AN UNHAPPY DUCHESS.

Extraordinary Behavior of the Duke of Sutherland.

ALLEGED WICKEDNESS IN HIGH PLACES.

A London cable says: The death of the Duchess of Sutherland has set the upper circles of society talking. It is the end of the first scene of a distressing domestic drama in which Her Grace was the victim, and which recently narrowly escaped exposure in the law courts, where the case was settled after the preliminary issue had been joined. Until recent years the Duke and Duchess were exceedingly happy. The Duchess achieved honor by entertaining Garibaldi first in London society, when the Liberator, wearing a red shirt and buckskin breeches, was surrounded by fair women and great statesmen in the gilded salons and picture gallery of Stafford House, which it is now reported has passed into the temporary hands of the Vanderbilts for next season.

Some years ago the Duchess was appointed Mistress of the Robes, almost coincident with a casual meeting between the Duke and Mrs. James, the wife of an army officer. This lady was as spare as the Duchess was stout, and as dark as the Duchess was fair. Both ladies were about the same age, but Mrs. James' hair was streaked with grey. The Duke was fascinated with the lady. Compensation was offered Mr. James, who, instead of accepting, blew his brains out, causing an immense sensation at the time. Divorce proceedings between the Duke and Duchess were stopped, partly by the good sense of the families and partly by the direct instigation of the Queen, who was an especial friend of the Duke's mother. The Duchess bore the deprivation of her husband's society with exemplary resignation, but never met him except on formal occasions. Meanwhile the Duke spent the autumn, winter and spring yachting, generally in Southern waters, with Mrs. James, whose prudery sometimes required the convenient presence of an easily found complaisant chaperon. Last winter the Duke, meeting Admiral Sir Reginal MacDonald and some other intimate friends of the Prince of Wales, invited them to share his yacht for the remainder of the cruise in Indian waters. All went well till one day when the lady insisted that they or she should leave the yacht. The result was the Prince of Wales' friends were bundled over the side, not sorry to quit the orgies of the Duke and his companion. After this the yacht went to Siam, where the lady's brother is legal adviser of the King, who placed a palace at the Duke's disposal. Here even native feelings were outraged by the proceedings of the party, and the yacht was obliged to leave, to the great comfort of royalty and foreign residents. On his return last summer the Prince of Wales spoke seriously with the Duke, but without result, for the connection continued until death relieved the Duchess. Suffering society is anxious to know whether Mrs. James' fascination over the Duke will induce him to marry her. The woman is clever. Her family produced more first classes at Oxford than any other in England, the father having been public orator and Disraeli's host in 1853.

PANIC-STRICKEN CHILDREN.

Exciting Time in a St. Louis School—Escaping Steam Causes a Scare.

A last (Wednesday) night's St. Louis despatch says: A panic occurred at the Blair School to-day, and nothing but the great presence of mind of the corps of teachers prevented loss of life. The steam-heating apparatus got out of order, and the rattling in the coils, coupled with escaping steam, alarmed the children, who, fearing an explosion, started for the door. Miss Bettina Krebb, the teacher in charge, got to the door first and prevented a stampede. Scarcely had order been restored, however, when the noise in the steam pipes was repeated with increased violence, and before Miss Krebbs could reach the door a second time the terror stricken children had gained the hall. The faithful teacher was borne to the floor and trampled upon, sustaining serious injuries. The excitement spread to room No. 10, just opposite, presided over by Miss Clara Stickle, and the children became unmanageable there. The shuffling of feet and the hissing of escaping steam spread the panic to room 14, Miss Mary P. Miller, and she too was thrown from her feet and trampled upon. The janitor appeared on the scene, and did rough but heroic work in preventing the children from trampling each other to death. A pupil in room No. 5 raised the cry of fire, and the pupils made a rush for the hall. Miss Cullen, the teacher, with commendable presence of mind and heroic efforts, quelled the disturbance, and in a brief period order was restored. Two of the teachers, Miss Miller and Miss Krebbs, were badly injured. Seven pupils were also injured. The panic created intense excitement, and many parents hurried to the school building to look after their children.

Cleveland Had a Popular Majority.

