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The Ex-Queen's Alleged Demands Said to Have Her Prospect

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Diplomatic Contempt for Abrogation Day—The Situation Unaltered— Foreign Labor Coming In. (Copyright 1894, by the United Press.) Honorut, Feb. 3.—(Per steamer Au-tralia)—The diplomatic correspondence re-lating to Abrogation day was read to the advisory council on the 27th. It will note be thad in the state of Foreign Affairs addressed notes asking the various diplomatis who had failed to respond, if they had received the invita-tions to the reception on the 17th. The re-plies of the representatives of Japan and Portugal, Mesre. Aujii Fujii and Chara-arra, are friendly in tone, samestify express-ing regrest that they had failed to respond-and take part in the celebration of the day. The British and French representatives Messre. Woldshouse and Vizzavena, use the doverment stations acknow-ledged and put on record. The Bortish and French representatives disense in any conserved is unaltered -the Government wills' despaced hover beist for there. It is object is gained—that of making the neglected invitations acknow-ledged and put on record. The Bortish and French representatives disarge in the selection of the day. The British and French representatives disarge in the selection of the day. The British and French representatives disarge in the selection of the day. The British and French representatives disarge in the selection of the day. The British and French representatives disarge in the selection of the day. The British and French representatives disarge in the selection of the day. The British and French representatives disarge in the selection of the day. The British and French representatives disarge in the selection of the day. The British and French representative and is now president of the day are selection of a selection of the day are selected on the any new for a form enoling to be gained by ventoring the the day entities a selection of the day are selected on the monario of a selection of the day are selected on the as the day are selected on the assestion on the disarge in the selecting wa

ledged and put on record. An extremely violent sensation was pro-duced in Honolulu among both parties by the disclosures made of the Queen's atti-tude in Minister Willis' despatch No. 3, which was received by late mails here. The desire to " behead " the leaders of the updesire to "behead" the leaders of the up-rising against her was a severe shock to both parties. A similar feeling was produced by her insisting on December 16 on deporting the children of her enemies. The royalists are united in expressing condemnation of such extreme views and strong regret and disappointment that she should have thus responded to President Cleveland's request for elemency. for elemency. The Star at once denounced the Royalists as "Dyaks" and "head hunters." The latter retorted on the annexationists various

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Minister Damon said this morning: "I am somewhat radical, and favor having the voice of the people fully felt in the govern-ment. But I do not want to be making any change just now, until we know in what relation the United States will be prepared to stard with we " latter retorted on the annexationists varions vindictive and violent expressions alleged to have been made by them, especially the alleged conspiracy last July to assassinate the Queen, Spreckels and Blount. The leading men of both parties seem to be agreed that the extreme views officially ex-pressed by the Queen to Mr. Willis do not at all reflect the sentiments of either her native or foreign adherents. It is quite cer-tain that their publication has made her ex-tremely unpopular among her own party. The pure Hawaiians expecially have a to stand with us."

WINNIPEG, Feb. 10.-(Special)-At Grenfell, this morning, the jury in the murder trial announced that they had come to a decision, which was "guilty of murder." The prisoners stated through the Italian interpreter that they were innocent. Counsel

terpreter that they were innocent. Counsel asked leave to apply for a new trial, as the verdict was against the weight of evidence. The judge said that he did not see how the jury could come to any other de-cision. He then said : "Antonio Luciano and Antonio Degidio, you have been found guilty of the horrible crime of murder, and it now devolves on me to pass the terrible sentence of the law upon you. I cannot hold out any hope to you and advise you to make your peace with God." He then pro-nounced the death sentence, fixing May 10 as the date of execution. Luciano, on hear-ing his sentence, fell on his face in a dead faint. Degidio kept arigid face through out, though looking very pale. Both were charged with the murder of a fellow coun-tryman last June. A still further sensation of a different sort was produced by the lists shown to Mr. Willis by ex-Marshal Wilson of the persons selected to advise and assist in carrying out

