

in his mouth and dying. The cause of the act is not ascertained.

PORTLAND, 24.—Isaac M. Singer, the inventor of the sewing machine, died here last evening, aged sixty-four years.

ST. LOUIS, 24.—John Berry, of Johnson city, St. Clair Co., Mo., killed John Boncom, last Monday, for attempting to outrage his wife some time ago.

SARATOGA, 24.—The first meeting of the Saratoga Racing Association began to-day. The first race was for the Traverse stakes, for three-year olds, the race was won by D'Artagnan in 3.06½, the fastest time on record. The second race, for the sweepstakes, all ages, a mile and a quarter, was won by Grimstead, time 2.03½; the fastest recorded.

WASHINGTON, 24.—Yesterday a north bound passenger train of the Virginia and Maryland Railway was thrown from the track near Bull Run bridge, by the breaking of a flange of the driving wheel of the engine; the engine was drawn down an embankment and turned upside down; the baggage, sleeping car and ladies' car rolled in and were piled upon and around the engine. The baggage master was probably fatally injured and several passengers received scratches and cuts. The engineer and fireman were taken out from beneath the debris unhurt.

The Attorney General sent to the President a long opinion in the Chorpensing case, reviewing the various acts of Congress relating thereto, and the various decisions of the Supreme Court and the Court of Claims, on which principles this case has been judicially considered. The opinion is that the \$443,000 found due by the late P. M. General cannot be paid since the repeal of the resolution which referred the case to the Postmaster General; that under the law the Postmaster General did not act as a judge, but merely as the minister of Congress, and that his finding is not in the nature of an award by an arbitrator, and that the case does not differ in principle from the case of Gordon vs. the U. S.; that the award of \$10,472, heretofore paid by P. M. General Brown to Chorpensing, which was found due under a reference to the Postmaster General by an act of Congress, did not bind Chorpensing so that he could not appeal to Congress for more. On the other hand the Attorney General holds that the present Postmaster General is not authorized to pay the additional amount found due by the late P. M. General, for the reason that Congress reported a resolution of reference before the money was paid; he also holds that in the present condition of the law the Court of Claims has jurisdiction in the case, but he is clearly of the opinion that the amount found due by the late P. M. General is not an award which the court can enforce, and that unless Congress intervenes the claim is barred by the statute of limitations.

MILWAUKEE, 24.—The grand jury of the U. S. circuit court has adjourned. Indictments were found against George Q. Erskine, ex-collector of internal revenue, A. G. Weissert, ex-deputy collector, four gaugers, seven store-keepers, 24 rectifiers, twelve distillers, one maltster, and two grain dealers. Ex-collector Erskine is not charged with complicity in the frauds, but with neglect of duty. Collector Bella, who was arrested by the order of the court on the complaint of Hartmann, who claims to be the owner of the high wines seized by the collector, will be surrendered by his bail on Monday, and a writ of *habeas corpus* will be applied for. Suits will be commenced against the officers who made the arrest.

NEW ORLEANS, 24.—The Attorney General, to-day, filed information against Chas. Clinton, Auditor, A. Dubulet, Treasurer, F. G. Desmond, Secretary of State, and Chas. W. Lowell, Speaker of the House, all members of the funding board in 1874, charging them with misdemeanor in office, for funding five warrants drawn by the auditor, amounting to a hundred and thirty-eight thousand dollars, and requesting payment of an illegal and invalid claim against the State; bail was fixed at \$10,000 each. The Attorney General also filed, in the first district court, information against Treasurer E. F. Herwig, containing two counts, the first for obtaining money on false pretences by issuing vouchers while chairman of the Senate committee on contingent expenses, for fraudulent claims, and obtaining warrants

from the auditor by representing that said fraudulent claims were just and legal, the warrants being endorsed by pretended payees and by E. F. Herwig; the second count charges him with obtaining money under false pretences, in issuing, while chairman of the Senate committee, fictitious vouchers, knowing at the time that there were no such persons as the pretended beneficiaries, and no such claims or demands as represented in the voucher existed at the time; the bail was fixed at \$3,000.

OMAHA, 24.—A writ of *habeas corpus*, in the case of Captain Gordon, who led the first company of miners into the Black Hills, and refused to give parole, has been granted, and Gordon has been ordered to be sent to this place from Camp Sheridan, where he has been confined.

WASHINGTON, 25.—A post office has been established at Taylorsville, Salt Lake Co., Utah, John Webster, P.M.

