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EUROPEAN GOSSIP.

Preparations in Germany for the Celebration of Von Moltke's Ninetieth Birthday.

The London Doctors Preparing for a Great Struggle During the Coming Winter.

As a Result of the Eccles Election, the Liberal Press Demand a General Election.

LONDON, Oct. 23.—All Germany is alive with preparations to do honor to Count Von Moltke on his 90th birthday. A Berlin correspondent says that the venerable field marshall is the only military man of the day whom the Emperor really regards with veneration, and to whose opinions he bows. There has been for many years a friendship approaching affection between young William and the veteran general, the good-will of the Emperor being cordially reciprocated by his eminent subject. In the German army, also, all agree in their admiration of Von Moltke, and the testimony to his abilities and service is as universal as it is sincere. All the courts of the empire will be represented in Saturday's and Sunday's celebrations, and many sovereign princes will be present in person, and will proceed with Emperor William at their head to congratulate the great commander. Berlin, and various municipalities throughout Germany, will hold a celebration, and it is said to be the desire of the Emperor that Alsace and Lorraine shall show their loyalty by special demonstrations. It is not yet certain so far as semi-official utterances indicate, what title will be offered to Von Moltke by the Emperor.

DAVITT COURTS AN ENQUIRY.

It is asserted here that the foreign office has requested Consul-General Horre to take action by legal steps in reply to the charge which Michael Davitt has made of him of eviction and dynamite outrage. Davitt declares the courts an enquiry by suit for libel or otherwise.

THE PROPOSED FRENCH TARIFF.

A Paris dispatch says the announcement of the proposed French tariff, discriminating against products of the United States, such as cereals and meat, has renewed the alarm of the wine growers, who fear the loss of the American markets; but is favorably received by the

LORD IDDESLEIGH'S MEMOIRS.

The publication by Andrew Lang of the memoirs of the late Earl of Iddesleigh has greatly agitated the feeling of the Tory leaders. The work includes a diary kept by the late foreign secretary, and makes a disclosure of state secrets that is anything but pleasant to the Conservative leaders in the present condition of political affairs. The information thus made public will be seized upon by the Liberal orators with avidity, as furnishing material which they were unable to obtain through an official parliamentary statement.

ANOTHER DOCKERS' WAR THREATENED.

There is no longer any doubt that the coming winter will bring into full action a persistent war son the part of the London dockers against their employers. The seamen's union has been fortifying itself for some time past, and now numbers 254,000. The members are encouraged by their partial victory to exact a little more than they failed to obtain in their last great struggle, and much more. The companies are equally as confident of success as are their employes.

AN EDITOR IMPRISONED.

The editor of the Mayence Volks Zeitung has been sentenced to six months imprisonment for publishing an article insulting to the Emperor and other reigning heads.

THEY WANT FRENCH NEWSPAPERS.

The workingmen of Alsace have joined in a petition to Emperor William that the existing laws restricting the circulation of newspapers printed in the French language in the province be revoked. It is not believed, however, that the petition will be successful in influencing the modification desired.

Boulanger spoke an hour and a-half at Nancy yesterday-day, and was on his feet for nearly eight hours. He was in splendid health and showed no signs of fatigue at the conclusion of his day's labor.

THE ECCLES ELECTION.

As a result of the Eccles election, the Liberal press unite in demanding a general election to test the sentiment of the people on home rule for Ireland. The Government, however, shows no disposition to satisfy this wish, and the Conservative press remain mute upon the subject.

PORTUGAL PRACTICING SLAVERY.

The British Government has addressed a communication to Portugal in regard to the alleged kidnapping of natives in eastern and central Africa. The natives are seized under pretext of drafting them into the Portuguese native militia and are afterwards sold into what is practically slavery.

IRISH POTATOES IN SCOTLAND.

Potatoes from Ireland are being sold in the Scottish market at a lower price than potatoes grown in Great Britain. These come, however, from Ulster, where the crop has been satisfactory.

THE INSANE GRAND DUKE.

LONDON, Oct. 24. — Further particulars have been received from St. Petersburg concerning the insanity of the Grand Duke Nicholas.

