

## News of Eastern Canada in Short Paragraphs.

Joe, Snaadell, an old and prominent resident of West Flamboro, is dead, aged 71. The Manitoba government say they cannot grant assistance to the Manitoba South-eastern road.

The Electric Street railway between Galt and Preston was officially opened for traffic the other day.

Thomas R. Morrow, of Russell, was killed by lightning while standing at the window of his residence.

Daniel Sullivan, a respectable resident of Cote St. Antoine, was killed by the falling in of a road pit.

Monday was one of the hottest days in the history of Halifax, the thermometer registering 92 in the shade.

A young man named Burns was killed near Portage la Prairie, becoming entangled in grain chopping machinery.

Rev. Father Chingy was 85 years old on Monday. Some of his friends presented him with an address book, a purse of money.

Christian Olsen fell from the top of a building into the basement in Winnipeg, sustaining injuries which are likely to prove fatal.

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

George Patch, the well known railway ticket agent at the Windsor hotel, Montreal, has cleared out leaving considerable liabilities.

The body of the late Patrick Purcell was taken to Summerstown, where the deceased resided, and interred for a second time.

George Cliff, a young Englishman arrested for passing counterfeit bills in Montreal, was committed for trial as a protegee of Lady Margaret Cecil.

Joseph Landry, aged 60, and Benjamin Snell, aged 25, of Hatch, were quarrelled. Snell kicked Landry in the face and side, inflicting fatal injuries.

Mr. Hannan, a Japanese, was killed near Pembroke, was drowned yesterday in an attempt to save his eight-year-old daughter, who was bathing. The child was drowned.

The Globe's Ottawa correspondent says the report emanating from Montreal that Hon. Joseph Royal has purchased Le Canada, of Ottawa, and was to assume its editorship is unfounded.

It is understood that A. W. Morris, one of Montreal's representatives in the legislature, will be taken into the Quebec cabinet in place of Treasurer Hall, who has been appointed to a judgeship.

Adolphus Martin, a wealthy farmer, was found guilty on the charge of cutting out the eyes of some pigs in order to prevent them from damaging his crops. He was fined \$20 and costs.

Ex-councillor J. J. Jackson, of Toronto Junction, aged 70, is dead. He was formerly a large farmer in Peel county, and was one of the most successful breeders of thoroughbred horses in the country.

George Montgomery was confined in Barrie jail on account of insanity, but Tuesday was released. He evaded his friends and stole out to a barn where he had hidden himself.

G. L. Hibberd, a traveller for Joseph Dought, law stationer, Toronto, suicided at the Grigg House in London. He was found in a room. The trason was lightly closed and the gas was turned on. He had been drinking.

The suit entered by the Grand Trunk against the Central Vermont for \$100,000, the announcement of the dropping of the suit was made at a meeting of the Central Vermont directors a few days ago.

Jas. H. Crockett, editor and proprietor of the Fredericton, N.B., Gleaner, was committed for trial on a charge of libel of criminal libel. The complainant is John S. Leighton, registrar of deeds for Carleton County, whom the Gleaner accused of retaining money placed in his hands for a retirement of a mortgage.

The Montreal Finance committee has resolved upon increasing the city tax in order to meet the obligations of the city. The estimated new taxes and increases decided upon will take between \$150,000 and \$200,000 out of the pockets of the citizens every year. A motion to tax bachelors was made but was not seriously entertained.

Dr. B. B. Sturges, who was sentenced in 1875 at Brockville to be hanged for murder, but whose sentence was commuted to imprisonment for life, died lately at Brockville. After having served about 15 years in the penitentiary he was pardoned and immediately returned to his former home, where he has lived since.

General Wolfe's estate is to be brought to Canada and deposited at the National capital, the Hon. J. C. Patterson having purchased the estate for \$200,000. The same gentleman has secured the Victoria cross won by Col. Dunn at Balaklava, 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 painted for the Victoria Cross gallery. This is to be the first step towards carrying out a suggestion once made by Sir John Macdonald, that the time had arrived for enlarging the scope and character of the national library by adding to it a national history museum.

When Mr. and Mrs. Van Alstyne, who lives three miles north of the city of Manitoba, started for church on Sunday evening they left two farm laborers, Edward Cannuff and Sam Lard, in charge. On their return Lard was seen about 100 yards away from the church, and Mrs. Van Alstyne said he had gone out to pick berries and refused to return. Little was thought of it, but on Monday Mr. Van Alstyne returned and found his wife's body cut away to cut hay, when Mrs. Van Alstyne discovered a bullet 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 discovered a newly made grave. He took Cannuff into custody, who confessed that he had accidentally shot his companion and through fear had buried the body. A coroner's jury is being empaneled and the body will be taken up.

The order in council passed by the Dominion cabinet last Thursday dealing with the memorial of Cardinal Taschereau and the Roman Catholic bishops on the subject of the laws relating to education in Manitoba and the Territories will be signed by His Excellency. The order recites the prayer of the memorialists and recommends that a copy of the petition and the order be sent to the Lieutenant-Governors of the provinces and the Territories with the request that the same be laid before their advisers.

The order in council continues: "The committee be to observe to Your Excellency that the statements which are contained in this memorial are matters of deep concern and solicitude in the interests of the Dominion at large, and that it is a matter of the utmost importance to the people of Canada that the laws which prevail in each portion of the Dominion should be such as to occasion no ground of oppression or injustice to any class or portion of the people, but should be recognized and established in all matters relating to religion and religious belief and practice, and your committee therefore advise that your Excellency may join with the memorialists in the most earnest hope that the legislatures of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories should take the earliest possible moment to enact such laws as are set forth in the petition and which are said to create dissension among the Roman Catholics and non-Catholics and may be likewise throughout Canada and may take speedy measures to give redress in all matters in relation to which any well founded complaint or grievance can be ascertained."

