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TICKS FROM THE WIRES

AN UTTER FAILURE.

CAPTURED AND TRANSLATED FOR NEWS READERS.

Fifty Paragraphs Composing Points of Particular Interest—A Column for State Prison.

The North-West Mounted Police force is now within ten miles of its full strength. James Summers and his wife, living near Memphis, Ind., were struck by lightning and killed yesterday.

A court of honor, consisting of military officers, has decided that it is most imperative that General Sir Simonds shall fight a duel.

The United States secret service made a raid on the borrows in Philadelphia yesterday, and seized ten of them for violating the internal revenue laws.

At Hamilton yesterday Gertrude Brown, twelve years old, was found guilty of attempting to poison her mother, and was sent to the Moratorium Reformatory for four years.

The North German Gazette hints that a bill will be submitted to the Reichstag at the next session to suppress the unscrupulous practices of shops in taking payments by instalments.

The English consul to Japan says the influence of the Canadian Pacific route has contributed largely to the fall in rates for freight by the established steamer routes.

Permission has been granted by the Government to the owner of a Gloucester fishing vessel to send to Canada a new set of sails to replace defective ones now in use on his vessel.

John J. Riley, employed in a stove factory at Albany, N.Y., lay down to sleep in an oven on Saturday morning, and was baked to death, his body being found yesterday morning.

Owing to the exodus of Conservative members of the Lower Canadian Parliament the government will probably find it necessary to abandon both the Abolition and the Education Bill.

The London correspondent of the Mail cables that he learned last night that an autumn session is about decided upon. It is intended to pass supply quickly and propose until November.

Countess Casa Miranda, of Madrid, a venerable lady of one hundred years, the mother of Christine Nilsson's husband, has been seized with congestion of the brain and is not expected to live.

The government vessel *Nova*, engaged in making a survey of the Ottawa river for the purpose of determining the extent of obstruction to navigation caused by mill refuse, has reached East Tempeley.

Russia has sent four cruisers and one ironclad to the Pacific Ocean. A well-known and experienced officer has been placed in command, with everything in readiness for war. He has been instructed also to keep a record of all vessels trading in those latitudes, which could be made available for the transport of Russian troops to the east.

A distinguished party of Siamese nobles, Prince Davaowong, his four sons, the Princes Kita, Rabi, Chira, and Prant; Para Daram Bokha, the Prince's secretary; Capt. Phian, A.D.C.; Leou, S.A.R., attaché; Phya Monti Sarivongs, Siamese minister at Washington and London; Wat Chan, attaché; Mr. Yerns, his secretary; Mr. E. H. Loftus, interpreter and attaché; Khan Vichit, Monk Chanthaboon and Mr. William, tories, arrived in Toronto on Sunday night and left yesterday in route for San Francisco from whence they will sail this month for home.

A Dangerous Practice.

There has been a great tendency among people, both young and old, when out in skiffs or sailing down the river, to cross the bows of the large steamers. An old gentleman and his wife were recently tampering with one too many times Thursday afternoon in front of the T. P. Park. The St. Lawrence was making her down trip, just starting out for the park, with the wind blowing hard on the dock, making it necessary to start out quickly. The old gentleman, though he could cross the bow after Captain Etes told him to get out of the way, was panic-stricken, dropped his carabine and yelled to Capt. Etes to stop. He stopped the St. Lawrence by reversing as one end of the skiff struck the bow. Everyone expected that the skiff would capsize, but the man tumbled into the water and the woman tumbled on to the skiff with a death grasp. One of this kind occur nearly every day. They never stop to think that an oar might break or slip off the lock, when it would be all day with them.

A PRETTY Little Fable.

Detroit Free Press.

Upon a certain occasion, as the old story of the *Widely-Jubed* in his cabin, a young man by the name of John Smith rubbed up stairs and demands that his Honor be cleared of a Vain Stand. The *Jubed* had announced that some one by the name of J. J. Smith had been sent up for Thirty Days. This John Smith wanted it known that he wasn't the John Smith who would bring a Great Big Overgrown Libal Suit. "Certainly, with pleasure." Replied the editor of the *Jubed*. And he wrote that the John Smith of Pumpkin Pie Avenue was not the John Smith who founded his Aged Mother; nor the Smith who stole a Harness; nor the Smith arrested for Bigamy; nor the Smith who had a Prize Fight; nor the Smith who set the Saw Mill. Fine, in fact, he heard him of all the Crimes and Offenses of the calendar, and the result was that Smith Stopped his Paper. Withdrawn his Advertising, Ambushed and Killed the Editor and was the cause of bankrupting the Paper. Moral: There is such a thing as Being Too All Fired Anxious to Please Subscribers.

A Delightful Trip.

The best trip you can take in this vicinity is down the Rideau on the steamer *Rideau Belle*. She is the only boat that makes the trip by daylight, allowing passage without doubt some of the most picturesque scenes in America. The officers of the hotel are cordial and obliging, and every attention is paid to passengers to make the trip enjoyable. The best leaves *Swift's* wharf every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 11 A.M., making close connection at Smith's Falls with the train for Ottawa.

Local News.

The Prentiss Boys attended the funeral of the late C. Meade this afternoon in a body.

On Sunday at Gananoque the custom house was entered and valuable papers belonging to the Water Power Company appropriated.

A correspondent says that police in have the most vicious dogs in the city, and says that it would be well if the officers shot their own cars before destroying others.

Body Found.

The body of the late James Fowler was found floating this afternoon between Garden and Wolfe Islands.

Political Question Discussed.

Berlin, Aug. 16.—Prince Bismarck had a long conference yesterday with Count Schonhoff of the Russian ambassador, at which all pending political questions were discussed. This will enable the Chancellor to dispense with an interview with M. De Glori.

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Remember this is your opportunity to buy cheap corsets, as we must make room for our new ones. R. McFaul.

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