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SIXTY DROWNED.

Many Villages in Spain Destroyed by Flood.

MUTINY OF INFANTRY AT ALDERSHOT

Gladstone to Speak on the Lords and Home Rule.

The House of Commons to Adjourn Until November—Riots in Spain—English Coal Strike Collapsing—Belgian Miners Go Out on Monday—The Bombardment of Rio—A Danish Ship Run Down—German Socialists Enthusiastically Received in Vienna.

MADRID, Sept. 15.—Violent rainstorms have caused heavy floods in the Province of Toledo, which have done an incalculable amount of damage, together with large loss of life. Already 40 bodies have been recovered. The number of injured is unknown.

Twenty-five miles of the Southern Railroad is submerged and the stations at Tembleque and Villa Canas are isolated in the midst of the waters. Relief trains have been despatched from Aranj city and Alcazar Villa.

In Canas the peasants sought refuge in caves and on the high ground, rushing there in a mad stampede with their children and belongings.

The flood occurred during the night. The rains swelled the mountain streams into raging torrents and the rivers speedily left their channels. Those drowned died while sleeping.

In several small villages whole blocks and groups of houses are washed away entirely. In one village eight inhabitants, including the village Cure, alone remain of the entire population. To the heroic efforts of the Cure the seven owe their lives. There were many examples of similar heroism.

Sixty Bodies Recovered.

A despatch from Villa-Canas this evening says that 60 dead bodies have been recovered. Many more are believed to be hidden by wreckage or to have been washed away from the town. Many of the deaths were caused by the flooding of the cave dwellings on the outskirts of the town. These dwellings are holes dug into the hillside almost on a level with the plain. They are occupied by the poorest families. The lower caves were filled with the first rising of the flood and the occupants were drowned before they had time for an effort to escape. Other caves were but half filled and the families in them still await rescue. The entrances to many caves have been blocked by falling earth.

The authorities of Madrid and Toledo have sent companies of sappers and miners to rescue the families thus imprisoned.

THE BOMBARDMENT OF RIO.

Insurgent Ships Uninjured—Few Fatalities On the Government side.

BUENOS AYRES, Sept. 15.—After the bombardment on Wednesday evening the authorities at Rio admitted that a few had been killed and some buildings damaged. The truth is the rebel shells caused quite a lively time. One 20 ton gun shell from the Aquidaba issaid to have fallen at junction of Largo Do Paco and Rua Diereita, unexploded, and was the object of great curiosity on Wednesday. The house tops were crowded with people watching the shrieking shells.

The fire of the rebels was concentrated on the arsenal, but went wild causing shells fall in comparatively harmless places. In Rio proper the National museum is said to have been struck. An uninjured shell is said to have fallen through the roof of a house near Dargo Do Paco and exploded in the cellar wrecking the building and burying an old woman. The forts did the best they could in reply, but the insurgent ships were under the lee of the islands in the bay and were undamaged. The fire on the arsenal drove away the employees of the English cable company. The forts are still apparently loyal to the Government.

FREEMASON'S SEEK FRANCES RUIN

Bishop Fava Denounces the Order in Measured Terms.

PARIS, Sept. 15.—Bishop Fava of Grenoble delivered a remarkable oration at Gen. DeMiruble's funeral to-day. He denounced English Freemasons unmeasurably because he said they had pushed France into the Crimean War in order that she might exhaust her gold treasure in needless combat. The French Freemasons, added the Bishop, were not less praiseworthy. They had incited French statesmen to take sides against Catholic Austria in order that the unification of Italy might be accomplished. The result of this deplorable and unrighteous policy was that united Italy had now turned on France, and was menacing the Alpine frontier. Italy's new strength, moreover, was being utilized at home to resist the temporal power of the Pope.

ENGLISH MINERS WEAKENING.

Indications That the Coal Strike Will Soon Collapse.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—At a conference of delegates of the National Miners' Federation held to-day a resolution was adopted declaring that the striking coal miners would remain firm against the proposal of the mine owners to reduce wages 25 per cent., but that they would offer to resume work at the old wages pending a settlement with the masters on the basis of modified reductions. This action is believed to portend the ultimate collapse of one of the largest strikes this country has ever seen.

Prefer Idleness to Arbitration.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—The balloting of the Miners' Federation in Nottingham was made known to-day. The men refused to return to work at the old scale or to arbitrate.

BELGIAN MINERS WILL STRIKE.

In Sympathy With Colliery Men in Northern France.

PARIS, Sept., 15.—The Secretary of the Federation of Belgian Miners in an interview to-day said it is almost certain that there will be a general strike in the Borinmining brethren in northern France, who have delared for a general strike beginning on Monday next owing to a refusal of the masters to increase wages or to meet other demands of the men.

