

CAPITAL NOTES.

The Tobacco Railway Company—The Ex-President's Allegations Regarding His Signature.

Cattle Shipping Regulations—Testimonials for a Brave Crew—Gen. Herbert's Resignation.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, July 26.—The affairs of the Tobacco Valley Railway Co., which incidentally received some attention at the hands of the public accounts committee last session, are likely to be further ventilated in the courts. That at least is the mission upon which John E. Stewart, ex-president of the railway, is now in Ottawa. He spent an hour or so at the department of railways and canals this morning examining the official annual returns of the company. The complaint that he has to make against his late co-directors is quite a serious one. He says that he resigned the presidency of the road on the 18th of May, 1892, having held the position from the organization of the company in 1886. The return of the railway's business transactions for the year of 1891, is signed "John E. Stewart," and is shown to have been fully sworn to before Alderman W. D. Morris, of this city, on April 5, 1892. Mr. Stewart claims that the signature appended to that return is not in his handwriting. He says that at the meeting of the directors, the statement of accounts submitted to the directors showed a sum of \$25,900 as having been expended more than he thought was actually disbursed on the works that year, and he accordingly refused to sign the report. His examination of the returns in the department to-day shows him that the report which bears what he calls his forged signature includes that amount to which he objected to certify. Your correspondent was permitted by the Deputy Minister of Railways to investigate these returns in the department. The signature to the return for 1891 differs in appearance from the handwriting of the signature appended to the return for 1890, yet it may possibly require expert testimony to prove that they were not signed by the same person. There is this, however, which Mr. Stewart is in his examination of the return failed to notice when he pointed out to your correspondent the impropriety of your signing his signature as president nearly two months after he had ceased to hold that office, namely, that the body of this return, which is in the handwriting of an official of the department, is signed "John E. Stewart" in parentheses after Stewart's name, the words "President on June 30, 1892." This, while of course, it would not justify any such act as Mr. Stewart charges against some members of the company or other, shows that care was taken to make the report authentic, so far as the signature of his connection with the directorate was concerned. Mr. Stewart's further statement, which he says he can easily prove, is that he was not in or near Ottawa on April 5, 1892, the date at which the signature appears to have been attested by Ald. Morris. The latter has no record of attestation, and, of course, at this date has no recollection of it whatever. As evidence of his resignation at the time mentioned, Mr. Stewart shows a bill of injunction against the company, which he had taken out for money, which he had taken out and sworn to before a magistrate in St. John, N.B., on February 18, 1892.

The contract for the Peterboro and Lakefield division of the Tobacco Valley Railway was finally awarded to Brown, Low & Aylmer, of Toronto, who are the lowest tenderers, the contract price being in the neighborhood of \$300,000. The total length of this section is 63 miles. The Allan Stewart Company have not given up the agitation for a change in the cattle shipping regulations in regard to space. They have forwarded to W. L. Magee, who acted as commissioner during the recent cattle shipping inquiry, an invitation to make the trip one of their cattle steamers to Liverpool and observe the effects of the proposed changes on live stock during the voyage. This Mr. Magee will probably not be able to do; but it is likely he will start about the 15th prox. for Montreal and make the voyage as far as Quebec or Father Point on one of these cattle vessels, the St. Lawrence being the most trying part of the voyage over.

