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CHINA'S FLEET TRAPPED

The Pi-Yang Squadron Lying Within the Harbor at Port Arthur.

AN ATTACK BY LAND AND SEA

Deserters From the Chinese Army Join the Japanese at New Chwang—The Seizure of the Two Americans on the Sydney—Tokio Advices.

LONDON, Nov. 8.—The correspondent of the Central News, at Shanghai, says rumors are persistently circulated there that the Pi-Yang squadron is in Port Arthur. If these rumors are founded on fact it must be that the fleet went there under orders received direct from Pekin, as Li Hung Chang would never have allowed the squadron to be caught in such a rat trap.

The Chinese report that the Japanese are rapidly advancing in the rear of Port Arthur and that a strong Japanese fleet, including thirty torpedo boats, is outside the harbor. It is expected that Port Arthur and the Chinese fleet will fall into the hands of the enemy.

Japanese reports from New Chwang state that deserters from the Chinese army are arriving there by fifties and that a great panic exists among the Chinese, hundreds of whom are leaving by every steamer.

The Japanese flying squadron is reported to be hundred miles off New Chwang and the Chinese there are re-shipping their goods, considering it unsafe to remain there during the winter.

A despatch to the Pall Mall Gazette from Chee-Foo says the Japanese land and sea forces made a simultaneous and vigorous attack upon Port Arthur. The Chinese fleet is inside the harbor.

The two Americans who were arrested by the Japanese authorities on the steamer Sydney, at Kobe, are named Hope and Brown. The name of the Chinaman who was taken into custody at the same time is Cham-Fam Moore. He is believed to be the interpreter of the Chinese legation at Washington. The Japanese authorities informed the captain of the Sydney, before attempting to make the arrests, that if he would surrender these passengers he would be allowed to proceed for his destination.

The offer, however, the captain refused to avail himself of, whereupon an armed force boarded the Sydney, and, despite the protests of the French consul and the steamer's captain, seized the three men and removed them from the vessel.

Much of the Berlin Kreuzheitung's account of an interview with Sir Halliday Macartney, councillor of the Chinese legation in London, in which he was reported as vigorously attacking Lord Rosebery's policy toward China and Japan is repudiated by Sir Halliday himself. He disavows especially his alleged criticisms on Lord Rosebery's pacific advances, in which respect, he says, he was wholly misrepresented.

TOKIO, Nov. 8.—The Corean peninsula has now been cleared of Chinese troops from end to end. Corea was one of the last vestiges of the middle kingdom's mediæval majesty, one of the last of the little border states that acted as buffers between the big empire and the "outer barbarians." Independent toward all the alien world; dependent toward the Celestial empire alone, that was the anomalous status of these buffers. The Amur region, Siam and others have all fallen away, leaving Corea alone. To her relations with Corea China could not choose but impart some element of reality, for beyond the borders of the peninsula Russia stood always ready to advance. Therefore the Pekin statesmen openly called Corea a dependency, and Europe believed that China had both will and ability to protect it. But two battles have sufficed to drive the last of the banner men across the Yalu river, and to place the Japanese army on the borders of Manchuria.

Ujina is a port five miles from Hiroshima, a town on the inland sea, where the Emperor of Japan, as commander-in-chief of the military and naval forces has established his headquarters. On the 13th of October a great flotilla of Japanese transports steamed out of Ujina. They carried 22,000 men, with all their field equipments. They headed for the entrance of the Pechili Gulf, to attack simultaneously Port Arthur and Wei-Hai-Wei. At this moment the flotilla is probably disembarking its freight. Port Arthur and Wei Hai-Wei are China's only fortified harbors in the northern part of the empire. Their works of defence enjoy the reputation of being impregnable. The Japanese troops will attack both these places from the landside, and it may be predicted that they will take them. In that case the Gulf of Pechili and therefore the marine approaches to Pekin will be completely commanded by Japanese troops.

The Chinese fleet will have to fight or run south and abandoning the duty of defending the route to Pekin or entering the Gulf of Pechili, awaiting in a exposed position the attack of the Japanese squadrons. As the Chinese ships met a disaster in September they are in a very bad plight.

The Chinese prisoners of war have begun to arrive in Japan. They are distinguished by dirt and dejection. The Japanese crowds laugh at them as they pass, but make no more demonstrations. The wounded are treated with the utmost kindness. This is in striking contrast with the Chinese method. They make no prisoners. From the killed and wounded alike they cut off the heads and make bunches of the latter by passing strings through the mouths and gullets as a fisherman does with a catch of trout.

Toronto Baby Farmers Arrested.

