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RAGING TORRENTS.

The Swollen Fraser Bursts Its Bonds Fruitful Acres.

Lives Lost and Immense Damage the Result-Details of the Disasters.

WESTMINSTER, May 28 .- (Special.) -The Fraser River freshet continues unabated, and hourly the water increases in volume. News from up river points is hard to obtain, but what has been received is most discouraging. Everywhere low and medium low lands are flooded and thousands of acres under crop are deeply covered with water. That the 1882 flood-mark will be reached is now certain. The farmers will be thankful if they are troubled with nothing worse. No train has reached the coast since Wednesday last and it will be a day or

since Wednesday last and it will be a day or two yet before the first arrives. Several bridges and deep fillings between Yale and North Bend were washed out this morning. The most serious affair since the begin-ning of the freshet was the giving way of the Hatzic dyke on Saturday night. The water was eighteen feet deep outside the dyke when the earth gave way, and the great wave rolled in over the prairie, SWERPING EVERYTHING BEFORE IT.
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No lives were lost but many cattle were drowned.

The rush of water was so great that the river fell temporarily about ten inches. Early yesterday morning the C.P.R. had a force of men at work erecting a treatle to cross the break. All Saturday night and yesterday the settlers in the flooded district were busy removing their furniture, household goods and live stock to higher ground. In some cases the cattle could not be got out of the marshes and had to be abandoned to their fate. Hay stacks, sheds and implements were carried away. The water reached the level of the Langley Indian reserve yesterday morning and before noon the island was covered, the Indians being obliged to vacate with only a portion of their goods.

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At ten o'clock yesterday morning, the dyke holding back the water from what is known as the "Little Prairie" at Langley succumbed to the tramendous pressure. succumbed to the tremendous pressure against it, and in five minutes 1,000 acres of pasture and cropped lands were covered. Precautions had been taken to drive the cattle to higher ridges and none were lost, but the crops are a total loss.

THE FLOOD AT FORT LANGLEY reaches about 300 feet back from the river bank, and the first floors of many houses are under water. The Langley hotel (Peter Brown, proprietor) is completely surrounded by water to a depth of several feet. At 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon Brown's little son fell from the hotel versandah into the water and was drowned. The body was recovered.

vered. Last evening the river had risen to such Last evening the river had risen to such a height that the water outside the Matsqui dyke was within two feet of the top. During the night the freshet increased by eight inches, and at daybreak a great section of the embankment collapsed, and at lo'clock this afternoon the whole prairie was under water. Particulars of the damage are not to hand yet. It is impossible yet to estimate the total loss along the river, but it will be immense. The Great Northern is tied up by the floods between here and Seattle, and no wheels will be turning for some days.

A LIFE LOST AT HATZIC.

VANCOUVER, May 28.— (Special)— A bridge carpenter named McTavish was drowned at Hatzic Prairie this morning while engaged with others in building 45 feet of treatle over the C.P.R. at that point. McTavish fell from a boat, and though Capt. Marshall bravely attempted the rescue it was without avail. The body has not yet been recovered.

in Victoria, the flood was the subject of conversation yesterday afternoon and last evening, many residents of this city being financially interested in the devatated lands or having friends resident in the flooded district. The fact that no mails have been received from the east since Wednesday last, and that none are likely to arrive for several days more as such as such phasized the serious observed of the flood district. The fact that such as such phasized the serious observed of the flood upon the minds of all, and fullest destalls are eagerly sought. The telegraphic, as well is the mail service has been demoralized, and therefore has been demoralized, and the demoralized has been demoral

the supreme court of the state, which affirmed the rulings of the lower court. I affirmed the rulings of the lower court. It was then appealed to the supreme court of United States, which declared Scott to be alive. Moses H. Scott disappeared from his home in Thurston county in 1871. He was not heard from for a period of seven years, and no information could be obtained as to his whereabouts. Letters of administration, setting forth by affidavit that Scott was dead, were applied for by his sister, and she was appointed administratrix of his estate.

THE FATHERIAND.

CABLE NEWS

Socialists Determined to Break the Brewers' Ring—The Press on French Crisis.

Floods in Siam Injure the Rice Crop—The Czar's Cooks Dismissed.

An English View of the United States' Financial Difficulties—Wanted Programme.

estate.