## 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 Galewsky, 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 then dived two torpedoes at the transport, sinking her, and drowning nearly all of the 200 souls on board.

Colon Honneken, a German, formerly the victor's aide-de-camp, and other foreign officials, were among those killed by the fire before the torpedoes were discharged.

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

A large Chinese army has crossed the northwestern frontiers of Korea and is marching down the peninsula, and a second 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 Shinai channel of the Yang Tse Kiang river in order to compel vessels to pass by the narrow straits of the Woo Sang foris, which 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 the Yellow Sea, in the inlet, on which they were escorting a second and smaller division of the troops dispatched from Takku to reinforce the Chinese army at Asan. The Japanese opened fire, the Chinese having sent orders to Prince Joo to transport the Japanese troops, but the Chinese troops were opposed. The result of the action was one Japanese ironclad was disabled by the Chinese battle ship Chen Yuen. The Kow Shung, which was sunk by the Japanese, was the last of the Chinese fleet.

Minneapolis, July 30.—From railroad officials it is learned that Hong Moo and his Chinese agents of the Chinese government, have large shipments of rifles on the way to China. Five carloads left Montreal last night via the Canadian Pacific and Soo. Two hundred and fifty rifles have been shipped.

Boston, July 30.—China has ordered four torpedo boats from the Germans.

London, July 30.—The news that Kow Shung was flying the British flag when sunk was received with great satisfaction in the Chinese legation. It is said that Great Britain and Germany were bound to notice this breach of neutrality.

## CANADIAN NEWS.

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Belleville's rate of taxation this year is 20-1/2 mills on the dollar.

Seaford has been made a port of entry 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 destroyed.

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

The American steamer Louise, seized in Lake Ontario last week for alleged violation of the fisheries and customs laws, has been released.

All the stave and hatch 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 Port Huron was scorched yesterday. An electric light wire set fire to a window frame, and two bottles of alcohol exploded, smashing the window.

It is stated that while Hon. Mr. Laurier is making a tour through the west J. I. Tarte, L. P. Brodeur and Ernest Smith will lead 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 delirious 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 use the word "royal" before its name.

Miss Valerie Gunn, only daughter of Alexander Gunn, ex-M.P. for Kingston, was married to Robert Edward Smith, a wealthy lumber merchant of Quebec. The 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 been unfortunately been taken down with diphtheria, which has led to a dispersal of the guests at the hotel at which Lady Tupper is staying.

Mr. E. Hewart, of St. John, N. B., who owned the Tobique railway engine, was the first president of the company, but in the later re-arrangements was left out, has entered action

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

Alfred Theobald, an Irishman, formerly a prominent Toronto business 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 dangerous looking lunatic. He ran and 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 "rag!"

D. G. Stephenson, one of the best 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. Assigned to the county jail, he knows of no reason why Stephenson should absent himself, and he may be back again at 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 all 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 knowledge 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 proposal to acquire the island.

The cable scheme to the fullest extent, of which 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 twenty-four hours, as already announced, a steamer was dispatched by the government from Honolulu, and as the result the flag of the Hawaiian republic is floating to the north of Hawaii. The island is of but little importance, as Fanning island, in British territory, will make a much better landing place.

London, July 31.—In the house of commons to-day Sir William Harcourt chancellor of the exchequer, moved a time limit for the discussion of each clause of the evicted tenants bill, with a final closure of the committee stage on August 7. In making this motion Sir William said that the government regarded the bill as urgent, and appreciated the necessity of the time allowed for the further discussion of the measure being ample. He was not enamored of the exceptional measure of closure announced by the government, but the fact that there were 22 pages of amendments to the bill justified summary procedure.

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; yet a minister making such a proposition has thought it right to express his regret in a few perfunctory words, 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 in detail, and that Mr. Balfour wanted the house of his 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, thus bringing its whole proceedings into contempt.

Rt. Hon. John Morley twitted Mr. Balfour with having similarly moved closure on the bill constituting the Parnell 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. Labouchere 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 postponing the discussion of the bill 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 the committee by submitting a motion embodying their protest. The chairmen of the committee by submitting a motion embodying their protest. The chairmen of the committee by submitting a motion embodying their protest.

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## FORMAL DECLARATION OF WAR

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 order 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.

Shanghai, 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 Takachio and Heyei attacked the British captain of the latter 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 smaller boats, and 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 are small.

Corean states that Japan is preparing to withdraw the troops from Seoul and reinforce the army in front of Yashan with the view of renewing the attacks on the Japanese.

Tokio, Aug. 1.—Instructions are said to 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 Campbell, the English captain of the Kow Shung, and a number of others were saved by boats from the Japanese cruiser 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 Tung, viceroy of China, who was on board the Kow Shung when she was fired on by the Japanese, has been saved by the British flag.

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, the bill as urgent, and appreciated the necessity of the time allowed for the further discussion of the measure being ample. He was not enamored of the exceptional measure of closure announced by the government, but the fact that there were 22 pages of amendments to the bill justified summary procedure.

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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 Fechan refused to say anything on the Bishop Watterson decision, but Mr. 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 Mat-jestic 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.

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 was elucidated in his letter to Wilson will be endorsed.

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.

NEW YORK 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 postmasters for California, F. E. Abbott, Riverside; G. W. Hill, Pomona.

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