

TWO SAILORS DROWNED FROM THE LAKE MANITOBA ON THE VOYAGE TO ST. JOHN

Big C. P. R. Liner Docked This Morning
With 1343 Passengers.

Steamer Had Very Rough Trip Across and Passed Many
Icebergs—Rev. Fr. Ryan Back From Ireland—Salvation
Army Immigrants Among the Passengers.

The steamer Lake Manitoba, which docked at Sand Point this morning, shortly after ten o'clock brought with her the startling news that two men had lost their lives on the trip across from Liverpool.

The steamer was due here Sunday but the dreadful weather that she encountered, prevented her from reaching this port until today.

The Lake Manitoba left Liverpool on the 13th inst. and when out a day she encountered high winds and the huge waves washed the decks of the ship. On the second day the first tragedy occurred when one of the crew working at a boat was hurled into the raging sea and the angry waters engulfed him before assistance could be rendered.

The unfortunate man was working near the railing when the heavy sea caused the great steamer to lurch and a huge wave seized in the sailor being thrown into the sea. The shout of "man overboard" was soon sent about the boat and as speedily as possible Capt. Carey, in command, stopped the steamer and some of the crew launched a boat. For three hours they were tossed about by the waves in their attempt to find their brother sailor, but the high winds and the great waves imperilled the lives of the men in the small boat. After fighting the sea for three hours the men gave up hope and returned on board the steamer, which proceeded.

The other accident occurred only last night and the victim was another sailor only 20 years old, who like the other man belonged to the old country.

The young sailor was working with a ladder by the side of the steamer when the steamer rolled to one side and he was sent to battle with the waves. It was impossible for him to keep afloat, and although like the previous case, a boat was launched and a determined effort made to rescue him, yet they were unsuccessful, even in recovering his body.

Naturally the two accidents caused

alarm among the 1343 passengers, nearly all of whom experienced seasickness.

On the way across the Atlantic the steamer came across many large icebergs and for an hour at one time large ones were on both sides of her, and it was only after considerable dodging that Capt. Carey avoided them.

Speaking to the Times today Capt. Carey said that the weather was the roughest that he had ever encountered, and the high winds kept up for days. The winds also made it dangerous when nearing the icebergs.

Among the passengers was Rev. Father Ryan, of St. Mary's, who, with his mother, was returning from the old country after an enjoyable trip. Speaking to the paper Father Ryan said that he will never forget the trip across. The winds howled fiercely and the huge waves lashed the steamer for days, and one could hardly believe that she would live through it.

Father Ryan referred to the two accidents, and said that every effort was made to rescue them, but nothing could be done in such a sea. He also said that a great many passengers were very sick on board. Father Ryan, himself, however, was not sick in the least, and is looking the picture of health after his trip, which, he says, has done a great amount of good to his health. Father Ryan and his mother will leave tonight for St. Mary's.

Capt. Taten, of the Salvation Army, was at the west side this morning when the steamer docked, to meet about 250 Salvationists, who came out on the steamer to this country to reside. About 25 per cent of them will remain in this province, and the remainder will go west.

While the 1343 passengers were landing in single file this morning, there were many sighs of relief as they set foot on terra firma after such a rough passage. Many of the passengers also showed that they had not recovered from their sickness.

In which two of her front teeth were broken, Mrs. Wilcox became unconscious. The negro escaped with \$175. The facts were not made public until today.

The robbery occurred in the busiest part of the day in one of the prominent office buildings in Ashbury Park. An all night search for the negro was unavailing and there is no clue upon which a capture can be hoped for.

The passing of accounts in the estate of the late W. H. DeVeber, which was to have come up in the probate court today, was postponed till Saturday at 10 o'clock. J. Roy Campbell, proctor.

Dr. J. W. Daniel M. P. returned from Ottawa today.

HELD UP AND ROBBED

New York Clerk's Experience
With a Bold Foot Pad.