The Boston *Herald* says Cleveland had a plurality of 79,500 of the vote cast for President, the totals being: Cleveland, 5,569 990; Harrison, 5,490,491. These figures, however, are only approximate, and the official returns may somewhat alter them. The entire vote thrown was 11,285,825, or about 1,250 over the vote four years ago, when Mr. Cleveland had a plurality of 62,683 over Blaine.

Two Signs.

"Don't you see that sign up there?" asked the grocer, pointing sternly to a placard on the wall bearing the fateful words, "No Credit Given Here." "Yes," replied the man who had just asked for a barrel of flour on tick, "I see it. But how about that other sign up there on the other side, 'If You Don't See What You Want, Ask For It?'"

MR. SANKEY arrived in England on November 1st. On the following Saturday he commenced a five days' mission in Bristol. Among the other American evangelists now in England are Rev. George C. Needham, Dr. Pentecost, Major Whittle and Mr. Philip Philips.

BREACH OF PROMISE.

The Suit Against Captain Walpole—Some Savory Evidence—Verdict for the Defendant.

A London cable says: Society received another distressing shock yesterday by the announcement that the heir of Sir Robert Walpole, the celebrated Prime Minister of the first and second Georges, and the future Earl of Orford, had been sued for breach of promise. The case was called in the Queen's Bench Division. The plaintiff, Miss Vallery Weidemann, brought the suit against Captain Robert Horace Walpole for breach of promise and for libel, claiming £1,000 damages.

Not many months ago Captain Walpole and Miss Corbin, an American lady, were quietly married in Paris, and from subsequent events it is presumed that the affair was conducted privately owing to Miss Weidemann's avowed intention of making trouble for the groom.

The principal witness yesterday was Miss Weidemann herself. She is a bright, fresh-looking blonde, the daughter of a North German pastor, and a person of education and refined manners. Although subjected to sharp interrogations she told her story in an impressive manner. She testified that Capt. Walpole met her in 1882 at the Hotel d'Angeleterre, at Constantinople, where she was employed as governess to the proprietor's daughters. He met her at dinner one night and made her acquaintance, much against her will. He paid her marked attention for several days after that, and finally asked her to marry him, at the same time forcibly kissing her.

She angrily left him, and when she returned from the opera that night she did not notice that the bolt catch on her bedroom door had been removed. She sat at the window a few minutes before she knew that Walpole was at her side. She ordered him from her room and tried to ring the servants' bell, but he forcibly restrained her, and, after convincing her that he loved her sincerely, he finally accomplished his purpose. Next evening he dined with her, and as an earnest of his intentions he placed his signet ring on her finger. She has it now, though Capt. Walpole made repeated attempts to recover it. Next day he persuaded her to go to Cannes, and gave her £100. On arriving there she met his mother, but when she spoke of her supposed engagement, Mrs. Walpole told her the captain was only a friend, and that he would be ruined if he did not marry a rich girl. Mrs. Walpole contrived to have her put out of the hotel. Capt. Walpole then sent a friend—Capt. Darlington—to her to take her to Paris, where he promised to meet her. At Paris Walpole told her to meet him in Berlin, but when she arrived there she found that he had no intention of meeting her. She then went to her brother-in-law, in Germany, where her child was born in 1883.

The witness admitted by implication that when she heard of Capt. Walpole's intended marriage she sent to Miss Corbin the following note: "I shall meet you one day, and you will bear my curse to the —— end of your existence. This for marrying a man you have no right to marry."

The case was continued to-day. Capt. Walpole denied the promise, and the defence further set up that if it was made it was in Turkey, where no action is maintainable. He claimed that the signet ring was stolen, and the letter which he wrote his agent accusing her of theft is the basis for an action for libel, which Walpole will plead as privileged. In cross-examination the plaintiff contradicted herself, and declined to answer vital questions. Finally the jury interfered, the trial was stopped, and a verdict for the defendant was rendered.

AN ARMY OF TRAMPS.

They Invade a Hamlet in New York—They Overcome Armed Resistance.

