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CABLE NEWS.

Parliament Unable to Settle Down to Business

Until the Commission's Report is Disposed of.

Alarming Rebellion in Progress in Morocco—Prince Bismarck Votes for the Conservative Candidate.

In the Commons.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—In the commons this evening W. H. Smith stated that under the operation of the Ashbourne act applications had amounted to £8,902,657, of which sum £6,575,630 had been advanced. Stansfield, Liberal member for Halifax, moved to-day the address to the reply to the Queen's speech, clause, favoring the formation of a parochial council under the county council.

The Berlin Elections.

BERLIN, Feb. 20.—The anti-Semitic Conservatives are emphasizing their dislike of Professor Verchow by voting for the Socialist candidate.

The Duke of Orleans' Case.

PARIS, Feb. 20.—At a meeting of the cabinet to-day, the case of the Duke of Orleans was discussed. No decision as to the disposition to be made of it was reached by the ministers.

The Colliery Explosion.

PARIS, Feb. 20.—Up to the present time 43 corpses have been removed from the colliery at Decize, in which occurred an explosion on the night of last Tuesday. Eight miners who are hurt have also been taken out.

Prince Bismarck Votes.

BERLIN, Feb. 20.—Prince Bismarck to-day drove to the polling booth situated at Herrenhaus restaurant and deposited his ballot in favor of Herr Zeidler, the Conservative candidate for the Reichstag.

Rebellion in Morocco.

TANGIERS, Feb. 20.—An alarming rebellion is in progress in Morocco. The royal troops have been defeated by rebels at Nassau, and afterwards besieged in the town.

Destitute Weavers.

WARSAW, Feb. 20.—The weavers and spinners locked out at Lodz, Russian Poland, are in a destitute condition and are threatening violence.

Imperial Parliament.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—In spite of the disposition of members of all parties to settle down to the consideration of the immense volume of important business confronting them, there is a general feeling that parliament will be unable to proceed with this much desired legislation till the report of the Parnell commission shall have been formally disposed of. The newspapers are devoting columns of space to this question, and the Radicals, who daily demand that parliament shall either exonerate or expell the Irish members accused by the Times, are gaining an immense number of adherents to their contention. In the circumstances, it seems hardly possible that the government can successfully pursue the policy of silence, which the ministry has manifestly adopted. Justice to the Government, as well as to the accused men, demand that the matter shall be speedily settled.

A Supporter of Parnell.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—Wm. S. Caine, Unionist member of parliament for Barrow-on-Furness, has written a letter to his constituents, wherein he says he cannot find language strong enough to express his horror of the conspiracy against Mr. Parnell, or his opinion of the conduct of the Times in lending itself to such infamous libels upon the flimsiest evidence of it supposed genuinness.

The Chancellor's Vote.

BERLIN, Feb. 21.—When Prince Bismarck entered the voting post yesterday afternoon he was greeted respectfully by every one present. In acknowledgement the chancellor remarked: "This is probably my last vote." Responding to the expression of doubt, in view of his vigorous appearance, the chancellor continued: "I am now 75 years of age. Five years longer is a long time."

They Must be Ever Ready.

BERLIN, Feb. 21.—Some excitement was caused to-day by the announcement that the entire military garrison of Berlin had been ordered under arms. The excitement was soon allayed, however, when it was learned that the movement was simply a military surprise, intended to test the discipline and efficiency of the garrison. The troops were marched to the temple, and after some manœuvres and inspection by the Emperor they returned to barrack.

A Libel Case Settled.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—Right Hon. A. M. Horten, master of the Rolls in Ireland, whose speech was the cause of the libel suit brought by Mr. Henry Campbell against the Belfast News-Letter, and which was decided in favor of the plaintiff, has apologized to Campbell and paid him £500. He also pays the costs of the case.

Struck With a Stone.

BEDGRAVE, Feb. 21—As M. Tauchalon, Minister of the Interior, was leaving the bureau to-day, he was seriously wounded in the head with a stone thrown by a bystander. Efforts were made to arrest the assailant, but he succeeded in escaping.

Belgium Sends no Delegates.

BRUSSELS, Feb. 21.—The Belgian government objects to sending delegates to the proposed labor conference in Berlin, and it is not likely that Belgium will be represented.

Rioting at Berlin.

BERLIN, Feb. 21.—Riots growing out of the elections have occurred in Bernenburg, Konigsburg and Frankfort. In Berlin thirty-six arrests have been made for rioting.

After the Evictions.

DUBLIN, Feb. 21.—Seventy persons were arrested at Newbridge, County Kildare, to-day while engaged in rerecting the houses of tenants evicted from the Clangary estates. A large crowd assembled at the scene, but were dispersed by the police.

A Socialist Victory.

