

BIG SHIP ASHORE.

American Liner St. Paul Buried Her Nose in a Sand Bank Off New York.

She is Resting Easily, in no Danger, and All Passengers Aboard.

The Weather Was Very Thick, and Only Four Feet of Water on the Bank.

Long Branch, N. J., Jan. 25.—The American liner St. Paul, from Southampton for New York, struck a sand bar off Hotel Brighton, during a dense fog, between 11 and 12 o'clock this morning. The people on board decided to remain by the vessel, as there was no danger. The vessel struck head on the sand bar, a quarter of a mile from the shore. Her nose ran about one hundred feet into the sand before her hull could be stopped. The wind was blowing at the rate of eight miles an hour at the time.

She sailed from Southampton on Jan. 18, and was in charge of Capt. Jamieson. He has refused all offers to land passengers and they are waiting for the tug boats. There were but four feet of water over the bar when the St. Paul ran ashore. She has about 1,200 passengers and crew. Several old seamen on board say the vessel may not be moved for a week or more.

Among the passengers on board are Congressman W. Bourke Cockran, Dr. S. A. Knapp, Harvey W. Henshaw, and H. G. Fellows. The St. Paul has on board \$1,200,000 in specie. The wrecking tug Hustler passed out on the morning of the 25th, evidently on her way to render assistance from the High-land. A dispatch says that nine tugs are now near the St. Paul. The agent of the International Navigation Company says that the St. Paul is not to be towed off the beach. The vessel, which is now at Craney's yard, Philadelphia.

James A. Wright, second vice-president of the American line, when seen this morning, speaking about the accident, said: "We have received no definite word from the vessel."

The St. Paul is lying very easily, and will probably be hauled off with the high tide this afternoon. Wright has telegraphed the company at Philadelphia to hurry up the repairs on the St. Paul, in order, if necessary, that she may take the place of the St. Paul next Wednesday.

CAPT. HEALEY'S DRUNKENNESS.
Hooper and Tozier Refuse to Testify Against the Accused.

San Francisco, Jan. 26.—At the court martial trial of Captain Healey, of the revenue cutter Bear, all those appearing at the trial were sworn to secrecy. Lieut. Ross, of the Corwin, told how the crew of the different cutters at Unalaska last September were lured to a "whiskey and rum social" on board the British ship Phoenix. According to Ross, as Healey was returning home from his festivity he was so overcome that he walked over the edge of the wharf, thinking it was his bunk. After his mishap was known, the witness said, it caused great rejoicing throughout the fleet. The defense tried to prove through Engineer Jones and Lieutenant Daniels that Captain Healey was the victim of a conspiracy on the part of the younger officers. The witnesses disclaimed knowledge of a conspiracy.

The friends of Captain Healey made no attempt to conceal their gratification at the conclusion of to-day's session of the court of inquiry, for they believed the prosecution had slipped an important cog in being unable to get Captain Hooper to testify against the accused officer. Hooper is the admiral of the Pacific coast of cutters. It was generally known that he felt friendly toward the Bear's captain, and it was expected his evidence would be most important and would have considerable weight. Hooper refused to say a word against Healey, however, further than to say he had known him to take a drink now and then. He declared positively that he had never seen the captain under the influence of liquor while on duty. When asked for his opinion as to Captain Healey's qualifications as a seaman, the witness could not say too much that was favorable. He declared that he considered Healey one of the best commanders and seamen he had ever met in the revenue service. He insisted upon being non-committal as possible on all other subjects.

The session concluded with the evidence of Captain Tozier, of the Grant. The latter, like Hooper, gave Healey rather the best of it in his evidence.

PURIFY IN SELF-DEFENCE.
Alameda Bachelors Organize for Safety During Leap Year.

Oakland, Cal., Jan. 26.—A number of young men of Alameda have organized a bachelors' club. The club's members include more than fifty Alameda bachelors, who recognize the danger of leap year. The club held an enthusiastic meeting last night and elected temporary officers. A. Peter Smiley was chosen president, James A. Munro secretary, and O. L. Rogers treasurer. Temporary quarters have been secured and the members are now looking for a permanent location. Any member of the club who marries during 1896 will be fined \$10 for each offence. Any member becoming engaged during 1896 will be summoned before a club committee and unless he can prove extenuating circumstances, will be fined \$10. All members are required to immediately report engagements, under penalty of a double fine. The committee favors a club badge. Monthly sessions of the club will be held, at each of which there will be a programme and refreshments. A committee will have charge of affairs at the next meeting, which will be held February 14th.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION.
May be Got on the Venezuelan Question From an Unexpected Source.