Nearly-twenty years after his disappearance Scott surprised all of his acquaintances by appearing among them. Scott instituted legal proceedings to recover certain property which had been disposed of in his absence, with the result as just recorded. Scott has never told or intimated to any one the history of the long period of his absence; that is a sealed book. Where he was and what he was doing is a matter of conjecture. It is strange that he has never told any one about himself, as naturally he is talkative and voluble, is fond of getting a man into a corner and pouring out his soul in long metre. He is now in California, but is expected to return this summer.

CAPITAL NOTES.

Orders to Investigate the St. Thomas Incident-President of Royal

Canadian and American Forests Must Be Restored—The Doings of Regulators.

gate the flag incident.

J. M. Lemoine of Quebec has been elected president of the Royal Society of Canada.

Prof. Fernen, of the forestry division of the United States Bureau of Agriculture, in an address to the society last night said that within 24 years Canada and the United States would be obliged to restore their forests by planting at great cost, so destructive were the present methods of lumbering.

John Gauthier, the lad who recently set fire to the St. Patrick's Orphanage, in which were 200 children, was to-day sentenced to three years in the penitentiary.

A board of "Regulators" visited the house of three women at Vankleek Hill, rode them on a rail to a neighboring pond and ducked them. The women were then atripped, and had to make their way home in that condition as best they could. The town is terribly worked up over the outrage, and one of the women has instituted legal proceedings against the men whom she recognized.

Ottawa, May 28.—Sir John Thompson

OTTAWA, May 28 .- Sir John Thompson on Mr. Mara's urgent representations has decided to ask the house to provide for the appointment of a judge in the Kootenay district

Mr. Blanchard the new member for Gloucester was introduced to-day.
The talk to-night is that the house will be prorogued within three weeks.
Hon, Mr. Mill's (Bothwell) proposal to introduce fur seal into Hudson's bay did not meet with approval in the house and the debate was adjourned.

Federation League will be held to-morro

THE GREAT SCOURGE.

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members of the chamber of deputies were present. The programme of the socialists included a visit to the cometery of Pere la Chaise, where many of those who lost the setimated that the force of the department which/is now 2,155 will be reduced to less than 1,200 by the effect of the order.

THE DEAD ALIVE.

OLYMPIA, May 28.—Moses H. Scott is alive! So says the supreme court of the United States. The case of Scott vs.

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McNeal was first tried in the superior court of Thurston county, J. W. Robinson judge. Judge Robinson decided that Scott was legally dead. An appeal was taken to

THE FATHERLAND.

BERLIN, May 27.—Dr. Peters has joined

beer, and exploit the working classes.
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in the brewers, and in order to give weight to the brewers, and in order to give weight to the brewers, and in order to give weight to the brewers, and in order to give weight to the brewers, and in order to give weight to the brewers are now carrying this boyootting campaign throughout the country. This is notably the case at Muhlheim, where the atrike of the socialist brewers employes has already commenced, and threatens to develop into an immense struggle between capital and labor.

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Some feeling has been aroused by the conclusion of the agreement between England and the Kongo state by which England and the Kongo state by which England and the Kongo state by which England are growing aroused to the Upper Kongo and Lake Tanganyika, which gives her access from her couthern possessions in Africa to the Nile region of the Upper Kongo and Lake Tanganyika, which gives her access from her couthern possessions in Africa to the Nile region; in other words, united communication between Capetown and Cairo. This feeling is not confined to what is known as the colonial party, but is shown by the new arrangement makes England, instead of the Kongo state, Germany's western neighbor in Central Africa, and makes a decided alteration in the commercial prospects of Germany in thatsection of Africa. Of course this is only a summer cloud sweeping across the political sky, and it is not an anticipated that it will lead to a quarrel with England. The Tageblatt asserts that the new arrangement bjures Germany, and and the region of the Upper Kongo state is legally in a position to conclude treaties as an independent Congo Free State against the Kongo state is legally in a position to conclude treaties as an independent Congo Free State against the Kongo state is legally in a position to conclude treaties as an independent power. The National Zeitung demands that England all schnowledge the Kongo state is legally in a position to conclude treaties as an independent power. The Kongo state is legally in a position to conclude treaties as an independent power. The Kongo state is legally in a position to conclude treaties as an independent power. The Kongo state is legally in a position to conclude treaties as an independent power. The Reicheanseiger announces the conclusion of an agreement between England and Germany to establish a uniform custom system between the Germany to establish a uniform custom system.