Assurances of Support Required.

BRUSSELS, Sept. 15.—A manifesto will be issued to the coal miners in the Barinage district on Sunday announcing that when they are sure of support from other districts that a general strike will be declared.

SOCIALISTS IN VIENNA.

Universal Franchise the Weapon Which Will Wipe Out the Military Rule.

VIENNA, Sept. 15.—A great Socialist meeting was held last night to welcome the German leaders, Engels and Bebel, who received a rapturous ovation. The commissary of police was present and forbade the election of Engels as president. He was therefore conducted ceremoniously to the place of honor.

Fiery speeches were delivered, and a sensation was caused by the reading of a telegram from 300 Austrian soldiers demanding an extension of the franchise, and that eight hours be a lawful day's work.

Bebel urged the Austrians to persevere until they obtained universal suffrage, by which alone they could be capable of breaking the power of the purse-proud rulers and end the era of the magazine, rifle and militarism. Inasmuch as the Socialists had no weapons they must win over the bearers of arms and then a victory for the red flag would surely follow.

Engels spoke in a similar strain, declaring that the franchise is the main weapon of the people.

WILL THANK QUEEN VICTORIA.

Archduke Franz of Austria Pleased With His Reception in British Colonies.

VIENNA, Sept. 15—Palitsche correspondencesays Archduke Franz of Austria will personally thank Queen Victoria for cordiality received throughout the British colonies during his recent tour of the world.

GLADSTONE AND THE LORDS.

The G.O.M. Will Shortly Publicly Express His Opinion of the Peers.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—The Daily News of this morning says it is not improbable that Mr. Gladstone will take an early opportunity of addressing the electors in regard to the action of the House of Lords in summarily rejecting the Home Rule bill.

A DANISH STEAMER SUNK.

Run Down By a Passenger Steamer—The Crew Saved.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—The Danish steamer Mifa was sunk last evening near the Sovereign lightship. She was struck by a large passenger steamer, which continued on its course without offering assistance. The crew of the Mifa reached Hastings in safety.

THE CHOLERA RECORD.

Two Deaths in England—Berlin Declared Free from the Disease.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—Two deaths occurred from cholera to-day, one at Accrington in Lancashire, the other in Mitcham, Surrey.

One hundred and twenty-two cases and 43 deaths occurred from the 11th to 13th insts. in the St. Petersburg district and 25 cases with 11 deaths from 9th to 11th in and around Moscow. Seven new cases are reported in Leghorn and seven cases in the Rhenish Provinces since Wednesday. Berlin has been declared free from cholera.

MUTINY AT ALDERSHOT.

Prisoners Escape From the Guard Room, But Are Quickly Re-Captured.

ALDERSHOT, Sept. 15.—A mutiny occurred to-day among some prisoners of the First Infantry Brigade confined in the guard room. They smashed the door and overpowered the guard and, having broken everything they could lay hands on, they made a run for the town.

A squad of men was sent after them and the mutineers were quickly overpowered, captured and re-confined. They will be court-martialed.

RUSSIA IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.

France Has Consented to Russia Establishing a Naval Station Near Nice.

PARIS, Sept. 15.—The Soir says this evening that France has consented to let Russia use Villa Franche, near Nice, as a naval station for the squadron which the Czar proposes to place in the Mediterranean.

PARLIAMENT TO ADJOURN.

But the House Will Reassemble on Nov. 2.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—It is announced that Parliament will adjourn on Sept. 23 to Nov. 2.

The Pope at the Casino.

ROME, Sept. 15.—His Holiness the Pope to-day took up his residence in the Casino. He has annexed Torre San Paulo to the Vatican gardens.

Sir Hibbert's Knighthood Gazetted.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—Sir Charles H. Tupper has been gazetted K.C.M.G.

Tablettes.

The Earl of Dunraven, owner of the Valkyrie, will sail on the Cunard steamer Campania from Liverpool for New York tomorrow.

Inocencio Martinez, a Spanish cabin passenger on the Cunarder Umbria, which arrived at Queenstown yesterday, died yesterday of heart disease.

STATE EDUCATION OF FARMERS.

Canada Held Up as an Example By The Daily Chronicle.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—The Chronicle of this morning, commenting on the appointment of the Royal Agricultural Commission, says that Canada is one of the most conspicuous examples of state education to the farmer. Certain it is that similar instructions to the farmers of England would be greedily received.

RIOTS IN SPAIN.

Civic Guards Fire on a Mob, Killing Three.

MADRID, Sept. 15.—The excitement throughout the country growing out of the fiscal reforms recently adopted by the Government is growing. Many riots are reported at Mont Blanch, near Tarragona. The civic guard fired on a mob and killed three persons.

Read The Toronto Sunday World tonight.

