

News of the Week.

CANADA.

Wednesday, in the I. C. R. train shed, St. John, John H. Stone, of Moncton, brakeman, got his left leg cut off by the wheels of a box car. He died the following day.

Three cases of smallpox have broken out at Sydney Mines, N. S.

Several applications have been made to the minister of fisheries for extension of the lobster fishing season, but, this having been one of the best seasons the lobster fishermen have had for years, the minister has decided to refuse the request.

At a mass meeting of the Catholics of Winnipeg, Sunday, it was decided to appoint a representative committee to wait upon Premier Roblin to demand restoration of separate schools. Failing redress from the provincial government, an appeal will be made to the Governor General in Council.

Zionville, York Co., has had its name changed, and is now known as Taymouth.

Thomas Worth, of Glassville, Carleton Co., was found dead in his house a few days ago. He was about sixty years of age. He lived alone, and death was probably due to heart failure.

The I. C. R. station at Brookfield station, Halifax, was destroyed by fire on Tuesday.

Clifton station, on the Caraquet, N. B., railway, was destroyed by fire on Saturday.

At Regina, N. W. T., Tuesday, Nicholas Andrews, a farmer, was run into by the express at a street crossing. He was instantly killed, and his nephew received such injuries that he died within an hour. Team also was killed.

The railway bridge on the D. A. R. at Hancock Grade, three miles east of Kentville, was destroyed by fire on Wednesday night.

Robert Alexander, a farmer belonging to Gloucester, Ontario, was killed Saturday, being thrown from his team.

As a result of the finding of the jury in the supreme criminal court, which concluded its sittings at Sydney, C. B., on Saturday afternoon, ten prisoners will leave for Dorchester to serve sentences varying from two to five years for committing different offences.

The three-year old boy of Walter Holmes was run over by a team on Westmorland road, Fredericton, Sunday, and critically injured. The horse was driven by two ladies, who were not to blame, as the boy ran right under the horse's legs.

The legislature of Ontario was prorogued Saturday.

A company has been formed at Glace Bay, Cape Breton, to start a fox farm. S. E. Landry, the promoter, has now thirteen foxes in his possession. Two of these are black. The farm will be within the town limits, near the suburbs, where there is an abundant supply of bust spruce.

At Halifax, on Sunday, Jose Fernandez, a soldier on the Spanish side in the recent war, was lost from the steamer Olivette on her trip from Boston. He was working on the promenade deck awning, and, slipping, fell into the sea.

A group of boys were playing with a pistol in the woods at the Northwest Arm, Halifax on Sunday. The firearm accidentally went off, instantly killing Albert Hennessey, aged 16 years.

Burglars effected an entrance into the office of the Dominion Coal Co. Sunday afternoon and stole a quantity of small change.

The most serious accident in the history of the Hamilton, Grimsby and Beamsville Electric Railway Co. occur-

ed at Hamilton, Ont., Thursday, when Conductor Robt. Braidwood was killed and several other employees of the company, besides some passengers, were injured. The accident was a head-on collision near Winona crossing, between a regular passenger car coming towards the city, and a special freight car going east.

Frederick James Bailey, storekeeper at the Esquimalt Victoria, B. C., naval yards, was murdered on Saturday by Alfred Flitt, a subordinate. Bailey accused Flitt of attempting to undermine him and Flitt thereupon shot him.

Gideon Butt, of Cloyne, Ontario, killed his wife on Saturday morning. For some days past Butt has been regarded as insane, and on Friday a constable went out to arrest him. Butt pleaded for liberty, and the constable decided not to arrest him just then. On Saturday morning Butt killed his wife, hammering her on the head with a large stone. He then called the constable to see what he had done.

Wm. Steer, engineer of the Sifton Power and Light Company of London, Ont., was scalded to death Friday morning while preparing his boilers for cleaning.

Destructive fires in the Parrsboro region of Cumberland County, N. S., have destroyed the best spruce lands in that part of Nova Scotia. The loss will net hundreds of thousands of dollars.

THE EMPIRE.

Great Britain has practically broken off diplomatic relations with Serbia.

Reports from the west of Ireland, Lancashire, and other points, state that thousand of acres of potatoes have been ruined by the recent frost and rain. It is feared that the failure of the Irish potato crop will entail much hardship on the peasants.

FOREIGN.

A cloudburst occurred Monday at the village of Zenom, near Kanjevas, Serbia, and fifty-four houses were demolished. Thirty persons were drowned and the damage done is estimated at \$20,000.

On the Spokane Falls and Northern railroad, a runaway train of sixty cars of coal rushed four miles down grade through the town on Monday, demolishing a dwelling house, killing four people, and injuring eight others.

Says the *Globe*: The troubles of the new government of Serbia are commencing very early. Considering that the throne of King Peter was founded upon murder in cold blood, and that the cabinet contains men personally connected with the crime of regicide, this is not surprising. Although Russia and Austria were prompt in acknowledging the new government they have also intimated that the assassins should be punished. Great Britain has so far declined to recognize the new regime, and other continental countries are waiting to see what will happen. King Peter will hardly be seated on the throne before he will discover the magnitude of the task before him.

At Hot Springs, Ark., Saturday, Jim Dougherty, condemned to die August 14th, for the murder of Chief of Detectives Jack Donohue, deliberately assaulted and killed with a razor, Roger Williams, a fellow prisoner in the county jail. Dougherty was searched and relieved of a razor three weeks ago during his trial, and he held Williams responsible for informing about him.

