

Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Stanley had a narrow escape on the Brindisi express a few days ago. The train was completely wrecked by colliding with another train, but all the passengers escaped without injury.

They are looking for leaders in England just now. Mr. Balfour will probably succeed the Rt. Hon. Wm. Smith in the House of Commons, but others are suggested and stand a chance of getting the leadership.

Right Hon. Edward Stanhope, Secretary of State for War, who represents the Horncastle division of Lincolnshire, has informed his constituents that there is no immediate prospect of a general election. He has no reason for believing that it will take place before July, 1893.

The number of the Queen's grandchildren continues to increase, and the birth of the latest, a young Battenburg, has given rise to innumerable comments on the abundance of scions of royalty. The only comfort extracted from the situation is that the succession is beyond peradventure secure.

A papal order just issued announces that it is the decree of the Pope that no further pilgrimages to Rome be undertaken for the present. The Catholic associations which have been engaged in the work are invited to remit to the Pope the funds they have collected for the assistance of needy pilgrims to the holy see.

In the election Friday for a member of parliament to represent Buteshire, Scotland, Murray, Conservative candidate, received 1,335 votes to 990 votes for McCulloch, candidate of the Gladstone Liberals. At the last election Robertson, Conservative, received 1,364 votes to 819 cast for McNeil, the Gladstone Liberal candidate.

The English society for the protection of birds has now 950 members, with the Duchess of Portland as president. Their object is to check the slaughter of birds for millinery purposes, and each member is pledged to restrain from wearing the feathers of any kind of a bird except those used for food and ostrich plumes.

The *Times* publishes a final estimate of the state of crops in Great Britain, and says it anticipates a bad yield and of indifferent quality. Much of the grain stacked is in such a condition as to necessitate great delay before it can be threshed. The real state of affairs, therefore, will not be known for a month. It is possible that the harvest as a whole may not be worse than of recent years, but in many districts the crops will be the worst in forty years, and the farmers will not be able, as they had hoped, to recoup themselves for recent losses by abundant crops and improved prices.

The Maharajah of Mysore is about to visit England, having overcome the prejudice which all good Hindoos feel with regard to an ocean voyage. They abhor the ocean, and crossing it breaks the caste of the offending personage. A council of eminent Hindoo priests were called together by the Maharajah, and they argued the important question how His Highness could preserve his caste if he went to England. The question was satisfactorily settled, and the Maharajah, who is one of the richest and most powerful of the Indian rulers, will soon be the occasion for another royal display in Great Britain.

The British steamer *Storm King* arrived at Dundee on Oct. 12th. She sailed from Montreal September 26th with 630 cattle on board, the stalls for which were erected between decks and on the main deck. During the voyage heavy seas were encountered and much water was shipped, necessitating the closing of the ventilators leading to 'tween decks and the battening down of the hatches. This prevented access of air to the hold, and numbers of cattle in the stalls were suffocated. Some of the seas which boarded the ship tore the stalls on deck to pieces and carried them and the cattle overboard. Others of the live cargo were badly injured by the rolling and pitching of the steamer. They were killed to put them out of agony. In all 152 cattle were lost.

There has been a epidemic of railroad accidents in England and upon the Continent during the past week. There has been considerable wreckage of railroad stock, though the personal injuries suffered have been slight. Four collisions have occurred upon railroads in England since Friday. The express on the North-Western Railway had a narrow escape from a serious calamity at Crewe. Several carriages were wrecked and about twenty persons slightly injured. At Acton an express train on the Great Western Railway dashed into the wreck caused a short time previously by a collision between two freight trains, and a Leicester train on the North-Western Railway collided with an empty carriage which was standing on the track at Niweaton. Several persons were injured.

The *Standard* publishes a communication in regard to the recent so-called aggressive action of Russia in Pamir, which says: "It is high time for England to unsheath her sword in Asia. The Russian tide of conquest, which has flowed steadily eastward for fifty years, must be sent sweeping back to the Caspian. Russia has boldly pushed on until she now stands at the very outposts of India." The *Standard* commenting upon this letter, says it has no liking for "scares" and that its purpose "is not to suggest alarm, but to enforce the necessity of firmness and vigilance," adding, "there is no question of hostilities, but if it were possible to conceive a struggle for supremacy in Asia, it should be decided in Pamir. It would be an easy matter for our Indian authorities to pull down the Eagle which, in ill-timed Chauvinism a Cossack commander hoisted in the wilderness. The game of 'bounce' has so far been played with success, but there is a limit beyond which it cannot be pushed. The signal for retreat should be given when the Cabinet of St. James speaks clearly on the subject."

It is impossible to go through life without taking cold, but that is no reason a cough or cold should be neglected. A perfect remedy will be found in the popular medicine, Oxford Cough Syrup.

The paid-up capital of all the railroads in Great Britain amounts to about \$4,500,000,000.

The name "The King's Daughters" is taken from the forty-fifth Psalm, ninth verse:—"Kings' daughters were among thy honorable women."

Siam has decided to make an exhibit at Chicago, which shall eclipse the one it made at the Paris exposition, where it carried off the honors in the oriental section.

Mr. C. J. Murphy, special representative in Europe of the United States Agricultural Department, has arrived in Berlin with instructions to bring to the attention of the German Government the value of Indian corn as a food product. An outcome of the visit of Mr. Murphy is said to be the appointment of a select committee composed of officers of Medical and Commissary Departments of the army. It is further said that the German Government has already called upon its consular officers in the United States, as well as its diplomatic representatives at Washington, for full reports respecting the use of Indian corn for food.

The British Admiralty is greatly dismayed at the return of the *Benbow*, an armored vessel of twelve guns, 10,600 tons and 11,500 horse-power, Captain Rawson, from the Mediterranean, where she has been flying the broad pennant of Vice-Admiral Watson, to Chatham, where she has been paying off, and where she will remain for some time to come. The cause of her return and of the chagrin of the officials is the unsatisfactory working of her 110-ton guns. While those on the *Victoria*, fifteen guns, the flagship of the Mediterranean squadron, Vice-Admiral Sir Anthony Hoskins, and of the *Sans Pareil*, carrying the same number, are admitted to be failures, it has been maintained always that those on the *Benbow* were worth all the money that had been put into them. As a matter of fact the officers report that they are afraid to fire the full charges of powder, and that the gun needs examination. It may be considered that this is a death blow to the monster gun business, and the enormous sums expended in their purchase simply have been wasted.



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