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VICTORIA, B. C., FRIDAY, JULY 28, 1893.

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Not Responsible.

Fate of the Insurgent Steamer Italia-

Aboard the Vessel.

Formally Turned Over to the Brazil-

Valetta, Malta, July 27.-The court

martial to enquire into the loss of the

battleship Victoria to-day rendered a de-

cision in the case of Hon. Maurice A.

Bourke, captain of the Victoria. The

LATIN AMERICA.

Fate of the Italia-Imprisonment of Her

Men Demanded.

Valparaiso, July 27.—The Uruguayan

government has absolutely refused to

Southern Convict Labor.

of East Carroll parish have held a meet-

ing to protest against the action of the

board in giving the contract for the con-

struction of the new Wyly levee to the

penitentiary lessees. They say that if

the work is done by convicts their hands

Denounced as Untrue.

the good sound sense that he is believed

Poisoner Meyers' Case.

Chicago, July 27.—One of the most im-

portant witnesses against Dr. Meyer

will be Mrs. Charles Miller who, ac-

companied by her husband, left for New

York on Tuesday. She was employed

by the doctor at Toledo. Dr. Meyer ad-

vised her to take out a life insurance

policy, which she did. A few weeks

later she became ill and Dr. Meyer pre-

scribed for her. The medicine brought

on severe pains. Both Dr. Meyer and

his wife then left the house. A neighbor

summoned a physician and her life was

Mollified With Whitecaps.

of old John Medly and young Jenny

Sloughsborough. Medly is a shoemaker

granddaughter of the deceased wife, be-

noised about that Jennie was Medly's

Nyack, N. Y., July 27.-The marriage

to carry about with him."

New Orleans, July 27.—The planters

ian Government-Uruguay Refused to

## GIGANTIC ROGUERY

Immense Scale of the Northwest U. S. Customs Frauds.

CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE IS SECURED

Chinese of Every Class Double Charged on Entering.

ets About the Opium Smuggling-Vast Profits Made at the Nefarious Business-Hawaii Humbles "Herself-She Wants the States to Take Her in and Shoulder Her Debts.

Washington, July 26.—Supervisor Spe-Agent Tingle of the treasury departustoms service who have been indictoust them from office because they Republicans and to put Democrats winced for several months that there s a ring of smuggiers in the norththere to investigate and reported nd to do his duty and will push the each particular case.

e to the end. e says the collector at Portland must red the majority of these Chinese admitted on fraudulent affidavits, Paris? (Cries of hear, hear.) he amazing thing about the whole ling operations of the customs offi- ther commun

signed with fictitious names, ackhs were also attached as a means of he supervisor estimates that there

8,500 pounds of opium smuggled uty on which would have amount-\$102,000. It is very difficult to boats with the contraband stuff board. Several times they were rched, but they had unloaded in the The government has been now. rking on this case diligently for and only succeeded at last in ing cases against the 15 indicted who volunteered to turn state's in Siamese waters? When it was found by the that these had turned against there seemed to be a general demong the dishonest officials to bewitnesses of the government in the that this might grant them immunm punishment. Several members | kok to protect life and property. gang almost fell over one another eir desire to become prosecuting

## FRANCO-SIAMESE DISPUTE.

of the French Minister-Britain's Interest in the Quarrel. Paris, July 25.—A cabinet council was to-day. M. Carnot presided over deliberations, which were entirely de- to sea. ted to the Siamese question. After the neil rose a semi-official statement of proceedings was issued. This stateent was that in conformity with the nimous vote of the senate and chamof deputies the government had taksuch measures to safeguard the in-

don, July 25.—The Westminster e, a Liberal organ, to-day puban article on the Franco-Siamese under the caption "Jingo Phari-The paper admits that the situising from the dispute is serious, precates the bluster which marks les on the subject in sections of Lord Rosebery, the British for-English case is in our eyes.