He was seized in the most acute form during the Volkynia manoeuvres. The deplorable condition has aroused the fears of observers. The Czar, to conceal from the world, addressed a public congratulation to the Grand Duke on the success of the manoeuvres, while the Grand Duke had not been in command. Afterward, the condition of the Grand Duke became so critical that it could no longer be hidden. At intervals malady threatens to prove fatal. The Grand Duke is a favorite uncle of the Czar and is much distressed by the calamity.

RIGHT TO MAINTAIN A FLEET.

The Austrian government has notified the Prince of Montenegro that under the Berlin treaty he has no right to maintain a fleet, Austria being entrusted with the defence of the Montenegro coast. The notice has relation to a cruiser which the Czar of Russia presented to Prince Nicholas.

THE SULTAN TAKES ACTION.

The Sultan of Turkey has at length begun to take vigorous steps in Armenia, and the Turkish authorities have been notified that they will be held to a rigid account for future outrages.

PARLIAMENT TO MEET NOV. 25TH.

The Gazette announces that parliament will re-assemble November the 25th.

CAPITAL NOTES.

Customs Seizure at Montreal for Undervaluation—The Banquet to Lord Aberdeen.

(From Our Own Correspondent).

OTTAWA, Oct. 23.—The post office department is making provision to notify newspaper publishers of changes in the addresses of subscribers when the latter have failed to warn the newspapers.

It is understood that a banquet was given to the Earl of Aberdeen to-night, but the newspaper men were ignored in the matter of invitations, and accordingly they refrained from going near the banquet.

Dimock, of Truro, has been appointed superintendent of the Canadian section of the Jamaica exhibition.

One thousand tons of manufactured asphalt have been seized at Montreal for undervaluation.

A Montreal lady imported $2,000 worth of Japanese fancy goods as household effects, and they have been impounded by the customs.

The customs department declines to allow free admission of pure bred dogs for breeding purposes.

WESTMINSTER SPECIAL.

Messrs. Greer, Thompson, Ladner and Sword Nominated—The Candidates will Stump the District.

Great Duck Hunt on the Delta—The Recent Fire of Incendiary Origin.

Special to THE COLONIST.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., Oct. 23.—The nominations at Brownsville, to-day, passed off very quietly, owing to the very wet weather. Four candidate were nominated: Samuel Greer, Livingstone Thompson, W. H. Ladner and C. B. Sword. There were no speeches made at the hustings. The candidates left this afternoon for the North Arm, where the campaign will be opened. They will travel in company all over the district.

Coroner Pittendrigh has been asked to hold an inquiry into the circumstances of last night's fire, which, it is pretty certain, was of incendiary origin. The coroner has telegraphed to the Attorney-General for instructions.

A man named Dunn, who overloaded a team and then beat the horses unmercifully with a club when they couldn't climb a steep hill, was fined $50 and costs this morning.

A great duck hunt at the Delta yesterday resulted in the death of 500 birds. Twenty men were engaged, 10 on each side, and Capt. McKee's company won the $75 purse by a score of two to one. Elmer Beadlestone made the biggest bag, killing 69 ducks and geese.

MURDERER BURCHALL

Completes Writing His History which He offers for Sale to the Highest Bidder.

An English Hangman Makes Application to the Sheriff to Carry Out the Death Sentence

BURCHALL'S HISTORY COMPLETED.

WOODSTOCK, Oct. 23. — Burchall completed the history of his life yesterday. It makes one hundred pages of foolscap, with forty illustrations. The manuscript will be sold to the highest bidder; but, so far, only one thousand dollars has been offered. This offer includes a confession, which Burchall has promised to furnish to the publisher who buys his autobiography. Guard McGee, whom Burchall detested, has become disgusted with his charge and has resigned. Geo. Perry, a son of the deputy sheriff, has taken his place. There is no probability whatever that the verdict in the Burchell case will be disturbed by the State Department. A dispatch from London, Ont., says that the petition to the Governor-General, praying that the sentence be commuted to imprisonment for life, is receiving numerous signers. This is not likely, however, to prove of the slightest avail.

