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the matter of assays from ledges along the creek, and there is a probability of their having a good commercial value. James Woods, the man arrested on the charge of murdering S. M. Woods, had a preliminary examination before stipendiary magistrate Fitzstubbs Wednesday afternoon, J. H. Bowes conducted the hearing on behalf of the crown. The prisoner was not represented by council and had nothing to say at any stage of the proceedings. The evidence was practically the same as that brought out at the coroner's inquest and resulted in the prisoner being committed

for trial at the next court of competent The Sandon electric light company has purchased two 35 kilowatt multipolar dynamos of 1,000 light capacity and a 15 are light dynamo of 1,200 candle power each, as well as the neces sary wiring from the Canadian Electric

NANAIMO. News has been received that Dr. E. A. Praeger, formerly of this city, but now residing at Los Angeles, Cal., is just recovering from a very critical at-

life was despaired of but he is now con sidered on the road to convalescence. resting and fell on a picket, which pierced his breast and inflicted an ugly ness. gash. If the wound had been half an inch deeper it would have proved fatal. The Van Anda mining company, of Texada Island. will at once invite tenders for the sinking of another shaft to the depth of 100 feet on their valuable property. An assay made of the rock recently taken out of this mine, showed 60 per cent. of copper, and 50 ounces of silver to the ton.

The Operatic Society's performance of the "Pirates of Penzance" was attended with great success.

Ladies' Auxilliary of the Jubilee

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at Assembly Hall Last

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Hospital Score Another De-

Again the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Jubilee Hospital have opened the season with a ball that it will be hard to excel. This is the sixth time that the ladies have undertaken the duty, which must | Kenna drove out in an express waggon devolve upon somebody, or starting so- and found Kitty insensible by the roadciety on the round of winter gaiety, and side. The others had escaped. Officer

improvement. As is natural at the first ball of the season, many of Victoria's fairest buds ant street, on remand from the 17th inmade their debut last evening, and this stant, was called in the police court this added much to the success of the affair, as the younger ladies always add considtime and thought had been spent, and and two Japs. He also captured the

were really handsome. knew this and as a consequence Assembly Hall never looked better. The ceilwas hidden behind rows of varicolored streamers, while flags, flowers and evergreens successfully shut out from view the walls. In each corner were comfortably furnished sitting-out rooms, which added much to the attraciveness of the decorations and the comfort of the dancers, and the more elderly matrons, who no longer able to dance as well as their younger companions. are still attracted by the bright spectacle to be found only in a large ball

The dining room had also been at tended to by the decorators, and of the well laden tables it is only necessary to say that they were arranged by the ladies with the abundance of delicacies that had been contributed by friends of the hospital, for which the members of the auxiliary give their time and labor. Music, well it could not have been bet-The Fifth Regiment band, under Director Finn, had already established reputation for concert music and now they have proved themselves equally capable of coping with dance music. The ime was perfect, and with the fine mooth and springy floor of Assembly Hall made dancing a greater pleasure than ever.

The attendance was between two and three hundred, including His Honor the Lieut.-Governor and Mrs. Dewdney, His Vorship the Mayor and Mrs. Beaven, officers of H. M. Ships, R. M. A., R. E., and Fifth Regiment R. C. A. was about 9 o'clock when the first set of lancers was led by Lieut.-Gov. Dewdney and Mrs. Smith, president of the Ladies' Auxiliary, and from then until long after midnight dancing was kept up with unabated enjoyment.

The directors of the hospital acted as reception committee and assisted the adies in seeing that all had a good time. At noon to-day lunch was served at hall, when there was a large at plance of business men. The proceeds f the ball and lunch are to be devoted the furnishing of the new operating

OUT OF THE TOILS.

Physicians Failed Cure-Alls Failed-But e Great South American Kidney Cure. a Specific Remedy for a Specific Trouble, Cured Mrs. A. E. Young of Banston, P.Q., Quickly and Permanently.