case as good in French eyes er, in replying to the state-M. Pavie, the French minister, m's answer to the French ultiwas not satisfactory, expressed and regret that the abdication of her sovereignty, not only t part of her territory in dis-the left bank of the Mekong also ever Suntreng and Khong, re indisputably Siamese by considered fully in accordthe requirements of France. ese minister, therefore, urges nuously than ever that France etly what she considers her Annam and Cambodia and of the Mekong river. The

constante. It appears certain now that M. Pavie will hasten his departure. It is said the French minister on one the gunboats and accompanied by the other, will go down the river this even-

aware that British subjects possessed over forty miles of land in the Siamese phire mines, and whether, in the event of France annexing these provinces, care would be taken to guard British inter-

ply that the government was aware of British subjects: but he pointed out that the provinces in which these rights are ent said to-day the government has a held lie to the west of the Mekong river good case against the ex-officials of the and were not, therefore, included in the territorial demands of France. Hon. d at Portland, Ore., notwithstanding the Southport division of Lancashire, that those charged in the indictment de- asked whether France had notified Great clare the action against them inspired Britain that she had established a blockby political motives, the purpose being ade of the Siamese coast? Whether the establishment of succh a blockade would be regarded as an act of belligerency between France and Siam? Whether the their places. Mr. Tingle, who is a blockade had been or would be recogniz-Republican, says this allegation is un- ed by Britain, and what measures the He says the department has been government proposed to take in regard

st ever since inspector thoses was notice of the intention of the French govthe Portland inspector and his sub- The blockade would certainly be an act es were implicated; and since the of belligerency. The British governets of Inspectors Wood and Lewis ment, Sir Edward added, proposed to received there has been no doubt continue its present protection of the the right persons have been caught. lives of their subjects in Bangkok and Tingle says he regrets as much as the property of British subjects. ody that he had to perform the dis- government thought that the value that eable work of detecting these offi-in dishonest practices, but he was must vary with the circumstances of

ish vessel, even a ship carrying mails, received about \$50 a head for should ascend the Menam river after Chinese he smuggled in. There Thursday, will it risk being captured or 1,700 Chinese in all brought in, fired upon by the French? If so, what the revenue derived by these en- steps will the government take to mitiing treasury officials must have gate such a state of affairs; and further, nted in all to about \$85,000. It is when may we expect notification of the proceedings of our ambassador

Sir Edward Grey stated that any furas he might make to against the employment of convict labor is that they not only required the the house must depend upon the com- on the levees. se who were candidates for illegal munications now passing between Great to pay \$50, but Chinese who, under Britain and France. As to the details by were entitled to land had to pay of the blockade, he stated the government had only just received notice of ger, when shown a reported interview the fact of the blockade also that he with the fact of the blockade also that he with the financial situation said he did not other meaning than the financial situation said he did not

edged before a mythical notary ber for the Forest of Dean division of and a counterfeit notarial seal Gloucestershire, asked, will there be a ed. In a great many cases photo- declaration of war or merely an implied being a so-called "pacific blockade?" be advisable, nor for the public

Sir Richard Temple, member for Kingston-on-Thames, asked if the government was taking steps to secure some equality on by means of some of the guilty in the British and French naval forces

minister resident, started down the river and Comte. All is quiet in the city

ests and dignity of France as were 23rd parallel are Chinese possessions. sidered from Siam's reply to the The Mandarin party, which is bitterly ch ultimatum to have been render- anti-French, is trying to force the gov ernment to interfere.

San Francisco, July 26.-The steamer Australia arrived from Honolulu at 10:30 this morning. Claus Spreckels was one of the passengers. The United Press correspondent writes that the gov-It urges that confidence be ernment has drafted a new treaty which will be used by Commissioners Alexanister, whose hands, it says, may der and Thurston in the form of sugnened by a certain amount of gestions to the United States govern-Great Britain, it adds, ought | ment in case President Cleveland decides rget that France may possi- finally to withdraw the Harrison treaty of annexation and determines to submia new treaty or some modification of the rrespondent at Bangkok of the old one. The document in brief cedes egraphs that the Siamese for without reserve all rights of sovereignty in and over Hawaiian islands to the United States, to become an integral part thereof. absolute fee of government and crown lands, etc., provides that the existing government be continued for five years under the direction of the U.S. commander appointed by the president, prohibits the immigration of Chinese labor and the entering of Chinese laborers into the United States, and provides that the public debt-shall be assumed by the United States, the Hawaiian government continuing to pay interest thereon.

Departure of the Japan Hong Kong, July 26.—The Canadian ent adds that the Siamese Pacific Railway Co.'s Empress of Japent has offered pilots to take an left at noon to-day for Victoria.

the French gunboats Lutin and Comte down the Menam river from Bangkok. These pilots were asked for by M. Pavie overnment that he would leave the cit; Wednesday to go aboard the warship In-Captain of the Victoria Exoner-

In the house of commons to-day John Long (advanced Liberal) member for Dundee, asked if the government was provinces of Chanternborn, Krat and Battabang, for working ruby and sap-

Sir Edward Grey, parliamentary sec-retary of the foreign office, stated in remining rights held in Siam by

to the matter Sir Edward Grey replied that Great Britain had received from France verbal ernment to blockade the Siamese coast.

