

THE WEEK'S NEWS.

HOME.

Winnipeg is about purchasing a site for a new cemetery.

A deaf mute was drowned at Murray Bay the other day.

Bush fires are causing great destruction to Longborough township, in Frontenac County.

Brockville has a centenarian, Mrs. Tompson. She celebrated her one hundredth birthday recently.

It is likely Erastus Wiman will deliver an address upon Commercial Union in Winnipeg in October.

A High Bluff, (Man.) man named Warren was recently gored and trampled to death by a wild steer.

Some miscreants at Plover's Mills have been convicted of poisoning the pond and river at that point with a view of killing the fish therein.

Work will be begun at once on the Ex-quimait, B. C., fortifications. Forts will be erected and armament furnished by the Imperial Government.

The total loss, by the fire at the Northern Railway freight sheds, Collingwood, is placed at \$25,000. A number of cars and a quantity of grain were destroyed.

Large numbers of Italian emigrants are arriving in Montreal. A great number of them are in absolute poverty, and measures are being taken to relieve their distress.

Burglars entered the house of farmer Betzner, 2nd concession of Beverley, lately while the family were at church. \$62 and some personal trinkets were stolen.

The late gale caused great damage to fishing vessels on the Newfoundland coast. Two sailers while out in a dory were swamped and drowned. It is feared many other lives were lost.

It is anticipated that the cost of the proposed change in rifles used by the Canadian militia which has been urged on the Minister of Militia by a delegation of riflemen, will be an insuperable obstacle to the desired reform. The change would cost at least half a million dollars.

The farmers of Upper Leitchfield, on the Pontiac and Pacific Junction railway, threaten to tear up the track and wreck the trains unless prompt settlement is made by the company for right of way, wood contracts and other transactions in which they consider themselves unjustly treated.

It is stated that the Hon. Wilfred Laurier contemplates removing to Montreal and entering a legal partnership with L. O. David, M.P.P. It is said that Mr. Laurier's principal object in coming to Montreal is to be in more direct and constant communication with friends and colleagues of the party.

Henry Saunders, of Oak Lake, lost his voice two years ago through exposure in the North-west rebellion, and has since been completely dumb. The physicians had given up all hopes of his recovery. One morning last week Mrs. Saunders was greatly surprised at her husband taking part in the conversation as though nothing had occurred. Mr. Saunders was a resident of Winnipeg during the boom. The Government granted him a yearly pension of \$20, which he now prays may be continued.

Mrs. Spence, of Botsford, N. S., having grown tired of raising poultry for hawks decided at any peril to interpose a veto. The other day when one of the nifty birds breakfasted on one of her spring chickens and then calmly took his station on a stake fence to wait for an appetite for dinner, Mrs. Spence was very much stirred in her feelings, and as there was no man about the place she took down the shot gun and sallied forth. Placing the butt against her left shoulder, she took good aim at the hawk, shut both eyes and fired. The gun was heavily charged and its recoil knocked her over and lamed her shoulder, but the hawk was killed, and Mrs. Spence is happy.

AMERICAN.

A magnificent flow of gas has been struck on the Ohio river in Indiana. It is estimated to be 17,000,000 cubic feet per day.

Cubans in New York think there is no reason to believe that there is any far-reaching or in any sense an important uprising in Havana.

Nineteen suits for damages aggregating \$127,500 have been entered at Peoria against the railway company in connection with the Chatsworth horror.

A freight train on the Cleveland & Marietta railroad near Cambridge, O., ran over a burning bridge. All passed over except three cars. One man was killed.

Mrs. Belle Feely, an insane inmate of the Penn. county jail, has been creamed in her cell, the result of a fire she had kindled with paper torn from the walls. Mrs. Feely had told the nurse she wanted to die.

An attempt was made the other morning to burn a bridge over a culvert on the Washash railway one mile east of Lafayette, Ind. A freight train came around the curve at full speed, and the engineer, seeing the fire, put on steam and passed over safely. A second cond section of the train flagged and stopped before it reached the bridge, and the train men put out the fire. As the engineer of the first train reached the burning bridge he saw a man run out from his hiding place near by and disappear in the woods.

FOREIGN.

American railway stocks have fallen in the London market.

The British press are still discussing vigorously the disallowance question.

A bill to provide suitable dwellings for the poor at a small cost is before the German Reichstag.

Mr. Chamberlain will visit Ireland in October and proceed to Washington the following month.

M. Pasteur has failed to cure Lord Soneraile, who was bitten by a mad fox in January last. The nobleman died the other day of hydrophobia.

