

CABLE NEWS.

French Deputies Appeal for Vaillant, the Bomb Thrower—Gladstone in France.

German Tobacco Bill—Great Distress in Hungary—Indian Silver Question.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—A Berlin dispatch to the Times says: Three days have been spent in the discussion of the tobacco tax bill, and it is universally admitted that the bill will not be accepted in its present form. The outlook is not promising, for there is a solid phalanx of Socialists, Radicals of all shades, Ultramontanes and anti-Semites opposed to the Government, which is only supported by the Free Conservatives and individual members of the National Liberal and Conservative parties. Even all the eloquence and tactical skill of Miquel will hardly be able to counterbalance the formidable opposition.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—A dispatch to the Times from Calcutta, says the Government's refusal to indicate its intentions in regard to silver is causing general disappointment and unfavorable influence upon exchange, which for the first time in many months has fallen below 15d. The silence of the financial authorities is inopportune. The outlook meanwhile is becoming gloomier daily, and a most difficult and complicated situation will have to be confronted soon.

BRUSSELS, Jan. 15.—The University council threatens to punish the students who have petitioned Elisee Reclus, the geographer and anarchist, to lecture before them, despite the opposition of the University authorities. Should Reclus attempt to read, serious trouble might follow. In Calcutta comes to the city, the government probably will prevent the socialist from joining the students' demonstration in his honor.

PARIS, Jan. 15.—The Havas agency says that the French firms who exhibited at Chicago, will lodge claims for damages done to their goods in the recent fire. Le Matin begins an abusive article with the words: "What rascals the Yankees are." The writer says, that although taken individually, the Americans are more or less honest, they are regarded as a people, unscrupulous fellows.

PARIS, Jan. 15.—The appeal of eighty deputies for commutation of the death sentence of Vaillant will be sent unopened from the Palais de Elysees to the pardon committee. The Duchess d'Uzes is interesting herself on behalf of Vaillant's daughter, so that the young girl may not suffer by her father's fate. An anarchist meeting was held this evening at Lyons. A thousand persons were present. Vaillant was proclaimed honorary chairman.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—Large premises at King's Cross, occupied by Joseph Thorley as a manufacturer of cattle food, were burned yesterday. Loss, £70,000.

DRESDEN, Jan. 15.—The Diet, by a vote of sixty to fourteen, has rejected a motion of the Socialists for universal and equal suffrage at Diet elections.

BRISTOL, Jan. 15.—Mr. Gladstone arrived here at 8 a.m. yesterday in the best of health.

VIENNA, Jan. 15.—A brilliant court ball took place Sunday in the Hofburg palace. American Minister Bartlett Tripp was presented to the Emperor. After Mrs. Tripp had been presented, she in turn presented Misses Ethel Washburn and Alice Flanagan.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—Dispatches from the continent say that the Czar and the King of Denmark are suffering from influenza.

VIENNA, Jan. 15.—Dispatches from towns in Saros country, Hungary, say that thousands of peasants there are on the verge of starvation.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—The Rev. Dr. William John Butler, dean of Lincoln, died of pneumonia this afternoon.

PARIS, Jan. 16.—M. Poincaré, reporter of the Budget committee, to-day reported to the Chamber the bill introduced by Finance Minister Burdeau for converting the four and a half per cent. rentes into three and a half per cent.

PARIS, Jan. 16.—The Conversion Bill as presented to the Deputies, was passed by a vote of 485 to 1. The bill was then taken to the Senate by M. Duboué, Minister of Justice.

FLOOD IN WASHINGTON.

OAKVILLE, Washington, Jan. 16.—The Chehalis river is on a tear and has spread out all over the bottoms. It is the highest it has been for three years, being fully twelve feet above its ordinary level. Houses on the lowlands are surrounded and the roads are running full like rivers. The water has made its way to Oakville, over a mile from the channel. At Ford's prairie, eight miles west, the farm houses are cut off from each other in some places, and in the public road the water is deep enough to swim a horse. Porter, on the opposite side, is high and dry with the exception of few neighboring houses. A landslide below Porter delayed trains considerably, and the water threatens to wear away the grade to a dangerous extent. The current is strong and filled with heavy logs. The Star boats mail carriers leaving Oakville depend on canoes and are barely able to make their points by traveling on foot, canoe and horseback. There have been spells of high winds that are marvellous. The crash and roar of heavy trees falling in the forests along the river is of frequent occurrence. Snow, wind, rain and flood have followed in rapid succession. The only fatality resulting from the high water, occurred when Balch's ferry broke, and John Laws was swept off into the swift current and drowned. The immensity of the flood makes a search impracticable for the present.

