

The ship owners on the Clyde express gloomy views in regard to the prospects of shipbuilding for the coming year. Mr. Allan, of the Allan Steamship Line, predicts a total collapse of this industry before the end of the year.

The Duke of Westminster and the Baroness Burdett-Coutts have gone into partnership as cab proprietors as "The London Improved Cab Company." They have placed 950 of their cabs on the streets of the British metropolis.

Not only is the condition of the Crown Prince now generally understood to be such that his valuable life is only a question of weeks, but the venerable Emperor himself is reported to be very low, and that his death may be expected at any moment.

M. Wilson, whose corrupt proceedings in trafficking in honors and decorations, led to the downfall of M. Grövy, the late French President, has been sentenced to two years imprisonment, 3,000 francs fine, and forfeiture of civil rights for five years.

It would seem that the centre-board idea is gradually making its way into the exceedingly conservative brain of the English (or Scotch) yachtsman. It has been agreed by the Clyde Yacht Club to use them in small boats. From small to large is an inevitable step.

The hamlet of Trasquera, at the foot of Sinplon mountain, and another hamlet in Bine Valley, were destroyed by avalanches. At the latter place five persons were killed. The bodies of over 200 victims of the recent avalanches in the Italian alps have been recovered.

The emigration from the United Kingdom shows a large increase, the figures for 1886 and 1887 being respectively 330,804 and 396,702. Australia has this year secured a larger number of immigrants than Canada, or 34,290 against 32,053. But the United States is, as usual, far in the van with a total of 201,603.

A bill has been introduced in the French Chamber for a considerable vote in aid of the Panama Canal. In fact, as has been stated before, French investors stand to lose so heavily by the failure of M. de Lesseps' great scheme, that the fate of the Government may at any time hang on the passing or rejection of his demands.

A movement is on foot in Paris for the adoption of a more suitable evening dress for men. The costume proposed consists of buckle shoes, silk stockings, knee breeches, velvet coat (curtailed), lace ruffles, etc. The promoters are anxious to avoid the dress which causes sometimes a mistaken resemblance between guest and waiter.

The death is recorded of the Duke of Rutland, at the age of 72. His brother, Lord John Manners, born in 1818, and well known to the public by many years of parliamentary and official life, succeeds to the Dukedom. Lord John was Postmaster-General in Lord Salisbury's first Ministry, and is now Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

Suakin was attacked on Sunday by a large force of rebels. After four hours fighting the rebels retired, leaving several hundred killed and wounded on the field. On the British side Col. Top and five Egyptians were killed, and 14 wounded. The British gunboats *Dolphin* and *Albatross* assisted the garrison and poured a deadly fire on the retreating rebels.

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