A Child Poisoned By Laudanum.

MONO MILLS, Sept. 15.—A 2-year-old daughter of John McKenna found a bottle of laudanum in the house and drank a great quantity of it. The little tot died in a few hours.

DOWN NINETY FEET TO DEATH

THE AWFUL FATE OF MR. HARRY FERGUSON Q.C., YESTERDAY.

From His Office Window in the Fifth Story of the Freehold Loan Building He Alighted Upon His Head on the Pavement Below—Particulars of the Affair.

Harry Ferguson, Q.C., a well-known barrister and a gentlemnn universally popular in Toronto society, met with an awful death at 10.30 yesterday morning by falling from the window of his law office on the fifth flat of the Freehold Loan and Savings Company to the stone pavement in Adelaide-street 90 feet below.

Mr. Ferguson, who was stone blind, resided with his wife at the Arlington Hotel. It was the custom of his managing clerk to call for him at the hotel every morning. Yesterday he called as usual and accompanied him to the Freehold Loan, which they reached shortly after 10 o'clock. The suite of offices are located in the southeast corner of the fifth floor of the building. There are three compartments. Mr. Ferguson occupied the west one, the two windows of which overlook Adelaide-street.

The windows are two feet above the floor, and each has an outer ledge extending probably three feet from the inner sills. Both windows are shaded by awnings.

A few moments after Mr. Ferguson had entered his private office the stenographer entered and asked him if he had any work he wished her to do. He was then seated at the table, having hung his hat on a peg behind her. He bade the young woman good morning and said that he did not require her services just then, whereupon she retired.

An Awful Spectacle.

Five minutes later pedestrians passing along Adelaide-street were horror-stricken to see the body of a man coming through the air feet first. It struck the telegraph wires, turned over and came down head first upon the stone pavement below. When they reached the spot they discovered that the lifeless corpse was that of Mr. Ferguson. The head was smashed and the brains oozed from a hole in the skull. P.C. Snyder had the body conveyed into a vacant office in the building pending the arrival of Coroner Aikins. An examination showed that not only had the skull been fractured in numerous places, but that the neck was broken as well. The body was subsequently removed to 22 Catharine-street, the residence of Mr. Archibald G. McLean.

The Main Topic of Discussion.

The melancholy affair was the main topic of conversation yesterday. Friends of the deceased ridicule the suggestion of suicide. They state that Mr. Ferguson was in the best of spirits when he arrived and conversed with his former partner, Mr. Gault, and Mr. G. G. S. Lindsey. Their hypothesis is that deceased undertook to lower the awnings on the windows in order to shut out the sun's rays, that being totally blind he missed his foothold and fell to the pavement below. The caretaker of the building opposite states that he observed a man standing on the ledge a moment before the body came whirling through the air and he supposed it was a caretaker cleaning windows. Marks were found on the ledge showing where deceased had stood, and where the side of his foot had scraped the edge of the ledge in going over.

A gentleman who has known Mr. Ferguson well for many years said he was not the man to take his own life, and that he had no reason for doing it, and that he was one of the brightest and most genial dispositioned men he ever knew. There were many ways that an accident could have happened; the most likely that the big window was opened high, that the blind man went to shut or lower it, that he stumbled as he went and was shot out of the window as he tried to recover his footing.

The World saw County Crown Attorney Dewart last night in reference to the matter. He stated that from what Coroner Aikins had told him in respect to the case he did think an inquest was necessary. He had not gone sufficiently into the case to form an opinion as to the cause of death, but he thought no good purpose would be served by a public investigation.

The Deceased's History.

Mr. Ferguson was a son of the late James Ferguson, at one time registrar of Middlesex. He was married in 1886 to Miss McLean, daughter of Thomas McLean, a son of the late Chief Justice McLean.

Deceased was a cousin and former partner of Judge Ferguson. For some time he was a partner in the firm of Ferguson, O'Brien & Gault, but retired on Aug. 1 last.

BURIED ITS CORK IN HER FACE.

Mrs. Frank Stubbs Kicked by a Horse—A Little Child Fatally Hurt.

Mrs. Stubbs, wife of Mr. Frank Stubbs, merchant tailor, 8 King-street west, met with a painful accident last evening. She was in the stable in rear of the family residence at 169 Carlton-street, when one of the horses kicked her in the face, the cork of its hoof being driven into her cheek and nose. When found Mrs. Stubbs was lying in an insensible condition. Drs. Oldright and White were summoned and dressed her injuries and it is not believed she will be permanently disfigured.

Killed While Picking Apples.

ST. GEORGE, Ont., Sept. 15.—While Mr. Stephen Keen was picking apples this afternoon the limb on which he was standing broke and he fell with great force on his head, crushing in the base of the skull. He only lived a short time afterwards. He was about 65 years of age.