Several very handsome testimonials were expressed to-day from the department of marine and fisheries to the British board of trade in London. They are intended as awards to the captain and crew of the British steamship Ivan, of Liverpool, for their gallantry in rescuing the people of the brigantine "Prussia," hailing from Lunenburg, N.S. There is a spy-glass for Captain Jennings, a gold watch for Mate Crosby, and silver watches for the carpenter, the boatswain and the two quartermasters of the Ivan who composed the rescuing crew. These presents from the Dominion government are all being appropriately inscribed. The story of the wreck shows that the Nova Scotia vessel had a terrific time of it. She left Cuba on January 22 this year with a cargo of manganese and mahogany, and when only seven days out bound north for Philadelphia, a gale sprang up which followed her for several days, and on February 11 left her a hopeless leaker wreck. It was then that the Ivan bove in sight, lowered one of her lifeboats, and at great risk to the men's lives succeeded in taking off the crew of the brigantine. Sir Mackenzie Bowell and Hon. T. Mayne Daly left to-day for the West, and this evening Hon. Mr. Foster and Mrs. Foster took their departure for Apohaqui, N. B. The report of the dismissal of Customs Detective Boness, of St. Stephen, N. B., is contradicted at the department. The Controller says that Mr. Boness was superannuated at the annual allowance of \$168. The acceptance of Major General Herbert's resignation has at last been officially announced. It is likely he will be succeeded by Colonel Gascoigne, commander of the Scotch Grenadier guards. A lamentable drowning accident is reported from Aylmer, about nine miles from the victims are Walter, Alexander and Edward Brophy, and Percy Winfield. The Brophy boys were sons of G. P. Brophy, vice president of the Ottawa Electric railway and were from 23 to 13 years of age. Winfield was a son of Rev. W. T. Winfield, chaplain to the Governor-General. The boys were sailing on the lake, when a squall arose and capsized their boat. One of the party, young Mill, son of the Commissioner of Inland Revenue, was saved.

HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 26.—The Steamer Peking arrived from China and Japan via Honolulu, yesterday morning. The latest Hawaiian advices are that the senate has practically decided to refuse a pension to Princess Kalaualani. The Hawaiian king has

been planted on French Frigate shoal island, which has always been regarded as a part of the Hawaiian group, but there never has been any formal annexation. An act to facilitate the construction of a cable has been introduced in the senate, giving executive the power to enter into a preliminary contract with private individuals or corporations.

CHOLEERA IN JAPAN

SAN FRANCISCO, July 26.—Cholera is raging in Japan, and nearly every province in the little empire reports a heavy death rate from the disease. Officers and passengers on the City of Peking tell tales of the scourge. From the outbreak of the disease until the day the steamer sailed from Yokohama, 1,183 deaths had been reported. The disease was brought to Japan by the forces arriving from the war in China and Korea, and whenever a regiment was sent home and disbanded cases of cholera began to develop, and the disease spread with such rapidity that the physicians of the district were unable to keep it in check. Military quarantines were established, and all regiments returning were held until all traces of the disease were stamped out. In spite of such precautions and the untiring efforts of the quarantine officials and several physicians, the plague has become so prevalent that all the way from fifty to one hundred deaths a day are reported from it, and as many more are said to occur that never reach the ears of the authorities.

Port Townsend, July 26.—The British steamer Antwerp City arrived yesterday morning from Kobe, Japan, which is listed by the United States quarantine authorities as a cholera port, without a clean bill of health. The government quarantine officers ordered her to quarantine, though no cases of cholera were reported. She was taken to the Diamond Point quarantine station, and the process of fumigation commenced. Several persons from shore here happened to go on board before the doctors reported the condition of her bill of health, and they, too, were placed in temporary quarantine until their wearing apparel underwent fumigation, and then they came ashore. The steamer will probably be released on Monday and proceed to Tacoma to load a cargo of lumber for Delos Bay, Africa.

MONTECAL MATTERS.

MONTECAL, July 27.—(Special.)—Olivier Lavellie, who is under age, brought action against his father to force the latter to consent to his marriage with Miss Majand. The young man alleged that he was determined to marry, and his father's opposition arose from the fact that he wanted his salary. Judge DeLorimier decided against the youth, and advised him to await his majority.

James Dolphin and James Jackson, of the Dominion Cotton Mills, have arrived at Quebec from England. They brought considerable improved machinery for the E. C. H. Magog and Halifax mills. The company intends increasing its output.

Hughes, the victim of the St. Paul murderous assault is better to-day. It is thought he will recover. Col. Prevost denies that he has resigned command of the 65th battalion. On Thursday Henry Thompson, the Pacific Slope pedestrian who was walking around the world for \$10,000, arrived here claiming to have walked from San Francisco. He was arrested last night for drunkenness and was liberated this morning. An hour afterwards he was drunk again and was fired out of several saloons. After being up several citizens for money he was re-arrested. His case comes up on Saturday next. He claims to have banked \$14,000.

