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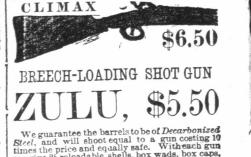
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THE WEEKLY MAIL, printed and published every Thursday morning by THE MAIL PRINT, ING COMPANY, at their Printing House, corner of King and Bay streets, Toronto, C. W BUNTING, Managing Director,

ms of the United States, but the latest grams from Secretary Blame point to the lingness of the Washington Cabinet to accept one or other of the above plans. NOTES. It is reported that Mr. Parnell is engaged

to marry an American heiress. The plague has appeared at Kufa, ninety nnies south of Bagdad. The mortality in Nedjib is increasing. The Macclesfield election commission re ports that corrupt practices have extensively

The Opera House at Nice in Ruins-Seven-ty Persons Burned to Death-Heartrendprevailed there at every election since 1865. ing Scenes.

LONDON, March 24. NEW YORK, March 27. A despatch from Nice dated 3 a.m. says :-The World's cable special says :- The Land League has spent itself in Ireland, but similar ifty-nine bodies have been recovered the ruins of the Italian Opera house, and it is organizations are springing up among the small tenants and agricultural labourers all feared many more are lost. The fire comover England. There is no taint of Communmenced soon after the curtain had risen for the performance of "Lucia di Lammermoor." ism in the movement, but this vast class having spent some centuries in discussing their lot by the beer-shop, have at length deter-The subscribers for orchestra stalls and boxes in the grand tier had mostly not arrived, so that the majority of the victims belong to the mined to make a determined effort to imworking classes. Shortly after the fire be-gan the gas exploded, and the house was plunged in complete darkness. A scene of terror and dismay ensued. A detachment of prove it. Mr. Joseph Arch, who organized agricultural labourers' unions four or five years ago, is the Spartacus of the movement, which is backed not only soldiers and of sailors from the squadron in by the borough Radicals, but to some extent by the Nonconformists, who expect to the harbour with pumps displayed great gallantry in rescuing people and combatting the fire, which was subdued towards ten o'clock. M. Strakosch, the impression is slight see the abolition of primogeniture and entail followed by the divorce of Church from State. Meanwhile the Radical leaders never lose an M. Strakosch, the *impresario*, is slightly hurt. Signora Bianca Donadio, one of the opportunity of reminding Mr. Gladstone that the assimilation of the borough and the leading artistes, made her way from the stage to the streets in safety. One whole family of county franchise was one of the planks on ve persons and another of three perished. which he was returned to power. They say they will be content with that for the present, Relief subscriptions have been opened throughout Nice. The regatta here has been and will put off their demands for universal countermanded, and the value of the prizes suffrage until the land question is disposed of. will be contributed toward the reliet of the AMERICAN TRADE COMPETITION. distress.

Trade generally continues to be very dull, A Nice despatch says the scene in town is and the long-promised revival is apparently indescribable. One lady, whose husband was burned to death, committed suicide. The as far off as ever. American competition presses with increasing severity upon the manufacturers; and Belgium, which also usual complaints are made respecting defec-tive means of escape and water supply. Up believes in Chinese walls, is taking a to three o'clock this afternoon 63 corpses have gneat deal of trade from Sheffield and Birmingham. The farmers are sore be-set. Mr. Chaplin's motion to prohibit of Italian artisans. Among the dead is a German doctor named Arend. the importation of American live cattle was thrown out, and with the agricultural A Paris correspondent says seventy persons he theatre but the walls. It is uncertain labourers pressing them from below, and American competition meeting them on every hand, it is no exaggeration to say that they are growing desperate. To make matseveral were injured. ters worse, they have just had a most un-favourable time, the weather being cold, and escaping from the burning theatre. It does not appear that there were any American the carth clammy and unkind from the re cople among the victims. Eleven more cent frost and snow. Another bad harvest ies are said to be under the ruins. would ruin thousands of farmers who are Most of the artistes were in the dressing now keeping the roof over their heads by ms and aware of their danger, but it was borrowing money on the strength of having too late to escape. The choristers rushed A PROTECTIONIST REVIVAL.

