

SALISBURY'S EXPLANATION

An Important Statement From the Prime Minister as to the Chinese Situation.

He Surrendered Nothing and Obtained Much More Than He Asked For.

London, Feb. 8.—In the house of lords, after the address in reply to the speech from the throne had been moved and seconded, the Earl of Kimberley, the opposition leader, replied that he regarded the local government of Ireland as being one of the most important subjects of the Queen's speech, and while he regarded the government measure favorably, he was compelled to add that the general party remained of the opinion that the only permanent way of satisfying Ireland was to establish home rule in the East, but he said he wished to extract no embarrassing information. When a cabinet minister, however, spoke of war he thought it time parliament was told plainly what was meant.

The Marquis of Salisbury replied. He expressed the hope that the efforts of the British in Egypt would result in the capture of Khartoum. Referring to the Chinese question he said: "I will not use a word which seems to gratify the ears of the East of Kimberley, but I may say there are no efforts which this country would not rather make than lose our treaty rights. At the same time no one has evidenced the slightest intention of infringing those rights."

Lord Salisbury said the concessions the government had asked in return for the Chinese loan were without exception directed towards increasing the trade with China and contained nothing injurious to the British. Regarding the opening of Tientsin, said his lordship, "the Chinese council has informed us that it would be a great pleasure to enter into very close and friendly relations with the British."

It is obvious to everyone knowing the country well that the district behind Tientsin is practically worthless. No trade could arise till the railway reached the sea. A few days afterwards Sir Claude Macdonald reported that the compromise was accepted as a condition of the loan, and since then I have heard no more about Tientsin. But I am very much interested, as I recently received from Russia a written assurance that any port they obtained to employ as an outlet for their commerce will be a free port for all the commerce of this country.

ALASKAN MOB AT FORT YUKON

Starting Report Brought to Washington by H. Wells, Special Courier from Captain Ray.

The Latter in a Critical Position—Standing Off Mob From Provision Caches.

RAILROAD WRECK

N.P. Train Goes Through a Bridge—Two Tramps Were Killed.

Spokane, Feb. 7.—The eastward-bound passenger train on the Northern Pacific railway, which left Tacoma Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock, was wrecked at 4 o'clock Sunday morning at Lake Station, 30 miles east of Pasco.

Two tramps were killed, and two young men who were beating their way on the train were badly injured. Near Lake station is a small bridge across a coulee that is usually dry. By reason of the recent thaw, the coulee, together with most of the territory adjacent to the right-of-way from Kitzville west to Pasco, had been transformed into a lake.

The soft condition of the grade and the moisture beneath weakened the supports of the bridge and it went down beneath the weight of the east-bound overland train, due here at 6:50 a.m. The engine succeeded in passing over in safety, but the tender, baggage car and mail car went down. The mail car turned completely over, but the baggage car fell only on one side.

It was first reported in this city that the car at the time, was injured. This was found to be a mistake. The car fell in shallow water and Mr. Whiting suffered no injuries whatever. Two tramps were riding on the steps of the mail car. One was so caught and mangled in the wreck that he must have died instantaneously. The other was badly mangled and it was an hour after the accident before he could be extricated. He died soon after he was taken out. Both bodies were taken back to Pasco. One was George Leland of St. Louis, and the other John Galvert, of Boston.

Two young men, said to be from Spokane, were stealing rides on the train, and were badly injured, one having a leg and arm crushed. They said they were returning home from Alaska, they had been passengers on the ill-fated Corona.

GOLDEN TEXADA.

Interesting Budget of Mining News—Ample Supply of Labor.

TUPPER TAKES IT ALL BACK

Agrees to Disapprove of the Government Proposal Regarding the Teslin Lake Railway.

Warm Time at a Tory Caucus This Morning—Sir Charles Makes a Suggestion.

Ottawa, Feb. 9.—There was a Conservative caucus in the railway committee room of the house of commons to-day.

Senator Perley presided. The principal subject of discussion was the Yukon railway. It is understood that a general line of attack upon the question was unanimously adopted by the meeting. The route of the road is not objected to, it is the terms of the contract. It is also said it was decided to introduce a resolution in the house declaring that the government had no right to grant the railway as a government work.

In the house to-day Sir Charles Tupper asked the government to provide against the selling of the Yukon railway to a foreign company. Sir Wilfrid Laurier promised to consider the matter. The terms of the Yukon railway bill, as explained by Hon. Mr. Blair yesterday, contain important points not covered by the version first given. The contractors may elect to start from either Glenora, Telegraph Creek, or Clearwater river. The railway, when fully completed, is to be of standard gauge, equal to the Kansas & Missouri railway.

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IRELAND THE TOPIC.

Pitiable Condition in the Emerald Isle Discussed in the British Parliament.

London, Feb. 9.—The debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne was resumed in the House of Commons to-day.

The motion was seconded by Mr. John Dillon, chairman of the Irish parliamentary party, member for East Mayo, who said the misery in Ireland was a scandal to the government. Mr. Dillon added that the distress was aggravated by evictions of starving people, and called upon the government for immediate, comprehensive proposals for the relief of the sufferers.

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INTERESTING NOTES FOR THE LADIES.

Success in Dyeing Means Pleasure and Profit.

Beware of crude and worthless imitations of Diamond Dyes.

STREET CAR LINE TIED UP.

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SPANISH WOMAN DIVORCED.

Fargo, N. D., Feb. 7.—Saturday night State Attorney Fred Morrill, secured a divorce for a Spanish lady.

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