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arch 29.—Fire complete- chumacher & Ettlin- ment, at 32, 34 and , to-night. The total 0,000, of which $100 ing, and believed to as over four hours be- vere got under control. f the secure way in g, with its iron shut- the firemen had much ng an opening through ould be sent. When a moke and flames drove , and more time was and people flocked to twenty engines and force from five pre- e scene. After the conflagration of Italians in a tene- the blazing building m their homes. They ut of the way than ks fell from the roof ing with them portions ront and the side walls. were knocked down, as seriously injured. considerably damaged tower was wrecked. ll in, but the flames d to spread to the ad- ts.

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Right to Sleep.

aid a husband to his able to get any sleep. I er since I came to bed. d get up and prepare danum." "It's hardly w," she replied, consoli- "it's almost time to en fire." Then he sank tful slumber.

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THE WEEKLY COLONIST.

NOTICE.

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Local and Provincial News.

From the Daily Colonist April 4.

What Some People Say.

That the sea serpent has been seen in Victoria harbor is a certain fact. Another is a boarder at the Cosmopolitan Hotel in this city, on Saturday night last, saw a room full of serpents.

A Wag in the house of lords Earl North-brooke said a naval officer had been sent to America to inspect a newly-invented torpedo boat, but it was not desirable to publish the results of his inspection.

That young ladies who will not marry when they have a chance Miss it.—Exchange. No doubt of it. But what are they to do? When one accepts an offer she generally Mrs. it too.—[Boston Post. We Mr. out this sentiment.—[The Independent.

That an obscure evening contemporary remarks that *The Colonist* is annoyed at the re-naming of the Park Hotel. Not at all. We think the woman has shown good sense in her selection of a name; but the o. s. c. and its lewd protégés are not the only persons who have entered the service of the devil in stolen raiment.

That in a recent address in Chicago Mrs. Frances E. Willard, a teacher and writer of wide reputation, said: "I solemnly aver that had I the power our system of education should be so changed that the course of study of every pupil, from the kindergarten toddler to the high-school graduate, should be grounded where God grounds our very being—on natural law. They should know the laws of health first of all, since their physical being is the firm base of the whole pyramid of character."

That the Hon. Mildred Coleridge (daughter of Lord Chief Justice Coleridge) requests Mr. Yates to contradict in the World (London) the report that she and Mr. Adams (variously known as Charles Warren Adams and Frank Mantell Adams) have been married. The report is false. "When my marriage does take place," she says, "it will be publicly announced in the ordinary manner." And that settles that.

That the Toronto World says the way to put down the Northwest rebellion is to hang Riel. That reminds us of the recipe in the cookery book which begins, "First catch your hare; then skin it." Riel must be caught before he can be hanged.

That the Driard House received a green turtle from San Francisco by the mail steamer.

That the Dominion government will appear as borrower of $50,000,000 before the 30th June.

The Late Mrs. Vernon.

The grave has closed over all that is mortal of the late Mrs. Forbes Vernon; but the recollection of her bright and kindly disposition, her intellectual attainments and her good deeds will linger long with those who knew her best and loved her most. She lived in Victoria from early childhood, and had drawn about her—as bright and happy natures always do—a large circle of devoted friends, whose grief at her untimely departure time only can assuage. Possessed of rare accomplishments as a vocalist her services were always generously rendered in the cause of charity. None among the many who listened to her beautiful voice at the last amateur concert in this city could have imagined that within a few days that voice would be stilled forever and the bright and joyous wife and mother conveyed to the narrow house which awaits us all. Numerous instances are related of the unostentatious ministrations of the deceased lady to those in distress, and many poor persons who have partaken of her bounty will miss their friend and benefactor. The home-circle, which has been suddenly bereft of its most cherished ornament, may rest satisfied that they enjoy the sympathy of the community. Indeed, the loss sustained through her death is as much a public as a private one.

MR. J. ENGELHARDT has opened an office on the S. E. corner of Wharf and Fort streets, where he will conduct a general custom house brokerage, shipping and commission business, and will adjust accounts and keep books.

A STEEL STEAMSHIP.

Completion of the Arago, a New Steam Coaling Vessel.