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(Copyright to the United Press, 1894.) DUNCAN, Feb. 9.-(Special)-A large and LONDON, Feb. 10.-There are many signs influential meeting of the residents in that the country is on the eve of a grave Cowichan district was held on Tuesday last

constitutional crisis. The question of in the Agricultural hall at Duncan, to take abolishing the House of Lords has become into consideration the improvements reacute and it now depends upon the action quired to be made on the Cowichan river of the cabinet meeting to be held on Tues- for the purpose of running timber and to day whether or not the continuance of the prevent the damage done by the water to Upper House shall be discussed as the first the agricultural lands through which it plank of the National Liberal Federation's flows, also to devise a scheme by which the platform. Mr. Gladstone is unwilling to necessary funds can be obtained to carry on lead a campaign against the Peers, yet he the work. The meeting was called to order may be forced to it by a combination of Ministers, insisting upon the necessity of the issue. There is not a doubt that the cabinet favor summary modes of DEALING WITH THE LORDS.

Crisis in India.

the following resolution, which was carried unanimously: "Whereas a vast area of timber land which is estimated to contain at least 2,600,-000,000 feet of merchantable timber is situ-ated in the vicinity of the Cowiohan river, its tributaries and Cowichan lake; "And whereas in order to render the said timber available for mercantile purposes it is necessary it should be converted into saw logs and transported to points conveniently situated for the purpose of preparing and shipping lumber; "And whereas the only means for so transporting the said saw-logs is by floating them down the Cowichan river; "And whereas the expenditure necessary is DEALING WITH THE LORDS. Rt. Hon. Campbell-Bannerman, Secretary of State for War, said in a speech last even-ing at Newcastle that the question was whether a free self governing community or a body of irresponsible hereditary peers ought to prevail. Professor Bryce, Chan-cellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, said to a meeting in Liverpool : "If the House of Lords will force the conflict, we must clear away the bar on which so many vessels freighted with useful legislation have been wrecked."

freighted with useful legislation have been wrecked." Sir Charles Russell, Attorney-General, in addressing the Liberals at Wisebeach, said : "The question now is whether the Lords, sitting by accident of birth, can be allowed to mangle an act passed by the chosen representatives of the people." These extracts from the speeches of the most conspicuous Liberals show which way the wind blows. Instead of Home Rule, the abolition of the House of Lords is taking first place among the questions of the day.

the sholition of the House of Lords is taking first place among the questions of the day. The peers themselves, judged from their un-usually industrious attendance on their Par-liamentary sittings, seem to have the con-sciousness that their situation is precarious. On all votes they now turn out two hundred strong against the Government. The pro-gramme that finds much favor among the Radicals just now is that the Ministers bluntly refuse to accept the Peers' smend-ments to either the Parish Councils or Em-ployer's Liabilities bills and introduce a bill to reform the Upper House by abolishing the system of hereditary legislators. On the strength of this action the Radicals say the Cabinet should then

APPEAL TO THE COUNTRY.

APPEAL TO THE COUNTRY. One obstacle to this course is Mr. Glad-stone's invincible attachment to the heredi-tary Upper House, another is the Premier's strong desire to see the Home Rule bill kept in the foreground of Liberal legislation. Despite his influence, however, the time is ripening for the abolition of the Upper House in its present form. If the wire-pullers of the National Liberal Federation have a free hand, the agitation against the have a free hand, the agitation against the House of Lords will become the leading

will run a weekly line of steamers between Liverpool and Montreat this summer: Five steamers will be put on. The Schadia Com-pany will also run a weekly line between Norway and Montreal and Quebec, in con-junction with the Hansa line. The dry goods store of Peter Wright, on Notre Dame street, was robbed of goods to the value of nearly \$500 Elzear Lacasse, a former clerk, has been arrested on sus-picion. an Important Interest-Resolutions Adopted.

Jean Baptiste Gray, prominent in musical circles here, was choked to death while eat-ing his dinner. CABLE NEWS.

