

News of the Week.

CANADA.

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.

The nine-year-old son of L. A. Petrie, of Glace Bay, was drowned at Salmon River, C. B. He fell off a wharf while fishing. His body was recovered.

The gold yield of the Yukon for the last season is now estimated at \$12,000,000 to \$14,000,000.

D. Morse Balcom, a farmer of Lawrencetown, N. S., loaded his gun Tuesday to shoot crows. As he was leaving the room his foot tripped and the gun was accidentally discharged. The shot entered the back of his sister Annie, killing her instantly.

Andrew Sprague was drowned a few days ago at St. Andrews, N. B. Sprague was employed in building a weir when the accident occurred.

The N. B. Teachers' Union is having a good effect in Albert county. Harvey, Surrey and Midway schools have increased their principals' salaries. The Hopewell Hill primary teacher has had her salary increased. Albert is offering some forty dollars more for a principal than their last head teacher received, and from no part of the county is there any report of trustees failing to come up to the Union's requests.

Watson at Andover, and Goodine at Fredericton, charged with taking marked logs from the river, have been sent up for trial. The lumbermen intend to prosecute all such cases and will make the strongest fight possible to put a stop to the log stealing that has gone on during past years.

An increased output of 20,000 tons is the record of the Dominion Coal Company's collieries for the month of June. The total output is 283,000 tons. The output of the respective mines are: Dominion No. 2, 72,000 tons; Dominion No. 3, 44,000 tons; Caledonia, 63,000 tons; Reserve, 76,000 tons; International, 28,000 tons.

The output of steel of the Dominion Iron & Steel Company for the month of June is the largest in its history, namely, 15,100 tons. The output of pig iron was 16,000 tons.

By the upsetting of a boat in the harbor at Sydney, C. B., on July 4, the occupants, Mr. Hansen and Miss Louise Culhan, were thrown into the water and the latter drowned.

Between ten and eleven Saturday forenoon an alarm was rung in from No. 5 engine house for what turned out to be a very disastrous fire. Upon responding the department found that Murray & Gregory's big sawmill, below Douglas Avenue, St. John, near the falls, was in flames, and within a very few minutes the entire structure was wiped out of existence, the only part left being the big chimney.

The St. John police records for the six months ending June 30th, show that 682 arrests have been made. The majority of these were, of course, for drunkenness, this offence being responsible for 600 prisoners. There were an unusually large number of persons arrested for being keepers or inmates of bawdy houses, and for stealing. Assaults were also more from the front than usual. Of the prisoners 453 belonged to New Brunswick, 89 to Nova Scotia, 10 to

P. E. Island, and 16 to the rest of Canada. The winter port was to the front with 52 from England, 38 from Ireland, 11 from Scotland and 23 from various other countries, practically all of these being seamen. The United States contributed 26 persons.

THE EMPIRE.

An agitation is on foot in Britain urging the purchase of Canadian cattle for army supplies.

A despatch from Colonel Rochfort, with the Abyssinian forces in Somaliland, says the Abyssinians, May 31, struck the Mad Mullah's forces near Jeyd, surprising them at dawn, and killing 1,000 spearmen and capturing their cattle, sheep and 1,000 camels.

FOREIGN.

Since January 27 there have been 15 lynchings in the United States, including four burnings, the victims in these cases being negroes. Of the 15 only two were white men. Illinois, Florida, and Louisiana contribute two each.

At Pittsburg the breaking of a shaft in the Heintz Co.'s plant released the ropes supporting a large freight elevator on which 23 persons were crowded. The cage fell from the fifth floor into the cellar, a distance of 45 feet, and every one on the elevator was injured. Two will die.

A despatch from Santiago de Chili announces that bubonic plague has appeared at Valparaiso and Talcahuana.

In a conflict between Turkish troops and Bulgarians near Vodena, 46 miles north of Salonica, the latter had been killed and the Turks two wounded.

The main building of the Hammond Packing plant, St. Joseph, Mo., was destroyed by fire Saturday afternoon. The loss is estimated as high as \$1,500,000. It is entirely covered by insurance. Two men lost their lives in the flames and three were injured, one seriously.

A waterspout of immense proportions struck in the vicinity of Oakford Park, Greensburg, Pa., at four o'clock Saturday afternoon and created a flood that caused great loss of life and property. It is known that at least twenty persons lost their lives.

Upon inquiry from the *Christian Herald* of New York as to whether more money was needed for the famine sufferers in China, Minister Conger at Peking has replied in the affirmative, and the paper has contributed an additional \$10,000.