A steel steamship, to be called the Arago, and built to the order of the Newport Coos Bay Coal Comprny, was launched on Thursday, from the yard of the Union Iron Works at the Portero, San Francisco. She is a screw steamship, of about 750 tons register, and measures 200 feet at the water line and 207 over all, has 30 feet beam and 16 feet depth of hold. She is the first steel steamer ever built on the coast, the stem and stern frames, keel and and angle iron, all being made at the Union Works, the plates being rolled in the east and brought here to be fitted. She is intended for a coal vessel, and has, therefore a light draft—12 feet and six inches—considering her capacity, that she may approach sufficiently near the landing place for loading for this purpose. She will carry 1,000 tons of coal. Special pains have been taken to make the Arago a good sea-boat, and she has six water-tight compartments, including the water ballast tank beneath the engines. The latter are of the direct acting inverted cylinder surface condensing pattern, with high and low pressure cylinders of 22 and 44 inches respectively, with 34-inch stroke and steam reversing gear. Manager George W. Dickle of the Union Works designed the engines, which will be placed in the vessel as soon as she is launched. The boiler is 16 feet long, 8 feet 6 inches wide and 15 feet high. It is of what is known as the "Scotch" style, and is fired from both ends. The vessel was built under special survey of the Bureau Veritas, and is warranted in every respect. Steam pumps are so arranged that water can be drawn from every compartment of the vessel, and also from the sea should it be needed to extinguish a fire.

THE KILLING OF SALMON.

Evidence of the Destruction of Fish by Seals.

Stephen Ellis, who made the first fly that caught a salmon in California, and who has, probably, as much experience in salmon fishing as any other man on the coast, is able to give some facts with relation to the destruction of fish which confirm opinions that have for a long time been held by the fish commissioners. The source of greatest destruction is, in his opinion, the seals. In the Columbia river, where he has fished for many years, he has often had the entire catch of a net destroyed. He has seen seals pursuing fish, driving them from one end of the net to the other, and biting pieces from their bodies. It is seldom that they take more than one bite, and that is usually from the neck, and that is of so severe a character that death usually ensues. As a seal will eat at least thirty pounds of flesh a day, the number of fish destroyed to procure this amount will be very large. But even when a seal has supposed his hunger, he still continues to inflict fatal wounds on the salmon in simple sport. Mr. Ellis has seen seals bite pieces from salmon and then throw them from their mouths, having already eaten enough. In his opinion, seals destroy at least one-third of the salmon that seek entrance to the rivers through the Golden Gate.

Good Friday.

Yesterday being Good Friday, services were held in the Episcopal and Catholic churches in the morning and in the evening. Archbishop Seghers lectured in the Cathedral on View street to a large congregation.

Business generally was suspended and the weather being favorable many utilized the holiday in boating, driving and picnicking.

At Beacon Hill a well contested game of base ball was played between the moulders and boiler-makers of the Albion Iron Works. The game was a long one, the moulders being the winners, the score standing: Boiler-makers, 29; Moulders, 51. Mr. T. Burnes, jr., was captain of the moulders; Mr. G. Clyde of the boiler makers, Mr. T. Baker acting as umpire.

A large number of people went up the arm to the Gorge, and Beacon Hill was visited by a large crowd to witness the base ball and other matches.

Marine.

Bark Spartan from Victoria was in port at Hongkong March 3rd.

The steamship Queen of the Pacific left for the Sound yesterday morning, having discharged cargo at the outer wharf.

The Idaho, Capt. Carroll, sailed for the north at 9 o'clock yesterday morning with a large number of passengers.

Steamship Wilmington sails for San Francisco to-morrow afternoon. Fares, $16 and $8.

Steamship Queen of the Pacific will sail for San Francisco at noon on the 9th.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SAN FRANCISCO, April 3.—Arrived—Steamer State of California, Portland; ship City of Brooklyn, Tacoma.

Cleared—Steamer Columbia, Astoria; ship Blue Jacket, Port Townsend; schr. Jno. G. North, Port Townsend.

Sailed—Steamer San Pedro, Tacoma; schooner Maid of Orleans, Shoalwater Bay.

Personal.

Messrs. Alex. Robertson and J. B. Robertson, of Montreal, are registered at the Driard. These gentlemen are sons of Mr. Andrew Robertson, president of the Montreal Board of Trade.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas, of Wackoto, New Zealand, are at the Driard.

Mr. J. C. Haines, one of Seattle's prominent lawyers, came over by the Geo. E. Starr yesterday.

Mr. R. H. Alexander of Burrard Inlet arrived in this city by the Queen of the Pacific on Thursday night.

