

THE ACTON FREE PRESS Published Every Thursday Morning. J. H. HARRISON, Proprietor. \$1 Per Annum in Advance. Acton Free Press. JOSEPH HARRISON, Editor. THURSDAY MORNING, APRIL 19, 1877.

It was thought very probable a few days ago that a formal declaration of war would have been announced before this time. But the latest reports give nothing more definite than that the outbreak is hourly expected. Russia is said to be in secret alliance with Persia, and 40,000 Persian troops are concentrated on the Russian border, while superior officers of the Russian Southern army have been summoned to St. Petersburg to attend the Grand Council of war, and consult respecting preparations for marching. A large army is reported to have crossed the Pruth, and stationed along the frontier. Turkey finds fault with the Servians for disregarding their treaty stipulations, threatens should war break out to occupy any portion of their territory, considered necessary for military operations, and has finally rejected Montenegro's demands. Greece thinks she should have her finger in the pie, and so is getting up an agitation, Athens being particularly excited. The Government and Opposition, however, are not disposed to give way to popular opinion, and so have agreed upon not complicating matters by the introduction of the Greek element. The outlook is very dark, and unless circumstances arise of an exceedingly exceptional nature, the gravest consequences must be apprehended.

The "most un-English of Englishmen" is how the London Standard describes Goldwin Smith, or Mr. G. Smith as it calls him.

A new departure is proposed by the Grand Trunk Railroad in the shape of a steel car to carry grain. This is to be shorter than the present car, and as much stronger as steel is than wood, which will permit the grain being loaded higher than at present. The new cars are to weigh six tons instead of ten tons. In other words, the present car loads ten tons and weighs ten tons, and the new one will load eighteen tons and weigh six tons. Cars of the new model are being experimented with.

Geulph's Fiftieth Anniversary. Extensive preparations are being made for celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of Geulph's birthday, which is on Monday, the 23rd inst. The day has been proclaimed a general holiday. Invitations have been extended to Sir A. T. and Hon. Mr. Justice Galt to be present, as their father founded the town. A magnificent procession is being arranged, in which all the first arrivals settlers now living in the neighborhood will take part. Excursion trains are to be run on the Great Western and Grand Trunk Railways. The town will be illuminated in the evening.

Base Ball Notes. The Dundas Jumper says: From the Geulph papers we learn that there are no less than twenty-nine base ball clubs in Geulph this season—and yet the people up there find time to "live and move and have their being." The Georgetown Young Canadian club has been reorganized under the name of the Red Stockings. The following are to be the officers for the ensuing year: R. Bennett, President; S. Huston, Vice-President; G. Roe, Secretary; W. Morgan, Treasurer; W. Godfrey, Captain; A. Grieve, John Gain and Henry Thompson, field committee.

The Hotel-keepers and the Dunkin Act. NAPASKE, April 16.—The hotel-keepers in Lennox and Addington have held several meetings—since the vote was taken on the Dunkin Act as to the course they would pursue when the Act comes in force on the 1st of May. A final meeting was held to-day at the Titchborne House, when the following resolution was adopted:—"That all the hotels and yards be closed on the 1st of May, and also that all the boarders be dismissed, omnibuses to be discontinued attending boats or trains, and that no accommodations whatever be granted at any of the hotels."

Terrific Calamity. Early Wednesday morning of last week, the Southern Hotel at St. Louis, Missouri, was burned, causing the loss of from forty to fifty lives. The fire broke out in an upper story, and in a few moments the building was entirely wrapped in flames. It was six stories high. The loss on the building is about \$750,000. The means for escape from the upper floors seem to have been entirely inadequate, and terrible scenes occurred in the frantic efforts of the people to escape. Many were injured besides those killed outright or burned to death.