Madison, Wis., Jan. 26.—The Tank collection of books in the Dutch language, one of the rich possessions of the State historical society library, appears destined to play a considerable part in the deliberations of the Venezuelan commission. Hon. Andrew D. White, one of the commissioners, a week ago wrote to President Adams, of the state university, asking him to search the Tank collection for any historical works or other bearing upon the boundaries of old Dutch Guiana. An examination of the books of this department reveals the presence here of several which bear authoritative contemporary testimony as to the extent of the Dutch claims in Guiana to which England succeeded in 1803. A translator and draughtsman are now busy extracting this information for the commission, and it is not improbable that one or more members of the commission may visit Madison and examine the evidence on the spot.

DARK SIDE OF LIFE

Quarrel Over the Probabilities of War Produces Serious Results.

Murderer Brown Surrounded—A Fiendish Act—Henry Irving's Generosity Realized.

San Francisco, Jan. 25.—In a saloon at the corner of Grant avenue and Post street, about 2:30 yesterday morning, a quarrel broke out between a companion and began a quarrel with the barkeeper, which ended in his shooting at Bert Callin and Joseph Herbie, both severely but not fatally injured. Newcombe, after waiting a moment, began to leave the saloon, but was not waited on promptly. The barkeeper, seeing that he meant to create a disturbance, attempted to eject him. Callin and Herbie tried to assist him, when the fellow drew a pistol and commenced firing. He hit Joe Herbie, the barkeeper, in the side. Another bullet hit Callin in the right leg. The wounded men were taken to the receiving hospital, where it was found that the wounds, though serious, would not prove fatal. Those who witnessed the affray declare that the quarrel arose over Americanism and what Americans could do in case of war. Newcombe championed the cause of this country and the argument became so heated that the barkeeper tried to throw Newcombe out.

At 2 o'clock yesterday morning Len Wong and Hong Yu, two Chinese, were shot in a disreputable place on Bartlett Alley. Len Wong was shot through the right side and was taken to the receiving hospital in a dying condition. Hong Yu was shot in the left leg. The men who did the shooting escaped and are not known to the police.

Roseburg, Ore., Jan. 25.—Word comes from Dora, Coos county, 42 miles distant, that Samuel G. Brown, the murderer who escaped from the county jail here last month, is surrounded near there and that his capture will soon be effected. In company with a man named Andy Pool he was surrounded last night by a posse of four men, who ordered them to throw up their hands. Pool promptly obeyed the order, but Brown jumped over a fence. One of the posse fired at him twice. Brown fell, but before the pursuers reached him, he disappeared in a thick clump of brush. He is thought to be wounded, but further pursuit could not be prosecuted owing to the darkness. Pool says that he was on his way to Coos Bay to see a brother and that Brown overtook him on the road.

San Francisco, Jan. 25.—Twenty-two horses belonging to the Arctic oil works have been poisoned in their stalls within the past few days and ten of them have died since Sunday. The others are still suffering and some of them will die. Three veterinary surgeons are in attendance, but they are entirely mystified as to the character of the poisoning. The officers of the Arctic oil company declare that the horses were wholly in the dark as to how the poisoning was done. If someone has done the thing with intent they say they cannot guess who that someone is or what the provocation. The police have made an investigation but could get no clue.

New York, Jan. 25.—Mrs. Emma Worman, the wife of the principal owner of Outing, a high class monthly magazine devoted to outdoor sports, committed suicide last night in an apartment over the offices of the magazine on Fifth avenue. She had lived at the Hotel Majestic with her husband and her husband's death is attributed to her anxiety for the latter's welfare. A dispatch to the World from London says: A frightful murder here this week makes known another instance of Sir Henry Irving's constant generosity. The victim was the daughter-in-law of old Tom Chambers, of whose Liverpool theatre Mr. Irving played in his youth. Her husband seemed to be a worthless fellow, who left her with seven children to support. Henry Irving has since allowed her one pound a week from his private purse, which she supplemented by taking as a boarder a Mrs. Pearson. The murder was committed apparently for money by Mrs. Pearson's son, a returned convict.

Hood's Sarsaparilla, taken at this season, will make you feel strong and vigorous and keep you from sickness later on.

Teacher—Suppose you were a king, Tommy—What would you do?