This is her testimony: "I was taken ck in January, 1893. I employed sevral of the best local physicians and was reated by them for kidney disease unti e autumn of the same year without reing much benefit. I then began usyour South American Kidney and derived great benefit almost mediately. I feel now that I am te cured. I have taken no medicine some length of time and have not ad a return of the slightest symptoms the disease." Sold by Dean & Hiscock and Hall & BRIEF LOCALS.

Gleanings of City and Provincial News in a Consensed Form.

From Tuesday's Daily —James Talyard, accused of obtaining money under false pretenses, was this morning committed by Magistrate Macrae to stand his trial at the first court of competent jurisdiction.

-The provincial museum has received a valuable acquisition in the form of a deer taken by Mr. John Carthew on the Skeena and presented to the muse um. The animal is strangely marked its head, part of its neck and three of its feet being entirely white. One hoof is as black as ink, while the other three are light colored.

-Mr. F. W. Hawes; secretary of the Cariboo and Williams Creek Consolidated Mining Company, has just brought down from Cariboo a bar of bullion tak en out by the cyanide process. The weight of the bar is 31.61 ounces in gold and silver, is 607 fine, worth about \$400. This is the first taken out by this process in the province.

-While out driving on the Sooke road just recovering from a very control of Sunday art. E. A. Morris and a counter on Government street near the tack of blood poisoning. For weeks his tack of blood poisoning. For weeks his tack of blood poisoning. For weeks his tack of blood poisoning. The sunday art. E. A. Morris and a counter on Government street near the New England hotel. The affair took on Sunday Mr. E. A. Morris and a the roadside and did not seem to mind Mr. Robert Adam, of this city, while the presence of the gentlemen in the Mr. Robert Adam, of this cresisawing a branch from a tree at his resistance, broke the limb on which he was dence, broke the limb on which he was with a shot which hit the right place,

> -The funeral of the late Mrs. McNiffe took place from the family residence at 9:30 this morning and half an hour later from St. Andrew's R. C. Cathedral. The solemn services were conducted by Reve Father Nicolaye, assisted by Rev. Father Altholf. The pall bearers were. Messrs. J. Muirhead, J. Loewen, R. F. Tolmie, Henry Behnsen, Edgar Faw cett, Jacob Sehl.

police was this morning charged in the day last. Mr. Aikman, who appeared for the prosecutor, asked that the case be withdrawn as he found that there was no case against the accused, he having acted in self-defence. The police magistrate remanded the case until tomorrow morning, when, if possible, the case will be withdrawn.

-"Kitty," an Indian woman belonging to the Saanich tribe, was fined \$5 and Large Attendance and Good Time costs in the provincial court this afternoon for being drunk on the Gorge road yesterday afternoon. She was one of Saanich yesterday and got several bot-tles of bad whiskey. They drove out by the Gorge road and succeeded in smashing a buggy driven by Mrs. Smith of Metchosin. Provincial Officer Mceach time there has been a noticeable Heal, however, is looking for them.

-The case of Lee Fong, of 8 Cormormorning. Detective Perdue gave evidence as to how he and Constable Palrable life to the ball room. Then there mer went to the accused's premises on were the costumes, over which so much Friday last and arrested the prisoner which fully repaid the trouble, for they outfit of the game, which was "chuck-aluck." Magistrate Macrae dismissed To show these off, the buds and the the information and discharged the accostumes, the hall had to be properly cused on the ground that the wrong decorated; the ladies of the committee charge had been laid against him, he being charged with keeping a betting house, whereas he was keeping a gam ing house.

-Three West Coast Siwashes, Jimmy, Pat and Jim, were charged before the police magistrate this morning with be ing found drunk. Jimmy pleaded guilty and was fined \$5 and costs. Pat and Jim pleaded not guilty and were remanded until to-morrow morning. three claimed that cider was their bever-Comox Johnson, another Siwash, was charged with being found with intoxicants-a bottle of rye-in his pos-He was fined \$25 and costs, or in default one month's imprisonment. Annie Ford, a denizen of Chatham street, charged with being drunk and disorderly, did not appear when her case was called and her bail of \$10 was ac cordingly forfeited.