Mr. Curzon asked: "Suppose any Brit-

Right Hon. Sir Charles Dilke, membelligerency? Will not the blockade be established under the pretence of its Sir Edward Grey replied, "I cannot add anything to what I have said. I hope to be able to give you further information on Thursday. It would not est, to make any further statement

This question brought forth cries of 'don't answer!" but Sir Edward Grey answered this question saying: "I assured the house on a previous occasion, and the assurance still holds, that Great Britain has a sufficient force off Bang-Bangkok, July 25.-M. Pavie, French

this afternoon on the warship Inconstante, accompanied by the ships Lutin Saigon, July 25.—The division of the French fleet commanded by Admiral Humann sailed to-day for Siam. The merchant vessels lying off Bangkok will probably receive time before the blockade to leave the Menam river and put

Tienstin, July 25.—The Chinese government has received the news of the territorial demands of France upon Siam with amazement and indignation. That France should lay claim to country up to the 23rd parallel is regarded as an inrusion upon the rights of China, for at Peking the contention is that both banks of the Mekong to a point south of the

Hawaii's Surrender.

a request that the crowd drink to the health of the bride and bridegroom at the neighboring tavern, the completely mollified whitecaps stole away. Cutting Down Expenses. St. Paul, July 27.—The appeals of the Northern Pacific stockholders for more careful management has induced Presilent Oakes to make retrenchment. On Wednesday thirty men were discharged the auditing department alone. Other departments will be cut down in proportion. The train service has also been greatly reduced. The management Cedes and transfers, says a reduction of expenses is made necessary by the reduced rates which the Great Northern has compelled it to make and also by the difficulty experienced in floating \$12,000,000 worth of bonds, which are now on the market. Defended His Property.

Omaha, Neb., July 27.—For some tim Indian soldiers stationed at Fort Omaha have been in the habit of raiding the orchards near the fort. Yesterday sixteen redskins led by High Eagle, a chief of considerable fame in the Sioux nation, took possession of several trees in J. A.

BOURKE ACQUITTED the shrubs. Several braves were struck by the shot and Chief High Eagle fell mortally wounded. The Indians drew their revolvers and the farmer retreated to his house. The Indians surrounded the house and prepared to attack it in front and rear. Just then A. N. Hanson, a well-known shot, dashed up from the fort and with a revolver in each hand called upon the excited redskins to quit the premises. They knew Hanson to be a terrible fighter, and they scattered for a BY THE COURT MARTIAL AT VALETTA few minutes; before they had resumed their attack, however, further assistance The Evidence Showed That He Was came from the fort and the farmer was

saved from the vengeance of the Indians.

He was placed under arrest.

Ottawa News. Ottawa, July 27.—Messrs. Huddart and F. W. Ward, of the Australia-Canadian line of steamers, have arrived from Imprison the Revolutionists Caught Winnipeg and the coast to interview the government. They saw Mr. Bowell, Sir A. Caron, and Mr. Parmalee, deputy minister of trade and commerce, this forenoon in regard to the details of the contract, which calls for a monthly ser-vice for three years for an annual subsidy of £25,000. It is understood that Bourke, captain of the Victoria. The court found that no responsibility at tached to Captain Bourke for the disaster, and he was therefore acquitted of ling to hear Messrs. Huddart and Ward as to the advantages which the establishment of this line permanently will give to the country, and the advisability increasing the service.

Where Schaffner's Money Went. Chicago, July 27.—The Schaffner bank investigation to-day shows that upwards imprison the officers and crew of the of \$120,000 of Schaffner money went in steamer Italia, which was fitted out to to the Columbia theatre. Managers aid the revolutionists of Rio Grande do Hill and McConnell of course gave their Sul and captured by a Uruguayan gun-boat after she had been cast away at Rio Grande do Sul. Their imprison-all past due; some of them have been due for over 16 months. Manager Mc. ment was demanded by the Brazilian government. The steamer Italia was Connell's indebtedness to broker Schaffner, in the form of unsecured notes, is formally turned over yesterday to the \$50,000. This money, like the other, Brazilian authorities, and it is reported was obtained it is said, to repair the that the warships will not come to this affairs of the Columbia theatre which proved a bad venture. For some time Mr. Schaffner held as collateral insurance on the lives of both Hill and Mc-McConnell and the premiums on which the bank had to pay, but the amount these policies are written for is much less than the sum loaned.

