

THE WIDE, WIDE WORLD.

Seven sectionmen in the employ of the Virginia Coal and Iron Company stopped by the side of the road under an overhanging strata of rock to eat their dinner, where they had built a fire. The foreman stepped from under the cliff to get a drink and had been gone but an instant when the rocks overhead gave way, falling on the remaining six men, instantly killing three and fatally injuring one.

W. W. Hayward, father of Harry Hayward, who was executed at Minneapolis, Minn., the other day, has relinquished all claim to the \$10,000 insurance on Catherine Ging's life, assigned to him by his son. Julia Ging, sister of the murdered woman, has made claim for the insurance money, but the insurance people will probably contest the payment on the ground that the policies were assigned to Hayward.

The Berkshire Regiment was attacked with enteric fever shortly before leaving Bermuda for Halifax. Twenty of the men died and the corps was obliged to leave sixteen others behind.

The Queen has engaged the Hotel Comitez at Nice, where she will visit in the spring.

The Government of Newfoundland announces that the colony's finances are in splendid condition.

The Westinghouse air brake people are seeking concessions from Toronto, where they propose to build a factory.

The Rt. Rev. Geo. Hills, D. D., late Lord Bishop of British Columbia, died at Parham, Suffolk, Eng., on Tuesday.

The schooner Carrie Easter, from Port Medway, N. S. for Boston, has been wrecked off Barnstable, Mass. The crew were saved.

A scheme is being boomed in Winnipeg to build a canal to Hudson's Bay in place of the Hudson's Bay railway.

A stay of execution of twenty days has been granted to Durant.

A. D. Provand, M. P. for Glasgow Scotland, who is interested in the Chignecto ship railway, is in Ottawa to urge on the government the importance of granting the request already made by the promoters of the work.

Sir Charles Tupper arrived in Montreal on Sunday. He said his visit to the Dominion was "at the request of Sir Mackenzie Bowell, who desires to have an interview touching the questions of Canadian and imperial interests." He says his stay will be a short one, and that he does not even intend to visit Nova Scotia.

Mrs. Isabella Garrison, a Chicago journalist, appeared before Sir Mackenzie Bowell at Ottawa, on Saturday, asking permission to erect a monument at Quebec to Col. Montgomery, who fell on Dec. 31, 1775, when leading a party of American troops in an attempt to capture the ancient capital. The Premier held out little hope that the request would be granted.

Two Akka girls from central Africa were brought to Europe some years ago by Dr. Stuhlmann to be civilized. They were sent back, and recently a German lady who came across them found that they had reverted to their savage state. She could attract them to her for a short time only by bribing them, though they remembered the things they had seen in Europe.

The Guardian says the Duke of Westminster a few days ago wrote a letter to Lord Salisbury urging that England take decisive action to put a stop to the atrocities in Armenia. In reply to this letter the Premier admitted that there was really no effective concert of the European powers in regard to Turkey. He was convinced, he said, that although public opinion in England was deeply moved at the horrors in Armenia there was no such deep-seated feeling existing in the countries of the continent.

Chicago University has received another \$1,000,000 gift, the donor being Miss Helen Culver, of Chicago. The conditions are that it shall be devoted to the increase and spread of knowledge within the field of biological science. Miss Culver is about 60 years old and inherited a fortune of \$6,000,000.

Richard Reid, of Springhill had in the Fredericton market, on Saturday, a hog, nineteen months old, which tipped the beam at 629 pounds. Mr. Wm. Richards, the lumberman, purchased it.

A severe cold snap has frozen all the small streams from which the Pennsylvania Railroad has been pumping water and the company's shops employing 5,500 men, were closed Saturday. The company had difficulty in getting enough water for the locomotives.

It is reported the Czar has lately received several threatening letters. A Nihilist conspiracy against the life of His Majesty is said to have been discovered in Moscow. The police of that city have seized a number of bombs and several arrests were made.

What is said to be a movement for the establishment of an Irish-American army for the liberation of Ireland came to a head in New York last week when the tenth and last company was organized for the Irish regiment of New York city, designed to be the parent organization of others to be formed all over the United States.

Mme. Sarah Bernhardt's last gown cost \$7,500. It is decorated with diamonds and turquoises, and the skins of 200 ermines were required to line the train.

T. J. Watters, ex-Commissioner of Customs, was arrested at Gattineau Point, Quebec, on a charge of fraud in connection with mica mining transactions.

Hugh Hutchison, aged 63, a retired farmer of means, who has boarded at Long's Hotel, Niagara, Ont., for the past 15 years committed suicide in the hotel stables by shooting himself.

The Ethel Maud, fishing schooner of Boston, lost four of her crew on the George's banks. The men were out in a dory, a squall came and the boat was lost.

On the Shore Line railway there has been made a cut of 10 per cent in wages of employes, and the Superintendent has been required to go on the road as a conductor.

J. S. Leary, of Britannia, Ont., was kicked to death by a horse.

Feb. 21, 1896, is the date fixed for the execution of Theodore Durant, who was convicted of the murder of Miss Blanche Lemont in a church at San Francisco.

A Chatham man got a great catch of bass Saturday in a smelt net. He had 800 lbs., the smallest fish of the lot weighing 10 lbs. He sold the catch for \$60. Another man is reported to have got a still larger catch. The theory is that the fresher and ice run had driven the fish down from their haunts in the Northwest Miramichi. A stray bass of large size has been caught before, but a big catch like this was never made before by a smelt fisherman. Two nets belonging to Sargeant Bros., Chatham Head, intercepted the bass on their way up river and caught two tons, 4,000 lbs., for which the net owners got \$400.—World.

The perjury case against E. E. Peck was concluded at Hampton on Thursday and Judge Wells promptly discharged the prisoner, holding that the charge had not been made out. The evidence was of a very contradictory nature, as Peck was able to bring several witnesses, who swore to seeing Scribner in his hotel on the day Scribner swears he was in Springfield.

Harry T. Hayward was hanged at Minneapolis, on Wednesday last, for the murder of Miss Catherine Ging, in December, 1894. The murderer went to the gallows with a laugh on his lips, and went down with the trap just as he uttered the words, lightly "Let her go, Megardon." The command was directed to the chief deputy.

A despatch from Berlin says the powers have addressed a note to Japan peremptorily demanding the evacuation of Corea by the Japanese.

The family of a volunteer who served as a guide to the Spanish troops was found hanged in Cayajabos, Cuba. Four women and children were killed. A Spanish column under Col. Oliver has defeated Gomez and Maceo in Manacas. The rebels entered Iguaque, pursued by three columns of troops.

H. M. Coates, shoe manufacturer of Amherst, has assigned. The authorities of Johannesburg, South Africa, in view of the visit that will be made there by Frank Slavin, Charlie Mitchell and other pugilists have decided to forbid boxing matches on the ground that it is doubtful whether the police will be able to control them. It is probable there will be an immense gathering to witness the matches.

It is the intention of Col. Sir Francis Scott, commanding the British Ashanti expedition, that the campaign shall be finished and the expedition returned to the coast within sixty days.

It is reported Valkyrie III. will be sold. Gen. Manuel de J. Calvar, president of the last Cuban provisional government, died on Thursday at Key West, Fla. He was compelled to leave Cuba a few months ago for safety.

James J. Gillon recently sued the town of Norwood, Mass., for \$15,000 damages because the School Committee neglected to provide his three children with suitable conveyance to and from school. Gillon lives three miles from school, and last year he was summoned into court for refusing to send his children to school. The case was quashed because the town later voted to provide suitable conveyance. Gillon claims that they have not yet done this.

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