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Sioux rivers and the Ford
City are pouring their torrents
of the ice in the Missouri, which has
broken. The lowlands are flooded
the rivers are rising with flood
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The Platte river is over its usual
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ing statesman to-day, in an interview
with a representative of the Associated
Press on the eastern question, said:
"While Servia sympathizes with
Greece, the Servian government does
not regard the present as being a favor-
able time for a settlement of the Bal-
kan question. If the eastern question
is now reopened it could only be settled
in a way antagonistic to the interests
of Servia, Bulgaria and Greece. There-
fore it is the intention of Servia not to
do anything to increase the existing
complications at all, but to do every-
thing to preserve for the present the
status quo."

During the recent visit of King Alex-
ander to Sophia it developed during
the course of a discussion Bulgaria and Ser-
via held identical opinions on the sub-
ject and a full understanding was ar-
rived at between the two countries in
regard to the present situation. Both
countries are determined to preserve the
peace, and no one in Belgrade believes
that there will be a Turko-Greek war
or serious disturbances in Macedonia.

The few battalions of Turkish troops
sent to the Servian frontier were dis-
patched there in consequence of a de-
mand from Belgrade that Turkey pre-
serve their order and prevent the fur-
ther incursions of Albanians.

Constantinople, March 23.—Authen-
tic details of the outbreak on Sunday
list at Tokat, in the Sivas district of
Asia Minor, when the Turks attacked the
Armenians while the latter were at
church, show that one hundred Chris-
tians were massacred. The Armenian
quarter and the bazaar were given over
to pillage for eight hours. The repre-
sentations of the ambassadors of the
foreign powers regarding the condition
of Anatolia made but little impression
upon the Sultan, who, relying upon the
support of Russia, is convinced that he
has nothing to fear from the so-called
concert of the powers, which is contin-
ually harped upon, although it is believed
that little or no concert, beyond a desire
in some quarters to postpone the out-
break of war, really exists.

Diplomats here are said to be once
more turning their attention to the con-
duct of the Sultan. And it is semi-
officially intimated that they are again
of the opinion, so frequently attributed
to them, that the system of friendly re-
presentations on the subject of Arme-
nia, which has hitherto been followed,
must be changed for a sterner method
of dealing with the evils of which com-
plaint is made. But the Sultan has
heard this story many times during the
past few years, and he consoles himself
with the belief that he will still sur-
vive a new fit of righteous indignation,
as he has tired over others of a much
more serious nature.

The ambassadors have formally noti-
fied the Turkish government of the in-
tervention of the powers to land troops on
the island of Crete for the purpose of
relieving detachments of foreign marines
now on duty ashore. The Porte has
raised no objections up to the present,
believing that the foreign fleets will then
carry out their threat to blockade the
principal ports and coast of Greece.

On this question, however, there is no
unanimity of opinion, the impression
prevailing being that Great Britain and
Italy will at least strongly oppose such
a step, believing it would cause Greece
to promptly declare war on Turkey, a
culmination of the crisis which some
of the powers are apparently still hope-
ful of averting.

In the meanwhile war preparations
continue night and day, and there are
no indications of a backdown. Troops
are being constantly hurried to the
frontier. The work of erecting fortifi-
cations is progressing rapidly, and all
is in readiness for an advance early in
April, when the weather will be much
more propitious for military purposes.

Some people intimate that war will
break out about April 6 next, the anni-
versary of the standard of the Cross
against the Crescent, 1821, at the com-
mencement of the Greek war of in-
dependence.

ANOTHER LIBERAL VICTORY.
Champlain, Liberal, Elected for the
Riding of Wright.
Hull, March 23.—In the Wright elec-
tion the following returns have been re-
ceived:
Champlain—Champlain, 14; McDougall,
5; Arlwin—Champlain, 34; McDougall,
90; Maniwaki—Champlain, 37;
McDougall, 40. Six Portages—Cham-
plain, 46; McDougall, 16; Kensington
—Champlain, 12; McDougall, 44; Ken-
sington poll—45; Maniwaki—Cham-
plain, 120; McDougall, 44; Aylmer—
Champlain, 100; McDougall, 211;
Boughrell—Champlain, 87; McDougall,
32; Maniwaki poll 14—Champlain, 23;
McDougall, 62; Wakefield—Champlain,
50; McDougall, 57. At the close of the
poll Champlain has 652 majority.