DURRANT'S TRIAL.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 26.—It is evident the defence in Theodore Durrant's case will take every advantage of the technicalities. They objected to-day to the entire jury named because the minutes were defective of the meeting of the superior judges when the list of 300 jurors was selected. Presiding Judge Sanderson having testified as to the proceedings at the meeting of judges, Judge Murphy overruled the defendant's objection. It is manifest that it will take a number of days at least to obtain a jury. The questions of the prosecution were mainly directed to ascertain if a juror would accept circumstantial evidence and would not hesitate to inflict the death penalty for murder. The defendant's questions were based on the jurors' familiarity with the newspaper comments upon the crime and Durrant's connection with it. Almost every man summoned has formed an opinion as to Durrant's guilt. Up to noon to-day only one juror had been temporarily accepted. He may be challenged by the defence later on. A number of young women struggled with other curiosity seekers to obtain admission to the trial yesterday when Judge Murphy refused defendant's application for change of venue, giving Durrant the right to renew the motion. Durrant maintains his calm and unconvicted demeanor.

WINNIPEG WIRINGS.

WINNIPEG, July 26.—(Special.)—To-day's weather reports show that showers were general throughout Manitoba this morning. The farmers say they have now enough moisture to ensure a successful crop and are hopeful that the damp weather will be continued. The next crop bulletin of the provincial department of agriculture will be issued during the first week in August. It is understood that the estimated yield of wheat crop will be between twenty-five and thirty million bushels. This, judging by the reports so far received by the department will be a conservative estimate. The Patrons of Industry are importing about 800,000 pounds of binder twine for the wheat harvest. Several inquiries have been received from Ontario as to the possibility of shipping hay from this province to the drought-stricken districts of Ontario. The C.P.R. have quoted a reduced freight rate. A jury to-day awarded Mrs. Stephen Lines \$200 in her suit against the electric street railway, owing to injuries received in a collision. Colin Fraser, trader, of Chippewyan, sold to R. Seaton the largest lot of prize paper brought into Edmonton. The price paid was \$20,000.

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CABLE NEWS.

Massacred by Natives in Southern Seas—Train of French Pilgrims Wrecked.

Salisbury Will Not Arbitrate the Venezuelan Question—Fight Between Turks and Persians.

LONDON, July 26.—A dispatch from Sydney, N. S. W., says that a boat crew of ten natives has been massacred in the Blarneck Archipelago.

A train crowded with pilgrims, returning from the shrine at St. Dauray, was wrecked near the town of St. Brian to-day, twelve persons were killed and twenty-five injured.

Lady Frances Rose-Gunning, widow of Rev. Henry John Gunning, fourth baronet of that name, who died in 1886, was charged with forging a bill of exchange for £50, using the name of her father, Rev. William Henry Spencer, uncle of Baron Churchill and rector of Great Houghton, Northamptonshire. She was remanded.

A dispatch received at Paris from Constantinople says that sanguinary conflicts have taken place between the Turks and Persians on the Persian frontier. An explosion of fire damp occurred yesterday in the Prinz von Preussen mine at Bochum, Westphalia. The bodies of thirty-two of the accident have already been recovered and a number of persons are still missing. Search parties are expending the utmost difficulty in exploring the mine. In addition to the killed nine men were severely burned by the explosion.

Sixteen hundred cases of California fruit, which arrived at Southampton from New York by the steamship St. Louis yesterday morning, sold at auction in Covent Garden market to-day, fetching prices which were one-half brighter than those of last week. Plums averaged 7s. 6d. per case; peaches 8s., and pears 11s. 7d.

The amount of bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England on balance to-day was £26,000. While no official news has been received concerning the friction between the Venezuelans and British colonists in Trinidad, growing out of the seizure of a British trading craft in colonial waters, it is believed that the difficulty has resulted from the efforts of the Venezuelans to maintain a strict guard of their coast against the landing of revolutionaries from the British island of Trinidad is near the Venezuelan coast and the two points known as the Serpent's Mouth channels, separating the island from the mainland are so narrow as to make it very difficult to distinguish the lines of jurisdiction between British and Venezuelan waters. It is at these places that the seizures have been made by Venezuelans.

The Rio Janeiro correspondent of the Times says in reference to the demonstration with regard to the occupation of Trinidad that the government is acting in restraint of actual violence, but it is not advising moderation.

