Over 400 Men Imprisoned in a Burning Mina

The Disaster Due to an Explosion of Firedamp.

Minister Hanotau Defends the Policy of the French Government.

King Humbert's Significant Speech at the Opening of the Italian Parliament.

LORD ROSEBERY RETURNED. London, June 10. - Prime Minister Rosebery has returned from his yachting trip and is now in London. A Cabinet council will be held tomorrow.

A LONG DEATH LIST. Stuttgart, June 10 .- One hundred and twelve persons lost their lives in the flood. The Queen has donated 3,000 marks for the relief of the sufferers.

A MURDERED STATESMAN. Rome, June 10 .- Count Farretto, formerly Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, who was shot by an unknown person at Rimini in the evenng of June 3, died this morning.

GOOD WHEAT CROPS. Cairo, Ill., June 10 .- The wheat harvest has commenced in Western Kentucky and Southeast Missouri. The rain of ten days ago saved the wheat, and there can now be no doubt that there will be more than an average yield. Corn is also looking fine.

EARTHQUAKES IN AUSTRIA. Trieste, June 10.-Two shocks of earthquake were felt here at an early hour this morning, causing great consternation among the inhabitants. Thousands of people rushed from their houses, and many have refused to return, and are camping in the open squares, fearing a recurrence of the shocks. Little or no damage was done.

COAL MINE CATASTROPHE. Breslau, June 10.-The Segingolten mine, belonging to Count Von Donnersmark, is on fire. Out of the 490 miners at work when the fire broke out, only 40 reached the surface in safety. The fate of the other miners is not known as this dispatch is sent, but a terrible disaster is apprehended.

Berlin, June 10.-An explosion of firedamp occurred in a mining pit near Antoniennutte, Prussian Silesia, today, while 500 men were at work in the mine. Only 40 have been rescued, leaving 460

VICTIMS OF THE CLOUBBURST. Vienna, June 10.—Advices received from Wiener-Neustadt state that the recent cloudburst in that section washed away a great number of bridges and houses in the communes of Schwarzenbach, Sclatten and Hochweltersdorf, in some instances carrying away buildings the entire length of streets and submerging large tracts of territory. Some persons were drowned in the town of Schwarzenbach alone, and it is believed that the total loss of life is very great. The damage done in these places, which pecuniarily is over 300,000 florins, cannot be repaired for years.

THE CARDINAL'S ASSAILANT. London, June 10.-Lorenzo Covington. the man who was arrested and arraigned in the Bow Street Police Court on Saturday on the charge of having threatened to murder Cardinal Vaughn by throwing vitrol upon him for failing to receive £250, which he alleged he had lost through a certain action of the Catholic Church, was again arraigned this morning. The police have ascerat tained that the man is an American, but further information is not forthcoming. He was remanded for medical examination with a view of determining whether he is a crank or a blackmailer.

RESIGNATION OF THE GREEK MINISTRY.

Athens, June 10.-The members of the Greek Government today tendered their resignations. The King has summoned M. Del Yannis to form a Ministry. The resignation of the Ministry was a mere formality, this being the first meeting of Parliament since April last, when Del Yannis and his party received two-thirds of the votes cast.

Zamis, upon assuming the presidency, addressed the Chamber at length. The chief mission of the majority, he said, would be to improve the public credit and place the finances of Greece upon a secure basis.

THE REPORTED MISSIONARY MASSACRE.

The officials of the Methodist Missionary Society in New York are very hopeful that the reported massacre of the missionaries in Chengtu is untrue. Dr. Stephen J. Baldwin, the recording secretary, said: 'I do not think that these rumors are subsequent to the assurances we received by cable from our mission in Chengtu, under date of June 3. The cable read: 'The property destroyed; all safe; inform Toronto.'
This would indicate that all our people are safe, although the property has been destroyed." The missionaries who are at Chengtu are: Rev. Olin Cady and wife; H. L. Cartwright, M.D., and wife; Rev. J. F. Peat and wife; Rev. J. O. Curnow and wife; Rev. Dr. H. V. C. Hart, formerly of the Central China mission, and several of his associates of the Canadian Methodist Church. In the 76th annual report for last year the property of the Chengtu mission, including dwellings, chapels, schools, etc., was valued at \$4,000.