Tommy—I'd never have to wash my face any more.

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A "CABINET" CURIOSITY.

A Government Member Asks for Information About Col. Prior's Peculiar Position.

And Does Not Get Any—A Batch of Rumors at the Capital.

Ottawa, Jan. 27.—A suit for \$100,000 for extras in connection with the construction of the Digby & Annapolis railway was started in the Exchequer Court today by O'Neill & Campbell, the contractors.

H. B. Small, secretary of the department of agriculture, has been superannuated. Mr. Davis, government supporter, asked in the house today if Col. Prior was a member of the cabinet, and if so, what was his position in the cabinet. Mr. Foster replied that he was a member of the cabinet and occupied such a position as a privy councillor usually does. (Opposition ironical hearing.)

Hon. David Mills—The statute says otherwise. Mr. Forbes has given notice of a question for to-morrow which will compel the government to say whether or not Prior is a cabinet minister, and what position he fills. The government is satisfied with Foster's equivocal answer, as his reply means nothing. Meantime Prior is complaining bitterly of his being under the general instructions of Ives and is making strenuous efforts to have the statute amended this session. (Press Dispatch)—Saturday was a slow day, so some of the press correspondents faked the rumor that three French ministers had resigned. Sir Mackenzie Bowell gave a prompt denial to the rumormongers. He added that the council meeting in the forenoon was the most harmonious he had attended for months. The remedial bill was under consideration too. There are other rumors current, however, that have at least the semblance of foundation. One is that Sir Charles Tupper will become premier as soon as he returns from Nova Scotia, and that the remedial bill will be side-tracked and an appeal made to the country next month. It is said that the government will not ask for supply to go through until the remedial bill has been disposed of. They insist that the business for which the house was called shall receive first attention. By discussing every item they could keep the house sitting until the life of parliament had expired. It is also said that a canvas of the Conservative members has been made and it is found forty of them will oppose the government's remedial policy, and there is no hope that enough Liberals will vote with the government to offset the defection in the government party. These circumstances have led to the government's alleged change in plan of action. Foster is the authority for the statement that the remedial measure will be mild enough for any one.

MERCHANT VESSELS ARMED.
The Line to Cuba Will Be Armed With Cannon and Maxim Guns.

Chicago, Jan. 26.—A special from Philadelphia says: The Hart line steamers supplying the West Indies will in future be armed with cannon and Maxim guns. Capt. Ker, of the port that they will carry bow chasers and stern chasers. Two vessels first in the list for equipment are the Horsa and Laurada, both of which have gained no small reputation for their alleged connection with filibustering expeditions to Cuba. The Laurada has been chartered to carry 250 negroes to Liberia, and the Horsa is soon to start southward with a party who are going to Matamoros to see the Mahatmas fighting the Spaniards. The vessels of the Hart line will need arms for self-protection, the Laurada from the pirates which infest the coast of Africa and the Horsa from the Spanish gunboats. The Spanish authorities in this city, however, look upon the movement with suspicion and will keep every influence to prevent the Hart boats from leaving the port of Philadelphia with arms on board. As soon as the vessels are ready to sail application for clearance papers will be made, and the result is awaited with great interest by all parties concerned. Capt. Ker, in an interview in regard to the arming of the vessels, said:

"I am told that the Spanish authorities have said that if they catch any of the vessels of the Hart line in Cuban waters they will make it hot for them. This information may not be true, but I have every reason to distrust the Spaniards. We are not going to give up the West Indies trade and we know there are no United States war vessels to protect us. We have concluded to go into the protecting business ourselves, and we will put guns on our boats, and use them if necessary. There are lots of young men from our training vessels who will only be too glad to get positions where they can show their capacity, and there are no better gunners in the world than they are."

"We are not going to seek trouble with the Spaniards, but we cannot afford to have our vessels chased, and do not want to go to the expense of extra coal that would be used in getting up steam to run away from a Spanish cruiser."

THE KEELEY CURE IN COURT.
The Jury Return a Verdict in Favor of the Company.