Mr. John Gannon is reported as doing well and great hopes are entertained for his ultimate recovery.

Officer Stewart is fast regaining his strength and will be able to leave his bed shortly.

Dr. Taylor left this city for Tacoma by the Starr to attend a consultation in that city.

B. C. Militia.

It is reported that the British Columbia militia have received orders to hold themselves in readiness for active service in suppressing the Northwest rebellion should their services be required.

LAAW SUIT.—The following gentlemen received the highest number of votes cast for the election of Benchers for the ensuring year: Messrs. M. W. T. Drake, Q. C., Charles E. Pooley, Theodore Davie, Edwin Johnson, Gordon E. Corbould, W. N. Bole and D. M. Eberts.

A RUMOR that "Ned" Buckley, the actor, had died suddenly in New York city, was afterwards contradicted by telegraph. "Ned" was a Victoria boy and made his *debut* at the old Theatre Royal.

KILLED BY A FALL.—A young girl, whose parents reside near Seattle, fell from a horse a few days ago and broke her neck.

From the Daily Colonist, April 5.

Blue Ribbon Social.

The necessity of furnishing more accommodation was apparent at the temperance social last evening, the hall being well filled with ladies and gentlemen interested in the work of moral reform. The choir sang two beautiful temperance selections, which received well deserved applause. Prayer was engaged in by Mr. S. Gray, and President Humber, in his opening speech, alluded to the remarks in the Times of Friday, and requested the writer to sign the pledge and become a plain temperance man. Mr. Randell sang a fine solo, after which a little girl, named Miss S. Foster recited a short piece. Mr. Miller's solos were the gems of the evening, and were rapturously applauded. Miss Miller's accompaniment was faultless. Mr. Samuel Gray made a good speech on the question of prohibition and the necessity for united effort in the cause of temperance. The orchestra discoursed in harmony, they have not, we do not, understand whether a man is under the effects of liquor or not, we watch him on the ice. If he falls forward he is drunk; if he slips up and sits down hard like an honest man, he isn't.—*Burlington Free Press.*

That an extension of the city limits is one of the *on dits*.

That a New York inventor has prepared a paint that is said to be proof against the toredo and the white ant. The body is made from nitric acid, zinc, copper and arsenic. It will not meet with a large sale, as the inventor declares it will kill any person who handles it careless ly.

That it was a rich Scotchman who started a newspaper in 1840, stopped it in a few months without a word of explanation, and started it again in 1850, with the remark: "Since the publication of our last paper nothing of importance has occurred in the political world."

That how long a call should be is a question that is often agitated. Certain calls, those of the favored one, can never seem too long. But it is safe to say that an ordinary friendly call that occupies from 7:30 to 12 and 1 is enough to wear the welcome out.

That a lady in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, has been excommunicated by her priest for attending the skating rink.

That a French newspaper advertisement reads: "Wanted, a conspicuously healthy-looking man to be a tortured patient' in a doctor's office."—Young men, read this.

That a tombstone somewhere in Jersey bears the following significant epitaph: "Died of thin shoes, January, 1879."

That Charlotte Stanbury, employed as a cook by Jacob Pusey, of Centreville, Md., died recently. She weighed 837 pounds.

That James Ellis French, the disgraced police inspector, who was recently convicted and sentenced to two years' imprisonment, has been declared a bankrupt.

That the Skagit, W. T., News says: A note for $178.75 to a man named A. A. Webber drew five per cent. per month interest compounded monthly. It came into court this year worth $12,104. The creditor had purposely protracted the necessary proceedings to increase the note. Who is there who would subpoena the enforcement of such a contract a mere contemptible act of scoundrelism than highway robbery.

That the Times editor took a mean advantage last night by trying to mash his lady readers with his own portrait, labeled as that of Louis Riel. The description was altogether too transparent, as Riel is said to have some claim to comeliness.

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That Croasdaile & Jones offer some fine properties for sale.