FRENCH POLICY. Paris, June 10 .- M. Milleraud, Socialist, interpollated the Government in the Chamber of Deputies today in regard to the policy of France in the East and the acceptance of the invitation of Germany to take part in the ceremonies at Kiel on the occasion of the opening of the Baltic sea canal, declaring that the latter indicated a change in the French

M. Hanotaux, Minister of Foreign Affairs, denied that the acceptance of Germany's invitation furnished evidence of any change of policy whatever on the part of France. The acceptance of Gerpart of France. The acceptance of Germany's invitation was merely an act of politeness. The French sailors who would go to Kiel would represent free and strong France, fearing no comparison with the sailors of any power. Disavowing any feeling of resentment remany's invitation was merely an act of politeness. The French sailors who would go to Kiel would represent free and strong France, fearing no compari-

garding the East, M. Hanotaux said France was unwilling to leave Russia to struggle alone with difficulties which might influence the general policy of the Republic. France, he declared, re-

mains faithful to her allies. Ex-Premier Goblet declared that the action of the Government in sending French warships to Kiel wounded the national sentiment of France. If a genuine alliance existed between France and Russia let M. Hanotaux plainly say Germany, he said, had not hesitated to publish the fact and terms of the Dreibund, and France had certainly no reason to be ashamed of having established an alliance with Russia. He (Goblet) was not animated by any feeling of revenge, but the separation of Alsace-Lorraine from France constituted a just reason for displeasure, and until that question was settled France remain neither courteous nor

conciliatory. Premier Ribot said that France had united her interests with those of Russia for the preservation of the peace of Europe, and this alliance had made both countries stronger. The Chamber then voted confidence

in the Government, 362 to 105. ENGLAND AND ITALY.

An Understanding Between the Nations King Humbert's Warm Word .

Rome, June 10.-The new Parliament was opened today with more than the usual display of ceremony. The King and Queen upon their arrival were loudly cheered by the immense crowd assembled in the plaza. All of the Ministers and a large number of other officials, with the entire diplomatic corps, were present, and a strong force of troops was confined in the barracks to preserve order should it' become necessary. Three hundred and seventy deputies were present. Signor Cavalliti and the other Socialist members were absent, in accordance with the previous announcement. The speech from the throne appealed to the patriotism of the members of all parties to assist in expediting the budget. The financial situation, the speech declared, had already been sensibly ameliorated. The Government also promised such judicial laws and reforms as would enable a better defense of social order. It might become necessary for the Government to have recourse to force in order to preserve the required degree of order, but the King preferred the pursuit of human methods always, and believed in a trial of love before arms. This passage in his Majesty's speech is taken to forecast a large measure of amnesty, and was vehemently applauded. The speech also announced officially the coming marriage of the Duke of Aosta to Princess Helene of Orleans, and the participation of the Italian squadron in the ceremonies at Kiel. His Majesty also alluded to the friendship existing between Italy and England, to the victories won by the Italians and to the anniversary of the liberation of Buildings yesterday afternoon and de-Rome. When the speech was concluded stroyed one of the biggest industries in the applause was loud and prolonged. The speech as a whole made an excel-

lent impression. One particular passage in King Humbert's speech has been greatly commented upon. After referring to the part to be taken by Italy in the Kiel celebration his Majesty said: "We shall render our cordial greetings to England and show our close connection with the English navy." Pursuing the subject, he expressed thanks to the Government of Great Britain for having given a new proof of the sympathy of England with Italy by prohibiting the importation of arms into Africa to the detriment of the undertakings of Italy in the frontiers of Abyssinia. These utterances are interpreted in diplomatic circles as disclosing an agreement between Italy and England for common and concentrated

action in Africa. UNCLE SAM'S CROPS.

