FROM THE ORIENT.

Attempt by Incendiaries to Set Fire to the Steamship Pekin at Shanghai.

The Schooner Halcyon Again in Trouble—The Russian Grand Dukes' Visit.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 28.—The steamer Belgic arrived from Hong Kong and Yokohama this morning, bringing the following advices: An attempt was made recently to set fire to the China Navigation company's steamer Pekin, just shortly before the vessel started for Shanghai. A bunch of lighted paper and rags was discovered behind a tier of bales of cotton, two of which were partly burned.

The incident has created a strong impression that the burning of the steamer Shanghai, owned by the same company, by which more than 200 people lost their lives, was the work of incendiaries.

Two men who were on board of one of the junks which the company operated in the piracy of the British steamer Namona, have been arrested and will probably be beheaded. Seventeen pirates have already been executed for connection with this affair.

There has been a heavy snowstorm in Japan. Eight people are reported to have perished in the roads. Two schooners were wrecked during the storm. The captain, two of the crew and six passengers of one lost their lives.

The yacht Halcyon is again in trouble. About seven months ago the Halcyon was fitted out at Victoria by a man named Whaley and taken to Hongkong. At the latter port about $150,000 worth of opium was taken on board, and the yacht cleared for Puget Sound.

During a storm the Halcyon went ashore on the Japanese coast, and the opium was seized by the Japanese government. After a great deal of trouble and delay Whaley repaired his yacht, recovered his opium and cleared for Victoria, B. C. The day before the Belgic left Yokohoma the Halcyon had again gone ashore at Tatamai bay, about three miles from Yokohama, and Whaley was in the city trying to hire a tug to tow her off. Whaley intends to sue the Japanese government for damages for detention of his opium.

The Czarewitch, Nicholas Alexandrovitch, and his brother, the Grand Duke, George Alexandrovitch, are expected to arrive at Singapore on the 3d of March next, and two days later will leave for Bangkok, Siam.

About March 10th the Czarewitch will arrive at Hongkong and about the end of the month will probably leave for San Francisco on a Russian man-of-war.

SEATTLE PROMOTED.

She is Made an Important Mail Centre—Hawaiian Cable Assured.

A despatch to the Seattle Telegraph, from Washington, says: By order of the third assistant postmaster-general, the regular pouch exchange between Portland, Oregon, and Victoria, B. C., is discontinued from April 1, 1891, and a new registered pouch exchange has been established between Seattle, Wash., and Victoria, B. C., to commence on the same date. Dispatches will leave Seattle, Wash., by steamers of the Union Pacific railroad daily, except Sundays, at 10:10 a.m. This change involves a reconstruction of the schedule of the territory connected with all the international registered pouch exchanges between the offices on the Pacific Coast and Victoria, B.C. Registered packages intended for the British possessions, will be billed to Port Townsend, Wash., from Alaska and counties of Clallam, Jefferson and San Juan in Washington. The Seattle district, from which packages intended for the British possessions will be billed, is to include all of Washington except three counties, eleven counties in California and the States of Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Utah and Wyoming.

LYMPH FAILING TO CURE.

Dr. Koch's Discovery Not Standing the Test of Use.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—Very nearly three months have elapsed since Prof. Koch announced that he had made a discovery which would revolutionize medicine.

This discovery, he declared, was an infallible diagnostic in diseases of tubercular origin. It was a specific for tuberculosis pulmonaris, and because of this would confer a boon upon humanity.

Now, after a lapse of but little more than two months, scientists here make these emphatic avowals:

First—The lymph is not a diagnostic.

Second—The lymph is not a specific for consumption, or any other tubercular disease.

Third—If the lymph has elective affinity for tubercular tissue, it exhibits a similar idiosyncrasy in other diseases, and in fact no one has thus far proved whether it has elective affinity or not.

The results of experiments in this city, where there have been about 350 persons under lymph treatment, have been to make enthusiastic practitioners cautious, and men who were conservative before have decided that the cure for consumption is quite as far beyond the reach of the profession as it was before the lymph was known.

Within the last week the number of the patients under treatment with lymph have been decreased nearly 60 per cent. The physicians are administering the fluid to persons who are suffering the surgical manifestations of tuberculosis. When lymph is given it no longer forms the sole medium of treatment. Tonics of most potent effect, cocaine, for instance, are given in conjunction with it. Utter dependence upon lymph is no longer observable. Among the physicians whose opinions upon the efficacy of lymph were secured is Dr. George F. Shrady, whose experiments with lymph at St. Francis' Hospital and the New York Cancer Hospital have been notable in many ways. Dr. Shrady said: "So far our main hopes for permanent cure of lung disease are based upon the well known efforts of nature to rid herself of decomposed products by expectoration, while the general strength of the patient is being maintained by the most powerful tonics and the most assimilable nutriments. While this lymph may aid us in one direction by hurrying the initiative processes, we are driven in the end to help ourselves by resorting to the ordinary, but good old-fashioned methods.

"We have scarcely gone beyond this at the present stage of our enquiry, awaiting, as we are, the proofs that the method is quicker and surer than the old one."