BUFFALO, Nov. 8.—W. Lace, alias Smith, who is a much-wanted man in Toronto, is at present locked up in the Freezer at headquarters awaiting the arrival of the Canadian authorities to transfer him across the river. The Buffalo police know but little of the case beyond that the charge is as indicated. It is said that the man and his wife had been engaged in baby farming in Canada, and that one of the little ones given in his charge died in some mysterious manner. Lace's wife is said to be implicated in the affair, and was arrested a short time after he was locked up.

Three Sailors Drowned.

ANNAPOLIS, N. S., Nov. 8.—Schooner Anna May, laden with lumber, was wrecked four miles north of Digby Strait on Tuesday evening and three of the crew were drowned. Captain Hatfield was alone saved.

Killed by a Falling Scaffold.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—A scaffold supporting four painters at work on a building gave way precipitating the workmen forty feet. W. J. Thecker was almost instantly killed and Joseph O'Brien fatally injured.

A Child Burned to Death.

HAMILTON, Nov. 8.—Nellie Pereira, 6 years old, living near corner of Jitkin and Macaulay streets, was burned to death here. She was standing near the fire when flames caught her clothing and she ran screaming to the street. Two firemen who were passing put out the blaze, but not before the child had sustained injuries from which she died a few hours later.

A New Brunswick Bye-Election.

MONCTON, N. B., Nov. 8.—Telegraphic communication with Gloucester county has been restored. Election for the vacant seat in the provincial legislature caused by the resignation of Blanchard, Conservative, resulted in the return of P. J. Veniot, Liberal, and editor of the Bathurst Courier. There were three supporters of the Blair government running.

Mica Mining in Ontario.

OTTAWA, Nov. 8.—The mica mining trade in this vicinity is showing up. A prominent local general, who is an expert in mining matters, told a reporter that 175 men were now engaged in Ottawa county mining mica. The entire product goes to the United States and is used for electrical purposes.

Wade's mandrake pills, sure cure for biliousness and constipation. Wade's drug store Kingston.

Royal butter biscuit. W. J. Crothers.

THE REPUBLICAN VICTORY.

They Will Control Two-Thirds of the House.

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—The returns of the congressional election have but emphasized the magnitude of the Republican victory. The number of Republican representatives has increased from 210, which then seemed the probable number, to 241, and the Democratic and Populist ranks have thinned correspondingly in the reports, and the latter almost wholly disappeared. The figures show that the Republicans will probably have not only a large majority but more than two-thirds of the house.

Comments in England.

LONDON, Nov. 8.—The Standard, after ascribing the defeat of the Democrats to divisions in the party and to Tammany Hall, says: "We regret that the Democrats will so soon again be sent into the wilderness, for, on the whole, they deserved a better fate."

The Daily Chronicle says that divided counsels, bitter international squabbles, lack of competence among the leaders, a feeling among the impoverished masses that they had been sold, and the exposure of the band of robbers encamped in Tammany Hall were the main causes of the Democratic collapse.

The Daily Telegraph says that all admirers and well-wishers of the American republic may find cause to rejoice at the result, especially at the complete defeat and practical extirpation of Tammany tyranny.

The Daily Graphic does not regard the results of the elections as indicating the re-conversion of the country to McKinleyism. "The truth is," it says, "the Democrats have done nothing during their term of office, substituting the unpatriotic rivalry of politicians for the fulfilment of pledges and the realization of great principles."

The Daily News says: "The Republicans have come into power on the strength of the discontent felt at the disuse of the Democratic party's opportunities. The Democrats dallied with their chances and public opinion turned in a tumult against them. Civilization everywhere will welcome the overthrow of Tammany Hall."

AFFAIRS IN BRAZIL.

Peixoto Will Gives His Support to the New President, Moraes.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—Minister Mendonca denies emphatically the report from Rio Janeiro that President Peixoto proposes setting himself up as a dictator of the republic and will for that reason refuse to surrender the reins of office into the hands of the newly-elected president, Senor Moraes, on the 15th inst.

If President Peixoto, Senor Mendonca says, has any intention of playing the role of dictator he would not have consented to the election and would not have raised the states of siege throughout the republic. In order that every citizen might have a chance to cast a ballot. Moreover, the arrangements for the festivities in connection with Moraes' induction into the presidency are now in course of preparation and the new Minister will be formally inaugurated one week from to-day. Peixoto has promised the new chief magistrate his loyal support. Peixoto, who was the ranking member of the four field marshals of the Brazilian army before his accession to the presidency, will resume his place in the army as commander-in-chief.

The reported troubles between the military and the police at Rio are greatly exaggerated.

A Newspaper Story Denied.

LONDON, Nov. 8.—The Montreal correspondent of the Dalziel News Agency, has cabled an interesting piece of news, which originated in the fertile mind of the Ottawa correspondent of a Toronto paper, to the effect that Sir John Thompson's trip to England was to induce Sir Charles Tupper, Canada's High Commissioner in England, to return to Canada and assume the Premiership, as Sir John wished to retire. The correspondent has lent interest to the story by adding that Sir Charles Tupper had received an invitation from the political leaders of Montreal to become Premier. Sir Charles Tupper says that there is not a word of truth in the statement, the whole story being pure fiction.