Latest styles fall hats at 50c and $1 at Hobberlin's, 350 and 352 Queen-street east. 36

TO CONTINUE THE WORLD'S FAIR.

The Directors Now Seek to Keep It Open Until January.

CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—After a conference with a number of foreign commissioners, the World's Fair directors have called a special meeting for next Monday night to discuss the feasability of extending the exposition until January, 1894.

Citizens, countrymen, friends, see the splendid Cycloramas, "Jerusalem," this week. You may never have another opportunity. Admission 25c.

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A Cholera Ship at Buenos Ayres.

BUENOS AYRES, Sept. 15.—The steamer Reno from Rio de Janeiro has arrived here with several of her passengers suffering from cholera. The health officers have forbidden anybody to land and have ordered the steamer to leave port.

Fetherstonhaugh & Co., patent solicitors and experts, Bank Commerce Building, Toronto.

International lacrosse Victoria v. Toronto at Rosedale to-day.

Try Watson's Cough Drops. ed

TOWNS BURNED BY FOREST FIRES.

A Wide Stretch of Wisconsin Laid Waste—Several Lives Reported Lost—Train Service Cut Off.

MARSHFIELD, Wis., Sept. 15.—This city is in a panic on account of forest fires, many families in the surrounding districts have been burned out and children are reported missing. Yesterday the forest fires assumed such proportions that the whole city was in danger. The surrounding towns are laid waste.

The Wisconsin Central trains are abandoned. At Powers Station 15 families were burned out.

The town of Withe, 40 miles east of Chippewa Falls, is burning. An eastbound passenger train had a narrow escape from going through a burned bridge. The section men on a handcar ran on the bridge and went through, injuring one man fatally, another swam the river and flagged the train, which was due in a few minutes.

Farmers Lost All.

MERRILL, Wis., Sept. 15.—Forest fires are burning, fanned by heavy winds on all sides of the city. Many farmers have lost their all.

Fought Fire Three Days.

Word has been raceived from Peshtigo, Porterfield and Wausakll and other villages that they have been fighting the fire with all their available means for the last three days.

ALVINSTON SCORCHED.

The Free Press Office and the Lock-Up in Ashes.

ALVINSTON, Ont., Sept. 15.—A fire broke out in the Masonic building here this morning by which it was completely destroyed. The lower flat was occupied by E. L. Mott, proprietor of The Alvinston Free Press, and used by him as a printing office. The upper story was the Masonic lodge rooms. Nothing was saved. The village lock-up, which was adjoining, was completely gutted, and several frame buildings near were considerably damaged. The loss on these is covered by insurance. E. L. Mott's loss on Free Press plant is estimated at $3000; insurance, $1000 in the Caledonia and $500 in Royal. The Masonic lodge's loss on building and lodge room furniture will be about $2500, insured in the Northern for $900. Cause of the fire is yet unexplained.

CREMATED IN A BARN.

A Girl Sets Hay on Fire and Dies in the Flames.

MORRISBURG, Sept. 15.—A very sad accident occurred on the premises of John A. Beckstead, lot 35, 4th concession of Williamsburg. The parents being away from home, two children, the younger a girl 4 years of age, were playing in a small barn, when in some way the hay was set on fire, and before any assistance was at hand was a mass of flames. The older child escaped and at first endeavored to extinguish the flames, but the younger one remained in the building, which on collapsing, threw the charred body among the horrified people gathered around.

HELD UP BY BURGLARS.

A Milton Clergyman and Wife Robbed at the Point of a Revolver.

MILTON, Sept. 15.—About 3 o'clock Friday morning two burglars entered KNOX Church manse through the window of a closet, lit a lamp and went upstairs.

Their proceedings awakened Rev. R. Haddow and Mrs. Haddow, who, seeing the light shining from the hall, and thinking that perhaps the servant was up, called out: "Is that you, Katy?" There was at first no answer, but on the question being repeated a man's voice answered: "Yes, it's Katy," and two men entered the bedroom.

One held the lamp and the other had a revolver in each hand and addressed them at Mr. and Mrs. Haddow, whom he ordered to "hold up their hands."

They did so and one of the men searched Mr. Haddow's clothing, which was on a chair. There was between $40 and $50 in bills in an extra watch pocket, but the fellow fortunately overlooked it, and the purse which he found was empty. He took out Mr. Haddow's watch, but threw it on the bed and said he did not want it. The burglars then left.

On examination it was found that they had rummaged the house pretty well, but had carried off nothing but about $13, which they found in Mr. Haddow's library. They were not masked. One of them was tall and clean-shaved and the other shorter and stouter.

TRAIN ROBBERS GET $70,000.

Three Men Hold Up a Train Near Calumet, Mich.