Sheriff Perry has received an application from a death artist in England, which is quite an interesting composition. The communication is dated "Victoria Mansions, Westminster, London, Eng.," and is addressed to "The Chief of Police or the Sheriff," at Woodstock. The writer says that he has achieved a world-wide fame in his business, and is prepared to do a neat job, either with guillotine, electricity or gallows. By way, perhaps, of testimonial, he adds that he is about to go to France to "treat a subject" according to the guillotine method, and he volunteers the information that the subject so to be treated is to be cremated after the "treatment."

Gen. Sullivan's Funeral.

OAKLAND, Cal., Oct. 23.—The funeral of the late Brigadier-General J. C. Sullivan, General Grant's chief of staff, took place today.

Wind Bound Fleet.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Oct. 23.—The steamer Humboldt which arrived this morning from Humboldt Bay, reports a fleet comprising nearly 25 vessels wind bound at that place.

BY ATLANTIC CABLE.

Bernhardt Scores a Grand Triumph in Paris by her Representation of "Cleopatra."

German Capitalists Promise to Raise the Necessary Capital to Construct an African Railway.

Gladstone's Address to the Electors of West Calder Approved of by the Times.

The Eccles Parliamentary Election.

LONDON, Oct. 22—The tories are in a state of real alarm to-night over the result of the election in Eccles division of South Lancashire. Raby's vote is 4,901 to 4,796 for Egerton, a majority of 205 and an increased liberal vote of 900. The conservatives put lots of money and the best workers in the field and the extraordinary result shows the progress of the feeling against the Salisbury government. It will be an enormous help to Gladstone in his Midlothian campaign.

Spaniards Borrowing From France.

MADRID, Oct. 22.—The Bank of Spain has contracted with the Bank of Paris for a three months' loan of 100,000 francs. The security given consists of redeemable Spanish 4 per cent. bonds.

She Lost Her Jewels.

PARIS, Oct. 23.—During her recent journey the Baronness Alphonso Rothschild was robbed of jewelry valued at 60,000 francs.

Charges Withdrawn.

DUBLIN, Oct. 22.—The police summonses, issued against Harrison, the member of parliament for the middle division of Tipperary, and other persons, arrested with that gentleman, on charges growing out of disturbances which occurred at the Tipperary courthouse, at the opening of the conspiracy case there, have been withdrawn.

Put Back to Port.

LONDON, Oct. 23.—The steamer City of Chicago, of the Inman line, Capt. Bradford, from Liverpool, left Queenstown for New York at 12:45 o'clock this afternoon. She was, however, compelled to return, her propeller failing to work properly. It is thought the trouble was caused by a rope becoming entangled with her propeller.

Gladstone at West Calder.

LONDON, Oct. 23.—Gladstone addressed an immense gathering of people at West Calder to-day. He referred to the Eccles election as a forecast of the triumph of the Liberal party at the general elections. If the ratio of gains continued, he said, it would give the Liberals a majority of ninety. He objected to the term "separatist" being applied to the home rulers, characterizing it as untrue and unfair. There was no question of the Liberals desiring to remove Irish representation from Westminster. They did not propose to repeal the union, but merely to delegate the control of local affairs to Ireland. He advocated shorter parliaments, and commented on the enormous power which the working men possessed. It would certainly prove beneficial, as the judgment of the great question by the masses was more enlightened then judgment by the educated classes. He would not, he said, venture an opinion upon the question of a general eight-hour bill till he saw a definite measure to that end. In spite of the votes of the trades unions he saw no way to consider a general legislation for the proposal, but favored a special eight-hour bill for miners.

Gladstone alluding to the strikes, said that down to the present time, when contests between labor and capital had led to the sharp issues of strikes and lock outs, the laboring men had in the main been in the right. Among the means which the workingmen ought to select in order to strengthen themselves, legal combination was most valuable. It was a sound system and only with rare exceptions harsh upon individuals. The bulk of what the workingmen had gained had been secured through judicious combination, but they ought not to contract the habit of appealing to parliament to help them in their difficulty by a special act. Freedom of action, reliance upon themselves, and unity of policy would lift them into higher positions as individuals and as a class.