A Rochester, N. Y., despatch last night says: It was reported in this city to-night by railway men that at a little hamlet near Olean, on the line of the Buffalo, New York & Philadelphia Railway, upwards of seventy tramps made their appearance at an early hour this morning, and began to invade the town and ransack the dwellings. A messenger was sent to Olean for assistance, and forty members of a local military organization armed with shot guns responded. This force was not strong enough, and the tramps, it was reported, soon had possession of the shot guns. Further assistance was asked of the surrounding towns. No more particulars could be learned of the affair or the truth of the report corroborated, as telegraph communication to Olean was cut off.

Latest Scottish Jottings.

There died at Arbroath, on the 10th November, James Adam, Inspector of Poor, aged 73 years.

Mr. Robert Brown, long a leading elder in the church at Midmar, and one of the most notable laymen in Aberdeenshire, died last month in his 91st year.

Sir Charles Pearson, advocate, has been appointed Sheriff of Renfrew and Bute, in room of the Hon. H. J. Moncrieff, now a judge of the Court of Session.

The Duke of Cambridge has approved of the Ross Volunteers adopting the kilt and pattern of accoutrements worn by the line battalions of the Seaforth Highlanders.

The other day a marriage was celebrated at Leith between a D. D. and a lady whose united ages are 134 years. Principal Cairns officiated. Both have been married before.

Mr. John Sharp, of Balmuir, jute spinner and manufacturer, in Dundee, has given £1,000 towards the endowment of the Convalescent Home in connection with Dundee Infirmary.

The late Mr. David Kerr, of Park, long an elder in Lochwinnoch Church, was a lineal descendant of the noted Covenanter, Robert Kerr, of Kerrsland, and had the same spirit as his ancestor.

—"Long live the turkey!" says an enthusiastic contemporary. We do not endorse the sentiment. Two years is the extreme limit of old age which should be permitted in a turkey.

—Christmas comes next, darn your stockings!

—The man who finds fault when his newspaper is damp is equally dissatisfied when it is dry.

MISS WEST'S ROMANCE.

The British Minister's Daughter and Her Little Piece of Heroism.

A Washington despatch says: It is now seven years since Miss Victoria West emerged from a French convent, with a governess for companion, and came to Washington to preside over Her Britannic Majesty's Legation, her father being Minister Plenipotentiary. Miss West was an artless, unsophisticated girl of 18. Her great charm of face consisted in what the Italians call her sympathetic blue eyes. Countess Lewenhaupt, wife of the Swedish Minister, was young, handsome, high-born and very popular in Washington society. She kindly chaperoned Miss West and made all the first calls with her which the etiquette of this city requires. Attached to the Swedish Legation was a young man with one of those sorrows for which there is no help. Mr. De Bildt, while living in Philadelphia, had met and married the handsome and wealthy daughter of Mrs. Bloomfield Moore, a lady whose name has long been associated with that of the poet Browning. Mr. and Mme. De Bildt were very happy in their pleasant home in this city. After the birth of their third child the mother was ill and delirious. She has never regained her reason. She had to be sent to a private asylum. Mrs. Moore came to Washington and kept house for her son-in-law, and took charge of the children. The house was on Connecticut avenue, near the British legation. De Bildt and Miss West were thrown much together, and but for the obstacle would have been declared lovers. It was deemed prudent for De Bildt to be transferred elsewhere, and Mrs. Moore, hoping that something might be done for her afflicted daughter, took her to Europe, and at one time news came that she was restored and is with her husband. But this is not so. The diplomats spoke of Miss West as being disconsolate, but she has been brave through her trial and kept up her cheerfulness, and when one sister came and then another she acted like a mother in giving them advantages. She styled herself "an old maid" at 23, but continued the handsomest and most attractive of the three sisters. She has the dignity of a mature woman.

One of Ouida's first novels was founded on a similar plot to this story, only the hero and the heroine were not heroic.

HRONEK GETS TWELVE YEARS.

A Chicago Anarchist's Punishment for Conspiring to Kill.

A Chicago despatch of Sunday's date says: Hronek, the Anarchist, was given twelve years' imprisonment by the jury last night. The verdict was rendered at 11 o'clock, the jury being out about an hour. It was a compromise, many of the jurymen being in favor of a longer sentence. Hronek bore the news well, but his face whitened. His wife fainted in the court-room and was borne out by her husband's friends. Hronek was indicted for conspiring with Chleboun and Chapek to kill Judge Gary and Inspector Bonfield. The plot was discovered by some of Bonfield's Bohemian spies, and Hronek was arrested with dynamite sticks in his possession. At his house a number of infernal machines were discovered, and it was also found that he had concealed a small arsenal of explosives in the house of a fellow countryman. The evidence was conclusive that Hronek was engaged in the dynamite business, and that he was an intimate associate of the men who participated in the Haymarket massacre and subsequent Anarchist demonstrations.

