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ONE SUNK IN COLLISION, ONE HAS FIRE IN HOLD, A THIRD IS WRECKED.

Three Ocean Steamers Meet Disaster—The Holyrood Sank Twenty Minutes After Colliding—Hay Blazes in Steamer Pretoria—The Indian on the Rocks.

New York, March 30.—The steamer Pretoria of the Quebec line, returned to port tonight with fire in her forward hold. Her passengers came in a short time previous to the collision with the Holyrood. The Pretoria left here Saturday afternoon for Hamilton, Bermuda, with Capt. McKenzie in command. At midnight, when 100 miles south of Sandy Hook, smoke was seen coming from the forward hold. The engines were stopped and Capt. McKenzie got everything ready for emergency. At 6 o'clock this morning the captain seeing the flames making headway against streams of water poured into the compartment, determined to head for New York. Three hours later the Pretoria's signal in sight and responded to the Pretoria's signal. Upon opening the hatches it was found a shipment of hay in the front compartment was aflame. It was burning furiously. To make the danger worse, the next compartment was stored with petroleum. Capt. McKenzie decided to remove his passengers to the Northland and the transfer was safely accomplished. The officer of the deck on the Pretoria said that no harm had been done to the ship and it was not probable any would be. It was supposed the fire was simply smoldering in the middle of the cargo of hay. It could probably have been put out without returning to port but the presence of the oil in the next compartment made it advisable to return. London, March 30.—The British steamer Holyrood, Capt. Benson, from Portland, Me., March 15, for London, has sunk after colliding March 27 with the Leyland line steamer Bernard Hall, Capt. Cassen, from Liverpool, March 26, for Barbados, Trinidad and Guayana. The crew of the Holyrood, numbering 28, boarded the Bernard Hall, which has arrived at Quebec with her bows stove in. The collision occurred at 8 o'clock in the evening in a dense fog, 175 miles west of Boston. Both vessels were going south. The approaching vessels were not discovered until it was too late. The Bernard Hall struck the Holyrood amidships on the port side and ripped a great hole in the latter steamer, which extended into her engine rooms. Boats were quickly lowered from both vessels. The crew of the Holyrood scrambled out of their steamer, which sank in 20 minutes after being struck. The Holyrood was owned by the Holyrood Steamship Company, Limited, and was 1,735 tons net register. Wood's Hole, Mass., March 30.—The iron steamer Indian, Capt. Crowell, from Philadelphia for Boston, went ashore on the western entrance of Vineyard Sound at 6 o'clock last night during a heavy fog and was not discovered until daylight this morning. The life-savers were unable to reach her until this afternoon, when they took her four passengers, one of them a woman, and landed them at Cuttyhunk. The names of the men are: Charles Wilson, of West Newton, Mass.; W. G. French, Boston, and Joseph L. Cahal, of Philadelphia. The woman's name has not been ascertained. The Indian ploughed right onto the jagged boulders, and with a big sea behind her had no chance of backing off. The Indian is of the Boston & Philadelphia Steamship Company, and has been on the line practically ever since her launch, making weekly trips between the two ports. She was built at Wilmington, Del., in 1890, of iron, and weighs 1,133 net tons burden, 227 feet length, 38 feet in breadth and 26 feet depth. From what is known of the position of the steamer there appears little prospect of her being saved.

CECIL RHODES' FORTUNE.

Bulk Goes to Promote His Big Imperial Plan of Education—Body to Lie in State in Cape Town Parliament Buildings.

Cape Town, March 28.—The coffin containing the body of Cecil Rhodes will be conveyed to the parliamentary buildings here April 3, and will lie in state till 9 o'clock in the afternoon, when it will be removed to the Anglican cathedral, where the first portion of the burial service will be read. Thence the coffin will be taken by special train to Bulawayo, stoppage for a short time at Kimberley. The coffin, during the funeral procession at Cape Town, will be carried on the gun carriage of "Long Coat," the famous gun used at the siege of Kimberley. London, March 28.—In a despatch from Cape Town, the correspondent of the Daily Mail says that Cecil Rhodes selected the spot where he desired to be interred and gave instructions to an architect concerning the memorial to be erected, when he last visited Matopos Hills. The place of interment is beneath a natural curtain of granite boulders, on a kopje adjoining that on which Major Wilson's little force made its last stand. The memorial to be erected will be a prominent feature of the site. Continuing, the correspondent says that a death mask of the dead man's face has been successfully taken. The features of the deceased, which were distorted as a result of his malady, resumed their respectful dignity in death. After an autopsy, which revealed an extensive aneurism of the heart, the remains were placed in a coffin. The body will lie in the hall at Grosvenor until next Monday in order to enable the public to view it. It will be brought to Cape Town next Tuesday. London, March 28.—The Daily Mail says it is in a position to assert that the late Cecil Rhodes left a considerable fortune outside of some personal and family bequests to the promotion of his vast imperial plan of education. This project embraces every land where the Union flag flies. The purpose is the intellectual betterment of the British race throughout the world and the fostering of the imperial sentiment. The Daily Mail adds that this idea

A DAY OF MUCH BUSINESS IN NEW BRUNSWICK LEGISLATURE.

