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Hundreds of Montenegrin Peasants Frozen to Death.

More Trouble Looms Up in the Transvaal.

British Residents Shot by the Boer Police-The Spanish Premier a Very Sick Man-The Pope's View of the

London, Dec. 24.-The Vienna correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says: Several hundred Montenegrin peasants, who were recently overtaken by a snowstorm in the Lara Pass were frozen to death. The expedition sent to their rescue found the snowdrifts so heavy that it was impossible to save them.

A NEW ROW.

A dispatch says a new row is brewing for President Kruger, because of alleged outrages on British residents in the Transvaal. In the recent disturbance the police opened fire and shot an Englishman named Edgar. No errorts to punish the police who did the shooting have been made, and a number of Uddanders have organized to push the case. A similar reform committee was formed before the time of the Jameson raid.

THE BARON'S BURIAL.

The funeral services over Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild, who died at his country seat, Waddesdon Manor, Aylesbury, last Saturday, was held in the Portland Street Synagogue, in London. The burial took place privately on Thursday, in the family vault of the cemetery at Westham. The floral offerings included a wreath from the Prince and Princess of Wales. The London 'bussmen, who were always remembered by the baron at Christmas time with presents of turkeys, appeared today wearing the Rothschild racing colors of blue and orange, bound

DANGEROUS EXPERIMENT. A bicycle drawn by a paper kite has just been manipulated with a certain amount of success by an enthusiastic wheelman, who lives near the Roman road, in Yorkshire. The kite, a very large and powerful one, was put up when a strong wind was blowing aimost straight along the road, and the bicycle was then connected with the loose end of the tow rope by means of a hook on a swivel. For nearly a dozen miles the machine was drawn at a terrific speed along the smooth and fairly level road; then, suddenly, it swerved or was pulled completely over, British Cabinet and People Favor the the rider, of course, sustaining a terrible fall. When picked up, about 15 minutes later the man was still insensible. He then quickly recovered consciousness, however, and in common with most enthusiasts, immediately declared that, far from being hurt, he would repeat the attempt on the foilowing morning.

HOW HE GOT HIS CROSS. It turns out that Lieutenant de Montmorency got his Victoria Cross not only for rescuing the body of comrade, Grenfell, in the charge of the Twenty-first Lancers, but battle into the enemy's lines disguised as an Arab hawker, and finding out all their plans. He went despite Lord Kitchener's warning that "you take your life in your hands." That day his charger was shot under him, and he went into action and into the charge of the Twenty-first Lancers mounted on a polo pony.

THE POPE PESSIMISTIC.

Rome, Dec. 24.—The pope, at the reception of the Christmas greetings of the cardinals and other prelates, appeared to be in excellent health. Replying to their congratulations, he referred to the sinister events of 1898, and said it was high time the governments of Europe united to stop "unheard-of outrages and savage exterminations." But the pontiff added: "That could not be expected until the fear of God, the basis of all morality, shall be revived in the conscience of the people and become the guiding principle of the organization of states." In regard to the present position of the church in Italy, the pope pointed out that the symptoms were not reassuring for the new year. He added that the conditions imposed upon the head of the church, in violation of his dignitary rights, "were not enough, for now it was sought to cast odium upon the press which openly espoused the defense of his interests and the interest of religion and morality." Continuing, the pontiff remarked: "Further rigors threaten the clergy, although they are the class furthest removed from seditious designs. The obedience of the clergy to the holy see, whose rights they defended and whose intentions they seconded, is now being construed as a political offense. Nevertheless, I am imbued with the sense of their high mission and duty. They clergy will not yield, either to flatteries or menaces, and their firmness is finding response in numerous laymen deeply imbued with the love for the papacy. It is thus by the co-operation of the clergy and laity that the salvation of coming generations is assured.'

THE CLAYTON-BULWER TREATY. The question of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty is freely discussed in the London morning papers. The Daily News and Daily Chronicle publish editorials, asserting that Lord Salisbury "ought to get some concession in return for consenting to abrogation." Chronicle points out that the canal would make the United States a great naval power in the far east, increase America's naval strength in the Atlantic, and alter to England's disadvantage the carrying trade to the far

A SOLEMN FUNCTION.

