First Mate Arthur Pennell of the Schooner Casco Lost Off San Francisco.

Boat Steerer Charles Parker of toe Ocean Belle Drowned in Asiatic Waters,

Late Advices From the Sealer Received in the Japanese Mail.

From Wednesday's Daily. Every year there is a long list of fa talities and casualties to be recorded in counection with the sealing industry, and this season is no exception to the rule. Arthur Pennell, first mate of the schooner Casco, and Charles Parker, boat steerer of the Ocean Belle, both well known among those who follow the in dustry, were drowned shortly after the schooners left here. News of their death was heard at the inquest on the body of came in the Japanese mail by the Belgic to San Francisco and was received here on the Kingston yesterday afternoon. Arthur Pennell was drowned at midnight on the night of January 18, eight days after leaving here, and while the schooner was off San Francisco. Carelessness on his part is given as the cause of the accident that befel him. He had just the body of deceased as that of William finished a watch of four hours, and desired to make a record of the distance logged by the schooner in that time. It | Pilot in tow and left Victoria about 9:30 was blowing a gale from the northwest, Friday night for Haddington and Neland the schooner was running before the son islands. They steered inside of Trial wind. There was a terrible sea on, and Pennell, when he leaned over the rail aft to look at the patent log, did not take the precaution to hold on to anything. and a half past Trial island, thinking returning from a sloop in the harbor to The vessel gave a lurch, and the poor fel- the storm was too much, an attempt was the wharf, when the punt which they of the United Press per S. S. Australow pitched overboard to his death. It made to turn and return to Victoria. had swamped and precipitated them into lia.)—On the 18th the president declared was impossible to do anything for him, Speed was accordingly slackened, but the water. Charlie could not swim, so martial law to be at an end and the and the sea that was running was not they were putting the course for the in- he would swim to the wharf and get as- United States minister gave a reception Robert Ward & Co., is false. As a matlong in gaining mastery. Pennell was side passage. The sea struck the rudder sistance. He was successful in finding an Englishman about 45 years of age, and caused the chains to break, and al- the wharf in the darkness and returned the Philadelphia, for which a large numand as far as known had no relatives here. He had been a sealer for several years, and George Collins, owner of the Casco, says he was the best mate he ever had in his employ. Pennell owned

West, and had some money in bank here. Charles Parker was lost from the Ocean Belle during a gale on February and he saw the Pilot coming down upon 24, when the schooner was well towards them. He knew the only chance was to the Japanese coast. He was aloft and | jump to the barge, and he cried out to standing on the main cross trees, and los- the other men to jump. Capt. Anderson, ing his hold in some way pitched into (thief Engineer Bloor, Assistant Enginthe sea. His body was seen as it shot the Engineer Bloor, Assistant Enginthe sea. His body was seen as it shot the Engineer Bloor, Assistant Enginthe sea. downward through the air, but was never were on the deck at the time. The last and it was with sorrow that the vessel their companion was drowned. Parker to follow climbing by the hawser, but have been an American by birth, and him. The barge remained near the Velos years. He is not believed to have any

relatives in the province. in a letter to George Collins, owner of off 40 or 50 feet. Captain Anderson the Casco and Diana, and written by Captain Le Blanc of the former. The Diana was 55 days and the Casco 54 days in making the crip. The former left a day ahead of the latter but they met entering Yokohama, and the Diana had to get out of the Casco's way. The latter was five minutes ahead at the anchorage. Neither had any accidents except the one mentioned and were to have

been ready for sealing on March 11.