BERLIN, Feb. 20.—Herr Liebknecht and Singer, Socialists, have been elected, the latter defeating Herr Richter, Liberal. Supplementary ballots in four districts will be necessary. In Hamburg, Herr Bebel, Deitz and Metzger, Socialists, are elected. In the First Berlin districts, the Progressist candidate received 6,700 votes, the Conservatives 4,800, and the Socialists 3,500. In the Second, Virschow received 18,901, the Socialist candidate 19,010, and the Conservatives 14,017. In the Third the ballot stood—Progressist, 11,567; Socialist, 12,280. Second ballots will be necessary in this district. In the fifth the Progressist candidate polled 10,100, and the Socialists 7,240. In Madgeburg, Herr Vall Mar, Socialist, is returned. In the first district of Munich a re-ballot is necessary. In the second, the Socialist candidate is returned. In Strasburg, a National-Liberal candidate is elected. A second ballot is necessary in Liepsic, and Herr Hagan, Progressist, is returned from Muremburg. A Socialist is returned from Murnan, and Herr Duer, also Socialist, is elected in Furckan. Herr Stelle, Socialist, is elected in Dantsic. At midnight the returns indicate that the government has lost fifteen seats in the Reichstag, and that the socialists have doubled their voting strength throughout the kingdom of Prussia. The returns thus far received indicate the election of four conservatives, one nationalist-liberal, eleven progressists, seven socialists, two Poles, two Alsatians, and ten Freisinnigly.

In the fourth Berlin district Herr Singer, socialist, got 40,500 votes; Richter, 14,100. In the fifth, Herr Bounach, Freisenig, polled 10,060; Duerbach, socialist, 7,322; Luedtke, conservative, 4,324. Chemnitz by 23,647 majority. In Liepsic city a re-ballot is necessary to decide between Herr Bebel, socialist, and Goetz, national-liberal. In Leipsic district Coyer, socialist, is elected.

Gladstone Slightly Ill.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—Rt. Hon. Mr. Gladstone is slightly ill with an attack of catarrh.

Young Lincoln's Illness.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—An operation performed upon young Abraham Lincoln, son of the United States minister, is pronounced by his physicians to be in every respect successful, and there is now reason to believe that he will recover.

Suicide and Sensation.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 21.—A sensation has been created here by the suicide of a son of General Drogomoroff and there is a strong public demand for an inquiry into the causes and circumstances of his death. The young man was a pupil in the Corps des Pages.

A Patriot Priest Imprisoned.

DUBLIN, Feb. 21.—Father Kinsella has been sentenced to two months' imprisonment with hard labor for his connection with the recent resistance to evictions from the Clangary estate.

IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT

Labouchere Wants Information on the Parnell Commission.

Lord Wolseley's Article in Harper's Magazine Not an Infraction of Military Regulations.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—In the Commons this evening, Labouchere asked the government what sums had been paid to Informer LeCaron, and what period the payments covered?

Matthews, home secretary, replied that LeCaron had not received a payment from the government since he had testified before the special commission.

Labouchere demanded that the government give assurance that it would furnish a list of witnesses before the commission who had been paid by the government before the vote for the expenses of the commission should be presented to the House.

W. H. Smith said he was unable to give such assurance on behalf of the government.

Arthur H. D. Ackland, Gladstonian, moved an amendment to the address regretting that Her Majesty's speech had not mentioned the matter of free education in the primary branches.

Hon. Edward Stanhope, Secretary of War, replying to a question as to whether the article from the pen of General Lord Wolseley, published in Harper's Magazine, was not an infraction of military regulation, expressed the opinion that it was not. He had communicated with Lord Wolseley on the subject and the latter answered he had not infringed the army regulations, and assured him (Stanhope) that the act questioned would not be repeated.

Ackland's amendment was rejected.

W. H. Smith announced that the motion to accept the report of the Parnell commission had been fixed for March 3rd.

Chamberlain said he should decline to support Ackland's amendment regretting the failure of the speech from the throne to mention free primary education, because it implied a want of confidence in the government.

A scene of disorder ensued, during which Sir William Harcourt taunted Mr. Chamberlain with inconsistency. The Irish Catholic members voted with Ackland, to the disappointment of the government, who expected their support.

WESTMINSTER SPECIAL.

J. E. Lord's Store Robbed of Watches and Jewelry—No Trace of the Thieves—Navigation of the River Still Open.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

NEW WESTMINSTER, Feb. 20.—A most daring and successful burglary was accomplished at an early hour this morning. The window of J. E. Lord's store on Front street, was cut with a diamond and $250 worth of watches and jewelry taken from the display shelf. No trace of the thieves has been discovered, but it is thought they went to Vancouver.

The cold spell of the last few days has formed some ice on the river, but navigation is still open and the ferry is running as usual to-day.

DANGER OF FAMINE.