A MINE ON FIRE.

Eight Men Missing, Who Are Probably Dead.

A Calumet, Mich., despatch says: Fire was discovered at the eighth level of No. 3 shaft, Calumet branch, of the Calumet and Hecla mine this morning. A large party of men were working at the time of the fire, which when discovered had made such rapid headway that the smoke was terribly dense and their lives in great danger. All made a rush for the surface, but eight men are missing. That they are dead is not certain. Among them are two Italians named Joseph Mosolir and Toney Catavara. The mine location is completely covered with dense smoke, and the fire looks worse than it did, but being near the surface it is believed the damage financially will not be great. Nothing is known of the whereabouts of the eight men missing. They were working 1,700 feet deeper in the main engine shaft, and it is supposed, smelling smoke, they tried to escape and were smothered. Over 100 men were in this portion of the mine at the time, but escaped.

A Fine Estate Purchased.

Sir Douglas Stuart has sold the whole of his family estates in Perthshire to Mr. John Stewart Kennedy, of New York, a Scotchman who has made a very large fortune in America, and proposes in future to pass half of each year in Scotland. The Murtly and Grantully estates, of 33,500 acres, include some of the best grouse moors in the Highlands, notably Loch Kennard, Rohallion and Durmour, which are respectively leased by the Comte de Paris, Mr. John Bett and Mr. Barclay Field. Murtly Castle is one of the most beautiful places in Scotland. The gardens, lawns and woods stretch for miles along the banks of the Tay. The new house, which has remained a mere shell, will be completed in accordance with the original plans, and become one of the finest seats in the country.

A Suicidal Challenge.

Steve Brodie challenges any man on earth to jump from any three bridges in the country for $1,000 and the world's championship. Steve stipulates that each man shall name a bridge and the tossing of a penny shall decide the naming of a third. Both men are to jump together and swim 100 yards to a staked out, the man reaching there first to be the winner, and the match to be decided by the best two out of the three.

GEORGE W. CHILDS, of Philadelphia, possesses the original manuscript of Dicken's "Our Mutual Friend." It is the only manuscript of Dickens, with the exception of a few short stories, outside of the South Kensington Museum. Mr. Childs has refused $6,000 for it.

TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

There is an alarming increase of pauperism in Montreal.

London coal dealers have raised the price to $6 50 per ton.

The Grand Divison of the Sons of Temperance of Ontario meets in Toronto tomorrow.

The Leeds and Grenville Counties' Council, after a warm debate, decided on continuing the bounty on wolverines

Deputy-Sheriff Sherwood, of Ottawa, has been removed to the Guelph asylum, suffering from acute melancholia.

Owing to a feeling of dissatisfaction with the action of the Montreal Carnival Committee, it is possible there may be two ice palaces.

The village of Farmersville, between Brockville and Westport, with a population of 900, has become incorporated under the ambitious name of Athens.

Wm. Ewart, of Portsmouth, was found drowned yesterday morning in the slip opposite the own Hall. He was about the village yesterday. He was a bachelor and an Orangeman and aged 70 years.

Early on Saturday morning ex-Constable Park was found lying on the sidewalk opposite a saloon on Notre Dame street, Montreal. His head was cut and his arm broken. He said he had been thrown out by the saloon keeper.

Some vulgar men last week at Perth held a wake over the body of "Yankee" Brown. The dead man was dragged from his coffin and placed on a table, a pipe was put between his teeth and other devices of "sport" carried out. The affair created scandal.

A young man named Isaie Charpenter jumped off a Canadian Pacific train while it was in motion at Hochelaga last night, when he slipped and fell under the wheels. The conductor, hearing his agonized scream, had the train stopped, but it was too late, and part of the unfortunate man's head was cut off.

