

BOY DROWNED.

BANGOR, Me., July 20—Richard H. Wood, 19 years old, of this city, was drowned in Ambeje's Lake above Millinocket this morning by the upsetting of a canoe. The body was recovered. Wood was employed by the Bangor and Aroostook railroad as assistant at Millinocket station.

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New Zealand has a famous geyser which far exceeds anything of the kind in Yellowstone Park. A writer in the Scientific American tells that the basin is about 2 1/2 acres in extent, that the geyser plays about 22 times a month, frequently throwing the water to a height of 900 feet and occasionally 1200. The spot is reached by railway in eight hours from Auckland.

The first of a new type of battleships for the British navy was recently launched at Pembroke. It combines the features of the battleship and cruiser, with the prominent features of each, being much swifter than the ordinary battleship and more heavily armored and with more formidable batteries than most cruisers. The speed will be 22.33 knots and the armament six 9.2-inch guns, ten 6-inch and twenty-eight smaller quick firing guns. The battleship cruiser, as it is called, will cost over five and a half millions of dollars.

The Toronto News is semi-officially informed that the reserve of rifle ammunition now in Canada is 15,000,000 rounds, and that the number of rifles is 40,000. This means that we have 375 rounds per rifle. The British rule, says The News, is that there should be at least 500 rounds per rifle, but preferably 1,000 rounds. The organization approved by the Government contemplates a militia force of 100,000 men, for whom the present supply of ammunition would give but 150 rounds each. That is what a soldier is supposed to carry on his person on going into battle. But the projected ammunition factories when not to work will speedily increase the ammunition supply, no doubt in good time for the additional rifles and men that are also expected to be forthcoming.

August 15 is now said to be the earliest date on which the Japanese commanders look for the fall of Port Arthur. We shall see what we shall see on that date.

It is rumored in Ottawa that Auditor General McDougall may go back to politics, which he left in 1878, probably contesting South Renfrew, his former constituency.

London opinion tells that when engaged in the Sudan campaign Lord Dundonald personally brought the news of Gordon's death to General Buller, he being the only officer who could guide himself across the desert by the light of the stars. He invented the galloping gun carriage, which the War Office of that time would not accept, but is now buying from private firms at much greater cost. He also invented a camel's back ambulance, which has been found useful. And finally he has among his treasured heirlooms a lock of the great Napoleon's hair which Napoleon gave to Captain Dundonald Cochrane of H M S Orontes at St. Helena, saying, "this is all your country has left me to give."

"Dundonald is a Blair," says the Halifax Chronicle, and goes on to explain that the early ancestors of Lord Dundonald bore the name of Blair, but one of them changed the name to Cochrane, which is now the family name. It is easy from this to infer, although The Chronicle does not point it out, that after one Blair had made big trouble in the railway department another Blair might be expected to raise Cain among the militis. What The Chronicle does point out specifically is that Lord Dundonald's grandfather, when he was Lord Cochrane and before he was elevated to the peerage "was indicted and convicted of a conspiracy and committed to the King's Bench prison." What punishment is sufficient for a man whose grandfather was a conspirator and whose great-great grandfather was a Blair? We pause for a reply.

New Chwang, which the Russians have evacuated is one of the largest cities of Manchuria, its population being variously estimated at from 45,000 to 60,000. It has about one fourth part as many people as Mukden whose population is given anywhere between 180,000 and 250,000. New Chwang with its port Ying Kow at the mouth of the Liao River is an important shipping port, and its possession by the Japanese will be of the greatest advantage as a landing place of supplies for their armies now operating in the north. These supplies and munitions have been hitherto transported overland from Yalu river and Taku Shan under tremendous difficulties. Now they can be landed at New Chwang by water and can reach the Japanese armies thence by rail. The railway from New Chwang joins the Port Arthur and Mukden railway at Ta Che Kiao, around and near which junction there has been a good deal of fighting recently.

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