-Mr. Fred Thorndyke, formerly purser of the City of Kingston, now Seattle agent of the Puget Sound & Alaska Steamship Co., was married at Seattle last week to Miss Dora Van Volkenburgh, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Van Volkenburgh of this city. The nuptials were solemnized at the ome of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Moulton, Mrs. Moulton being a sister of the bride. Rev. George W. Buzzelle, of St. Clement's Episcopal church, was the officiating clergyman, the attractive ceremony being witnessed only by the immediate friends and relatives. The couple left on Friday morning for Portland and California, and will take up their residence with Mr. and Mrs. Moulton tem-

From Wednesday's Daily.

The comptroller of the currency has declared a dividend of 20 per cent. in favor of the creditors of the First National Bank of Port Angeles, Wash.

-The case of J. A. Lawrence and Captain A. E. MacCallum were this norning adjourned by Police Magistrate Macrae until Monday next, the 26th inst., at 10 a.m.

been retained by a sealing firm to look commission.

-Mr. George C. Smith and Miss Edith Mansell, third daughter of Mr. Henry last meeting passed through all its stages Mansell, were married last evening at a hy-law to grant exemption from taxthe residence of Rev. Solomon Cleaver. ation for the Automatic Can Com-The groom was supported by J. H. pany. A vote of the ratepayers is to be Mansell, brother of the bride, while her taken on the 21st November. The comsister acted as bridesmaid.

yesterday examined George Price, who is in the city lock-up charged with being of unsound mind. Last night the necessary papers were prepared and he will be sent to the asylum at Westminster by the first direct boat.

-W. Johnston, of Prospect lake, died

-The three new six-inch guns at Macaulay Point fort were tested yesterday, when five rounds were fired by a squad under Sergeant Carlton, R.M.A. The big guns were raised with ease and the disappearing carriages worked splendidly. By invitation of Colonel Rawstorne. R.M.A., a number of the officers and men of the Fifth Regiment were pre-

-After hearing the evidence of Mate Nisen of the schooner City of San Diego, the prosecution decided to change the charge against MacLean. from attempted murder to aggravated assault. To this MacLean pleaded guilty and Magistrate Macrae, taking into consideration that he had been imprisoned on board the schooner for two hard labor.

-H. G. Hamilton and Frank Votier yesterday evening had a pugilistic encounter on Government street near the animal was gambolling in the grass by place about 9:30 o'clock, and although unadvertised, drew quite a crowd. Constables Walker and Palmer also got wind of the affair and immediately took a hand in the game, arrested both principals and brought them to the city lock-up. Magistrate Macrae fined both \$5 and costs or in default 14 days' im-

-Thomas Waldron was brought to the city lock-up yesterday evening by Sergeant Langley of the provincial police. Sergeant Langley was walking on Yates drunk and making quite a disturbance, strike an old gentleman named Harper, who it seems, knew how to look after -Constable Wallis of the provincial hin self. Sergeant Langley then thought it was time to stop the disturbance, and police court before Magistrate Macrae he promptly arrested Waldron, who was with assaulting Richard Stanley on Fri- brought before Police Magistrate Macrae this morning charged with being drunk and discreerly. He was fined \$10 and costs or in default of payment to be imprisoned for 21 days. '-The 23rd annual meeting of the A.

O. F. was called to order by the D.C.R., H. L. Salmon, in Foresters' Hall, Nanaimo. The following delegates were present: Court Vancouver, 5,755, J. W. Speed and F. P. Watson; Court Northern Light, 5935, J. Thompson and J. H. Hughes; Court Lord Dufferin, 6304, J. number of Indians who came in from McMurphy and George Hall; Court Pacific, 7,627, W. M. Ramsay and A. R. Watson and R. Morgan; Court Nanaimo Foresters' Home, 5,886, Joseph Randle and W. Bennett. Considerable important business was transacted and the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: D.C.R., J. Randle; D.S.C.R., J. Speed; D.T., E. J. Salmon; (re-elected); D.S., F. P. Watson; after which the newly elected officers were installed by P.D.C.R. J. Hilbert of Nana-Hotel Doon, where a right royal time with them. was spent for a few hours, never to be forgotten by those present.