The life sentence passed upon Luccheni, the assassin of the Empress of Austria, is not the last act in the tragedy. A final and solemn function is yet to be performed. In the presence of the Austrian envoy at Geneva and his consular officials, the file with which the empress was murdered, as well as the surgical instruments used in the post-mortem examination, will shortly be destroyed with the greatest care, so that not a particle of them remains. This is not only to prevent them from falling into the hands of curiositymongers, but also because of a superstition among reigning houses that the existence of such implements is fraught with peril to descendants.

TEMPESTUOUS TIMES.

passengers owing to the heavy sea STARTLING STATEMENT.

Mr. Courtney, M.P., speaking as president of the Royal Statistical Society, on the Congo Free State, made a somewhat startling statement as to the collection of tribute from the natives by the Belgians. If the revenue brought in was considered insufficient raids were made, and, incidental to the raids, captures were effected of men, women and children. The extent to which the evil could run might be illustrated by the example of one Captain Rom, in command of a district, who orna-mented his flower-beds by marking out its border with the heads of wenty-one natives who have been killed in an expedition organized to punish a village which had revenged the state soldiery by killing and eating two of its tormentors.

A LIE. Concerning the Paris Matin's assertion that London capitalists have placed large sums at the disposal Don Carlos, Sir Samuel Montague, who is Spain's banker in England, declares that the statement is an absolute can-Sir Samuel says he has recently ard. made special inquiries, and has been unable to find the slightest idea or anybody having advanced money to the Carlists.

SPAIN'S PREMIER VERY ILL. Madrid, Dec. 24.-The condition of Premier Sagasta now causes great anxiety. Six physicians were in consultation yesterday regarding his case, and concurred that he is suffering from bronchial pneumonia, with high temperature and an unfavorable absence of expectoration. The newspapers express great sympathy.

There is no doubt that Sagasta's illness is aggravated by the strain of recent events. The queen regent, twice during the day, telephoned inquiring as to his condition, and this evening sent her own physician to attend him. The list of callers at the premier's residence includes all the foreign diplomats and a host of other distinguished persons.

KAISER AND HIS CABINET. London, Dec. 24.-The Berlin correspondent of the Standard says: "Despite the official announcement that that lake risks are very unpopular in Emperor William started for Postdam at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, it is asserted that he appeared suddenly at that hour at a meeting of the Prussian cabinet, which was being held at the residence of Dr. Von Miquel, Prussian Minister of Finance, and remained until after 7 o'clock."

The Clayton-Bulwer Agreement Likely To Be Canceled.

Proposition-Postal Card Campaign -A Bad Man Gone.

CLAYTON-BULWER TREATY. London, Dec. 23.—There seems to be

little doubt that Great Britain will agree to abrogate the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. The temper of the cabinet and the United States has yet been reach- preventing wrecks. Great Britain desires that the Nicaragua Canal be constructed, and is willing that the United States should control it if the United States will guarantee its neutrality and safeguard British interests. The reports from Washington that

the British ambassador there, Sir Julian Pauncefote, has been instructed to negotiate the abrogation of the treaty are incorrect, though it is likely he will soon receive instructions to that ef-

The impression here is that the British foreign office and the United States charge d'affaires, Mr. Henry White, incidental to his visits to cabinet ministers, will arrange the basis of action. Mr. White spent part of the week with the Marquis of Salisbury at Hat-field House, and he goes today with his family to spend Christmas at Chatworth House, Derbyshire, the country seat of the duke, who is lord president of the council. There Mr. White will meet Lord George Hamilton, the secretary of State for India, Anglo-American questions will naturally be discussed. As a result of the visit of Mr. Henry White, American charge d'affaires to Lord Salisbury, several important dispatches have been exchanged to and fro

with Washington. POSTAL CARD CAMPAIGN. Rome, Dec. 23.—A unique postal card campaign on behalf of the Italian political prisoners is soon to be inaugurated here. Forty thousand postal cards will

be mailed simultaneously to the king petitioning him for the release of the prisoners.

A BAD MAN GONE. Constantinople, Dec. 23.—Ghani Bey, the sultan's aide-de-camp, was murder-ed yesterday by Hafuz Pacha in a quarrel, which took place in a pastry cook's place. Ghani became notorious owing to his lawless proceedings in Epirus. He also inspired terror here by extorting money under threats of death. The officials of the foreign embassies have frequently demanded the punishment of Ghani Bey, but always unsuccessfully.

NEVER SLEPT

Went to Theaters and Billiard-Halls To Get Cat Naps.