the crush to escape. The basso, tenor, and baritone must have been sufficiented. Their All over the country people are beginning to question the soundness of free trade-or rather of that one-sided and one-handed free of the theatre most filled were the upper galtrade under which you admit free the goods of nations which refuse to let you trade with them on equal terms. Five years ago the doors was long and by narrow corridors and man who ventured to doubt this doctrine greatest difficulty in escaping. There was a very inadequate supply of water. The sailors who volunteered was looked upon as a hopeless, if not as an inspeakable Tory relic, and Mr. David Mac-Lyor, the great ship owner and ship-builder who has long represented Birkenhead, was almost hooted in Parliament when he introwhich, however, were almost useless. Two hidshipmen rescued two persons from a duced a resolution fayouring reciprocity of tariffs, which in homelier phrases means chamber who are still living but horribly scorched, one being a raving lunatic. Some applying the same sauce to gander as is applied to goose. Now, however, the necessity of the bodies found are so horribly charred that recognition is impossible. The body of of levying countervailing duties-which, by the way, were recommended by the commitone of the singers has been recognized. tee of experts on the sugar-refining trade NEW YORK, March 24. some months ago-is not only openly discussed at the farmers' clubs and by boards of A Paris despatch says the cause of trade at the great manufacturing centres, but the fire which destroyed the opera house to the grade maintacturing centres, such that the subject of an in-formal discussion in the Free Trade hall, Manchester, and when the reciprocity-oftariffs people venture into the temple con- set all the scenery and inflammable material and summer season,

Niblist refugees, and that the commissioners have just started with Russian detectives for Jassy, where numbers of suspected persons are solution of the suspected persons are solution cape of Coleman, who is called a Fenian, in the steamship Australia, of the Anchor line. M. Unkoffsky, president of the St. Peterswhich may arrive on Sunday. Coleman, it will be remembered, is suspected of compliburg bar, will defend Roussakoff. The trial is expected to last four days. There will be sixty-two witnesses and eleven experts. city in the plot to blow up the Mansion House in London. Twoof his confederates in London, the police claim, have fled to the Continent, DISASTROUS FIRE. and are being pursued by detectives. None of the Fenians of this city know him. Superintendent Walling declined to

show the cable despatch or to make its contents public. He, however, said it was so worded that he should without further instructions, board the Australia when she arrives, or take any measures to deprive Coleman of his liberty. His conduct would be guided by the action of the representatives of the British Government in this country. Should an extraditable offence be established, and a request made for Coleman's arrest, detectives would be sent down the bay to intercept the Australia. In the absence of Mr. Archibald, British Consul-General, his chief deputy said :-- "We know nothing here of the matter more than what we have read in the newspapers. We have received no instructions, nor have we received any despatch. If Superintendent Walling is

upon the Consul-General."

A JEALOUS BRIDEGROOM.

The Sad Experience of a Newly Wedded Canadian Girl at Chicago.

in doubt as to his duty he will probably call

CHICAGO, March 28.-Jessie Adams, petite blonde scarcely seventeen years of age, vivacious and handsome, came to Chicago with her father's family from Canada. She became infatuated with a wild young fellow named Charles Young, and ran away from her parents three weeks ago and married him. The young couple took apartments at The the Union Park hotel in this city, in a very aristocratic quarter, and there began their en extricated from the ruins, mostly those honeymoon. The bride's beauty and brightness attracted attention, and without any other cause her husband became intensely jealous and abused her ; in fact his jealousy almost developed into a mania. Last night the wretched man brought matters to a whether any of the singers were killed, but several were injured. Many persons were trampled to death while scaping from the burning theatre. It does The girl was taken quite unawares by what she fondly supposed was a burst of affection on the part of her husband, and turned her face to be kissed. He answered her look of