A Full Inquiry Demanded.

LONDON, Nov. 8.—The latest action of the Grand Trunk Railway board of directors is attracting considerable attention. The board demurs from its decision and promise made at the meeting a few days ago to allow Mr. Barker to inquire into the accounts of the subsidiary lines of the company on behalf of the dissatisfied shareholders. A deputation of shareholders, however, has waited on the board and demanded that a full and searching examination be made into the details of an item in the accounts, designated as £500,000 for sundry outstanding accounts due to the company. The deputation makes the assertion that these parts of this alleged asset is no asset at all.

To Exclude England's Cattle.

BERLIN, Nov. 8.—The prohibition against the landing of American cattle has taken another complexion. It has been agreed that Germany leave the decision in this matter to the preponderanbe of expert opinion. In this connection translations from American veterinarians showing that infection from Texas fever is limited to certain localities are being prepared for submission to the Imperial Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. It is stated that the import of English cattle into Germany will also be prohibited. The reason for this step is not stated.

Hungary's Sympathy for Russia.

BUDA PESTH, Nov. 8.—The Lower House of the Hungarian Diet adopted by an overwhelming majority a resolution proposed by Herr Banffy expressing sympathy with Russia on the death of Czar Alexander III. In the debate some of the Left members supported Herr Thaly in opposing the resolution, on the ground that Russia had opposed Hungary's struggle for freedom.

Germany's Cabinet Troubles.

BERLIN, Nov. 8.—Prince Hohenlohe presided at the Prussian cabinet meeting yesterday, Freiherr von Willamowitz, governor of Posen, having declined to succeed Herr von Heyden as minister of agriculture. A hitch has also occurred in regard to Dr. Koch's succession to Dr. von Schelling as minister of justice.

The Derelict Ethiopian.

LONDON, Nov. 8.—The Norwegian bark Ethiopian, which was abandoned on the voyage from St. Thomas, Canada, to Cork, has been seen fifteen miles from Fayal. A tug has been sent to search for her and to tow her to port if found.

The Kaiser Recognizes Hawaii.

BERLIN, Nov. 8.—Germany through Emperor William, replying to President Dole's official notification, has acknowledged and recognized the republic of Hawaii.

Banquetted the New Consul.

MONTREAL, Nov. 8.—A complimentary banquet was tendered last night by the French board of trade to M. Kleczkowski, the new French consul-general. Mr. H. Laporte, the president of the board, presided and nearly 200 guests sat down. Amongst those present were Mackenzie Bowell, Minister of Trade and Commerce, and Solicitor-General Curran, representing the Dominion cabinet, Premier Taillon of Quebec, Mayor Villeneuve and many prominent citizens.

A Mysterious Shot.

TORONTO, Nov. 8.—Mr. John Hay, grocer, who lives at the corner of Adelaide and Brant streets, was shot by some unknown person driving in a buggy. Mr. Hay was taking in his goods for the night when the shot was fired, and a policeman not ten rods away was witness of the affair. The constable gave chase, but the mysterious assailant got safely away.

A Special Sale For The Month of November.

Prevost at the New York clothing store, Brock street, will offer his entire stock of ready made clothing and gents' furnishings at cost prices. On account of the depression in business he is determined to reduce his stock. This is the first special sale he has advertised during his twenty-two years business. The public may depend on getting bargains. See hand bills for prices.

TAILLON'S DIFFICULTIES

English Members of the Cabinet Refuse to Take Sides.

DECLINE TO TAKE A PORTFOLIO

The Quebec Premier Will First Have to Explain the Methods by Which the Paris Loan Was Affected on the Floor of the Legislature.

MONTREAL, Nov. 8.—The English members of the Quebec Legislature had a private caucus yesterday to consider what attitude they should assume in the present trouble between Premier Taillon and ex-Treasurer Hall in regard to the provincial loan question. After a long discussion a vote was taken and the unanimous decision was that the English members should refuse to take sides on the loan question and decline all offers of a portfolio in the Taillon Cabinet until the recent loan is discussed in the Legislature, when Mr. Taillon will have an opportunity to furnish full explanations.

The Star, which has championed Mr. Hall throughout the trouble, says: "The alleged methods by which the $5,000,000 loan was affected the other day, and the resignation of the Provincial Treasurer in consequence of those methods, led the Star to take a stand resolutely against the filling of the Treasurership vacated by Mr. Hall until Mr. Taillon, on the floor of the House and practically within hearing of the whole country, should have an opportunity to state his case and make his explanations. There did not appear to be room for honorable compromise. The situation seemed too grave to consider personal interests. If Mr. Taillon did not negotiate a bad loan in a bad way, there was only one man who could prove it and that man was Mr. Taillon, and only one place to prove it and that was in the Chamber of the Legislature.

