Laroche, the Seattle photo. grapher, was also a passenger. He is grapher, was also loaded down with views of the Skagway trail and Skagway. He has been as far as the lakes. No noe came out from the gold lands and no news had been heard at Skagway from the interior.

It is seldom that the Queen has any freight from the north, but on this trip she had. She brought 7,000 cases of salmon from Yes Bay. All the Alaskan canneries, the Queen's officers say, are making large packs, for there has been a good run all over this season. The Queen left for the Sound at nine o'clock this morning.

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general meeting of the above society, for the election of officers, etc., will be held in the City Hall, New Westminster, at 10 a.m., on the 6th October, 1897, when a platform and plan of campaign will be arranged for the forthcoming Provincial Elections. All citizens are eligible for membership upon joining the society and paying a fee of fifty cents.

A public mass meeting will be held in the same place the following day at 1:30 n.m., when the Alliance Platform will be submitted to the people. The Premier and other members of the Government and leaders of the Opposition will address the

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DEFENCE OF CANADA A SAD PLEASURE TRIP.

His Wife and Children, Birmingham Post Makes an Importan Announcement Regarding a

No New Votes Will Be Made by Par-

liament, as There Are Funds Birmingham, Eng., Sept. 24.-The Birmingham Post, the organ of Joseph Chamberlain, says that the government of Canada will early in 1898 make large purchases of heavy field batteries and a hurled the skipper down the companionnumber of defence guns, the latter being way, inflicting injuries from which he part of a new scheme for the defence died eight hours later. part of a new scheme for the defence of Montreal and the river below the

Special instructions to this effect, the Post adds, were issued immediately after the return to Canada of Sir Wilfrid

NO ADDITIONAL VOTE. Ottawa, Sept. 24.—In regard to the statement made in the Associated Press dispatches to-day from the Birmingham Post that the government has a new scheme of defence, it may be said that of the original vote of \$3,000,000 made by the late government portion has not yet been expended, The armament which has been ordered under that vote has not yet been supplied. There were, for instance, some guns ordered, and they are not yet to hand. Some of these guns were intended for Montreal. There is not any new expenditure. There will be no additional vote, but simply a fulfillment of the old

TERROR IN NEW ORLEANS. Fever-Scared Citizens Set Fire to a School Building.

New Orleans, La., Sept. 24.-Efficient work by the fire department in the face of an attack by a mob enabled the department this morning to save the main portion of the Baugard school building. After the mass meeting of citizens held last night the crowd gathered around the building and openly threatened that at their first opportunity they would fire it. The building had been put in preparation for the reception of fever paients. At nightfall Surgeon Bloom, of the hospital, the Sisters and others had been warned to leave the building. They did so. Incendiaries with a five gallon can of coal oil proceeded the ar and quickly had the building in flames. The first neighboring engine had scarcely arrived when the hose was cut. Unless company of soldiers protects the building it may be that a second attack will

be made to destroy it tonight. Edwards, Miss., Sept. 24.-The new cases of yellow fever since yesterday were twelve. Total to date, 112. Mobile, Ala., Sept. 24.-Rev. Father Daniel Murray, the fifth victim of the yellow fever here, died this morning.

MAY ASSIST SPAIN.

Should Europe Allow the United States to Grab Cuba?

Paris, Sept. 24-The Figaro warns the government that Germany is earnestly considering whether Europe should "allow the United States to drive Spain out of Cuba," and recalls the fact that the war of 1870 arose from mistakes made by French diplomacy as regards

Rome, Sept. 24.-There is ample evidence that all Catholics, even in the precincts of the Vatican, are by no means blindly sympathetic towards Spain. The present crisis is forcing the fact home that it will not be altogether to the advantage of the Catholic church to champion the cause of the Spaniards on the mere ground of their fidelity to the

THE APPEAL REJECTED. Rebellious Indian Newspaper Publisher

Must Stay in Jail. Bombay, Sept. 24.-The appeal of Gangadhar Tilak, a native member of the legislative council and partner of Eshoo Madow Bal in publishing the newspaper Kesari, has been rejected. Tilak was sentenced to eighteen months' rigorous imprisonment on September 14th for inciting natives to disaffection.