RIOTING IN ITALY.

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ROME, Jan. 18.—About 5,000 workmen have struck in Massa and Carrara. Both towns are occupied by troops and all the shops are closed. The inhabitants are frightened and many families are provisioning their homes as if for a siege. Bands of revolvers parade the roads, making requisitions on the people for arms and food. At three o'clock this afternoon the people of Massa were thrown into a state of consternation by hearing a fusillade in the hills near by. A squadron of

cavalry had encountered a mob of 500 men at the Fossola bridge, and two kilometers from Massa. After a stubborn fight the mob was dispersed. Many were wounded and several were killed. Troops guard the railway at all points to prevent the tearing up of the rails. Some soldiers are in active pursuit of bands in the mountains. The cabinet council has given Premier Crispi a free hand as to the time when he shall declare the provinces of Massa and Carrara to be in a state of siege. The proclamation will probably be issued to-morrow unless the situation improves in the meantime.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—A dispatch to the Central News from Rome says: A squadron of cavalry patrolling Massa di Carrara had an encounter to-day with a band of Anarchists 500 strong, who were apparently engaged in destroying the Fossola bridge. The Anarchists stood their ground until several were killed or wounded and then fled. They were pursued by the cavalry and finally dispersed. Eight persons altogether were killed and a number wounded. Among the wounded are several soldiers. Many arrests were made.

OUTRAGES IN BRAZIL.

Two Government Soldiers Said To Have Been Burned Alive—Other Atrocities.

Insurgents Capture Eugenio Island—Mello Said To Be Losing Support.

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RIO JANEIRO, Jan. 16.—The Minister of Foreign Affairs, acting for President Peixoto, has authorized the representative of the United Press to send the following: "The siege of Bage by the insurgent forces has been relaxed after a duration of eighteen days, the sorties of the Government troops, commanded by General Carlos Telles, having finally put the insurgents to flight. It was a complete rout for the insurgents, who abandoned their baggage and munitions of war. The Government loss was 36 killed and 90 wounded. The insurgents' losses were 100 killed and wounded. Two days after the battle one of the two columns that had been dispatched to the relief of Bage arrived at that town. The relieving party at once started in pursuit of the insurgents, but it is understood they did not succeed in catching up with the main body of them. Many of the latter deserted. It was found that the insurgents had sacked several houses, and several men were found with their throats cut. Two Government soldiers who had been captured by the enemy were burned alive. General Carneiro, who is on the frontier between the States of Para and Santa Catarina, recently fought an engagement with the insurgents and defeated them. The British steamer Hilda, which has arrived here from Porto Alegre, capital of the State of Rio Grande do Sul, reports that the Government is in undisputed possession of the coast of that State.

The news from the South is to the effect that the much needed reinforcements from Santa Catarina are unlikely to give any thing like prompt assistance to their fellow insurgents now in Rio harbor, and it looks as if the revolutionary leaders at Santa Catarina would be unable to stand aid to the Gama. In a number of engagements the revolutionists suffered defeat, and many of Mello's men have been wounded or killed. Unless Mello recovers and is able by his presence to reanimate his men the outlook for the insurgents is very dark. Discontent is said to prevail in the ranks, and desertions are said to be numerous. Fever it also thinning the insurgent army, and unless something is quickly done Mello will lose fully one-half his entire force in the South. The inhabitants of Rio are heartily in relief of the war, and the epidemic now raging here makes the desire for peace all the stronger on the part of citizens generally. BUENOS AYRES, Jan. 16.—Rio dispatches received here state that the rebel flagship Aquidaban had taken up a position in front of the custom house preparing to land troops. The insurgents have captured Eugenio Island. Forty Government troops were killed and 60 captured. The Government sent reinforcements to Niteroi. The Government forces on Saturday tried to capture the insurgent cruiser Guanabara, but were beaten off with heavy loss.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 16.—This morning Secretary Herbert received a cable message saying the cruiser New York had arrived at Rio last night. The New York did not stop at any port during the last 3,500 miles of her journey, as the Department was anxious to have her reach Rio in the quickest possible time. The voyage was a remarkably fast one. Other United States vessels at Rio are the San Francisco, Charleston and Detroit.