"The most stupendous struggle was made to induce some one of the dozen English members to accept the Treasurership and by this act practically vote to support Mr. Taillon through the thick and thin. This would have been a public calamity, for it would have been a bad precedent. The Star fought to avert the impending by bringing to the knowledge of the members the actual state of public opinion on the question. The paper was accused of excess of zeal. The public will form its own opinion on this question, and we are satisfied that shall do so."

As to the decision of the caucus, the Star believes this has the ring of true patriotism in it and wherever the report goes from the Gulf to the province line amongst all right-thinking people, French as well as English, the decision will be heard as a triumph for 'fair play,' and a public declaration that the glitter of a provincial portfolio can be dimmed by public condemnation. Now that the ends of justice have been satisfied it would be well if there should be a suspension of public judgment.

THE PERRAULTS SENTENCED.

Four of These Desperadoes Will Spend Terms in Durance Vile.

PARRY SOUND, Nov. 8.—The district court and general session opened here and concluded before his Honor Judge Mahaffy. There was a light docket, being no civil and five criminal cases. Four of these were against the Perrault Brothers who made themselves so prominent at French River a few weeks ago and have since been secured by the provincial detectives.

Edmund and Joseph Perrault charged with assaulting Constable McRae while in the discharge of his duty were each sentenced to one year in the central prison with hard labor.

The youngest brother, John, also charged with the same offence, has not as bad a record as the others, and in view of this his Hopor made his sentence lighter, giving him six months in the central with hard labor.

Frank Perrault charged with stealing lumber from a summer resort on one of the islands on the Georgian Bay received two years in Kingston penitentiary also with hard labor.

This leaves only one of the brothers now remaining free.

Fire in Blenheim.

BLENHEIM, Ont., Nov. 8.—The large stave and hub mill owned by Mr. E. A. Byram in this town was the scene of a somewhat serious fire. The storerooms just in rear of the mill, and in which was stored a large quantity of finished stock ready for shipment, were almost totally destroyed. At one end of the storehouse was a room used for melting resin, and in which the dipping of the hubs was done, and it was here that the fire started. The fire reached the resin and spread with great rapidity. The mill proper was only slightly damaged. Loss $600; insured.

Students Fight With Police.

QUEBEC, Nov. 8.—A party composed of about 30 students created a disturbance on one of the principal thoroughfares by singing and shouting at 11.30 last night. Two policemen, after repeated warnings, arrested two of them. The students rescued one of the prisoners after beating the policeman pretty roughly. The other prisoner was bailed out. The disturbance was the result of an oyster supper.

A Well-to-Do Farmer Suicides.

HALIFAX, Nov. 8.—Edward Whiting, a well-to-do farmer, of South Alton, King county, committed suicide by shooting him-elf through the breast with a revolver. Deceased who, a year or so ago came from the United States and purchased the farm had been for some weeks suffering from a diseased leg and lately became considerably depressed in the spirit.

The Fees Commission in Hamilton.

HAMILTON, Nov. 8.—The Ontario Government's fees commission commenced taking evidence in Hamilton yesterday. Chancellor Boyd, John Beverly Robinson and J. J. Mason were the members present. John O. Nicholson, of East Flamboro, defeated patron candidate for legislature county treasurer. John Stock and William Sexton, M.P.P., were examined.

Hamilton Gambling Dens Raided.

HAMILTON, Nov. 8.—The police visited several cigar dealers and as a result ten of them were before the magistrate charged with running gambling devices in the shape of slot machines. Lawyers for the defence were unprepared to proceed and the cases were adjourned.

Father and Son Jailed.

BELLEVILLE, Nov. 8.—Oliver Arnold, of Rawden, and his sons, Edwin and Benjamin, have been sentenced to prison for larceny. The father was given two months and the sons one month each.

Dreyfus Confesses His Treason.

LONDON, Nov. 8.—The Post's Paris correspondent says that Capt. Albert Dreyfus, who was charged with high treason in having sold French military plans to Italian agents, has confessed his guilt. He betrayed for money the names of French spies abroad and also sold plans describing the positions of the artillery of the 14th and 15th army corps. His treachery was prompted by a desire to recoup gambling losses.

An Express Collides With a Trolley.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Nov. 8.—An express train from Germantown on the Reading Railway crashed into a trolley car at the Nicetown land crossing yesterday. Two persons are reported to have been killed and several others injured.

Cholera Among German Soldiers.

BERLIN, Nov. 8.—One hundred and seventy soldiers of the 38th infantry stationed at Glogau, Prussian Silesia, are ill with symptoms of cholera. Several cases of illness of a cholerale nature have been reported at Jastschau.