ARMS FOR CUBA.
Another Party of Filibusters Get Safely
Away From Florida.
Punta, Cuba, Fla., March 22.—The
tug Fearless, which took out a party of
filibusters on Saturday morning, trans-
ferred them yesterday morning to a large
steamer, whose name is unknown, at
Boca Grande Pass, one of the remote
entrances to Charlotte harbor. Thence
they steamed away to Cuba. This ex-
pedition seems to have been entirely un-
expected by the government.

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IS KING GEORGE GETTING TIRED?

Belief That Greece Is Seriously Anxious to Find a Peaceful Solution of Difficulty

Massacre of Christians at Tokat—Sultan Not Frightened at Concert of the Powers.

Bulgaria and Servia Have Announced Their Determination to Preserve Peace.

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Victoria Times.

VICTORIA, B. C., FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 1897. NO. 5.

THE HORRORS OF SHIPWRECK

Survivors of the Wrecked St. Nazaire Tell of Intense Suffering, Madness and Death.

A Small Boat Containing Twenty-Seven Persons Tossed on Heavy Seas for Days.

One by One They Succumb, and When Relief Appears the Four Who Remain Are Helpless.

New York, March 24.—Lifeboat No. 3 of the missing steamer Ville de St. Nazaire, that was picked up at sea by the

steamer Creole and brought to this port, was the one from which the schooner

Hilda rescued the four survivors who were now in New York hospitals.

When the Hilda took out the living freight lifeboat containing five corpses

was permitted to drift, and was afterwards sighted by the Hilda, when the

steamer came to port and told her story it was supposed that she had found

another of the boats in which the passengers had left, the sinking ship. Cap-

tain Berrall, however, who was one of those rescued by the Hilda, stated posi-

tively that the boat from which he had been taken was No. 3. A baby's sock

found in the lifeboat by the Creole's crew was identified by Juan de Tejada,

another of the survivors, as that of his baby, who died in the boat. He has

the other sock under his pillow in the hospital, where he lies recovering.

Captain Gager, of the Creole, said that while in latitude 36 degrees 37 min-

utes, and longitude 74 degrees 20 min-utes, a boat was passed filled with

water. After a short distance, he recalled the loss of the St. Nazaire, and

thinking it might belong to her, turned the steamer and put back.

When the steamer got alongside the boat it was seen that she contained six

bodies, lying in a heap under the seats, and the water in her was up to the

POURING PEOPLE INTO THE WEST

Government Making Preparations to Develop the Long-Neglected Western Country.

Will Assist the Western Immigration Associations by Money Grant—People on the Way.

Ottawa, March 23.—There is a likelihood of the government abolishing most of the secretaries' departments, as their positions were created to give favorites

of the late government positions without any work to do. Those who are

likely to be affected soon are Benoit, secretary of militia, who was at one time

private secretary to Caron, Jarvis, secretary of agriculture, who was also private

secretary to Carling, and Balderston, secretary of railways, who was private

secretary to Haggart. It is said that Balderston has already been notified

of his superannuation. It has been decided by the minister

of the interior to give a small grant to the Western Immigration Association

for its assistance. This association is about the only organization voluntarily

formed by the people of the west to promote immigration, and it has been de-

termined to encourage and assist this work by giving a grant that will be

sufficient to pay the necessary expenditure. The general scope of the work to be

done by the association will be supervised by Commissioner McCreary at Win-

ipeg. Similar encouragement will be given to another association in Montreal,

which does work for the benefit for the province of Quebec. The idea is to

encourage independent effort on the part of the citizens wherever they are

found willing to take an interest in immigration matters.

Mr. Davin arrived last night. Judgment will be given in his election case to-morrow.