PARIS, Feb. 8.-The Colonna case was called in court to-day. Counsel for the a suicide has been found in Lake Winnipeg. prince addressed the court, expressing the His clothes were marked G. W. The prince addressed the court, expressing the belief that the princess had taken passage abroad, and asserted that she had thus acted in order to avoid compliance with the order of the court. He urged that the court therefore restore the father as guardian of the children. Judgment will be given on Thursday, when it is expected the court will decide in favor of the prince. PARIS, Feb. 7.-Le Temps says that the

Governor of French West Africa took possession of Half-Cavally, on the Liberian

assion of Haif-Cavally, on the Liberian frontier, only in response to the inhabitants' appeal for protection from Liberia's ill-treatment. The delimitation treaty of 1892 is still unsigned, and therefore was not re-garded as hampering French action. Liberia has now consented to sign the treaty, and the French forces will be withdrawn from the frontier.

LONDON, Feb. 8 .- The Daily News says this morning : The silver and rupee markets have been thrown into a state of conkets have been thrown into a state of con-sternation. Hereafter there will be no ap-parent limit in the decline of exchange. Nevertheless, while a farther fall is admitted to be probable there is a disposition in well-informed quar-ters to take a calmer view of the future course of exchange. Moreover, the spot supplies for silver are very small and there are indications in America and elsewhere of a reduction of the output.

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them down the Cowichan river; "And whereas the expenditure necessary to cut and flost the said logs will amount to at least \$3 per thousand feet board measure, a total of \$7,800,000; "And whereas a large revenue will yearly accrue to the public on account of timber dues and stumpage tax, which must be paid in connection with the manufacture of the said timber into lumber; "And whereas the said Cowichan river in its present condition is unsuited for float. LONDON, Feb. 8. — A Pernambuco despatch says the torpedo boat Destroyer and five others belonging to Peixoto have left Per-nambuco for the south. A deputation of shipowners and others visited the foreign office to day and protested against the gov. "And whereas the said Cowichan river in its present condition is unsuited for float-ing logs as aforesaid, and cannot be used for that purpose except with great risk and damage to private property situated along its banks; "And whereas the estimated cost of such shipowners and others visited the foreign office to-day and protested against the gov-ernment's neglect of British shipping inter-ests at Rio. They declared that the spir-ited action of Admiral Benham, of the Am-erican fleet, had been the means of freeing American fleet, had been the means of freeing

And whereas the estimated cost of shore works as are necessary to properly confine the channel of the said river and to make it floatable for saw-logs, as aforesaid, is so large that private individuals cannot be ex-American heet, had been the means of freeing American ships from restrictions. The deputation was told that the complaint would be laid before Lord Rosebery, foreign minister. PARIS, Feb. 9 -La Patrie has published

large that private individuals cannot be ex-pected to undertake the same without Gov-ernment aid ; "And whereas owing to the changes that have recently taken place in the channel of the said river, it is imperatively necessary that the work of confining and straightening the same should be immediately proceeded with and prosecuted on an extensive scale, and in accordance with a well-defined plan ; "Therefore, be it resolved, that in the opinion of this meeting, the improvement of the said river in the manner herein-before referred to is so much a matter of great and pressing public importance, that the attention of the Pro-vincial Government should be immediately directed thereto, with a view of granting an interview between one of its correspondents and Rt. Hon, Mr. Gladstone, who is spending part of the British House of Comspending part of the British House of Com-mons recess at Biarritz, on the Bay of Bis-cay. According to the correspondent, Mr. Gladstone stated that he had no intention of resigning office. He had decided to fight the House of Lords to the bitter end, and was ready to show that the future belongs to the Democracy. Mr. Gladstone, the corres-pondent adds, declared that there was no discord in his cabinet.

PARIS, Feb. 9.-At a cabinet council held

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

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Steamer for the Upper Fraser-Foreigners and the Vancouver Relief Works.

Bank Manager Appointed-Capture of Thieves-One of the "Estelle" Victims.