A special from Caracas, Venezuela says: Advice from England indicate that Lord Salisbury is stubbornly opposed to submitting the whole British-Venezuelan question to arbitration. The general opinion is that it will be much more difficult to settle the question with him at the head of the government than with Lord Rosebery.

Right Rev. Anthony Wilson Thorold, D.D., Bishop of Rochester, whose death is reported, was born in Hongkong, June 13, 1825, and educated at Queen's college, Oxford. On the recommendation of Lord Beaconsfield he was nominated by the crown to the bishopric of Rochester, in succession to Dr. Charles Sumner, who had translated to the newly constituted see of St. John's. He was consecrated in Westminster Abbey, July 25, 1877. He was the author of several devotional works, of which one "The Presence of Christ," has gone through ten editions.

The Apinwahit Fruit Company's laborers employed to unload bananas who struck work at Colon have been replaced by natives. About twenty-five needy German seamen came from Panama in time to help unload a cargo of bananas for which they had arrived. The strike of the wharf and ship laborers which commenced on the 17th, and which later extended to the switchmen and others on the railroad, continues. All the steamers at Panama are idle and all business is at a standstill. The men have procured prompt payment of their wages and will be threatened.

The King of Belgium walked out on foot in the crowded streets yesterday and was greatly cheered, in contrast to the reception met with by Emperor presenting the colors to the civic guard.

TRADE REVIEWED.

NEW YORK, July 26.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade will say: It is not the season for the tide of business to rise but there is perceived scarcely any shrinkage except that which comes naturally with the midsummer heat. The volume of new business is small compared with recent months, but large enough to encourage more openings of long closed works and more additions to the ranks of the unemployed. The reports are more favorable except in wheat. The prices of wheat has advanced 3 cents since last week. The following show increases in price—corn, steel and copper. Extensive sales of wool are reported and wool prices in both of those articles are being filled. Cotton and woolen goods show a larger demand with a hopeful market for light woolsens. Failures in Canada were 27 as against 39 last year.

Bradstreet's reports the total bank clearing for the week for the Dominion of Canada at Montreal \$11,142,288—decrease 26; Toronto \$5,467,115—increase 125; Halifax \$1,328,509—increase 178; Winnipeg \$908,771—increase 68. Totals, \$19,427,490—decrease 13 1/2.

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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Vancouver's By-Elections—The Killing of Jimmy Mitchell—A Visitation of Burglars.

Beaten and Robbed on the Eve of His Wedding—Important Assessment Case.

(Special to the COLONIST.) VANCOUVER. VANCOUVER, July 27.—The bye-elections will be fought out on the two questions:—Police investigation, and the Burrard Inlet and Fraser Valley railroad bonus. The candidates nominated by the ratepayers association are said to be in favor of the present suspensions in the police force and a continuation and extension of the investigation.

The City Insurance is to be divided equally amongst all the insurance companies in the city. At the coroner's inquest held in Westminster to inquire into the death of Jimmy Mitchell, it was almost impossible to get at the Indian witnesses refusing to answer questions put to them by the coroner, and to teach the natives a lesson several will be punished for contempt of court. With the incomplete evidence before them the jury were obliged to return a verdict that the deceased came to his death by a blow administered by a party unknown. Indian Frank, of Comox, has been arrested for the crime. The Indians had been drinking when the murder was committed. Before the murdered man died an attempt was made to get a statement from him, but he could not speak having been in an unconscious state for some time.

The political Nationalists' Association, a branch of the Knights of Labor, is starting a library. The association is in a flourishing condition and meetings will be held throughout the year, semi-monthly. Vancouver has evidently a gang of desperate burglars. Another daring robbery has been committed. The house of Mr. J. Knowler, Everleigh street, was entered by burglars while Mrs. Knowler and daughter were in the house, in broad daylight, and a quantity of valuable jewelry stolen, including three gold watches. The house was entered and the work was done by expert crackmen. Another house was entered 200 yards away, and still another on Comox street, the house of A. F. Griffiths. The thieves climbed in through a window, and a quantity of jewelry being stolen. It is supposed to be this gang that attempted to rob the Cariboo stage. Their haul has been probably \$800 in cash and as much more in jewelry.

The nominations for bye-elections to fill the vacancies in Wards 4 and 5 are: Ward 4, Joseph Brown, J. B. Newcomb and E. Saunders; Ward 5, Isaac W. Doherty and D. D. McDonald.