In Some Respects the Outlook Is Better Than First Reported-Marked Falling Off in Winter

Wheat. Washington, D. C., June 10,-The report of June 1, consolidated from the returns of the correspondents in the Agricultural Department, makes the acreage of winter wheat at present growing, after allowing for abandonments, 96.1 per cent of the area harvested in 1894.

The percentage of spring wheat area for the entire country is 99.5 per cent, being but a slight reduction from last year's area.

The condition of winter wheat has fallen decidedly since last report, being 71.1 per cent, against 82.9 on May 1. The condition reported June 1, 1894 was 83.2 per cent.

The condition of spring wheat shows an average for the whole country of 97.8 per cent. The average percentage of all wheat acreage is 97.1, and the condition of the same is 78.6 per cent. The preliminary report places the acreage of oats at 103.2 of last year's area. The returns make the condition

84.3, against 87 last June. The returns as to barley make the acreage 104 per cent of last year's breadth. The average condition of the crop on June 1 was 90.3 per cent, against 83.2 last year.

The acreage in rye is 96.7 of that of last year. The average condition on June 1 was 82.2 per cent. The acreage of rice is 100.2 per cent of that of last year, and the condition

DIVIDED HIS MILLIONS.

Retirement of Hiram Walker, the Distiller, of Essex County.

Windsor, June 10.-Hiram Walker, he millionaire distiller who founded Walkerville, has retired from business. His big distillery and other property have been divided between his three sons, E. C., F. H. and J. H. Walker. Mrs. Theodore Buhl, of Detroit, his daughter, has been given a liberal share of the estate.

F. H. Walker said this afternoon that his father's physician had advised him to retire from business, and had been urging the suggestion for some time, but that it was not until recently that he had concluded to act. His estate is variously estimated to be worth from \$8,000,000 to \$15,000,000. the major portion of which is invested in the distillery and in the bonded ware-

Mr. Walker is 78 years of age.

There are only 71,895 divorced women in the United States.

The Electric Car

SCHOOLS AND RELIGION.

An Extraordinary Motion in the Synod of Toronto.

Toronto, June 10.—In the Episcopal Synod, Dr. Langtry will move a resolu-tion indorsing one-half hour's systematic religious teaching in every publis school of the Province, to be given during school hours by the ministers of the various Christian communities or their representatives, to the children of their own communion. vided, always, that no child shall be required to attend such religious instruction in any case where parents or guardians object, such exempt children, during the time allotted for re

ligious teaching, shall be instructed in Dr. Langtry's motion furmorals.' ther calls for a change in the law which will enable any religious body to set up its own schools, "for the education of its own children, and having satisfied the Government that suitable accommodation has been provided, and that in the work done they are up to the standing required by public school inspectors, they shall receive from the school funds of the municipality for each child attending said school, a sum equal to the cost per capita of those children attending the public school in a corresponding grade."

The resolution is expected to give rise to an animated debate. GONE UP IN SMOKE.

Elora Has a Mysterious Blaze-Other Fires.

Elora, Ont., June 10.-The barn of Alex. McIntosh, in Pilkington, was destroyed by fire last night. About 20 minutes before the fire started Mr. Mc-Intosh took his buggy out of the barn and left home. How the fire occurred is a mystery. All his implements were burned; also one horse, two fat cattle, six pigs and two calves. The barn was insured for \$1,200 and the contents for

Waterloo, Ont., June 10.-A fire completely destroyed Mr. McKinstry's blacksmith shop at Bloomingdale, about 7:32 this morning. Only a few tools saved. Rest of contents burned.