The Postoffice Department has sent to the Department of Justice the names of nine mail contractors to be prosecuted for failing to perform service after their bids were accepted. They will be sued for the difference between the bids and the amount paid by the government after re-electing them, which, on thirty-nine routes for one year, amounted to \$416,000. The department will also bring civil suits against the contractors for damages sustained by the government in providing temporary service after their failure to fulfil their contracts. The routes were subsequently let for four years, and should the government recover the above amounts suits will be commenced to recover the losses for the remaining three years.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., 25.—Last Tuesday, a German named Williams, on Frenchman's Creek, forty miles above here, on the Arkansas side of the river, disappeared, he having drawn ten dollars from his employer the evening before, and being last seen in company with John Randolph and Jno. Phillips, colored, search was made for them, and it was found that they had left. Pursuit was made, and they were overtaken and carried back to Shawner village yesterday, and on their arrival they confessed to having murdered Williams, and showed where they had concealed the body in a canebrake. When found it presented a horrible appearance, the head being literally beaten off with bludgeons. The murderers were carried to Crowell's Landing, on the way to Osceola, and on reaching the landing they informed their captors that they belonged to a band of which Robert Burton, a white man, was the leader, and that they were organized for robbery and had murdered several persons. Quite a crowd had collected by this time, and the indignation was intense, and culminated in the mob taking the prisoners out and shooting Randolph, killing him instantly, but Phillips broke from his keepers and escaped.

HELENA, Mont., 25.—The prisoners arrested for killing Assiniboin Indians in British territory last year have been released by the U. S. Commissioner, the evidence not warranting their extradition.

WASHINGTON, 26.—Chief Clerk Avery, who has been indicted, tendered his resignation to the Secretary of the Treasury this p.m., and it was promptly accepted.

#### FOREIGN.

ST. JOHN, N. B., 19.—The yacht *Effort*, under sixteen tons, which left Fleetwood, England, May 29th, arrived here yesterday; the voyage, which lasted forty-nine days, was remarkable for heavy weather. The crew consists of captain, mate and two boys.

LONDON, 19.—The American riflemen say they don't concur in the petition to the council by the Captains of the English, Irish and Scotch teams, for permission for them to shoot at the same time with the Elcho competition, and they will not compete in that match.

The contest for the Albert prize was finished to-day. Sir Henry Halford won the 1st prize, securing 98 out of a possible 105. Gildersleeve was second, with a score of 92.

In the match between the House of Lords and the House of Commons, at a range of 500 yards, the Commons won, making 313 points against 220 by the Lords, out of a possible total of 375. The following are the individual scores, the highest possible being 75. Commons:

Randel Plunkett 67, Daniel Pappoe 64, Arthur Vivian 64, Marquis of Lorne 61, Robert Lindsay 73, total 313. Lords: Earl Ferrers 62, Duke of Marlborough 45, Lord Waldegrave 42, Earl Dunraven 36, Lord Wharfedale 35, total 220.

The question of the admission of the Americans to competition for the Elcho Shield has been finally decided in the negative. Col. Gildersleeve explains that the team left New York with instructions to shoot a team match only with the Irish, and that, moreover, the team is just now crippled by the illness of one of its members, who is an excellent shot; Col. Gildersleeve, however, is anxious to make a match with a team representing the United Kingdom, to be shot in the United States next year.

The disturbances in Herzegovina are believed to be serious. Commissioners have been sent by the Porte to tranquilize the country, but there is a report by telegraph that they are unsuccessful. The whole district between Mostar and the Austrian frontier, down nearly to Ragusa, is in a state of revolt, and the insurgents threaten death to all refusing to join them. The commissioners advise the Porte to send troops at once.

Of the functionaries invited to the Lord Mayor's international banquet, the following have signified their acceptance—the prefects of the Seine, the Pas de Calais and of the police of Paris; the mayors of Calais, Bordeaux, Geneva, Rome, Turin, Florence, Christiania, Boston and Quebec, and the burgomasters of Brussels, Antwerp and Amsterdam. Seventeen have not yet answered, and twenty-two have declined, including all the Germans invited.

LONDON, 20.—The *Daily Telegraph* says that Russia has officially announced her intention of withdrawing her proposal for the continuance of the Brussels conference.

LONDON, 21.—Heavy rains have been falling in Lancashire, Yorkshire and adjoining counties. The river Calder has overflowed its banks for twenty miles, and from Halifax to Barnsley the roads are submerged, and many streets and houses in Todmorden, and the Eastwood bridge is floated. The Don threatens to inundate the low-lying parts of Sheffield. The Ribble has risen and overflowed the country for a distance of thirty miles.