WESTMINSTER. NEW WESTMINSTER, July 27.—A rather important assessment case was tried here yesterday. F. W. R. Stainforth appeared from the decision of the Dewdney court of revision on the ground of excessive valuation. Judge Bole reduced the amount of the assessment 50 per cent, and allowed \$35 more. It is said this will induce others to try their fortune.

J. McClutby, foreman of the Hastings mill, was attacked by two masked men on Dufferin street at two o'clock this morning, knocked down and \$300 taken from him. Mr. McClutby was to have been married to Miss M. Cook this morning. There was a party at Miss Cook's house last night and Mr. McClutby was returning from there when he was held up. He had drawn his knife and was in the act of making his escape when he was overpowered by the two men, who had broken a heavy walking stick over the back of the bearded highwayman. The police are on the track, but as yet have not the slightest clue. The wedding was postponed for a few hours.

The high and last night capsized several fishing boats but no lives were lost. The catch of salmon was light to-day. The traps at Boundary Bay are interfering with the run in the Fraser.

NANAIMO. NANAIMO, July 27.—The gold medal to be presented to Miss C. Manson is on view at R. Conner's establishment, and has on the reverse side an engraving of the proposed new school house.

Mr. Cunningham is still at Ualou. He is connected with the Scotch firm that has the contract for the erection of a large coal washing plant at the Union colliery.

The meeting of the Horticultural and Agricultural Society, advertised for last evening, turned out a failure owing to a quorum failing to put in an appearance. A committee meeting will be called on August 12. This afternoon a wedding took place at St. Paul's church, the contracting parties being Mr. Joseph Moore, of the firm of MacPhee & Moore, Comox, and Miss Esie Welsh, of this city. The newly married couple left for Victoria, where they will spend the honeymoon.

UNION. (From the Weekly News.) The main coal seam has been reached and uncovered in No. 5 shaft. At that point it is over five feet in thickness and of a splendid quality.

H. C. Caldwell, provincial surveyor, has finished the location of the highway from Qualicum to Comox and from Union wharf to Union. The line between Union and the wharf avoids railroad crossings as far as possible and is of easy grade, making a short straight line of about nine miles.

SPENCE'S BRIDGE. SPENCE'S BRIDGE, July 25.—On Tuesday night a Swede named Chris. Hansen was killed in a handcar accident near here. The unfortunate man with three other workmen was coming home on a handcar near Drynook. Going down grade the car jumped the track throwing the men violently over the embankment. Hansen was so badly hurt that he died shortly afterwards. An inquest into the accident resulted in a verdict of accidental death.

ELECTRICAL RAILWAY PROSPECTS CHICAGO, July 26.—Regarding the story that an electric road between New York and Chicago with an average speed of 150 miles an hour is now being promoted by Chicago and Eastern capitalists, Assistant Manager Theo. P. Bailey, of the General Electric Co., said to-day: "The great trunk line of the country will eventually be operated by electricity, but there is no im-

HE KILLED HIS MAN.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., July 26.—John R. Linson, at first accused of murdering pretty little Ida Gebhard, but who proved an alibi, tells a remarkable story. When he was a young man one of his sisters was ruined. He said: "When I heard of it I swore that I would kill her seducer. I let him know it, too, and then I started after him. I chased that man for four years and eight months, and never got off his track. I hired detectives to help me, and his sister who had lots of money, came to his rescue and bribed the men I paid. He left for Europe and I was after him on the next man. His sister came to me and begged me for mercy, and I told her that I was bound to kill, and I kept my word. I lost track of him in England, but I got him again in Germany, and I ran him out of Berlin. He came back to this country and he was down to Brazil. I was hot after him there and I travelled all over South America a few days behind him. Then he came north again, went to California and sailed for Australia. I went after him, and I would have caught him in South Wales, but I broke my leg near Ballarat.

