of war comprised in the cargoes will be landed at the risk of the owners of the vessels carrying them.

Tokio, Japan, Aug. 1.-At noon to-day the Japanese government officially declared war against China.

Shaughai, Aug. 1.—On the morning of July 25th, the day after the attack on the Chinese transports, which resulted in the sinking of the Kow Shung, the Japanese warships Takachico and Heyei attacked the ironclad Chen Yuen. After a long and desperate fight the Japs were beaten off and the Heyei disabled. The Chen Yuen, though badly disabled succeeded in reaching port in safety, in company with two gunboats that also participated in the engagement. They went into the dry dock for repairs. The Chinese are strongly entrenched at Yashan and the Japanese are unable to dislodge them, being repeatedly repulsed with heavy losses. The Chinese losses

Corean advices state that Japan is preparing to withdraw the troops from Se-oul and reinforce the army in front of Yashan with the view of renewing the attacks on Yashan.

Tokio, Aug. 1.-Instructions are said have been given the Japanese minister in London to apologize to England for firing on the Kow Shung while she was flying the British flag. Captain Galeworthy, the English captain of the Kow Shung, and a number of others were saved by boats from the Japanese

ruiser Maniwa. London, Aug. 1.-It is reported here that war between Japan and China was formally declared to-day. A dispatch received from Tientsin states that Col. von Hannekin, formerly aide de 'camp of Hung Chung, viceroy of China, who was on board the Kow Shung when she sank, was saved. The dispatch further states that an inquiry respecting the sinking of that vessel has been instituted. The dispatch received from Shanghai respecting the attack on the Chinese warships on July 27 is thought here to have been the basis for the reported second naval battle between the Chinese and Japanese. It is now believed there was no engagement on July 30th. The Chinese legation deny that the Foo Ishing participated in the naval engagement of July 27th. Member of Parliament Reed formerly chief constructor of the English navy, declares that the only vessel of the Japanese navy worthy of the name of ironclad is the Fooso. The Yoshi, the latest Japanese vessel built in England, Reed says, is the fastest cruiser afloat, and has speed equal to duces figures which emphasize the steady

the Americal cruiser Columbia. berley the regret of his government for firing on the English vessel Kow Shung.

ers in all parts of the world. It is not other two will probably recover He offered an apology and promised full

THE TEMPERANCE QUESTION. Opinions of Bishops Respecting Mgr. Satolli's Decision

New York, Aug. 1.-A morning paper publishes the following specials on Mgr. Satolli and the liquor question: Cincinnati. O., July 31.-Archbishop Elder said to-night that he had received letters from Mgr. Satolli, in which he was officially informed of the stand taken by Bishop Watterson of Columbus on the liquor question and the dictum of the apostolic delegate. "I don't see anything in this to cause any agitation," said Archbishop Elder. "Bishop Wat terson has simply issued a decree which has met with the approval and support of Mgr. Satolli. It simply relates to the diocese of Columbus. As to the probabaility of this action extending I do

not care to venture an opinion." Archbishop Elder's position on the emperance question is pronounced, and in fact he has let pass few opportunities probable he would treat the issue in a general way. There is a strong and growing temperance sentiment here, and ocal church officials think the St. Paul congress will not only support the Columbus decree, but will recommend it

to other bishops. Philadelphia, July 31.-Archbishop P. United States in the number of mempers of temperance societies. There are held that the decision of Mgr. Satolli in the case of Bishop Watterson was other section. Mgr. Satolli merely en-

concerning the matter. Santa Fe, N. M., July 31.—Archbishop says: "Temperance being one of the cardinal principles of the Roman Catholic church, Bishop Watterson had a perfect right to treat the question in the manner he did, believeing his course to be for the best interests of the people and the church, he being responsible and knowing all the circumstances and needs, and should be accorded support and aid by the church, which Mgr. Satolli very properly and justly gave him. The position of the church on the question is fully set forth in the proceedings of the third plenary council in Baltimore in

1894 Peoria, Ill., July 31.-Bishop Spalding says of the temperance question in America: "I think it a mistake to exlude saloon keepers from Catholic societies, and if they are received they must fo course be eligible to office. Wis-

FORMAL DECLARATION OF WAR legislation of the Baltimore council, which is the expression of the combined wisdom of the church in this country

and has been approved at Rome. Chicago, July 31.—Archbishop Feehan refused to say anything on the Bisho Watterson decision, but Mgr. Muldoon chancellor of the diocese, said: "I don't believe the rule will be enforced. There is no more harm in a glass of beer than in a glass of lemonade. The decision was chiefly local in its effects."

AMERICAN NEWS.

Union Men Alleged to Have Attempted To Wreck a Train.