NEW YORK, March 27.—While preparing to make a deposit in the bank in Ashbury Park for Assistant Superintendent Hayes, of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., whose office is in the post office building, Mrs. Percy B. Wilcox, a typewriter and clerk in Mr. Hayes' office, was held up and robbed by a negro, who wound a towel saturated with chloroform about her head. After a struggle

WEST INDIES MUST TURN TO CANADA

United States Will Soon Have Her Own Sub-Tropical Sources of Supply—Much Good May Result from Canadian Delegates' Visit.

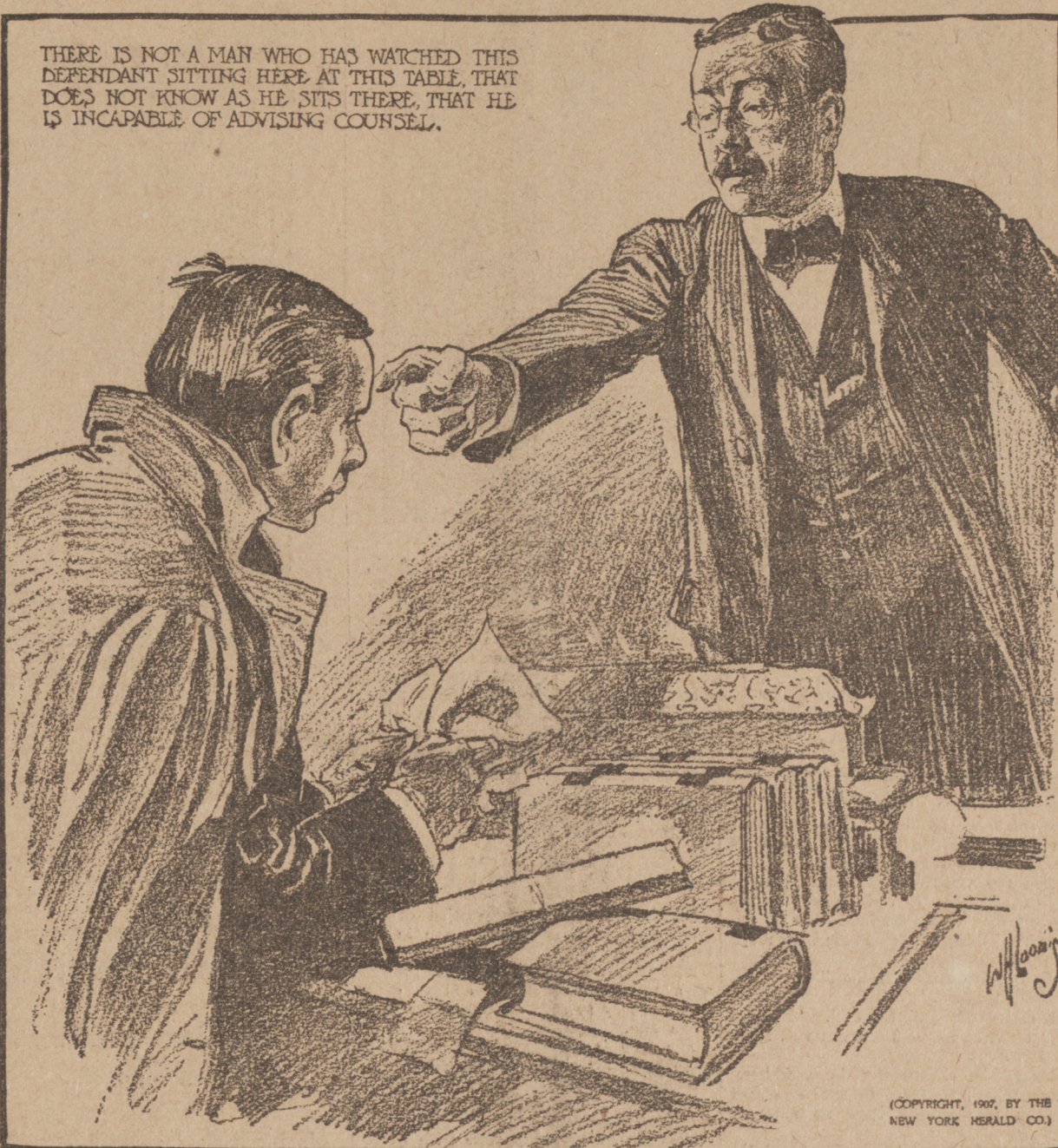
(Port of Spain, Trinidad, Gazette, March 16.)