The advices as to the death of Parker came in a letter to Richard Hall from Captain Martin of the Ocean Belle. The latter arrived at Yokohama on March 8. and went into port with a hig fleet which had been ontside. They were the Geneva, Casco, Sea Lion, Viva and Iadetta. The Ocean Belle was not damaged any but the Geneva, which was 63 days on the way, lost her jibboom and part of her rail and had two boats smashed. The Ocean Belle and Viva left here together, and entered Yokohama together, having spoken one another on the 35th day out. The Ocean Belle was first to an anchor and claimed the race. The Agnes Macdonald and E. B. Marvin had a very exciting race across the Pacific. They left here on the same day, the Agnes having a few hours the start, and were together off Yokohama. It was a race to get in first. The Marvin made the lighthouse and heads first, but got becalmed while the Macdonald held the wind and was at anchor four hours ahead of the Marvin Both claimed the race. Captain Catler by three hours and Captain Byers by some thing less than that. There are some lo cal bets on the race, but the wagers wi'l not be paid until more definite information on the subject is available. The Macdonald had a very rough trip of it, losing her main truss trees and cross trees, and Captain Cutler wrote that he expected to be detained there several days making repairs. Owing to the damage sustained he could carry no light sails in the trades, and lost time thereby. Many of the schooners were more or less damaged, all having had very rough weather. Most of them ran out of the Straits into rough weather, and all during January as they ran south the weather remained very rough. The letter from Captain Cutler was received by Mr Collister, of the firm of Barnsley & Co. When the Macdonald and Marvin arriv- pied Adidgrat, Abyssinia, without resisted in Yokohama the only vessel there

was the Vera, which was the first of DROWNED AT FORT SIMPSON, the Victoria fleet to arrive. She did not, however, make the fastest trip, being 48

days in going, while the ladetta was but record, as the weather has been too unfavorable for any schooner to do much better. At the time the Belgic sailed there were a number of vessels off the coast waiting for favorable weather to get in.

The news of the death of Pennell and Parker was received here with the deep est regret by their friends and acquaint ances. They were both well known and well liked by all who knew them The letters from Captains Martin and Le Blanc referred very feelingly to their

Evidence Given Before Coroner's Jury in the Case of the Wrecked Velos.

Further Hearing Postponed Till Capt. Anderson is Able to Testify.

The evidence of Andrew Christiansen, the first mate aboard the ill-fated Velos, William Law, at the coroner's inquest yesterday afternoon, and an adjournment was taken till Monday afternoon next at 2 o'clock, when Captain Anderson, of the Velos, who is now at the Jubilee hospital, will give evidence.

The jury sworn in were William Bickford (foreman), R. H. Ella, Charles Braund, R. J. Styles, William O'Connor

and C. J. Wilkes.

Mate Christiansen said he recognized Law, engineer of the Velos. He last saw him alive on the Velos at 10:30 Friday night. The Velos had the barge Island, between the mainland and the was meeting the wind. When one mile and a voung man named D. Burton were to be quite ill. were afterwards washed out of the davits. He had been consulted by the capa house and lot somewhere in Victoria tain and advised turning back. At the time of the accident he was at the hawser. The boat had been carried away, seen again. The schooner was put about he saw of Mr. Adams was when he was and a boat lowered, but no trace could be in the galley. He grabbed the hawser found of the man. His death was great- as the barge was coming down on the ly deplored by every man on the schooner tug, and climbed aboard the barge. She was three feet from the tug and higher was headed away from the spot where out of the water. Frank Duncan tried was about 25 years of age, is believed to witness did not see what became of had been in the fleet for about three for one sea, and then struck a rock which turned her out of her course before she could hit the Velos. After he News of the drowning of Pennell came | was aboard the Pilot the barge sheered and William Law had life belts.

> Coroner Hasell-Was there a life belt for everyone? "Yes: there were more than could supply all.

"Did you give orders to take the life

belt?" "Did you hear anyone give orders to

that effect?" "No, sir." Witness continuing, said there was no possible way of getting back from the barge to the tug. There was one boat on the barge, and in the attempt to lower it, it was smashed. The hawser was tightened, so that the men on the Velos could cross by it, but none chanced it. They could not see one another in the darkness, but could hear their calls and the cries of the men on the Velos, with-

The Foreman: "Was the galley carried away before you left the Velos?"

out being able to understand what they

"Were there any life preservers on the Filot?" "Yes.

Juror Wilkes: "Did you know at the ime what had caused the accident?" "No; the captain told me in the morning that the wheel chains had carried

away." W. A. Ward, who represented the owner of the boat and was present at the inquiry, asked what kind of a night it was on going out.

"It was blowing fresh from the southeast. "It was not so bad that it was dan-

gerous to go out?" "Did you ever go out before in such weather?"

