

Sylvester Smith of Toronto was convicted at Montreal of attempted murder. He stole a revolver from a second-hand store and fired at a policeman who chased him.

Bruce Flindall was found guilty of manslaughter at Cobourg on Friday and sentenced by Mr. Justice Middleton to five years in the penitentiary for slaying his father in a quarrel.

Newfoundland has opened negotiations with the Imperial Government in regard to participating in Empire defence. The local duties

The Mexican Government organized a large force to move against the rebels in the northern States. Seventy lives were lost when a German destroyer was cut down and sunk by a cruiser during manoeuvres.

The Pope has consented to make accessible for purposes of historical research the secret archives of the Congregation of the Inquisition.

A French expedition will sail on June for a scientific examination of Franz Josef Land, in the Arctic. Two aeroplanes will be carried.

MEETINGS BROKEN UP.
A despatch from London, England, says: The suffragettes held meetings again on Sunday at Hyde Park and Wimbledon Common. They would have met the fate of the previous Sunday's meetings at the same places, when it required a strong body of police to escort them to safety, but that on Sunday the authorities took precautions and had large bodies of mounted and foot policemen in attendance. Even at that wild scene ensued. Five thousand persons assembled in the park and swarmed about the speakers' platform, and by a deafening din prevented any word of "General" Drummond's speech from being heard. The pressure of the surging crowds towards the platform at length became so great that reinforcements were hastily summoned. Mrs. Drummond and her colleagues were rescued from their perilous position with some difficulty. At Wimbledon similar scenes were enacted. Scarcely a word uttered by the speakers was audible, and they, too, had to be protected.

STOLE THIRTY THOUSAND.
A despatch from Montreal says: Henri Legree, a ledger-keeper formerly employed by the Bank of Hochelaga, was on Thursday morning sentenced by Judge Bazin to three years in the penitentiary for the theft of some thirty thousand dollars of the bank's money. Legree invented a system of running a false account in his own bank, to which he transferred money from several large accounts in the Hochelaga Bank. He then opened up an account in a branch office of the City and District Savings Bank under the name of Amyot and transferred the money in the false account to it, afterwards drawing the cheque on the Amyot account. The police recovered some \$30,000 of the money.

EXTENDING THE T. & N. O.
A survey party will leave Cochrane on March 20.

A despatch from Cochrane says: That there is a determination to proceed with the work of extending the T. & N. O. Railway to James Bay may be indicated by the fact that very soon Admiralty charts are to be issued of the great inland sea. A small hydrographic survey party in charge of Paul John, will leave here on March 30. They will take a team of sixteen dogs, and go over the ice to the scene of their work at James Bay.

SKIRTS IN PARIS SO TIGHT WEARERS CAN SCARCELY WALK.
A despatch from London says: According to a London fashion expert just returned from Paris, the dressmakers there are proposing not merely to revive the hobble skirt, but to make it tighter. This London expert says: "I saw skirts in Paris so tight round the legs that the wearers were scarcely able to walk."

FOUR BURNED TO DEATH.
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A despatch from Montreal says: Henry McComberville of Huntingdon, eighty-five years of age, was burned to death Friday night, together with three of his grandchildren, aged eight, ten and twelve. An overheated stove was the cause of the fire.

FRANCE AND GERMANY.
Increase the Peace Footing of Their Armies.

A despatch from Cologne, Germany, says: The new German military bill will add 84,000 recruits to the annual contingent called up for service in the army, according to the well-informed Volks Zeitung.

The total strength of the peace footing of the army will thus be increased by 168,000 men, bringing it up to 806,000, excluding officers.

A despatch from Paris says: The French Cabinet has accepted the decision of the Supreme Council of War, which pronounced on Tuesday in favor of a three years' term of service in all branches of the army instead of two years, as hitherto, and the bill will be submitted to the Chamber of Deputies. The measure will add 210,000 men at the lowest estimate to the peace footing of the army, which at present stands at 578,783, excluding officers.

WOMEN RECEIVE SETBACK.
Two States Kill Measures to Extend the Franchise.