HANCOCK, Mich., Sept. 15.—A train of the Mineral Range Railroad was held up between here and Calumet by three masked men this morning and robbed of $70,000 of Calumet & Hecla mine money.

Everything is in a turmoil. No blood was shed.

Three men named King, Kehoe and Cheliew have been arrested on suspicion of having been implicated in the robbery.

Robbed of $800.

MONTREAL, Sept. 15.—Louis Papineau, while driving from St. John's to La Prairie yesterday, was stopped by highwaymen near the latter place and had to deliver up $800, which he was taking from the bank.

A most distressing ailment is toothache, a sure and instant cure is Gibbons' Toothache Gum. 246

The Georgian Bay Canal.

The promoters of the Georgian Bay and Lake Ontario Canal project turned out in full force to hear it discussed at length in Murray's Hall yesterday evening. Mr. James Hunter occupied the chair and the speakers of the evening were Messrs. E. A. Macdonald, J. J. Wright, Ald. Hewitt, Ald. Bell and Ald. Murray, all of whom expressed themselves as strongly in favor of the project. No new facts were brought out.

An idea of the values we are offering, $2.50 hats $1.50, $2 hats $1, $1 hats 50c. Hobberlin's 36

A Conference To Be Held at Washington.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—Thursday, Sept. 21, in the Treasury building at Washington has been set for a conference between the Treasury officials and representatives of Canadian railroads and steamship companies for the further consideration of an agreement between the United States and Canada to regulate immigration.

Christy's best hats, regular price $3, for $1.50 at Hobberlin's. 36

An Open Verdict.

The adjourned inquest to enquire into the cause of the death of George Collard, who was found dead between two street cars was held last night by Coroner Aikins. The jury brought in an open verdict—that the man died from a fracture of the skull.

Health, happiness and prosperity follows the user of Adams' Tutti Frutti. Beware of imitations offered by fraudulent dealers

1892, "The Cream of the Havana Crop "La Cadena" and "La Flora" brands of cigars are undoubtedly superior in quality and considerably lower in price than any brand imported. Prejudiced smokers will not admit this to be the case. The connoisseur knows it. S. Davis & Sons, Montreal. 136

SIR HENRY TYLER IN TOWN

The Grand Trunk Rulers Arrive in the City on a Tour of Inspection.

Sir Henry Tyler, President of the Grand Trunk Railway, and General Manager Seargeant arrived in the city yesterday in their official car, known all over the system as "118," a semi-dining and business car, No. 23, and a car for the divisional officers, Messrs. Stepenson, Wallis and Hannaford. They devoted considerable time to arranging details in connection with the new Union Station.

From Toronto the party will go to London, Stratford, Hamilton, Sarnia and intermediate points. Thence on their Michigan and Indiana lines on to Chicago. As Sir Henry is to sail by the Campania from New York on the 30th, he can only devote a day or two, at the most, at the end of the month to the railway exhibit at the Fair.

Sir Henry is assured Home Rule will never come to pass. Gladstone cannot, he argued, have the audacity to go on with the present Government without appealing to the people, and if he appeals to the people he will be overwhelmingly defeated. There is no doubt of that in Sir Henry's mind.

In fact, Sir Henry is positive, that is to say, he has profound convictions about most things of which he speaks. For he speaks only whereof he knows, or at least has studied. But his dogmatism is not of the self-satisfied type. On the contrary, he seems the soul of altruism, with enough determined will—as shown by his aquiline—to make a leader of men, men of the world, though it be a mercenary world. Despite his flowing white beard and generally venerable air, his activity and strength are those of youth, and his health, he says, is unfailing.

"I am very much pleased with what I have seen of the Grand Trunk shops here," said Sir Henry to a World reporter. "The working equipment of the road is fully up to the English standard. The plans for the new Union Station have been shown to me and when it is built I think it will not be excelled by any in Canada. All through my tour of the road I have found everything in first-class shape. I will leave tonight for a short trip of inspection up the road and will return to-morrow. I expect to stay in Toronto for some time and will go west."

Sir Henry held a conference with Local Superintendent Wragge last night and left at 11 o'clock for Davenport.

$134,000 IN GOLD MISSING.

A Shortage of $5000 Ounces of Bullion At the Philadelphia Mint.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—Acting Mine Director Preston to-day stated that an examination of the vaults of the Philadelphia mint had disclosed a shortage of more than 5000 ounces in gold bullion valued at $134,000.

The vault in which the gold is short had, when it was sealed in 1887, about $16,000,000 in gold bullion. D. M. Fox was superintendent of the mint at that time, and O. C. Bosbyshell succeeded him in November 1889, receipting for the sealed gold in the vault without weighing it. The shortage was discovered only on Monday, when the vault was opened for the purpose of coining the bullion.