People in California Entirely Hemmed In.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19.—General Freight Agent Thorn, of the San Francisco & North Pacific Railroad, who has just returned from Ukiah, tells a startling story of the condition of affairs in Lake and Mendocino counties, on account of the prolonged storms. He says the Lakeport people are in danger of famine, as the roads are in a fearful condition, and heavy freight teams with supplies cannot reach there. Provisions for the hemmed-in people recently had to be carried on stages.

Huntington and Villard are negotiating for the purchase of large tracks of coal land in the State of Washington. Part of their scheme will be the establishment of a line of steamers to develop the trade.

CAPITAL NOTES.

The Dual Language Debate Terminated.

Sir John Thompson's Amendment Adopted by 149 to 50.

Mr. G. W. Henry, of Port Hammond, B. C., Elected President of the Fruit Growers Association.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Feb. 20.—The political situation is yet critical. A number of the Ontario members are still undecided about accepting Sir John Thompson's amendment; but probably after to-morrow's caucus they may be brought into line.

The Bleus are still on strike. They had a caucus to-night and have been subjected to much persuasion.

It is said that the Premier has been on the verge of throwing up the sponge entirely. He spoke in to-day's debate and made an earnest appeal to all parties to sink their differences for the benefit of the common country. His speech was very effective. The debate will probably close to-morrow.

Col. Prior and Mr. Earle interviewed Hon. Mr. Bowell to-day relative to the fine imposed on the steamer Maude for bringing in goods from the wrecked steamer Idaho. The fine will stand, but probably a rebate will be made.

Relative to the seizure of the Gamewell fire alarm, the Corporation of Victoria or the company will have to put up the full value of the goods before the matter can be settled.

Montague was elected for Haldimand to-day by over one hundred majority. The Grits are crestfallen, as they fully expected Colter's return.

Col. Prior to-day presented to the House the labor petitions of the Victoria Typographical Union. He will interrogate the government relative to lengthening the Esquimalt drydock, and as to the state of negotiations for building the fortifications.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Feb. 21.—The great debate on the dual language question terminated to-night. The division resulted in Sir John Thompson's amendment being carried by 149 to 50. The majority was made up of 107 Conservatives and 42 Liberals.

This has been an anxious week, and everybody is glad the troublesome question has been disposed of. The British Columbia delegation voted solid for the amendment.

The Fruit Growers Convention finished their labors to-day. G. W. Henry, of Port Hammond, has been elected president. After an animated debate on the question of asking the government to impose duties on small fruits and vegetables, the association decided by one majority to postpone action for one year.

Sixty-three members have petitioned the government to increase the duties on salt mess pork and place a duty on fresh and canned meats, with such strong pressure that the government is likely to take action.

Senator McInnes (British Columbia) introduced a bill to-day providing for the use of the Gallic language in the official proceedings of parliament.

The next census will be on April 4, 1891.

CANADIAN NEWS.

"For Canadians, Canadians are We."

TORONTO, Feb. 21.—A large and influential delegation, interested in building up a stronger national sentiment, waited on the Ontario Government yesterday. Several loyal and patriotic speeches were made. Lieut.-Col. Denison said that the national sentiment in Canada needed a stimulant, and he wanted the Government to embody in the school laws a regulation ordering that the Canadian flag be hung behind the masters's desk in every school room all the year round, and on certain anniversaries hung over the building, the motive to explain the event thus commemorated.

Girdling the Globe.

MONTREAL, Feb. 21.—The Witness to-day says that the C. P. R. is arranging to have a line of three or four steamers to go straight around the world, or as straight as intervening land will allow. They will start from Montreal, Halifax and New York in the fall, so as to make the voyage in winter and avoid the summer heat in India and the Red Sea. The route will run through London, Gibraltar, Malta, Suez, Penang, Calcutta, Hong Kong and Vancouver, and the passengers will be on the same steamer throughout the voyage.

The Haldimand Surprise.

OTTAWA, Feb. 21.—Politicans here cannot account for Dr. Montague's election in Haldimand County by such a large majority, the latest reports making it 232. Preston, the Reform organizer, in a telegram, attributes the Tory victory to bribery and corruption, and other opinions are that it is owing to the new voter's list, the action of the Catholic bishop in supporting Montague, and his personal popularity. Some say Colter's defeat is owing to his vote on the Jesuit Bill, but this is absurd as his opponent declared he would have voted similarly had he been in the House.

Dalton McCarthy's Threat.

OTTAWA, Feb. 22.—Dalton McCarthy's threat to bring up his French bill again will doubtless be carried out when the Territories bill comes up for amendment, when the whole question will be again ventilated. The Nationalists who followed Sir Wilfred Laurier were disgusted this morning on ascertaining that they were led astray by Beausoleil and voted with McCarthy all the way through. They had merely intended to oppose Sir John Thompson's amendment on the first division and then accept it. Instead of that, they appear from the division lists to have voted in favor of the second reading of the bill.