"After I got well of my broken leg I started after him again. I found him at Sydney and would have killed him then but the police interfered. He escaped me and went to California, and it was there I got him. I stayed in a cellar of an engineer's house for three months while the police were searching for me. They told him I had gone and he began to feel safe. I knew what he was doing, for I had good friends, and one day, just as he had gone into the hotel after dinner, I went in after him. The place was grand with many lights and lots of gold in the ceiling, and on the table there was shining out glass and beautiful things. I did not heed the guests that were in there eating. I went straight up to him and grabbed him around the throat. I shot him three times. I was tried three times, and though my lawyers wanted me to act crazy, I refused. I thought that if I did not have justification for what I had done I was willing to hang. Finally they convicted and sentenced me to prison for life. One of my lawyers was a friend of the governor, and I was pardoned after I had been in jail for six months."

CANADIAN NEWS. (Special to the COLONIST.) TORONTO, July 25.—An injunction was applied for this morning to prevent the trustee board of the Elm street Methodist church from spending any money now in its hands to pay the choir or organist, and to restrain Mr. Galbraith, pastor of the church, from interfering with the trustee board.

TORONTO, July 25.—When the Orange Supreme Grand Lodge of Canada meets at Halifax on Tuesday, an effort will be made to secure legislation to the effect that Supreme Grand Lodge officials shall not be allowed to political associations. The case in point is that of Supreme Secretary Birmingham, who is also organizer for the Federal Conservative party. The county lodge wants this changed.

KINGSTON, July 25.—While a baseball game was in progress at Sydenham village, sixteen miles from here, William Castell, third baseman of the Elginburg team, became refractory to the home plate in an altercation with P. Wyott, shortstop of the Odessa team, and in the melee the latter struck Castell over the left temple with a bat. He was carried to the hotel and died of his injuries this morning.

TORONTO, July 25.—The statement of Mrs. Doyle, of Chicago, that a relative of hers owned the house No. 16 St. Vincent street, in which the remains of the Pittzell children were found, is not correct. Mrs. Nudge, who owns the property, says that her late husband and herself have owned the house for twenty years and that no one has any interest in it except herself.

WELLINGTON, July 25.—A terrible accident occurred in No. 5 shaft of the Wallington colliery yesterday, by which a Russian Finn, Victor Hill by name, lost his life beneath some loaded cars, which ran over his body, breaking his neck, besides inflicting other injuries, causing almost instantaneous death. Hill was a young man and unmarried.

KINGSTON, July 26.—The coroner's jury which is investigating the death of William Castell, who was killed by being struck with a bat at the Sydenham picnic on Wednesday, brought in a verdict of manslaughter against Robert Wyott, who is now in jail. Hill's skull, it was found, was no thicker than the blade of a knife.

SUTTON, July 26.—Nelson Rollins, aged 24, a brakeman on the C. P. R., fell between the cars last night and was frightfully mangled. He lived for half an hour.

CORNWALL, July 26.—The store of J. A. Rosette was entered by burglars last night and a hole drilled in the safe. A considerable sum of money, over \$2,000 was taken.

WINNIPEG, July 26.—Senator Reid, Quebec; T. R. McInnes, Westminister; Col. Prior, M. P., and Theo. Earle, M. P., four B. C. parliamentarians, passed through the city on their way to the Pacific coast.

KINGSTON, July 26.—Mary E. Robertson, employed at Marden, Alexandria Bay, N. B., has begun an action in the Supreme court against her husband, George Robertson, for divorce. The parties were married on Lorne Island, Canada, on July 20, 1891.

TORONTO, July 26.—The Orange Grand Lodge, which opens on Tuesday at Halifax, will continue probably for three or four days. It is understood that one Ontario lodge and five district lodges in Toronto will be represented. It is generally believed that E. F. Clarke, ex-mayor of Toronto, will oppose Hon. Clarke Wallace for the grand mastership. Prominent Orangemen do not think the present grand master will resign, and there will be a spirited contest.

ONTARIO PROHIBITION CA. LONDON, July 27.—(Cable special.)—The Ontario prohibition case will be heard before the Privy Council on Thursday next. It is understood that the case will be argued by Hon. J. G. Macdonald, and that much interest is attached to the case. The case did not go on yesterday as expected.

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THE LATEST FROM LONDON.

The Government's Majority 154—The Largest for a Century—Earl Verulam Dead.

French Crop Reports—Murders and Robberies in Russia—Election Riots in Hungary.

LONDON, July 27.—Only four returns are now (midnight) required to complete the election of 1895. The government's majority is 154, the largest any ministry has had for a century.

