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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The citizens of Ottawa were thrown into a fearful state of excitement on Friday morning last, a telegram having reached the City containing the news of the death of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, but we are happy to say a subsequent despatch relieved their fears, with the joyful intelligence that Her Majesty was still alive and in the enjoyment of her usual good health. The *canard* originated in a Fleet street bar room. The Queen, it is now stated, will leave Balmoral on the 19th of November, and arrive at Windsor Castle on the 20th, where Her Majesty will remain until the 16th of December, and then leave for the Isle of Wight, where she will spend her Christmas.

A despatch to the London *Daily News* from Vienna, of the 13th, says:—"Strange rumors are circulating in St. Petersburg of a social conspiracy, in which conspirators made an unsuccessful attempt to murder the Czar, and number of arrests have been made in consequence in Moscow."

Information received in Diplomatic circles at Washington, confirms the report that Spain has paid the indemnity to England growing out of the *Virginus* affair.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* says Prussia has declined the proposal made by Russia for a revision of the boundary line between the two countries.

The *Belleveille Intelligencer* of the 12th inst. says:—"A manufactory of butter from tallow has been started in Toronto. The proprietor was here a few days since, when he wished to purchase 1,800 gallons of milk daily, to mix with the tallow in the manufacturing of the butter. He offered 14c per gallon for that amount of milk delivered at the cars daily. The tallow is torn into shreds and churned along with the milk by a process known only to those initiated. It is said that it requires good judges to detect the difference between the butter thus manufactured and the pure article."

The Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada, it is said, will make Boston the terminus of its freight lines, and is likely to complete connections with the Michigan central road. This will give it control of a large transportation interest, and it is already building a number of floating elevators for harbor use, and arranging for a number of ocean steamers to ship its grain and other freight.

The Hon. Mr. Vall, Minister of Militia, who we are happy to say has recovered from his indisposition, arrived in Ottawa on Wednesday evening last, and is now attending to the duties of his Department.

Seven hundred men from the garrison of Irun, made a sortie in the direction of Fontarabia and effected a junction with the retiring forces.

Some thieves broke into the artillery barracks London Ontario, on Wednesday night last, and stole several carbines. A reward has been offered for their recovery.

The Republicans lost two hundred men in an attack on Mount Marco on the 10th. The fight lasted 4 hours. Wednesday morning the Republican army advanced in three corps to the right under Gen. Loma, turned the position of the Carlists at Oarsoon to the left under Gen. Purtella, and drove them from the mountains near Lea, turning their formidable trenches. The centre under Gen. Blanco, suffered severely from the heavy fire. Towards one o'clock in the afternoon the Carlists abandoned all their positions and retired into Navarra. The garrison of Irun in their sortie burned houses and farm buildings belonging to the Carlists, or which afforded them shelter. The havoc thus created was immense, all the country around was in flames.

The Turkish authorities of Scutari have captured thirty of the leaders in the outrages perpetrated on the Montenegrain christians in Bodgoritza.

The Republicans are endeavoring to cut off the Carlists from their base of operations to compel them to take refuge in France or surrender. The result of their efforts is as yet unknown. Gen. Mariones at the same time is endeavoring to re-occupy Pampeluna. The garrisons of Bilboa, Vittoria and Irun are ready to act in concert with the present movements.

Despatches from Vienna announces that diplomatic information has been received from Constantinople to the effect that orders have been issued by the Porte to concentrate the Turkish troops near the Serbian and Montenegrin frontiers, and that the Governments of Janina and Presend in Albania, have been ordered to organize the Mahomedan inhabitants of the province.

A Calcutta despatch says, it is reported that the prisoner lately arrested at Gwalior, as Nana Sahib has furnished proof that he is another person, and this evidence has, it is stated, been accepted by Lord Northbrook, the Viceroy, as satisfactory. It is therefore probable that the prisoner will be released.

The Permanent Committee of the Assembly held its last sitting on the 12th. The Left renewed its protest against the suppression of the Republican journals,

Count Von Arnim was again arrested on the 12th and conveyed to a police station. It is reported that the count received a copy of his indictment on Tuesday last, and the only charge brought against him is for the suppression of official documents.

The loss of Carlists in the engagement near Irun was heavy. When they retreated, they succeeded in carrying off their guns. It is believed they will return to Estella. Government has received intelligence that General Lazerna has entered Irun.

Don Alphonso issued an address to his troops before he quitted Spain. He says his temporary retirement is solely caused by a royal order depriving him of his command in Catalonia. Don Carlos approves of his withdrawal.

The Russian Government has sent out orders for the speedy completion of fortresses on the Khivan frontiers.

The *Gloss* says the Government has resolved to introduce a system of compulsory and elementary education. A trial is to be made at St. Petersburg of the Berlin system, and it is thought the new schools will be opened by the 15th instant.

The Khan of Khiva has informed Colonel Ivanoff, commander of the Russian garrison on the Oxus, that he has neither soldiers nor money with which to overcome his rebellious Turcoman subjects, and he asks for aid of the Russians. Colonel Ivanoff has threatened the Turcomans with speedy reprisals if their outrages are continued.

The *Standard's* special telegram from Hendaye says the retreat of the Carlists from Irun ended in a general stampede. Hundreds of burning houses mark the progress of the Republicans who occupied San Martari at nine o'clock Thursday morning, and are on their way to destroy the foundries at Vera, to which place the Carlists first retired. The Carlists before leaving their old positions burned the houses of Republican sympathizers. One of their leaders Cebellos, is accused of treachery, and has fled. Another, Mendiri, is wounded. Gen. Lazerna has received orders to return to the line of Ebro. After leaving a strong garrison at Irun he was to return with his main force to San Sebastian and re-embark for Santander.

A car load of farming machinery was shipped from Newcastle, Ont., for Germany, and several more are to follow.

Paul Boynton, of New York, with his life preserving apparatus, swam the whole length of the life on the 11th.