The cotton mill operatives held a meeting at Oldham, and resolved to refuse the masters' terms fixing the rate of wages. Oldham alone contains forty thousand operatives; the workmen in the surrounding district are in an unsettled state, and a general rupture in the Lancashire cotton trade may be looked for.

Alexander and William Colly, of the firm recently suspended, were arraigned to-day, charged with obtaining a million dollars on false pretences; their bail was fixed at \$400,000 each, which was not found.

The Americans are shooting at Wimbledon at a range of 1,000 yards; each man has thirty shots, and the highest possible individual score is 150. The shooting of the Americans is remarkably fine.

7 p.m.—Major Fulton won the American cup, the shooting for which was resumed late this p.m. He made 133 out of a possible score of 150.

A special from Vienna says, "It is reported that Russia and Germany intend to grant military furloughs on a large scale next year; the Vienna papers have urged Austria to follow the example, and to prove that the alliance between the three emperors is worth something."

TORONTO, 21.—Intelligence from Aurora, Ont., is that on Monday evening a large balloon was seen passing within a mile of the village, going northeast; the basket was apparently empty, and the balloon was lying well over on one side.

LONDON, Ont., 21.—Owing to the prevalence of incendiaryism here the insurance agents of the London offices have received notification that the companies represented by them will withdraw their agencies on the first of August proximo. Fires are of almost nightly occurrence, but thus far the buildings destroyed have been of little value.

LONDON, 21.—The challenge cup was competed for by the Americans alone. Fulton made eight consecutive bullseyes and Canfield five. The following is the score—Fulton 133, Canfield 126, Coleman 119, Bruce 117, Ballard 108, Gildersleeve 105.

The steamer *Abbotsford* from Philadelphia, while proceeding from Queenstown to Liverpool, went ashore on Cwmmaes bay, Wales; the passengers were all landed and tugs have been sent to the assistance of the steamer.

Alexander and Wm. Colly have been sent to Newgate, where they will remain until bail is procured. The prosecuting counsel, in opening the case to-day, stated that from \$7,500,000 to \$8,750,000 of the fraudulent bills of the firm were afloat, of which the London and Westminster bank had \$2,500,000. After crediting all that could be recovered from the bankrupt estate the loss to the bank would be from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000.

The action of the mill operatives in Oldham yesterday will result in a general lockout.

Heavy rain in the inland counties continues, and inundations are reported at Leicester, Grenfield, Forest of Dean, and Godmanchester. In many places the gathered and growing crops have been destroyed, and the railways are interrupted in all directions.

The French customs returns for the last six months show an increase of receipts of twenty-three millions of francs over the corresponding period last year; the total revenue of the country for the same time has increased seventy-nine million francs over that of 1874.

MUNICH, 21.—The ultramontane Baron Loe has been sentenced to six months imprisonment for a treasonable speech made by him in Oct., 1873. Herr Sigl, editor of the ultramontane journal *Vaterland*, was sent to prison to-day, to serve out a ten months sentence for treasonable utterances.

LONDON, 22.—The Paris correspondent of the *Times* telegraphs that if the committee's report in favor of a long recess is adopted to-day, in the Assembly, it will show that the entire right centre is separated from the left, which will be reduced to a minority of 310 votes. In this case the dissolution of the Assembly or the application of constitutional laws will become problematic, and a policy will have to be inaugurated reopening all that has hitherto been done.

6 a.m.—The agents of the steamer *Abbotsford* report that she went ashore in a dense fog. The passengers were landed within thirty minutes, and all are comfortably lodged at Ambock, and although the steamer is leaking forward, a rock having penetrated her bottom, the agents expect to get her afloat.

It is reported that Don Carlos has appointed General Mendiri to the chief command, in place of General Perula.

In the House of Commons this p.m. Disraeli announced that the government had abandoned the merchant shipping bill for this session. He expressed a hope that the session would be closed on the 10th or 12th of August, or possibly earlier. Plimsoll followed with a speech, in which he violently attacked the government, saying that "the consequence of the abandonment of the bill would be the destruction of thousands of lives." He spoke vehemently and excitedly, used extraordinary epithets, stamped his feet and gesticulated wildly, starting the house into an uproar. Disraeli moved that Plimsoll be removed from the house. The Speaker ordered Plimsoll to withdraw, and he went out shaking his fists at the government benches. The house then considered what action was proper to take in regard to Plimsoll's conduct. Several speakers urged his excitability as an excuse for his offence, but the debate on the subject was adjourned till Thursday next.