Rev. Dr. Wardrope, Guelph, was elected Honorary President of the Queen's University Alma Mater Society. E. J. Ryan was elected President, defeating C. J. Cameron by nineteen votes. The undenominational character of the college is shown in the fact that the Prsident-elect is a Roman Catholic.

Charles French, butcher, swallowed poison in a mistake for a black draught yesterday. He died three hours afterwards in great agony. His wife caused the mistake, and she is frantic with grief at the terrible occurrence. Three physicians did all they could to save the poor fellow's life, but without avail.

While Mrs. R. Moore, wif of a Sandwich East farmer, and her son and daughter, and the latter's baby, were driving into Windsor, the horses ran away and they were all thrown out. Mrs. Moore fell on her head and shoulders and sustained severe injuries; the baby is believed to be fatally hurt, while the others escaped with a few bruises.

An accident occurred on Friday night about 5 o'clock in the woods, in one of Gilmour & Co's shanties, near Madoc. Peter Carl and Joseph Sofa were felling a large tree, and the tree lodged in another tree. When they freed it they found the tree was coming the wrong way and tried to get out of the way. In running away Sofa fell, and his axe struck Carl in the calf of the leg, severing an artery. Before a doctor arrived Carl bled to death. The same axe, after cutting Carl, was struck by the falling tree and flew back and struck Sofa, cutting a big gash in his leg above the knee. Sofa is likely to recover.

Mr. John Bright continues to gain strength.

Mr. Sexton has been re-elected Lord Mayor of Dublin.

The Russians are building pontoons at Reni, in readiness to bridge the Danube at a location threatening to Bulgaria.

The British Land Commission has ordered large reductions in rents in the vicinity of Thurles. In some cases the reductions amount to 49 per cent.

Bishop O'Dwyer, of Limerick, has intimated that unless the boycotting of a man named Ryan, for taking an evicted farm, shall cease, he will close the church of the parish in which the farm is located, and suspend all masses, sacraments and burials.

Birmingham is to become a city. Though having a population of 440,000, it is only a borough, as it has been for fifty years, and now is ambitious of a title which, says the town clerk in a letter to the Home Secretary, is supposed to carry with it an accession of dignity.

Mr. Henry George spoke at a banquet in London on Saturday night. Many notable Radicals were present. The first thing to do, he said, was to secure land values for public use, which would open a whole vista of possible reforms. He opposed a peasant proprietary. His speech was received with great enthusiasm.

In spite of the fact that a decree had been issued prohibiting a procession, a parade was held in Waterford last night in memory of the "Manchester Martyrs." The processionists carried banners and were headed by bands of music. The police made a charge on them with batons and succeeding in dispersing them. The people retaliated, using stones as weapons, and a scene of great disorder ensued.

A large vein of coal, of good quality, has been struck near Chamberlain, Dak.

The Calumet, Mich., mine is still on fire and there is no hope of saving the eight imprisoned miners.

Capt. Bundy, of Buffalo, is endeavoring to raise $6,500 to enable him to purchase a steamer to take the place of the Gospel ship, to carry instruction to the different islands, fishing and lumber stations and cedar camps in the lakes, where the men are isolated from churches.

At noon on Saturday Mr. Jos. Williamson, of Philadelphia, gave to a board of seven trustees property valued at $5,000 000, to be spent by them in giving the poor boys of Philadelphia education in mechanical trades. Mr. Williamson is 86 years of age and was born in Bucks county. He is the principal stockholder of the Cambria iron works.

Yesterday a bloody and murderous fight took place in the streets of Portland, Ore., between two factions of Chinese Highbinders. About twenty Chinese, all armed with pistols, participated. Over fifty shots were exchanged and the row lasted about ten minutes. Four Highbinders were shot down and two others badly wounded. Four were removed to the hospital, where one died very shortly after, and three others will likely die.

On Friday evening, while switching a train at the Michigan Central Railway yards, West Detroit, Switchman Joseph W. Cleary's foot caught between one of the ties and the rail. Before he could make his situation known to the engineer the train backed down upon him, throwing him upon his face. The wheels of the first car passed over his body, breaking one of his arms and a leg and badly crushing his head. Cleary was taken to the Sanitarium in an ambulance, where he died shortly afterwards. He leaves a wife, but no children.

MRS. FRENCH'S FATAL ERROR.