RIO JANEIRO, Jan. 17.—On Tuesday evening the insurgent troops occupied positions in readiness to engage the Nictheroy early this morning. A hot encounter was begun at daybreak at close quarters. Eventually the ships were repulsed with heavy loss.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—Pleixoto's fleet is reported to have left Pernambuco for Rio. The insurgents have received fresh provisions and now have large supplies. The insurgent vessels are blockading Santos. The clergy generally are said to favor the insurgents.

A dispatch from Buenos Ayres, dated yesterday, says: Advice from Rio have reached there showing that rumors are current in the Brazilian capital that many members of the national guard were deserting and going over to the insurgents. Several persons, including a number of Italians, have been killed by shells fired from the insurgent guns into the middle of the city. The friends of the Italians have demanded indemnity. The Government has informed the foreign residents that it will not accept any liability. The Government forces are bombarding the insurgent storehouses on Enchados Island.

A dispatch from Buenos Ayres says: "The insurgent warship Aquidaban is about to sail southward with the intention of bringing reinforcements to Rio Janeiro. The report that Admiral Mello is on the Republica at Santos has been confirmed."

COLONIAL NEWS.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—The Marquis de Lorne, at a meeting of the Imperial Institute last evening, at which Lord Knutsford presided, stated something might be done to improve the news transmitted from—and to the colonies, and made the statement that any arrangements requiring the transmission of news directly from the mother country to the colonies, or vice versa, would be a great boon. His remarks were received with great applause.

CONCERNING ROYALTY.

Quarters for the Duke of Saxe-Coburg at Clarence House.

Princess of Wales Convolescent—The Duke of Connaught—Queen of Sweden.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—The Queen has made a formal grant of the Clarence House to the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, certain rooms being shut up, which are reserved for the exclusive use of the Duke and Duchess of Saxe-Coburg, who retain the right of living there whenever they may happen to visit London. The Duke and Duchess of Connaught always occupied apartments in Buckingham Palace when they were in town, but this was a very inconvenient arrangement, and the Queen has long been anxious to give them a permanent residence in London.

The Princess of Wales is convalescent after her recent severe illness, but is still very weak and much depressed, and the Princess Maudie has also been ill. Her Royal Highness and her daughters will be away from England until about White Sunday.

The Prince of Wales is expected to leave Cannes during March, and His Royal Highness has ordered the outer Britannia, which has been laid up at Cowes during the last three months, to fit out at once for the Mediterranean, in order that she may take part in the various regattas which are held in the spring of the Riviera.

During his recent visit to the Duke of Rutland at Belvoir Castle, the Prince of Wales carefully inspected the famous silver churn, which was made during the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and weighs 2,000 ounces. The superb christening ewer and basin by Benvenuto Cellini were also on view.

The Duke of Connaught has been ridiculed for insisting on an order relating to boot laces. He holds that the practice of crossing the laces is wrong. It is a small matter, perhaps, but the routine of regimental life is made up of small matters. All that the Duke of Connaught has done is to point out what is the right way for a soldier to deal with boot laces for the sake of uniformity, which is essential in a well ordered army. The Radical papers say this is about all he has done.

The recent visit of the Duke and Duchess of Chartres to Prince and Princess Waldemar of Denmark, at Copenhagen, was connected with the project of a marriage between their second daughter, Princess Marguerite, and Prince Christian, the eldest son of the Crown Prince of Denmark. In addition to being the ultimate heir to the Spanish throne, Christian will inherit a considerable portion of the immense fortune which came to his mother as the Crown Princess of Sweden.

