

POLICEMEN ON THE PULL

BUFFALO TAKES TORONTO AT A DISADVANTAGE AND WINS.

Successful Entertainment of the Fencing Club—Clever Feats of Swordsmanship—Boxing and Other Contests.

The Toronto fencing club may well be congratulated on the success of its first season at arms which took place last night at the Grand opera house. Every seat was occupied, and a standing room was not to be had.

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Members of the Queen's Own gave an exhibition of bayonet exercise in which they proved how efficient their instruction had been, and an excellent sword exercise was furnished by members of the Governor-General's bodyguard.

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WONDERS OF THE TELEPHONE.

Distance Annihilated by the Use of a Hard Balled Copper Wire.

Boston, March 30.—New York and Boston were brought within talking distance last night for the first time by the officers of the Bell telephone company.

A conversation was carried on between the two cities with greater ease and distinctness than in ordinary short-distance telephoning.

"Most experimenters," said General Manager Vail, "have devoted their time exclusively to the telephone itself, supposing that the defects which prevented long-distance talking lay in the instrument. I have given my attention to the line, and found that a simple copper wire, very hard and of high conductivity, would almost annihilate distance in conversation."

"You mean that the improvement depends entirely on the use of ordinary copper wire?"

"Yes; but we experimented on the wire for months before we obtained proper compactness and conductivity. The great difficulty was to add strength to these qualities, for at first the specially prepared wire would not sustain its own weight on long spans. When this defect was remedied, we strung the wire on our regular poles by a roundabout route from Boston to New York.

Today we talked between the two cities as easily as ordinary telephoning. I used an ordinary telephone—the same one, in fact, that I use in my office—on the Boston Exchange system.

The telephone people are very confident that a conversation between Boston and Chicago, with an ordinary telephone, can be successfully carried on as soon as these wires can be strung between the two cities. The experiments to-day were carried on under the ordinary conditions of induction from other wires and other difficulties.

AN UNPARALLELED RECORD.

Terrible Loss of Life Among Gloucester Fishermen.

GLoucester, Mass., March 31.—The schooner Margie, overdue, is given up as lost. She went on the George's trip five weeks ago and had twelve men on board.

Since the August gale eighteen vessels have been lost from this port with all their crews, which together with the men lost aboard and in dories make a total of 249 men lost, leaving behind as near as can be ascertained 65 widows and 34 children. The record is unparalleled in the history of the business of this port.

A Destructive Gale.

NEW YORK, March 31.—In the vicinity of Coney Island great damage was done yesterday by the gale. In Sheepshead Bay several vessels were sunk. The grand saloon on the track of the jockey club and two cottages were blown to pieces.

Several smaller buildings were destroyed. James Leonard was blown off a bridge and drowned. The wind blew down barns and outbuildings.

Nearly 300 People in Peril.

Galveston, Tex., March 31.—The steamer San Marcos, New York for Galveston, with 185 passengers, principally German immigrants, is ashore sixteen miles west of here. A considerable sea, the cause of which is unknown, has high on the beach here.

Fell Out of a Window.

CINCINNATI, March 31.—Peter Carrigan, foreman of the bricklayers on the new board of trade building, fell out of a window this morning and was killed.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

A number of wrecks are reported on the Massachusetts coast.

It is estimated that the reduction of the public debt for March will be \$1,000,000.

Secretary Folger has decided that imported pigs and hogs are taxable at 20 per cent as garden seed.

Representative Finerty introduced into congress yesterday a resolution thanking Governor Sargent for his services at the German court.

PEACE AGAIN PREVAILS.

NO MORE TROUBLE EXPECTED AT CINCINNATI.

The City Still in the Hands of the Military—Order Re-established—Partial Resumption of a Gun-Sawmill Scarcity at the Hospital.

CINCINNATI, March 31.—Early this morning as a citizen was crossing Court street he was called by the military to halt. Not obeying he was dangerously wounded.

The state militia are here in overwhelming numbers, and more are coming, and there is no possibility that any lawless combination can defeat them. The panicky feeling has departed. Pillaging has entirely stopped. Briggs Swift, a millionaire merchant, who was shot by the militia last night, is dying.