An Ottawa Butcher Accidentally Poisoned by His Wife.

An Ottawa despatch says: Charles French, butcher, was accidentally poisoned by his wife last night and died this evening. French, who was a total abstainer, closed his shop about 11 o'clock, and not feeling well got his wife to go to MacEachran's drug store and get him a black draught. Mrs. French is very near-sighted, and after ordering the draught turned away from the counter and spoke to MacEachran's brother about a pair of glasses. She had left her satchel on the counter, and into this MacEachran put the bottle containing the draught. Mrs. French did not notice him, and seeing a bottle on the table took it home and gave it to her husband. It was a liniment compound of chloral, iodine and camphor intended for another patient who was suffering from neuralgia. As soon as he had swallowed it French felt an intense burning pain and ran to the druggist's, where the mistake was discovered. French was taken to Dr. Graham's and a stomach pump applied, but he soon became insensible and remained unconscious until this evening, when he died. He was a young Englishman, about 30 years of age, who had just started for himself. He had been married about four years, but had no children.

From the Prairie Province.

The Manitoba & Northwestern Railway is now open for business to Saltcoats, the end of the track. Twenty or thirty miles will be built next year.

Last Tuesday night L. Davis, a Donald merchant, was robbed at Clanwilliam, in the mountains, of jewellery to the value of $2 000. It was stolen from under his bed while he was asleep in an hotel. There is no clue to the thief.

D. B. Campbell & Co. have completed their contract on the snowsheds in the mountains. Mr. Campbell goes to Ontario to take a contract on the Windsor extension of the C. P. R.

The incandescent electric light is to be introduced in Brandon, a company having been formed.

Horace Sims, a Brandon youth, confessed to robbing the safe of A. McLean, a merchant at that place. He hid the money in a pile of sawdust.

The by-laws authorising the city to raise $130,000 for the sinking fund by loan, and $15 000 for the colonization of lands about the city were defeated, only 433 votes being cast in all.

A man named Hector McDonald, of Rat Portage, who had become insane with liquor, started bareheaded and barefooted to walk to Winnipeg. He had covered over seventy miles of the distance when he was picked up by a train and brought to a hospital in the city. He is in a pitiable condition.

Shields, the Toronto boy convicted of stealing a cheque and gun, was sentenced to two years.

A 3-weeks-old foundling was left at the door of Rev. Mr. Pentreath last night.

During the year 16,883 immigrants have arrived, being 351 less than last year to the same date.

Epidemics in Ontario.

Diphtheria has made its appearance at Belleville.

There are several cases of diphtheria in Trenton, and one at Corbyville.

A number of cases of typhoid fever and diphtheria are reported in Ottawa. Although not as prevalent as last season, still the cases are numerous enough to warrant it being characterized as epidemic.

Dr. Bryce is in receipt of information from Nipissing stating that black diphtheria is prevalent in that neighborhood and in several of the surrounding townships. The writer complains of negligence on the part of some of the local authorities in not taking the proper steps to stamp out the disease. The provincial authorities will look into the matter.

A Montreal Murderer's Sentence Commuted.

An Ottawa despatch says: It is understood that His Excellency has decided to exercise executive clemency in the case of Kehoe, now under sentence of death in Montreal for the murder of Dogherty, and that the death sentence has been commuted to imprisonment for life.

In the case of Webb, who pleaded guilty of the murder of his wife in Brandon, Man., and of a British Columbia Indian named Tsimappore, which have been under consideration, the law will be allowed to take its course.

Artistic and Ugly.

Rural dame—Have you any pretty wall paper?

High Class Dealer (indignantly)—Pretty wall paper! No, madam. We keep nothing but the most highly artistic designs.

As near as She Could Get to the Name.

Mr. Chockley—It's quite a walk. Shan't I call that cab?

Miss Eastward (just arrived in town)—No; I don't think I should enjoy driving in one of those beautifuls.

Thos. Dean, one of the oldest residents of West Toronto, is dead. He was at one time a well-known cattle dealer, and did a large business with farmers and stock raisers of Western Ontario.

Lady of the house—Jane, who is that girl that just left the kitchen? Jane—Oh, ma'am, that's the lady what works for the woman across the street.—*Boston Beacon.*