The official announcement of the betrothal of the Grand Duke of Hesse and his cousin, Princess Victoria Melita of Coburg, which took place formally in the palace of Coburg on Tuesday afternoon, was delayed until it had been privately communicated to the Emperor and Empress of Russia, the German Emperor and Empress and other relatives. The marriage, according to the present arrangements, is to take place at Coburg during the last week in April, when the Queen will be staying there.

THE POWER THEY HAVE.

DUBLIN, Dec. 16.—At a meeting of the Irish National League, held in this city to-day, Mr. Lamy, ex-editor of United Ireland, who presided, said he hoped that the anti-Parnellite members of the House of Commons would insist that the bill for the relief of the Irish evicted tenants should be forced through the House at the earliest period of the session. He added that the Irish Parliamentary party would do nothing to impel the Government for a year or two, knowing that it could turn the Government out of office at any time it felt called upon to do so.

MAINTAINS HER CLAIM.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 16.—In regard to the item published here on Tuesday last that the ex-Queen of Hawaii had given up the contest for the throne, and would sue the United States for damages, S. Parker, Prime Minister to the ex-Queen has wired Secretary of State Olney denying these assertions. Both Parker and W. C. Peterson, the ex-Queen's attorney-general, state they will call on Honolulu half an hour before they sailed for Honolulu on the Australia, and she was very firm in her determination to maintain her claim to the throne. The possibility of presenting a claim for damages had never been mentioned.

A NOTABLE EXHIBIT.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 16.—Among the exhibits loaned by the Provisional Government of Hawaii to the South Sea Island collection at the Mid-winter exposition is the American flag which was the first to be raised in the Islands after the revolution, but afterwards hauled down by orders of Commissioner Blount. This flag will be accompanied by vouchers and documents attesting its genuineness. Accompanying this flag will also be a number of bags of sand, which had been used in the fortifications of the Provisional Government.

THE CATTLE SCHEDULE.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—The movement in Scotland to obtain the removal of the embargo on Canadian cattle has been quickly noted by the Scotch farmers and breeders, whose organs in the press urge the need of a prompt counter demonstration. It is practically certain that the Scotch farming and breeding interest will join with English breeders in appealing to the Board of Agriculture to continue the exclusion. No decision is probable for some weeks, as Mr. Gardiner is now in the south of France owing to illness.

HAYWARD'S FECTAL BALSAM.

HAYWARD'S Fectal Balsam cures coughs, colds, whooping cough, and all bronchial and lung troubles. Price, 50c, per bottle, or five for \$2.00.

ISSUE OF BONDS.

The United States Calling for Tenders for Fifty Million Five Per Cents.

Secretary Carlisle Forced to Do Something to Relieve the Treasury Strain.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Secretary Carlisle has just issued, by virtue of the authority contained in the act entitled "An act to provide for the resumption of specie," approved January 14, 1875, a circular asking for offers by public subscription of an issue of bonds of the United States to the amount of \$50,000,000, in either registered or coupon form, in denominations of \$50 or upwards, redeemable in coin at the pleasure of the Government after ten years from the date of their issue and bearing interest payable quarterly in coin at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum. Proposals for the whole or any part of these bonds will be received at the Treasury department office of the Secretary until 12 o'clock noon on February 1, 1894. All proposals must be addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D. C., and should be distinctly marked "Proposals for subscription to five per cent. bonds." Copies of the circular will be mailed to all sub-treasurers. The action of Secretary Carlisle in announcing a bond issue was not generally known, even in the Treasury circles when the department closed to-day. Among the officials who were cognizant of the secretary's intention the opinion was expressed that he acted none too soon, as the Treasury gold is rapidly going and since the loss to-day was \$362,000, and since the first of the month the gold balance has declined from \$30,891,000 to \$70,634,915, with the present indications that it will fall below \$70,000,000 to-morrow. The bonds are to be purchased for gold only. The Treasury gold will thus be built up to the extent of the bond issue. This, however, it is anticipated may only give temporary relief. Gold may be paid into the Treasury for bonds one day and the very next day the same gold may be withdrawn by presenting legal tender notes or coin certificates for redemption. The effect of the bond issue, however, will be to give the Treasury more money—whether gold or currency is immaterial—and ease up the Government finances at least for the present.