Dr. J. Newton Heineman, visiting surgeon of Mount Sinai Hospital, where the most numerous experiments have been made, and of the Polyclinic Hospital, where more interesting experiments have taken place, said he had abandoned treatment in all cases which did not show a marked amelioration under the lymph's influence.

"Certainly," he continued, "a medicine which will produce the same effect on cases of phthisis, epithelioma, leprosy, lupus, joint and hip disease is of very little value as a diagnostic, and again I am convinced that by itself lymyh is not a specific for phthisis. It is only a means among the many others of improving the condition of consumptive patients, but it is very far from being medicine of such potency that it may be used to the exclusion of the others. It will be exceedingly unfortunate that Prof. Koch was compelled to make his announcements as early as he did, because I believe his discovery was not complete. I doubt very much whether Koch knows the exact composition of his discovery, and I am equally inclined to believe that in his culture the tubercular bacilli he has reared other germs which now form very important parts of the lymph. The fluid will certainly be made more pure, and then tests may be made which will be far more accurate in demonstrating Koch's discovery than the present ones."

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Lot, 1 acre, Richmond Road	2,500
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ROBBERY AT FAIRHAVEN.

FAIRHAVEN, March 1.—A daring burglary was committed at Warner & Jeffrey's last evening in full view of one of the firm and two other gentlemen, all of whom were sitting by the stove, about 20 feet from a show window in which several diamonds, received the day before, were displayed. The burglar quickly fastened the door on the outside by thrusting a stick through the latch handle, and with another stick smashed the window and then grabbed the diamonds and ran. No one was passing on the the street at the time, and when those within got out no trace of the robber could be found.

The man's features were concealed by a slouch hat drawn down over his face. It is believed that he went southward, as a stick of wood fitting exactly the piece in the door, and supposed to be the one with which the window was broken, was found to-day this side of Chuckanut bay. No other trace has yet been discovered. The stolen jewels were worth about $1,500.

CARD FROM DR. REID.

TO THE EDITOR:—As I have been absent from the city for some weeks, on account of sickness I have not seen the papers regularly; but had my attention called to an error in a report of an important missionary service, held in the school-room of Christ's Church Cathedral some time ago, in which I am given cerdit for being present and taking part in the proceedings—an honor that belongs to some other gentleman. I only refer to this case of mistaken identity because it is leading to expectations that I should attend many public meetings before I am sufficiently restored to enable me to do so safely. By medical advice, I am to abstain as much as possible from attendance at week evening meetings for a season.

JOHN REID.

25 Richardson street, Victoria, B. C.

AFTER MANY YEARS.

A Sailor Supposed to Have Been Drowned Returns to Claim a Legacy.

William Lanark, a wealthy old farmer of Lanark County, died fourteen years ago, leaving eighty-four thousand dollars, the distribution of which was made the occasion of a lawsuit by some of the surviving members of his family, says the Toronto Globe. Among the male heirs was Stephen Holiday, a married son, who in 1864 left his wife and two children and went sailing on the schooner Ada Drake, which was lost in a heavy storm off Cleveland, and Holiday's family supposed he went down with the vessel. His widow subsequently married a Toronto man named Derusha, and secured an order for the payment of Stephen's share of his father's money to her and her two sons. This was followed by an order that the money should remain in the court.

Four years ago Mrs. Derusha, Stephen's wife, died, and lately Stephen returned to Canada and told of his miraculous escape from the wreck after being washed about the lake for hours lashed to a spar, and of being picked up by a propellor, after which he went to Honduras and Central America. He has been identified by his only surviving son and a neighbor who knew him years ago, and an order was made for the payment of his share of his father's estate.

Jewelry Going Out.

It is no longer de rigueur to wear a watch chain, and the man-about-town who desires to carry about with him a reminder of the fleeting hours must carry it without any gold chain attached, says the New York World. The waistcoat of the favorite cutaway is no longer to display an ornamental bunch of charms or a dangling souvenir of the skill of the jewelers. Fashion long ago declared that men must abjure diamonds by night as well as by day, barring a deep-set solitaire, perhaps, for the little finger, but the new decree against watch chains will fall with severity on very young men, who like to have a little jewelry to toy with in their hours of statuesque posing. The fact is, however, that the dictum of modes masculine is quite as absurd as the feminine edict that street dresses must sweep the pavement, and is quite as likely to be disregarded by sensible people.

Cut the Ceremonies Short.

Emperor William visited recently a little Silesian town where certain military maneuvers were conducted. The burgomaster took it upon himself to introduce various of the town dignitaries to his Majesty. Fourteen of them were standing in a line, and the mayor began as follows: "Herr Peter Paul Schmidt—his Majesty the German Emperor, King of Prussia, Margrave of Brandenburg, Herr Heinrich Wilhelm Sauerkraut—his Majesty the German Emperor, the King of Prussia, Margrave of Brandenberg." When the burgomaster proceeded to introduce Herr Leberwurst to "his etc., etc.," the Kaiser interrupted him, laughingly, with the remark: "That will do, Herr Burgomaster; I suppose the gentlemen know who I am. Just mention their names, and then there will be some prospect of a little refreshment before nightfall."