love by saying in a most cold and determined "Some would use a knife, but I'll try way, along the narrow passage in the darkness, and many were presumably too much disabled in fired a shot at the imprisoned girl, but she The basso, tenor, and managed to escape and broke away. Young chased her and caught her by the hair, threw bdies are probably under the ruins. The parts her upon the floor, cursing her, dragged her the theatre most filled were the upper gal-by the hair about the room, until her screams ries, and as the distance from them to the alarmed him, and he told her to rise and listen to what he had to say. The moment she stairways the people in the galleries had the greatest difficulty in escaping. There and down stairs. Young pursued her, and fired two shots after her, one of which took effect in her neck, making a dangerous wound, as firemen phed buckets of sea-water, and causing her to fall to the landing below sensible and covered with blood. Young, when he saw his victim lying at the foot of the stairs motionless, coolly walked down to her, fired two more shots at her, and thinking she was dead, walked out of the building and made his escape. Jessie was carried uncon-scious to her room and placed under the care of a physician, who pronounced her condition extremely critical. Young was arrested this morning, but his wife refused to prosecute

but £100 being from America stated that the organization was spreading rapidly, and that there were now a larger number of strikes against the payment of

rent than at any previous time. LONDON, March 29.

farming country. It is believed several h

the same stripe, occupied seats on the plat-form. Ald. Grenier presided, and the at-

tendance was chiefly made up of countrymen

lot of cut-and-dried resolutions, one express

bly Mr. Thomas Workman, are strong pro-tectionists. Mr. J. J. McLaren, advocate,

who were doubtless attracted by the novelty

the flood was not anticipated.

road are damaged.

hall

The Catholic Bishop of Raphoe claims that the Government could easily provide for the reclamation of the waste lands in Ireland, and thus scatter the people abroad from th over-crowded districts, and obviate the neces sity of emigration, for less than an extensive scheme of Government emigration would cost. A Dublin correspondent says :-- It is renot, markable that despite the advice of the Land League to the tenant farmers not to leave the country the emigration returns show that 95.857 persons emigrated last year, an in crease of 48,493 over the previous year. Dublin advices state that one Daly has been langerously shot on the borders of King's county. Daly took land from which a tenant had been evicted. The Gazette proclaims the barony of Duhollow, in county Cork, in a disturbed state, requiring additional police. Parnell in his ten days' toursthrough the

province will address meetings at Birming-ham, Manchester, Bradford, Newmarket, and Glasgow. He will be accompanied by Mr. T. D. O'Connor, and the first meeting will be the policy of the Government, contrasting it held at Birmingham on the 8th prox. It has transpired that the sudden calling together of the British Cabinet yesterday

against vehemently, but without eliciting any-thing like an enthusiastic response. He conafternoon was caused by the receipt of alarming intelligence from Ireland. Two questions were discussed by the Ministers. One was cluded by urging organization, and asked the the Basuto war and the other was a confider people of Quebec to give him a majority at tial report of the Irish Government. Mr. Forster the next election. announced that the intelligence from Ireland was of a most disquieting character, although also spoke, but very briefly. Their remarks were chiefly in support of a movement to the attitude of the people appeared to be tranquilion the surface. Mr. Forster stated organize the constituencies. The banquet by the Young Men's Reform Club of Montreal to the Hon. Mr. Blake came off at the Windsor hotel here to-night. that according to information in the posses-sion of the Irish Government the tranquillity of the people had increased the uncasin of the authorities, who regarded it as a lull The attendance fairly filled the dining hall, but not to overflowing. The most of those before the storm. Information in the pos-session of the Dublin Castle authorities present were very young men, but at the principal table were some prominent members caused them to believe that insurrectionary utbreaks might be expected at any moment of the Liberal party, including Hon. Messrs. Laflamme, Laurier, Huntington, Joly, and Mr. Parnell's present attitude was regarded with disquietude. His apparent inactivity Mercier. The manufacturing and leading merchants of the city were conspicuous by was thought to indicate that he anticipated the initiation of a movement of a different their absence, as after a careful scrutiny of those present, I only counted half a dozen character from that which he had been con ducting. His two visits to Paris are regardmerchants who are in the front rank of comed as inexplicable, the Government not hav-ing been able to discover any sufficient merce, and they are men who have always taken a prominent part in Liberal movements, but some of whom, nota-