CANADIAN NEWS.

(Special to the Colonist.)

LETHBRIDGE, Jan. 16.—Last night a two storey building in the suburbs was completely destroyed by fire, the result of the explosion of a lamp. The inmates, Mrs. Owen Walker and children, narrowly escaped with their lives. Of the goods two trunks only were saved; loss about \$2,000, partly covered by insurance.

TORONTO, Jan. 16.—The Toronto Stock Yards and Abattoir Company (limited), with a total capital stock of \$600,000, was gazetted by the Ontario Government under the Ontario Joint Stock Companies (Letters Patent) Act, to manufacture, pack, export and generally to deal in dead animals and carcasses of animals.

The company is composed of John Hallam, Alexander, merchants; Thompson, a butcher, and Carter, an accountant, all of Toronto.

LINCOLN, Jan. 16.—The Liberals of West Victoria have nominated Dr. John McKay, the present member, for the Legislature.

MEWMAKER, Jan. 16.—The Liberals of North York have nominated E. J. Davis, the present member, for the Legislature.

TORONTO, Jan. 16.—Vincenzo Zanelli was arrested here to-day at the instance of the New York authorities. It is understood he did a private banking business among the Italian there and embezzled heavily.

QUEBEC, Jan. 16.—Abbe Laffamme, rector of Laval University and ex-president of the Royal Society of Canada and one of the foremost scientists of the Dominion, has been elected postulate prothonotary. Abbe Laffamme has already been offered a bishopric but refused, preferring to pursue his scientific researches.

REGINA, N.W.T., Jan. 17.—Never before was the town half so crowded as on the occasion of the Martin meeting held here this afternoon, this being the first time in the last ten years that a Liberal member of Parliament has spoken in Regina.

MONROVIA, Jan. 17.—The skating rink was one of the most interesting of the series between the men. Laidlaw won by about twenty-five feet. Time, 9:45.

ST. CATHARINES, Jan. 17.—A dynamite cartridge was found under the stage of the opera house in this city yesterday with a fine attached. It is believed that the explosive was placed here during Mrs. Margaret L. Sheppard's course of religious lectures some weeks ago.

OTTAWA, Jan. 17.—Search was made here to-day for John R. Hooper's favorite dog, which he said he wished to poison. The only dog known to have followed him here was a big, white, which lived at the place where he roomed. It is thought probable that this is the dog which the defense was using Hooper bought the prussic acid to give to this dog was a playful animal and followed others besides Hooper.

NORVAN, Jan. 17.—Yesterday Mr. Wm. McLaughlin and his brother went out to the woods to cut timber. While engaged in sawing a tree which had been lodged between two others, the tree sprang back, striking Mr. McLaughlin in the temple and killing him instantly. Mr. McLaughlin was highly esteemed by all who knew him.

LONDON, Ont., Jan. 18.—A peculiar ailment was brought before the attention of the city hospital physicians yesterday. It was the case of Ernest Morgan, a young farmer living near Watford, Ont. About two months ago Mr. Morgan commenced to hiccough, and, sleeping or waking, he has been hiccoughing ever since, with slight intermission of periods of repose. The constant retching has had a very weakening effect, and at times Mr. Morgan can barely stand.

MONTREAL MATTERS.

MONTREAL, Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Inquiry at the office of the General Manager of the Grand Trunk railway this morning established the fact that a ten per cent. reduction in the wages of the trackmen west of Toronto went into effect to-day. These trackmen, or section hands, as they are generally called, are getting only \$1 per day. The reduction makes their pay for a hard day's work 90 cents. The section foreman will in future receive \$1.35 per day instead of \$1.50. To compensate for this reduction the company has declared that the men shall work nine hours per day

instead of ten as formerly. The reduction will remain in force for three months. Owing to the absence of Mr. Mercier from the city, the inquiry in the case of Pelland, de Marigny and Mercier, Jr., accused of plotting to blow up the Nelson monument, was postponed until to-morrow.