MISTAKEN IDENTITY.

The Cronin Suspect Not the Man Wanted, and is Set at Liberty.

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—The case of J. B. Kelly as a Cronin suspect was ended today and the prisoner set at liberty. Salesman Hatfield, who sold furniture, and the real estate clerk who rented the Clark street cottage failed utterly to identify the prisoner. They both thought that Kelly was about the same size as Simonds, but that he did not in other particulars resemble him. Chief March asked the prisoner if he had been to any trouble or expense, indicating that if he had suffered financially he would be reimbursed. "Oh, no," answered Kelly, "it's a case of mistaken identity, and I do not blame you or your officers. Of course the affair hasn't been pleasant, but I'm perfectly willing to pass it over." Kelly, after shaking hands with the chief and the two detectives who brought him from St. Louis, left in company with his brother, who is manager of the Kelly Medicine Company of this city.

A PISTOL BULLET

Terminates the Life of a Young Victorian—Particulars of the Tragedy.

A Seattle special to THE COLONIST last night contains the following particulars of a tragedy which was enacted in that city early yesterday morning. The young woman mentioned was known in this city as Annie Johnson, or Ella Marston, and first became acquainted with Jack Anderson while an inmate of a disreputable house on Broughton street. Jack is the Transfer station.

SEATTLE, Feb. 20.—John Anderson, of Victoria, shot himself with suicidal intent this morning at 5 o'clock, and died exactly twelve hours later. John Anderson was a resident of Victoria, where his parents are highly respected, his father being proprietor of the Clarence hotel. He became infatuated with a disreputable young woman whose name is Elmie, but who has travelled under so many aliases as to completely hide her identity. The girl is quite pretty, her beauty being of the blonde type, but her character, or rather lack of character, caused trouble between young Anderson and his father. The son came to Seattle some ten days ago, about the same time that the woman, who had caused all the trouble, journeyed hither and took up her residence in a disorderly house kept by Lou Graham. Here Anderson visited her two or three days ago. He and the woman had a misunderstanding and she would not have anything more to do with him, and he became very despondent. Last night there was a dance in the "Two Johns" saloon, directly beneath the Aurora House, and Anderson attended. There he met the woman and walked up and spoke to her. She did not answer him, but turned her back and opened a conversation with another man who was standing near. Several times during the night Anderson attempted to speak to the woman but she refused each time to have anything to do with him, and at at last, goaded to desperation, the young man rushed from the dance hall to his room on the floor above, and drawing a pistol, shot himself in the right side. The ball struck the ribs and glanced upward, and although Dr. Grant, who was hastily summoned, probed for it, it was not located.

Anderson is well known to the sporting fraternity here, having spent considerable of his time in this city. The woman who caused him to commit the crime was hanging around the corridors of the hotel this morning placing herself on exhibition, and really seemed to consider herself quite a heroine.

VICTIMS OF THE SEA.

Disaster and Death on the Japanese Coast.

"The Grip" at Hong Kong—Hundreds of Houses Destroyed by Fire—Other Oriental News.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.—The steamer China, due to-morrow, arrived this evening from Hong Kong and Yokohama, bringing the following advices:

In Sonta, China, three Europeans, M. Dargence, his wife and son, were recently assassinated. The object for the crime was robbery.

HUNDREDS WERE LOST.

A disastrous storm swept along the coasts of Tsukumo and Choshi, Japan, on the night of the 28th ult. Hundreds of boats engaged in fishing were swept away, and over three hundred never returned. Funeral ceremonies for about six hundred fishermen who were out in the boats, and who are supposed to have been drowned have been observed. The scenes in the villages about Tsukumo are said to have been distressing.

DISCOURAGING TO POLITICIANS.

At Kochi, Japan, Suguchi Seitaro, member of a political party was assassinated at his house late on the night of the 2nd inst. by political opponents.

"THE GRIP" IN HONG KONG.

The Hong Kong Telegraph says: "Influenza is prevalent throughout this colony, but whether the epidemic is of a serious type has yet to be ascertained."

BRITISH MONEY TO BUILD THE ROAD.

The China Mail says: There's a rumor that a concession has been granted for the Canton Kowloon Railway, capital to be supplied by an English Company, which was to be floated in Hong Kong in a few weeks.

CRUSHED IN INGIRIENCY.

Intelligence has been received by the Japanese government from its representatives there of a riot in Seoule, Corea. The message says that a num ber of native merchants in the city gathered in a mob to demand of the Corean government the expulsion of Chinese and Japanese residing in the place. The rioters were uninfluential members of the community and the demonstration was soon stopped by the authorities.

THE PREY OF THE FLAMES.

