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News of the Week.

CANADA.

At the Halifax Exhibition, George Heustis, a returned South African soldier, was badly burned while exhibiting a fire extinguisher.

Elizabeth Wisner, aged 30, committed suicide at Charlottetown, P. E. I., by taking carbolic acid.

The snow storm which visited Manitoba last week damaged the uncut wheat, but not so much as was feared at first.

In Halifax, Wednesday, St. Michael's laundry, in connection with the monastery of the Good Shepherd, caught fire from an explosion of gasoline. The building and most of the contents were jured. Loss \$25,000; about half insured.

An entire block of stores in the heart of the business district of Sault Ste. Marie was destroyed Tuesday. Loss is about \$70,000.

The Canadian Pacific starts its new steamship service from Antwerp to St. John, New Brunswick, on November 1, by a monthly winter and tri-monthly summer trips to Montreal.

A man named Isaac Byers was killed near Rockingham, four miles from Halifax, by a train on the I. C. R.

It is intended to appoint two more senators for the territories.

Fire in Mrs. McDonald's building, Moncton, Thursday, caused about \$10,000 loss. Partial insurance.

The Halifax Exhibition closed Thursday night. The total attendance in eight days was 90,273.

During a drunken quarrel, Arthur Breton, a commercial traveller, of Winnipeg, was killed by a half-breed named Conners, who afterwards committed suicide.

Richard Parent, of Dumfries, a few days ago, sustained serious loss by fire. His three barns were consumed, with all his season's hay crop and agricultural implements. A large load of provisions was standing in one of the barns and went up in smoke. No insurance.

A syndicate of Canadian capitalists has purchased the electric light and power plant of Pueblo, Mexico. It is one of the largest and most complete electric plants in Mexico. The purchase price is said to be three million dollars.

Grain men have entered a protest against the action of the C. P. R. and Canadian Northern in increasing storage charges at terminal points, and have

decided to ask the Minister of Trade and Commerce to take action.

Wilfrid Hurteau was fatally burned, and Jules Aubin seriously burned by an explosion of benzine in the wardrobe repair concern, Montreal, Wednesday.

George Stack, of Germain street, St. John, junk dealer, was severely injured on Saturday by an explosion in connection with the breaking-up of the Lake Superior. A large piece of iron struck him, injuring his feet and ankles.

The greatest river disaster for many years occurred on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 19, when the Star Line steamer David Weston was burned to the water's edge. She was making the trip from Fredericton to St. John. About three o'clock she left Carter's Point. A few minutes later an alarm of fire was given, and many minutes had not elapsed before the boat was a mass of flames. Captain Day gave orders as soon as the fire was discovered, to send her ashore, which order was immediately complied with, and within five minutes she was aground at Craig's Point, and the passengers were going over her bow into the water. Three lives were lost, several injured and all who got off with their lives were drenched to the skin and badly frightened.

The dead are: Stephen Rowan, aged 9 years, of England; Miss Etta Morrell, aged 20, of North End, waitress, and Fred Downey, aged 20, of this city, a deck hand.

On Saturday evening, Sept. 19, a young boy named Myers Josselyn, while driving a delivery team on the Westmorland Road, was run into by some colored men and so badly injured that he died on Sunday.

THE EMPIRE.

Dr. Grenfell, the superintendent of the medical mission in northern Labrador, reports the partial failure of the Labrador exploring expedition, which has been attempting to enter the unknown territory toward Ungava Bay. The expedition has been unable to secure a sufficiently large craft to convey them north.

Four large coal stations are to be exploited in South Africa. The most southerly field lies between Ladysmith and the northern boundary of Natal. These regions will in the near future supply a large part of the world's de-

mand for coal. Natal exported 204,000 tons in 1901.

The government of Australia decided not to give subsidies to any company employing colored labor on their ships. This provision was aimed at Lascars, who are British subjects. The measure was enacted at the dictation of unwise labor unions. Happily the Colonial Secretary has disallowed this legislation. The British crown is pledged to guard the rights of colored as well as white subjects. The prejudice against colored races is unchristian and inhuman.

FOREIGN.

The efforts of the powers are directed both at Constantinople and Sofia towards an endeavor to avert war. It is stated that all the ambassadors at Constantinople have drawn the Porte's attention to the danger of permitting a continuation of the excesses in Macedonia by the Turkish troops and irregulars. The London Chronicle understands that Great Britain has decided on a still stronger step in the despatch of a British squadron in support of her diplomatic endeavors at Constantinople to put an end to the massacres. It is impossible, however, to confirm or deny the Daily Chronicle's statement. Most of the special correspondents in the east consider war inevitable, but think it may yet be delayed, neither the Bulgarians nor the Turks being really prepared for it.

Hundreds of families in the district adjacent to Lacrosse, Wis., are fleeing with what valuables they can grasp to the hills which skirt the Mississippi to escape death in the floods which are sweeping the Mississippi valley.

An explosion of nitro-glycerine in a box car in the Michigan Central yard at West Bay City killed three men, injured others, and caused great property damage.

A barrel of alcohol exploded on the deck of the U. S. cruiser Olympia, killing two men and seriously injuring two others. The alcohol was being smuggled on board by the crew.

Heavy snow storms prevailed in Colorado last week.

Alarming reports concerning the potato crop are being received from northern and eastern Maine. These reports say that potatoes are rotting badly in the ground. Thus far the Aroostook fields

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have been effected less than those further south.

Fifteen lives were lost and the bones of two staunch schooners were scattered along the shore of Pemaquid Point, Maine, as the result of the terrific storm which swept the Maine coast Wednesday night and Thursday.

Rough estimates of the financial loss due to Wednesday's storm are \$2,000,000, on and around Manhattan Island. So far eighteen lives are known to have been lost in the storm, and it is believed that this number will be increased when all reports are in.

Frost has seriously damaged the corn crop of the western states.

Sir Thomas Lipton is suffering from appendicitis at Chicago.

The Siberiaroute for mails to China and Japan is becoming a stronger competitor with other routes. Letters are now being delivered in Paris and Berlin within a period of about eighteen days from China, arriving via Siberia.

PARLIAMENT.

Monday.—Several amendments were moved to the G. T. P. bill, and were defeated.

Tuesday.—The G. T. P. bill discussion occupied the day.

Wednesday.—The redistribution bill was further considered.

Thursday.—Sir Wm. Mulock gives notice of a resolution to provide for a general increase in salaries in the civil service.

PERSONAL.—Rev. G. J. Bond, editor of the *Christian Guardian*, is reported seriously ill at Toronto. We hope to hear soon of his recovery.

Mr. George McLeod, son of the late Rev. E. McLeod, who went away from Fredericton when a lad, and has been living in Wisconsin nearly 38 years, is making his first visit to his old home. His friends are glad to see him.

It is said of old John Brown, of Hadding, that he used to address his divinity students of the first year to this effect: "Gentlemen, ye need three things to make ye good ministers—ye need learning, and grace, and common sense. As for the learning, I'll try to set you in the way of it; as for the grace, ye must always pray for it; but if ye have na brought the common sense with ye, ye may go about your business."