TYPHOID FEVER RAGING.

Thousands of Turkish Troops Suffering From the Malady.

Constantinople, Sept. 24.-Typhoid fever is causing ravages among the Turkish troops in Thessaly. Six thousmen have already been invalided home and four thousand others are awaiting transportation back to Tur-

ITS MISSION FULFILLED.

Athens, Sept. 23.—It is reported here that Count Muraveif, the Russian foreign minister, has told the Greek minister at St. Petersburg that the European concert considered that it has fulfilled s mission, and that any decision taken Greece would be taken at her own risk and peril. General Smolenski has been ordered to start for Volo immedi-

'For years," says Capt. C. Mueller, "I have relied more upon Ayer's Pills than anything else in the medicine chest, to regulate my bowels, and those of the ship's crew. These pills are not evere their action, but do their work thor-

Capt. Nicholas Killed in a Gale With

San Francisco, Sept. 22.-Among the passengers who arrived from the

tormer's little son, who from Hongkong to their home in Bath, Me., after having passed through a ter

rible experience.

They left New York in March last or board the ship Abner Coburn, of which Mrs. Nichols' husband was captain, for a pleasure trip to Hongkong. On June 29 the Coburn ran into a gale. Sail was shortened and everything made as snug as possible, but just as Capt. Nicols was ecming up the companion way to take an observation, a big sea washed over the stern, smashed the wheel, rolled the two steersmen into the scuppers and

The chief officer, L. M. Sparks, was thrown against a boat and seriously

The storm continued for two days after the captain died, but the second officer, J. A. Nicols, a son of the skipper, rigged up a jury rudder and navigated the vessel for fifteen days, during which time Chief Officer Sparks was confined to his berth. Capt, Nicols was buried at sea, his son reading the burial service as his remains were consigned to the

deep.
The Coburn arrived at Hongkong in time for Mrs. Nicols and her family to

## NORTH POLE OR BUST

That Is Lieut. Peary's Sentiments Regarding His Next Arctic Expedition.

Every Arrangement Made to Secure the Success of the Hazardous Trip.

Philadelphia, Sept. 24.-Lient. Peary arrived here vesterday. - He said to-day: "In addition to securing the meteorite I laid plans for next year's expedition, and when I leave about the end of next years to accomplish this object.

made arrangements with Arctic Highof 230 men, women and children known powers represented. as the most northerly tribe of human beings on earth, to put in this coming winter obtaining seal, bear and deer skins for clothing, securing all the walrus meat they can for dog food. I also singled out eight young men of the tribe with wives, dogs, sleds and tents to accompany me to Sheppard Osborne Fjord, which is about 300 miles further north than present. My party consists of a surgeon, possibly another white man, and myself. The rest will be Esquimaux. The latter know how to drive dogs, can go hungry, and know how to

THE BUBONIC PLAGUE. Report From Bombay Says That it Increasing.

Bombay, Sept. 24.—The latest health statistics show that the bubonic plague is again active, having crept unobserved from hamlet to hamlet until a wide area is affected. Newspapers assert that the withdrawal of medical officers for service with the troops on the frontier will entail a consequence infinitely more disastrous than anything that happens on the frontier.

IN LOVING MEMORY.

Fine Monument Marks the Grave of the Late Mrs. Stowe.

Andover, Mass., Sept. 24 .- A cross of Scotch granite, 12 feet high, has been erected over the grave of the late Harriet Beecher Stowe. It is copied after one in the possession of the Duke of Argyle, which Mrs. Stowe greatly admired while visiting Scotland.

GREAT LOSS OF LIFE.

