

OUTLOOK FOR CABLES

Eastern Extension Company Have Rights That Will Embarrass the American Project.

New York Promoter Who Believes It Would Fare Best in His Charge.

By Associated Press. New York, Feb. 16.—James A. Scrymgeour, president of the Pacific Cable Co. of New York, returned to this city today from a trip of several months' duration in the Far East, where he has been investigating the possibility of construction of an American trans-Pacific cable.

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London, Feb. 16.—The St. James's Gazette this afternoon, commenting upon the report that the work of the joint American-British commission on the subject of the proposed cable, has no practical results, thinks it is not altogether a bad thing that the deliberations at Washington reached a highly critical stage.

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Manila, Feb. 16.—The four companies of volunteers which have been clearing the country in the vicinity of Patros, 15 miles southeast of Manila, when retiring to-day were followed by the enemy. On reaching San Pedro and Macati in the American-made stand near the churchyard and the Americans were driven back.

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FOOD SUPPLY IN WAR.

British Government Under No Apprehension That It Could Be Cut Off.

London, Feb. 16.—The Ritchie, speaking in the House of Commons to-day on the amendment proposed by Mr. Henry Seton-Karr, Conservative, to the address in reply to the speech from the throne relative to the dependence of Great Britain on foreign imports for food supply and the danger therefrom in the event of war, said Her Majesty's government had fully inquired into the existing conditions and did not believe that the fears expressed in some quarters were justified.

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SAMOA FOR BRITISH.

Natives Willing to Become Subjects of the Queen—American Residents Willing.

London, Feb. 16.—The Melbourne correspondent of the Times says: "The Samoan correspondent of the Melbourne Argus writes that the only solution of the difficulties there lies in the immediate annexation of the islands by Great Britain. He says the natives throughout the entire group are almost unanimously favorable to such a stroke, and it will also be desired by the British and American inhabitants."

BOGIVIA'S RANK DISORDERS. Neighborly Government Asked to Interfere but Holds Off for European Backing.

London, Feb. 16.—The Chilean newspapers urge the government to intervene in the conflict now going on in Bogivia, between President Alonzo and the Federalists or insurgents. The government, however, will only act, it is understood, at the request of foreign nations and in the interests of the Indians country.

SLAVERY IN ZANZIBAR.

Nearly 300,000 Persons are in a State of Bondage Under the British Flag.

London, February 8.—Zanzibar is a British protectorate under the nominal sovereignty of an Arab Sultan whom the British Government places on the throne, and the administration of the island is almost entirely in the hands of British officials. In the vast population it is estimated that some 280,000 persons are still in a state of bondage, although when Zanzibar came under British control one of the earliest legal acts was to abolish the slave trade.

MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST.

Masonic Grand Lodge—Donkhobers Moved on—A Chess Champion.

Winnipeg, Feb. 15.—(Special)—The Masonic grand lodge of Manitoba is in session at Brandon. J. J. Roberts, of Winnipeg, was elected grand patriarch of the grand encampment.

A SWORD OF HONOR.

Galveston, Tex., Feb. 15.—A beautiful sword and hilt, purchased by the Sunday school children of Texas, were today presented to Commodore John W. Philip, who commanded the gunboat Texas during the war with Spain. The sword cost \$3,500.

NAVY YARD FIRE.

Loss Figured at a Million Dollars Sustained in Two Hours.

New York, Feb. 15.—Four alarms went out in to-night for a fire in machine shop No. 28 in the Brooklyn navy yard. This is a three-story brick building, built in the sixties and with old lathes and old machinery. The woodwork of the building was so saturated with oil that the flames made great headway. The building was apparently doomed before the firemen got the streams playing on it. It is situated at the east gate of the yard.

HOPE FOR BULGARIA.

Only One of Eleven Compartments Filled—Sighted by Still Another Steamer.