A few hyacinths Easter lily and Chinese lily bulbs left, which we will close out at, reduced prices. Mitchell's drug store.

Our "Excelsior" blend of coffee has many friends in Kingston, forty cents per pound. Gilbert's grocery.

THE DISTRICT DASHES.

The Clippings From the Exchanges Put Into Brief Form.

Mrs. George Hooper, Almonte, died suddenly on Thursday.

Dr. Kilborn, Oso, and Mrs. Kilborn celebrated their silver wedding this week.

Mr. Milne organized a lodge of the A. O. U. W. in Renfrew, with thirty-six charter members.

Geo. Taylor, M.P., has promised to renew his efforts to have the mail carried by the B & W. railway.

Mrs. McDonald, wife of R. L. McDonald, principal Almonte public school, died Friday, after a lingering illness.

Merrilees & Cox, millers, Almonte, have dissolved partnership. The business will be conducted by Merrilees & Co.

Joseph Richards, Eureka, California, died Oct. 20th of typhoid fever. He was a native of the township of Drummond, Ont., and a brother of Thomas Richards, of Ferguson's Falls.

Mitchell & Wilson have the contract for the erection of E. Stunden's new building, in Gananoque, to take the place of the burned one.

Smith's Falls people are discussing the formation of a joint stock company to put up suitable buildings, construct a race track and run a big annual fall fair.

A large black bear, tracked in the township of Augusta, was shot near Stone's corners, by John Towsley. He was a fine specimen and tipped the beam at 298 lbs.

Rev. Mr. Flemming, Ashton, has been confined for four weeks to bed with inflammation of the lungs. His daughter has also been indisposed for three weeks. Both are recovering.

The Arnprior "Chronicle" says a man named Moore, confined in an upstairs room in his house near Cobden, jumped out of the window last Friday and was so badly injured that he died.

Fire on Tuesday night destroyed the dwelling of Elmer Calhoun a farmer living near the foot of Grindstone Island. The building, a commodious frame, was totally destroyed together with most of the furniture. Mr. Calhoun is in Chicago.

George Wray, Tweed, met with a painful accident Friday, having his right foot badly crushed while working on a construction train on the O. A. & P. S. railway. The entire sole of the foot was torn and lacerated. He was taken to Ottawa hospital.

Mrs. Browning, spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. George Porterfield, Carleton Place, was seized with a fit of coughing last Thursday, which was so severe that it caused the rupture of a blood vessel, causing hemorrhage, and death resulted within an hour. Mrs. Browning was sixty-one years of age.

The stationary engineers of Carleton Place organized a branch of the Canadian association of stationary engineers. The officers elected are: Pres. Geo. H. Routh; vice-Capt. McKay; R.S., A.M. Schofield; F.S., H. Derrer; treas., Jas. Dougherty; con., J. H. Murphy; doorkeeper, J. M. Hamilton; trustees, A. McCallum, Almonte; A. Nichols, J. D. Armstrong.

Dr. Henry Van Buren, a prominent medical practitioner of Chicago, died of paralysis of the heart, Oct. 28th. The doctor was a native of Kemptville, Ont., fifty-nine years ago. He was professor of theoretical surgery, Harvard medical college, and was recently appointed physician for the south side.

OVER THE SEA.

Glencoe, the scene of the massacre of the MacDonalds, was lately sold for $80,000. The estate comprised 6,300 acres.

Ibsen's income tax has just been assessed in Norway at $335, based on a fortune of $44,000 and an income of $3,300.

Kossuth's son has been declared by the authorities to be ineligible to the Hungarian parliament, as he is not a Hungarian subject, and has never taken steps to become one.

Little King Alfonso of Spain lately received at San Sebastian his boy battalion, composed of little fellows of his own age, drawn from the best families of Spain. They went through their drill with the precision of veterans.

Since the new Tower bridge was opened an average of 70,000 foot passengers and over 8,000 teams have crossed it daily. On the first Sunday 156,000 people crossed. It has reduced the crowd on London bridge by nearly one-half.

At Bologna it has lately been discovered that the university seal has been forged and affixed to spurious diplomas. The chief offender has been arrested, and it is believed that the diplomas of other Italian universities will be brought under suspicion.

Fonts of type and a printing press are now ready to be presented by the Bible society to the Katholikos of the Armenian church. He has agreed to have not only the ancient version printed, but also that in the Armenian now spoken around Mount Ararat.

Manuel Garcia, the author of the "Method of Singing," the brother of Malibran and Mme. Viardot Garcia, who is now ninety years old, has just published in a book of one hundred pages "Hints to Singers," the result of his sixty-five years' experience as a teacher.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Europe has only about eight per cent. of the Sunday school attendance of the world.