"Yes." Mr. Ward: "Was the tow too much for the Velos?" "No, sir. Not in any weather that she could live in." That concluded the evidence for the

Italian Success. Rome, March 27.-Advices received state that the Italian troops have occu-

The latter will very likely hold the Charles L. Matthews Loses His Life in the Waters of the Skeena River.

> Trouble Among the Indians of Nass River-Indian Agent Todd Attacked.

The cheery voice of Capt. W. Meyer was heard again as the Danube from the North came to her moorings at 11 o'clock this morning. She had had a somewhat rough trip down, encountering heavy seas and adverse winds. There were ten passengers aboard, and there was a good shipment of freight. An unusually large number of furs were sent down. It is reported cold at night and the snow is still pretty staying. Active preparations are being made for the coming season; but there is little new in mining.

The Indians have been having trouble on the Naas River. They are fighting among themselves this time. The story is told that one tribe of Indians claim territorial rights in part of the Naas River and tributary streams, and they resented by force the incoming of their fellow aborigines. Indian Agent Todd heard of the dispute and left for the scene of the quarrel to try and amicably adjust differences. Mr. Todd met with a more than warm reception at the hands of the Indians. He was knocked down and his face was cut and bruised severely. He was unable to do anything with them, and when last heard from they were still quarreling. Beyond a few cuts and several blows struck nothing serious has been reported as a result of

the squabble. The personal effects of McGeary, the suicide of Shooshartie Bay were brought down; they are not very extensive, but note to Minister Wills had not been re-

The following letter gives particulars

of a sad drowning accident: Fort Simpson, March 20.-A very sad drowning accident occurred here on the evening of the 16th inst., by which east and it was a gale, and the flood tide in the community, lost his life. Charlie Flewin and Felton, who had been atfort was made by them, with the assistance of Dr. Bolton and Rev. F. L.

BEHRING SEA MATTERS.

of the 19th inst.

Stepnenson, for three hours to resusci-

tate the poor fellow, but without avail.

The funeral, which was attended by all

Simpson, was held on the afternoon

Denied at Ottawa That There is to be s New Treaty.

Ottawa, March 26.—It is denied in the government circles that there is any likelihood of a new treaty in regard to the Behring Sea fisheries case being negotiated, as indicated in dispatches from Washington City. It is true that the Canadian officials will probably go to Washington City soon to make arrangements for settling the damages suffered by Canadian sealers, as congress has refused to pay the amount, but the general question of Behring Sea regulations is not likely to be re-opened.

Washington City, March 26.-Officials here doubt the competency of the Canadian government to deny that there will be any new arrangements negotiated in place of the present inefficient syst in imposed by the Behring Sea arbitration for the protection of seals. Such an arrangement, whether it took the shape of a treaty or a modus vivendi, would be negotiated entirely between the United States and Great Britain. Of course it is assumed that the British government would consult the Canadian government before committing themselves, but it is a matter of record that the first molis vivendi was nevertheless entered into against the protest of the Canadians. who naturally can be counted on to favor absolute freedom in the seal waters at all times. As a matter of fact, on January 23 Secretary Gresham addressed a note to Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British ambassador here, calling his attention to the inadequacy of the present arrange ment and suggesting a modification to further restrict the fisheries. It is true that no reply had been received from the British ambassador, but it is thought the matter will not be lost sight of.

GRAFTING.

To the Editor: May I, through the nedium of your paper, call the attention of your readers that now is the time for grafting fruit trees for the purpose of changing the variety of fruit for any trees they may have that are not so good as could be wished. Splendid fruit has been before us at the agricultural shows and many would like to be producers of the same; it is rarely but what some trees in every orchard could be improved. The last two weeks of colder weather has kept the sap back and for another month trees will be in fine condition for grafting. Scions of the sorts desired should be taken at once and heeled in under a north wall till the grafting can be done, may upon complaint to the attorney- sealing men are amused at Capt. Hugi es which to be done successful must be general or marshall or to their deputies, joke on the Geneva.

of a new type will soon be produced. JOS. W. WEBB. Boleskine Road, Victoria, March 25.

HIGHWAYMEN KILLED. Attempt to Hold Up a Train that Ended Fatally.