New York, Aug. 1.-The steamer Majestic reports running down and sinking a fishing schooner, the Antelope, off the Banks on Monday. One of the schooner's crew was drowned. The others were rescued, but one died of injuries sustained in the collision. Anarchist Brenner, awaiting trial for assault, in the Richmond street jail, Brooklyn, hanged himself in his cell to-

Des Moines, Iowa, Aug. 1.-The Democratic state convention here to-day was largely attended. It is stated that the president's position on the tariff as elucidated in his letter to Wilson will be

Lima, Ohio, Aug. 1 .- An attempt was made to-day to derail a passenger train on the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton railway by a misplaced switch, but it was discovered in time. Union men are charged with tampering with the switch.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON. Senate Discussing the Coxeyite Petition -Crank Arrested

Washington, D. C., Aug. 1.-The emissaries of the deposed Queen Liliuokalani did not call on the president or Secretary Gresham to-day.

The retiring Japanese minister left Washington yesterday afternoon for San Francisco Ex-Governor Campbell, counsel for the Ezeta brothers, formerly president and

vice-president of San Salvador, saw Gresham and Herbert to-day on behalf of his clients, whose release he hopes to secure from the cruiser Bennington. Campbell says he still hopes to secure an order for their release. The president to-day nominated post-

The senate this morning discussed the petition of the Coxeyites. The house agreed to the conference report on the agricultural appropriation bill, the senate receding from the amendment appropriating a million dollars for the extinction of Russian thistles. Springer's call for a caucus of the house will be withdarwn if the assurance is given that the conferences are progressing. Judge Advocate General Holt died to

A crazy stonecutter from Boston nam ed Cadogan, who has been visiting the White House for the past few days demanding work, insisted on seeing the president to-day. He became violent when told the president could not see him. 'He was arrested.

BRITISH GROWN TEA

The Product of India and Ceylon Growing in Favor, The termination of another season pro-

mier position as a tea-producing country, and supplied the bulk of the leaf consumed in the United Kingdom, but the energies of our planters in the British dependencies has ousted the China- fire last night but was extinguished man very effectually from our market, and such is the perseverance of our traders that it seems only a question of years before we are able to command the greater share of the tea trade of the world. Owing to the smaller crop last season in India the total exports were only 112,125,000 libs., as compared with 118,759,000 lbs. in 1891-2, but during the twelve months just ended 123,712,000 lbs. have been shipped, both Australasia and America taking larger quantities han ever before, as well as the United Kingdom. Our own consumption, how ever, tells the best tale, for while the in ports last year were about 3,000,000 lbs smaller, the quantity used was only about 1,000,000 lbs. less than the previous year, while during the past season in spite of an increase of more tha 6,000,000 lbs. in the receipts, the surplus of over 11-2 million lbs. extra has been consumed, thus showing that the de mand has been greater than the supply. to urge abstinence. While he would hardly endorse Mgr. Satolli's stand, it is greatest strides have been made, four It is with Ceylon tea, however, that the years ago thhe consumption in England being only 42,616,000 lbs., or scarcely more than one-half of the quantity of China tea used, whereas during the pass twelve months 71,076,000 lbs, of Ceylor has been delivered, against 50,678,000 lbs. China, representing now only 13 per cent, of the total quantity used, 861-2 Ryan's diocese leads all others in the per cent. being British grown tea. Cey ion tea is making rapid progress in the colonies and abroad, Australia and New twenty thousand members of the vari | Zealand taking more than double what ous organizations. Archbishop Ryan they did two years ago, while to other markets 1,937,000 lbs. were shipped direct in comparison with 1,181,000 lbs. merely local in its character; that it af- in the preceding year, and 4,066,000 lbs. fected the diocese of Columbus only, and were re-exported here, as compared with had no bearing on Philadelphia or any 3,447,000 in the previous year and 2,-093,000 in 1891. Should the consumption dorsed the action of Bishop Watterson, of China tea continue to decline at the Nothing will be done in this diocese same rate that it has been doing for the past four years, it will not take much more than a similar period to altogether Chappelle, whose jurisdiction includes extinguish its use in this country.—Eng. New Mexico, Colorado and Arizona, Ex.

American News. New York, July 29.-To-day was a genuine scorcher. From 77 degrees at sunrise the thermometer climbed up to 90 at noon. In the afternoon the street thermometers registered all the way from 90 to 100 degrees. The fatal cases of sunstroke to-day were: Michael Newell, 36 years old; Thomas Spencer, 39 years old; Johnny Toomey, 5 years old; John Daly, 35 years old; a carpenter; Jach McGowan, 60 years old. An unknown man was prostrated in Brooklyn, and died before the ambulance arrived. Other fatalities were a baby and

Henry D. Holzswarz, 36 years old. The best way to avoid scalp diseases hair falling out and premature baldness is dom would prompt us to be suspicious to use the best preventive known for that of new departures and to advert to the purpose—Hall's Hair Renewer.