FORMALLY PRESENTED.

will have nothing whatever to do this The New Aerial Truck-Prospects for fall, as the crops are all washed away, the Miners. and that most of them will emigrate from Nanaimo, July 27.—The long-delayed presentation of the aerial truck was made the parish. A committee was appointed to wait on the governor and protest last evening by Mrs. G. Norris, president of the Ladies' Aid. The turn out of the firemen was a surprise to the citizens. The procession formed in front of the fire band, followed by the president and ladies' committee in carriages, the reel, which the men used when they took the hampionship races at the capital, three believe Mr. Harrison had been correctly steam engines elabortely decorated, while reported. "He has too much sense to the rear was brought up by the truck and make such utterances. The country is full of wealth, but is kept in this presladder team in a neat uniform, with the ent condition by utterances like those purporting to come from ex-President Harrison, but not from men who have

machine behind them. The procession marched through the principal streets of the city to the park on Comox road, where the presentation took place. The firemen cheered. Mrs. Norris has accomplished an arduous task and one which many would not have had the courage to proceed with when difficulties presented themselves as experienced by her, but with zeal and the assistance of a staunch committee the funds were raised. The ladies dispensed refreshments on the grounds, after which an enjoyable dance on the new platform brought the proceedings to a close.

A sad case of insanity was witnessed in front of the Shamrock stables last evening when the wife of a respectable citizen came running through the streets crying murder. It was at once seen the oman was insane, and every person lent aid to pacify her, but without the desired effect. Finally her husband, with the aid of a constable, took her home in a buggy. The poor woman is the mother of a family of small children, and much sympathy is felt for her.

Shelley has just ended a scandal that greatly worried the good people of The deputation sent to wait on Mr aged 58. After the death of his wife. Robins made their report on Tuesday aged 70, some three months ago, his evening. The meeting was a lengthy household affairs became confused and one. The superintendent explained that pretty Jennie Shelley, a 16-year-old owing to the present state of the market and under the present conditions it was came housekeeper. The neighbors took impossible to dispose of the Northfield offence at what they regarded as a scancoal at a price even sufficient to cover dalous affair, especially as it became working expenses. He left it with the men to decide whether they could proown granddaughter, and the two were pose any terms whereby work in that threatened with tar and feathers by a mine could be resumed. Another meetwhitecap committee. Mr. Medly and ing of the men will be held this evening. his fair young housekeeper endured this treatment for a time, but finally went J. Rosenfeld is expected here on Saturday and he will probably address the men to Squire Wanamaker's and got married. on Sunday.

No sooner had they returned home and bolted themselves in than a detachment Priceless Treasures Destroyed. of the tar-and-feather brigade appeared Cleveland, Ohio, July 27.—The handand attempted to get hold of the aged some suburban residence of Dean Poel bridegroom. When it was announced at River Bank was burned last night. through a crack in the door that the two Fire broke out in the bathroom on the had been married, and when this anlower floor about midnight. The origin nouncement was supplemented by two is thought to have been the leaking of a crisp bills thrown from a window with gas pipe which was not noticed at once, and when found the flames had pro gressed too far for the means at hand to have any effect in extinguishing the fire. All the valuable works of art, and heirlooms of the Poel family, gathered together in a lifetime, were lost. The approximate loss is \$200,000. Insurance not known.

Stocks Much Improved. New York, July 27.-There was a much better tone in the stock market this forenoon, and before 11 a considerable rally in prices had taken place. The market opened steady at about last night's closing prices, sold off little and then recovered on higher prices from London. The coal stocks suffered a little Soon after opening of the market sterling exchange rates were posted at \$4.82 1-2. \$4.84 1-2, and on reports of gold imports there was a general advance in prices. It was quickly learned that Lazard Freres have engaged \$10,000,000 for export by Saturday's steamer. Heidelbach. Ickelheimer & Co. also reported receipt by steamer to-day of \$1,350,000 in gold. These gold imports and assurance of others gave quite a stimulus to the market, and at 12 o'clock a cheerful feeling, Victor's orchard. The farmer got a doucomparatively speaking, prevailed on the ble barrelled shotgun and fired among

Colonel Andrada Receives Sentence of Death Coolly.

HE TELLS THE COURT HIS FEELINGS

His Record Liberally Besprinkled With Innocent Blood.