Terrible Railway Fatality Occurs Near Madras, India. Madras, India, Sept. 24.-Owing -to floods having washed away a bridge on the Bangalore-Misore railroad, near Madras, an engine and five cars filled with passengers were precipitated into the river. There was great loss of life.

AN AWFUL EARTHQUAKE.

Forty Persons Killed and Many Injured in an Italian Town. London, Sept. 24.—A special dispatch from Rome announces that about forty persons were killed and many others in-

jured by an earthquake at the sulphur mines near Girgenti. HON. ROBERT WARREN DEAD.

Dublin, Sept. 24.-Right Hon. Richard Warren, president of the probate and matrimonial division of the high court of justice in Ireland, is dead.

The Benefits of the Reciprocal Tariff Extended to British India-Savings Bank Deposits.

Prof. Macoun to Attend the Sealing Conference-A Railway to the Yukon

Ottawa, Sept. 24.-Everything is in readiners for the Yukon party, at the nead of which will be Mr. Sifton, departing at noon to-morrow. Mr. Sifton will go over the pass and afterwards return to Ottawa. The names of those going have already been published, and in addition to those Dr. Carruthers. of Edinburgh, Scotland, will go with the party. Although not one of them, he has secured this privilege through Lord Strathcona.

Hon. Mr. Fielding goes to Montreal to-night. The secretary of state to-day said the lecision of Attorney-General McKenna at Washington against section 22 of the Dingley tariff law had been received by the Dominion government with much satisfaction. Officials regarded the deision as an evidence of the friendliness on the part of the United States towards

Mr. Fielding, when in London, will catch the City of Peking, homeward float the government loan amounting to \$2,000,000, or say \$10,000,000. Half of this amount is to retire treasury bills now outstanding; the other \$5,000,000 is to meet the Crow's Nest subsidy and to pay for St. Lawrence canal enlarge-The government has authorit from parliament to borrow £23,000,000 but £13,000,000 is to be kept in reserve. The government declines to accede to the request of the United States that Washington sealing conference should include representatives of Japan and Russia. Canada only agrees to comparison of the conclusions of experts who have been at the Pribyloff islands the last two seasons. Sir Richard Cartwright will be one of Canada's represen-

Hon. Edward Blake will return to Great Britain almost immediately, having been retained as counsel before the British privy council in an important Canadian appeal case.

Ottawa, Sept. 25 .- At a meeting of the cabinet yesterday an order-in-council visit of Emperor William to Buoda Pest, was passed extending the benefits of the Emperor Francis Joseph and the Gerreciprocal tariff to British India.

withdrawals \$600,000. at Behring Sea, studying seal life, was Regent and the government of Spain.
appointed at yesterday's meeting of the The Gaulois adds: "Probably Germany up to Osborn Fjord and make that place month to attend the conference of exthe base of supplies. On the last trip I perts who will inquire into the preserv- too directly. Similar views are said to was not until March 8, 1855, that the United States ambassador of his delanders, a tribe of Esquimaux consisting United States. These will be the only European powers, while respecting the

> ment next session for a private bill to sisting that a policy of conciliation and incorporate a company for the purpose peace must prevail. of constructing and operating a railway from a point near the head of Chilcat Inlet on Lynn Canal to Sink Rapids on Journal from Havana, Cuba, says: Macdonald will become leader.

The Yukon government party left to- house. day with Mr. Siften.

coal and return to the north." ters with the government in reference | were blown up. None of the escort es Ontario newspapers, Conservative and many of the cars injured. letters of \$1.60 per pound. Halifax and Cubans for this considerate treatment. St. John will, it is said, be satisfied by one or more direct lines being subs

An unusual point affecting Canadian Massachusetts Benefit Association, W. which is in liquidation. Counsel for the company contended that the deposit with the Dominion government should be regarded as part of the company's assets and hence should be applied in liquidation of the company's liabilities,

and not merely for the benefit of the Canadian policy holders. The Mackay Milling Co. to-day filled an order of the Imperial government of Russia for 300 sacks of the best Canadian oats. The grain has been shipped direct to St. Petersburg.