(Special to the COLONIST.) VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Feb. 9.-The Rat Portage police telegraphed to-day : "The body of police report said he used to work on Vanconver papers. The Vancouver World has volunteered the information that the sui-cide was named Ward, that he was a pasthe was named Ward, that he was a pas-senger on the pioneer steamer Miowera from Australia, and worked for three weeks on the World as a reporter. He left on the 24th September without drawing his salary, and was a man of rare education and abilities.

ties. H. Johnson, plumber, has left hurriedly; he owed a number of small debts. Scavenger Wolf is once more charged with resisting a bailiff. This time he is under arrest for using a pitchfork on Bailiff Under arrest for using a pitchfork on Ballin Hopkirk. The police have reported the theft of a large number of dogs lately. There have been quantities of an inferior grade of sausage thrown on the market

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a lately. The joint Westminster and Vancouver bands are to give bi-weekly concerts. The ship British General from Samarang brings news that when in 4 lat., 4 degrees north longitude she was boarded by natives who reported that a large ship was wrecked there twenty moons ago, and all on board drowned. The wrecked ship is thought to be either the Moryshire or Blairathole.

VANCOUVER, Feb. 10.-Spalding & Vandewater, gents' furnishings, have a card in their window, "Locked up; business suspended."

pended." Governor Moresby and Indian Agent Devlin are in the city investigating the re-ported sale of Indian girls to white men. William Murray, acting manager of the Bank of British Columbia here, has been

Bank of British Columbia here, has been appointed manager. From Black to White. The Brighton hotel at Hastings has changed hands, Mr. George Black retiring and Mrs. White taking over the premises. Among the 150 who applied for work yes-terday

Among the 150 who applied for work yes-terday were a number of Italians and Japanese. The white men are very indig-nant over the city listening to the appeals of foreigners before they are all satisfied. Fifty have already been put to work. The funeral of C. T. Perry took place this afternoon under the direction of the Masonic fraternity and the I. O. F. It was very large and very imposing as the deceased

large and very imposing as the deceased was in life widely known and generally respected.

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NEW WESTMINSTER, Feb. 9.-Twenty Scott road farmers turned out on Wednes-

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WINNIPEG WIBINGS. The Grenfell Murder Case Verdict and Death Sentence-Political-Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F.

tremely unpopular among her own party. The pure Hawaiians, especially, have a strong dislike of sanguinary proceedings and are deeply displeased with the Queen for insisting on such a thing. In an interview a very intelligent royalist said that these utterances of the Queen had put her restora-tion out of the question. He believed that a compromise might be hoped for on Kaiu-lani. On the other hand the anger caused by the Queen's language has intensified the thoroughly bitter opposition to the restora-tion of the monarchy in any shape. A still further sensation of a different sort

secured." Minister Damon said this morning :

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v., Feb. 9.-On umberland County, men entered the n, who does not be-after gagging the compel him to tell idden. They fired choked him, burned d finally stuck hi ing them till they They finally conwhere the money \$1,800 and then ton's horses. Clay

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which are addressed not to the existing Gov-ernment, but to Queen Liliuokalani. He had been waiting for a long time in Paris, on as a salary, for the Government to change its name, and left for Honolulu at once upon the receipt, by the French Foreign Office, of an official telegram from Washington announcing that the Queen had been restored

Mr. Verley has now to wait for credentials treaty, says that the German people will to the Provisional Government. He says: "I find here only what you call a Provisional Government. It is nothing." He had evi-dently neglected, on his way across the con-tinent, to read the news from Honolulu. not allow themselves to be intimidated by Russian insolence. It adds that if Russia wants to gain the treaty by force of arms she can venture at her own risk. The Ger-man nation will not be dictated to by Slav-

On the 3rd inst., at 11 s.m., as H. M. Castle, editor of the Advertiser, arrived at

man nation will not be distated to by Slav-ish arrogance. In commenting on the possible conse-quences for Germany of rejecting the Rus-sian treaty, the Germania, Roman Catholic organ, says: "The present position is not one of which Germany can be proud. If the nation be obliged to adopt treaties for fear of a neighbor's anger, what becomes of one Neumann demanded of him an apology for his editorial utterances. On Castle re-fusing, Neumann struck him on the mouth before he was clear of his wheel. Castle made for him, but was seized from behind by W. H. Cornwell, while Neumann got in several blows on his head with a cane before he could throw Cornwell off, all the time calling them cowards. Castle was but slightly injured and does not prosecute. Cornwell professed to be trying to separate