Shot at Dawn in the Public Square -Hundreds Turn Out to See Him Die-Ex-Secretary of the Navy Whitney's Opinion of the Present Financial Stringency.

City of Mexico, July 27.-Col. Jose Andrado, who, during the administration of the late General Manuel Gonzales as governor of Guana Jualo, was first offi-Upon being arrested Col. Andrado was conveyed to the city of Leon, where he was given a trial. He was found guilty of the charges against him and ordered to be shot. When the death sentence was pronounced the prisoner said he was

PALLIATIVE NOT PANACEA.

Whitney Thinks Repeal of Sherman Law Would be That.

New York, July 27.-The World this norning publishes an interview from Beerly farm, Mass., with ex-Secretary of the Navy Whitney on the financial situacur national ills. The currency question is not the most vital one with which we have to deal. The country's prosperity will never be permanently established while an annual tax of three or four hundred millions is laid upon its industries. National taxes being levied as they producing and industrial classes and the great body of merchants, tradesmen and event of hostilities with France fifteen times as much tax in proportion to their means as

the rich men. "There lies the secret of national distress; the only permanent remedy is a re-adjustment of this great burden of taxation and equalizing its pressure upon

all alike."

Forced to Suspend. Portland, Ore., July 27.—The Oregon National Bank and the Northwest Loan and Trust Company of this city suspended this morning. The Oregon National Bank was started here about five years ago and was considered very safe and Markle, president; E. B. McFarland, vice-president; D. F. Sherman, cashier. It is not yet known what the bank's liabilities are. Geo. B. Markle is also president of the Northwest Loan and Trust company, which came into existence about the same time as the Oregon National. The notices on the doors read: "Owing to depositors drawing out more rapidly than we were able to realize on our securities, this bank has been forced to suspend."

An Ontario Thunder Storm.

Cornwall, Ont., July 27.-A heavy thunderstorm visited this vicinity on Tuesday, which did a lot of damage. A. ncession, had a half-dozen calves struck | comply with its terms. Lunenberg, was struck and badly shatered, while Silas Shaver, living near Osnabruck Centre, had his barn struck and reported.

Home Rule Bill.

London, July 25.—The House of Com nons sitting as a committee of the whole continued this evening the discussion of the financial proposals in the Home Rule

Mr. Redmond, leader of the Parnellites, moved an amendment to the effect that the Irish Legislature should receive immediate control of the Irish taxes as was proposed originally by Mr. Gladstone, instead of being forced to leave the taxes in British hands for six years as was stipulated in the new science. Rt. Hon. Mr. Gladstone said the Gov ernment could not accept the amend ment. Such a change would not accord

with the revised and simplified plan. Rt. Hon. Mr. Balfour, leader of the Unionists, supported the Government in its opposition to the amendment. The amendment was lost by a vote of 240 to 53. The anti-Parnellites voted against it. Many Unionists abstained from voting.

A Triple Murder. Pittsburg, Pa., July 26.-A fearful triple tragedy was enacted here early this morning, two children and their when the South Side fire department though in milder terms. in the house of John Smouse, who liv-

I AM NO COWARD" wife and two small children. There were three deep dents in the poor wowere three deep dents in the poor wo-man's head, which showed she had first been struck deadly blows from behind, then the murderous work was finished with some blunt instrument.

> Dominion Express Extension. Montreal, July 27.—The Dominion Express Co., in alliance with the C.P.R. Steamship Co., has extended its connection to the Sandwich Islands and Australia. Mr. Huddart, the manager of the

ments with the Dominion Express Co. Ottawa, July 26.-Prof. Selwyn, director of the geological survey, received to-day a letter from Commissioner Larke of the World's Fair notifying him that he had been appointed a just mining exhibits at the Fair.

new Canadian-Australian line, will be in

town shortly and will make final arrange-

Managua, Nicaragua, July 26.-The city of Managua was under bombardment by the revolutionists for four cial of the Pomragorao district in that seized by the Leons when they started hours yesterday. Two of the steamers state, was arrested a few days ago on the revolt appeared off Managua at 4 the charge of committing a number of atrocities while serving in his official capacity. It was alleged that he shot a til 8 o'clock. Thirty shells in all were number of innocent persons without trial. | thrown into the city. Considerable damage was done to public buildings and private houses and two persons were killed. No notice of the proposed bombardment was given, but the shelling was begun before the women and children had a chance to leave the city. no coward. He was shot at daylight in One shell burst near the house occupied the public square of the city, the execu- by Minister Baker and his daughters. tion being witnessed by hundreds of peo- Minister Baker has sent a protest to the leaders of the revolution against the violation of rules of civilization and acts of barbarism in shelling the city without first giving notice.