Von Moltke Arrives in Berlin.

BERLIN, Oct. 23.—Count Von Moltke arrived here to-day. He was met at the railway station by an enormous crowd of people, who cheered him the entire distance from the station to his quarters.

Railway Accident in Berlin.

BERLIN, Oct. 23.—A railway train was thrown from the track at Herwigsdorf to-day, killing two passengers and injuring 60 others.

Approved of Gladstone's Speech.

LONDON, Oct. 24.—The Times and Standard agree that Gladstone's speech yesterday was a great improvement upon his Edinburgh address. The Standard says his words were the strongest possible condemnation of the length to which strikes are carried in England and intimidation in Ireland.

Dissatisfaction in Russia.

LONDON, Oct. 23.—A correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at St. Petersburg says the Russian minister of the interior has received alarming reports as to the state of the country. The prisons are crowded with suspects, chiefly young men of the educated classes, and disaffection is spreading rapidly. A great deal of fighting between the peasantry and military is reported in various sections.

An African Railway.

BERLIN, Oct. 23.—A syndicate of German capitalists has promised to furnish fifteen million marks for the construction of the railway projected by Major Wissman between Daresolem and Lingamoyo. Three hundred German officers have volunteered their services under Wissman, but Chancellor Caprivi discourages their transfer. It is probably that only a few of them will be permitted to join the expedition.

A Costly Present.

BERLIN, Oct. 23.—The Emperor's birthday present to Count Von Moltke is a marshal's baton of silver, embellished with the Imperial eagles set with diamonds.

Sara Bernhardt's Triumph.

PARIS, Oct. 23.—Sara Bernhardt produced "Cleopatra" at Porte St. Martin this evening. The theatre was crowded. The actress received a perfect ovation throughout the play, her acting with Antony and Octavius, in the fourth act, completely carrying the house by storm. The scenic effects were grand. Mme. Bernhardt wore five dresses during the play of unparalled magnificence in stage wear and was adorned with jewels, which included twenty-eight gems of great value.

Great Prevarication.

LONDON, Oct. 24.—Walter Lyons, who was yesterday convicted at the Old Bailey of murdering J. Stewart, a quartermaster sergeant in the Royal Artillery, and the paramour of his mother, was to-day sentenced to seven years' imprisonment, the judge taking into consideration the strong recommendation to mercy urged by the jury and the great provocation that exasperated Lyons to kill Stewart.

The Treaty of Frankfort.

PARIS, Oct. 24.—M. Pouyer Quertier, the well known statesman, has written a letter to numerous inquiries as to whether the abandonment by France of her commercial treaties would lead to the annulment of article eleven of the treaty of Frankfort. He says that Germany has nothing to do with the renewal or non-renewal by France of her treaties of commerce. Germany could not eliminate a single article of the treaty without repudiating it as a whole, and to do this would amount to a declaration of war.

The O'Shea Divorce Case.

LONDON, Oct. 24.—The trial in the divorce proceedings brought by Capt. O'Shea against his wife, in which Parnell figures as the co-respondent, has been set for the middle of November. Mrs. O'Shea will make counter allegations against her husband. Sir Chas. Russell and Mr. Herbert Asquith have been retained as counsel by Mr. Parnell.

Serious Fall of Portuguese Funds.

LISBON, Oct. 23.—A serious fall of Portuguese funds in the London stock market causes consternation. Business is practically at a standstill, and it is difficult to get bills discounted. It is feared that this condition of affairs will result in large failures. The English market wanted 50 per cent. to take up loans.

The Striking Grain Porters.

LONDON, Oct. 24.—In accordance with the recent agreement had between the Allan Steamship Co. and representatives of the striking grain porters at the Albert docks in this city, the matters at issue between the company and men were submitted to a board of arbitration for settlement. The conclusions of the board have proved unsatisfactory to the porters, who refuse to accept its award, and they have again gone on strike. The officials of the steamship company have notified the officers of the union that it would be held answerable for all losses growing out of the refusal of the men to abide by the decision of the board of arbitration. The consensus of opinion among both masters and men is that a grave and general crisis is approaching. Very conservative persons express fear that the great labor struggles which have marked the history of the past two years will appear insignificant with this which now threatens the prosperity of the commercial world.