The superintendent of the mint at Philadelphia is under bond of $100,000, and some of the wealthiest men of the city, including George W. Childs, are on it. A thorough examination is being made to fix the guilt.

TOWNSHIP FUNDS SHORT.

Tilbury West's Treasurer Alleged to Be $800 Behind.

COMBER, Ont., Sept. 15.—It has just been discovered that Mr. Thomas Bryan, collector for the township of Tilbury West, is behind in his accounts. According to the treasurer's books the amount will exceed $800.

Mr. Bryan is a farmer and has always enjoyed the confidence and respect of the people in the township. He cannot explain when and where the money went to. The township will not lose anything, as Bryan's bondsmen are held for the amount.

Mr. Bryan has turned over to his bondsmen his farming machinery and other personal property. But this will not indemnify them against loss.

THE BOOMERS' LAST RUSH.

To-day They Scramble for the Last of Uncle Sam's Free Land.

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 15.—Everything that has life along the border of the Cherokee outlet is moving to-day. Final preparations for the biggest race in the history of the world are being made, and would-be starters are scrambling for a chance to make their entries. Booths were opened at 7 this morning and 20 clerks were at work issuing certificates of registration to home-seekers. They started out at the rate of 20 a minute. If that rate is kept up 12,000 will be registered at the border line. House seekers to-day appear to have awakened to a relization of the necessity for carrying a supply of water with them into the new country. A large number of water wagons have been rigged up to supply water to claim makers. They expect to dispose of it at a dollar a bucket on Saturday night.

THE BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR.

The Latest By the Author of Ben Hur.

There would appear to be a particular fitness in this time for the appearance of General Wallace's dramatic and highly picturesque historical novel, "The Prince of India." Its latent religious significance is hardly less than the force of its superb dramatic pictures. Its vivid human interests are not confined to the epoch in which its most stirring action occurs—the 15th century and the ruin of the Eastern Empire before the aggressive Mahometan. John F. McKenna, 80 Yonge-street, bookseller and newsdealer. Political intrigue and romantic passion, schism and conspiracy, military life in camp and in citadel, earnest debate upon creeds and state politics, royal loves and fervid ambitions—all have their place in the book.

A Progressive Firm.

Few firms in this city have as much reason for self-congratulation as have the well-known printing house of Brough & Caswell. Since their advent into business, but six years ago, they have advanced with rapid strides until to-day they stand in the very forefront in their line of business. This success has been attained by merit alone, and their motto "Merit, Integrity, Despatch," has been fully upheld by them. Having on the 1st September disposed of their former printing plant to the J. E. Bryant Company, Messrs. Brough & Caswell have opened up at No. 11 Jordan-street with an outfit of type and presses entirely new, and of the very latest and best the market could produce, purchased from the well-known firm of Miller & Richard, Toronto, and Van Allens & Boughton, New York. We wish the firm of Brough & Caswell every success.

Enlarged Veins,

Seamless elastic stockings for varicose veins and special goods in this line for rheumatic people. Only to be had at Charles Clothe, 134 King-street west, opposite Rossin House, Toronto. 6

Victoria lacrosse champions of British Columbia at Rosedale this afternoon.

Removal.

Blight Bros., the commercial stationers, will remove to their new store, 65 Yonge-st., in a few days. 246

THE BLOODY SUN AT NOON.

A STRANGE SCENE IN THE HEAVENS YESTERDAY.

Bush Fires Cause the Orb of Day to Take On a Broad and Burning Face—The Observatory Besieged With Enquiries From People Who Thought the Day of Judgment Was at Hand.

The sun had many admirers yesterday, for he had, as Ossian says, "Made the beauty of his face to shine upon the earth." All day Old Sol rode through a slight gauzy mist-light that gave his face a bright appearance that varied from deep gold to copper red, as the heavy smoke-laden atmosphere grew lighter or denser. The meteorlogical officers were kept busy answering questions sent by telephone for explanations of the cause of the strange appearance, which was, after all, very simple, having its origin in bush fires somewhere in the north or nortwest of the province. In the dry fall months the sun often assumes this strange appearance, especially in Indian summer days, that drowsy poetical seasan os which Mrs. Moody sang:

"By the deep blue haze that lies
In the amber of the skies."

Though the people seem to forget from year to year the strange autumnal freaks of our solar light, yet the poets have often noticed them, and to them is due many a bright gem of poetic inspiration. At noon yesterday the blood-red of the sun's face realized Coleridge's picture:

"All in a hot and copper sky
The bloody sun at noon,
Right up above the mast did stand
No bigger than the moon."