Insurance about \$375. Milwaukee, Wis., June 10.—Fire early this morning started in the center of the lumber and tannery district, eight blocks from the business center of the city, and did \$750,000 damage. At 3 clock the flames were under control. The Forester and Ihrig lumber yards, Gallup's tannery, the steam barge Raleigh and the steam barge Lucy Graham were destroyed. The Schlitz brewery had a narrow escape from being burned. Other shipping was damaged as was also considerable other property in the neighborood. Sixteen horses in the stables of the Forester Lumber Company were cremated. All the wagon sheds of the company were destroyed. Kalamazoo, Mich., June 10.-Furious flames wiped away almost a square of Kalamazoo. The fire started in the big sash and door factory of Dewing & Sons, south and east of the Michigan Central depot, and scooped in a num-

ber of buildings. Loss, about \$200,000. SEVERAL DROWNINGS.

Two Bathers in the List-A Father and His Little Boy Go Down Together.

Ottawa, June 10.-A son of Mr. Gervais, Hull, aged 5, on Saturday evening fell into an excavation of the city waterworks, in which there was about six feet of water. The boy was drowned before he could be rescued.

Waubashene, Ont., June 10.—Francis Tusignout and his 8-year-old boy met their deaths by drowning near here yesterday. While fishing along one of the booms in the mill pond, it seems that the little fellow slipped and fell in. The father jumped in after him, and both were drowned.

Brantford, June 10.-When bathing with some boys yesterday, a young man named Marlatt, aged 17, was drowned at App's mill pond, near Mount Vernon. Toronto, June 10.—A lad named Thos. Hambly, 11 years of age, of 178 Richmond street west, was drowned this afternoon at the waterworks dock. He had been bathing with a comrade named James Wilson, when he was seized with cramps and sank before aid could be procured.

Benton Harbor, Mich., June 10.-Dick Brotherson, of St. Joseph, fell from a ladder which stood on a scow into the canal this forenoon, while painting on the steamer City of Louisville, and was drowned. He was 30 years old and sin-

Quebec, June 10.—The person who was drowned at the Island Ferry pontoon last night is supposed to be Miss Mc-Causland, aged 21 years. She has been subject to periodical fits. She has been missing since Sunday afternoon.

Buffalo plumbers are on strike, and bosses will try to fill orders with new men.

Twelve hundred postmen have struck in Buda-Pesth for an increase of wages. The Women's Rescue League, of Boston, condemns bicycle riding by females

as tending to immorality. Henry Ledke, aged 40, shot and killed Lizzie Coleman, aged 14, a school girl, at Osterville, Me. Jealousy was the cause. The Chicago directory, which will be

published in a few days, will give the city a minimum population of ,1,695,000. There is very little hope now of any more survivors reaching shore from the wrecked Colima, so that the loss of life may be calculated at not less than

At a meeting of the New York Police Board on Monday, Inspector Mc-Laughlin, who was convicted of extortion last week, was dismissed from

A favorable report from the United States Government commission which went to Nicaragua a month ago to examine the route of the proposed mari-time canal, is confidently expected on their return to the United States next month.

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Civil Service Employes Kicking-Bad Accident to a Brantford Man.

The Halifax drill shed is to cost about \$260,000. Mr. Frank Restorick, of Watford, shipped 58 very fine horses to England

on Monday. J. G. Ward, Postmaster-General of New Zealand, is in Ottawa seeking to negotiate a commercial treaty. The County Council of Ontario has

passed a bylaw to put in force the Torrens land titles act in the county. The jubilee services of Knox Church, Galt, are being held this week and a notable gathering of ministers are taking part.

Mr. Lorenzo Clark Raymond, of Welland, has been appointed deputy county judge of Welland for the period of three According to a directory, the popula-

tion of Winnipeg is 38,500, and the prediction is made that the population in 1898 will be 50,000. The steamer Tilgate ran into a small boat at Isle Grosbois, upsetting the craft and drowning a 7-year-old girl

named Emma Rinderman. The steamship passenger business from Montreal is exceedingly brisk just at present, though the freight business is behind that of last season.

Mr. E. McGillicuddy, ex-reeve of Warwick, was very seriously injured by the falling of a beam at a raising at Mr. Edward Tanners's, Watford, on Saturday evening.