Was It Jack the Ripper?

LONDON, Oct. 24.—The body of a murdered woman was found at South Hampstead, to-day, with the head almost severed and otherwise mutilated. The woman is supposed to have been an abandoned character. The finding of the body has revived the scare of "Jack the Ripper." No arrests have been made, though the police are searching for the murderer.

The French Bishops.

ROME, Oct. 24.—The Pope has instructed the French bishops to avoid a conflict with the government.

Secretary Balfour in Ireland.

DUBLIN, Oct. 24.—A large crowd of nationalists assembled at the railway station at Galway to-day awaiting the arrival of Balfour, whom they intended to receive with cheers for O'Brien, Dillon and other leaders. Balfour was warned of their intention and left the train at Athlone, where he took a car to Castlereagh. He will not visit Galway.

O'Brien and Dillon Leave Paris.

PARIS, Oct. 24.—Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien and Mr. Dillon leave Paris to-night in a special train, and will embark in the steamer La Champagne for New York in the morning. During O'Brien's visit to the chamber of deputies yesterday, members of the various parties requested a series of conferences in regard to Ireland. O'Brien promised that the nationalists would send a delegate to France to plead for Ireland.

O'Brien Interviewed.

PARIS, Oct. 24.—Wm. O'Brien in an interview this evening, said that his visiting Canada would depend entirely upon circumstances. He did not think it likely that he would be arrested there, but did not care whether he was or not, as his mission would be concluded with his visit to Canada. The arrest of himself and Dillon would save their fares home anyhow. The judgment delivered against them in their absence from Tipperary would constitute a case for appeal. He thought that Balfour had shown great weakness in the case of Harrison. His advices from America were greatly favorable to the success of his mission, which bids fair to surpass all expectations.

The S. & O. railway telephone was opened from Sicamous to Enderby this week.

CANADIAN NEWS.

Burchell Has no Faith in the Petition Praying for a Commutation of His Sentence.

A Contingent of Crofters from the Aberdeen Estate May be Sent to the Northwest.

Discharged "C" Battery Men may Join "A" Battery—Canadian Apples in Demand in England.

Bicyclists' Rights Sustained.

TORONTO, Oct. 23.—To establish the bicyclists' right on the Queen's highway, the Toronto wheelmen interested themselves in an action against an expressman who had run down a man on a wheel. The expressman was fined $100.

A $50,000 Fire.

MONTREAL, Oct. 23.—Fire broke out in the Western Abattoir at St. Henry, and the greater part of the buildings were destroyed. Loss, $50,000.

Criminal Libel.

WINNIPEG, Oct. 23.—A criminal libel suit brought by Mr. Luxton of the Free Press against Richardson of the Tribune, was heard in Court this morning. Judgment was reserved.

Seven Years for Attempted Murder.

GEORGETOWN, Oct. 23.—Geo. Slater, who shot his wife recently, has been sentenced to seven years' imprisonment. Mrs. Slater is in a fair way to recovery.

Bound for England.

HAMILTON, Oct. 23. — The Earl and Countess of Aberdeen and family leave for England on Friday afternoon.

Removed to the States.

MONTREAL, Oct. 23.—The Gower Manufacturing company have removed their entire business to Plattsburg, N. Y. The change was undertaken here a few years ago under promise of increased duties on American goods, and a large plant was imported from England. The duties have not been adjusted, and Mr. Gower has gone to the States to manufacture pens where the duty is sufficient to keep out the cheaper grade of goods.

An Embezzler Arrested.

MONTREAL, Oct. 23.—W. J. Birch, station master at the Philadelphia depot of the Pennsylvania & Reading railroad, was arrested here to-day on a charge of embezzling $2,000 from the company.

Burchell's Chum Disgorges.

WOODSTOCK, Ont., Oct. 23.—P. Li C. Wheeler, Burchell's chum, who absconded a few day ago, was arrested to-day in Detroit, and rather than go to jail he surrendered to his creditors the $2,000 he embezzled.