The visit of the Canadian "Ambassadors of Commerce" is now a thing of the past, and people in this community are asking each other "what is the result of it likely to be?" Judging from commercial men, there are two distinct sets of opinion on the subject, and the holders of the one set expect as much to come of the visit as the others are certain that nothing at all will come of it. As a matter of fact both sides are pretty wide of the mark. Because a few delegates from Canadian boards of trade have paid a flying visit to the West Indies it is not likely that mutually beneficial reciprocal trade relations will at once follow. Neither is it probable that the visit, from its hurried and unofficial character and other reasons, will be productive of little or no good, as so many people seem to imagine. Reciprocity between nations is a plant of extremely slow growth, and between Canada and the West Indies, it is likely to be of even less rapid growth than usual. Closer trade relationships do not arise in a day; they are the slow and gradual work of years, and we should rather regard the visit of the Canadian delegates as one step forward in a useful direction than as likely of itself, to lead to the consummation of the end sought. At present there is no doubt that generally and as a whole, the interests of the West Indies would be served by reciprocity with the United States. We are not, however, likely to get much special-favored treatment in that direction. The United States will trade with us as long as it suits their purpose, but they will trade with us as the big brother trades with the little one—with the advantages all on his side of the deal. At present American trade with the West Indies is increasing rapidly. Practically the whole of the various products of Jamaica go to the States—though Great Britain is now taking large quantities of fruit—and this increasing tendency of American trade is nowhere shown more clearly than by the fact that New York is gradually becoming the principal cocoa market for West Indian and South American cocoa. There are, however, two important factors

to be considered in connection with this. The first is the fact that the marvellous development of the Southern States of America which is now taking place, and the strong movement afoot in the United States to give the full rights of citizenship to the people of Cuba. The sub-tropical area of the United States has all the last couple of years, been practically an undeveloped asset, America has been so busy developing to rich lands of the great west that she has had no time to turn her attention to the development of the equally rich but neglected south until lately. But she has now started on that development of her sub-tropical belt, and so wonderfully well equipped is the American department of agriculture that it is hard to tell what she may not grow there in a little while. We may be pretty sure that whatever she does grow there will be in great demand on her own market against West Indian produce except it be from Cuba. Cuba, again, is the largest and perhaps the richest island in the West Indies, and since the American occupation its development has been little short of marvellous. The political movement to give the Cubans full rights of citizenship in the republic grows apace. If that is ever done, the United States, while keeping a heavy hand on the native, will proceed to work the country industrially for all it is worth, and what with cotton, tobacco, sugar and fruit in the great south, and cocoa, sugar, every other tropical product in Cuba, America is rather likely in a few short years to find everything she wants, except the spices and other products of the far east, under the very shadow of the stars and stripes. Of course this is not going to happen all in a day, and by the time it does happen there will be Canada to fall back upon, and hence it is important to do the best we can to maintain close trade and other relationships with the Dominion—at the same time, not frittering away our American trade. Canada is not going to be annoyed because at present we must trade where we can get the best. (Continued on Page 5.)

THAW ON VERGE OF COLLAPSE BUT WILL FACE COMMISSION

THERE IS NOT A MAN WHO HAS WATCHED THIS DEFENDANT SITTING HERE AT THIS TABLE, THAT DOES NOT KNOW AS HE SITS THERE, THAT HE IS INCAPABLE OF ADVISING COUNSEL.



Mr. Jerome Intimates that Thaw is a Hopeless Lunatic.

NEW YORK, March 28.—This afternoon at two o'clock the first session of the commission which is to determine whether Harry K. Thaw is sane or insane will be held. Daniel O'Reilly, of counsel for Thaw, said yesterday that Thaw will surely appear before the commission and answer all of its questions, and further that he will submit to a physical examination by any experts sent to him for that purpose. Thaw is becoming nervous and excitable under the steady strain. His friends and relatives fear that he will break down unless the case ends soon.

