

## NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

## The Drowning of the Todd-Dead Body Found from the Empress of India.

## Strike of the Vancouver Post-Office Employees—Public Meeting at Blaine.

## VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, April 6.—Michael Madigan, foreman at the Hartley clearings, North Vancouver, left camp on March 16 in a boat. Since then there has been no trace of him. He is five feet seven inches tall, with a red mustache and beard. He had considerable money coming to him. The police are unable to find any trace.

D. M. Cahin is here from San Francisco. Cahin is president of the Los Angeles Manufacturers' Association.

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## THE WORLD BY WIRE.

## A Desperado's Work—He Kills Five People and Has Another Five Listed.

## The Rainhill Murderer Will Plead Insanity—Week and Loss of 200 Lives.

## Cuban Factory Burned.

HAVANA, April 5.—An extensive tobacco factory was almost totally destroyed by fire yesterday. A large number of employees managed to escape from the burning building, either by jumping from the windows or through the efforts of persons on the outside. Twenty-nine persons received serious injuries.

## The New Khedive.

ALEXANDRIA, April 5.—The Turkish imperial edict, bearing a special envoy with a firman of investiture of the new Khedive of Egypt was received with military honors. The envoy at once took the train for Cairo.

## Peru Tranquil.

LONDON, April 5.—The Peruvian legation here denies the reports that have been circulated regarding a riot in Peru. The officials at the legation say that country is everywhere tranquil.

## Arbitration Not a Panacea.

LONDON, April 5.—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Labouchere asked them whether the Government intended to seek the adoption by Great Britain and the United States of a general treaty of arbitration for the settlement of international disputes.

## The Arbitration.

Opinions of French Public Men.—It is a complicated question. Paris, April 4.—In an interview with a reporter on the Bering Sea question, Jules Ferry said: "If President Carnot is asked to be a party to the Treaty, he will doubtless accept the task, but it is a complicated question. Considerable time will be required to solve it."

## Fugitive Quarrel.

LONDON, April 5.—Slavin and Mitchell have split, and hereafter each will travel on his own hook. A cablegram to a local sporting paper shows that the antipodean has decided that Mitchell should not have a hand in his training.

## Anarchists Sentenced.

LONDON, April 5.—Three of the Wallasean anarchists were sentenced yesterday to ten years' penal servitude and one to five years.

## Russian Preparations.

LONDON, April 4.—An important contract was signed last week by the Russian government with the Helvetic steel armor works of the United States. This company's process for treating armor plate makes it forty per cent more impenetrable to projectiles than any other treatment so far devised.

## Popular Rights.

LONDON, April 4.—Earl Delaware, formerly the Hon. Sackville West, has stopped the public foot path at West on Sea because it enabled a stranger to walk near his house, and the local vestry has not protected the people's interests. There is a minority, however, and with outside influence they are determined to carry out their plan.

## The Nicaragua Canal.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 5.—In regard to the project of having a convention of the Governors of all the States of the Union, on the subject of the Nicaragua Canal, Governor Markham said yesterday, the plan was not yet perfected. It had been deemed advisable to hold a convention at St. Louis, at a central point, but Governor Markham has been asked to consider the plan of having the invitations issued in the name of California.

## Two Hundred Drivens.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 5.—It is reported that a steamer on the Black Sea, on board of which were 200 men, was driven ashore by a storm. The steamer was wrecked, and 200 men were driven ashore.

## Will Kill Ten Men.

MURPHY, N. C., April 4.—Bill Murphy, a Tellico Mountain desperado, has declared his intention to kill ten men. Recently, his brother George married a daughter of an enemy of the family, and, during a quarrel, Bill shot his brother dead. Frank Meelin, a bodyguard of the dead man's wife, gave the body burial, and on Wednesday, he was shot dead from an ambush. A moment later Bill Murphy sprang out into the road and threatened death to any one that would touch the body. It was about to be mutilated by hags and Mr. Moore and his wife hitting Mrs. Moore, and she is supposed to be dying. On Wednesday night Murphy shot him in the shoulder. Murphy heard that Ben Martin had been visiting his wife, and he found Martin at work in his field and shot him dead.

## Decimated Refugees.

MELBOURNE, April 5.—Deeming's solicitor proposes as a defense the plea of insanity, and has telegraphed to England for evidence of Deeming's madness when a boy.

## South American Steamships.

NEW YORK, April 4.—A bill for special laws for Central America, which the Government of Salvador's Minister of Foreign Affairs authorizes the offer of the South American Steamship company for the following subsidy: "To call monthly at the ports of La Union, \$6,000 in silver to be paid the first year, \$7,000 for the next and \$8,000 for the third year. The subsidy is in order to compete with the Pacific Mail Steamship company and also to endeavor to find a market for Chilean flour against the California article. The consul adds that he hopes at an early date to obtain sufficient funds from Costa Rica, Nicaragua and Honduras to overthrow the Government in Salvador."