RIVAL MAIL STEAMERS.

London, May 26.—The mails brought by the Majestic arrived in London at 10:50 tonight and those brought by the Paris at 11:20. Both batches will be delivered in the morning. The Majestic arrived at Liverpool this morning, and the Paris arrived at Southampton at 2 this evening.

Southampton, May 26.—Captain Randall of the Paris, made a statement to an Associated Press reporter shortly after the vessel arrived here this evening. The captain waid: "Soon after leaving New York the Majestic hove in sight a considerable distance astern. The Paris maintained her lead until Saturday, when owing to a delay caused by a change of stokers, the White Star boat succeeded in overhauling the Paris, and crossed her bows from port to starboard. The Paris gradually forged ahead. The captain of the Majestic, finding his vessel dropping astern, slowed down his engines and crossed under the stern of the Paris, receiving her backwash."

A recent trial at the Welden assizes, Bavaria, revealed the existence of a horrible superation of a horrible works district. Joseph Sier had been told by a woman, who had the reputation of a thin district. Joseph Sier had been told by a woman, who had the reputation of a thin district. Joseph Sier had been told by a woman, who had the reputation of a thin district. Joseph Sier had been told by a woman, who had the reputation of a thin district. Joseph Sier had been told by a woman, who had the reputation of a time district. Sier was not the district on month the district on the dead body of a child on Good Friday, at midnight, would enable him to make himself invisible at will. Sier went to the Heumaden cemetery at midnight, we will be delivered in the district. Sier was not suspected until a woman, in overhauling his house, found a child's shroud and pillow. All the district of the bod

SIBERIAN RAILWAY.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., May 28.-It would appear that the line of steamships between Vladivostock, Russia, and San Francisco Vladivostock, Russia, and San Francisco and San Diego, is assured. Count J. J. Teleky is now in this city inspecting harbor facilities and says that Russo-American direct transportation has been organized with a capital of \$37,000,000, and that \$5,000,000 will be expended in San Diego. The line will be insugurated about July 15, at which time a Russian representative will arrive in San Francisco to purchase steamers and complete arrangements. The line will connect with the Siberian Transcontinental railway at Valdivostock.

CABLE NEWS

to Be Invisible.

Berlin, May 27.—Dr. Peters has joined London, May 29.—A dispatch to the Hanover National Liberal union and Times from Calcutta to-day says the water intends to contest the next reichstag vacancy rushed onward like a forty-foot wall, sweepfor Hanover.

The socialists are pursuing their fight against the brewers with the greatest energy, and declare they are determined to break the so-called brewers' "ring," which they claim keeps up the price of beer, and exploit the working classes. In the province of Kulu Punji the river became dammed at Chark-uppria by a landslide and formed an immense lake. The dam collapsed later, flooding the country. In addition to the loss of 200 lives the Jettings has overflowed immense in Nah Caches and immediately applying the country. ing away several villages, among them one

dood is pronounced was years.

Owing to protracted floods the rice orop of Siam, just being harvested, does not amount to more than 65 or 70 per cent. of a crop, and the quality is 90 per cent. There is a fine opportunity for the introduction into Siam of agricultural implements and machinery suitable for rice culture, as the machinery suitable for rive culture, as the matives, although well disposed toward labor saving machines, are, for want of better, using the most primitive contrivances.

Brazil has accepted the mediation of England in her dispute with Portugal.

It is reported that Emperor William has invited Rear-Admiral Erben and Captain Mahan, of the U.S.S. Chicago, to visit Germany.

Yellow fever, which has been epidemic at

Rio for the past six menths, is now decreasing both in the number of cases and viru-

lence.

The commercial treaty with Russia has been submitted to the Austro-Hungarian Parliament. It extends the facilities of frontier trade.

The German steamer Alvine Seyd, trading in the China seas, has been wrecked on a barren island. Several of the passengers and crew were saved, but a number are still missing.

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A dispatch from Brussele officially says Germany has protested to the government of the independent Congo Free State against the convention with Great Britain by which the latter obtained a strip of territory which gives uninterrupted communication between Cairo and Capetown. The German Government held that the frontier limit agreed on between Germany and the Congo state in 1884 could not be modified without the consent of Germany.