At 6:15 this evening the following was the number of members elected by the different parties: Conservatives.....340 Liberal Unionists.....70 Total Government.....410 Liberals.....178 McCarthyites.....12 Labor.....2 Total Opposition.....256

The Earl of Verulam is dead. James Walter Crimston, second earl of Verulam was born in 1809. He married the daughter of Major W. Hylands of Woodstock, Oxfordshire. His second title was Lord Crimston. He had been Lord Lieutenant of Here, High Steward of St. Albans and Lord of the Manor of the Queen. He was a member of parliament for St. Albans and other districts from 1830 to 1835. He succeeded to his title 1845.

Riots have occurred at an election for magistrates at Magyase, Hungary. Peasants stormed the court hall and the gendarmes fired upon the rioters. Four were killed, twenty wounded and thirty arrested.

The Sofia correspondent of the Times telegraphs that paper as follows: The Svoboda publishes a letter which Stambouloff wrote to Prince Ferdinand on July 6, complaining that former letters had been unanswered, requesting permission to leave the country, and begging the prince to order the arrest of Hales and Tufekchieff, the murderers of Belcheff, who were constantly hanging around his house.

Cholera is raging in Volhynia, Russia, especially near the Austrian frontier, which is southeast of the government of Volhynia. The Sportsman says the Valkyrie will be sent to Torrey Island, whence she sails for America with her whole crew on board.

The correspondent of the Times at Alexandria informs that paper that at the funeral of a British soldier in Cairo a mob of natives hooted and stoned a military detachment for half a mile and robbed the chaplain. Great Britain will demand satisfaction.

A dispatch from St. Petersburg, the Chronicle reports that nine small traders who were passing the night in the open at Amoroskiss, district of Taganrog, were murdered and robbed of 48,000 roubles by a man who joined them in the guise of a trader. The murderer was arrested and confessed that he had killed them after drugging them with morphine.

A correspondent in Guayaquil, Ecuador, telegraphs that the press and citizens having demanded with great persistence the arrest of certain enemies of Gen. Alfaro's administration, the provisional president has been compelled to order the arrest of more than twenty leading men of the opposition, although contrary to his policy. The men were caught conspiring to bring about a counter revolution, of which Gen. Alfaro, accompanied by Gen. Plutarco Bowen, the hero of Babahoyo, has left Guayaquil with the first and third divisions of the army, numbering 2,000 men. Each was enthusiastically cheered by citizens along the route. Gen. Alfaro will reach Chimbo the day after to-morrow, and will march from there rapidly toward Quito. Should the government of the interior offer any resistance, bloody battle may be expected within five or six days.

The amount of bullion gone into the Bank of England on balance to-day was £48,000. A cable dispatch received at Bremen, from Nagasaki, Japan, says a hurricane has swept over the coast and that the German steamer Marchesa Suchow went aground. According to the official report of the state of the French crops winter wheat is very good in 7 departments, good in 57, fair in 6, inferior in 2. Spring wheat is very good in 8 departments, good in 33, fair in 16 and inferior in 1. Eye very good in 19 departments, good in 45, fair in 16 and inferior in none. Oats very good in 16 departments, good in 49, fair in 3 and inferior in none. Barley very good in 16 departments, good in 43, fair in 11 and inferior in none.

Further details from St. Briene regarding the wreck of the train crowded with pilgrims returning from the shrine of St. Dauray say the accident was due to the derailment of the engine. Twenty-four carriages were thrown on top of each other, six being completely wrecked. There was a terrible scene after the disaster. Twelve mutilated corpses have been extracted from the ruins. Fifty persons were injured, twenty seriously.

The Marquis of Dufferin, British ambassador to France, some time Governor-General of Canada, has written to Hayhurst, the Canadian marksman, congratulating him upon his success at the rifle meeting at Blaisy.

NIAGARA FALLS, July 25.—Col. Denison, M. P. for Toronto to-day unveiled the Dominion government memorial to the Lordians who fell at the battle of Lundy's Lane on July 25, 1814, in presence of a large number of people.

It is said that mice are just as much afraid of women as women are of mice; but as their screaming apparatus is not constructed on the same principle, they are restrained from communicating the intelligence to the people in the adjacent town.

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