Pontiac, Ill., Jan. 25.—The jury in the case of Marshall against the Leslie E. Keeley company brought in a verdict for the defendant. In this case Marshall claimed damages to the extent of \$50,000 from the Leslie E. Keeley company of Dwight, Ill., for the alleged results following the treatment of his wife for the morphine habit. The case will be considered an important one from the fact that the Keeley treatment is, by it placed in a new school of medicine, founded and discovered by Dr. Keeley and known only to those who are educated therein at Dwight under the superintendency of Dr. Keeley and his medical staff. It is important, as will be seen from the following ruling of Judge Tipton, who presided. He affirmed that the Keeley company could not be required to give up the formula of their medicine and acknowledged the force of the injunction issued by the United States district court of Wisconsin, in which the Keeley company is forever enjoined from making public the formula of their preparations or any part thereof.

"The evidence the law is that the Keeley remedy for the morphine habit must be judged by its effects on the human system and you have no right to infer the remedies were poisonous from the mere refusal of the defendant to disclose the contents of those remedies."

"It is the privilege and legal right of the defendants to refuse to disclose the same, and it cannot be construed as against the defendant in this case and is without the province of the jury to consider."

DRILL THE CHILDREN

Fire Drill Put to a Critical Test in an Omaha Public School Yesterday.

The Little Drummer Boy's Tattoo Saved a Stampede and Perhaps Many Lives.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 25.—Office Downs, the drummer boy in the Dodge street school, yesterday calmed a panic and prevented a terrible calamity among 500 children. He is less than 14 years old, but the moment he heard the hall gong sound the alarm of fire he did not forget he had important business. It was the crisis for which his little heart had been trained and his courage in the face of a rattled principal and excited teachers saved a dead and injured list.

This young chap has been the military band of the school. It was his duty twice a day to stand at the bottom of the steps of an army rattle. "One exercise was called for the fire drill, and the pupils from the infant class were told they must never hesitate when the drum should sound. Each hour he played in the hall and so the rooms trained that Principal Allen boasted that the building could be emptied in two minutes. He had a chance to practically test his boast. He hoped, despite the good discipline, that the expected catastrophe would never happen.

He was quietly seated in his room about 2 o'clock when Miss Hughes, pale and excited with fright, dashed in with the cry that the building was on fire. She hastened back to her charges. Prof. Allen ran to the gong. He heard the shriek of children upstairs and the alarm from the other teachers. There was a stampede and in the excitement no one remembered the rules or the drummer boy. Office Downs kept his head. He saw the smoke coming through the ceiling and he did not think it was necessary to ask permission to leave the room. He rapidly passed the instructors without a word and went down the two flights of stairs. He wanted the drum and he got it. Principal Allen was not in his room, but he did not hesitate to enter. He pulled the instrument from the hoop and slung the strap over his shoulder and plunged into the hall. The smoke was now so dense that he could hardly see his way and on the floor above the children were shouting to the children to remain in order. The fire engines were rattling outside, but like a soldier on picket Office Downs stood at his post. He picked his way to the bottom of the stairs, just as the 500 pupils appeared in a heap at the top of the stairs. He very first sound acted like magic. Mr. Allen pulled three little girls and one boy from under the feet of the rushing children and commanded them to keep steady to the end. The little ones, who during the morning had been drilled in the music calmly came down the long flights, as they had done a thousand times before. Smoke filled the entire building, but in a minute from the time the hand began to play there was no child in the hall. They waited until Mr. Allen told him everybody was safe and then he came down the front steps. The crowd cheered and last night 500 families sang the praises of his courage.

TUPPER IN SYDNEY.
The Mine Manager Pulling for the High Priest of Corruption.

North Sydney, C. B., Jan. 27.—Sir Charles Tupper had a good forty-eight hours' rest after his arduous campaign of last week and is fresh and vigorous for the speech he is to deliver at Sydney mines this afternoon. Sir Charles is the guest of the manager of the mines and a director of the company, and though the company has been in existence three-quarters of a century he is the only director who has ever visited the mines. These facts will undoubtedly bear some result when the vote is polled. At North Sydney, the home of candidate Murray, the Liberals have possession of the only hall in the town and refuse to allow the Conservatives to get in unless for a joint meeting. The Conservatives do not want on the ground that the hall is so small that not a quarter of the people can get in who would want to, and the joint meeting would not be satisfactory to either party. Nomination day to-morrow will be a great day in Sydney. Thousands of people will be there from all parts of the country, and the largest hall in town will not hold 800 people. There was a fall of snow last night, but the weather is mild.

AMERICA-ARMENIA.

Chamberlain's Saturday Speech on American Aid in the Armenian Affair.

Well Received by the London Press—Will the U. S. Accept the Invitation?