The Crown Prince is still in London, as the weather being severe, Dr. Mackenzie fears that by the Waldenses' atmosphere would affect his throat injuriously.

Late messengers from Uganda report that Emin Bey is still holding out. Missionary Mackay has received permission of King Mwangi to get back to the coast.

The London Times continues to protest vigorously against the treatment of our sealers in Behring's Sea, and urges the

Imperial Government to send a cruiser to protect our interests there.

The Nababish tribe has defeated the dervishes in the Boggara country, killing 1,300 of them. The Abyssinians are moving against the dervishes via Sennaar. The Nile is very high and the water is still rising.

In his opening address to the British Association at Manchester, Sir Henry Enfield Roscoe, the President, said it was necessary for England to awaken if she wished to maintain her commercial and industrial supremacy.

Notwithstanding the police order forbidding the Socialists to celebrate the death of Ferdinand Lassalle, thousands of followers of the great labor union organizer made the pilgrimage to Gremace. A row occurred during the day, and several arrests were made.

It has just transpired that a determined attempt upon the life of the Czar was made last month. A Nihilist, disguised as an officer of the Guards, approached the Imperial carriage on a journey from St. Petersburg to Krasnoeels and fired a revolver twice. The first shot missed the Czar, but the second perforated his coat. The Czarina has since been suffering from nervous prostration.

Mr. Stanley's last letters are of later date than the rumors concerning his death, and they effectually dispel all fear that misfortune has overtaken his laudable mission. His statement that the people ahead of him appear to be the broken fragments of many tribes confirms the testimony of Dr. Junker, who has traversed a part of the country in which Mr. Stanley's route lay. Dr. Junker says the tribes of that region have been so broken up by wars that they are now not at all formidable. There is, therefore, every reason to hope that Stanley met no serious opposition from the natives in the last part of his journey. The candle-extinguisher style of native but in which Stanley quartered his party at Yambuga Rapids shows that he was getting within the sphere of influence of the Nile tribes, that form of hut being common in the Nile basin, but seldom seen along the Congo.

A BIT OF PRUSSIAN HISTORY.

General Vogel von Falckenstein.

In a recent number of the *Preussische Jahrbucher*, the historian, Prof. Delbruck, of Berlin, corroborates the statements previously made by the Austrian ex-officer Herr von Wengen, in his exhaustive work on the Prusso-Hanoverian war of 1866, concerning Gen. Vogel von Falckenstein. The career of that Prussian General has long been a puzzle to the German people. In 1866, as the head of the Prussian Army of the Main, he forced the Hanoverians to surrender at Langensalza, beat with his 40,000 men 100,000 south Germans in repeated encounters, and was on the point of dictating terms to the conquered city of Frankfurt when, on the 19th of June he was suddenly recalled and supplanted by Gen. Manteuffel. Again, in 1870, when the talent and experience of every general were called into requisition, Falckenstein took no part in the war itself, having been assigned

THE TASK OF PROTECTING THE GERMAN COAST, against French invasion. The authoritative explanation now given by Herr von Wengen and Prof. Delbruck is that Gen. Falckenstein in 1866 was guilty of double disobedience towards the supreme command. He in the first place, disregarded Moltke's order to send a part of his army to Madgeburg and Eisenach, in order to cut off the retreat of the Hanoverians towards the south, preferring instead to keep his troops together; and, secondly, after Gen. von Alvensleben had agreed upon a truce with the enemy, he deliberately attacked, and, it is true, vanquished him. His recall had been decided on already on the 11th of June, but the order did not reach him until the 19th, and in the meanwhile he had had time to win the battles which have made him one of the most successful of German generals. The reason why he was not assigned a command in 1870 is, according to Prof. Delbruck, the same that held good in the similar case of Gen. von Steinmetz. He had become too important a general for the command of a corps, and it was not thought best to put him at the head of an independent army.

Torpedo Boats.

The British sailor has long since ceased to feel, if he ever felt, any great awe of torpedo boats. Without the enterprise and pluck that will take them into action, running the risk of being blown out of the water, these torpedo boats are as harmless as common flies. English officers know how to handle them for offence, and how to meet their attacks under all conditions; and familiarity never bred more contempt than it has in the case of these overrated craft. Torpedo men believe in them, and think that they could make splinters of a fleet if they ever had the opportunity for attack, but they forget that boldness and not foolhardiness is requisite to ensure success. Gunners, on the other hand, derive this view, and are quite prepared to take their chance on board an iron-clad when attacked by a swarm of torpedo mosquitoes, provided only that the ship has her nettings down, her electric light at work and is properly armed with quick-firing guns and mitrailleuses.

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