THE EASTERN QUESTION.

Blockade of Siamese Ports to Begin

Saturday or Sunday. Paris, July 26.-It is stated that an tion. Among other things he said:—"I effective blockade of the Stamese coast agree with Mr. Cleveland that simple re- by the French fleet will only begin on peal of the Sherman law, without amend- Saturday or Sunday. Until then all ment or substitute, is the only thing to the powers will not have received notice be considered now, but I do not wish to of the intention to establish a blockade. be regarded as considering the repeal of | The Chinese charge d'affaires had an the Sherman law a permanent cure for interview to-day with chief officials at the foreign office in regard to Siam. He is said to have informed M. de Ville that Siam had no territory east of the Mekong as far north as latitude 23, which parallel was claimed by the French as the northern limit of their influence. He hall and was headed by the Silver Cornet | are the general mass of the people—the | regarded it as unlikely that the Mack flags would join the Siar thought that if they saw France and Siam embroiled the black flags might resume their offense in Tonquin.

Lord Dufferin had an audience with M. de Ville this morning, and a cabinet meeting was held at 6 o'clock this evening, but the greatest secrecy was maintained as to what took place. Another cabinet council will be held on Satur-

Le Temps gives a detailed account of how the French marines forced a passage up the Menam river. The gunboats entered the channel about 6 o'clock in the evening. Immediately both forts and the Siamese gunboats opened fire onservative. Its officers are George B. on the French ships. The latter's gunboats crossed the bar, notwithstanding the explosion of a submarine torpedo directly ahead of the fleet. The Inconstante rammed and sank a Siamese gunboat. At about 9 o'clock the forts at Paknam opened fire at a range of half a mile. The French gunboats all this time were making ten knots an hour against the stream. At 9:20 the French fleet anchored in front of the French legation at Bangkok. The cannonade had little effect owing to the darkness.

Bangkok, July 26.-M. Pavie, the French minister resident, prior to his departure, had a final interview with Devawongse, the Siamese foreign minister. McGillis, of the eighth concession of who said his government was astonished Cornwall township, lost his barns, while that France considered their reply to man named McDonald, of the sixth the French ultimatum as a refusal to by lightning and killed. The house of a | ble, he said, to accept definitely any inman named Lamont, who resides near definite proposal. France had never defined her rights in Annam and Cambodia, but, the king, earnestly desiring peace and an early settlement of the destroyed, with all his hay crop and farm whole case, had declared his readiness to implements. No loss of life has yet been abandon in Annam and Cambodia all the ports that had been attacked, as well as the territory near them, including Sungtren and Khong, although these places were admitted to be Siamese. Saigon, July 26.-Capt. Villiers, who

is in command of the French force at Khong, reports that the capture of Fort Donson by the French produced an important impression. The governor of the island of Khong was killed during the attack, and his death hastened the retreat of the Siamese. The French flag had been holsted on the islands of Pilong and Samlem, which will be made the base of future operations. The French government have also decided to take possession of other islands in the Gulf of Siam.

London, July 26.-A Bangkok dispatch to the Daily News says that Capt. H. M. Jones, British minister to Siam, acting under orders cabled from London. maintained a strictly non-committal attitude on the matter of the Franco-Siam-

ese imbroglio. Berlin, July 26.—The Tageblatt joices over the prospect that Great Britain, who scornfully holds aloof from the dreibund, may become embroiled with France over the Siamese affair. Great Britain, says the Tageblatt, will be taught a lesson and need not expect to mother meeting their fate at the hands receive German support. Other newsof some fiend. It was about 2 a. m. papers express similar sentiments, al-

was called out to extinguish a slight fire | Hong Kong, July 26.-Admiral Freemantle has ordered the gunboat Plover ed on Oak alley on the side of the hill. to join the cruiser Pallas outside the bar The fire was small, and the men had at Menam.

no difficulty in extinguishing it. Some | Cherbourg, July 26.-The French members of the department, on looking cruiser Eclaireur has been ordered to about the house, were horrified to see Brest, to be fitted out with a new armathree bodies lying close to one another. | ment. She will thence proceed to Siame They were those of Smouse's family, the to join Admiral Humann's flotilla.