London, Jan. 26.—The newspapers this afternoon discuss the speech which the secretary of state for colonies, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, delivered at Birmingham Saturday evening, particularly dwelling upon the references to the United States, and generally praising him.

The St. James Gazette heads its article "Why Not Come Over and Help Us," and says President Cleveland's government has very good ground for calling upon the Sultan for satisfaction. If it acts by itself it is likely to be paralyzed by European concert, but it agrees to co-operate heartily with us in the event of a war. If the people of the United States are really eager to advance the cause of civilization and good order they can do this much more effectively than by encouraging Venezuela to defy us."

The Westminster Gazette says: "Mr. Chamberlain's enthusiastic adoption of the idea of American aid for Armenia, even if its literal relation will not come about, will nevertheless do much good in other ways, and in the long run his speech is the best piece of news for the oppressed Armenians that we have heard for a long time."

PRAYER FOR ARMENIANS.
The United States Senate Chaplain's Eloquent Supplication.

Washington, Jan. 27.—In the senate this morning, Rev. Dr. Milburn, the United States Senate chaplain, prayed eloquently for bleeding Armenia. "Hear the cry of our agony," he prayed, "in behalf of the people of Armenia, despoiled, tortured, their homes in ashes, their men and women and children slain by the edge of the sword, their women dishonored; arouse and unite the powers of Christendom, the Queen, the Czar, the Kaiser, kings and princes, their ministers and people, that the Sultan shall be forced to sheathe his bloody sword and stay the frenzied rage of his fanatical soldiers and subjects."

THE AMERICAN VAN HORNE.
James J. Hill Will Build South for Connection With Frisco.

San Francisco, Jan. 26.—A local paper says there is reason to believe that James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern railroad, is behind a scheme to consolidate the North Pacific coast and the San Francisco and North Pacific roads. The object is said to be to obtain a competing transcontinental road by way of San Francisco. It is said that Hill is secretly buying rights of way through country lying along the northeast of California to clear the way for a railroad before making a public announcement of his project to connect his Great Northern system with San Francisco.

A VENERABLE VAGRANT.
Never Smoked or Got Drunk, Yet Has No Home.

New York, Jan. 26.—At the request of Warden Lawrence Dumphrey, of the workhouse, Magistrate Kudlich, in Essex Market police court, recommended to that institution, Woodrow Benson, 68 years of age, as a vagrant. Benson is probably one of the most remarkable individuals ever committed to an institution of that character, for, according to his own story, he has never tasted tobacco, meat, or spirituous liquors in any form. Benson claims that he is the oldest living locomotive engineer and that he pulled the throttle of the first engine operated on any railroad in this country. He also claims to have been the first man to drive a steam locomotive on the Herkimer bridge, ran his train, on board which was a party of national Republican delegates, en route for Saratoga. The passengers raised him a purse of \$1,000. Benson, in 1870 had considerable money, which, he says, he lost in Wall street.

THOSE FATAL DRAWBRIDGES.
Cleveland Seems to be a Dangerous Place to Move About.

Cleveland, Jan. 26.—A fire engine being drawn at a rapid rate to a fire in the lumber district Saturday morning, plunged through an open drawbridge spanning the river at Seneca street. Four firemen were on the engine, two of whom jumped in time to avoid going down. The driver, William Burgess, and Assistant Engineer Charles Coolidge, who went down with the engine, were injured, but not fatally. The horses were drowned and the engine lies a wreck at the bottom of the river. A steep hill leads down to the bridge, but the engine gained such momentum in making the descent that it was impossible to stop it.

Another fire, which for the time threatened to be very destructive, broke out this morning on the top floor of the five-story building 54 to 60 Frankfort street, occupied by the Cleveland Lithograph company, the Hall safe and lock company and a half dozen other concerns. Loss, \$40,000.

CONSERVATIVES CAN'T AGREE.
Two Candidates Out to Oppose Mr. Gibson, M.P., in the Coming Election.

St. Catharines, Jan. 26.—J. W. Coy and M. H. Howell, both of this city, are offering themselves as Conservative candidates to oppose W. Gibson, M.P., of Lincoln, at the coming election.

Wm. Baillie, Vancouver, is registered at the New England.

MINING HORROR.

Fifty Coal Miners in Wales Believed to be Killed.

