

senger agent at Vancouver, Mr. Blake, who had charge of the cooking, and Mr. J. B. Lambkin.

A terrible blizzard raged in the west on March 10th.

Erastus Wiman has resigned his position as president of the G. N. W. Telegraph Co.

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The Grand Duke of Hesse, son-in-law of the Queen, died at Berlin on Sunday.

A plot to murder the Sultan was discovered at Constantinople on Monday.

Valparaiso soldiers and police are said to have ill-treated another sailor of a United States vessel so that he died.

A terrible explosion has taken place in a Belgian colliery at Charlerox. About 153 persons were killed—burnt alive. The details are harrowing.

The Duke of Argyle, who had been sitting in the House of Lords as Baron Sundridge and Hamilton has been created a Duke of the United Kingdom.

Morland, the Oxford tutor, who confessed to having attempted to levy blackmail from members of the nobility, has been sentenced to 10 years' penal servitude.

George W. Hastings, unionist M. P. for East Worcestershire, has been sentenced to five years hard labor for embezzling £15,000 from the estate of which he was trustee.

Emperor William has added another to his list of remarkable speeches. He says he will "pulverize Russia." By the way, His Majesty of Germany is ill just now with a severe cold and the trouble in his ear threatens to be serious.

The Emperor Francis Joseph has commuted the sentence of Rosalie Schneider to penal servitude for life. Her husband, Frank Schneider, will, in all probability, be executed. The Schneiders were found guilty of robbing and murdering a number of servant girls, whom they enticed to their home on the pretence of giving them employment.

At a discussion about the defences at Esquimalt in the British House of Commons, it was urged in objection to spending any money on them that Canada would not pay her share, and one honorable gentleman asked who would own the guns if Canada should become annexed to the United States? The discussion was hot, and much interest has been awakened in Canada over the matter. Our loyalty is all right.

That English colliers' strike is one of the most peculiar on record. In anticipation of a decrease in wages, the miners in several collieries ceased work on Saturday night to take a couple of weeks' holidays in order to make the price of coal go up by restricting the output of coal. This action has certainly had the effect they wish, for coal is very scarce and dear, but whether it will do any permanent good to offset the harm done is questionable. If the strike is prolonged British industries will be seriously crippled.

Great sympathy is growing in England and Ireland for Mrs. Osborne, convicted of larceny and perjury. There are in the sad case, many things to awaken sympathy as well as disgust, and in the absence of any adequate motive one cannot avoid thinking the unfortunate woman's mind was out of order. The feeling of the people is perhaps more for Captain Osborne than for his erring wife, and his desire for his child to be born outside prison walls finds an echo in many hearts. A petition for Mrs. Osborne's pardon will probably be presented to the government before long.

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