## The Big Fire.

NEW ORLEANS, April 4.—Estimates of yesterday's fire make the local companies lose, on cotton and buildings, about \$361,000. The foreign companies are all heavily affected. It is estimated that the insurance loss on both first and second floors was \$2,700,000, which will swell the actual loss to considerably over \$3,000,000. Many people have been thrown out of their homes by the fire, and among the poorer classes, especially, much privation is to be noted.

## Affairs in Hawaii.

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## Comment on Chinese Exclusion.

LONDON, April 5.—The Standard this morning says concerning the passage of the Chinese exclusion bill in the House of Representatives: "China may have something to say against so flagrant a breach of the Treaty law. She may even retaliate. While Congress has displayed the animosity toward the Chinese, it will never entirely check their entrance to the country. A knowledge of the Chinese language is not likely to be a general accomplishment of American officials, and to distinguish between Ah Sin and Ah Sam passes the power of a Caucasian."

## "Irishmen Should Wait."

NEW YORK, April 4.—The municipal council of the Irish National League met at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, yesterday, and discussed a proposed mass meeting to be held under league men. It was decided to hold the meeting about April 20th at Cooper Union, the precise date to be determined by the convenience of some of the men who have been asked to speak. It is reported that invitations had been sent to Senator D. B. Hill and to Governor McKinley, of Ohio, to be present and speak. Governor McKinley, it was said, had signified his willingness to participate, if the date selected did not conflict with his other engagements. The object of this meeting will be to express the sentiment that, before further aid is accorded to the Irish cause, the opposing factions at home should unite under one leader.

## The Unemployed.

LONDON, April 5.—A meeting of the "Unemployed" was held, this afternoon, at which it had been announced that Talbot and Burns, the noted Labor agitators, would deliver addresses. They did not appear, however, at the meeting. It is said the announcement was circulated by the men who are keeping up the agitation among the "Unemployed." The meeting appointed a deputation to wait upon Mr. Ritchie, President of the London Government, and urge him to adopt relief measures. President Ritchie refused to receive them, and under Secretary, Sir Hugh Owen, was powerless to alleviate the distress complained of. The deputation was insolent and insisted upon an interview with the president, but finally left, threatening to come again, to-morrow. It is now the general opinion that Sir Hugh Owen will not receive the deputation at all. The agitation is mainly kept up by gang of petty loafers, who furnish the newspapers with reports of meetings gotten up by themselves.

Mr. Parker Deacon.

PARIS, April 6.—Mrs. Edward Parker Deacon is making a tour of Spain with her brother. She will return to France early in May, in time to be present at the trial of her husband at the Alcala Maritime Assizes, for the killing of Mr. Abailo. Her friends here say that she has suffered from partial nervous prostration since she confronted her husband before the Judge Instruction in Grasse, and is now working by strength by the ordeal in court. She has grown thinner under the anxiety of the last few weeks, and has lost much of her color. She is said to make a point to the welfare of her husband, who remains at the Hotel in Grasse.

Not Call This Time.

PARIS, April 5.—The Journal des Debats publishes a statement that a difference exists between the United States and Spain, relative to the appointment of Mr. Rand as Consul at Ponape, one of the Caroline Islands. Spain has refused to accept Mr. Rand, and the ground that he is a brother of Rev. Mr. Rand, the Methodist missionary who figured in the recent troubles with the Spanish authorities. The United States refused to withdraw Mr. Rand. The Journal des Debats thinks that a serious issue between Spain and the United States may be the result.

Damaged by Dynamite.

PARIS, April 6.—The police office at Angers, a manufacturing town 200 miles from Paris, was seriously damaged by dynamite, for the killing of Mr. Abailo. Several persons were injured, two seriously. Policemen have been sent from Paris to hunt the anarchists who were suspected.

More Bombs in Madrid.

MADRID, April 6.—Two bombs were exploded in Cordova, to-night. One burst near the Bishop's place, and the other at the famous stone bridge. No one was injured. The whole city was shaken as if by an earthquake. People ran from their homes, half a mile from the scenes of the explosions and in the near by districts, the streets are crowded with those who fear to retire for the night. Windows were shattered several hundred yards from the spot where a bomb, evidently intended for the Bishop's residence, was placed, and the bomb from the walls. No arrests have been made.

Stabbed by His Tenant.

LONDON, April 6.—A tenant farmer named Byrne, in Essex, to-day, quarrelled with John McCarton, his landlord, at the barn, as regards the rent, and stabbed him in the abdomen with a pitchfork. McCarton will probably die. Byrne has been arrested.

The Guillotine at Work.

PARIS, April 6.—Lieutenant Lewis Annet, who killed the Baroness Billard and almost killed Delphine Horrie, at 42 Boulevard Temple, last December, will probably be guillotined at day-break to-morrow. Deliberate, the executioner, has returned to Paris, to execute him, and the preparations are already making at La Bicochette prison. To-day, when informed that his time was short, Annet said: "Well, I will die like a soldier. If I cannot be a soldier officer, I will, at least, at least, I am not a coward." Strong pressure has been brought to bear on the authorities to have him shot on the ground that he has been an officer in the army. The facts that he was sentenced to the guillotine by the judges, and was on the retired list, as the press dispatches have rendered the appeals unavailing.

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