Cardiff, Wales, Jan. 26.—A terrible explosion has taken place in a colliery at Tylertown, near this place. The shafts were shattered and the whole town shaken by the tremendous concussion, causing a wild scene of excitement. Fifty-four miners were below the surface, when the explosion occurred, and although several have reached the surface with the dead bodies of some of their comrades, it is supposed that nearly all the remainder were killed. Rescue parties have been hurried to the scene, but the work is very dangerous owing to the fact that the pit is on fire.

Later advices show twelve bodies have been recovered and twelve are still missing. After damp was carried to the connecting pits from the Tylertown pit. Fifteen bodies have been received this afternoon and forty-two miners are now said to be missing.

WEST WELLINGTON.
Patron Candidate Wins the Seat in the Legislature.

Guelph, Jan. 27.—The bye-election in West Wellington for the Ontario legislature, resulted unfavorably for Sir Oliver Mowat, the Patron candidate being elected by 226 majority. The Patron candidates, Mrs. James Tucker, a brother of Patron member Tucker, elected at the general election and unseated and disqualified as the result of a petition. The Liberals had hoped to win the seat, and under Hon. Geo. W. Ross, had conducted an active campaign. The Conservatives, having no candidate in the field, supported Tucker. The riding is supposed to be Liberal in Dominion politics, and was Liberal in provincial until last year. The Patron majority in 1884 was 276.

Winipeg, Man., Jan. 27.—Unofficial returns from Dauphin give Burrows, government, five majority over Campbell, opposition.

STARVING MEN RESCUED.
They Acted Like Wolves—Doubtful Murder at Hoonah, Alaska.

Seattle, Jan. 26.—Advices from Alaska state that the steamer Rustler picked up thirteen starving men in a row boat. The men were on their way from Steward City to Juneau. They had not had water for two days, and acted like wolves. A double murder was committed at Hoonah, Alaska, on account of the failure of Ich-Kah-lich, the medicine man of the Hoonah tribe, to cure a young Indian. The medicine man blamed the young Indian, who immediately shot the doctor; then the doctor's cousin shot the slayer of the doctor.

SHE DREAMT SHE WAS DEAD.
And the Dream Turned out to be Only Too True.

Amesbury, Mass., Jan. 25.—The little town of Centerville, five miles from here, is excited over some peculiar circumstances surrounding the death of Miss Emily Marshall. The young lady was 15 years old and attended the village school. Last Monday morning she informed her mother that she had had fearful dreams during the night. She said that she had dreamed it was Wednesday night and that she was lying on her bed dying. She could plainly see her friends surrounding her bedside and the minister praying for her. She saw her mother weeping and had a pathetic talk with her regarding the future. A young school mate whom Miss Marshall had a falling out with at school was seen by the dreamer. He begged her to forgive her and forget their troubles. Miss Marshall's parents laughed at what they termed their daughter's foolish vagary and tried to dissuade the girl from worrying over the dream. But the girl said she knew she would surely die Wednesday night. The dream proved true, for yesterday morning the young lady was found dead in bed. Physicians have not yet decided the cause of the young girl's death.

AMERICAN NEWS.
Minneapolis, Jan. 27.—George Baxter, a laborer living in a flat at 1114 Washington avenue, south, pounded his wife's brains out with a hammer this morning and then cut his throat. The tragedy was the result of a bitter quarrel. Baxter is not dead yet and is under medical attention at the hospital.

Washington, Jan. 27.—Secretary Olney has received by cable an appeal from the American residents of Johannesburg, praying that he would send a representative of the United States to the Transvaal to look after their interests.

PROVIDING FOR A HUSBAND.
The Young Duchess of Marlborough to Insure Her Life.

New York, Jan. 26.—The report that the young Duchess of Marlborough (see Vanderbilt) was to have her life insured for the benefit of the duke is confirmed in a private letter. The amount applied for is \$600,000 sterling. Her application has been made and a medical report submitted, but so far as known, the insurance companies have not passed on it. The probabilities are that they will accept the risk, for they will receive a big premium and get other benefits. Besides the British companies like to mortgage the lives of aristocrats. This will be one of the largest if not the largest of risks ever taken. It will undoubtedly be underwritten by a syndicate. Those close to the Vanderbilts say that they are not particularly well pleased by this latest development, and Mrs. Vanderbilt-Belmont has written a very matter-of-fact letter to her daughter on the subject. Her father will probably have his say in person when he meets the duchess and her duke.

—Alice May Harrison, daughter of George and Mary Harrison, of South San Francisco, died yesterday after a short illness. The deceased was only sixteen years of age, and much sympathy is felt for the parents in their sad bereavement.

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