On the morning of the 31st ult. a rather disastrous fire broke out in the theatre at Saiwatcho, Japan. The flames quickly spread, totally destroying about one hundred houses

HORSE FLESH DIET.

Last year over 2500 horses, or nearly double the number of horned animals killed for consumption, were slain in Japan. The consumption of horse flesh is very large in Japan, and the Okio Journal the other day went to the length of saying that choice cuts are served up in many European restaurants in the capital in lieu of steak.

The New Compact Denounced.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—Chamberlain, in a letter to the Times, denounces the new compact of the Gladstonians for the purchase of Parnell votes by the abandonment of the principle of undenominational education in favor of Catholics.

A Cure for Toothache.

Gibbons' Toothache Gum is guaranteed to cure toothache instantly. Prepared by J. A. Gibbons & Co., Toronto, and sold by druggists. Price, 15 cents. july8-1m-w

EUROPEAN GOSSIP.

Rumors About the Marriage of Princess Maud.

The German Socialists Overjoyed at their Victory.

The Feeling of the British Public to be Ascertained on the Report of the Parnell Commission.

RUMORED MARRIAGE OF PRINCESS MAUD.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—The Prince of Wales is reported as being very angry at the paragraphs in the papers, saying that his second daughter is going to be married. He agreed with the Queen, who said after the Osborne house party, that something should be done to muzzle the British press. The prince adds that English papers are worse than American, because nothing they say is true, and everything is denied next day. Since the marriage of the Princess Victoria and the Duke of Fife the princesses are allowed more freedom, and young noblemen are permitted at Marlborough house, and to talk and flirt with them. The Princess Maud of Wales is in love with the handsome young son of an English earl, who was once received graciously by the prince and princess, but now has been advised to travel. He will probably be sent to India, and the Princess Maud is to go for a long visit to Athens.

WILL HEAR THE OPERA.

The Queen has directed that her box for the coming season of the Italian opera be reserved for her use.

A DISPUTED EARLDOM.

The Aberdeen banker will not be Earl of Caithens after all. Another cousin of the late Lord Sinclair, of Broynsch, asserts that he belongs to the older branch of the family, and that the title has been usurped by the younger branch since 1777, on account of a lack of evidence of a marriage, which evidence has lately been discovered among some old papers in the secret drawer of a desk. A contest is likely to ensue, which will last for years before the House of Lords can decide who is the rightful heir.

THE CZAR INCENSED.

The Czar is greatly incensed over a duel in which two officers of the Hussar Guard were wounded. One is in a dying condition, and the Czar announces that he intends to make an example of the survivor, and put a stop to dangerous quarrels over women.

BIGGAR'S DEATH.

Joe Gillies Biggar, member of Parliament for Cavan, so long prominent in Parnellite and home rule ranks, is dead.

LORD SALISBURY'S ILLNESS.

Lord Salisbury's health causes much uneasiness. He has been ordered to the seaside, and in consequence has gone to Bornemouth.

THE GERMAN PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—The result of the German parliamentary elections has astonished the Emperor and abundantly justified the opposition of Bismarck to the practical appreciation of the ideas of state socialism entertained by his imperial master. In view of the remarkable strength shown by the socialists at the polls it must be assumed that the number of people in Germany who prefer socialism to imperialism is greater than the Emperor believes, and that the number must increase in the near future through the enthusiasm and agitation of the victorious democratic leaders. The socialists are wild with joy at their success. Congratulations are pouring in upon them from every country in Europe. Comparatively little disorder has been observable in any part of Germany, a fact which is due in a great measure to the advice of the socialist leaders, who realized that immoderate conduct on the part of their followers would be certain to destroy their chances of further advantage.

FEELING THE PUBLIC PULSE.

The Conservative leaders in the Commons have instructed the provincial agents and managers of the party to report as soon as possible the effect the report of the Parnell commission has had in their respective localities, preliminary to action on the report in the House. The agents are informed no action will be taken on the report till the government is advised as to the manner of the reception of the document by the people. Therefore no delay should be permitted in the collection of data required.

LINCOLN'S SON SERIOUSLY ILL.

The absence of United States Minister Lincoln from the Prince of Wales' levee to-day, in consequence of the critical condition of his young son, caused general expressions of sympathy. Lincoln received a large number of sympathetic notes to-day, accompanied by requests for information as to the condition of his dying son. The exhaustion of the patient continues, and there is no hope he will rally.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

Traffic Still Impeded by the Snow Blockade.

Sarah Althea Terry on Trial for Contempt of Court—Disastrous Flood at Huron, Cala.

The Snow Blockade.