The Sunday school membership of Germany has increased over eighty per cent. in the last twenty years.

There are 22,000,000 persons, teachers and scholars, enrolled in the Protestant Sunday schools of the world.

There are 25,699 Sunday schools, 81,966 teachers, and 1,635 scholars in the different continental nations of Europe.

In 1874 there were in Germany 1,218 Protestant Sunday schools, with 86,418 teachers and scholars, in 1893 there were 5,900 schools and 784,769 teachers and scholars.

IN AND AROUND ENGLAND.

The announcement was lately made by the paymaster general of the supreme court of England that the total amount of dormant funds lying in chancery is $6,000,000.

The Fastnet lighthouse, the spot on the Irish coast best known to Canadians, is said to be in a dangerous condition, as the iron fastenings of the tower have become corroded.

"Window gazing" is a profession in London. A couple of stylishly dressed ladies pause before the window of a merchant, remain about five minutes and audibly praise the goods displayed inside. Then they pass on to another store on their long list of patrons.

PAINTING AND ARTISTS.

Ross Bonheur is over seventy years of age, and not finding her easel sufficient to occupy her time and consume her energy, she has taken up with photography as an additional work.

Miss Dhanbai Fardonjer Banajee, aged eighteen years, of Bombay, is the first woman to go from India to Paris for art study. She has succeeded in having one of her pictures hung in the Paris salon.

After many repaintings and alterations Alma Tadema has finished his magnum opus, a picture of ancient Rome in festival, which has already been bought by a dealer in Berlin for one hundred thousand marks. It is called "Spring," and contains more than one hundred figures of celebrants and spectators, a procession in honor of the gods of flowers and fertility moving along toward the temple.

Boy Burglars in Watertown.

WATERTOWN, Nov. 7.—An organized gang of young robbers have been unearthed in this city. Baker & Fraser's grocery was entered early Saturday morning and some provisions were taken. One of the gang confessed to his father and thus the story came to light. The burglary was the work of a gang of Watertown's bad boys, headed by Arthur Wheeler, aged fourteen years. Wheeler is out on parole from the Elmira reformatory.

DISASTROUS COLLISION

Two Trains Come Together on the Baltimore and Ohio.

SIX TRAIN HANDS KILLED

The Freight Had a Time Order Which the Engineer of the Passenger Train Disregarded—A Report Says a Number of Passengers Were Killed.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Nov. 8.—A disastrous collision between a passenger and freight train resulting in the loss of six lives occurred at Rosensteel siding, 108 miles west of Pittsburg on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad last evening. The killed are: Engineer Henry Bush, of the passenger train, and his fireman, McCarthy; Engineer Browning, of the freight train; Brakeman Manning, of the freight train, and two mail clerks, names not known. The trains wrecked were the Chicago Express No. 5 west bound and the first section of east bound train No. 64 a fast stock train. The freight train had a time order to reach Pine grove against the passenger train. Engineer Bush disregarded this order, and this caused the collision. J. L. Pearce and J. D. Degrains, two other mail clerks, were injured. None of the passengers were injured.

A Connellsville, Pa., special says that ten or twelve passengers are reported killed in the wreck at Rosensteel siding, and that the first coach was smashed to splinters and later the wreck took fire. The special also states that the dead bodies of the railroad employes had not been recovered. All traffic was completely blocked and trains were being run through Grafton and Fairmount. A wrecking train has gone with surgeons, and Superintendent Cutter left for the scene of the disaster on a special train. The Connellsville report does not include Brakeman Manning among the dead. General Superintendent Patton of this city stated that as far as he could learn none of the passengers were injured, and this is probably the case.

AWFUL ELEVATOR ACCIDENT.

A Young Woman Dies in a Terrible Manner—A Sickening Sight.

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—Katie Gillespie, a young saleswoman in the store of Hulton, Hughes & Co., was killed in a passenger elevator in that building. She had just entered the elevator to ascend to the fourth floor. The car was so crowded that it would not move, and she was requested to step out and take another one. As she was stepping from the car one of the passengers pushed against the elevator boy, who was leaning on the lever, and the weight caused him to lose his balance and push the lever to one side.

The car darted downward, and catching Miss Gillespie's head between the iron floor piece and the top of the elevator door. Her head had by its obstruction stopped the rapidly descending car and was almost torn from the body. The body hung with the blood flowing in streams down her clothing to the floor. The elevator had stuck between the two floors and it was fifteen minutes before the passengers could be removed from their prison where all the time they could see the swaying and bloody body of the girl. The car was filled with shopping girls, who mostly fainted.

The girl killed was the sole support of her family. Her father has not had work for a long time, one of her two brothers is dying of consumption and now it is thought her mother will lose her mind, as she is frantic from grief.