CROPS SHORT IN RUSSIA.

Half of the Grain Destroyed by Wet Washington, D.C., Sept. 23 .- More detailed information than has heretofore been obtainable concerning the condition of the Russian crop is contained in a report on the subject to the state de-

Heenan at Odessa. He says the crops over an extensive area have failed. The beginning of the trouble was the dry winter, causing the failure of half the wheat sown. With a favorable spring and re-sowing the prospects were good, however, almost up to cutting time; then came the wettest season known in years and half destroyed both

ripe and unripe grain. Mr. Heenan says that but little wheat will be shipped from Russia during the season of 1897-98, for the simple reason that there is little available for export. The failure of the wheat crops in Austro-Hungary, Roumania and Bulgaria has brought buyers into Russia from those countries and the wheat will go

to them by rail. How much of this wheat Russia can afford to let go is a question now being discussed. While hints are thrown out that the export of cereals may be altogether prohibited, the consul these have no foundation and that the Russian government will never again make the mistake it did in the famine year of prohibiting exports.

INDIAN PLAGUE INCREASING. Bombay, Sept. 23.—The plague is increasing in Bombay presidency. At Poonah several Europeans have been attacked by the disease.

Europe to Resist Interference the Part of the United States.

The Situation in Cuba-Insurgents Blow Up a Spanish Military Train.

Paris, Sept. 25-The Gaulois to-day says it learns that during the recent man Emperor discussed the "interfer-Deposits in the government savings ence" of the United States in the affairs banks for August was \$713,000 and of Spain, the Austrian Emperor pointing vithdrawals \$600,000.

Prof. Macoun, who spent three sesons this "interference" has caused the Queen

cabinet to go with the minister of ma- and Austria will do all in their power ation of seal life. This conference will have been exchanged between France first train crossed it. The first bridge cision in this matter, though the pre be between Britain, Canada and the and Russia; so if the occasion arises the feeling of independence of both countries. Application will be made to parlia- will find themselves in agreement in in-

SITUATION IN CUBA. New York, Sept. 25 .- A special to the the Yukon river, following as closely as Forty-six members of the Autonomist practicable Dalton's trail; to construct party, imprisoned when General Weyler and operate branch lines, bridges, fer- assumed command, were set at liberty ries, wharves, telegraph and telephone yesterday. Among the number are lines, run steamboats and other craft Senors Pardon, Gonzales, Lopez and Caon the lakes and tributaries of the Yu- loo, all prominent men in havana politikon river; to acquire shore rights and cal circles. This action is considered land for station houses; and also to ac here as being very significant at the prequire lands, bonuses or other aids from sent juncture. Many other prisoners the government of Canada, etc., etc. | were also released-82 in all, among them The Citizen says that Sir Charles being Dr. Hernandez, arrested by Gen-Tupper is to resign the leadership of the eral Montaner in Sugua La Grande, and Conservative party and that Hugh John thrown into Cabanas while attending

sick insurgents who crawled to his A train conveying soldiers to Artemina Commander Wakeham of the Hudson has been blown up with dynamite by ried the bridge away. It is understood regar Bay expedition sends the following teles insurgents near Manguas. The insur- that the trolley tracks will also be laid cide. gram to the marine department: "All gents tore up the rails for a long diswell; landing geological parties; will tance and laid a bomb where is was anticipated it would slow up. This en-Representatives of the Allan and Do- abled the party to explode the charge minion lines are to come to close quar- directly beneath the armored cars, which

to the Atlantic mail subsidy. Western caped. The engine was derailed and Liberal, urge Sir Richard Cartwright General Garcia has carefully escorted not to submit to any dictation from the 140 sick Spanish soldiers captured in the companies. In the event of an amic- military hospital of Victoria De Las able settlement not being reached to- Tunas to the Spanish headquarters at morrow, Canadian mails for England Giora. With the sick in litters, a large will go via New York, Canada paying escort of Cubans took them across the transportation charges at the rate of country, delivering them safely to the fifty cents per pound, but receiving the Spanish garrison at Port Gibra. The ofpayment of the current postal rates on ficial report gave the real credit to the

CANADIAN BRIEFS.