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 20. — The snow blockade continues. A large engine, rigged as a snow plow, went over the bank where it was at work to-day, and Brakemán J. Williams, being unable to save himself, rolled down the bank with the engine. The splendid engine, with its formidable front of plowshare, now lies upon its back with the drivers in the air. The two engines nearest to the plow are on their sides far down the bank. To still further injure the prospect of keeping the track clear, an unlooked for hitch occurred last night. The big pusher plow got stalled in the sheds a mile west of Emigrant Gap on account of a mass of snow sliding into an opening in the side shed. It took a large gang of shovellers all night to dig her out. Two engines went off the track between Blue Canyon and Emigrant Gap this morning.

Snow in Nevada City.

NEVADA CITY, Feb. 20.—Six inches of snow fell this morning. The new malt-house at the brewery collapsed last night, being the first building crushed in this storm.

Murder in the Second Degree.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20.—H. Jordan, who murdered John Hagerty in a saloon row a few months ago, was convicted of murder in the second degree to-day.

Acquitted of Murder.

STOCKTON, Cal., Feb. 20.—Albert Polkskye was acquitted to-day of murder of Robert Kennedy a few months ago. Polkskye and his mother lived on a ranch leased from Kennedy. They had a quarrel and Kennedy was shot and killed. Both were arrested. Mrs. Polkskye was discharged and testified against her son.

Sarah Althea Terry's Trial.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20.—The trial of Sarah Althea Terry for contempt of court in obstructing Marshall Franks in the performance of his duty during the rendering of a decision in the U. S. court during the Sharon case in 1888, was commenced this morning.

A Disastrous Flood.

HURON, Cal., Feb. 20.—The heaviest and most disastrous flood known to settlers struck this place to-day, causing heavy damage to the town and surrounding country. The flooded country is about fifteen miles long and fifteen miles wide.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

BILLIARDS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—The first game of the Brunswick-Balke billiard tournament was played to-night, the contestants being Jacob Schafer and J. Rudolph Heiser. Schafer won by a score of 500 to 332. The winner's highest run was 105, and his average 17½. The loser's average was 11 2-29. Schafer played a fourteen-inch Balke line game against Heiser's eight inch game. The contestants in the tournament are Schafer, Slosson, Colton, Ives, Heiser and Maurice Daly. The winner will take 40 per cent of the $4000 purse offered. Each contestant will play ten games.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Ives and Colton were the contestants in this afternoon's game of the billiard tournament. Ives won by a score of 500 to Colton's 320. The averages were: Colton, 12; Ives, 20. The highest runs: Colton, 65; Ives, 98.

ALASKAN FISHERIES.

Opening of Bids for the New Lease.

The Old Company's Offer Includes the Present Buildings, Schools, Churches, Wharves and Villages.

WASHINGTON CITY, Feb. 21.—Bids were offered at the treasury department at noon to-day for the exclusive right to take fur seals upon the islands of St. Paul and St. George, Alaska, for a term of twenty years from May 1, 1890. They were opened publicly in the presence of Secretary Windom by the committee appointed for the purpose. Windom announced that no argument would be heard, but gentlemen desiring might file written briefs between now and 2 o'clock Monday.

There were twelve bids, but two were thrown out because they did not contain a certified check for $100,000 as required.

The American Fishing and Trading Company, of San Francisco, by Charles D. Ladd, president, offers to pay to the United States $305,000 per annum, $4.12 cents for each skin and 25 cents for each gallon of seal oil.

The Alaska Commercial Company, of California, by J. N. Knowles, president, offered to pay an annual rental of $50,000; $7.01 for each seal.

The Alaska Commercial Company offered to pay $50,000 rental; $6.75 for each seal; also to provide 100 comfortable dwellings for inhabitants of the island, and make ample provision for their maintenance and support; also to establish a regular mail service from San Francisco to Alaska without cost to the government; also to provide schools, churches and hospital for the inhabitants, provide wharf facilities at Unnalaska, and distribute supplies gratuitously to various points in Alaska; also, in the event that any other responsible party shall offer in good faith a greater amount for said privilege than the United States the full amount offered by such party. They say their offer contemplates an annual revenue to the United States of $875,000.

Bids were also made by the North American Trading Company of West Virginia, at an estimated annual revenue to the government of $445,000; by E. W. Clark, of Washington, D. C., to give a bonus of $221,000, a rental of $50,000 per annum and a tax of $5 for each skin; by the Alaska and Pacific Company of New York, annual rental of $55,000 and $8.10½ per skin; by the North American Commercial Company of Illinois, $56,000 per annum and $7.11 per skin.

North American Commercial of California, by Isaac Liedes, president, proposed to pay an annual rental of $55,200 and $1.75 for each skin, with the express understanding that the catch shall not be limited to less than 100,000 per year after the first year; or they will give the government 45 per cent. of the gross receipts from the sale of seals, and will agree to pay a rate of 10 per cent. higher than that offered by any other company.