Kenosha, Wis., Dec. 24.-Millionaire Edward Bain, president of the Bain Wagon Company, whose death was lately announced, was familiarly known as "the man who never elept." For the last 16 years he did not sleep an hour in his bed. Constant devotion to business was the cause of his sleeplessness. He was known to remain in his factory up to 16 years ago as late as 4 and 5 o'clock in the morning, and when he would seek rest he found it impossible to sleep. At that time he practically relieved himself of business

For the greater part of the last ten years it was his custom to take daily trips to Chicago to pass the time away street car riding. At night the was always to be found either at a theater or billiard hall, which were the only places where he was able to get a short nap, the music of the theaters and the clicking of the billiard balls alone luliing him to sleep.

Queenstown, Dec. 24.—The steamer Umbria. New York, for Liverpool, arrived off this harbor at 2:25 this morning, but was unable to land the Irish Very choicest Perfumes and Fancy

Fifty-Eight Vessels Destroyed From Various Causes.

Loss Is Estimated To Be Over \$3,000, 000-Worst Season Ever Known

Chicago, Dec. 24.-Marine losses during the season of 1898 were materially tself on the robbery and violence of greater than during any previous season on the lakes. Up to the middle of July insurance men were congratulat-ing themselves that they were doing very well. The losses had been few and there was a large margin of premiums to cover the latter half of the season. Along in September the trouble began, and it never ceased until the last boat was in port yesterday. The trouble was not confined to any one cause of disaster. Fire contributed an unusual number of big losses, but strandings were pre-eminent. The collision item was very much smaller than in previous years.

ENORMOUS TOTAL.

As to the grand total of losses from all causes, no two underwriters will make an estimate within \$500,000 of one another. One insurance man, whose firm has kept as accurate a list as possible, claims that the total is not far from \$3,100,000. The members of the syndicate which has done most of the business are not telling what their losses are. A general average of statements made by people who are in touch with the business places the aggregate loss at about \$2,600,000. Vesselmen, who are fearful of high rates next season, protest that these figures are too high, and claim that the insurance companies have not lost any large sums of money the past season. Who is right will not be clear until it is seen what companies are in the field for business next spring, and what rates they offer. Just now it is said England. One broker, who attempted to place a large fleet, found that the Lake Superior strandings had advanced lake rates on London Lloyds 1 per cent. However, the entire insurance proposition is so mixed up that no one, not even the members of the syndicates, know what they are to do.

LAKE MICHIGAN STORMS.

In a list of 569 losses, the causes asgned were as follows; Ashore, 123; aground, in protected channels, 126; fire, 40; collisions, 90; ice, 16; stormbeaten, 96; foundered, 8; miscellaneous causes, 116. Lake Michlgan has been the scene of the greatest number of serious losses, with Lake Superior as second. Lake Huron was remarkably free from disasters, and Lake Erie also did not contribute its usual quota. In fact, Lake Ontario produced a larger number of serious losses than Lake Erie, notwithstanding the limited traffic on the former.

Last winter, a wrecker complained that the government had established barbed wire courses through the lakes, and that captains could not longer get into trouble. He felt an injury had been done him in thus ruining his business. The same wrecker the past fall has had his hands full, with three or four ships at a time calling upon him for assistance. All of which goes to public opinion points to such action. continuous gales, government aids to show that when winds are blowing though no definite understanding with navigation do not count for much in

> LIST OF LOSSES. The number of boats which have passed out of existence is 58. Their aggregate tonnage was 29,194 tons.

THE HOME OF THE COMBINE

Trusts Running Everything in the Neighboring Republic.

New York, Dec. 24. - Three rival associations of canners are to trust meet in Detroit in February, with the object of forming a gigantic trust. They are the Atlantic States' Canners' Association, the Western Canned Goods Packers' Association and the Canners' Machinery and Supply Association.

The corset manufacturers of the country are also forming a trust. The formation of the spool silk trust has taken the trade by the ears. It includes the biggest manufacturers, who control the market.

The Independent Straw Board trust is about ready to complete its organization in Chicago.
Out in Seattle will be the headquarters of the new cedar shingle trust, in which all the Washington manufacturers have combined.