New Brunswick Elections.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Oct. 23.—One of the most bitter political contests ever fought in this country occurred to-day and resulted in the return of Premier Blair and his colleagues by a majority of from 300 to 1,400. There is great excitement over the result.

Cut Her Throat.

CAMPBELLFORD, Oct. 23.—The wife of J. Beatty, a cabinet maker, suicided to-day by cutting her throat.

The Count de Paris at Kingston.

KINGSTON, Oct. 23.—The Count de Paris and party reached here to-night. To-morrow they sail down the St. Lawrence to Montreal.

Tried to Burn Her Mother.

COBOURG, Ont. Oct. 23.— Sarah E. L'Armour, convicted yesterday of setting fire to a house in which her mother was bedridden, was to-day sentenced to six years' imprisonment.

St. Catharines Man Drowned.

SARNIA, Ont. Oct. 24.—John Crosley, of St. Catharines, was drowned here to-day.

A Wife's Devotion.

WOODSTOCK, Oct. 24.—Burchell has not much faith in the petition which is being circulated praying for a commutation of his sentence, although since his wife made a personal appeal to the citizens for help, the list of signatures has been increased to respectable dimensions. Burchell has had three beautiful rings made; one was presented to his ex-guard, Entwiske; another to G. McKay, his lawyer; and the third is for Mr. West Jones. They are all suitably inscribed. Some jeweller is making two gold lockets for Burchell. He is to have one with a lock of his wife's hair enclosed, and should he be executed he will carry this to his grave on the 14th of November.

Must Become British Subjects.

OTTAWA, Oct. 24.—The Minister of Finance says, with regard to the report that American sealing captains propose to fly the British flag on their vessels, in order to enjoy the privileges accorded to British vessels, that they cannot do so without becoming British subjects, and this cannot be done inside of two years.

To Meet the Count.

MONTREAL, Que., Oct. 24.—Manager Grenier, speaker of the House of Commons, judges, aldermen and members of parliament, left this morning to meet the Comte de Paris at Brockville and to accompany him to this city, where he will arrive this evening.

The Sealers' Friend.

OTTAWA, Oct. 23.—Sir George Baden-Powell was in town to-day. While in British Columbia he made inquiries into certain matters connected with the sealing business, and goes back with information that had not previously been accepted by the British government. Regarding the American plea that Canadian sealers were killing all the female and pup seals, and thereby depleting the sea, he says he is in possession of facts to show that such is not the case. The Canadians, he said, should insist that the matter should be settled this winter.

Erastus Wiman's Guests.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Oct. 24.—The northern section of the iron and steel association delegates arrived at 9:45 o'clock this morning on a special train of Pullman cars. They were met at the depot by Erastus Wiman and a local reception committee. The party was taken up to the Falls and shown the sights around the great cataract. They were then taken to the Clifton House, where luncheon was served. It was prepared in regular Canadian style, and consisted of entirely Canadian game and products. The party are guests of Mr. Wiman while here.

Ex-"C" Battermen.

KINGSTON, Oct. 24.—Several of the men discharged from "C" battery, British Columbia, have arrived in Kingston. Some of them will probably join "A" battery here.

The Celebrated Boer Leader.

WINNIPEG, Oct. 24.—Gen. Joubert, the celebrated Boer leader of Pretoria, South Africa, is here with his wife and family. They go to Eastern Canada to-morrow.

Crofters from Aberdeen.

TORONTO, Ont., Oct. 24.—There is some talk of a contingent of crofters from the Aberdeen estate being settled in the Northwest, so pleased was the Earl with what he saw.

Processes Arrested.

TORONTO, Ont., Oct. 24.—Three women, two of them belonging to Montreal and a third to New Mexico, were arrested here this morning on a telegram from Montreal, which stated that they were on their way to Chicago for immoral purposes.

Canadian Apples for England.

MONTREAL, Que., Oct. 24.—During the week ended Wednesday, there were 20,000 barrels of Canadian apples shipped from Montreal to the English markets.