The offer from the North American Commercial Company of San Francisco offered to pay a rental of $60,000 and $9.62½ for each skin and 50 cents a gallon for seal oil.

Another from the same company proposed to pay a rental of $57,100, $10.50 for each skin and 50 cents a gallon for seal oil, provided the United States guarantees protection in the fisheries.

FOUR FEET OF SNOW.

DUTCH FLAT, Cal., Feb. 19.—The snowstorm continues with no indications of ceasing. The fall for this storm is four feet. Wagon roads and ditches are again blocked. The railroad is open, but it requires the constant effort of all the snow plows to keep it so. The cyclone and rotary plows are at work at Cascade cut, as that is the worst on the road. Train No. 3, of the 18th, is between Blue Canyon and Emigrant Gap. Train No. 3, of the 17th, is at Colfax.

All west-bound trains are held at Truckee until there is no danger of any great delay. Snow-shovellers are busy keeping sidings clear. It is not probable that any trains will move to-night.

DUAL LANGUAGE QUESTION.

TORONTO, Ont., Feb. 20.—The Mail says if the people of the territories are deprived of their right of dealing with the dual language question as they see fit, the people of Manitoba must also be deprived of that right. In other words, it will be necessary for the government to disallow the Manitoba statutes abolishing the French and separate schools, and to begin another long struggle with that province. Is parliament prepared for such a conflict?

Consumption Surely Cured.

TO THE EDITOR:—Please inform your readers that I have a positive remedy for the above named disease. By its timely use thousands of hopeless cases have been permanently cured. I shall be glad to send two bottles of my remedy FREE to any of your readers who have consumption if they will send me their express and P. O. address. Respectfully yours, DR. T. A. SLOCUM, 186 Adelaide street west, Toronto, Ont. sept-w-ly

AMERICAN NEWS.

Sudden Death of Millionaire John Jacob Astor.

Chicago Stock Yards Purchased by an English Syndicate.

A Series of Disastrous Boiler Explosions Attended With Loss of Life—Washington's Birthday Celebrated.

John Jacob Astor Dead.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—John Jacob Astor died suddenly this morning, of heart disease. He was 67 years of age. He had control of two hundred million dollars, and while being a whole-souled man he spent his money sparsely. He was a soldier in the late civil war, with the rank of colonel, on the Union side.

Chicago Stock Yards Sold.

CHICAGO, Feb. 22.—A morning paper says the Union Stock Yards of Chicago, the largest in the world, will soon be sold to an English syndicate. The price of this enormous plant is $30,000,000. Last Saturday Walker Potter, of Boston, of the firm of Potter, Lovett & Co., sailed for Europe, carrying the authority of the stock yards company to close the sale. The terms of the contract are said to be as follows: 1st, a cash payment of $15,000,000; 2nd, bonds in the new company for $10,000,000; 3rd, the issue of preferred stock to the present stockholders in the sum of $5,000,000.

Disastrous Boiler Explosion.

CAINSVILLE, Va., Feb. 22.—A disastrous boiler explosion occurred in Hunter Bros. & Company's mill, two miles from this place, at 6 o'clock this morning. Five persons were killed outright and six others badly injured. Portions of the machinery of the mill were blown to a height of one hundred feet in the air and carried over the postal telegraph lines, 150 yards from the mill. The victims, all colored, were employed about the mill. Firing up without sufficient water in the boiler caused the explosion. The mill property is a total wreck, and there was no insurance.

The National Capital.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The departments and banks were closed, but there was no especial observance of the day beyond parades on the avenue by the Old Guards and the National Rifles and by the Light Infantry Corps. The oldest inhabitants, according to custom, held a public meeting at noon and listened to the reading of Washington's farewell address.

Shocking Boiler Explosion.

OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 22.—This morning an explosion occurred at Armour Cudahy's packing house at South Omaha, which resulted in the instant death of at least one man and the subsequent death of another, and which may be followed by the death of many others. The explosion occurred in the boiler room of the old packing house, where is located a battery of nine boilers, two of which are reserves. The outside boiler of this battery burst, tearing great holes in the walls of the machinery department adjoining. The noise of the explosion soon attracted a great army of packing house employes to the scene, where, beneath the ruins, perhaps twenty-five men lay wounded. An alarm of fire was promptly sounded and the fire department soon arrived on the scene, joining forces with the Armour Cudahy fire department, and the two quelled the flames. A crowd of 100 men went to work on the debris, hurriedly working to relieve the sufferers, and in a short time had the dead and injured removed and taken to St. Joseph's Hospital. The cause of the explosion is yet to be determined, but it is probable that the wall of the boiler room caused the explosion by falling on the boiler. The loss will reach many thousands of dollars.