Montreal, Sept. 23 .- The feature of topolicy holders in American insurance day's play at the meet of the Royal Cancompanies has been raised with the adian Golf Association was the defeat finance department in the case of the of G. T. Brown, winner at Niagara, by W. A. Kerr, of Toronto, 5 up, 3 to

Woodstock, Sept. 23.-Ephaim Conway, convicted of the manslaughter of George Frost, was sent down for five years to-day by Judge Meredith. old age of the prisoner was accountable

for the light sentence. Niagara, Falls, Sept. 23.—There were brilliant illuminations here this evening in celebration of the formal opening of the new Grand Trunk railway bridge over the Niagara river.

San Francisco, Sept. 23 .- The steamship Moana, from Sydney, due at this port, will bring \$4,000,000 in gold to pay same source for this season's wheat crop. is to make your blood rich, pure and The Mariposa brought \$2,500,000 in sov- nourishing by taking Hood's Sarsaparileigns last month, and a conservative la. imate places the amount to be received for the season from that source at \$25,000,000.

### THE NIAGARA BRIDGE

the Occasion for a Great partment from United States Consul

> Illumination of the Falls, Rapids and New Structure on a Magnificent Scale.

> and vicinity is in gala attire to give proper eclat to the celebration to-day of the completion of the magnificent steel arch bridge that succeeds the old railroad suspension bridge. It is an event which in importance has probably never been equalled here, except on the memorable occasion of the opening of the Niagara state reservation, July 15, 1885.

A fine programme of sports, music and fireworks, including balloon ascensions, athletic games and old English sports and sports and pastimes, has been ar-

One of the most beautiful sights ever witnessed through the joint working of nature and man will be the simultaneous illumination of the new bridge, the rapids underneath it, the American and Horseshoe falls, and the Whirlpool rapids by Pain's fireworks. Nothing in the days of old Rome and Babylon can be compared with this flashing of fire on the mightiest cataract of the world. This illumination is set for to-night. The replacing of these suspension

bridges is of historic interest, for they have always ranked among the great Will Not Take Part Unless Russia and bridges of the world. They were in a way the pioneers in the style of bridg-The charter for the erection of this bridge was obtained in Canada and New York 51 years ago. A means of communication was established between the

rope, and then by a wire cable. On this Washington if Russia and Japan take wire cable a car was operated as a ferry part in it." facilitate the building of the bridge. This cableway was probably the first fice declined to give reasons for this used in America and was first operated change of policy, but admitted that the was of wood with stone towers. In 1880 mier's decision is not absolute. the suspended structure was renewed in steel and in 1886 the stone towers gave

art of bridge building. The arch which has taken its place was erected within a few months and full knowledge that Russia and Japan is a much larger bridge. On its upper were included in the invitation. It is deck the new arch has double tracks for steam cars, while its lower decks is known the Canadian government retaken up by a trolley track—the first to quested the withdrawal of Great Bricross to Canada—carriageways and tain from the sealing conference and

large supporting capacity. The upper suspension bridge is to be conveyed down the river to Lewiston, and there rebuilt on the site of the suspension bridge wrecked by wind on April 16, 1864, and never since replaced, on this bridge when it is rebuilt. The gorge of Niagara has now three types of bridges-cantilever, arch and suspen-

TRIBESMEN REPULSED.

General Ellis Routs the Forces of Mad Mullah.

Simla, Sept. 23.-The expected attack by General Elles with the brigades from Camp Nawagi on the Bedmanai Pass, held by the Mad Mullah with a large ferce of Mohammads and Skinwars, took place yesterday. The tribesmen made a strong resistance, but after sharp fighting they were finally driven out of every position. The British now hold the heights commanding the pass and Bedmanai village on the other side.