Speaker Edgar is here making assignments for the session. So was the man who sat in the stern with the ghastly smile

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three after leaving the ship. Everybody worked hard to keep the boat's head to the waves and all suffered most intense-

ly through the first night. Some froze to death and others jumped overboard. Of the last three days of the terrible ex-

perience Captain Berrall has only hazy recollections.

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THE FLOODED DISTRICT

River Raising Slowly at Memphis—The Rise Continues at Cairo.

Memphis, Tenn., March 23.—The river continues to fall slowly at Memphis. The

gauge last night registered a fraction under 37 feet, a fall of about an inch

forty-eight hours, but the decline of the great volume of water at this point

is due to a break in the levee at Cairo, Mo., and Sans Souci, Ark. The

fact that the rise continues at Cairo and other points not affected by the Car-

rollers' break is sufficient basis for the conclusion that the present slight

drop here is not indicative that the beginning of the end of the flood is at hand.

MAY AND DECEMBER.
Chief Justice Taschereau Creates Surprise by Choosing a Girlish Bride.

Ottawa, March 23.—Justice Taschereau, who created quite a sensation here

yesterday by marrying Miss Marie Panet, of this city, who is but 20 years

of age, left to-day with his youthful bride for New York on his honeymoon.

The groom is about 60 years of age, and only returned from India last week.

Winnipeg, March 23.—A Calgary dispatch says that the Galician settlers

sent north to Edmonton recently from Winnipeg are starving. They have no

food and no money, and are absolutely dependent on the charity of their neigh-

bors in the north for subsistence.

Ottawa, March 23.—The city council of Bristol, England, has nominated two of its members to attend the Cabot

celebration in Halifax next June.

THE FUR SEAL QUESTION.
David Starr Jordan Dispenses a Little of His Knowledge of the Subject.

San Francisco, March 23.—Prof. David Starr Jordan, the head of the

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VERY NEATLY PUT.

Hon. Mr. Geoffrion Sizes up the School Controversy in a Nutshell.

Montreal, March 23.—Hon. C. A. Geoffrion, member of the Dominion government, without portfolio, speaking here, referred to Mr. Merry del Val, who was not coming, he said, to say whether the school settlement was good or bad, but to tell the Catholic Liberals whether they could approve of the settlement as well as the Catholic Conservatives could disapprove of it.

HONORING THE QUEEN.

Projects Discussed in Montreal for the Diamond Jubilee Celebration.

Montreal, March 23.—It has been decided that the military feature of the Queen's jubilee celebration in Montreal shall take the place of a church parade on June 20th and a grand review on June 22.

Sir Donald Smith proposes Montreal shall celebrate the jubilee by erecting an establishment for nurses. Mayor Wilson Smith favors the building of a viceregal residence.

THINKS WAR A BLESSING.

Major Wagner, U. S. A., Is a Firm Believer in Blood-Letting.

Kansas City, March 23.—Major Arthur S. I. Wagner, U. S. A., in an interview with a reporter here said: "The Cuban embargo seems full of war. It is time that Europe had a blood letting. War will clear up conditions like a thunderstorm clears up the atmosphere."

"What do you think of war for America?" the major was asked. "America has needed a war for some time," replied the major. "A foreign war, a few years ago would have prevented the so-called hard times and the discontent of this recent period."

"And a war now?" queried the reporter. "An act of war by Spain would be a God-send."

"War," added the soldier, "not only clear the political atmosphere and national atmosphere, but it purges the moral atmosphere. The loss of life and horrors of fire and blood seem beyond being condoned; nevertheless, as the greatest good for the greatest number, war is the only remedy for the evils of long peace. American people are for war right now. These peculiar outbreaks are the symptoms of a demand for war. The inevitable result of unbroken peace is what we see in China to-day."

CROWN TIMBER AGENCY.

Mr. Higginson Reticent in Answering Questions.

New Westminster, March 24.—Several witnesses were examined yesterday, including millmen and lumbermen. Higginson recalled, denied having been interested in timber berths at the time such were acquired from the government adding: "Further than that I respectfully decline to answer on the principle of enquiring into private affairs, which none had a right to do. They might as well ask him how much stock he had in a certain bank."

Mrs. Black, of Vancouver, is at the New England.

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