

News Summary.

LOWER PROVINCES.

Several farmers were ploughing in Lancaster on the 9th. Six years ago Mr. Olive ploughed his field on Dec. 18th and 19th.

Beaman's tannery at Digby and a barn adjoining were burned to the ground on Saturday evening. It is said that the fire was started by some drunken persons who found an entrance and slept in the place.

Coroner White and a jury held an inquest on Saturday on the body of Captain Robert Lettney, who fell overboard and was drowned on Friday evening while at work on the barque Brothers and Sisters. A verdict of accidental drowning was returned.

The tides during the last week have been unusually high and the marshes have been overflowed in consequence. The railroad was damaged somewhat between this village and Riverside last Thursday, and a hole was gullied in the road between Albert station and the station bridge.—*Maple Leaf*.

The ceremony on opening the great Simpson dry dock at St. John's, Nfld., was performed on Wednesday, when the British corvette "Tenedos" was successfully docked. The dock is one of the largest on this side of the Atlantic, and is 600 feet long and 132 feet in width with a draught of water 25 feet. It will accommodate easily the largest ocean steamer afloat. Its cost is \$600,000.

OTHER PROVINCES.

Italian railroad laborers threaten to burn the town of Vittoria, Ont., if they are not paid.

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 11.—Attorney General Miller finally quit connection with the Government to-day. The routine duties of the office will for a time be in charge of Dr. Wilson, Provincial Secretary.

OTTAWA, Dec. 11.—Lord Lansdowne received a cable last night from London, England, announcing the death of another of the Canadians named J. Faulkner, of Peterboro Ont., who joined Wolseley's expedition to go to the relief of Gordon. Faulkner was drowned while going up the Nile. He leaves a wife and small family.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 12.—Capt. Gordon of the British navy, who located the expedition sent out to report the feasibility of navigating Hudson's Bay, is in the city, and had a long interview with the Minister of Marine to-day. It is understood that Capt. Gordon, who went in command of the expedition now stationed in Hudson's Bay and the straits, reports that with suitable steamers, both the bay and the straits could be safely navigated for at least four months in the year.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

Ismael Pasha is en route to Constantinople.

The Cork police have seized a number of rifles and bayonets discovered outside the city.

London *Truth* says the Duke of Edinburgh has been appointed to the command of the Mediterranean squadron.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—For several days it has been persistently rumored that blockade running by speculative English merchants was to be attempted in Chinese waters. These rumors have to-day been confirmed by the discovery that several fast steamers are loading both here and at Liverpool, ostensibly for China, but with the hardly disguised intention of defying the present blockade of Formosa by the French fleet. The French government has been well informed of all these preparations by its agents, and to-day a large section of the Parisian press comes out in strong denunciation of the dilatory course pursued by the British authorities in allowing such over acts to proceed without interference. It is not deemed probable that the government will interfere.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The officers who attempted to serve the writs of ejection upon Skye crofters, at Uig, have been driven off. They were pelted with stones and mud by hundreds of crofters who threaten to resist any force that may be sent against them.

VIENNA, Dec. 11.—The city was visited yesterday by a violent hurricane which lasted for three hours. Omnibuses, cabs and even railway trains were overturned with the result of seriously injuring many people. In several instances shop windows were blown out and the contents scattered far and wide. Buildings were unroofed and high walls succumbed before the blast.

CAIRO, Dec. 11.—The Khedive has received a despatch from the Mudir of Dongola which says the "Sultan of Darfour has deposed and imprisoned Mahdi's Emir at Khaldi and has stripped and expelled his Dervishes."

ALEXANDRIA, Dec. 11.—It is re-

ported that one of El Mahdi's lieutenants is advancing through the Juda desert upon Dongola. The Mahdi has ordered his lieutenants at Darfur and Kordofan to send to him at Khartoum all available troops, munitions of war and money.

VIENNA, Dec. 11.—A melee occurred here yesterday at the university between the semitic and anti-semitic students. It came about because of the election of some Jewish students to membership of the mutual aid committee. An excited wrangle terminated in actual collision, and several of the students were injured.

DONGOLA, Dec. 11.—Rebels are reported as continuing the siege of Omderman near Khartoum. The scarcity of grain increases and merchants arriving here have their camps despoiled of goods.