From Thursday's Daily. -Mary Miller, the wife of Frederick Miller, a pit boss in the Wellington coal erican ships. mines, was granted a divorce at Seattle

fined \$20 and costs or in default a month's imprisonment by Police Magistrate Macrae for using vulgar and obscene language on Johnson Street.

-Rev. Solomon Cleaver yesterday united the fortunes of Mr. George A. Dires and Miss Rosa Simpson. The wedding took place at the parsonage of the Metropolitan Methodist church, and was a quiet one, only a few of the intimate friends of the contracting parties being present.

-Intoxicants are making trouble among the dusky Siwashes. Four came up before Magistrate Macrae this morning to answer to the charge of being found drunk in various parts of the city. Dick, a Fort Rupert Indian, George, a Nitinat Indian, and Jack, a Cape Mudge Indian, and Victoria Dick were each fined \$5 and costs, or in default to be imprisoned for 12 days. Samuel Thompson was also up for the same offence, but it being his first time he was convicted and discharged.

-In the provincial police court this norning before Magistrate Macrae Hans Hansen was accused of having deserted from the sealing schooner E. B. Marvin while at Yokohama. He afterwards shipped on board the schooner C. D. Rand, returning to this city on the 20th inst, when he was arrested. He was sentenced to 12 weeks imprisonment with hard labor, and to pay an indemnity to Captain Harris the balance of his wages on the C. D. Rand, as he was indebted to the Marvin when he deserted in the sum of \$64.

"Billy," a Kyuquot Siwash, was this morning sentenced by the police magistarte to six months' imprisonment with hard labor. Billy yesterday stole \$14 from another West Coast Indian, named Aleck, who with him was a hunter on the sealing schooner Favorite. The two men turned into their bunk on the schoo--A private dispatch received from ner last night and went to sleep. Billy, Ottawa to-day announces that Sir though, got up in the night and taking Charles Hibbert Tupper leaves there for Aleck's money with him proceeded to Victoria this evening, Sir Hibbert has paint the fown red. He had got away with about \$5 when he was arrested; after their interests at the Benring sea the balance was found on him and this morning was returned to its owner.

-- The New Westminster council at its pany proposes to erect two large buildings for its factory at Sapperton, each -Dr. John Duncan and Dr. Fraser 30 by 200 feet, and one of smaller size for storage purposes. From 50 to 75 hands are to be employed for at least six months in the year.

-A couple of portrait sharpers arrived from the Sound some time ago and succeeded in swindling a number of good

ne, as ne was familarly called, was must be purchased from them. A suitwell konwn to most Victorians. He liv- able frame would cost in the neighbor ed on a small farm at Prospect lake | hood of \$8, and a deposit of \$2 or more until a few months ago, when he was was required. When the frames were removed by the provincial police to the deliverde they turned out to be cheap affairs and not at all according to samples. The agents, however, refused to give up the original photographs unless the price of the frame was paid. A number of ladies paid \$8 for a frame worth less than \$1 rather than lose the photograph they had given.

> OBJECT TO FUSION. Georgia Democrats Will Not Accept the

Populist Proposition. Atlanta, Oct. 21.-Yesterday marked the expiration of five days, the period which the Populist state central committee gave the Democrats to decided upon their proposition for a fusion ticket nade up of seven Democrats and six Populist electors. To decide on the proposition the Democratic state executive committee and the Democratic elecmonths, sentenced him to one month at tors were summoned to meet at noon. At the same hour the Populist state committee assembled. The Georgia member of the national Democratic committee was present as Chairman Jones' representative to urge fusion. The tion was headed by Governor Atkinson and State Chairman Clay. Both committees went into secret session at 12 o'clock. The first two hours nothing was done which the committees willing to give out for publication. The non-appearance of Thomas E. Watson occasioned surprise.