The reported negotiation for the cession of Cuxhaven to Prussia in exchange for Altona is officially denied. The denial means that the Reichsrath and the Bundes rath will not adopt a bill to make Cuxhaven to a naval port. Hamburg would raise objection, and negotiations for this purpose would be needless. The mavy department has not abandoned its intention to strongly fortify Cuxhaven and convert it into a first class war port upon the completion of the Baltic canal.

Emperor William's summer programme facturer with a business continually developing with money borrowed from his bankers. Those who finance him find it prudent to keep a watchful eye on any decline in his prosperity and still more on any signs of his entering upon rash courses. The secret of the continued paralysis is the uncertainty regarding the future of silver and the tariff. It is certain that the worst act that congress is expected to be present at Cowes, Isle of Wight, at the regatta which is to be sailed in that month, and will probably return to Germany in September, preparatory to being present at the army menocuves between Dantzic and Koenigsburg, to which he has invited the Czarswitch.

Siler was sentenced to fourteen months imprisonment with hard labor.

The Constantinople press correspondents of several newspapers told this story last week regarding Emin Pasha: "Emilia for several newspapers told this story last week regarding Emin Pasha: "Emilia to sequence, the train which left for Nelson on Wednesday was stopped at Salmon Siding, and had to bring back her passenship in 1876. He took with him at that time all her money and jewelry which represented a considerable forsum. He had praviously sold the house and land in Constantinople which her first husband left her, and had appropriated the proceeds to his steed by "the children of larger growth"; everyone returned tired and happy.

The Queen's Birthday has been pleasantly kept with a pionic for the children, given by Miss Bella Reith, the solone leacher, assisted by "the children of larger growth"; everyone returned tired and happy.

In this precinct of West's Kootensy the Copposition have not enforced their individuality in any way, they are practically a preciated so far as they have vain. He even refused to answer her letters begging him to maintain her and her daughter Paulins."

In connection with the Auglo-Berlin agreement as to the sphere of influence in Central Africa, the German foreign offices, while acknowledging that the French have while acknowledging that the French have while acknowledging that the French have

been thoroughly natwitted, contend that they have been confident of the Angio-Beigian negotiations almost from the first, and have found their tendency highly advantageous to Germany. The agreement between London and Brussels is recognized as another step in England's policy of creating a buffer territory between French and English possessions in Africa, keeping France from access to the Nile, and securing to England unbroken connection between Cape Colony and Egypt. England tried at first to obtain a German buffer by ceding to German territory east of the Shari river. The newspapers which assert that the German government will probably support France in refusing to recognize the Anglo-Belgian agreement are mininformed. The foreign office intends to hold aloof from the dispute, satisfied that the new situation tends to lessen Germany's colonial difficulties with France. If France should propose a colonial conference of the powers interested in Central Africa, the Berlin government before assenting, would undoubtedly consult with England and agree with her upon a common course of action.

THE KOOTENAY COUNTRY.

Important Clean-Up — Most Encouraging Results-Water Supply for the Monitors.

Wagon Road Extension—Accident on Nelson and Fort Sheppard— Queen's Birthday.

The Kootenay Hydraulic Mining Company have to-day completed an important cleanup. Their operations, this season, have been directed to accertain precisely the value of their property on the north bank of the Pend d'Oreille River; to this end they collected all the water from Seven-Mile and Nine-Mile Creeks and directed it into their main ditch with a head of 250 feet above the monitors at the level of the Pend d'Oreille River. They sent through their sluices 2,200 yards of gravel, and the weight of the quicksilver amalgam shows a yield of \$525 in gold, equal to nearly 24 cents per oubic yard, some of the nuggets being of very good size, the largest being worth \$5.85. When it is remembered that eight cents per yard is regarded as ernormous, and that many of the great placers in California are worked at high profit even at 3 and 4 cents per yard is regarded as ernormous, and that many of the great placers in California are worked at high profit even at 3 and 4 cents per yard is regarded as ernormous, and that many of the great placers in California are worked at high profit even at 3 and 4 cents per yard is regarded as ernormous, and that many of the great placers in California are worked at high profit even at 3 and 4 cents per yard is regarded as ernormous, and that many of the great placers in California are worked at high profit even at 3 and 4 cents per yard is regarded as ernormous, and that many of the great placers in California are worked at high profit even at 3 and 4 cents per yard is regarded as ernormous, and that many of the great placers in California are worked at high profit even at 3 and 4 cents per yard is regarded as ernormous, and the their endition of the Fraser river bridge.