His wife, too, is giving way. When she was in court yesterday with the prison-

er's mother and brother and sisters, it was noticed that her cheeks were pale, and her brow wrinkled. When she and Mrs. William Thaw went to Thaw's cell after he had been told by his lawyers that Justice Fitzgerald had appointed Mr. McClure in place of ex-Judge O'Brien, it is said that she collapsed, but the elder Mrs. Thaw is reported to have borne herself with much fortitude.

NEW YORK, March 27.—After the jury for more than two months past was excluded today until next Monday morning, and the members of the jury commission named yesterday afternoon by Justice Fitzgerald to enquire into Thaw's

present state of mind had been sworn in, there came the sudden announcement late in the afternoon that former Supreme Court Judge Morgan J. O'Brien, chairman of the commission, had resigned. In a letter to Justice Fitzgerald, Judge O'Brien stated that, upon reflection, he was forced by the condition of his health and professional engagements previously entered into, to decline to serve as a member of the commission. As soon as this letter was received by Justice Fitzgerald, he made a new order appointing David McClure, a well known attorney of this city, and a member of former Police Commissioner McAdoo's advisory board of citizens, to fill the vacancy.

EASTER IN THE MARKET

Good Supply of Easter Beef
and Vegetables—Eggs Are
Plentiful—How the Prices
Run.

The country market is bountifully supplied with Easter beef, a large quantity of which has been imported from the west especially for Easter trade. Large quantities are displayed at the stalls and on the racks, and some very choice lamb has also been brought in. Vegetables—for the most part American—are also to be had in good variety but the prices of course are high.

Butchers were busy fixing up their stalls yesterday, and as a result some of the displays looked very nice last evening.

Another important item is the supply of Easter eggs, which seems to be full and plenty.

Prices range as follows: roasting beef 12 to 18c; breakfast, 14 to 20c; mutton, 10 to 16c; mutton chops, 18c; spring lamb, \$1.25 to \$2.00 per quarter; veal, 10 to 16c; pork roast, 15c; pork steak, 15c; fowl, 80c; chicken, \$1.00 to \$1.50; geese, \$1.25 to \$1.50; turkey, 20 to 25c; ducks, \$1.50 to \$1.75; rhubarb, 20c; a lb. spinach, 60c; a peck; cucumbers, 25c; each; tomatoes, 30c; lb; beans (new) 12c; a bunch; potatoes, \$1.75 to \$2.00 per barrel; peck, 25c; parsnips, 35c; peck; carrots, 30c; peck; cabbage, 10 to 12c; red cabbage, 10 to 15c; lettuce, 6c.

FUNERALS
The funeral of the late Mrs. Cullinan was held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from her late residence Richmond street, to the Cathedral, where Rev. J. W. Holland read the burial service. Interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery.
The funeral of the late John Schaefer will be held today at 4 o'clock to the Cathedral, where Rev. J. W. Holland will read the burial service. Interment will be made in Fernhill cemetery.
The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary J. Hazelwood was held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from her son-in-law's residence, Guilford street, to Cedar Hill cemetery, where interment was made. Rev. H. D. Marr conducted the funeral service. There were no pall-bearers.

THE EMPRESS OF BRITAIN
CAPE RACE, Nfld., March 28.—The steamer Empress of Britain, Liverpool for St. John, was in wireless communication with the Marconi station here, when 180 miles south of this point, at 10:15 p. m., 27th.

MONTREAL STOCKS
MONTREAL, March 28.—(Special)—There was not much buying today in the stock market although prices were extremely low, presumably on account of the difficulty in getting funds which are tighter than ever and likely to remain so for some time yet. There were some rallies but the general tone of the market was pretty limp. The most active issues were Mackay 100, 67 to 68; Toronto Ry. 100, Nova Scotia Steel, 70 cash and 69 3/4; Twin City, 92; Toledo, 25; Illinois 6 1/2; Dom Iron 18, 50; Bonds, 75; Montreal Street Railway, 208; Canadian Pacific, 165 1/2; Detroit, 68; Mont Power, 66; Dom Coal, 61.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

HERE'S ANOTHER WAR.
Mr. Hiram Hornbeam declares that modern progress has its disadvantages.