That Mr. Archibald, Victoria manager of the telegraph office, has been instructed to show to any person who may apply to him any or all the news telegrams sent from *The Colonist* office for the past twelve months. An examination of those telegrams will show that not less than one-half of the troops will die or be disabled by the heat before the arrival of Autumn. The whole tone of the peculiar report, which was undoubtedly inspired by Gen. Wolseley himself, indicates that a decision having been reached to that effect and the public is being prepared to witness the early withdrawal of the whole British force from the Soudan to Egypt and the complete abandonment of the Nile-Khartoum expedition. It is announced that Gen. Graham has been ordered by the government to at once open peace negotiations with Osman Digma or the sheikhs between Suakim and Berber possessing power to control the natives. It has been stated that Gen. Graham has been instructed to secure such terms as to enable him to evacuate the country at once. Whether it was in pursuance of these particular instructions or not Gen. Graham to-day withdrew the whole force back from Tamai to Suakim, leaving only a small contingent at Gen. McNeil's zareba. It is believed that no operations will be undertaken against the Tamaians. The heat is peculiarly intolerable in the desert west of Tamai which itself is mostly beyond the influence of the water of the Red Sea. The officers and men belonging to General Stewart's force are completely disgusted over the negative result of the expedition and are all anxious to be at once recalled home. The disgust of the magnificent fellows who have come all the way from Australia to help maintain the mother country's prestige is simply supreme and indescribable.

What Some People Say.

That any one in want of a good milch cow would do well to call at Twin Oak Farm and make a selection from Mr. Fox's herd.

That Mr. James Lowther, M. P., publicly declares Mr. Gladstone to be the veritable Antichrist of prophecy.

That Mrs. Gladstone is the man of the family is incidentally evidenced by the big bouquet the premier wears in his button-hole, which he pathetically protests he doesn't like, but says that Mrs. G. makes him wear it.

That there are two young men in Europe, having the same given name, promising sons of fathers who have left their brand on history, who each intend, apparently, to in time try wearing the paternal mantle. These two are Herbert Gladstone and Herbert Bismarck. They will afford a chance for studying the law of heredity.

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Personal.

Lieut.-Governor Cornwall was a passenger by the Enterprise yesterday.

Hon. J. Robson, Mr. C. Todd, S. M., Miss Jenns and Mr. G. T. Kyle were passengers by the Princess Louise.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. Thomas Charles is lying very low at his residence, James Bay, and that little or no hope is entertained of his recovery.

Mr. John J. Byrne has been appointed general passenger and ticket agent of the O. R. & N. Co.

Capt. Geo. Ainsworth arrived by the North Pacific yesterday.

Mr. C. M. Coe, well known and connected with the Evening Times' staff, and now with the Portland press, is visiting Victoria for a few days.

Mr. Geo. W. Reynolds, of San Francisco, who will represent W. T. Coleman & Co.'s interests in certain legal proceedings, shortly to be instituted, is at the Driard.

Mr. R. Pittock arrived from Portland yesterday.

Mr. Joseph Wilson (W. & J. Wilson), will leave for England to-morrow, and will remain away six months. Mr. Wilson will bear with him the hearty good wishes of all his fellow-citizens.

Defences of British Columbia.

The prospect of war between England and Russia has called attention to the defenceless state of British Columbia. The equipment of the artillery corps is said to be very incomplete. The batteries at Victoria and Esquimalt are in a discreditable condition; the gun carriages rotten and the batteries comparatively useless. The armament consists of one eighty-pounder gun, three seven-pounders, and sixty-four six pounders. The total strength of the militia is only 322 men, of which 187 belong to the artillery. There are only 100 rounds of ammunition in the magazines for the large guns.—*Army and Navy Journal.*

THE PUBLIC AND HIGH SCHOOLS.—The government having placed the chainguang at the disposal of the secretary of the board of trustees the whole of the class-rooms, passages and outbuildings have been thoroughly scrubbed and ventilated. The schools will therefore reopen on Tuesday morning as required by law. A very handsome glass-front cabinet has also been furnished by the government and placed in the high school, in which the valuable specimens presented by the geological and natural history survey of Canada will be placed. The cabinet has been made large enough to receive any additions that generous friends of education may be pleased to make and which will be thankfully accepted by any member of the school board.

WIGWAM LODGE.—A settler who had taken up land in Alberni district went out on a long hunt a short time ago and was unable to again find his location. It took seven of men and half a dozen dogs to find the ranche; but the sighter came to the conclusion that he had better get a site nearer civilization and he again made a location near some of the other stilers.

C. P. R. PROPOSALS.—In the house on the 27th ult. Sir John Macdonald stated in reply to Mr. Blake that the application of the railway company had not been rejected by the government, it had simply not been accepted and some portions of it were worthy of consideration and were being considered.

