

THE VICTORIA SEMI WEEKLY COLONIST THURSDAY APRIL 7 1898

STORM SWEEP ISLANDS

Plantations Utterly Devastated and Shipping Sent Ashore or to the Bottom.

Fortunately Few Lives Are Sacrificed. Hawa is a Siege.

The French steamer St. Louis, which was in Noumea during the recent hurricane, arrived in Newcastle two days prior to the departure of the Mlowera from Sydney for this port, and her officers were able to give a graphic description of the severity of the visitation and the consequent damages resulting. The first indication of the approach of unusual climatic condition was the rapidity with which the barometer fell.

The first hurricane was met with at six o'clock on the evening of the 22nd ult. and continued until three o'clock the following morning. There was then a period of delightful weather, but at ten o'clock on the night of the 23rd a very serious cyclone passed over the islands, the storm raging with unabated fury until five o'clock the following morning.

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and Captain Bustamant. The latter was then the head of the Spanish torpedo school. By the order of these officers the mines were divided into four consignments, for Havana, Ferrol, Cadex and Carthagena. The mines were manufactured under the direction of J. P. Gibbons, after the Gibbons patents, which are described in Simon's book on torpedoes and mines.

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MR. FIELDING'S BUDGET

The Conservatives, He Announces, Left the Expenditures at Too Low a Point.

Interest on People's Savings Reduced, but Manufacturers Will Have Cheaper Money.

Ottawa, April 5.—When Mr. Fielding rose to deliver his budget speech to-day he faced the slimmest house and smallest audience in the galleries seen here for years. He estimated for the present fiscal year a surplus of half a million.

Another feature was the reduction of salaries of ministers and members of the House, the highest salary being reduced \$100 and the ministers' \$300 each.

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NO LONGER PRESBYTERIAN. Rev. Dr. Briggs of Hereby Trial Famed Joins the Protestant Episcopal Church.

New York, April 5.—Rev. Dr. Briggs, professor of biblical theology in Union seminary and the defendant in one of the most celebrated heresy trials ever held in the Presbyterian church in this country, has been confirmed a member of the Protestant Episcopal church by

NEWS OF THE CAPITAL

Government Charged with Breaking Faith with Farmers in Tariff Revision.

Politics and the Penitentiaries—The Judgeship Yet Vacant—Easter Holidays.

Ottawa, April 6.—The Commons adjourned to-day until Tuesday, for Easter holidays. The budget debate was not continued, as Mr. Foster is indisposed.

Mr. Blair denied to-day that colored porters have been discharged from the Intercolonial company. He said that Mr. Davin moved a resolution censuring the government for breach of faith with the farmers in not carrying out the promise to place agricultural implements on the free list.

ENGLAND AND JAPAN. In Complete Accord as to Weihaiwei—British Goal Facilitates the Occupation.

London, April 6.—The Yokohama correspondent of the Times says: "For the time public opinion in Japan is vehemently in favor of a British occupation of Weihaiwei, but there is a feeling that Japan must assert herself and secure an equal footing on the mainland of the continent. The government is hampered by financial considerations, but will probably be obliged to yield to public pressure. Soberly, it is believed, will include an Anglo-Japanese entente, pour-parlers for which are in progress."

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE. Washington, April 6.—That the President's message to Congress tomorrow is the best information obtainable this evening. The kaleidoscope of international events appears to be moving so rapidly that it is difficult to make any definite forecast. The message is ready, making 7,000 words, and has been approved by the cabinet. It recommends armed intervention by the United States, but so far as known, without stating that this should be immediate, to prevent hostilities and provide succor for the starving people. It contains an argument against recognition of independence at this time, and leaves it clear that in the opinion of the President, it is believed that the government to supervise the affairs of the island until in the light of fuller and later knowledge a more stable government will be established.

BY WAY OF VARIETY. Money to Burn.—Kichham—Fifteen dollars is an amount of money that you must think I have money to burn, my dear Mr. Kichham—Well, haven't you? Another box of cigars to-day.—Harris.—"I have a sense of humor."—Charles, dear, said to a young fellow, "You know you used to say that I had no sense of humor." "That is true, but I must confess you are getting on in years, and I must run to my bed, and I have a treat in store for you. Pretty soon I am going to ask you for a spring sonnet, and I must run to my bed, and be good natured, just as you do when I read of such things."—Washington Star.

How to Keep Well. Without regular action of the bowels good health is impossible. Laxative Pills regulate the bowels, cure constipation, relieve nervousness, biliousness, sick headache, and all affections of the organs and digestion. Price 25c. All Druggists.

Queer Heart Feeling. Queer feelings in the heart are daily complained of by multitudes of people—don't know the cause, but it makes them nervous, irritable and unfit for either work or pleasure. Mr. B. A. Ross, Alton, Ont., writes: "I have been suffering from this queer heart feeling for some time, and I am free to-day in all these troubles."