







**OUR NORTHWEST.**  
Advantages and Disadvantages of Farming in Manitoba.  
GOOD SOIL BUT HIGH DUTIES.

Levi H. Turner, writing from Fairbairn, Minnesota, to the New York Standard, a description of his journey from Fairbairn to the Pacific, says: "Descending to the Red River, we rode through beautiful prairie rich in iron and coal, through valleys of bottom lands capable of rewarding labor bountifully, and a wide, level, straight pathway was illuminated by the ceaseless flash of the gas well.  
Strange indeed the contrasts presented to the gaze of the traveler. The luxuriant wealth of natural resources, the lavish extravagance of the lakes, the pleasure resorts through the mountains, the hopeless spectacle of poverty prostrate by the dirty, ill-kept and apparently ill-fed coal miners and coke burners, the neglected children around the groups of shanty huts, compelling the half thoughtful person to ask, 'Why?'

Our stay in Chicago was limited to one day on account of the intensely hot weather. We took the night train for St. Paul, where we spent the Fourth, which was celebrated by a boat race on the Mississippi. Spectators were afforded an excellent opportunity to view this from the magnificent bridge thrown across the river at this point.  
St. Paul is indeed an interesting city. Its site, unlike Chicago, being a country elevated above the level of the sea, and, like Boston, it has hills, sharp grades and crooked streets.  
A short walk to the upper part of the tourist's car St. Paul, to run over the road on a four days' journey without change to Vancouver on the west shore. This is the first of the journey, which is the first we most dreaded, but which proved to be the most comfortable and enjoyable.

**A SPOKANE FALLS HORROR.**  
Forty or Fifty Men Crushed to Death or Blown to Atom.

By a Blast Explosion.  
A Spokane Falls, Wash., dispatch says: On Saturday evening a premature blast in the Northern Pacific mine killed fifty men and possibly more. The full extent of the disaster is not known. It was the largest explosion ever known in the large force of men engaged in blasting on a huge rock pile in the Northern Pacific mine. The explosion was caused by a large force of men engaged in blasting on a huge rock pile in the Northern Pacific mine. The explosion was caused by a large force of men engaged in blasting on a huge rock pile in the Northern Pacific mine.

**THE CLIFF FALL ON THEM.**  
The men were working in a cove, leveling off the ground for the freight cars. The cliff of rock on the side of the cove which was being removed was twenty feet high. The men were working on the cliff, and the cliff fell on them, crushing them to death.

**DEATH OF A CAPTAIN.**  
Many who have crossed the Atlantic on the Cunard line, will regret the loss of the death of Captain Wm. McMichael, the popular commander of the Commodore of the line. Captain McMichael, who was 70 years old, succumbed to an illness of a year's duration as he came in Liverpool on Sunday morning last. He was a favorite with ocean travelers, notwithstanding his advanced age. He believed in humanity to all, and he was a true seaman.

**THE FISH BROKE OUT AGAIN.**  
The fish broke out again in the city of Montreal, and it is expected that it will be the first to be thrown across the river, and Harry Leslie's dining, and the "nervy" woman, Epitaphs are all available, and their Government would be likely to restore.

**BLONDIN'S GREAT RIVAL.**  
A Toronto Photographer Crosses the Niagara River.

A feat which made the Spectators Bold. Their Breath.  
Yesterday's performance came off in brilliant weather, although the forenoon was cloudy and threatened a continuance of the heavy rain that had fallen the night before. This fact was, doubtless, one of the causes that prevented a good attendance of Toronto people to witness the small proportion of the spectators came from the Queen City. Although from the American side and the district around the Falls there was a fairly large gathering.

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**MEANT INSTANT DEATH.**  
But Dixon did not falter. Several times he stood on one foot, waving his hand, or knelt down on the wire, and all with evident ease and confidence. In thirteen and a half minutes he had crossed the wire, and the Canadian side he stepped on the American shore amid loud cheers. After that four minutes he walked out again a distance of two hundred feet and went through a performance which indicated a very high degree of skill. He then drove his cap and handkerchief. He then drove across the bridge and came to a similar performance on the Canadian side, walking backwards for a considerable distance, and being photographed sitting on the wire, with the British ensign around him.

**STREET CAR HORROR.**  
A Locomotive Crashes into Car Injuring About 200 People, Some Fatally.  
A Cleveland dispatch says: A frightful accident occurred in the city of Cleveland, Ohio, on Saturday night. A street car was struck by a locomotive, and about 200 people were injured, some fatally.

**THE MAID AND THE MARRIAGE.**  
A Pittsburgh Girl Wins a Husband in a Strange Way.  
A Pittsburgh, Pa., dispatch says: The firm of D. & C. Importers of this city, recently received an invoice of very fine merchandise consisting of a pair of shoes, a pair of gloves, a pair of stockings, and a pair of socks. The shoes were made by a girl named Mary, and the gloves by a girl named Jane. The stockings were made by a girl named Susan, and the socks by a girl named Elizabeth. The firm was so impressed with the quality of the goods that they decided to purchase them. The girls were so pleased with the result that they decided to get married.

**ENGLISH NIGHT MAIL.**  
Goes to Orier on Its Way to Paris—A Man Killed on an Embankment—One Man Killed.  
A Paris cable says: Early this morning Paris was startled with a report that the London railway bridge had collapsed. The bridge was built by the English, and it was a great disappointment to the Parisians. One man was killed and several others were injured.

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**TYRANNY IN THE BRITISH ARMY.**  
Lead to Mutiny in the First Battalion of the West India Regiment.

AND THE MURDER OF AN OFFICER.  
A Halifax dispatch says: Fuller details have been received from Jamaica of the mutiny of the First Battalion of the West India Regiment and of the killing of Sergeant White, notwithstanding the fact that the mutiny was suppressed. The facts are as follows: The mutiny broke out on the 1st of August, 1867, at the barracks at Port Antonio. The mutineers were led by Sergeant White, who was killed on the 1st of August. The mutiny was suppressed on the 2nd of August.

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**TARGET OLD STEEL.**  
Southampton Strikers Repelled at the Point of the Bayonet.

MANY OF THEM WOUNDED.  
A London cable says: The Southampton strikers made a riotous demonstration last night, and were only dispersed at the point of the bayonet. The strikers were repelled at the point of the bayonet, and many of them were wounded.

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