ground for them. LONDON, March 30. It is believed that the Land bill will

ng over the departure of Benjamin Boulton, the speech he made to the delegates in the who carried on the business of a general store in that village, where he was also postmaster. Mechanics' hall in the afternoon. The greater part of it was a dry dissertation on political economy, just such as a professor of that science would deliver to a class of He sold out his stock at whatever it would bring, transferring his real estate to relatives, students in a university. It was relieved of course at intervals by hits at the Government, and generally made his affairs r adv for leting. As near as ean be as entained the llowing houses were victimized :--Gillend and particularly at the Finance Minister, but & Co., Livingston & Johnston, and James for an after-dinner speech it was an unmiti-Turner & Co., of Hamilton ; Hyman & Co., Green & Co., Adams & Co., and McCormick & about \$3,500. Some one telegraphing to Livingston & Johnston that all was not right

gated failure. During his long tirade against the tariff he did not evoke a single round of McCallum, of London. The amounts varied from \$50 to \$1,100, and the gross amount was

maint lloss.

by urging upon all the duty of organization, and hoped that at the general election the VEGETINE.—By its use you will prevent many of the diseases prevailing in the spring and summer season, store. Boulton and the lawyer started away very late hour.

their arrival. As the fire was burning on the dred persons are drowned, from the fact that outside of the building when discovered, it is supposed to be the act of incendiaries. LATER .- The inundation of the Platte val-PETERBORO' March 29 -- On Sunday morney has nearly subsided. A woman and two

ng the house in South Monaghan owned by children were found drowned near Schuvler. and no doubt a number of others will be re-Andrew Goodfellow, of Springville, and occupied by Archibald Stewart, was destroyed covered in that portion of the valley. Several ridges on the Burlington and Missouri railhre. Loss on building \$800 ; insurance \$500. OTTAWA, March 29.-The scholars attend-ing the nuns' school, at the corner of Camberland and Murray streets, became panic MR. BLAKE AT MONTREAL. stricken yesterday morning upon the discovery A Rehash of the Leader's Former Address to the Montrealers-Appealing to the Constituencies - Banquet by the Young Men's Reform Club. of a fire in one of the rooms. They rushed out indiscriminately, and many of them hastened home under the supposition that the flames would destroy the structure. Fortu-MONTREAL, March 29 .- A convention of nately the flames, which were originated from eformers of the district of Montreal was a stove-pipe, and afterwards ignited some eld here this afternoon in the Mechanics' window curtains, were speedily extinguished by the firemen from No. 4 station. Messrs.-Blake, Laurier, Huntington and Mercer, besides some local politicians of

Children playing with matches were the cause of a fire in Latimer's stables, Kent street, this afternoon. On the arrival of the brigade the flames were quickly extinguished,

of hearing Mr. Blake speak. After passing a KINGSTON, March 29 .- This morning about four o'clock Ashley's shirt factory in Mar-tin's block, Princess street, was found in a ing a welcome to the leader of the Liberal party, that gentleman delivered a lengthened blaze both upstairs and down. The flames address which was a rehash of his various when discovered had completely enveloped speeches during the session. He criticized the lower flat. The firemen fought the flames down, confining them to the building, and with the policy which he propounded on the part of the Liberals. His greatest effort was directed against the tariff, which he inveighed saving a large portion of the roof. This sec-tion of the building was completely gutted, and the stock is therefore a total loss. M. G. E. Ashley reports a stock of over \$3,500, insured for \$2,300 in the Guardian of Eng-land. The buildings are owned by Mr. Wm. Martin, and his loss will amount to \$500 or \$600, fully covered by insurance. The plate-Messrs, Huntington, Laurier, and Mercer glass windows in his adjoining stores were cracked by the heat; loss \$100 each, in-sured. The fire was incendiary beyond a doubt. The back door, which has been preserved, contains a number of auger holes, and some person is supposed to have put his hand in and unlocked the door by a key left in the It was no burglar's effort to rob and lock. then hide his crime, since the auger used was a great rough one, far different from those a burglar would employ. The auger has since been found on the steps leading to the rear entrance of the Opera house. This block may be styled an ill-fated one. In 1876 it shared in the sweeping destruction made by the big fire. Two years later all of the stores in it were burnt. Again last year it was on fire, but the flames were quenched at their