After a protracted and exciting debate the Democratic committee rejected the Populist fusion proposition, declaring it to be insulting to Democrats in the wording. It is further held that the down the Democratic electors. The Postreet when he saw Waldron, who was pullsts are standing upon their original proposition awaiting a formal answer from the Democratic committee.

'FRISCO IS HURT.

By the Canadian and Japanese Steamship Companies. San Francisco, Oct. 21.—The Chamber of Commerce has decided to interest itself in obtaining some protective action

from Congress relating to American shipping interests: Secretary Merry was requested to forward a memorial to Washington presenting the absolute necessity of some action in behalf of the ocean mail steamship service under the national ensign.

The memorial sets forth that Japan is entering the field with modern steamships to be operated under a subsidy law so liberal that a 5,000 ton vessel with a fifteen knot speed, will be paid \$31,500 for a voyage from Yokohama to Clegg; Court Robert Dunsmuir, 7854, San Francisco and return. It also calls attention to the fact that Great Britain has a heavily subsidized steamship line between Vancouver and Japan and lished to Vancouver and Australia via New Zealand and the Fiji Is- cargo. lands, which will also call at Honolulu. England pays annually to mail steamship lines and auxiliary cruisers \$25, 000,000, and France pays \$21,000,000, imo. A banquet was tendered the dis- and with such investments it is of no trict delegates by the local lodges at the use for American steamers to compete a The memorial declares that the con-

test for maritime control of the Pacific is at hand, and asks Congress to enact American mails being carried by Am-

SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER. -Joseph Macdonald was this morning Experience of a Fresonite With a "Ma-. trimonial Ad." Wife.

Fresno, Cal., Oct. 21.-S. B. Bresee, a pioneer resident of Fresno, has just undergone a matrimonial adventure which has made him a much wiser man. He is 60 years of age and this is his second unsuccessful attempt since his first wife

Some time ago he chanced to run acress a paper which contained a number of "matrimonial ads." One of these set forth that a "charming widow of means," residing in Los Angeles, was desirous of taking unto herself a husband. Brosee was tired of a single life, and the "Los Angeles widow of means' caught his fancy. Besides, Mr. Bresee had a \$5,000 mortgage on his home in this city, and by winning the Los Angeles "widow of means" he thought that she would save it for him.

Accordingly he entered into correspondence with the lady and subsequently proposed and was accepted by mail. On Saturday, October 10, they were wedded, and after a short but extremely blissful honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. Bresee came to Fresno. The bride seemed well pleased when she first arrived, and the groom was equally happy. At evening the bride expressed a desire to visit the business quarter of the city and never returned. She purchased a ticket for Los Angeles. Just why Mrs. Bresee left her husband is such a summary manner is not known. It is be lieved, however, that her expectations of what her Fresno bridegroom would

be were by no means realized. Mr. Bresee is disconsolate. years ago Bresee married a girl 18 years of age. She thought he was wealthy, but when she learned to the contrary she left him and he secured a divorce.

HATTIE BLAINE DIVORCED.

She is Granted a Separation From Her Husband, Truxton Beale.

Augusta, Me., Oct. 21.-Harriet Blaine Beale, with her attorney, Leslie C. Cornish, of Augusta, appeared quietly before Judge Whitehouse, of the supreme court, this afternoon. Mrs. Beale asked for a divorce from her husband, Truxton Beale. Mr. Cornish made a talk and the divorce was granted. The libelant prayed for the custody of

a minor child, Walker Blaine Beale,

aged 6 months, and waives all claim for dower or alimony. The libel is endorsed, showing that the process was served on Beale in Washington, Oct. 3, and no opposition made to it by the libelee. San Francisco, Oct. 21.—Truxton Beale, whose wife, Harriet Blaine Beale, has been granted a divorce, is very well known in California, where he lived many years. He is a son of the late General Beale, who was stationed on the Pacific coast in the early days, and here. Truxton Beale engaged in busihousewives of Victoria. They agreed to | ness in San Francisco and was a promat the provincial asylum, New Westmin-enlarge photographs for nothing, the inent society and club man. He served ster, on Monday last. "Old Bill" John-only stipulation being that the frames a term as minister to Persia.