The flint bottle manufacturers are now in session at Pittsburg, Pa., and 27 firms are about to enter the combination All the lead companies in Missouri

are being consolidated, and one large corporation will be organized. A member of the pottery combine at East Liverpool, O., says that by Saturday not more than six general ware potteries will be outside the combine. It is announced that the consolidation of all the local gas light and heating companies of Pittsburg, Pa., has been successfully accomplished. combination was managed by Brown Bros., bankers, of New York. The capital invested is \$26,000,000.

OPIUM SHIPPED

Female Sleuth Says Monroe, Mich., Is a Rendezvous for Smugglers.

A female detective has caused a small ripple of excitement in the Maumee City by the startling announcement that she has discovered a gang of opium smugglers that, so she declares, have been working through some small towns along the Detroit River. The story is given for all it is worth in the following special dispatch to the De-

troit Free Press from Toledo: Mrs. Eva McNeal, who has been working for some time on a case in this city, for a New York firm, today informed the United States marshal that she had solved the puzzle of the epium smugglers. She stated that the con-traband was brought over to Monroe from Amherstburg in fishing smacks, and then shipped to this city in coffins and other receptacles. She claims that it will take but a short time to locate all the members of the gang, and that

she is already in possession of the names of some of them." When Special Treasury Agent Burton Parker was shown this dispatch last there were anything in it, the federal officers at Toledo would not give out any information until they had landed game, especially as she claims to have the names of some members of the gang. But perhaps they could not caten any of those intrepid fishermen now when Lake Erie is so full of ice and the fishing smacks are all high and dry on shore. Although Toledo is not in my district, the officers there would have notified me at once if they had reason to believe that any opium or other smuggling was going on along the Detroit River. I have not heard anything of it, official or otherwise."

AN AWFUL DEATH

Railway Watchman Cremated in His Little Shanty.

Reported To Have Been Drinking Hard | Simple Explanation of a Somewhat and Probably Set Fire to the House.

Detroit, Dec. 24.-John Galvin, aged about 50 years, a crippled watchman in the employ of the Detroit and Lima Northern road at the Eureka avenue crossing in Wyandotte, was suffocated and afterward cremated on Thursday. Galvin, who came from Dundee in July last, had been so badly hurt in a railroad accident that he moved about with the aid of crutches with the utmost difficulty. He lived in his shanty, a board affair about eight by six feet, cooking his meals on a large round stove. Galvin, according to report, drank heavily on Thursday. It is re-ported that he consumed two quarts of cider, two bottles of whisky and followed this with 25 cents worth of beer. The shanty was discovered to be on fire by the engineer of a passing locomotive. When aid arrived the shanty was a mass of flames. Jack Cleary attempted to force the door, but the platform on which the old man slept barred it. Cleary heard moans, and it is thought the old man had just awakened from his drunken stupor and realized his condition. When the door was opened the body of the man was seen to be lying with his head to the stove, and Deputy Sheriff Clark, by means of a long plank, scraped the burning embers away from the body. A rumor was in circulation that the old man had been murdered for money, and that the shanty had been afterwards set on fire to hide the crime. John Teeling, a hotel man, says Galvin had no money, with the exception of 43 cents that Teeling loaned him. Justice DeLisle's theory is that Galvin put a larger quantity of coal in the

becoming too hot, the sides of the shan-NINE YEARS

Johnson Brothers, Notorious Counterfeiters, Receive a Steep Sentence.

stove than usual, and that the stove

Detroit, Dec. 23.-Nine years at hard labor in the Detroit House of Correction is the sentence which Judge Swan imposed upon Edmond and Johnson, the notorious counterfeiters, in the United States district court yesterday. The Johnsons have been counterfeiting all their lives, operating previously in Canada. Their father was sentenced in Toronto, and one brother is now in Kingston penitentiary.

THE RAILWAYS

The Increase in Construction During 1898-New Schemes.

Grand runk earnings, 8th to the 14th December, 1898: 1898\$426,503 1897 491,483

Decrease \$62,920 The directors of the Hamilton, Chedoke and Ancaster Railway will apply for an amended charter to build a line to Brantford, to change the name to the Hamilton, Ancaster and Brantford Electric Railway Company, and to increase the capital stock from \$100,000 to \$200,000

Estimates made by the Railrand Gazette show an increase of 2,867 miles during 1898 in the railroad mileage of the United States. This is the largest increase since 1892, when 4,419 miles were added. Ten roads in Canada have built 448 miles, which is more by 53 miles than that reported last year.