Chattanooga, Ten., March 27.-Two train robbers were killed and one fatally wounded early this morning while attempting to hold up a train at the entrance to the tunnel near Greenwood, Ky. The wounded man is in the hospital here. His wounds are severe. There were half a dozen men in the band, but three escaped. The wounded man gives the name of Miller, The train which they attempted to hold up was the Queen and Crescent train No. 3, bound south.

MARTIAL LAW AT AN END

Hawaiian Government Pass Acts to Indemnify Themselves for Their Actions.

No Truth in the Report That They Are Opposed to Annexation.

San Francisco, March 27.—Hawaiian Minister of Finance Damon and Joaquin Miller, the poet, were among the Australia's passengers. Mr. Damon has come upon private business of his own and goes back on the next steamer.

Neither correspondence from Honolulu nor papers received make any mention of | free the chains and machinery, and to Minister Thurston's recall. It is there- that end the remaining portion of the hull fore supposed that Secretary Gresham's what they are will be divided among his ceived at Honolulu up to the date of to-day, and it is expected that all of the the sailing of the Australia. A large wood now in the way will float off. The number of political prisoners have been put to work on the roads in Hawaii. Among them are leader Wilcox, Greig, Widemann and Marshall. The Englishman Rickards and Seward, Ashford and island. The wind was blowing south- Charles L. Matthews, a general favorite Gullick will be kept inside the prison for the present at least. Seward is said

monolulu, March 20.—(Correspondence the wheel chains carried away just as Burton told him to stick to the punt and writ of habeas corpus restored. The last week to the admiral and officers of most immediately the Velos struck a to the punt, when Charlie seized him ber of invitations were issued. Presirock. The sea was breaking over the around the waist and both sunk. On dent Dole and wite were not invited and ing how severe the gale was. It is also tug. An attempt was made to lower the raising to the surface Burton got his only two of the members of the cabinet learned that Captain Anderson had inboats, but it was unsuccessful. They arms tree and struck out again for the were present. This caused quite a senwharf, supporting Charlie as best he sation. On interviewing President Dole be careful and not violate the law govcould. Just as Burton reached the steps upon the subject he said: "I attach no erning the carrying of passengers, and his companion, becoming exhausted, importance to it. The reception was a that Drake, Jackson & Helmckeu, solici-sank in eleven feet of water, where he very informal affair." To the question tors for Mr. Adams, had written revious was shortly after fished out by Messrs. whether relations with Mr. Willis were to the action, saying that if the law were strained, the president replied: "Not at broken in that respect their client would tracted by the cries for help. Every ef- all. It was further learned from the not take any responsibility. attorney-general that Mr. Willis gave No. 3 Company, B. C. B. G. A., pass instructions by telephone in a most in ed a resolution at its meeting last night.

formal way. of the league and its leader, Tim Mur- privilege has already been obtained. ray, the government are enlisting 300 Also that W. O. Smith, attorney-gen- England, and not at Perth, Ont., as has eral, had a severe altercation with Tim | been published. Murray on the subject of annexation. the government is enlisting men abroad the members of which were out in force

difference with the American league. Nine native rebels were sentenced on the 13th to five years each. These were the last of the cases before the military in the executive building listening to the She is as comfortably situated as pos-

part of the building. week past considering and passing a number of acts deemed necessary to provide for the safety of the government others for acts done under martial law will likely be carried out. Several perin suppressing the rebellion. It confirms sons have signified their intention to a and declares lawful all such acts done Times man to subscribe to the fund. under martial law in suppressing the rebellion. It confirms and declares deportation, trial conviction or sentencing of any person charged with sedition or insurrection. Another act supplementary to the foregoing was also passed, which provided for evidence of due authority for the acts specified, and farther protected the actors from molestation by legal process.

the landing here of refugees from of the same opinion, then an inquiry will justice or criminals or of persons who be instituted and sworn testimony rehave escaped hence to avoid trial and garding the whole affair will be taken." prohibits the return here of any person deported under martial law or banished receive permission to return from the minister of foreign affairs. The fourth the performance of other vessels, and act is for the suppression of seditious considering the weather, the voyage was 18th is one known as the Dangerous said before he left here that he would Persons Act. This provides that any beat the Geneva, which left 15 days be person having lawless intentions hostile fore him, in the run across to Yokohato public order or to the government ma. He has evidently done so and the

done by an experienced hand, when fruit | be brought before a circuit judge and there summarily examined. ion be shown to have existed, the person shall be adjudged dangerous and shall be sentenced to expulsion from the Hawaiian Islands.