No better description of the general appearance of the sun all day yesterday could be found than the following stanza from the same poem:

"And straight the sun was flecked with bars,
(Heaven's mother send us grace)
As if through a dungeon grate he peered
With broad and burning face."

A Previous Similar Spectacle.

About 12 years ago, it will be remembered, the Province of Ontario and the northern parts of the United States were visited by a "dark day" So dark was this day that the lamps had to be lighted in the towns of Ontario about 3 o'clock, and the darkness remained more or less intense for the remainder of the day. The fall of ashes killed hundreds of fish in the Maitland and Sangeen rivers, which for weeks after lay rotting on the shores polluting the air for miles around. Those who remember that day will have a vivid picture of a mighty sea of lurid, rolling flames, that seemed to fill the sky. So vivid were these flames that I saw two dozen Irish immigrants but lately come from Galway kneel in abject terror on the market place of a little country town and pray the good Lord and the Holy Virgin to withhold the judgment day for a few hours at least. It was reported that one old woman actually died of fright. All this terrible flame-like appearance was caused simply by the shining rays of the sun through the heavy floating clouds of smoke. This blood-red appearance of the sun can be obtained in an artificial manner by simply smoking a glass, however slightly, and then viewing the sun through it.

Has Been Known to Last a Week.

This same lurid light has been known to cover the face of the sun for a week at a time. The phenomenon always happens in dry, hot seasons, and generally when the upper currents of air are almost perfectly still, or moving with a very easy uniform motion steadily in one direction. If the weather is damp the smoke clouds condense and fall at once to the earth. This heavy smoke-laden atmosphere often brings on a rainstorm, as it has a tendency to attract the particles of moisture in the air and to condense them.

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Send to the agency of the Equitable Life, corner of King and Yonge, for the pamphlet entitled, "Life Insurance in Times of Financial Panic." It contains matter of timely interest to men of means and of special importance to those engaged in business.

The Coming Plebiscite.

BRANTFORD, Sept. 14.—The district meeting of the Brantford Distict Methodist Church, which met in Cainsville to-day, passed a resolution endorsing the Ontario plebiscite. Mr. W. W. Buchanan, editor of The Royal Templar, Hamilton, assisted by Rev. Mr. White and Miss White, will commence a series or meetings in the interest of the January vote in Wickliffe Hall on Friday, Sept. 29, continuing until Tuesday, Oct. 2. Mr. Joseph Gibson of Ingersoll will follow on Oct. 16, after which the Plebiscite Society expect to have Bishop Baldwin, F. S. Spence, Hon. A. S. Hardy, William Paterson, M.P., James S. Fullerton, Q.C., and other prominent men as can be arranged.

WOODSTOCK, Sept. 14.—At the tenth annual meeting of the Woodstock District of the Methodist Church hold yesterday a strong resolution was unanimously passed favoring the proposed plebiscite on prohibition next January.

Asbestos Cement.

Steamboat owners, engineers, etc., will find it to their advantage to see us regarding covering of boilers, cylinders, pipes, etc. We are prepared to do this work to satisfaction, or will supply cement by barrel. Good quality. Canadian Mineral Wool Co., Ltd., 122 Bay-street, Toronto. 6

The Art of Parentage in The Toronto Sunday World might interest you.

A Forger Levants.

ORANGEVILLE, Sept. 15.—A young man named Lawrence, a piano agent, has left for parts unknown. He endeavored to discount a note to which the name of Edward Jenkins, a farmer in Cardwell, was forged. He leaves many creditors and it is alleged that he has skipped from other towns, leaving similar mementoes.

Go to the Academy Sunday evening, Sept. 17th.

Safety.

When a man is investing money in real estate he exercises great care to ascertain that he is securing a good investment for his money. The same rule should also be adopted by every man when insuring his life.

The Compound Investment Policy of the North America Life Assurance Company, Toronto, includes the advantages of investment and insurance. 246

Do not fail to hear Watts on the great question of Immortality to-morrow night.

Loans on Real Estate.

Owners of central properties can secure loans on most favorable terms by making personal application to Mr. Troy at office of the Ontario Mutual Life, 32 Church-street Toronto. 6

Is there a Future Life? Hear the great English orator.

"Clear Havana Cigars."

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See Hobberlin's hat windows. Your choice for $1, 350 and 352 Queen east. 36

YOUNG CONSERVATIVES INDIGNANT.

Ill-Natured Comments of a Toronto Paper—A Globe Canard Refuted—General Ottawa News.

OTTAWA, Sept. 15.—There is some indignation here among members of the Macdonald Club at the ill-natured comments that have been made upon the fact that they sent no delegates to the Toronto convention. Secretary Fred Cook says it looked at first as if Toronto Young Conservatives ignored the existence of the Ottawa juniors altogether. It was only when he wrote to enquire the nature of the convention and the qualifications for representation that any notice was taken of the club at all. On Thursday came the reply and with it a credential for the president. It was Monday before the executive could be got together and they then decided that the notice was insufficient. "Nor is it time," sain he as I have seen it stated in The News that the Macdonald Club is mainly composed of civil servants. On our executive of 13 we have only one member who is a Government employe, and he is in the outside service."