nation be obliged to adopt treaties for fear of a neighbor's anger, what becomes of our boast that Germans fear God, but nobody else in the world? We protest against the pressure exercised upon the Reichstag by the threats of war." The Munich Allgemeine Zeitung, irrecon-cileable Bismarckisn, says: "No more mistaken means could have been found than to place the Reichstag under pressure of Russian war threats. All parties, even the friends of the treaty, ought to join in a pro-test against this course. What purpose does the triple alliance serve, if the rejection of the treaty will expose Europe to the chance and fate of battle?" The Hamburger Nachrichten, Prince Bis-The offensive editorial was as follows: "There is trouble in the royalist camp. Chief law adviser Neumann is up in arms against that pillar of the state and left-hand against that pillar of the state and left-hand man of Mrs. Dominis, ex-Marshal Silson. There is an issue of veracity between the two gentlemen, and outsiders are at loss which to believe. It is such a strange and confusing thing to have to believe either of them that judgment lies down quite helpless. It is no wonder that Neumann does not like the way in which Wilson has drawn him into complicity with the barbarous schemes of the ex-Queen. Paul just now claims to be an annexationist, and as such is in duty bound to look askance at the charge. Wilson does not believe, how-

The Hamburger Nachrichten, Prince Bismarck's organ, says : "If we ever mentione

the Czar's wishes as arguments for the adop-tion of any measures, we were taunted with oringing before Russia. In the present case an attempt has been made to intimidate the

Reichstag." The Freisinnige Zeitung, edited by Eugene Richter, the Radical leader, says that Emperor William spoke thus to Herr yon Levitzow at Chancellor yon Caprivi's dinner party: "I am far from desiring to influence anybody's convictions in this mat-ter, but just consider how the Czar would look upon the rejection of the treaty." the charge. Wilson does not believe, however, that the feud will last. Within a week Paul will have persuaded Charlie that this is merely a case of the countercheck quarrelsome and not the lie. The affair is part of the chapter of irritations produced by Willis' awkward disclosures. Neumann

Arrelaome and not arrelation arrelation arrelation at the chapter of irritation of the contrary to his usual genial temper. Theophilus Davies is pointing out that the only safe course is to get back under the constitution of 1857. Nowhere else can ground or stability be found. That, of course, is the return to the menaroby and means Kaiulani. Davies gives up the Queen. He shudders at her words about beheading, but insists that it is not worse than the treachery of giving sway the country without the consent of the mar. Treasems to have been reliably ascertained to the asemistic the Portuguese who emitted the portuguese port

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I.O.O.F. worth of silver in its coinage. The India Government are at their wits' end to devise a way of meeting the crisis. The Anglo Indian banks will decide the developmen

RUSSO-GERMAN TREATY. BERLIN, Feb. 9.-The Kier Zeitung, in an

of the immediate future. The Statist says : Indian importing house are in difficulties. The fall of rupee paper article on the Russian-German commercia compels very large sales. Although for a generation India has enjoyed immunity from the panics which gold countries have suffered from time to time, there now comes rumors of a collapse. The India Council, ought to announce immediately that bills will not be pressed upon the market, as well as reverse the whole policy of stopping the mintage of silver.

ADMIRALTY PLANS STOLEN.

The Admiralty Lords have been throw into a state of consternation by the theft of the machinery plans of the new torpedo de-stroyers of the Haveck type. The Govern-ment ordered a fleet of forty-two of the Haveoks and sent the plans to a private Haveoks and sent the plans to a private firm on the Clyde. The papers were stolen en route. The postal officials who must have handled them have disappeared. This week's Field says: American yachts-

This week's Field says: American yachts-men will be disappointed to hear that the Valkyrie will not race in American waters next season. It was expected that the Vigilant and Colona would be fitted out to meet the Valkyrie, but it has been definitely decided that neither will race with her. It would be very interesting to see the Ameri-can cup races over again, the Valkyrie hav-ing more canvas; but' Lord Dunraven is right in not wisning to sail his yacht against inferior craft. nferior craft.