The new Columbian Methodist college buildings are to cost \$75,000.

NANAIMO, May 28.—Jack Meyers, alias Ben Kennedy, attempted to escape from the penitentiary ground on April 28rd last, died at 11 ecolock on Saturday night, from effects of bullet wounds received on that day. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of "ju FORT SHEPPARD, May 24 .- (Special.) -general manager, these operations have been directed by Mr. Albro, a New York director of the company. This gentleman is a multi-millionaire, having accumulated

director of the company. This gentleman is a multi-millionaire, having accumulated his wealth in just such enterprises in Callifornia with which he has been connected for many years. Though elderly, he is very active and has been persistent in panning out gravel from every part of the grounds. He states that he never failed to find gold, and promised that if the clean-up should yield a satisfactory result, money should be forthcoming to any exteut necessary to carry on the work continuously. Notwith standing the very heavy expenditure already incurred by this company in collecting the waters of six or seven mountain torners by means of a ten-mile ditch, it cannot but be recognized that this source of apply is entirely inadequate for the purpose, as it is merely the rush of the spring frashets, and attention is necessarily turned to the magnificent body of water in the Pend d'Oreille river, to ascertain whether it can be made available to supply the water to the monitors with a pressure equivalent to a head of 200 or 300 feet, as well as being the natural and priceless dumping ground for all the tailings. It may be redrowned. All the chefs at the Imperial court have been dismissed, owing to the fears that they would attempt to poison the food.

The London Times in a leading article on the depletion of gold in the United States treasury, says: The symptoms are curiously like those of last year. We need not apprehend such a serious crisis, however, because business prices in the United States directly in the United States apprehend such a serious crisis, however, because business prices in the United States directly in the United States apprehend such a serious crisis, however, because business prices in the United States directly in the United States are not be construed by our American course of the first on the fith instant, is still in a very critical condition.

The new Provincial jail erected on New-castle townsite has been completed, and is now occupied by Chief Stewart and his wards.

In order to assist St. Alban's church through a financial difficulty, Dr. E. H. Praeger some time ago endorsed a note for \$200. The paper was discounted and the

the international boundary. This, however, must not be construed by our American cousins to mean that we wish to "give them dire!" Hydraulic rams have been suggested, but the fall of the river, though great, is insufficient to generate the necessary power, and Mr. Albro has therefore decided to put in a force pump of high power. He leaves for Spokane to-mortow and will sent this plant in immediately, the cost being estimated at \$16,000; the construction of the mesonry piers will be set in had at once. The company's wagen road to Fifteen-Mile Creek is now being extended to the Salmon River by Messrs. Hardman & Babb, a distance of aix miles. A portable boiler and high pressure force pump are now on the rails at Waanta awaiting the completion of this road. All this expenditure for improvements which are of general value to the community, and the sum of the pressure of the placers of the opinions and the pressure of the placers of the opinions are trained of the placers of the solution and the pressure of the placers of the opinions are trained of the placers of the opinions and the placers of the opinions are trained of the placers of the opinions are trained of the placers of the opinions are trained of the placers of the opinions are trained to the plac

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Vancouver to Celebrate Dominion Day -The Columbian Methodist College Buildings.

Tenders to Be Called for the Westminster Fraser River Bridge.

(Special to the Colonist.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, May 28. - J. Sparrow's lpera Resort hotel was partly destroyed by fre to-night as well as the adjoining Chinese quarters. The firemen did creditable work in saving the property.

VANCOUVER, May 29.—Rev. Kinza Hirai,

the Buddhist priest, will speak on Buddhism at the First Congregational church on Sanday, explaining the Buddhist religion.

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The citizens will assemble at the market hall this evening for the purpose of making arrangements for a grand Dominion Day celebration.

The final match in the Metropolitan Club tournament was played last night between C. D. Rand, 100, and R. Mackay Fripp, 150. Mr. Rand won by one point.

The volunteers will have a smoker on Saturday. On June 6 the semi-annual smoker will be held.

New Westminsten, May 28 .- Jack Mc-Cabe the convict, who, with Jack Meyers,

elected by acclamation this afternoon to fill the vacancy in the aldermanic board caused by the death of the late Ralph Craig.