The Elcho shield match at Wimbledon is going on; the ranges are 800, 900 and 1,000 yards. The possible team score at each range is 600 points. The shooting at the 800 yards range was completed, with the English eight score 515, the Irish 512, the Scotch 418.

On the shooting at the second range the Irish eight's score was 527, the Scotch 511, and the English 504, and the victory for the Irish team is now believed certain. The American riflemen are keeping targets for the Irishmen, and superintending them.

The Irish eight won the Elcho challenge shield. The score was—Irish 1,506; Scotch 1,503; English 1,502.

LIVERPOOL, 22.—The *Post* declares that nothing has occurred to cause the least uneasiness in the cotton trade, and the reports to the contrary are sensational.

MILLBROOK, Ont., 22.—A fire yesterday destroyed a large portion of the business part of this village, including stores occupied by Mendell & Maynes and Wood & Hells, the post office, etc.; 30 or 40 people were burned out. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

BERLIN, 22.—The town of Warmbrum and vicinity, in Silesia, have been visited by very heavy rain storms, which has destroyed bridges, houses and crops.

LONDON, 23.—The protest placed by Mr. Plimsoll on the table of the house last night, says—"I protest in the name of God against the delay of the shipping bill, for although the bill itself is an atrocious sham there is enough humanity and knowledge in the house to change it into a good measure." He denounces the present law against breach of contract, which leaves sailors, who have unknowingly agreed to sail in unseaworthy ships, the alternative of jail or death, and continues—"I charge the government with wittingly and unwittingly playing into the hands of marine murderers, inside and outside the house, to secure the continuance of the present murderous system. I desire to unmask the villains who sit in this house, the fit representatives of more numerous but not greater villains outside. I demand that the bill be proceeded with, and failing in this I lay upon the hands of the premier and his colleagues the blood of all who perish next winter from preventable causes, and denounce against him and them the wrath of God."

The steamship *Abbotsford*, which went ashore in Cummaes Bay, keeled over this morning, and her stern sunk in seven fathoms of water; the vessel is a complete wreck.

Alexander and William Colly, committed in default of £40,000 bail, on a charge of obtaining money under false pretences, have secured the necessary bonds and have been released.

The scene in the House of Commons yesterday, caused by the violent speech of Plimsoll, was unparalleled. Plimsoll first earnestly implored the government not to send thousands of persons to undeserved and unhalloved graves through the conduct of shipowners of murderous tendencies. Upon being called to order, he advanced to the table and gave notice that he would ask, on Tuesday next, whether certain vessels which had been lost, entailing a great sacrifice of life, belonged to Mr. Bates, member for Plymouth. Plimsoll added that he was determined to unmask the villains. In reply to the Speaker, he said he applied that expression to members of the House, and he refused to withdraw it.

Sullivan, after Plimsoll had left the chamber, apologetically hinted that he was momentarily insane.

Mr. Bates subsequently made a personal explanation in regard to the remarks of Plimsoll concerning himself. He acknowledged that he had lost four or five ships during the last two years, but said they were well equipped and classed A No. 1. at Lloyds, and were only insured for part of their value. He expressed pity for Plimsoll, who, he said, was not responsible for his actions.

Smith and Rathbone protested against the government's course, and declared that the suspense and uncertainty which would be produced by the withdrawal of the merchants' shipping bill would be injurious to the shipping interests.

There is a flood at Burton-on-Trent and the water is still rising; part of the town is impassable, and the Great Eastern Railway, between St. Ives and Swavesey, a distance of three and a half miles, is submerged.

LONDON, 23.—The members of the American rifle team witnessed the conclusion of the shooting at the Wimbledon meeting to-day. Major Fulton received the Wimbledon cup from the Princess Louise. The American team were personally visited, to-day, by the Duke of Cambridge, Earl Spencer, Marquis of Lorne and Earl of Kingston. On Monday they will visit Eaton with Sir Henry Halford. General McMurdo has promised to arrange for a visit by the team to Woolwich next week, after which the Americans will go to Paris. They sail for home on the steamship *City of Berlin*, which leaves Liverpool for New York on the 12th of August.

Thirty cotton mills closed at Oldham to-day, the operatives refusing to accept the masters' terms in regard to wages.