Armed with these five statutes for its defense against conspiracy and sedition the government has again committee itself to the protection of the ordinary corrts, and the writ of habeas correresomes its sway.

Washington, March 27.-Thurston in this afternoon for San Francisco. He travels by a circuitous route in order to give his personal attention to a few nivate matters. He will reach Say Francisco on April 3rd. It is understood Thurston's formal note to Gresham announcing his intended departure from Washington, is brief, almost to the point of curtness. It simply stated that he intended to depart for Honolulu that afternoon leaving Secretary Hasting, n charge of the Hawaiian legation The note is said by those familiar with diplomatic communications of its class to be remarkable for its omission of the customary courteous explanations, and absolutely unique in failing to aunounwhether his government had or had not given him leave of absence.

THE VELOS DISASTER

Funeral of William Law Took Placa This Afternoon.

Diver McHardie is prosecuting work at the wreck of the Velos very vigorous. ly. He would have recovered the en gines and more of the machinery but for the fact that the anchor chains were twisted about it and the wood work as well. The chains were fast to the rocks as well, thus effectively anchoring the whole thing. Mr. McHardie decided to clear the wood work all away in order to was sawed in two vesterday and the two ends will be blown up with dynamite This will be done very likely some time engines, machinery, anchors, chains and in fact everything of value will be very quickly saved.

The tug Constance, belonging to Alexander Ewen, will arrive from Westminster this evening in charge of Andrew Christiansen and will leave for the north at once with the barge J. R. Macdonald in tow. A number of the workmen who were on the Pilot will be taken north.

The statement made in the Vancouve papers that the Velos went out on Fri day night under positive orders from ter of fact the members of the firm were surprised to hear early Saturday morning that the vessel had gone out at all, know structions from Robert Ward & co. to

deploring the death of Frank Duncan. The story published in San Francisco and extending its condolence to the mem to the effect that the government is op- bers of the family. It also decided to posed to annexation and has quarreled take charge of the body in case it is with the American league, which is urg- found and have the funeral from the ent for annexation, and that being afraid drill shed. Permission for the latter Mr. Adams was born September 16. men in San Francisco to fight for them. 1843, at Girton-Lindsey, Lincolnshire.

The funeral of William Law, the only is denied. No one in Honolulu need be victim of the Velos disaster whose body assured that the government has always was found, took place this afternoon and been tuoroughly for annexation and will was very largely attended. It was uncontinue so. W. O. Smith denies that der the direction of the Salvation Army, or have thought of doing so. It has no White, which is their emblem of mouraing, was displayed conspicuously, the men wearing bands of it on their sleeves. The remains were taken from the house to the Salvation Army barracks on Broad commission. The ex-queen was observed street, a guard from the local corps yesterday morning sitting at a window which surrounded the hearse narching the entire distance. At the barracks and government band playing in the grounds. the grave the regular burial services of the Army, which consists of prayers, a sible, aside from confinement to the one short address, and hymns were conducted by Adjutant Archibald. A large crowd In anticipation of an end to martial gathered on Broad street as the hearse law, the councils have been busy for a arrived from the house and many were the expressions of regret on every side. The case of Mrs. Law, the midowed woman, left with three little babes on after the law ceases. Under the new her hands and no means of support, has constitution of the republic the legisla- excited the pity of the generous-hearted. tive power was reserved to the combined And there are many who do not believe executive and advisory counsels until in stopping at the cold words of consothe legislature should meet. Of this pow- lation, but promise to show their pity by er they are now making important use. a visible token. It has been proposed t The first act is one securing indemnity start a subscription for Mrs. Law and to the omcers, to the government and her fatherless little ones, and he idea

Collector Milne, this afternoon speak ing of the catastrophe, said: "Under the lawful all such acts done in good taith Wreckage and Salvage Act I have powfor the purpose of suppressing the insur- er to hold a preliminary investigation rection, either in the establishment of into the circumstances of the wreck. a military tribunal or in arrest, detention, but I think that nothing will be gained from a delay for this purpose. I am. however, of the opinion, that a formal investigation should be held and have accordingly written, giving full particulars. to the department at Ottawa. I think I can safely say that there is a consensus of opinion that an investigation should be held. If the department, after read-The third act is one which prohibits ing the evidence that I send them, are

-The schooner Iadetta, Capt. Hughes by sent-nce of any court unless they arrived at Yokohama on March 6, 43 days from Victoria. In comparison with newspapers. The fifth act passed on the a remarkably good one. Captain Hughes

BISMARCK CONGRATULAT

The Aged Ex-Chancellor Red Politicians and Others a His Residence.