P. E. I. LEGISLATURE.

very outbreak.

roposed Abolition of the Legislative Council-The Upper Houses - Rejection of the Assembly's Bill. HALIFAX, March 26.—The Legislative council in Prince Edward Island refuse to assent to the Assembly's bill for the abolition it is a sign of mental inferiority. oth of the Council and Assembly, and sub- launay adds that the inferiority of the softer stituting them for a body to be known as "The Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward their drawing circles from right to left Island," with only half as many members as the present Legislature, which consists of but when the faculties are developed the twenty-two. This scheme was approved of the Council themselves two years ago, when they did not believe the Assembly

would assent to it, but now when the Assembly has come up to that point the Council pass an amendment providing that the Assembly be reduced half, and that the whole of the Council be amalgamated with the remaining half of the Assembly as one body. The Examiner, the Local Government organ, says a further compromise is now impossible, and nothing but the absolute abolition of the Council will be entertained.

The Belleville street railway has been sold in the summer.

amount. Horrible cruelties by their purchasers are reported, and an effort is making to abate this inhumanity.

Winter Wheat Killed.

COLUMBUS, O., March 30.-Much winter wheat in Ohio is reported killed. It is estimated that the yield will not exceed 70 per. cent. of last year's production.

Gross Superstitions.

In my grandfather's family the old cook was accustomed to bake cakes in large rounds, which she cut into four with a sharp knife. each quarter being put to bake by itself. She was most careful that during baking the pointed end of each of these quarters should not be broken, otherwise a death might shortly be expected. Even the slipping of a piece of soap from a person's hands when washing has been construed to mean that the death of some relative is imminent, as, indeed, is also the persistent burning of a fire on one side only of the grate. Every one knows that the dream of losing teeth means that some calamity may be looked for. If the eyes of a corpse are difficult to close, they are said to be looking for a successor: and if the limbs do not become quickly stiff, it is supposed that some one of the family will be soon also among the dead. If the house-door is closed upon the corpse before the friends have come out to take their places in the car-riages, Sheffield people say another death will before many days; and if at a happen funeral where the mourners walked the procession went in a scattered or straggling man ner, this was thought in the west of Scotland to betoken the same misfortune. Even if the mourners walk quickly, the omen was bad. To walk under a ladder betokens misfortune, if not hanging, as it does in Holland. To meet a funeral when going to or coming from a marriage was considered very unlucky in Lanarkshire; for if the funeral was that of a woman, the newly made wife would not live long, and if it was that of a man, the fate of the bridegroom was sealed. If one heard a tingling in his ears, it was the 'deid bells," and news of the death of a friend or neighbour might soon be expected. If knocks were heard at the door of a patient's room, and no person was found there when the door was opened, there was little chance of recovery ; and if a man caught a glimpse o a person he knew, and found on looking out that he was nowhere to be seen, this was, says Mr. Napier, a sign of the approaching death of the person seen. - Belgravia.

Those who wish to test the intellect of a new cook or other suspected person, according to Dr. Delaunay, need only give her plate to polish and notice in which direction she moves her hands. If she goes round it Dr. Deperson may come to reverse his method. He concludes that *centrifugal* movements are a higher characteristic of intelligence and higher development ; centripetal are a mark of incomplete evolution.

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----Man is noble and generous often, but some times vain and cowardly,

and president of the club, occupied the chair, the star and guest of the evening occupying a include the creation of a peasant proprietary, and a scheme for the reclaiming of waste seat at his right. After the usual loyal toasts had been proposed and responded to with enthusiasm, the chairman, in very eulogistic lands. A clause for fixity of tenure is said to have no place in the bill. language, proposed the health of Mr. Blake. A CLEVER ABSCONDER. On rising to respond the hon, gentleman was very warmly cheered. Quiet being re-A Country Storekeeper Who Got the Best of a Lawyer. stored, he expressed his grateful and hearty thanks for the reception accorded to him. LONDON, March 27 .- Longwood is mourn-He then gave a repetition, word for word, of