

By Telegraph

HAVANA, Feb. 17. The official Gazette has published a deposition signed by the acting Governor General Figueroa, by which a commission is created to study and form the basis of a commercial treaty for the island of Cuba, between Spain and the United States and Spain and Canada. The basis of the treaty will be submitted to the consideration of the Home Government.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 17. Agency Russia states that the difference between Russia and Roumania relative to quarantine and passage of troops has been removed, but the Arab Talaria affair is still unsettled.

PESHU, Feb. 17. The Minister of finance has informed the Diet of a deficit of 24,000,000 florins.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 17. The Marquis de Tequerville telegraphs acceptance of a financial project involving a loan to the Porte of eighty millions sterling. The Porte will request England and France to appoint each two delegates to a commission for administering the Customs. The army and navy will be reduced to a peace footing.

The Porte has sent Mukhtar Pasha instructions specifying the maximum concessions to be made to Greece. Turkey agrees to make an important concession of territory but none from Albania because an insurrection would result from the surrender of a portion of that territory.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18. Nine persons escaped yesterday from Blackwell's Island workhouse.

LONG BRANCH, N. J., Feb. 18. The ship Hannah of Norway, from London, came ashore this morning; the crew were saved. The vessel lies easy and will probably be got off.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 18. Numbers of sailors have volunteered to serve on the African transport at less wages than those for which they have been striking.

LONDON, Feb. 18. A despatch from St. Petersburg says a strike occurred in two large cotton mills there for increased pay—diminution of hours of labor, and the dismissal of English foremen. It is believed the movement will spread.

The ship Sorrento, at Hull from New York, lost 81 cattle and 103 sheep on the passage. The strike of iron founders at Sheffield has terminated, the men accepting the reduction.

The London Times announces that the Pope expressed a desire to make Rev. Dr. Newman a Cardinal, but Newman respectfully declined the honor.

LONDON, Feb. 19. Four steamers with troops sailed for Africa this week. The 3rd Battalion of the 60th Rifles left Colchester this morning for the Cape of Good Hope.

The streets were decorated with flags, evergreens and mottoes, and the Corporation presented an address to the troops, wherein the hope was expressed that they recover the colors of the 24th Regt.

TORONTO, Feb. 19. On the 2nd inst. the S.S. Alva started from Boston for England with a cargo of cattle belonging to the Toronto Exporting Company. The animals numbered 229, a fair proportion being from the United States, while the rest were Canadian bred.

At the time of shipment they were apparently sound, having been thoroughly examined by competent veterinary men. The vessel reached Liverpool on Monday, and yesterday the Company's agent there called to the office here, with the fact of its arrival, with the additional information that 119 head of the cargo had been killed and thrown overboard during the voyage. Why the cattle were slaughtered is not yet known, and will not be until written advice are received. But it is inferred that it was on account of disease having broken out on board.

CURIOUS—The following curious story was related by a party who vouches for the truth of the statements: "On Thursday, the 16th of the Hon. James Ryan, of Cowardin, lost a pocket book containing \$28 in cash, a note of hand for \$3,000, a letter and some samples of table cloth and a few other articles of little value. He last remembered having his pocket book out buying tickets at the 'Ra' way ticket office. He did not advertise his loss, but yesterday morning received a letter by mail, bearing the Montreal postmark, with all the contents of the missing pocket-book, except the money. How the missing articles got to Montreal, and by whom taken, will probably remain a mystery. The probabilities of the case are that the lost articles had been found by some party who was on his way to Montreal, and he having no way for any of them save the cash, generously concluded to return them. The clue to the name of the loser was no doubt obtained from the note of hand."

A Tale of Vengeance.

[From the London Globe.]

The blue waves of the Norman coast have been the scene of a little drama quite worthy in its way of the pen of a Theophrastus. A lady presented by an unweary admirer, had given him a sharp rebuff, and the ungallant lover had retorted by an insult addressed to her in the public streets. The lady neither said nor did anything at the time, but reserved to herself the right of revenge at a favorable opportunity. It will amuse some English readers to hear what was the opportunity found most suitable for the purpose. The fair avenger of her own wrong appears to be an excellent housewife, and she selected a moment when the enemy was taking his position in the open sea at Dieppe. Then springing out from the quarter of the ladies' bathing machines and bearing down upon the unsuspecting bather, she proceeded to subject him to that playful but eminently disagreeable proceeding known in English schools as "dunking." Lay her feet hand upon the back of his head, she lit it firmly down under the water, and had no difficulty, notwithstanding the struggles of the sufferer, in keeping it there as long as she liked. Every school boy, however, knows that the art of dunking is to be thoroughly successful should be practiced with a good deal of moderation, and that without the admixture of prudence the effects are not only likely to be tragic. In this case the nymph, whose hand was nerved with all the bitterness of passion, went just a little far, and reduced the foe to a state of unconsciousness from which he was with difficulty recovered. He was, however, dragged out alive, chiefly by the assistance of his persecutor, who saw her mistake in time, and took an early opportunity, as well she might, of saying good-bye to Dieppe. His turn for vengeance has, it seems, now again come round; and he has instituted proceedings against the lady for an attempt to murder him. The case seems actually likely to be heard at the Assizes, but the Norman jurymen must be very degenerate if they do not read a severe lesson to this ungallant persecutor.

the persons who went to Hosking's assistance managed to escape freezing to death is what excited the wonderment of the oldest inhabitant's listeners.

Good Advice to Young Men.

Young men, be busy. Don't throw away the precious moments of vigorous youth. Don't loiter about the streets in idleness. Don't be out at night; for if you are vice will overtake you. The first little step in the path of error is the biggest, largest and most fatal step of all of them. Stay at home with your parents and books. Look for something to do; there is plenty of it everywhere if you would but take hold.

It is your duty to be industrious and energetic. Life is not given you for idle pleasure; it is given you that you might improve yourself, glorify God, bless your fellow-men with good examples as well as good deeds. Remember that the errors of to-day can never be corrected. The little fountain that gushes out of the mountain top and carries on to the great ocean, and so get back to its source and retrace its steps. Like that little fountain you are leaping down the hill of time to the great ocean of eternity. All along the way of life there stands a sentinel on either side, above and below, who records your every thought, word and deed. That these reports may be good, make haste to improve every moment of life; make haste to be just, honest, truthful and honorable in all things. Go at it now. This is the most important moment of them all, because it will be lost if not used now.—Franklin (Ky.) Patriot.

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