J. O. Villeneuve, a prominent French merchant, has been asked to contest the mayoralty with Hon. James McShane.

MONTREAL, Jan. 17.—(Special.)—The woolen manufacturers intend sending a deputation to Ottawa to complain to the comptroller of customs of the large quantity of felt that is being brought into Canada at a low rate of duty. It is claimed that the market is being flooded with felt overcoats which pass off as Meltons.

Premier Tassillon states that there is no foundation for the rumor that he intends to resign the premiership.

W. W. White, general superintendent of the western, and H. Abbott, general superintendent of the Pacific division of the Canadian Pacific railway, are here to hold their annual conference with Messrs. Van Horne and Shaughnessy, respecting appropriations for the coming season.

CAPITAL NOTES.

New Customs Hand Book—Mr. Blake to Speak on Home Rule.

A Moravian Settlement to Be Established—Defaulting Customs Collectors—A Denial.

(From our own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Jan. 16.—The Customs department has issued the fourth of a series of works on our Customs law and practice, published since Mr. Wallace took charge. The new work is a compilation of all the statutes affecting Customs officers.

An important Customs seizure has been made in connection with the firm of Perrin Bros., of Grenoble. It is stated that their agent in Montreal entered a case of kid gloves greatly under its valuation. The department is investigating.

Mr. Blake will address a Home Rule meeting here next week.

The House of Commons chamber is receiving a thorough renovating.

A Moravian missionary is here to make an arrangement with the Interior department for a party of fifteen families to come out from Russia in the spring.

The County judge holds that a prima facie case has been made out for investigation arising out of the recent separate school election, on the ground of clerical interference.

The sub-collectors of customs, Mr. Hagar, at Hagarville, and Grant, of Barrie, are under suspension for defaultations. Their salaries will have to make the missing amounts good.

The Grit reports that Douglas Brynner, Dominion Archivist, will be superannuated shortly, is without foundation.

A local council of the National Association of Women, was organized here to-day, Lady Ritchie being president. The Countess of Aberdeen delivered an address.

A French horn player in the Duff Opera Co., named Walaky attempted to commit suicide this morning. He slashed his wrists and breast with a razor, but will pull through.

OTTAWA, Jan. 17.—The Public Works department are daily expecting a report on the grades of streets surrounding the Canada Western Hotel site, as until these are received the departmental architect cannot get at work on the plans.

Mr. Inglis, president of the Sydney Chamber of Commerce, will arrive at Victoria by the next steamer en route to Ottawa and England.

The St. George's Society presented an address to the Governor-General to-day. His Excellency made an appropriate reply.

TORONTO TOPICS.

TORONTO, Jan. 16.—(Special.)—The Excelsior Loan and Savings Union, incorporated last February with a proposed capital stock of \$10,000,000, is to be wound up under an order made yesterday by Judge McDougall. The proceedings leading to the order were brought by Alex. McLeod, who had paid \$12.50 into the concern and then became disgusted with it.

E. G. Molenaar, an emigrant from Holland, who has absconded with \$70,000 worth of jewellery and securities, has been arrested here by Attorney Davidson, of Jersey City. Molenaar was found in an hotel here between under an alias. He surrendered \$30,000 worth of valuables, and informed Davidson of the whereabouts of the remainder of the \$70,000. He returned to New York with Davidson on being assured he would not be prosecuted if he surrendered the securities.

One hundred and twenty-five employees of J. D. King & Co., boot and shoe manufacturers, are on a strike, owing to the refusal of the union operatives to work with non-union men.

TORONTO, Jan. 17.—Complete official returns of the plebiscite from eleven cities in Ontario, including Belleville, Brantford, Hamilton, Kingston, Ottawa, St. Catharines, Stratford, Toronto, and Windsor, show a majority of 7,788 for prohibition. The city of Guelph, and most of the counties are yet to be heard from.

James Bain, ticket clerk at the G.T.R. offices at the corner of King and Yonge streets, is missing, and auditors are present going through his books. It is not believed that his shortage will exceed \$4,000 or \$5,000. Bain, who has been in the employ of the G.T.R. for about seven years, is a married man. He was traced to Niagara Falls, and boarded a train for Rochester a few hours ahead of the detectives who were sent after him.

