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JANUARY.

Abyssinia, Austrian steamer "Aniphithrite" arrives at Suakim with 100 Cossacks to found colony.—Jan. 14.

Abyssinia, Obock Military expedition under command of notorious Cossack raider Aschinoff refused by authorities permission to land.—Jan. 16.

Abyssinia, King John making preparations for war with King of Sbea.—Jan. 23.

Abyssinia, Aschinoff's expedition of Cossacks lands at Tadyshghwah in French Territory.—Jan. 24.

ACCIDENTS.—Explosions, Spain, Otter Colliery in Asturias, 27 persons killed.—Jan. 3.

Aeronauts, Antwerp, Wolff Henri and Lieut Daniel ascend, balloon driven out to sea.—Jan. 16.

Collision, Green Island, N.Y., car on Troy and Lansingburgh street Railroads and passenger train on Delaware and Hudson Railroad collide.—Jan. 25.

Drowning, Kingston, Ont., 16 men and 16 teams of horses drowned in a Lake in the backwoods.—Jan. 28.

(FROM THE MONTREAL GAZETTE).

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ACCIDENTS.—Continued.

Duluth, Minn., walls of burned Opera house fall, burning a number of people in the ruins.—Jan. 29.

Explosion, Brooklyn, two gas tanks of Citizens' Gas Company explode.—Jan. 10.

Explosions, Crewe, Eng., laden of molten steel collapses, twenty men injured.—Jan. 25.

Explosion, Manchester, Eng., Hyde Colliery, 100 persons entombed.—Jan. 18.

Fires, Brooklyn, Mo., house of Mrs. Minnie Hall, five inhabitants burned to death.—Jan. 19.

Fires, Duluth, Minn., Grand Opera House and Post office.—Jan. 28.

Fires, Eganville, Ont., Mrs. Boufield's grist mill.—Jan. 20.

Fires, Fergus, Ont., James Wilson's oatmeal mill.—Jan. 18.

Fires, Germany, Prince Bismarck's residence, building near, his famous bear round Reichshund burned to death.—Jan. 20.

Fires, Liverpool, Eng., Cotton warehouse on docks, loss \$250,000.—Jan. 18.

Fires, London, Eng., mansion of Hon. Percy Selwyn Wynnham.—Jan. 7.