Cost o. the Burchell Trial.

WOODSTOCK, Ont., Oct. 24.—The Burchell trial has cost the county $2,500. That amount covered only witnesses and constables fees. The counsel were paid by the Government, making the total cost $8,000. Mrs. Burchell, mother of the condemned man, has sailed for Canada to see her son before his death. Chas. Benwell, brother of Burchell's victim, bought a return ticket to-night and sails from New York on the White Star Line steamer Majestic, on Wednesday next. He has erected a suitable monument over his brother's grave at Princeton, and made arrangements with Sexton Gibb's to keep the plot in repair.

Burchell's Autobiography Auctioned.

WOODSTOCK, Ont., Oct. 24.—Burchell's autobiography was put up to auction at the jail here to-day, Jailer Cameron acting as auctioneer. There were about fifty publishers in attendance, and the bidding was spirited up to $1,500. After that it was slow until $1,700 was reached, when it was knocked down to C. W. Bunting, of the Toronto Mail, for himself and James Gordon Bennett, of the New York Herald. Half of the purchase money was paid down, and the balance will be paid immediately after the execution, to Mrs. Burchell.

Four-Oared Race.

HALIFAX, Oct. 24.—A four-oared race, three miles with a turn, for $600 a side, was rowed here to-day by the Williams crew of Halifax and the Castleton crew of St. John. The latter crew won by three lengths in 18 minutes and 43 seconds. Al Hammond and John Mackay were in the losing boat.

SERIOUS TRAIN WRECK.

A Northern Pacific Freight Goes Over an Embankment Near the Weston Tunnel.

TACOMA, Oct. 23.—A serious accident occurred on the Northern Pacific at Weston, a station just this side of the big tunnel, this evening at 6 o'clock. At this point the grade is quite heavy, and as the overland freight thundered through the tunnel and struck a sharp curve the wheels of the engine slipped on the track and after thumping along the ties a short distance plunged over the embankment. The two freight cars following kept the track a moment only, as the cars in the wake crashed into them, strewing the track with debris for 100 yards.

It was at first rumored that the passenger train that left Tacoma at 3 o'clock this afternoon, and due at Weston at about the time the wreck occurred, had collided with the freight train and many lives had been lost.

On investigation this was found to be un rue, as the passenger train had passed the freight at Easton, on the other side of the tunnel, before the accident happened.

The overland due at this city at 10:50 last night was reported 14 hours late, and will not arrive until noon tomorrow. No trains were sent out to-night.

A wrecking train was sent from Ellensburg to clear the track.

It was reported that the fireman and breakman of the freight train had been killed. Another story is that as the freight left the tunnel, a working train filled with laboring men just preparing to go to supper, was standing on the switch, waiting for the freight train to pass by, and that through neglect of one of the employes of the railway company the switch was left open, and before the laborers could jump, the engine of the freight crashed into the rear end of the working train, killing one man and seriously injuring two others.

Owing to the reticence of railroad officials neither story could be authenticated.

A Big Salmon Cargo.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 23.—The four-masted schooner J. W. Percy will shortly leave this port, carrying principally as her cargo 160,000 cases of salmon to Liverpool. This is the largest shipment of salmon that has been carried from this port in a single shipment for some time. It is stated that the aggregate value of the cargo is in the neighborhood of $300,000.

CAPITAL NOTES.

England's Desire to Have a Corps of Marine Artillery Stationed at Esquimalt.

The Boycotting of the Aberdeen Banquet the Talk of Ottawa.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Ont., Oct. 24.—The value of the exports for September were $12,890,000, an increase of $2,600,000; due to the desire to send goods to the States before the McKinley tariff operation. The imports were $10,700,000, about the same as last year.

Mrs. Burchell wrote to the deputy minister of justice, stating that petitions were being prepared asking for a commutation of her husband's sentence, and desiring to know what formalities are necessary.

The boycotting of the Aberdeen banquet by the newspaper men is the talk of the city. Lord Aberdeen expressed the desire of the Imperial government to station marine artillery at Esquimalt as a visible token of the relationship between Canada and England.