A PRISONERS' PLOT.

BARCELONA, Jan. 17.—It is reported that a plot to escape has been discovered among the Anarchist prisoners. They were to meet outside the city immediately after their escape and take steps to repeat the dynamite outrages of the foreign legion. The most dangerous prisoners were removed from the prison to Montjuich. The prefects have forbidden further visits from relatives to any of the prisoners.

EXPEDITION TO MADAGASCAR. LONDON, Jan. 17.—The Paris correspondent of the Daily News has announced preparations for an expedition to Madagascar, composed of the Marine Fusiliers Infantry and four companies of the foreign legion. General Gervais will command. If the expedition reaches the Malagasy capital a treaty will be dictated, modelling on the one that placed Tunis under French protection.

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Heavy Suit for Damages Entered Against Vancouver City—Mistaken for a Footpad.

Boy Badly Injured by a Falling Tree—Storms Delay Great Northern Trains.

(Special to the Colonist.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Jan. 17.—Edward Spain was running home to keep himself warm Monday, about midnight, when, at the junction of Westminster avenue on Dufferin street, he suddenly found himself confronted by a man who levelled a revolver at him. He started back, slipped and fell, and almost simultaneously the revolver was discharged. Mr. Woodward, the proprietor of the Woodward terrace, who fired the revolver, says he thought Spain was a footpad who intended robbery, and he fired with the intention of killing him.

Burglars broke in and ransacked the warehouse at the back of Stevenson & Rockett's grocery, Stevenson & Vandewater, gentlemen's furnishing establishment, was also robbed of \$25.

Mr. McQuinn, treasurer and manager of the agencies of the Dominion Building and Loan Association of Toronto is in the city.

Dr. Herald was married to Miss Ralph to-day.

Company No. 5 B.C. Garrison Artillery held their first parade in the Imperial opera house last night.

The new Court House was occupied by the officials for the first time yesterday.

A petition to the Government to build a trail through the Pemberton Meadows has 1,000 names.

Messrs. Wilson, Campbell & Buell, on behalf of Messrs. Potter & Flett, served the City yesterday morning with a writ on the Supreme Court for \$10,000 damages, claimed by the plaintiffs for a breach of contract on the part of the city in a sewer contract.

The water in Seymour creek was higher on Saturday than ever before. The bridge narrowly missed being washed away.

William Downie, Assistant Superintendent of the C.P.R., was a passenger on the Warimou.

Six men have been arrested for burglarizing the store of Welsh & Nightingale. It is thought the back bone of the gang has now been broken by the police.

Officer North received a handsome clock from his fellow officers yesterday to celebrate the occasion of his marriage.

Six men suspected of the recent burglaries have been committed for trial.

The first issue of a Chinese paper, the Globe Reporter, appears on Friday night.

WESTMINSTER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Jan. 17.—A great gale has been blowing from the southwest and no vessels dared leave the river. Even some of the river craft had to tie up. A boy named McLeellan was struck by a falling tree in Burnaby to-day during the storm and nearly killed. He will recover.

Mrs. James Lenihan, wife of James Lenihan, at one time superintendent of the Indian hospital, and relative of several Victoria families, died in New York on the 23d instant.

Peter and Jack, the Indian murderers, were removed to the penitentiary to-day, the papers having arrived from Ottawa.

Only one train has arrived from Seattle in four days, owing to slides along the Great Northern line.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, Jan. 17.—The annual meeting of the Nanaimo Building Society was held this evening. The directors' report was a very favorable one, and shows the society to be in good financial standing. E. M. Yarwood was elected president, B. H. Smith treasurer, and J. H. Shaw re-elected secretary. D. S. McDonald drew an appropriation of \$1,000.

KOOTENAY.

(From the Star.)

A sleigh road is in operation over the R. & A. L. track from Revelstoke to the Green Slide to carry smaller quantities of goods than would necessitate running of a train, and also for taking small freight through to the head of the lake without breaking bulk.

Evansport is the name of a new townsite in West Kootenay, situated