A Treasurer Gagged and Robbed.

HARRISON, Ark., Nov. 8.—C. F. Aycoch, county treasurer, was discovered lying on floor of his office with his hands and feet tied, a pocket handkerchief over his mouth and another bound around his face. As he was returning home from Lead Hill he was stopped by two men who compelled him to return to the court house and open the safe, which they looted. But little money was in the safe, as the treasurer keeps his funds in the bank. Mr. Aycoch was removed to his home, where he lies prostrated.

Toronto's Boodling Investigation.

TORONTO, Nov. 8.—The evidence yesterday adduced before Judge Macdougall in some degree corroborate that of City Engineer Keating. Mr. Bertram, of the Bertram Manufacturing company, one of the electric plant tenders, stated that in a conversation with Mr. Wheeler, of the Brush Electric company, of Cleveland, O., Wheeler had told him that the alderman who conducted the bribery negotiations had told him he could get him the figures of a certain tender for a thousand dollars, before the Brush company tendered. The tender is supposed to have been that of the Siemens Halse Company, of Chicago, which was put in on September 1, and according to the evidence of a clerk of the city engineer's office, was opened in that office by mistake some weeks before the Brush tender was in. Alderman Stewart, whose evidence is wanted and who has been off on a fishing tour, has sent word that he is on the way to Toronto. His evidence will be heard on his arrival.

Grace Irvine on Trial.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C., Nov. 8.—Grace Irvine, who stabbed Fred G. Turner about a month ago, was tried at the assize court on the charge of attempting to do grievous bodily harm. The testimony showed that the accused was born in the United States, her father being a Spaniard. She lived in San Francisco prior to 1886 and was married in that city. She had been on intimate terms with Turner since 1892 and considered him as her special friend. The prisoner said that she loved Turner, and, thinking he was about to spurn her, she stabbed him. The jury brought in a verdict of common assault and she was remanded.

A Montreal Lottery Fake.

MONTREAL, Nov. 8.—A lottery fake was exposed here by a prominent wholesale wine merchant. There were delivered by the express authorities 130 packages to different parties containing tickets and circulars of the genuine Louisiana Lottery Company (formerly of New Orleans), now doing business at Kansas City. The circulars offered to make each of these persons special agents. The packages contained fifty tickets of one color and one of another, marked "prize ticket." This was for the agent, the others were for the poor and gullible wage-earners.

Gathered In Gananoque.

GANANOQUE, Nov. 8.—The 'Prentice Boys first annual assembly, in Turner's dancing hall, was a decided success. The steamer Alexandria called here last evening about 8:40 o'clock. As usual she was well laden with freight. J. G. Manson, Cornwall arrived in town last week. Mr. Manson taught dancing last winter and intends doing the same this season. Messrs. McNaughton, Emery and Birch deer hunting for the past week, arrived home on Saturday night. The party succeeded in running two deer to earth.

The surprise party, postponed on account of the death of Elias McDonald, takes place this Friday in Turner's hall. M. McParland carries his arm in a sling now, having accidentally cut himself with some broken crockery. Edward Stunden, recently burnt out, is preparing to rebuild on the site of his former place of business. He expects to be in running order about the middle of next month.

Death's Swift Message.

BELLEVILLE, Nov. 8.—William A. Anderson Mountain View, died suddenly yesterday, from blood poisoning. He was present at the fire of James Elliott three weeks ago and strained the muscle of his left arm. It had to be lanced and blood poisoning set in. He was about forty-five years of age and leaves a wife and two children. He was the eldest son of John Anderson and president of the patrons' lodge at Mountain View.

John Brown, a Picton tramp, who for the past four months has subsisted on apples, is now in Peterboro jail to answer a charge of burglary.

THE PATRON'S POSITION.

Grand President Mallory Makes An Authoritative Statement.

The "Farmers' Sun" publishes an authoritative statement of the patrons' position with respect to affiliations with existing parties by grand president Mallory.

Reference is made to the letters written by Sir Richard Cartwright and Dr. Ryerson, and the grand president observes that:

"Dr. Ryerson, for the conservatives, would absorb patronism in Ontario just as Sir Richard Cartwright, for the liberals, would swallow patronism in the dominion. Is it possible that patrons have formed a platform so broad and so perfect that all honest electors of both parties may stand upon it? If so, surely no patriot would ask patrons to descend from the exalted position they have attained and enrol themselves again as members of parties whose records have proved their liability to accomplish that which they now profess to desire."

The grand president concludes with a statement that "No affiliation does or can exist between the patrons and any body of men of any party or name whose desire is to add to or take from the patron platform of principles which has been accepted by the masses, and which has been acknowledged by all existing parties and factions to be worthy of acceptance by honest and right-thinking electors everywhere."

This is the determination of the highest court of the order.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

The leading export of Canada was peltry.

