

CURRENT NOTES.

Brussels is the first town in Canada to elect a woman as school trustee. St. Petersburg has 1,075,000 inhabitants, a gain of 213,000 in 15 years. Montreal burglars carried off a 500 pound safe from an hotel office on Monday night. Pittsburg, Pa., is agitated over an expected outbreak of lawless socialists and dynamiters. Mr. Gladstone has made learned translations from the Greek, Latin, Italian and German. President Cleveland's hand in America's foreign policy is being keenly watched in England. It is reported that Portugal has annexed both banks of the Congo as well as the contested coast line in Africa. The Toronto Presbytery, by a vote of 27 to 12, decided that a man may lawfully marry his deceased wife's sister. The Pall Mall Gazette prints an article pointing out the probability and desirability of a political alliance between Great Britain and America. The solemn tolling of the great bell of St. Paul's at the recent death of the bishop of London attracted great attention in the metropolis and crowds assembled to note the sound which is so seldom heard. The bell is never tolled but at the death or funeral of members of the Royal Family, of the bishop of London, of a Lord Mayor dying in office and of the Dean of St. Paul's. The bell weighs about five tons, has a diameter of nine feet. Patrick Bernier, a driver on the I. C. R., was killed north of Campbellton N. B., on the 6th inst. It appears there were two locomotives connected with the freight train, and it is said Bernier was stepping from one locomotive to the other, when he fell. The train reaching next station backed up several miles and found the body mutilated near the track. One arm and a leg were severed, and other parts of the body mutilated. The Grand Canon of the Colorado, 160 miles east of the Needles, on the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad, was recently visited by Professor Davidson, who says he "saw vertical walls 2,600 feet high, and 6,200 above sea level, where the Colorado river was 190 feet deep, and cannot imagine anything grander than the effect of sunset shining on these walls only ten degrees from vertical, composed of different colored rocks, red sandstones, and the black overhanging rocks. The temperature was 136 degrees Fahr." Since his boxing match with Paddy Ryan which resulted so unsatisfactorily to John L. Sullivan, that distinguished bruiser has been on a prolonged spree. One day he was almost killed by a runaway team that he undertook to drive, another day he was assaulted in a bar room by four or five of his comrades and undertook to choke one of them to death—a contract that the police happily arrived in time to annul. His latest appearance was in the Boston police court to answer to the charge of ill-using a horse. The Broad Arrow takes a rather despondent view of Gen. Stewart's wound. We quote:—One writer says the American President was shot from behind by a coward. Stewart was shot from the front by a plucky foe, but this is the only difference between the two cases, as far as is known, except that the rifle bullet which entered Stewart's groin is larger than the pistol ball which plowed through Garfield's back. Both went to nearly the same places in the body of the sufferer, and the blood poisoning which supervened in the one case is more than likely to occur in the other. Vanderbilt possesses the only real memorial of the First Napoleon in New York—a set of solid gold spoons and forks that were secreted and carried away from the Tuilleries by Jerome Bonaparte. Their highest value, apart from their history, is found in the adornment which graces the handles. The case oval, and in the spoons each contains an exquisite miniature of the Queen of France. The handles of the forks each display an enamelled miniature of the Kings of France, of equally exquisite finish. They were made by the court jewellers for the Empress Josephine, and were only used on state occasions at the Tuilleries. The Chatham Advocate reports that on Wednesday night the 28th ult., while the storm was raging, the dwelling of an old couple, Mr. Wm. Ross and wife, aged about 80 years, living about a mile and a half up Bortholomew River, in Northumberland Co., was discovered to be on fire. Their daughter, the only other person living in the house with them, gave the alarm to her brother, whose dwelling was near by, but before he got to the scene the fire had made considerable progress and it was with difficulty that he rescued his mother, whose face and hands were severely burned. Getting her outside, the son returned through the smoke and flames to the bed where his father, an invalid, was lying, but he succeeded in barely touching the bed post when he was forced to retreat and leave the poor old man to his fate. When the building was consumed the body was found burned to a crisp.

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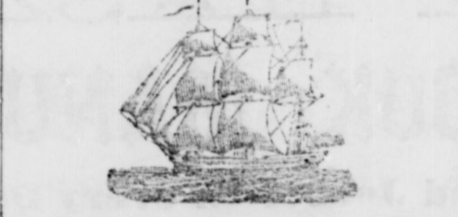
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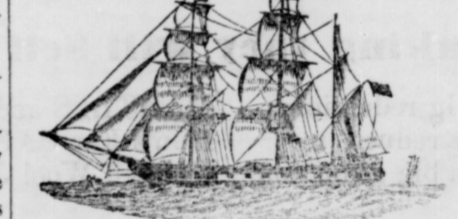
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