London, Feb. 15.—The German consul St. Michael's reports that the steamer of the Bulgaria says that only one of her compartments was partly filled, consisting of all those who did not indicate that she was in immediate danger.

EXPLOSION AT BRUNETTE SAWMILLS.

Explosion at Brunette Sawmills—Loyalists Asks Sidewalk Privileges—Atin Mal Contract.

From Our Own Correspondent. Vancouver, Feb. 16.—Mr. Maxwell, M.P., returned from Ottawa to-day. He states that he will suspend the regulations governing the salmon industry in their entirety, and will alter them subsequently as the canners wish, with perhaps the single exception of the number of licenses granted each canner, which may be limited to ten.

HUGH RYAN'S FUNERAL.

Governor and Legislature Join in Last Honors to Millionaire Contractor.

Toronto, Feb. 15.—The funeral of the late Hugh Ryan took place this morning to St. Michael's Cathedral and thence to St. Michael's Cemetery. The funeral services were held by Rev. C. S. Wood, John Tong, D. R. Wilkie, Eugene O'Keefe, Col. Mason and W. S. Lee, Esq., of the Law Association.

MR. SIFTON'S COLONISTS.

Seven Shiplads of Galicians and Hungarians Besides Another Thousand.

Toronto, Feb. 15.—A special cable says: The Canadian Government having intimated its willingness to receive the first Protestant missionaries sent to the Northwest Territories, returned from Ottawa to-day.

HAMBURG LINER DISTRESSED.

With Broken Rudder Shaft She Turns About and Makes Plymouth After Hard Plymouther.

Plymouth, Eng., Feb. 15.—The Hamburg American steamer Pretoria, Capt. Kopp, which sailed from Hamburg on January 29 for New York, and which was reported passed the Lizard January 31, arrived here to-day towed in by tug. The Pretoria encountered a heavy southwesterly gale on February 3, during which the rudder shaft broke.

FRANCE PLANTING GUNS.

To Offset the British Fortifications at Entrance to Red Sea.

London, Feb. 13.—Italy and France, says the Rome correspondent of the Daily Mail, have agreed to share possession of Cape Darners on the Bahrta coast at the southern extremity of the Red Sea. It is expected that France will fortify her position in the Strait of Babel Mandeb, at the entrance of the Red Sea, opposite the Bab-el-Mandeb.

FRENCH FOR OFFICERS.

General Hutton Prescribes New Qualification for Aspirants to Staff Positions.

From Our Own Correspondent. Ottawa, Feb. 17.—The militia general orders issued this afternoon contain the following: "The major-general commanding desires to remind officers and staff of the importance of instructional corps and all others who aspire to high command in the future, or to positions of responsibility upon the general staff, that a considerable portion of the military forces of the Dominion consists of French-Canadian regiments. It is the Major-General's opinion and sentiment that all officers who now hold or aspire to hold in future responsible positions on the staff should be able to convey their instructions to French-Canadian troops in their own language."

BOUNDARY ARBITRATION.

London, Feb. 15.—The British government has appointed Baron Edward Phillimore, lord of appeals-in-ordinary, Major-General Sir John Chas. Ardagh, director of military intelligence, and Col. Sir Thomas Hunterford Holdich, superintendent of frontier surveys in India, to form a tribunal to arbitrate the Argentine-Chili frontier dispute.

EGYPTIAN TRIBUNALS.

London, Feb. 15.—According to the Cairo correspondent of the Daily Mail the Egyptian government has addressed a circular to the powers expressing its willingness to agree to a removal of the mixed tribunals for a further term of five years.

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NANAIMO NEWS.

Death of Alberni Resident—Snow Slides at Golden Eagle—Clothes Line Thief.

Nanaimo, Feb. 17.—(Special)—The harbor buoys were replaced to-day after several steamers had been on the mud flats. Patrick Comerford, aged 63, of Alberni died at Nanaimo hospital this morning. He was father of Patsy Comerford, engineer of the E. & N. railway.

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