The first spinning machine had not been set up.

Imprisonment for debt was a common practice.

Every gentleman worn a cue and powdered his hair.

There was not a public library in the United States.

Almost all the furniture was imported from England.

There were no maps, charts or globes in the schoolrooms.

An old copper mine in Connecticut was used as a prison.

There was only one hat factory, and that made cocked hats.

A horseman who galloped on a city street was fined four shillings.

Crockery plates were objected to because they dulled the knives.

A day-laborer considered himself well paid with two shillings a day.

Books were very expensive. "The Lives of the Poets" cost fifteen dollars.

GOVERNMENT RAILROADS.

Chili owns 670 miles of railroad.

Baden owns 829 miles of railway.

Ireland owns 2,601 miles of railway.

China owns and operates all her railway.

Some 181 miles of railroad is owned by Ceylon.

Belgium owns about 2,000 miles of railway.

England and Wales own 14,034 miles of railway.

The German empire owns about 21,000 miles of railway.

Scotland has 3,118 miles of railway belonging to the state.

Austria owns and operates nearly 2,000 miles of railway.

Bavaria had 1,806 miles of railway owned by the government.

The United States of Colombia owned 218 miles of railway in 1890.

Denmark has about 1,000 miles of railroad owned by the government.

France owns about 2,000 miles of railway, but most or quite all is leased to companies.

Delta Doings.

DELTA, Nov. 6.—Mr. Chase, Phillipsville, has just finished burning a kiln of drain tile, consisting of 3,500 tiles for J. C. Brown. Division court will be held to-morrow, 7th. Judge Reynolds will preside. We had our first snow storm on Sunday night and Monday forenoon. It was all gone before night. J. Copeland has traded off one pair of his old stagers and is looking about for another customer for others. Cleveland Stafford is laid up with typhoid fever. Dr. Mallory is in attendance. The death is regretted of Johnston Sheffield, of Soperton, which occurred at the St. Vincent de Paul hospital, Brockville, last week. The fact that his wife died about seven weeks ago makes his death particularly sad for his family and friends. He left one son and one daughter well provided for. Alexander Steven's is manufacturing a fine lot of cutters to sell, with which A. J. Flood will soon be on the road. Mrs. Sarah Horton is having her old house torn down and will replace it with a new one. W. H. Wells is once more back in his own house, and once more the "Central" is "to let." Wm. Johnston is off on a hunting tour. Our barber is now located in Mrs. Curtis' block, opposite the "Hotel de Boo." P. W. Strong was here last week looking over the business of his cheese factory. Miss N. Stevens has secured the situation of assistant teacher here for the seventh term. It is said that J. McGuire is engaged as principal. P. Murphy, one of our progressive farmers, says the Early Huron Dent corn, the seed of which he bought of A. J. Flood last spring, is the finest corn he ever saw growing.

Cases At Napanee Assizes.

NAPANEE, Nov. 8.—At the assize court, yesterday, the case of Keller vs. Keller was held. The plaintiff, Peter S. Keller, of Arden, an old man eighty-five years of age, brought an action against his son, Thomas D. Keller, for his support. The plaintiff conveyed 300 acres of land to his son in lieu of his support. The case occupied all day, a great number of witnesses being examined. The judge gave decision for the plaintiff with costs. Knickerbocker vs. Boyle was settled out of court.

C. E. Bartlett is in Montreal this week. Mrs. McLeod has opened up her fancy goods store on Dundas street.

In the case of Little vs. McGurn, verdict given for plaintiff for $900, $500 being for malicious prosecution and $300 for slander.

Long vs. Muckleston, action for illegal distress and fraud. Action dismissed except as to that part claiming remuneration for work done by defendant on the farm, and as to this reference to the master.

Long vs. Norris, action of ejectment, in which the plaintiff claims possession and present profits. The evidence taken in the former case, so far as applicable, was used in this case. Norris is the new tenant, who succeeds Long. Dismissed with costs.

The Picton Assizes.

In Storms vs. Picton, action against the corporation of Picton for damages occasioned to plaintiff by a defective sidewalk. The jury awarded plaintiff $400.

Carlisle vs. Robin was a squabble between neighbors as to the boundaries of the right of way over plaintiff's property. Plaintiff placed a milk stand on the disputed ground; defendant knocked it down and threw it off the place. His lordship awarded the plaintiff $50 damages and costs.

Queen vs. Nelson Miller, house breaking, was concluded to day. The evidence against the prisoner was purely circumstantial, but very complete. After a short absence the jury convicted prisoner. He was also arranged and pleaded guilty to the charge of escaping from gaol. John Hare pleaded guilty to a similar charge. His lordship sentenced Miller to four years in penitentiary, on the charge of house breaking and one hour in gaol on the charge of escaping.