SEVERAL DISASTROUS FIRES

San Francisco Auction Stables, ith Their Horses, Burned This Morning.

Rush Fires Threaten the Lick Observatory - Portland Also Suffers.

San Francisco, Aug. 1.—The large stables owned by South & Burton, of the Great International Horse Auction Co.. and Christy, Burge & Finick, of the Golden Gate sale stables, were burned at 1 o'clock this morning. The flames caught in a large quantity of hay stored in the loft, and which subsequently blocked the exits. Twenty-seven horses were smothered and burned. The police were obliged to shoot a number of horses which had been injured.

Delta, Cal., Aug. 1.—Fire started in an empty building at 10.30 last night and almost demolished the whole town. Both hotels, a general merchandise store and a saloon are burned. The residence owned and occupied by M. D. Butler was destroyed.

San Francisco, Aug. 1.—The presence of a Japanese troup of acrobats on the stage of the Chinese theatre last night almost precipitated a riot. The audience hissed and otherwise manifested its displeasure and finally compelled them to leave the stage.

Judge Hebberad has signed attachments against nine pieces of property belonging to the Wieland estate to secure the payment of about \$27,000 due to the Pacific bank on the unpaid promissory notes of C. S. and R. P. Wieland, sons of the late millionaire brewer of this city.

Portland, Ore., Aug. 1 .- A little after 10 o'clock this morning fire on the Paeific dock, foot of Taylor street, in this city, destroyed the warehouse and stock of Herman Metger and Bissenger & Co., dealers in hides and wool. The cause of the fire is unknown. "The fire spread rapidly, and the dense smoke from burning hides and wool made the task of fighting it a difficult one, and very little of the stock in either warehouse is in such a condition that it can be salvaged. Bissinger & Co.'s loss is estimated at and tenderly bore the dead boy and the masters for California, F. E. Abbott, \$25,000; fully insured. Metzger's loss elder suffering girl home to the heartis estimated at \$15,000; insurance \$9,-000. The fire started in Metzger's warehouse and spread rapidly. After the discovery the office employes had barely time to close the safe and escape. Some of them were partially overcome in the dense smoke in their efforts to save the books and papers. One of Metzger's employes, named Robert Brown, was se verely, but not seriously, burned and injured by jumping from the upper to the lower floor.

San Francisco, Aug. 1 .- A serious accident occurred here yesterday about 6 o'clock in a canyon four miles north, where they are sinking a shaft for water. After exploding a charge of dy-namite a man named Fifield went down in the hole and found gas very strong. He called to the men to hoist him out. When within a few feet of the top he lost his hold on the rope and fiell 25 feet His brother went down after him and was prostarted by the gas. A third man named Brown went to their assistance, and he also was overcome. fourth man went part of the way down and had to come out. At last a man headway which the teas of India and Ceynamed Orr went down and tied ropes The Japanese minister to-day express ion are making in the favor of consuming to the three men and they were rescued. Fifield is in a critical condition. The

San Jose Cal. Aug. 1 .- A report just received from the Lick Observatory by telephone states that the fire in the forest and brush still rages. One of the cottages b longing to the observatory caught without serious damage. A relief party arrived form Hall's Valley this morning. Men at the observatory were exhausted with fire fighting, which has been in progress for over 48 hours.

San Francisco, Aug. 1.-W. R. Melvelle, the defaulting clerk of the California bank, pleaded guilty this morning to a charge of appropriating money. He asked the court to sentence him with out delay, stating that he preferred to go to San Quentin. A letter from the prison directors this morning siys they are willing to take him there. The court inswered, it would take the matter under advisement and sentence him on Sat

Oakland, Cal., Aug. 1.-The prelimin ary examination of C. R. Bennett, charged with an attempt to kill George Grey on the local train, commenced in the poice court this morning. Bennet conducted his own defence. The testimony did not materially differ from the publish ed story of the facts.

LATE CABLE DISPATCHES Gladstone Declines the Invitation to Visit America.

Vienna, Aug. 1.-Cholera is raging the duchy of Bukowina. London, Aug. 1 .- When the evicted tenants bill came up in the house to-day, the opposition offered no amendments Gladstone in his reply, declining the in vitation of the representatives of America . to visit America, states that his old

Varsin, Aug. 1.-The horses attached to a carriage in which Bismarck was riding on Monday, becoming unmanage able, plunging into a bog by the roadside Bismarck was not hurt. Cowes, Aug. 1.—The Britannia has arrived, flying twenty-four prize flags.

to Drive It Out.