A despatch from Boston says: The cause of woman suffrage received a setback in two New England Legislatures on Wednesday. After several hearings, at which the question was debated in a spirited manner by prominent men and women, a committee in the Massachusetts Legislature voted to report "leave to withdraw" on a bill providing for a referendum on a constitutional amendment, which would eliminate the word "male" from the provision defining the qualifications of a voter. Six members of the committee voted against suffrage, three for it and two were not recorded. A similar bill was killed in the Maine House by a vote of eighty-nine to fifty-three, after it had been passed by the Senate.

ICE CONDITIONS IN LAKES.
St. Mary's River Frozen Over; Also St. Clair River and Lake.

A despatch from Sarnia says: According to reports received at this port, the ice conditions in the lakes are as follows: In Lake St. Clair there is ice west of Whitefish Point and at Duluth for about twenty-five miles off shore. The St. Mary's River is frozen over entirely, while in the Mackenzie Straits the ice is solid and about two feet thick. In Lake Huron many icefields are floating about, but are not very thick. The St. Clair River is frozen solid from Sarnia to the mouth. Lake St. Clair is frozen over about fourteen inches thick. The lower Detroit is filled with ice, while Lake Erie has many floating floes of small thickness.

RECORD PRICE FOR BULLS.
"Clipper Prince" Sold for Three Hundred and Twenty-five Dollars

A despatch from Guelph says: Spirited bidding featured the annual pure-bred bull sale under the auspices of the Guelph Fat Stock Club. Brown & McCullough, cattle ranchers at Great Falls, Montana, were the principal buyers. W. C. Edwards & Company of Bookland were the largest sellers, with ten extra fine bulls. A roan two-year-old "Clipper Prince," was the highest, at \$335, a record, being purchased by G. R. Rankin & Son, Hamiota, Manitoba. The Montana ranch paid up to \$240, taking sixteen in all. The average was \$142, as against \$98 last year.

EXPLOSION NEAR BALTIMORE CAUSED BUILDINGS TO ROCK.
FIFTY KILLED BY DYNAMITE.

A despatch from Baltimore, Maryland, says: Fifty lives were probably lost and forty persons hurt when the British ship Alum Chine, loading with dynamite for the Panama Canal, blew up off Hawk's Point on Friday morning. A barge with 340 tons of dynamite alongside also blew up. It is believed fire caused the explosion. At least four of the crews of the vessels were killed; others leaped into the water. Three of the crew of the U. S. collier Jason, 700 feet away, were killed and ten fatally hurt, the ship's upper works being swept away. Six of the crew of the tug Atlantic lying alongside the Alum Chine were killed and the tug practically destroyed. Forty stevedores are unaccounted for. If they were on the steamer it is considered certain that they perished. The tremendous explosion shook the country for miles around. Windows were broken and chimneys knocked off houses a dozen or more miles from the scene of the disaster. At Sparrows Point a school house was partly destroyed and several children hurt. Baltimore was shaken as if by an earthquake and tall buildings in the centre of the city were rocked by the shock.

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A despatch from Constantinople says: The British steamship Calvaria foundered during a blizzard in the Sea of Marmora on March 1. The crew and 200 passengers were lost.

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A despatch from Athens, Greece, says: The Turkish fortress of Janina, the key to the possession of the province of Epirus, with its garrison of 32,000 men, surrendered to the Greek army on Thursday afternoon which forms one of the most brilliant episodes of the Balkan war. The surrender was preceded by a fierce bombardment lasting without cessation for two nights. Every available gun, including a number of heavy Howitzers, lent by the Serbian artillery, was brought to bear by the Greeks on the forts defending the beleaguered city. No fewer than 30,000 shells were fired by the Greek guns during the first day's cannonade. Gradually the Turkish batteries at Bizani, Manliar, Sakni, and elsewhere were silenced under the sustained fire of projectiles. The Greek commanders by a feint led the Turks to believe that their attack would be made from the right, and as soon as the attention of the defenders had been distracted the Greeks hurled large bodies of infantry on to the Turkish left. The Ottoman troops, utterly surprised, fell back in disorder.

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