His Reply to the Congratu Addresses-Seemingly in Good Health.

Friedrichsruhe, March 25.—Prind marck received the members of the march received the members of the stag to-day. The members of the sian lower house were first to They were welcomed by Count H Bismarck, who asked them to with station for the arrival of the mem the upper house. Suddenly there ery of "Bismarck comes," and sarprise of all the old chancellor ed upon the platform unexpected contrary to the programme. The was attired in a full general t with cuirass and helmet. He long gray cloak and carried a stick, though he did not use it. He ed erect and with a firm step, a attended by his chief forester Don and Count Stolberg. Prince Bi was driven to the castle, the m walking. The entire delegation ass around the terrace facing the Count Stolberg, Herr von Koell Prussian minister of the interior President von Levetzow walked the castle to the terrace, when made a short speech of congratule Bismarck replied in a clear voice cept my warmest thanks for the you have rendered me. It is to highest distinction to see such assembly united here. I should amed of the honor were it not work I have done, rather than my The credit for the political achieved I share with those co-or with me, and above all with my worshipped good master, now

ger whom I worked so long." Here the good ex-chancellor speaking and cried bitterly, the a in the meantime being greatly Regaining his composure somew l'rince resumed his remarks in choked with emotion.

"What," he said, could I ha army? I would have stuck in bog that frustrated all previous a at German unity. Our dynastie God, are still powerful in their o (cheers), and especially the king sia is able to put a powerful ar the service of the national interes was my aim at Frankfort-on-t and I have always followed it. to our Emperor William I and h ated sovereigns, more was done t lomacy could do. If the Emperor ordered the mobilization of the n 1866-70, what would have be Germany? Someone (meaning) ser Virchow) has said that my did not impress him well. He party never impressed me as strength to the country. The d fought harder with each other t of the parliamentary factions for fought Bavaria and Saxony, y the need arose we grasped ead hands and marched together a common foe. Among the parlie factions the dissension is deep more healing and common action excluded. Federal government to be better for the people tha mentary factions. With federa ernments national interests are above all other considerations. as we can rely upon this true feeling of our Princes I shall alarmed for the future of the en wish this feeling were more str pressed by the diets of the Geri

The Prussians, the Bavar the Saxons, though having differ are always Germans, and not li habitants of Sweden and Nor tinct peoples. The diets ought larger interest in the foreign pol ought to discuss what is known instructions a foreign minister and what he does. In the fede cil the budget for salaries of for isters always offer a chance for the foreign policy. This would revive in the empire nationa which is not of late manifesting

strongly as I could wish.

"There is no doubt that there ple who labor under the error pression that there are two sep ndependent governments in There is but one. I am sorry directly take part in the manage affairs." Here the ex-chancelle terrupted by shouts of "so are s a wave of his hand Prince Bism tinued: "No; I am not well co-operate with you practically and cries of "yes you are.") ideas are with you, perhaps mo proper for an old man like mys cannot help myself, I cann away what has become an ha terest through lifelong work. now express my feelings bette impressing upon you, especially bers of the landtag, that you fast to the national idea and that in Prussia also we do the Brandenburg or Prussian the imperial German policy. sense I call upon you for the for the Kaiser." The cheers

heartily. When quiet was restored P marck added: "I very much v able to receive you all as my there is no room in my house. there is room in the narrowe lovers, there is not room for 4 concluding remarks of the exwere greeted with laughter, tired for luncheon with the pr

the bodies represented. Counts William and Herbert and Count von Rantzau, the lor's son-in-law, were also pres deputies departed for their hor special trains. The Daily News corresponde

lin says: "The government he