The mountain guns first bombarded the enemy, whose positions were then stormin capital style by the 20th Punjaub Infantry, supported by a Maxim gun detachment. It is a significant fact that the 20th Punjaub is partly composed of Afridis. The British continue to advance. It is expected that they will cap-ture Jarobi, the Mad Mullah's village, to morrow (Friday). The defeat of the Mullah, it is hoped, will have a great effect upon all the surrounding tribesmen, as he is the leading spirit of mis-

chief in the Mohammad country.

Well Men Know It is folly to build upon a poor foundation, either in architecture or in health. a foundation of sand is insecure, and to deaden symptoms by narcotics or nerve compounds is equally dangerous and defor wheat shipped from here to England. compounds is equally daligerous and de-This is the second payment from the ceptive. The true way to build up health. He is to make your blood rich, pure and voris and Vancouver.

> HOOD'S PILLS act easily and bowels. Cure sick headache.

Opening of the New Steel Arth Bridge Celebration.

Niagara Falls, Sept. 23 .- This town

The Grand Trunk Railway Company, which paid the bridge company \$50,000 per annum for the use of the suspension bridge, and which pays that amount or more for the upper portion of the steel arch upon which its trains and those of the Brie railroad cross the river has charge of the grand jubilee.

two cliffs at the site of the bridge by a tion has been caused in diplomatic cirboy flying his kite and allowing it to set- cles here by Great Britain's notification string served to pull a cord across the

walks. It is a graceful structure of the government unwillingly acceded to

On the occasion of a big ice jam the guys Canada's action in the premises was were pulled up on the bridge. During influenced by the fear that Great Brithe pleasant weather that followed those tain would be outvoted by the United replace the guys and a high wind carried the bridge away. It is understood regarding the protection of seals coin-

London, Sept. 25 .- The Pall Mall Gazette this afternoon publishes a dispatch from Paris giving the substance of an interview with Pierre Botkine, formerly second secretary to the Russian legation at Washington, and now Rusthe sealing question, as it is believed the Greebintsky will enable the delegates to arrive at a prompt and friendly under-

M. Botkine expects the conference to last six weeks, and anticipates the result will be the signing of a treaty.
"There is every reason," he added, "why Great Britain and Japan, the heaviest dealers in seal skins, should come to an agreement with Russia and America, in order to prevent the exter-mination of the seals."

A Cure For Billeus Colie. Resource, Screven Co., Ga.-I have been subject to attacks of billious colic



BICYCLE TAX TOO HIGH.

Paris, Sept. 23.- There is talk of re lucing the tax on bicycles from \$2 to \$1 next year. The census just made public reveals the fact that there must be many who have not declared their bicycles and thus escaped the tax. According to this census there were on Jan-uary 1, 329,816 bicycles in France, against 256,084 for the previous year. The department of the Seine, which cludes Paris, stands at the head of the ties suspect that this is far below the actual number, hence the agitation for a

Lord Salisbury Refuses To Be Led Into a Trap Over the Sealing Conference.

Japan Are Barred-M. Botkine's Views.

London, Sept. 25 .- A decided sensaon the Canadian bank. The kite to the United States that she cannot river, which in turn was followed by a participate in the sealing conference at

The officials of the British foreign of-

The action of the Marquis of Salisbury is all the more surprising in view shows by contrast the advance in the of the fact that he expected that when Great Britain got the invitation to take part in the conference it was with the this request in accordance with its policy of cultivating the friendship of the colonies, even at the risk of offend-

ing the other powers concerned. It is thought in diplomatic circles that

A RUSSIAN VIEW.

sian delegate to the Behring Sea conference at Washington. He is quoted as saying that he does not contemplate any difficulty in coming to an agreement on excellent reports of Messrs. Gordon and standing.

Throughout the interview M. Botkine seems to support the American contentions, and says America and Russia are the powers most interested.

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