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THE CHINESE PLAGUE. Novel Method Adopted by the Chinese

Washington, D. C., July 29 .- Several reports regarding the plague in China have been received at the marine hospital bureau. Secretary Denby of the *United States legation says that at Centon a novel and thoroughly Chinese method of checking the disease was hit upon. A fortune teller having given out that the plague would die away with the approach of the spring solstice. the people of Canton, in order to de ceive the gods of sickness, made the first day of the fourth moon, May 5, their New Year's day. Every ceremony with which the day is celebrated was gone through with scrupulous exactitude. The local authorities assisted in this farcical performance. The New Year's festivities, in the presence of such wide-

spread sickness, had a somewhat ghastly Consul Seymour, writing from Canton,

says everything continues in wild confusion. Business is almost suspended, He has been in nearly all parts of Canton during this plague, and is convinced that with the observance of proper precautions, especially in securing a supply of pure water for cooking and washing, and for flushing drains in time of a drought, there should and would be no such thing as the plague, except where natives, in congested localities, cause a pollution of the air and filth in violation of sanitary precantions. During all this plague heathen processions have constantly marched through the streets of Canton throughout the night, pounding gongs, exploding firecrackers, exposing idols and other silly doings, supported by contributions from the shops and stores, to propitiate the evil spirits and to disperse the evil elements.

A FEARFUL FALL

Three Children Tumble from a Mountain Top and Are Killed.

The Pembroke Observer says: Three

children belonging to Mr. Owen Jennings, of Sheen, county of Pontiac, a boy and two girls, aged respectively 8. 6 and 4 years, went berry picking on Tuesday afternoon. It appears they wandered up on the mountain near by which is several hundred feet high and very precipitous, and no doubt getting astray and frightened could not find the way back by which they had ascended, and strayed along upon the top of the mountain until they came within sight of their home, which it is supposed they made directly for by attempting to descend the cliff; or, as some conjecture. they ventured too near the precipicewhich is here fully one hundred feet high-and fell over. About noon the mother heard shricks, and the father hurried off in the direction of the sound, when to his horror he discovered his three children lying at the foot of the precipice, the boy, the oldest, dead, while the other two lay mangled and bleeding, alive, but merely so. The younger girl the father bore tenderly home. The neighbors being apprised, came promptly to render assistance, who with Mr. Jennings hastened to the spot stricken mother. Medical aid was promptly summoned and all that skill and affection can do is being done for the two little girls, whose condition is extremely critical. The precipice over which these children fell is, as has already been stated, fully one hundred feet in height. The scene of this terrible accident has been visited by crowds of people, who, while standing at the bas of this perpendicular cliff, and lock a away up to the summit, are struck with awe horror at beholding the skidy height from which these children fell. No accident has ever happened in Sheen that has sent such a thrill of horror throughout the community as this has, and the people with one accord unite in offering the suffering parents their heartfelt sympathy in this terrible hour of their trial and sorrow

METROPOLITAN POST OFFICES. Comparison of the London and New York Institutions.

There are in London eight district post offices, each in charge of a post master. Within the delivery district of each of these offices are from 40 to 173 branch and sub-post offices, the aggregate number of which is 795, making a total of 803 offices, at all of which stamps may be purchased and letters and parcels posted, and at nearly all of which money orders are issued and paid, letters may be registered, and life insurance, annuity and savings bank business may be transacted. At all the larger sub-offices there is also telegraph service. The population of London in 1891 was 4,231,431, so that there is in that city a post office to every 5,268 inhabitants. The number of offices and subordinates regularly employed in the London local postal service is 10,893. of whom 5,886 are letter carriers, in addition to a large auxiliary force, available for extra duty whenever required. The amount paid the latter is equivalent to that necessary for the constant employment of 1,000 additional men, so that the actual force is very nearly 11,-

In New York there are one general post office, 18 branch post office stations, and 24 sub-stations, at all of which, in addition to ordinary postal business money orders may be procured and paid and letters registered. The resident population of New York, as shown by the last municipal census, is 1,801,739. and on that basis there is allowed one post office to each 41,900 of its people. But during the business hours of each secular day the population is increased by the influx of a large proportion of the male population of Brooklyn, Jersey City, and numerous other cities, towns and villages located within a radius of fifty miles, all of whom receive and post their business correspondence in New York: and, considering this fact, it is entirely safe to estimate that the proportion of post offices to population in New York is as one to 50,000. The number of officers and employes of all grades is 2.873.

This contrast between the postal facilities enjoyed by the residents of the chief city in Europe and those vouchsafed to residents in the chief city of the United States is not gratifying to our municipal or national pride; and one of the least agreeable incidents in the life of a postmaster at New York is the receipt of written and oral comparisons, made by foreigners and travellers, between the service here and that provided in London and other European cities .-Postmaster of New York, in the North American Review.

To tell a man he is "incapable of speaking other than London English" is an offence which cost the litigant who thus described the short-comings of a lawyer's clerk \$750 damages at the hands of a British jury. Major Baker the agent of an American insurance company, was the man who indulged in the vile slander, and now he is wonder ing what town he should have named in stead of London in order to turn the ob servation from a reproach to a compl'