The Finances of the Year.

The first financial statement for the new fiscal year shows an encouraging improvement over the figures for the corresponding period of 1892. The revenue for July and August was $6,047,700 and the expenditure $3,985,643. For the corresponding period of the previous year the revenue was $6,030,500 and the expenditure $4,149,500.

Forged Bounty Cheques.

Officials of the Department of Marine have just returned from Paspebiac, Que., where they secured the conviction and sentence of Alfred Ouelette, a shoemaker, for nine months in jail for the theft and forgery of 14 fishing bounty cheques.

Inspection of Immigrants.

Some rather ridiculous things are being said about the agreement which the United States authorities desired the Dominion Government to enter into to permit the inspection by United States officers at Quebec of immigrants for American ports for the purpose of enforcing their alien labor and immigration laws. For instance a Washington despatch to the Globe had it that, "Mr. Stump says that he does not understand this as the Deputy Minister who signed the agreement while acting as minister and subsequently said that Sir John Thompson saw the instrument before it was signed." It is most unlikely, said Mr. Burgess, when I showed the despatch that Col. Stump, the American superintendent of immigration said anything of the sort. Himself an executive office, he must aware that I could not possibly be "acting as minister." Besides, it was impossible that Sir John Thompson could have seen the instrument before it was signed, because it was drawn up in Montreal, in the presence of Col. Stump and others, by me and signed then and there.

Notes.

F. C. Denison, Toronto, has passed a supplementary examination for a cadetship in the Military College at Kingston.

Deposits in the Dominion Government's savings bank during August amounted to $361,936, withdrawals to $340,000, leaving $17,782,741 on deposit.

Messrs. Henry J. Morgan and R. W. Shannon of this city have been elected members of the Association of American Authors.

Ottawa City Politics.

The World yesterday ran across ex-Mayor McLeod Stewart of Ottawa, who is here on business. He was asked about the vacancy in the representation of that city in the Dominion Parliament should Mr. Mackintosh be appointed governor of the Territories. He said: "I'd like to see my old friend Mackintosh get something from his party—he served them well for many a day. As to the vacancy, should it occur, I can only say that the nomination will be in the hands of the regular convention." From which The World inferred that Mr. Stewart would not refuse the favor of the convention if tendered it.

Mr. McLeod Stewart was mayor of Ottawa in the Queen's Jubilee year, and when Lord Lansdowne left for India he was given a magnificent banquet by His Worship. The banquet was a great success, and, as an old M.P. said yesterday, if Mr. Stewart makes as good a member as he did a chairman on that occasion he will be a rattler.

Our High Standard Will Be Maintained.

Visitors to Toronto this week cannot but admire the brightness of its September. At this season, when lingering summer treats us to some of her most enchanting smiles, it is noticeable that new neckwear abounds. In his selections for autumn quinn has exercised scrupulous and painstaking care in obtaining goods that are both choice and novel. The two-inch four-in-hand, Algonquin and King Joe ties seem to be favorite, while the Duke of York and Tintagel new English collars and Perrins elk tan and Crown Prince gloves are sure winners.

Victoria v. Toronto at Rosedale this afternoon.

Pure Water and Long Life.

Solid and dry as the human body appears, water constitutes more than one-forth of its bulk. It is impossible therefore for one to be in perfect health unless they drink regularly plenty of perfectly pure water. "Sprudel" is bottled fresh at the spring, and is the purest and healthiest water sold on this continent. It is more healthful to drink lake water than stale mineral water.

The Street Car Men's Parade and Church Service.

The Street Railway Men's Union will hold their first Sunday service to-morrow at 3 p.m. in the Pavilion. Among the speakers expected are Rev. Dr. Thomas, Rev. W. Patterson of Cooke's Church, Rev. F. Ryan and the Mayor. The Hon. S. H. Blake may also attend. Special musical arrangements have been made.

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Niagara Falls Line Change of Time.

On and after Tuesday, Sept. 19, the 7.50 a.m. trip of the Empress from Toronto, as also the 7.15 p.m. trip from Port Dalhousie, will be discontinued. On Sunday, the 19th, a new time table will go into effect, particulars of which will be announced in Monday's morning papers.

Mr. Charles Watts to-morrow night in the Academy, Is there a Life Beyond the Grave. The question answered.

Well Matched Ponies For Sale.

There will be sold at Grand's on Tuesday, Sept. 19, a well matched pair of good dri