The Monday morning papers devote much space to the news from Rome concerning the condition of the Pope. The consensus of opinion of the correspondents is that the aged pontiff can live but a few hours, though there is some hope that his extraordinary vitality may prolong life even to some days. The Italian government is to be prepared for any eventuality — has ordered two regiments in the provinces to be kept ready to go to Rome and reinforce the garrison of the city so that the authorities will have a sufficient force to maintain order and insure the liberty of the conclave should it be necessary to hold one.

The police of Boston are investigating the death of Edward L. Scrib-

ner, aged 32, supposed to be a former resident of St. John. Scribner was found dead on the Common early Friday with injuries on his head. It is believed he was assaulted by three negroes and robbed. In his pocket was a letter signed "Aunt," in which she regretted that Scribner must always remain away from home because of some misdeed. The letter also referred to his mother as living in St. John. The father of Scribner lives in Clinton, Maine. The dead man was recently employed in Revere.

On receiving the Bulgarian note on Wednesday, protesting against the massing of Turkish troops on the Bulgarian frontier, and accusing Turkey of seeking an international conflict, Count Goluchowski, the Austrian chancellor, stated emphatically that the powers would never allow Turkey to attack Bulgaria, but warned Bulgaria that should she provoke hostilities she would lose the sympathy and support of all Europe. A similar intimation has been conveyed to Bulgaria from St. Petersburg.

Joseph A. Lamothe, the French Canadian who was wanted in Winchester, Mass., on suspicion of murdering Georgianna Goddu, died in St. Luke's Hospital, New York, Saturday morning from the revolver shot wound in the abdomen which he received during a struggle with Detective Becker in the reception room of the hospital Saturday morning.

Trachoma, or "pink eye," is epidemic in Buffalo, N. Y. According to the statement of an official of the United States marine hospital, over 1,000 cases of the disease have been found among the employees of the Lackawana steel and iron company.

Norway, which has been a free trade nation, one of the few in Europe, is likely to take a place in the protectionist column. The new minister of finance says that he is a free trader by conviction, but the severe protectionism of other countries makes it necessary for Norway to follow suit.

THE MAGAZINES.

The *Review of Reviews* opens a new volume. The shocking end of the Obrenovitch dynasty in Serbia is the occasion of some editorial comment on the politics of southeastern Europe. There is a scathing exposure of the plunderings and atrocities perpetrated in the Congo Free State for the profit and aggrandizement of Leopold, King of the Belgians. This year's migration of European peoples to the new world is the subject of an article, and the recent work of the English, Scotch, German and Swedish Antarctic expeditions is summarized.

In the July-September number of

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the *Forum* the leading article is a review by Henry Litchfield West of the present situation in "American Politics," dealing particularly with the Presidential candidatures and the prospects of tariff revision. Developments in "Applied Science" are treated. It is a good number.

The July *Methodist Magazine* begins its fifty-eighth volume with illustrated papers on the Balkan Peninsula; "Sealing on the Grand Banks of Newfoundland;" "Our First Days in Japan." Dr. Henderson writes on the Wesley Bicentenary, and Rev. F. A. Wightman on "Canada: Its Development and Destiny," and the Editor on "The Underground Railway," from slavery to liberty. Several stories give a midsummer flavor to this number. Toronto: William Briggs. \$2.00 a year; \$1.00 for six months.

The colored cover enclosing the July *Canadian Magazine* is in celebration of the hundred and twenty-fifth issue of that periodical. The contents are also indicative of the progress made by Canada and things Canadian. The frontispiece combines pictures of Sir John A. Macdonald and Sir Wilfrid Laurier. "Thirty-six Years of Dominion" gives a brief resume of Canadian development since 1867. It is illustrated with portraits of Howe, Blake, Thompson, Tupper, Grant, Bourinot, Dawson, Allan, Norquay, and others. There is a description of the disaster at Frank, illustrated from photographs. It is a creditable issue.

The "Royal National Mission to the Deep Sea Fishermen" is a thrilling tale of the labors "Among the Vikings of Labrador" in the July number of *The Missionary Review of the World*. The fishermen of that coast had long been neglected and Dr. Grenfell has brought them new life and prosperity. Another very interesting article is "What Missionaries Have Done for Alaska. There are half a dozen other good contributions, among them "Christianity and Hawaii," "Experiences in the Heart of Africa," "Belgian Inhumanity in the Congo States. If anyone wishes to know what is going on in the missionary world, read the general intelligence. Published monthly by Funk and Wagnalls Company, 30 Lafayette Place, New York. \$2.50 a year.

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