The lowest estimate places the dead at 75 and the wounded at 150.

This morning there was an entire absence of excitement. People went about their business as usual, but the scenes at the hospitals where the dead and wounded are lying were pitiable in the extreme.

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EVENTS IN HAMILTON.

Little Bits of Information About Our Ambitious Neighbors.

HAMILTON, March 31.—Negotiations are going on looking to the bringing of military organizations from the United States to take part in a grand review here on Dominion day.

Bishop Carbery will arrive here on Thursday at noon. Arrangements are in progress for giving him a great reception. The Power of Money appears to be in the Grand here to-night to a fair show.

Several attempts at incendiarism were made in Dundas yesterday, but each was discovered in time.

Another bold burglary occurred here about noon on Saturday. Willie Mr. J. F. Monk and his family were out, their residence on East Avenue north was broken into and about two hundred dollars worth of jewelry and several articles of clothing carried off.

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BRAND NEW ALDERMEN.

THEIR CONTINGENT FROM ST. MARK'S TAKE THEIR SEATS.

5000 Feet of Maltose Cross Bore to be Purchased from West in the North End.

The features of the gathering of the city fathers last night was the introduction of the representatives of the new ward of St. Marks (now Brockton) and a lively talk about the hose contract. The members seated at the two tables were pretty well crowded together to admit the three new seats.

When Mayor Dowell took the chair the following members were present: Ald. Denison, Farley, Blevins, Crocker, Adams, Davies, Walker, Allen, Deane, Shaw, Pape, Barton, Brandon, Hunter, Verrill, Maughan, Hastings, Lobb, Smith, Cayle, Love, Steiner, Mulholland, Turner.

Communications as follows were read and referred to the various committees: From Harbor Master Baldwin, asking that the harbor board be represented on the Exploratory committee; From Joseph Riou, claiming the \$2000 as compensation for loss of fees consequent upon the annexation of Brockton and Riverside to the city from R. H. H. Munro, urging the council to request the extension of the street car system to Balthus street, north of Queen, without delay; From Ald. James, demanding damages for injury to a fall in Parliament street; from R. V. Wallace, asking relief of a portion of the local improvement rates on his ward.

Major Dowell reviewed at length the legislation recently granted that they of Toronto by the legislature. He then read a certificate from the clerk of the late village of Brockton, and Dr. McConeil, Michael Woods and Chas. L. Denison were duly elected for the new ward of St. Marks. Ald. Crocker introduced Ald. McConeil and motioned Ald. Woods being unavoidably absent to the council, who subscribed to the oath of office.

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KILLED IN THE SENATE.

MR. CHARLTON'S SEDUCION BILL RECEIVES ITS QUIETUS.

The Petition against Judge Hughes—Mr. John Macdonald's Bill—Newfoundlander's Retaliatory Policy.

OTTAWA, March 31.—Mr. Charlton's seduction bill was defeated in the senate to-day. A motion for the six months' adjournment was carried on division.

The whole afternoon of the session of the house of commons was spent in discussing the Central Ontario railway bill, which was strongly opposed by Messrs. Bowell and White (Hastings). Some amendments offered by the latter were voted down by 60 to 91, every member of the government voting with the minority.

After recess Mr. Wilson called attention to a mistatement made by the premier a few days ago in reference to a petition against Judge Hughes, of Elgin. Sir John Macdonald had stated that the petition was not signed.

Sir John acknowledged that he was in error in making that statement, but he had given the information as he had received it from the department of justice.

The house then went into committee and passed estimates for harbor and river improvements in the maritime provinces.

In answer to Mr. Weldon Mr. Costigan said it was not the intention of the government to establish a general inland revenue office at St. John.

Sir Leonard Tilley said the government had received a memorial from the Montreal board of trade in reference to the retail tariff policy adopted by the government of Newfoundland, and that the question was engaging their attention.

In answer to Mr. Gault Sir Leonard said that the government had not yet decided where the dominion exhibition would be held this year.

The supplementary estimates were brought down to-night.

RETRAYED BY THEIR CHIEFS.