Resume of Budget Speeches—Non-assessable Clause in Bill for St. John Municipality Bonds Stricken Out on Initiative of Attorney General for General Good of Province.

Fredericton, March 29.—In the concluding hours of last night's session of the legislature Mr. Laforest complained that the opposition speeches were not fairly reported. He did not blame the official reporter, but thought the government should have the debates published in the same full and complete form as when Mr. McDade was the official reporter. He charged the attorney general with making a race and religion cry, and also with extravagance in his department. He referred to the Rothery election lists and said that the attorney general did nothing to prevent the same thing occurring in other counties. He charged that the auditor general's report rendered no account of \$50,000 that had been received by the province, and was 1,735 tons net register. Wood's Hole, Mass., March 30.—The iron steamer Indian, Capt. Crowell, from Philadelphia for Boston, went ashore on the western entrance of Vineyard Sound at 6 o'clock last night during a heavy fog and was not discovered until daylight this morning. The life-savers were unable to reach her until this afternoon, when they took her four passengers, one of them a woman, and landed them at Cuttyhunk. The names of the men are: Charles Wilson, of West Newton, Mass.; W. G. French, Boston, and Joseph L. Cahal, of Philadelphia. The woman's name has not been ascertained. The Indian ploughed right onto the jagged boulders, and with a big sea behind her had no chance of backing off. The Indian is of the Boston & Philadelphia Steamship Company, and has been on the line practically ever since her launch, making weekly trips between the two ports. She was built at Wilmington, Del., in 1890, of iron, and weighs 1,133 net tons burden, 227 feet length, 38 feet in breadth and 26 feet depth. From what is known of the position of the steamer there appears little prospect of her being saved.

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BIG JAM AT SPRINGHILL HAS BROKEN AND RIVER IS FULL OF LOGS ADRIFT.

Rain Caused Quiet Break-up and No Damage Has Been Reported—Boom at Evansdale Forced, But Logs Not Lost—Many Being Picked Up.

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QUOTES KRUGER AS WILLING FOR PEACE.

Boer Delegate Wessels Says the Ex-president Will Agree to Terms Made in South Africa—Britain Sending Out More Troops.

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London, March 31.—Nothing definite has transpired concerning the peace negotiations in South Africa. Messrs. Wessels and Wolmaras, the Boer delegates who were recently in the United States, have been interviewed since they returned to France and they expressed their hope that a satisfactory compromise would follow Schalk-Burger's mission. Wessels is credited with declaring that Kruger would approve any terms of peace arrived at in South Africa. The Hague correspondent of the Daily

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VALUABLE FIND OF AMBERGRIS AT CAMPOBELLO ISLAND.

Lubeck, Me., March 27.—What is believed to be in all cases its true origin. In color it is white, ash grey, yellow or black. The floating masses are sometimes from 60 to 200 pounds in weight. It is highly valuable in the manufacture of putty, and is also used in some of the stucco and plaster. Its intrinsic value varies. In this section of the country the principal supplies come from New Bedford and Provincetown, and are handled by a large Boston drug firm. This house quotes ambergris at from \$25 to \$40 an ounce, which would bring the value of 75 pounds at from \$22,500 to \$30,000, according to quality.

HON. MR. BORDEN IN NEW YORK.

Canadian Minister of Militia Reviews American Troops—Given a Fine Reception.

New York, March 28.—This was Canadian night at the military show and the troops were reviewed by the Hon. F. W. Borden, Canadian minister of militia and defense. When the minister arrived at Madison Square Garden he walked down the centre of the arena, accompanied by his staff, and followed by the detachments of the 8th Highlanders, and their pipers. The box of honor was decorated with British flags. The house rose in a mass at the band played God Save the King. The exhibition musical drill of the Can-

AMERICAN MILITIA RECEIVED WITH GREAT APPLAUSE.

Before coming to the Garden the executive officers of the Military Athletic League entertained the Canadian visitors at the Lawyers' Club. The guests included Lord Aylmer, J. Charles E. Turner and Major Robertson. This party including Dr. Borden's wife and Gen. McLeer, Col. Barnes, of the 2nd Regiment, and Lieut. Col. Brady, of the same regiment, sat in the reviewing box. The Canadian minister of militia was received with great applause. Before coming to the Garden the executive officers of the Military Athletic League entertained the Canadian visitors at the Lawyers' Club. The guests included Lord Aylmer, J. Charles E. Turner and Major Robertson. This party including Dr. Borden's wife and Gen. McLeer, Col. Barnes, of the 2nd Regiment, and Lieut. Col. Brady, of the same regiment, sat in the reviewing box. The Canadian minister of militia was received with great applause. Before coming to the Garden the executive officers of the Military Athletic League entertained the Canadian visitors at the Lawyers' Club. The guests included Lord Aylmer, J. Charles E. Turner and Major Robertson. This party including Dr. Borden's wife and Gen. McLeer, Col. Barnes, of the 2nd Regiment, and Lieut. Col. Brady, of the same regiment, sat in the reviewing box. The Canadian minister of militia was received with great applause.

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