

In deference to the desire of the British cabinet the Newfoundland legislature will meet in special session on Feb. 15th to renew the Anglo-French *modus vivendi* respecting the treaty shore. The session will probably occupy only one day as the country is unanimous in supporting such a proposal. The regular session of the legislature for general business will be convened about the middle of April.

News Summary

The U. S. Senate in executive session on Monday ratified the Hague treaty, also the extradition treaty with Argentine Republic.

The recent in the Dominion by-election at Winnipeg has been finished. Puttee, the labor candidate, has been declared elected by a majority of ten over Martiu.

Fifty-seven paintings, the property of Mr. Austin H. King, of Providence, was sold at auction at New York on Monday night. They brought a total of \$77,375.

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Allan line agents have received advice that the transport Pomeranian has passed St. Vincent, Cape Verde Islands. All members of the contingent on board are reported well.

General Wingate, Sirdar of the Egyptian army, who recently hurriedly proceeded to Omduram on account of the insubordination among the Sudanese troops there, reports that affairs there were serious, but are now improved.

Wm. F. Miller, the head of the notorious "Franklin syndicate" in Brooklyn, which promised to pay and did pay to many persons 50 per cent on investments, and who has been eluding the police since November, has been captured in Canada and taken to New York.

Representative Fitzgerald, of Massachusetts, introduced a bill Wednesday in the House of Representatives at Washington appropriating \$1,000,000 for the erection of a government building in the city of Boston to be used as a custom house and appraisers store.

The influenza, which has spread throughout Germany, now numbers 60,000 victims in Munich. In Berlin Wednesday every bed in every hospital was occupied, and the hospital physicians, hundreds of whom have been stricken with the malady are scarcely able to care for the patients.

The six burglars who had got away with over \$5,000 of the funds of the Danville branch of the People's Bank of Halifax were captured near Windsor Mills, Que., Thursday. Two of them were quite seriously injured before being taken. Most of the money was recovered.

Major General Otis, is to be ordered from the Philippines as soon as the Philippine commission arrives at Manila, according to a Herald's Washington despatch. It is said this is of the general's own volition, as he wants a rest. His successor as military commander in the islands will probably be General MacArthur.

Sir Henry M. Stanley, the African explorer, was taken suddenly ill with gastritis in the House of Commons Wednesday night and is in a somewhat serious condition. Gerald Balfour, chief secretary for Ireland, is critically ill. He has been suffering from a clot of blood on the heart, and Thursday had a serious relapse.

The consecration on Sunday last, at the Roman Catholic Cathedral, St. John, of two Coadjutor bishops—Bishop Casey for the diocese of St. John, and Bishop Barry for the diocese of Chatham—was a remarkably imposing ceremony. Such a gathering of eminent ecclesiastics has not often taken place in these provinces. Among the prelates who were present and took part in the ceremonies were, Archbishop O'Brien, of Halifax, who was celebrant of the Mass and also Consecrator; Archbishop Begin, of Quebec, who was assistant to the Consecrator; Mgr. Racicot who was present as the representative of the Archbishop of Montreal; Bishop Cameron of Antigonish, Bishop Blais of Rimouski, Bishop McDonald of Charlottetown, and Bishop McEvoy of London, Ont., who was the preacher of the sermon.

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