NEW WESTMINSTER.—A telephone message from Port Moody on Wednesday stated that Constable Sharpe had fired Constable Shannon and taken possession of the citadel. The government agent went out on Thursday and quelled the rebellion, confirming Mr. Shannon in possession until further orders. Cherry trees and plum trees are out in blossom. Wild strawberries are also in blossom.

ALBERNI.—Free Press:—Mr. Tranfield has made a good job of the trail from Qualicum to Alberni. At Alberni the settlers are getting in their crops, as the weather has been most favorable. The trail from Qualicum to Englishman's river is almost impassable on account of numerous fallen trees. The bridge at the head of Nanoose bay is in a very dangerous condition.

ON THE ROCKS.—The steamer Otter while on her way to Saanich with a lot of Chinamen, ran on Cadboro point in the fog of yesterday morning. She was pretty high out of the water in the afternoon. The Enterprise left at 4 o'clock and succeeded in towing her off last evening.

DIED AT SAN FRANCISCO.—John McKenzie, as to whose whereabouts an advertisement of inquiry has appeared in *The Colonist*, died at San Francisco about three years ago. His mother died recently in Scotland, leaving a large property to her son.

FOG.—A dense fog prevailed early yesterday morning in the straits and harbor and in consequence the coasting steamers did not leave at their usual hour. Becoming tired of waiting for the dense mist to clear away, Capt. Rudlin gave the order to cast off and took the Enterprise safely out of the harbor, the Princess Louise and Amelia following immediately afterwards.

FUNERAL. — The remains of Llyan Gertrude, the only child of Mr. and Mrs. John Gannon, were laid in their last resting place yesterday afternoon at Ross Bay cemetery. The cortege was a large one. Much sympathy is expressed for the bereaved parents.

A Cariboo Hunt.

The San Francisco Post contains the following story of an adventure of a Dominion cabinet minister in the wilds of Cassiar, thirteen years ago:

"I read the other day the speech of Sir Hector Langevin in Canada. Sir Hector is the minister of public works, and made the first report on the possibilities of a Canada Pacific railroad. I had the pleasure of traveling through British Columbia with that distinguished gentleman at that time. In Barkerville, some 500 miles above Fort Yale, Sir Hector met a most enthusiastic reception. Barkerville is a mining camp, the population of which is largely composed of Canadians. They took Sir Hector everywhere—down in the mines, where he was presented with nuggets, and on the lakes, where he caught monster trout. But the statesman's ambition was to kill a cariboo—a species of small reindeer, which was even then growing quite rare. At early morning the hunting party started, Sir Hector armed with an English sporting rifle. We had not gone more than four miles from the camp when the leader made a warning gesture, and all lay down. He beckoned to Sir Hector to come to the front, and pointed out an animal but dimly seen through the morning mist, grazing on a mountain spur nearly 1000 yards away. The statesman adjusted his eyeglasses, raised his sights, fired, and, with a shout of exultation, the leader proclaimed that the cariboo was down. A portion of the party made a detour to bring the game home, and we pushed on, but we saw no more cariboo. Sir Hector had the head preserved, and took it away in triumph. That evening I remarked to the chief huntsman that Sir Hector really made a wonderful shot, and that he had good reason to be proud of his skill. The hunter winked. 'Nearly a thousand yards away,' said I. The hunter grinned. 'And dropped him with the first bullet, too. Just see, now, how incredulous people are about hunting yarns. Why, if Sir Hector had told me that story in Yale, and I had not been a spectator of the feat, I would never have believed it.' The hunter laughed outright. 'Why, man,' he said, 'that cariboo was killed the day before, and we had it propped up with sticks on the mountain side, all ready for the coming of Sir Hector. Jim Burns was lying down near it, holding the end of a cord fastened to its horns. Afraid of being hit? Not he. He knew the closer he got to the game the safer he was, and when he heard Sir Hector's bullet whizz by him, some ninety feet away, he pulled the cord and upset the corpse.' Yet, I doubt not that Sir Hector's hall is ornamented with those antlers, and that the killing of that cariboo is one of his favorite after dinner anecdotes."

BY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH

EXCLUSIVE DISPATCHES TO THE COLONIST.

EGYPT.