PARLIAMENT.

Monday.—The house went into committee on the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway bill. The leader of the opposition called attention to the over-capitalization and high bonding powers of the road. Mr. Blair contended that the powers were not excessive.

When the route clause was reached, Mr. Fowler of Kings Co. asked if the line from Quebec to Moncton would cross the state of Maine.

Mr. McCarthy replied that all parliament could do was to grant running rights in Canada.

Mr. Fowler contended that as the direction of the road would be materially affected by the company's decision as to this point, the house should be definitely informed.

He wanted the company bound down to build the Maritime province link, and he wanted a clause put in to force the construction of that section.

Mr. Emmerson contended that St. John could not handle the traffic.

Mr. Hale said St. John as a port, did not need any defence.

Tuesday.—The railway bill had further consideration. Supplementary estimates were voted.

Wednesday.—The railway bill again. The matter of crossings in towns and villages received much attention.

THE MAGAZINES.

Labor and Capital are not promising matter for fiction; but in the "Vanderdonck Sandbank," which Edith Robinson prints in *Lippincott's Magazine* for July, the relationship is set forth with power and deep human interest. The story will go home to many a perplexed toiler.

The poetry selected for the *Lippincott Magazine* is always justified by some feature, either artistic, pathetic, droll, or of human interest. The contributions for July are noticeable for their fitness.

"SOWING THE WIND," ETC.—Milwaukee is especially noted for its large breweries. This has been its distinguishing characteristic for years. Now a great cry is raised, "caused by the large number of young girls arrested recently for intoxication and disorderly conduct." To the cry the reply of the chief of police is that the "the city has not a police force sufficient to prevent young girls and boys from buying intoxicating liquor from unscrupulous dealers." Thus is demonstrated the effectiveness of Milwaukee's license law. The parents of the beer city have been sowing the wind and their children are reaping the whirlwind.

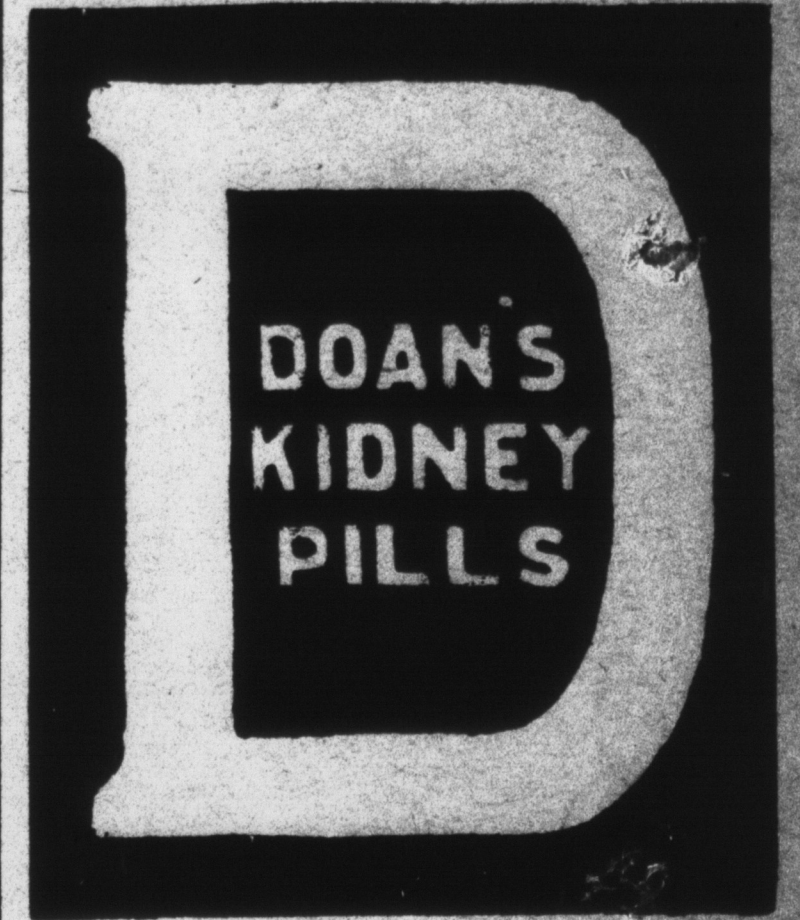
HYPNOTIC SUGGESTION IN SURGERY.

What is claimed to be the first instance of the use, in England, at least, of hypnotic suggestion in the place of an anæsthetic for the performance of a serious surgical operation, is described by *The Daily Express* of London. A woman thirty-eight years old, one of

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whose lower limbs was severely ulcerated, was the subject of an operation. Dreading the use of chloroform, which it was thought would be dangerous to her case, it was decided to resort to hypnotism, as the amputation of the limb was the only means of saving the woman's life. After a series of hypnotic experiments, continuing through several days, from which a trance lasting over half an hour resulted in each case, preparations were made for the operation. The operating surgeon and two others, besides nurses, were present. While the operation was in progress the patient chatted with the nurses and presented every appearance of consciousness, but the operation was painless and the patient was unaware of what was occurring. The operation was completed in twenty minutes and the patient manifested no evidences of the shock; her pulse and temperature continued normal, and no symptoms of an unusual character were presented.

Fifteen candidates were baptized and united with the church at Midland last Sunday.—F. C. FRANCIS.