Power will be asked from the Ontario Legislature next session to construct a railway between Pembroke and Bancroft, giving Pembroke direct connection with Toronto. The proposed railway will connect with the Irondale, Eancroft and Ottawa Railway, and with the Miciand division of the Grand Trunk at Irondale Junction, gaining access to Toronto over the Midland line. The road will be known as the Toronto, Lindsay and Pembroke Railway.

Milwaukee merchants and shippers are in receipt of a prospectus issued by the Michigan Central Railway Company and the Michigan and Ohio Belt Line Railroad Company, which propose to furnish Milwaukee new rail road companies with the cost The road connections with the east. The object is to maintain a continuous line of rail and waterway from Milwaukee by way of Grand Haven, Battle Creek, Coldwater and Camden, Mich., Napoleon, Bowling Green, Fremont and Cleveland, Ohio. This line, with car ferry connections between Milwaukee Grand Haven, would carry and through freight to the Atlantic seaports, including Newport News, while freight north bound could be sent all over the northwest from Milwaukee. An issue of \$7,000,000 five per cent first mortgage gold bonds has been executed.

CONDUCTORS' PAY RAISLO. The management of the Missouri, Pacific and Iron Mountain Rallway says the company has sent out a circular stating that "on and after Jan. 1, 1899, the salaries of passenger train conductors will be, when the train mileage is 4,000 miles, and not over 5,000 miles, 21/2 cents per train mile; when less than 4,000 miles, rates of pay will remain as at present; when it exceeds 5,000 miles, \$125 per month." At present the maximum compensation for conductors is \$100 per month.

LIFE SAVED.-Mr. James Bryson Cameron writes: "I was confined to my bed with inflammation of the lungs and was given up by physicians. A neighbor advised me to try Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil, stating that his wife had used it for a throat trouble with the best results. Acting on this advice, I procured the medicine, and less than half a bottle cured me; I certainly believe it saved my life. It was with reluctance that I consented Parker was shown this dispatch last to a trial, as I was reduced to such a night he smiled and said: "That smells state that I doubted the power of any decidedly fishy. In the first place, it remedy to do me good

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Sensational Story.

The Advertiser is asked to publish the following letter, this paper having, with others, printed the item to which the communication refers: Editor Lucknow Sentinel, Lucknow.

Our attention was caled to a local in your paper some weeks ago by our Lucknow manager, Mr. D. Sheriff, in reference to a car of oats that

shipped by the Lucknow Elevator Company, to Portland, Maine. Your local that auger holes had been bored in the car, and temporary plugs placed therein, the perpetrator's intentions being that the pluge would tall out, and lose the whole car of grain before it reached its destination, but only a portion of the plugs having fallen out, the loss was about 123 bushels. From the strain of this argument,

and from public sentiment, our man at Lucknow seemed to feel that the weight of blame for committing this cowardsy act must rest with the opposition dearers, and he, being one of the competing buyers on your market, asked us to thoroughly investigate, and get the facts of the case. We therefore wrote the railway people for information, and they (the railway) sent one of their detectives to Lucknow to investigate the matter, with the result that we are today informed that the grain was never loaded in the car at Lucknow, and that the car, when loaded by the Lucknow Elevator Company, contained 885 bushels, but was billed out by them to the destination at 1,000 bushels-clearly an error on their part in billing the car. This was just about as we expected, and we felt confident that no auger holes had been made in the car for the purpose of committing wrong against anybody. As this story has gone the rounds

of the weekly press pretty thoroughly, we would feel obliged to you, in justice to your community, if you would give much publicity to the particulars, which must now be known to the shippers, so that no injustice can be done anybody. Yours truly, HAY BROS. Listowel, Ont., Dec. 22, 1898.

TO KEEP DRY

This Man Had on Five Ladies' Mack intoshes as Underwear.

Windsor, Dec. 23.-J. W. Yearsley, customs officer at the ferry dock, on Wednesday made the seizure of five ladies' mackintoshes from John Albert, inputed street, Windsor, Yearsley noticed that Albert looked rather corpulent, and he was requested to step inside the office when he came off the boat. He objected at first, but when threatened with arrest, followed the officer into one of the private rooms, where he was searched. Three of the garments were found under his overcoat, and he had one strapped around each of his legs under his trousers. He was told that he would have to pay the value of the goods in addition to the duty before he could recover them.

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