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Wanted in 5 minutes A cup of Beef Tea.

Something to give strength to the Soup. Some rich Gravy for Meat. The housewife is at her wits end unless supplied with

Johnston's Fluid Beef *ਫ਼*ਫ਼ਫ਼ਫ਼

16 oz. Bottle

The Shippers of the Glenogle's Large Cargo of Salmon 1or Liverpool.

Danube Sails To-Night for the North -Arietas Arrives From Behring Sea.

The salmon ship Glenogil, Captain Stevenson, which left for Liverpool last evening, had on board 74,397 cases of salmon, loaded on the Fraser river, and 22,856 cases loaded at the Outer Wharf. The shippers are: From the Fraser-Anglo-British Columbia Canning Co., 22 832 cases; Evans, Coleman & Evans, state committee has no right to take 27,415 cases; Malcolm & Windsor, 7200; George I. Wilson, 3000; Fraser River Co., 3442; Turner, Beeton & Co., 10,508 cases, From Victoria-Findlay, Durham & Brodie, 1750 cases; R. P. Rithet & Co., 4489; Turner, Beeton & Co., 3922; Federation Brand Co., 12,695 cases. This makes a grand total of 97,253 cases, the iargest salmon cargo ever taken from a British Columbia port. It is worth

nearly half a million dollars. Robt.

Ward & Co. were the agents for the

vessel.

This evening the C. P. N. Co's steamer Danube will leave for Naas river and way ports. Among the passengers will Ven. Archdeacon Collison and Mrs. and Miss Collison. They will be accompanied by Miss Davis and Miss Jackson, who will engage in mission work among the Indians of the north. Mrs. Todd and Miss Downey, of Metlakahtla, and A. S. Robertson and W. Darrow wills also be passengers.

Tuesday evening the German bark Marie Berg, lumber laden for Scotland, was towed to sea from Vancouver by the tug Sea Lion. The Drumrock has China, and that another is to be estab- also left Vancouver for Tacoma, where she discharges the remainder of her

> Capt. Townsend, of the sealing schooner C. D. Rand, contradicts the report published some time ago that he had trouble with his Indian crew. The whole voyage was free from mutiny or trouble of any kind.

The wrecked steamship Umatilla will be docked at Quartermaster harbor tosuch beneficent measures as will permit morrow. It will require nearly two weeks to complete repairs. The steamer will be given a thorough overhauling.

Goest last night with a full cargo of and refused to do any more work in freight and a large number of passen- the galley. The skipper suspected the gers.

The tug Astoria left for the Sound to-day with the ship British General, which has been chartered to load wheat. Last evening the sealing schooner

Arietas arrived in port, her Behring Sea catch being 440 skins. The salmon ship Glenogil, Capt. Stevenson, was towed to sea by the tug Lorne last evening.

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

The Tallyard case keeps in front in the courts. Yesterday immediately after Tallyard was sent up for trial, Mr. S. Perry Mills, acting on behalf of the acused, served notice on the Attorney-General of an application to the court that Tallyard's money, less the \$710 paid into court by Chief Sheppard under the garnishee summons in Coates vs. Tallyard, be returned to the accused to provide for the expenses of the defence. The application came on yesterday afternoon before Mr. Justice Walkem, who allowed \$100 to be paid out for the purposes of defence.

The Small Debts Act argument is still going on before the full court.

RIOTS FEARED.

Through the Killing of a White Man and the Lynching of His Murderer.

Greenwood, Miss., Oct. 22.-Yester day a white man named J. H. Rook, was shot and killed by a negro on the place of Rook near Sunnyside, Lelelofore county. Mr Rook, as far as is known, was reprimanding a negro woman at her home when this negro interfered and the shooting commenced, the negro being in the house and Mr. Rook on the outside. Rook was shot down and killed. Last night a posse took the negro and hung him to a tree. To-day a gentleman in Greenwood received a telegram from another gentleman in Sunnyside stating that he had received a letter from a negro living near there containing information that the negroes had challenged the whites to a riot. Such was the nature of the telegram that a number of white men left to-day for that part of the country.