This remark is prompted, it appears, by recent developments in Hornbeam Settlement due to a cable from Berlin, published in one of the weekly papers. It was to the effect that Count Arco, in his wireless telephone experiments, has succeeded in obtaining distinct exchanges of words in a tolerably natural voice, at a distance of two miles, by using poles 30 feet high. Up to the time when this statement fell under the eye of one of the ladies of the Settlement life in that peaceful community had flowed along in the usual way, without any greater excitement than the annual tea-meeting, the fall raffle at Pete McGlone's, and the occasional dance or revival as the case might be. The women of the Settlement exchanged visits when pressure of work permitted, but did not neglect any of those wifely and womanly duties which have to do with the hens,

the pigs and the cows; while the men were free to exchange views on politics, fertilizers, the new theology and such other subjects as drifted over the hills, within the purview of rural philosophy. But when this tale of the telephone was read, and the women had talked it over, there was a meeting. Poles thirty feet high were abundant. So were ladders. If by utilizing so simple a contrivance Bill

Smith's wife could call across country to Ike Jones's wife two miles away, early in the morning, and find out what Jud Pike's wife said about Sal Perkins's new beau that made Sal so indignant, it would add spice to life. Therefore the meeting decided that every man must forthwith erect a pole thirty feet high close to the kitchen door, and contribute to the cost of a cable enquiry to Count Arco for further particulars about his system. Hiram says the Settlement is in an uproar. The men say they know what will happen if women get talking at long range, with other women listening all along the route, and they are strenuously opposing the scheme, in the interests of good neighborhood and of the hens, pigs and cows. But the women are as obstinate as the London suffragettes, and what Hiram fears is open rebellion. "It's the worst racket we ever had in the place," said Hiram. "It is—By Hen!"

CITIZENS ARE FRAMING SCHEME TO DEFEAT ALL THE PRESENT ALDERMEN

A Good Government Association May
Be Formed by People.

Movement on Foot to Form a Complete Civic Reform Ticket
---Private Meeting Held for Tonight, and Big Public
Meeting May Follow.

"In view of the great interest at stake in the city at the present time it has been thought advisable to hold a meeting of about thirty taxpayers to consider the question of forming a Good Government Association, to be a permanent organization for the purpose of promoting and discussing the different schemes that may come up in the development of the port and the city generally and you are requested to attend a meeting to be held in the waiting room of the opera house, the 28th inst. at 8 p. m."

The above letter has been circulated through the mails to a select number of citizens, who are to meet tonight, as set forth, to discuss civic matters. The letter is not signed and so there is no one to father the scheme. It is understood that an informal discussion on various civic questions will be indulged in and if possible a number of prominent business men who have the matter under consideration may be induced to offer as candidates at the coming elections.

It is also stated on good authority that a large public meeting will be held, probably on Saturday night to consider the names of a number of citizens who it is claimed are not averse to offering their services as aldermen, provided a sufficient number of men can be secured to make a complete ticket against the present aldermen from their seats.

Now that the ward system has been decided on by the government as the style of election for the next two years, a determined effort is being made to bring out a complete reform ticket that would be expected to sweep the present representatives from their seats.

It is predicted that within the next forty-eight hours there will be something doing that will make the approaching contest very interesting for the present aldermen.

Quite a number of Ald. Tilley's friends are urging him to run as a candidate for alderman-at-large instead of for Guy's, but the alderman has not yet decided which course he will take.

G. Fred Fisher is talked of as a candidate for Dukes ward.

ST. JOHN RIVER VALLEY ROAD

Premier Pugsley Brought His
Resolution Down Today---
Mr. Hazen Supports it.

FREDERICTON, N. B., March 28.—(Special)—Premier Pugsley brought down his resolution in the legislature this morning to provide for the construction of a railway down the St. John valley from Woodstock to Westfield.

He spoke of the negotiations being carried on with MacKenzie & Mann, and expressed himself as confident that they would enter into a contract for the construction of the road.

It was proposed, he said, in guaranteeing the bonds that the company shall give as security a first mortgage on their railway rolling stock and franchise. To facilitate matters, he had communicated with the minister of railways and had requested him to secure a revote in parliament of subsidies for the railway line between Woodstock and Westfield. He hoped the opposition would be patriotic enough to give their hearty support to the resolution.