BUSSO-GERMAN TREATY.

The commercial treaty between Germany and Russia was finally signed to-day. The North German Gazette, in announcing the fact, proceeds to comment on a life imply-ing that the treaty is an offensive and de-forme allience. In ministenial inclusion fense alliance. In ministerial circles the treaty is taken for what it is worth; that it assists to prevent but does not deter war. Trade and commercial circles hail it as an undoubted success.

MEDINA, Ohio, Feb. 9.-Sensational disclosures were made to-day in connection with the failure of the Seville exchange bank, which filed a deed of assignment on Wednesday. B. G. Miller was nominated as assignee, and to day the sheriff made a levy and could find assets amounting to only \$69. The deposits amounted to \$500,-000, and \$2,500 tax collections had just been deposited by the county treasurer. This latter amount, however, has been made good by a relative of Cashier Wideman, by whom the bank was owned.

tives." It seems to have been reliably ascertained that over 1,000 of the Portuguese who emi-grated hance to California are now anxious to return to Hawaii and engage again in labor upon the sugar plantations. The planters and the Government heartily wel-come the prospect of securing the services for a struck on a rock in the fog and was wrecked. The crew were saved.

Provincial Legislature referring the matter to the Dominion Government, the public fail to see the utility of the same as in the case of the Province of Ontario v. the Do case of the Province of Ontario v. the Do-minion of Canada, re Caldwell v. McLaren, it was decided by the Privy Council that the Provincial Governments have the entire control of the rivers and streams in their respective Provinces; but if in this we are not correct, we shall be grateful for further information

information. Mr. A. G. Hughett then addressed the

Mr. A. G. Hughett then addressed the meeting; he stated that since the com-mencement of the logging business on this river there had been obstacles continuously thrown in their way by the Dominion Govthrown in their way by the Dominion Gov-ernment; that injunctions were placed on the running of logs, thereby preventing the fulfilling of contracts and entirely orippling the lumber industry and making it impossi-ble to obtain money to carry on the lumber trade or make improvements in the river, and that capitalists, on being approached, reply that while opposed and hampered by the sotion of the Government they will not invest their money.

the action of the Government they will not invest their money. It was then moved by Mr. W. H. Lomas, seconded by Mr. J. A. Wood, that the sec-retary send copies of the resolution just passed to the local members, the Boards of Trade at Nanaimo and Victoria, and to the press, and that they be requested to take up the subject of the river improvements on the plan proposed as being a matter of importance to the mercantile interests of Vancouver Island generally.

CHEMAINUS RIVER.

CHEMAINUS RIVER. After a short intermission, the chair was taken by Capt. Barclay, R.N., who called the attention of the meeting to the great damage now going on to the roads, bridges and farms adjacent to the Chemainus river, and it was then resolved. "That this meeting direct the attention of the Provincial Government to the damage done by the formation of log jams near the mouth of the Chemainus river, by which the stream is diverted from its natural channel and overflows the adjacent farms, so that large quantities of valuable lands are annu-ally washed away, and the roads and bridges

large quantities of valuable lands are annu-ally washed away, and the roads and bridges in the violity weakened and made impassa-ble, and request that a small appropriation be made for the purpose of clearing out the channel of the river by removing the said channet of the river by removing the said log-jams during the current year, and fur-ther, to appropriate a small sum annually to keep the river open." After passing a vote of thanks to the ohairman the meeting then adjourned.

MONTREAL MATTERS.

MONTREAL, Feb. 9.- (Special) - The Do-minion Ayrshire Breeders' Association has elected as presidents for Manitoba are George Stubb, of Glenboro; for the Northwest Territories, Claude H. Manvers, of Mooso-min; for British Columbia, C. Wells, of Chilliwack. The Johnston Company, of Liverpool,

LONDON, Feb. 8.-The Allan liner Corean

which put back last week after a storm, and

was pumped out at Kilrush, in order to satisfy her passengers was examined by a Board of Trade inspector, and being pro-nounced fit sailed for her destination.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 9.—A Kishenevo dispatch says: Col. Gregorieff has been sentenced to death by the military tribunal here. He was convicted of being an Austrian spy.