BRIDGE COLLAPSED.

And a Freight Train Went Through, Killing Three Men.

Des Moines, Ia., Oct. 22.-A freight ain, north bound, crashed through the who left a large estate accumulated Chicago & Great Western bridge over the Platte river, ten miles south of here. Three men were killed. The engine and part of the cars went over safely when the bridge collapsed, and eleven cars in-

cluding the caboose, were precipitated into the river and down an embankment, The dead men are the conductor and two tramps who were stealing a ride.

FRANCE AND RUSSIA. Alliance Between the Two Countries-How Formed.

London, Oct. 22.-The Chronicle upon authority which it believes unquestionable, gives the history of the formation and growth of the Franco-Russian alliance.

"It was opened," says the Chronicle, "by a military convention dated August, 1890, of which General Obrutcheff was the chief author, and which was for defensive purposes. The next important event was the visit to Toulon of the Russian fleet in October, 1893, the statesmen chiefly concerned being M Casimir Perier and M. De Giers. It is simply a military convention, with special relations to the balance of power created by the Austro-German alliance, and lapses on the day the latter alliance comes to an end. It is purely defensive and in no way aggressive, and therefore could not be used for the recovery of Alsace-Lorraine. In fact, it is solely directed against a possible German attack, such as was made by Bismarck in 1875.

"The treaty has been practically put m operation by fresh codicils, dating first with the scare based on the unfounded report that England intended to interfere in Morocco; second with the Chino-Japanese war, and third with the Soudan expedition. In connection with the latter it is believed that France has sent two notes to England with Russia's approval, displaying a desire to recur to the abortive Drummond-Wolf convention of 1887, which proposed the British evacuation of Egypt and the neutralization of the Suez canal, but which came to nothing owing to French opposition."

TRIED TO BURN THE SHIP, Experience of the Crew of a British Ship With a Crazy Cook.

New York, Oct. 21.-If the crew of the four-masted British ship Arracain, steel double-decker, which arrived today from Calcutta, had been permitted to have their way Cook Henry Williams would have been cast overboard in the South Atlantic. The skipper, Captain Brockenshaw, placated his men by put-ing the cook in irons in the hospital, and that is the way he came into port. The cook is a swarthy, black-bearded half-breed, his father having been an Englishman and his mother a native of Trinidad. He got the ill will of the crew by salting their food too much. They complained to the skipper on July The cook said there was a con-The steamer Maud left for the West | spiracy in the forecastle against him cook's mental gear was out of order and put him to work about the deck. August 3 he went among the crew and asked them to forgive him for the

trouble he had caused them, and asked one of the seamen, an Italian, if he preferred to die by drowning or burning. The Italian told his shipmates about the cook's inquiry, and they suspected the cook intended to destroy the ship. The skipper locked him up in the hospital.

At nightfall smoke was seen puffing through the lattice door of the hospital. The mate unlocked the door, opened it a little and as he did so Williams, with a razor in each hand, flung himsel against the door and slashed severa' times at the mate, cutting a slight gash through the rim of his hat, in his muffler and in his vest. The mate slammed the door, and with the help of the men held it against the fierce assaults until he could turn the key. The cook was in a frenzy now and he tried to batter the door down. He finally succumbed to the smoke. The door was opened and he was dragged out unconscious. The steel deck was almost red hot when the crew got to work on the blaze. The members of the crew had a talk and decided to ask the skipper to get rid of the crazy cook, who had recovered consciousness. They said he was a menace to themselves and the ship and he ought to be thrown overboard. The skipper said he had no authority to kill the cook in cold blood, but he would put him in irons and keep him under guard for the rest of the voyage. He did this and there was no more trouble aboard

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Joshua Davies is confined to his home through illness.

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