Pen and Scissor Selects. Lisibow's population is 2807, being an increase over last year of 377. The population of London, according to the census of 1877, is 18,808. The Chinese population of Toronto to number 15 and is constantly increasing. Brampton will celebrate Queen's Birthday by games, etc., in the driving park. Goderich has a curiosity, in the shape of an old horse. It is nearly fifty years of age. The Agr. Agricultural works of John Watson employ 70 hands, and pay \$25,000 yearly in wages. A new comet has been discovered moving slowly towards the north star by Prof. Swift, of Rochester, N. Y. The Ocean Gem, loaded with Canadian goods for the Australian Exhibition, arrived at Melbourne on March 6th. J. O'Connor Power, the Liberal member for Mayo, Ireland, will resign his seat in Parliament and settle in America. Close season for Pickering and Maskinonge is from 15th of April to 15th of May. Trout fishing begins 1st of May. Many a man who complains that he cannot keep his head above water, would find it easier if he did not so often keep it above spirits. The close season for bass is from the 15th of this month till the 15th of June, and for trout from the 15th of September till the 1st of January. April 26th will be observed as a special day of prayer throughout the State of Minnesota for the annihilation of the grasshopper scourge this season. On Monday the Daily Globe was printed from a new font of type manufactured at the Dominion Foundry at Montreal. On that day, also, its pages were stereotyped for the first time. The tobacco factory of W. M. MacDonald in Montreal employs eleven hundred hands. The total area of its several floors is five and three-eighths acres. Mr. George Sandilands, who gave up the position of Manager of the Bank of Commerce at Geulph to become its local Director, has been presented with a silver service and \$100 by the citizens. The St. Catharines by-law, to amend the Welland Lake Company \$10,000, has been carried by a vote of 42 yeas to 42 nays. Grey County Council, by a vote of 23 to 9, decided to defend the Dunkin Act by-law should its validity be attacked by the licensed victuallers. A London cable dispatch to the Globe says, it is rumored that a joint purse arrangement between the Grand Trunk and Great Western is certain. A by-law granting a bonus of \$15,000 for the encouragement of local manufactures was carried at Mitchell yesterday by 36 to 158. A large foundry is contemplated. The bonus of \$10,000 in aid of the Strathroy, Port Stanley & Port Franks Railway was carried in Carleton on Thursday by seventeen majority. The vote was very large, and the contest keen. Mr. Wm. Dunn, a representative dairyman in Oxford County, has received several medals from the Centennial Commission—one gold medal, three silver medals, two small bronze medals and one large bronze medal—which have been awarded him on his exhibits of butter and cheese. He has several more medals yet to come. Mr. George Biggar, who once kept a store in Milton, attempted to commit suicide in Toronto on Tuesday. He swallowed a two ounce phial of laudanum, but a doctor was quickly summoned who extracted the poison with a stomach pump. Biggar who is over sixty years, has lately become reduced in circumstances, and is thought to be partially insane. A fast youth of Blanshard ran away with a woman forty years of age last week, taking his father's team with him, which he sold for a trifle over a hundred dollars, though it was said to be worth \$300. He was captured at Petrolia, and the father brought him back. The boy was about nineteen years of age, and was considered quite steady until he got acquainted with this respectable woman. On Wednesday evening a farmer named Milne, of the township of Markham, while unitching his horse, was suddenly seized by three masked men, who gagged him and bound him hand and foot. They then carried him into his residence, stole \$220 in cash from his pockets, rifled the house and jumped into his buggy and drove off. There is a vigilance committee in the township, of which Milne is a member, and after lying helpless in the house all night he managed in the early morning to free his hands and to give warning to some of the members of the committee, who started in hot pursuit, but up to the present without success. Mr. Milne is one of the wealthiest farmers in the township, and a lead man.

EASTERN WAR NOTES. Forward Movement of the Russian Army. WAR NOT YET DECIDED UPON. CONSTANTINOPLE, April 17.—Rumors of the probable overthrow of Edhem Pasha, Grand Vizier, are current. The Sultan's brother-in-law is named as his successor. A St. Petersburg despatch says the "Zar leaves for the army almost immediately. He will inspect the troops, but not take part in the campaign. In official circles it is represented that the present situation compels Russia to act single-handed in a certain degree. She is alone among the Great Powers, having mobilized. The abrupt manner in which the Porte rejected the protocol would make the demobilization of Russia appear like a retreat. Turkey, it is pointed out, desires a conflict and forces war. Russia has during the last five months given a rare example of peaceful intentions and conciliatory endeavors. Turkey urges a decision by arms, and Russia cannot retreat. A despatch says it has been decided that the Turkish Cabinet shall meet daily to deliberate over the situation. It is reported that on the outbreak of war Russian subjects will be expelled from Turkey. A Bucharest despatch reports that the movement of the Russian army from Kibonow towards Ungheni has made considerable progress. The troops at the points of concentration near the Roumanian frontier are being continually reinforced, and the troops from the interior are filling the positions vacated by those going to the front. A Vienna special reports that a Turkish envoy expected at Bucharest to warn Roumania that resistance to Turkish operations will be followed by the loss of her privileges. Information has been received from Italy of growing discontent among the commercial population with the policy of the Government, and a movement is on foot against too close intimacy with Russia, whose cooperation in the Mediterranean is feared. A Berlin despatch says the statement that war has been definitely decided upon is not yet confirmed. A fresh circular from Prince Gortschakoff to the Powers has been despatched from St. Petersburg. A St. Petersburg special states that the Note has been considered a special messenger for the different capitals, and will probably be presented on Monday. A Vienna special reports that Count Andriasy entertains no further hope of peace, but trusts that the campaign may be short, so that the neutral Powers may force Turkey and Russia to stop in time to prevent the struggle becoming general. BERLIN, April 17.—Two hundred thousand German colonists in Southern Russia intend to emigrate to Brazil and other parts of America to avoid the draft into the army. The migration has already begun. RACONA, April 17.—Skirmishing continues between the Militias and Turks. A rising of neighboring tribes is thought imminent. BELGRADE, April 17.—Several collisions are reported around the Montenegrin frontiers between Turkish troops and tribes of mountaineers who lately assumed an insurrectionary character, and were moving to join the Montenegrins.