Washington's Birth Day.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—The 158th anniversary of Washington's birthday was generally celebrated throughout the country to-day. In New York city the Southern Society have a banquet tonight. Among the guests was Grover Cleveland, who was introduced in a highly complimentary speech by John C. Calhoun, and responded to the toast "The birthday of George Washington." In Chicago the Union League Club celebrated the day at the Auditorium. The patriotic order of Sons of America celebrated the day by an entertainment at Chickering Hall this afternoon.

Three Young Ladies Disappear.

OSHKOSH, Wis., Feb. 22.—A great sensation has been caused among the teachers and pupils of the State Normal School, in this city, by the mysterious disappearance of three young lady students of that institution. On Sunday last they started for church. Just before the church was reached they informed a companion, who had joined them, that they had decided not to attend the services. The three ladies then walked away, and have not been seen or heard of since. They all bear excellent reputations, and many are of the opinion that they have been abducted.

Dynamite's Work.

GREENSBURG, Pa., Feb. 22. — At Adamsburg to-day, Wm. Stewart was instantly killed, and his wife and two children seriously injured, and William Croak and William Stœtz perhaps fataly injured. Stewart placed a frozen stick of dynamite in the kitchen stove oven to thaw it out. A terrific explosion occurred, blowing the kitchen to pieces and scattering the fragments of the shattered stove in all directions with the above result.

Another Bad Boiler Explosion.

RALEIGH, N. C.—Last night at midnight in one of the large Government distilleries of J. B. Laners, at Salisbury, a boiler exploded with frightful results. Two men were killed and two others fatally injured, and several others were seriously injured. The distillery building was blown to pieces, and the explosion shook the earth for miles around like an earthquake.

Arrival of Mackerel.

PROVIDENCE, Mass., Feb. 22.—The long talked of consignment of African mackerel arrived here last night by the packet schooner Lucknow, coming from Capetown, via London, in steamers. There are thirty-three cases of three barrels each. The fish closely resemble the American coast mackerel, and are pronounced by all fishermen to be fully equal to anything in this market. Contrary to the expectation of many experts, the fish stood the voyage without harm, and opened sweet and in first-class order.

Their Joy is Changed to Sorrow.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 21.—The Journal's Helena, Mont., special says: At 2 a.m. to-day fire was discovered in the Granite block, and the building was completely gutted. There is no question but that the fire was caused by fire crackers carelessly thrown by the members of the legislature during their jollification over the wind up of the session. The legislative journals, books and papers were destroyed.

Swept by Fire.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 21.—The village of Aurora, ten miles east of here, was almost wiped out by fire on Monday night. The postoffice, five stores, a blacksmith shop and a number of dwelling were burned.

EUROPEAN GOSSIP.

LORD SALISBURY'S HEALTH.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—It is conceded on all sides that the chances of a reconstruction of the cabinet and the consequent dissolution of parliament have increased by the continued illness of Lord Salisbury. The question is frequently and anxiously asked in Conservative quarters: "Who would take the place of the present minister in case his health compelled him to resign." As the Conservative party is at present constituted, Lord Salisbury is indispensible. He is a head taller is his political reputation than any of his colleagues, and he is really the only one of the Conservative leaders whom at the present time it is possible to think of as prime minister. The statesman who comes next him in experience and prestige, Mr. Goschen, will never be frankly accepted by the Conservatives as their leader, and although Balfour has been talked of as leader in the House of Commons, no one has seriously thought of him filling the premiership. But the difficulty of selecting a prime minister would be a trifle compared with that of choosing a qualified foreign secretary versed in the ways of diplomacy and at the same time having such weight as to impress the minds of foreign statesmen. There is not a single member of the government at the present time who is fitted by his antecedents and general capacity to occupy the foreign office should it become vacant. The discussion this evening seems to be wholly as to whether Lord Salisbury's health is failing. There are rumors on one side which, if true, would bring about Lord Salisbury's resignation before Easter. Denials of a general character only are heard on the other side. The real fact is believed to be that Lord Salisbury's attack of influenza was more severe than was admitted at the time, and now he is being surrounded by precautions due less to his actual state of health than to the very natural concern regarding him in his own home.

A NEW OPERATIC SINGER.

Miss Lucile Hill, an American by birth, made her debut at the Crystal Palace this evening before a very critical audience, and was well received. She was born in New Jersey. She has studied for the most part in Paris, under Faure, the great baritone. Miss Hill is a protege of Mrs. Mackey, and a friend of Edward and Jean Dereszke. With one exception, the performance at Covent Garden promenade concerts last year, and one at the recent concert of Sir Charles Hallock, her London appearances have been confined to private entertainments. She recently sang before the Prince and Princess of Wales and the Duchess of Fife. A few days ago she was heard at the Reading orphens' concert. It is stated that she will appear in opera at Covent Garden this season.

HUNTINGTON'S PLAN.

A Vast Coal Land Scheme Said to Be on Foot.

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