Edward Kennedy, of Montreal, has been appointed superintendent of the Lachine canal.

A proclamation will be issued to-morrow proroguing parliament pro forma until December 6th.

WOMEN IN A SALOON.

The W. C. T. U., of Lawrence, Kan., Out on a Crusade—Praying with a Rumseller.

LAWRENCE, Kan., Oct. 22.—The ladies of the local W. C. T. U. adopted a novel but wholly ineffective method to-day of closing up the original packing house of Henry Fritzel, who re-commenced business when the announcement was made of the noted original package decision. The local W. C. T. U. appointed a committee with unlimited authority to take whatever steps they considered advisable to effect the closing of the saloons.

The committee was composed of twelve ladies, headed by Mrs. F. S. Grubb, state lecturer. They went in a body to the saloon early this morning and attempted to persuade Fritzel to close his place. He declined, and then the ladies announced their intention of staying all day, and making hourly appeals to him to stop his business. When it became known that the women were trying to close the place, a great crowd was attracted, and the supply of oriental packages held out not quite an hour, but the crowd thronged the place all day. Each hour the ladies, who had brought their prayer-books and hymnals with them, held brief prayer-meetings, and pleaded with the proprietor of the saloon to close his place. Fritzel was obdurate, and although he had sold every drop of original package fluid, he refused to close.

The women remained all day and did not cease their labors until 6 p.m. They say they will continue their crusade until they persuade Fritzel to quit the business.

A ROUGH VOYAGE.

The Astoria Arrives at New Westminster—The Captain's Story of His Eight Months' Trip.

The ship Astoria reached Liverpool, opposite New Westminster, on Thursday evening, laden with steel rails for the Westminster Southern railway, from Marysport, Cumberland, Eng., in tow of the tug Lorne. Captain Hugh Dagwell, the ship's master, furnished Truth the following facts concerning the long trip: The Astoria left Marysport on the 20th of February last, experiencing moderate weather and making very good time, until the River La Platte, in South America, was reached. This is the latitude of the Faulkland Islands, and the time occupied in reaching this point was 47 days. From the 12th until the 14th of April very heavy westerly gales were experienced, increasing in severity until the latter date, when, at 6:30 p.m. that night, a heavy sea broke in on the vessel, causing a great amount of damage. Three life boats, the bridge, the skids, 70 feet of the main rail and the main top gallant rail were carried away by this washout, which also bursted in the main and after hatches, started the bulwark stanunchions on each side, strained the decks, causing considerable leakage, washed the sidelight out of the rigging, taking away the four lower topsails, the main topmast stay sail, besides gutting out the forecastle and doing other damage of more or less extent. The fresh water was entirely destroyed by a mixture of the salt ocean water, and great hardships were experienced by all on board for two days for want of water, until the ship put into Port Stanley, Faulkland Islands, in a very much disabled condition. Here the entire cargo was taken out of the ship's hold, and a process of thorough overhauling from stem to stern was necessary before she was once more a seaworthy vessel. The delay at Port Stanley lasted three months and fifteen days, the ship leaving for Westminster on the 27th of July last. After leaving Port Stanley very moderate weather was experienced until she reached the west of Cape Horn on the home stretch, when for eight days very heavy northwest and westerly gales were experienced, during which time one life boat was destroyed and other damage done. From these rough regions until in 35 degrees south latitude a continuation of variable winds, strong at times, was experienced. The equator was crossed on the 7th of September, and good time was made until 20 degrees north latitude was reached, from which place to Cape Flattery strong north northeast gales occurred. Captain Dagwell sighted Cape Flattery on the 17th inst. at 6 o'clock p.m., upon which day there was blowing a strong southeasterly gale, which took him 30 miles out to sea. At 8 p. m. that night he again headed for Flattery, sighting the lighthouse at 2 o'clock the following Sunday morning, and entered the straits at 5 a.m., experiencing light southeasterly winds, fog and rain. At 10 a. m. that day he was towed into Port Angeles by the tug Wanderer.

It will take three weeks yet for the farmers to finish threshing. All are well pleased with the yield of the grain.