Mr. Hazen followed the premier and from the tone of his remarks it is quite certain that the opposition will unanimously support the resolution. He was satisfied that if men like MacKenzie & Mann took hold of the proposition the government would never be called upon to pay one dollar on account of bond guarantee. He thought, however, the company should be compelled to give a guarantee that the road would be made part of their transcontinental system and also that the distance of the line from the river should not be greater than a mile and a half.

The premier said that if Mr. Hazen's suggestion was adopted it would be liable to delay the construction work for a year or perhaps two years. He did not intend to be a party to any such delay. He thought that if the road was built by MacKenzie & Mann there need be no doubt but what it would soon become part of their transcontinental system.

Mr. Fleming moved the adjournment of the debate.

BANK OF ENGLAND

LONDON, March 27.—The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes:—
Total reserve, decreased ... £2,337,000
Circulation, increased ... 1,157,614
Bullion, decreased ... 1,157,614
Other securities, increased ... 1,296,000
Other deposits, decreased ... 629,000
Public deposits, decreased ... 234,000
Notes reserve, decreased ... 2,359,000
The proportion of the bank's reserve to liability this week is 40.95 per cent, compared with 44.00 per cent last week.

The regular monthly meeting of the treasury board will be held tonight.

MARKET MEN UP IN ARMS

Another instance of Civic Department Incompetence.

A number of dealers in the country market are incensed over the fact that the work of excavation, started yesterday morning, to locate a leak in the water pipe, should be carried on just as the Easter trade is coming on, thus causing much inconvenience especially as the work is being done during the day.

The opening is directly opposite the stall occupied by John McDonald Jr., and he as well as others in the market is not too well pleased.

Mr. McDonald says that the work could have been carried on at night, and the opening boarded over during the day. He adds that as the leakage was discovered several months ago, it should have been attended to before this.

A TRAGIC SUICIDE

Woman in Troy, New York,
Wraps Herself in Paper and
Applies the Match.

TROY, N. Y., March 27.—Minnie Sweeney, aged 45 years, committed suicide today in tragic manner at the home of her sister, Mrs. Patrick Fitzpatrick, in Mechanicville. She deliberately burned herself to death. The woman, who was temporarily insane, wrapped herself up in paper and then applied a match. Occupants of the house heard the woman's cries, but their aid was too late. She died a short time afterward.

Good Friday services will be held tomorrow in the Anglican and Roman Catholic churches throughout the city. The Roman churches will hold service only in the morning.

The body of the late Frank A. Baird was brought to the city on the noon train from Fredericton and conveyed to Chamberlain's undertaking rooms, where it will be prepared for burial. The funeral will probably be held tomorrow afternoon, though definite arrangements had not been made up to 2 o'clock.

The mayor wrote to Hon. Mr. Emmers on this morning with reference to the dredging on the west side. He has not yet received a reply to the telegram sent yesterday.

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VILLAGES SHELLED AND MUCH DISORDER

Situation in Certain Parts of Roumania is Still Very
Serious—Horrible Atrocities by Revolting Peasants.

VIENNA, March 28.—Press despatches received here from Cernowitz, on the Moldavian frontier, say that conditions in certain parts of Roumania are still most serious. Grave disorders are reported to have broken out on the estates of King Charles at Poiana, and troops have been sent to the royal domains. It is rumored that large numbers of peasant rioters have been killed in conflicts near Braila and Papiucha, and it appears that a large number of rioters on trying to enter the town of Galatz were repulsed by soldiers near the village of Loasene, with a loss of twenty men killed.

The peasants turned their attention to Braila, where angry fighting is reported. Fighting is also reported from several other villages, but these reports are probably occurrences of Monday, as owing to the censorship, all despatches have to be censored to the frontier.

Information received here last night indicates that peace is slowly being restored, particularly in the northern part of Moldavia. It is feared, however, that one result of the disturbance will be the neglect of tillage and a consequent dearth of wheat next winter, with diminishing exports, which will mean a financial calamity in Roumania.