The Excuse of "Chineses" Gordon's Troops for Turning Their Backs on the foe.

Cairo, March 31.—After the engagement near Halfey the rebels pursued the Egyptians for two miles. The confusion was fearful. The Egyptians and Bashi Bazoombas kept shouting that their generals had betrayed them. The wounded received no attention for several hours. The troops had been clamoring for three weeks to meet the enemy. Early in the encounter the Egyptians were successful, and the enemy who had been their ally, their cavalry made a dashing charge. The inhabitants still remain attached to Gordon. One Arab has lent Gordon £1000, as his tribute in gratitude for his services. He has equipped 200 blacks for Gordon's service. Two black pashas have been arrested for charging into the ranks of the British troops, and allowing the enemy to enter the camp thus made.

It is reported that El Mahdi's popularity is increasing at El Obeid. It is reported that the black pashas, whose treachery caused the defeat of Gordon's troops, have been court-martialed and shot.

Advices from Gen. Gordon, under date of March 23, confirm the report of the execution of the two black pashas. Ample supplies were arriving at Khartoum from the White Nile country. The rebels at Halfey were in want of food. Two emissaries from El Mahdi's army arrived at Khartoum and with drawn swords declared that El Mahdi did not recognize his appointment as sultan of Kordofan. El Mahdi advised Gen. Gordon to become a Mohammedan.

TRAGEDY AFTER A WEDDING.

Jacob Shelly Kills His Bride's Two Brothers in Her Presence.

ZANESVILLE, Pa., March 31.—Jacob Shelly shot and killed two brothers named Morrill here to-day. The shooting grew out of the marriage yesterday of Ida Morrill, a sister of the brothers, to Shelly.

For nearly two years Ida, who is a handsome, well-educated woman, 22 year old, the daughter of Levi C. Morrill, a well-known citizen, has been receiving the attentions of Shelly contrary to the wishes of her parents.

She moved in the best society, and her father, a prominent citizen, had acquired a notorious reputation, figuring in all the rows in the town. He was a man of great energy and a warm attachment sprang up between them. As soon as the fact became a matter of gossip, the father and mother endeavored to cease "encouraging Shelly's attentions."

Not long ago James Morrill met Shelly on a village street, and asked him if he had said he could marry his sister when ever he wished to? Shelly laughed, and said he thought it was a good idea, and a rough and tumble fight ensued, in which young Morrill was badly beaten. This occurrence heightened the feeling against Shelly among the Morrills, and James threatened to shoot Shelly. A perpetual watch was kept on Miss Morrill's movements, and she never had a chance to meet her lover in the presence of a third party. Yesterday afternoon she was found to be missing, and after waiting in vain for her appearance, she set out for the village in search of her. He found that his daughter and Shelly had been married by a justice of the peace, and Ida had accompanied Shelly to his home, a short distance outside of town.

Returning home the distracted father informed his family of his daughter's act, and the two sons, James and Joseph, determined to go to Shelly's house and see Ida. The father and mother tried to dissuade them, but they persisted in their determination. They went to Shelly's home to-day, and found Ida in company with Shelly and his mother. Without uttering a word to his sister, both boys began to abuse Shelly violently, and finally James lost all control over his temper and struck Shelly a severe blow in the face with his clenched fist. Shelly grappled with him, and both fell to the floor locked in each other's arms. Joseph sprang to his brother's aid, and both began beating and kicking Shelly savagely.

Shelly finally managed to break away from their grasp, and drawing a revolver, ordered the two to leave the house. They refused, and also drew revolvers. Shelly immediately fired, the ball striking James Morrill in the left side, perforating the lung. Upon seeing his brother fall to the floor, Joseph Morrill was shattered. Shelly's left arm, which was shattered by the fire, this time striking Joseph in the head. He fell to the floor senseless.

The noise the shot was heard by the neighbors, and soon a crowd came rushing in and found Shelly quarrelling with his wife over the prostrate bodies of her brothers. Shelly once explained what he had done, and said he wished to surrender, as he did the shooting in self-defense. He was held to await the result of the inquest received by the Morrills.

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