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Count Von Ballestrem, who resigned the Presidency of the German Reichstag because some of his rulings were bitterly criticized, was re-elected.

#### Mews Summary &

British revenue returns largely exceeded

It is reported that the Moroccan pre-tender's forces were defeated.

The Italian Foreign Minister, Prinetti, while addressing the King was stricken with paralysis.

It is expected that by July, 1905, all available territory in the United States will be served by rural free delivery ser-

If the Bond-Haw treaty for recinvocity is defeated Newfoundland will immediately adopt a retaliatory policy sgainst the United States.

Britain, Germany and Italy refuse to con-sent to the claims of other powers against Venezuela being placed on an equality with their own

Serious factional fighting between Kaffirs has occured in the Umzinto district, 37 miles from here It is reported that forty of the natives were killed.

A big oll well has been struck in Raleigh, a few miles from Chatham. Oll spurted out at the top of the derrick 60 feet high when the vein was struck.

The Southern Pacific has reached an agreement with its firemen on the question of wages. The increase in wages granted average between six and 12 per cent.

The provincial government, through Pre-mier Prior, affirms its intention of forth-with re-acting the disallowed alien immi-gration act and asserting the policy of provincial rights for self-protection.

At a meeting of the Great Eastern Railway Company's shareholders Lord Claud Hamilton, the Chairman, declared that the road had tried a United States locomotive for a year and a half, and found it to be a complete failure.

Four seamen of the bark Veronics, owned by W. Thomas & Co., St. John, N. B., are under arrest at Liverpool, charged with murdering the captain and mate, who were Nova Scotlans, and five other members of the crew.

The Chamber of Deputies voted January 27th, \$1.400,000 to defray the expenses of the relief work following the volcanic disaster of May last in the Island of Martingue, and passed a law pensioning the widows and orphans of the officials killed at the time of that catastrophe.

The epidemic of typhoid fever which re-cently broke out in Ithace has now attained a rious proportions. The Rev. C. W. Peiser, of the Unitarian church, has fiered to turn the church over for a hospital. There are at least 200 cases in the city at present and the list is rapidly increasing.

Jean Jules Jussersand, the new French ambassador to the Uni ed States, and his wife, arrived in New York, Jan. 31st, on the French line steamer La Torraine, Mme Jusserand was formerly Miss Elize Richards. Although born of American parents she has never before been in this country.

Eleven Chinese, smuggled across the Canadian border, are thought to be hiding in Pittsburg. Information to this effect reached the Federal officials at Pittsburg from Daputy Marshal James Manley of the northern New York district, whose telegram was delayed. The party arrived at 6.45 o'clock and vanished.

The new steamer Beatrice E. Waring, which will be put upon the Belleisle route next summer, will be a splendid boat She will be 140 feet long and 25 wide; all the machinery will be of the latest designs. The engines and be iters are being made at the St John Iron Works It is likely the new boat will be on the route early in the season.

Lord Milner has asked to be relieved of his posts of governor of the Transvaal and Orange River colonies and high commissioner of South Africa but at the desire expressed by the government he has consented to remain in South Africa until the end of July when he will be offered a high position in connection with the government of India

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interest to our readers.

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A correspondent from Ensenada, Mexico, furnishes some additional in formation concerning the great strike recently made in the Viznaga mine. The ore vein on this property is fully seven feet in width, and a consulting

The following article will be of engineer from Los Angeles who examined the property immediately after the find states that the vein is permanent and will widen out with development.

> A safe estimate of the value of the ore in the vein as exposed would not be far from six million dollars. does not include the other and narrower off-shoots which have values running from \$30 to \$50 to the ton. In the history of gold mining there have been some rich strikes and some veins of gold ore of greater width, but this is the first case of a vein of ore seven feet in width that would aver age more than \$150 to \$200 to the ton. This Viznaga vein shows no values of less than \$1,000 to the ton, while large quantities of it runs as high as \$5,000 to \$360,000 clean across the face. The engineer says that it is the most fabulous strike ever confirméd in any mining camp.

If nature had done as much in putting a supply of wood or coal in this section as it has put gold into this vein the Viznaga could easily produce \$250,000 per month. As it stands to day wood has to be hauled eighteen miles and costs about \$20 to the cord. The power to run these great mines must eventually be generated by electricity. When this is com-pleted the Viznaga and Aurora will lead in gold bullion production any other mines in North America.

In order that a layman may get some idea of the value of the ore in the Viznaga mine, an hour's work in the mine and an hour's run in the stamp mill would produce \$10,000 in So rich is the vein on this property that a double guard patrols the mine night and day, and the ore is only taken out under the direction of the superintendents on the property.—American Mining News.

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