BERLIN, Feb. 9.-The Emperor to-day celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his entrance into the army. He made a brief address to the First Regiment of Footguards, in which he held his first com-

Rome, Feb. 8.-Mr. R. M. Ballantyne the celebrated writer of stories of adventure died here to-day. LONDON, Feb. 9.-The German steame

Adolph Woermann has been wrecked at Nifu, Liberia. Everybody on board reached the land safely. Her cargo is lost. She sailed from Hamburg on January 11 for African ports.

QUABANTINE, Feb. 9.-It was thought possible that the Princess Colonna, Mrs. John W. Mackay's daughter, might John W. Mackay's daughter, might be among the passengers on the steamer Trave, which arrived to-night from Bremen via Southampton. The name of the Princess, however, does not ap-pear on the passenger list, and the officers of the steamer, when questioned, said the Princess had not taken passage on the vessel.

LONDON, Feb. 9 -The Rt. Hon. Arthur J. Baltour, Conservative leader in the House of Commons, has sent a circular let-ter to the Conservative members of the House, calling upon them in urgent terms to be present on the re-assembling of the House on Monday, as matters of the highest moment will then be discussed.

the House, calling upon them in urgent terms to be present on the re-assembling of the House on Monday, as matters of the highest moment will then be discussed. LONDON, Feb. 10.—Rt. Hon. and Mrs. Gladstone have returned from their visit to Biarritz. They arrived at Charing Cross station at 6:15 o'clock this evening. The news of their coming had spread and an enormous crowd gathered at the sta-tion to welcome the Prime Minis-ter. When he appeared he was great-ed with hearty obsers by the crowd. Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone were met inside the station by Sir Algernon West and a number of private friends. A carriage was in wait-ing, and Mr. Gladstone and his wife were at once driven to the official residence of the Prime Minister in Downing street. LONDON, Feb. 10.—Anarchists posted re-

LONDON, Feb. 10.-Anarchists posted reolutionary placards on the walls throughout the city this morning. A young man was arrested in the act of putting up a placerd, but none of the other offenders were caught. The police tore down the placerd before morning.

had his head split open in a swamp row last night. A half-breed Mexican hit him with a bottle. The Y.M.C.A. has formed a ladies' gym-

The Y.M.C.A. has formed a ladies' gym-nastic class with thirty young pupils. Captain Cooper intends trying the feat of taking his steamer, the Courser, up the Fraser to Lillocet to ply between Lytton and Lillocet. Steamboatmen say he can never get her through the Yale canyon, and that the feat is impossible. The bridge deputation returned from the capital to-day. They do not say much as to their success, but appear to be well satis-fied with the prospects ahead.

NANAIMO.

NANIMO, Feb. 9 .- The post office improvements are well under way, and should

be completed by the end of the month. NANAIMO, Feb. 10.-Rev. J. W. Mc-

Millan, of Vancouver, preaches the dedi-catory sermon at St. Andrew's to-morrow evening

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Amounted to close on \$70,000, and the pros-pects are in favor of this month being equally good. W. H. S. Perkins has given up the dry goods business and started anction and com-mission sale rooms. W. Dufour, formerly of Toronto, is associated with him. Dr. Onequi, a "life reader," who has been carrying on a lucrative business here for the past few days, was exposed at a select meeting last evening. The "doctor" had promised to make certain revelations and failed utterly. This morning Chief McKinnon effected a clever capture of two thieves on the south bound train, a little below Chemainus, where they got on. Yesterday a quantity of jewelly and cash were stolen from the Grand hotel. Two men, who arrived the previcus evening from Vancouver and stayed the night at the hotel, leaving early yesterday morning, were suspected. Last

C.O.F. Robert Wilson, second engineer of the Estelle, was not a Victorian, but a native of this city aged 26. He was the son of Ed-ward Wilson, now of Wellington, New Zealand, and leaves a wife and one child in England.

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