

train started down the 12 loaded cars were too much for both engines to hold with all brakes down. Seventy-five miles an hour was reached when the tracks spread and the entire train plunged headlong down the mountain. The loss to the company in engines and cars alone will reach \$75,000.

The McKinlay Tariff Bill is being assailed on all sides, and now numbers amongst its opponents the Administration. President Harrison has sent a message to Congress transmitting a letter from Mr. Blaine regarding the projected Reciprocity treaties with South American countries. Mr. Blaine's view, which is endorsed by the President, and which is distinctly hostile to the McKinlay Tariff Bill, is embodied in the following paragraph of his letter:—"To escape the delay and uncertainty of treaties it has been suggested that a practicable and prompt mode of testing the question was to submit an amendment to the pending Tariff Bill authorizing the President to declare the ports of the United States free to all the products of any nation of the American Hemisphere upon which no duties are imposed, whenever and so long as such nation shall admit to its ports free of all national, Provincial (State,) municipal and other taxes, our flour, cornmeal and other breadstuffs, preserved meats, fish, vegetables and fruits, cottonseed oil, rice and other provisions, including all articles of food, lumber, furniture and other articles of wood, agricultural implements and machinery, mining and mechanical machinery, structural steel and iron, steel rails, locomotives, railway cars and supplies, street cars and refined petroleum." An amendment to the McKinlay Bill on the lines suggested by Mr. Blaine has been introduced by Congressman Hale of Maine. The *Herald's* Washington despatch reports Mr. Blaine as saying before the Senate Appropriation Committee:—"The McKinlay Bill is the most dangerous, if not the most infamous, measure that was ever concocted by any party. The men who vote for this bill will wreck the Republican party. If I were in the Senate I would rather have my right arm torn out of its socket than vote for this bill." With the Administration holding such pronounced views the bill is almost certain to be vetoed by the President if it passes Congress.

A despatch to the *Siecle* from Berlin announces that field marshal Count Von Moltke is seriously ill.

The sentences passed on Major Panitza and other Bulgarian conspirators have been confirmed by the court of Cassation.

Official relations have been resumed between France and Brazil. Thus France is the first European power to recognize the new republic.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught arrived at Liverpool on Sunday, and at once proceeded to Windsor. They were met at the station by the Queen, Prince of Wales, and other members of the royal family.

Major-General Henry Brackenbury, of the British army, is dead. He was a noted writer on military affairs, but had not seen much active service, his pronounced views bearing on reforms in the army not making him a favorite at headquarters.

The semi official announcement that Chancellor Von Caprivi will accompany the Emperor William in his visit to the Czar converts the meeting of the sovereigns from an exchange of Imperial courtesies into a diplomatic event. Emperor William escorted by a squadron will sail from Kiel to Cronstadt and will remain with the Czar three days.

Eighty-six designs in competition have been submitted for the great iron tower in London, which is to surpass that of Eiffel in Paris. A suggestion is made by an engineering journal that some spectacle attractive to the public should be held at a point not less than 500 feet from the ground, out of reach of fog or ordinary rain clouds. The attendance would then make the tower remunerative.

The *Figaro* declares Lord Salisbury will not accept arbitration in the Newfoundland fishery dispute. If France refuses to accept pecuniary compensation for her present rights, Lord Salisbury will repudiate the treaty of Utrecht, and open negotiations for a new treaty, giving the French to a reasonable extent cod and lobster fishing grounds, and to the colonists exclusive rights on the coasts and banks.

Col. Sir Edward Ridley Colbourne Bradford, Political Under Secretary for the India Office, has been appointed to succeed Mr. Munro as Chief of the London Metropolitan Police Force. His appointment is denounced by the Radicals as a job, he being a friend of the Prince of Wales. The Police and Fire Departments of London are in a rather disorganized state, the men petitioning for shorter hours and better pay, and a strike is feared.

The King of Dahomey is making overtures of peace with France. It is to be hoped that the French will be in a position to demand and exercise a protectorate over the kingdom. Dahomey is, perhaps, the most cruelly governed country on the face of the earth since Burmah was freed from King Theebaw. The French have been most successful and humane as rulers in Africa, and especially of races of Arab blood, and the Dahomians have a tincture of it.

The French authorities, upon the report that the cholera in Spain is the genuine Asiatic pestilence, have despatched expert doctors to superintend precautionary measures on the frontier. Iron disinfecting chambers have been sent to all the customs houses, and goods coming from Spain are submitted to heat in order to kill the microbes. Quarantine is ordered at Marseilles against all vessels that have touched at any Spanish port. At Cairo the sanitary department is preparing temporary hospitals for British troops in case cholera should break out. The medical commission at Madrid reported 85 cases at Pueblo Rugat and 42 at Senora. Several cases, distinctly choleraic, occurred at Bergamin, and there were several deaths. Cholera is also suspected at Malaga.

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