DONGOLA, Dec. 12.—Natives have little confidence that the British expedition will prove successful. They positively refuse to accompany the English forces beyond Merawi on any conditions.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—A despatch from Shanghai says a native paper announces that the ministers of foreign powers have notified the Tsung Li Yamel of their intention to meet on the 22nd inst. to discuss the Franco Chinese question, with a view of arriving at an acceptable basis for mediation.

Earl Northbrook, first lord of the admiralty, gave an audience on Tuesday to a deputation of shipping merchants, who made proposals for the construction of a graving dock at Halifax. The matter has been referred to the British admiral commanding at Halifax. The capital necessary for the construction of the dock has been subscribed, subject to the final decision of the admiralty, which Lord Northbrook intimated would be favorable.

PARIS, Dec. 12.—La France says the Chinese commanders have been commanded to suspend hostilities.

PARIS, Dec. 12.—Two thousand Socialist workmen held a meeting to-day and violently denounced the Bourgeoisie. There was no disorder.

PARIS, Dec. 12.—Gen. Miot further telegraphs from Madagascar that on the 6th inst., after a march of 15 hours, he captured the second south of Vohemar. He had a force of 1,200 men, 300 of whom were Europeans and 900 friendly natives. He captured five guns of the Hovas, 200 of whom were slain. The French loss was only four wounded—one seriously.

ODESSA, Dec. 12.—The Turkish atrocities in Macedonia are increasing. As many as two hundred Christians have been murdered within the past few weeks and three villages have been burned. Kidnapping is common and the inhabitants are afraid to leave their houses.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—A Dongola despatch says that prior to Gen. Lord Wolseley's departure for Brent he held a farewell interview with the Mudir, in the course of which the latter said: "You will find the people glad to see you. The rebels are scattering. Berbereens are returning home and will not fight. You will find all the supplies you require, with any amount of cattle."

The British capital was thrown into great excitement, on the 13th, by a heavy explosion under or about London Bridge, which was supposed to be an effort to blow up that structure by dynamite or some other explosive. No injury was done to the bridge and no one was killed. Three persons were hurt. No arrests have been made.

UNITED STATES.

MADISON, Ala., Dec. 12.—An aged man named Fruman was murdered last night by negroes. The murderers were captured. An effort was made to lynch them and was only prevented by carrying them to Huntsville, Ala.

On Tuesday morning three blocks of houses at Trenton, a small mining patch in Pennsylvania, were totally destroyed by fire. Six persons were burned to death.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—At a meeting of socialists last night a speaker named Griffin declared that the workingmen must be incited to absolute resistance, and that all monopolists were enemies of the country and ought to be hanged. Criminal laws, he said, were unnecessary, and peace and order could be better sustained if they were abolished.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 12.—The officers of the steamer Mason L. Weems, which arrived this morning from the Rappahannock river, Va., reports fearful loss of life among the colored oystermen in that river in the storm of Tuesday last. About twenty five colored men were out in boats tonging for oysters when the storm arose. Very few escaped. Eleven bodies have been recovered, and as many more are said to be missing.

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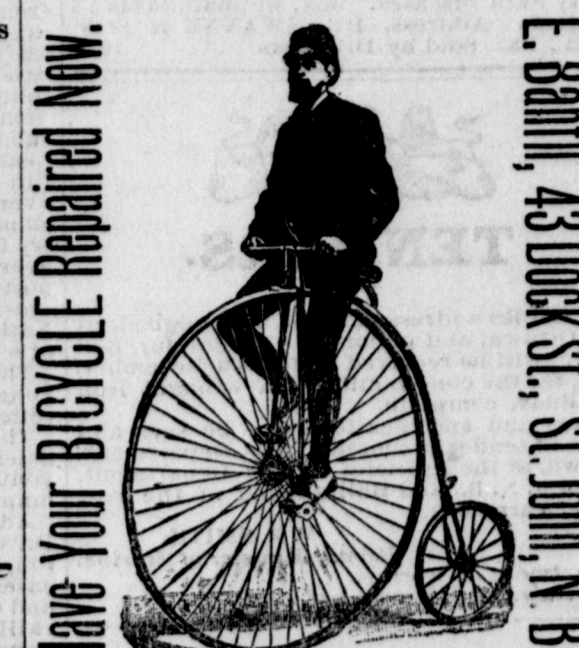
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