Bratral. A young man named Henry Macdonald, was the other day brought to the Ottawa Hospital for treatment, both his eyes having been gouged out by a rattle named Morgan, away up the Opeongo country, about two weeks since. When brought to Ottawa both his eyes were out on his cheeks, and one was at once removed. The other was replaced, but will have to be removed also, and the poor fellow will thus be left blind. The Free Press details the shocking occurrence from which it appears that Macdonald had been sent for by his aged father for protection against the assaults of Morgan and another brutal scoundrel, and fell into the company of these monsters while all were on a spree and a fight ensued, in which Macdonald was the victor, and was then set upon by Morgan, who whipped him and then gouged out both his eyes. Morgan is now in Pembroke jail.

FIRE AT ST. GEORGE.—A fire occurred at St. George on Friday morning about four o'clock, completely destroying the foundry, machine shop and storerooms of Messrs. Bell & Son. Loss between \$30,000 and \$35,000. Insured in the Manufacturers' and Merchants' Mutual of Canada for \$2,000. Cause of fire unknown.

MURDERER SENTENCED.—At the Sandwich Assizes on Friday Austin Humphrey, tried for the murder of Frederick Apple, was sentenced to be hanged on the 22nd of May next. James Bethune, Q. C., for the defence, strongly urged the plea of insanity. Grigg, tried on a charge of manslaughter, for killing his father in a drunken quarrel, was acquitted, death being proved to be caused by a fall.

The Campbell divorce case has at length been decided—the bill of divorce for Mrs. Campbell having been carried on Thursday in the Senate by the casting vote of the Speaker after two ties. A man named Linton, living in Hamilton, was found dead in his bed on Friday. He is supposed to have committed suicide. The tongue was cut out of a valuable milk cow belonging to Mr. Kirkland, of Etobicoke, by some diabolical villain.

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ERPA COCOA.—(HATEFUL AND COMBUSTIBLE) is a thorough knowledge of the natural laws and general operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well selected cocoa, Mr. Erpa has provided a breakfast table with a delicately flavored beverage which will save as many heavy doctors' bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. Humors, colds, catarrhs, and all other ailments are cured by the use of this food. Sold only in packets labeled—"ERPA'S COCOA." Homeopathic Chemist, 48, Threadneedle Street, and 170, Piccadilly, London.

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3 YEARLING. SHORTHORN BULL FOR SALE. "ROYAL BEAUFORT"—born; got by imported Royal Oxford Gwynne 21799 (3098), dam imported Lady Barnes. "BELLA DUCK"—red; got by Duke of Springwood (3088), dam Mesage Bello, by Constance Duke (1144) & 7733. "ACTON PRINCE"—red and white; got by Zephyr (3409), dam Princess Louise, by John A. (1687). For price and particulars apply to C. S. SMITH, Acton, Acton, April 3, 1877. 40-1m

GLENLAWSON MILLS. Having thoroughly repaired our Mill, and put in a new Middlings Purifier, we are now prepared to give a better yield of flour than formerly, with quality quite as good. GRISTING AND CHOPPING promptly attended to. The patronage of the public respectfully solicited. The highest price always paid for any quantity of wheat. A quantity of seed barley for sale. G. E. TOLTON, Acton, April 10, 1877. 41-3m

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UNDERTAKING. PAINTING AND Paper Hanging. The undersigned Legs leave to inform the people of Acton and vicinity that he will furnish all kinds of House Painting, Kalsomine and Paper Hanging in the very best manner, and on reasonable terms. Residence corner of John and James streets, Acton. W. H. WALKER, Acton, Feb. 14, 1877. 33-2i

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