LONDON, April 3.—Dispatches received from Suakim this morning give the following account of the progress of events at the front: Gen. Graham occupied with his forces all the heights above Tamai last evening. During last night the rebels fired into the zareba and some of their shots took effect. One soldier was killed outright and two others were wounded. Early this morning Gen. Graham advanced to Tamai, and at 7 o'clock took possession of the springs. Another dispatch reads: Hill above Tamai, 8 a. m.—The Guards, Bengalese troops, marines, Berkshire regiment and Sikhs will occupy Tamai on Monday. The remainder of the forces will follow when a water supply has been secured. A dispatch from Gen. Graham reads as follows: Teselahe Hill, 6:30 a. m.—Hills around the zareba occupied last night by a chain of pickets, supported by a strong force. Skirmishing commenced at daybreak and lasted twenty minutes. Nothing doing in broad daylight.

LONDON, April 4.—Reports which are received from Earl Dufferin, British viceroy of India, indicate that negotiations are in progress at Rawul Pindi. The terms are satisfactory to the Indians and apparently to the British; but they also indicate that negotiations tend so strongly towards joint military alliance between England and the Ameer that every success may be accepted by Russia as a menace. Earl Dufferin, for instance, to-day reports that the Ameer has obtained from India a special subsidy for the maintenance of an Afghan garrison at Herat of sufficient strength to insure the integrity of that district. In addition it has been decided to give Abdurrahman the services of an English officer to superintend the work of constructing a series of fortresses which have been decided on as a line of defense along the northern frontier. Of course it is stipulated that the fortresses are to be garrisoned and defended by Afghans exclusively; but Russia gives cause for irritation. Lord Dufferin reports that on the part of Great Britain it has been agreed that the English shall construct a railway from Bolan to Candahar and a military road from Candahar to Herat, and in addition to this a link of fortresses between Bikah, Herat and Candahar, together with a telegraph system. It is feared by careful observers that Russia will at least continue their struggle with the Afghan question under the assumption that the Rawul Pindi council is really arranging a compact with England as a controlling spirit of the firm of which the Ameer is but a dummy. The Russian army organ, the "Scot," published at St. Petersburg, renews its menace against England. It declares broadly that if the English advise that Herat be fortified and if its fortification follows as the result of English counsel and with English assistance that that will constitute a *casus belli.*

LONDON, April 4.—A cabinet council today approved of the agreement between the Ameer and Earl Dufferin. Abdurrahman's expression of a desire to visit England having been reported by Lord Dufferin to the home government, the viceroy has been instructed to invite the Ameer to come to London as the guest of the Crown.

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CANADA.

MONTREAL, April 3.—The mayor has called a public meeting for Saturday afternoon to take into consideration the families of volunteers who are going to the front. There are many sympathizers with Riel.

QUEBEC, April 3.—Fully 20,000 persons witnessed the departure of the 9th battalion for the Northwest. The enthusiasm was unbounded.

CHICAGO, April 4.—The Inter-Ocean's Monmouth, Ill., special says: Edward Nash an insane youth aged twenty, this afternoon murdered his mother and sister, then took a horse and wagon and fled. The scene of the tragedy was a farm house five mile west of here. Adison Nash, the father, was away from home at the time. Returning this evening he discovered the lifeless bodies of his wife and daughter. Officers are in pursuit of the maniac. He was taken to the asylum a year ago, being then violent and dangerous. He recovered and had lived at home six months.

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PARIS, April 3.—The following telegram was received from Admiral Courbet: French men-of-war attacked Ping Poo at 7 o'clock Sunday morning, bombarding the forts. By 10 o'clock two powder magazines exploded, setting fire to the village of Makung, which burned for twenty hours. The fleet was not injured. A base from Priomphants destroyed the forts. Marines landed and marched to Makung and occupied the village.

HONGKONG, April 4.—England has made arrangements for the establishment of a coal port at Hamilton, an island in the Corean Archipelago, over part of which the British flag was hoisted yesterday.

LONDON, April 4.—Dr. Macartney, secretary of the Chinese legation in London, in an interview to-day confirmed the statement that the preliminaries of peace between China and France, under discussion with Ferry, are now suspended. He said the government of Pekin awaits the results of negotiations, but insists as the first condition that France withdraw her proposition of rice as contraband of war. Marquis Tseng, Chinese ambassador, states that recent Chinese victories will be no obstacle to the conclusion of peace. Since the capture of Langson the government has sent a cable despatch maintaining peace proposals.

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