At Wiarton on Monday the bylaw to purchase ten acres of James Stevens' lot at the southeast end of the town for a public park was defeated by a small majority. The archbishop of Athabasca calls

attention to the rapid devastation of northern forests by fires. Many parts of his diocese formerly thick with timber are now blackened wastes. At a meeting of the Champlain Monument Committee at Montreal, it was decided to spend \$40,000 instead of \$25,-

000 for the erection of a shaft to the memory of the founder of Quebec. Mrs. Wm. Mullholland, of Hamilton, took a dose of red precipitate powder on Saturday evening. A doctor saved her life. The woman had quarreled

with her husband and said she was tired of life, At the Toronto City Council Monday evening a vigorous letter was read from City Engineer Keating regarding the danger to the city water supply owing to the extreme fall in the lake level this

Mr. Sam Slater, while at work in the establishment of the Farmers' Binder Twine and Agricultural Implement Manufacturing Company, Brantford, Saturday afternoon had a part of two fingers taken off. The class of '95 at the University of

Toronto have raised \$5,000 among the students, which will be presented to Mr. J. A. Tucker, the ex-editor of "Varsity," who was expelled from the University and unable, therefore, to take his degree.

Messrs. Hanson Bros., of Montreal, who negotiated the Newfoundland loan, deny that here is any truth in the report that the Imperial Government has vetoed the loan. They also deny that the loan is a preferred one upon the customs revenue.

It is said that the civil service employes at Ottawa are up in arms against Hon. Mr. Foster's bill to increase the abatement in the superannuation, and are holding meetings with a vier of taking definite action in opposition to the bill.

Ald. Frank Maguire was found dead on Monday morning at the Queen's Hotel, St. Catharines, where he had secured a room for the night. A halfempty bottle of laudanum was found peside him, and the impression is that being unable to sleep he had taken an

WORK AND WAGES.

A Great Miners' Strike Satisfactorily Settled.

Columbus, Ohio, June 10.-The coal miners of Ohio have, by a vote of 5,091 to 4,351, decided to accept the offer of the operators to go to work at 51 cents per ton.

The machine mining question, however, is still unsettled. The miners 3-5 of the pick mining rate and operators offer only 1-2.

South Bridge, Mass., June 10.-The strike at the Central mills here was settled this morning, the weavers who went to work being given an advance in wages of 10 per cent, which will affect the whole force of 500 employes, The operators are promised a further increase of 5 per cent next month.

ACTOR EMMETT'S CASE. San Francisco, June 10 -The case of J. K. Emmett, the actor, who attempted to murder his wife by shooting nei on Saturday evening last, was ccr.

tinued until Monday next. DUE TO WELCOME RAINS. Chicago, June 10.—Reports received by telegraph today by the Burlington Railroad officials indicate an abundant crop of all grain in Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, and Illinois, due es-

specially to the heavy general rains STOLE \$50,000. Lovell, Me., June 10.—It has just leaked out that the safe in the store of James E. Hutchins was opened and cash, stocks and bonds and securities to the amount of \$50,000 were stolen on Thursday night last. There is no clue

TOO MUCH MARRIED. Buffalo, N. Y., June 10.-Abram Hill married Louisa Harris in England in 1874 and lived with her twenty years. He also married Alice Jones at Niagara Falls, Ont., in April, 1893, brought her to Buffalo, and started housekeeping a stone's throw away from the first wife's residence. Hill was today sentenced to four years and two months' imprisonment for bigamy, despite the fact that both wives pleaded for a light punishment.

DEATH IN THE PULPIT. Birmingham, Ala., June 15.—In the Colored Baptist Church, near Double Springs, on Sunday, the pastor, Rev. Greenleaf Lee, a young man, strong and healthy, was preaching on death. He worked himself into a great fervor, describing the tortures of hell, and quoting from the Scriptures. As the words, "There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth," issued from his lips he fell to the floor and in a few minutes was dead. Doctors say the cause of death was rupture of a blood vessel, caused by excitement.

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