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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The water in the Ottawa rivers is higher than it was even known to be at this time of year—and we regret to say is still raising, although the north west floods have not yet had time to come down—when they do, it is feared unless the water considerably abates before then, an incalculable amount of damage will ensue. The Chaudiere Falls just now presents a grand and imposing spectacle, and would well repay the lovers of the sublime and awfully grand in nature to paying them a visit. Victoria Island is completely submerged, the water running through the mills, and, we regret to say, a large quantity of sawn lumber piled on the banks of the river, has been swept away. Fears are entertained for Perely & Patie's mill, and should it go, it would most likely take with it the Suspension Bridge, thus cutting off the communication between the Cities of Ottawa and Hull.

Gatineau Point Village is completely submerged, the inhabitants being obliged to move about in boats, and a great many houses have been vacated, and much damage done to property. From up the river we learn that the Union Forwarding Company's wharves and Storehouses at Portage du Fort are considerably damaged. One of the bridges has been swept away—houses are inundated on all sides and the inhabitants have had to evacuate them. At Clarendon Centre a great amount of damage is reported—quite a number of bridges have been swept away. The inhabitants of the Desert Village are using canoes to pass from one street to another. We fear when the history of this flood is written it will reveal an amount of damage hitherto unknown in this part of the country.

The Council of the Board of Trade has appointed Capt. D. R. Kerr to fill the position of Port Warden in succession to Capt. Sclater, deceased.

It is understood that Lieut. Col. Duchesnay, of Quebec, has been appointed Deputy Adjutant General for Military District No. 7, vice Colonel Cassault who retires in consequence of ill health.

The greatest ice bridge ever known at Niagara Falls formed about daylight on the morning of the 8th inst. The ice is estimated at 100 feet in thickness.

Rifle practice has commenced. On Saturday the 10th Royals, Queen's Own, and Toronto Rifle Club were at the butts.

Col. Kinsmill died on Saturday morning at the age of 83; his remains were conveyed to Niagara on Tuesday, and were accompanied to the boat by the York Pioneers and other bodies, where they were interred with full military honors.

The Executive Committee of the Amateur Rifle Club have prepared a circular inviting riflemen of the United States to compete for places on the team in the Irish American Match of 1867, which will take place immediately after the Centennial matches. Eight men will constitute a team and four reserves, and will be selected from the result of three competitions.

The Rowing and Boat Clubs of the Dublin University have organized a joint representative crew of four to take part in the contests at Philadelphia, consisting of Pentland and Hickson, of the Rowing Club, and H. E. and C. B. Barrington, of the Boat Club, the latter being stroke oar. The crew practice daily, and are already in capital form. It is probable that Mr. Labatt, of the University Rowing Club, will take over a scull as a private individual.

Dublin, 8th.—The second competition for places in the Irish team for the American Centennial took place on Saturday, and was conducted as before by two squads of four each. The score was a tie. Mr. Rigby made 211 out of a possible 225. Of his 45 shots 34 were bull's eyes. The other scores were, Milner, 203; Galt, 195; Traill, 189; Patrick, 168; Dyas, 177; Joynt, 164.

The Prince of Wales arrived at Liverpool on the afternoon of the 11th. He was met in the channel by the Princess of Wales and the Royal children on board the *Albion*. As his Royal Highness stepped ashore he was received with great and enthusiastic cheering. The Mayor of Portsmouth read an address, and a chorus of 300 ladies and gentlemen sang "Welcome Home." On the conclusion of the ceremonies the Royal party took a special train for London where they arrived at 6:45 the same afternoon.

The Philadelphia Centennial was opened by the President of the United States on the 10th inst., with great eclat. The ceremonies opened at precisely 10.15 a.m., the national airs of the nations being performed by a large orchestra. It is estimated that 80,000 persons were on the grounds.

Hundreds of bags of pulverized grasshoppers are being imported into France from America for fish bait.

The Belfast *News Letter* announces the death of Mr. Richard Sitt Joyce, "one of the eight that first won the Elcho Shield for Ireland, making on that occasion the highest score ever made at Wimbledon, and winning several valuable prizes."

The richest man in Prussia is Knupp, the celebrated maker of cannon.

From the details of the outrage at Salonica, it appears that the United States Consul interfered for the protection of the Greek girl, who was the innocent cause of the disturbance, and conducted her to the Consulate in a carriage. An excited mob thereupon surrounded the Consulate and the French and German Consuls who were brothers-in-law, and both related by marriage to the American Consul, believing him to be in danger, proceeded to his assistance, and on the way thither were attacked. The Italian Consul informed the Governor of the state of affairs, and he sent troops to the relief of the American Consulate, which was besieged by the rabble.

French iron clad frigates, and a despatch vessel have sailed for Salonica. Two Italian men of war have also sailed for the same destination. The impression in Berlin is that the affair will be fatal to Turkey. The interposition of the European powers is regarded as inevitable.

The Sublime Porte seems to have decided to reject the counsels of the War party, for he has dismissed two Ministers of that stamp, those of War and Marine, and replaced them by members of the Peace party. Perhaps the prompt demands of the French and German authorities for redress in the Salonica affair, led him to think that he had better have Ministers who would be as conciliatory as possible, or he might have very serious trouble in satisfying the offended powers.

The British Consul at Rio Janeiro reports by telegraph to London, that a mutiny broke out in the barque "Caswell," for Queens' town. All the officers were murdered by the mutineers.

Carlist Army Officers who had previously been in the Spanish army, have been permitted to resume service, taking their previous rank. Twelve hundred have thus been re-admitted and a different policy might have resulted in their becoming permanent enemies of the present order of things.

The owners of the steamer *Strathclyde*, which was run into and sunk in the English channel by the steamer *Franconia*, have gained their suit for £45,000 damages against the latter.

The Plague has been increasing in Bagdad, as the deaths from it in the third week of April averaged more than fifty five per day. Some days ago the telegrams stated that the disease was not the plague, but some kind of fever. Now the familiar and dreaded name is resumed, so that it is probably correct.