CAPITAL NOTES.

Rumored Collapse of the Fast Atlantic Steamship Project—Foreign Trade Journals Dutiable.

Nothing Known of the Rumored Queen's Birthday Honors—A Mysterious Stranger's Dupes.

(From our own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, May 23.—Collectors of customs have been notified that all permits to grind foreign grain in bond are cancelled. It is now necessary for millers to make applications for permits under the new regulations.

A mysterious stranger engaged here a hundred men, ostensibly to work in the shanties of British Columbia. The men were required to make a deposit in order to guarantee that they would accompany him. The agent procured $300 and then skipped out.

Senator Clemow proposes to make a vigorous crusade against the sawdust nuisance, and will press a measure depriving the Government of the power to exempt streams from the operation of the anti-pollution laws.

The Customs department rule that foreign trade journals are dutiable at six cents a pound and twenty per cent.

The Government knows nothing of the Queen's birthday honors for Canadians. If any are given, it is entirely at the initiative of the Imperial authorities.

Ranchmen in the Northwest are bringing strong pressure to bear on the Government against the proposal to allow American cattle to enter Canada free of duty, to be slaughtered here and the meat exported to England.

With the death of Bryce Douglass, it is thought that Lord Hartington's syndicate project for a fast Atlantic service is gone. The Allan company have declined to become connected with the scheme.

The British Columbia inspection district for customs purposes will be known as No. 6.

A DARING DEAL.

One Hundred Millions Cornered by a Wall Street Syndicate of Bankers.

Scheme to Compel England and Russia to Pay a Handsome Premium on Gold.

NEW YORK, May 22.—The financial article in the Telegram says that ten bankers in Wall street have each put up $60,000, making a total of $600,000, with which to pay the interest on $100,000,000 in gold which they are going to buy and hold for 60 days. Gold is now practically at par, although Great Britain is giving half a penny for it, and as money is plenty now at 2 per cent. there can be no loss. This syndicate intends to compel England and Russia to pay a handsome premium on the gold they buy or leave it in this country. It is one of the simplest yet most daring deals that has been attempted since Jay Gould and Jim Fisk tried to corner gold and brought on that day which is always referred to with a shudder as "black Friday."

The way in which the Gould and Fisk corner was broken was by the Government selling just $5,000,000 in gold. Fisk and Gould were thoroughly frightened, and throwing prudence to the winds, let go all the gold they had. If they had held on for 24 hours they would have found that the Government did not intend to let any more gold out, but they claimed that holding as large an amount as the treasury did they were sensible in letting go under present conditions.

It is possible, but not probable, that with the depleted treasury the Government would attempt to meet another crisis. Judging from the condition of the market last fall, a corner on gold would mean that every bank and individual who could secure gold would store it away. That it would produce great financial loss in the country is well understood, but it is simply a choice between two evils, having gold at a premium by foreign countries taking all we have, or by a syndicate holding it in this country to make a premium.

There are now in the United States about $600,000,000 in gold and about $19,000,000 is held by the United States treasury. Over $45,000,000 of gold has left this city since the 1st of January and $4,000,000 went today. That something must be done to stop this flow of gold is the opinion of every banker and merchant in the country, but it has remained for this syndicate to attempt to stop the tide. It remains to be seen what will be done now that the intentions of the syndicate are made public.

SHORT OF COAL.

Prospects of a Famine at Seattle Owing to the Strikes at Franklin and Black Diamond.

The Seattle Telegraph says: The situation at the Oregon Improvement Company's coal mines apparently remains unchanged.

Superintendent Corey has the colored miners well at work, and hopes by to-day to have enough coal loosened to allow of hauling it out of the shaft. The white miners lounge outside the dead line and say they will wait for the negroes to become dissatisfied, as they expect them to do after they work in the mine for a while.

The Black Diamond miners are still out, and say they will not work until the Franklin trouble is settled. The engineers and timber men are, however, allowed to work and keep the mines in repair. The coal supply there cannot be brought to Seattle, as the coal trains have been stopped.

Very little mining is being done at the Cedar Mountain mines.

There is a possibility of a coal famine in Seattle, as the result of the trouble with the miners. There is said to be only about 300 tons at the mines, and very little in the bunkers. There was a report last night that the Oregon Improvement Company would not object to the union men shutting off the local coal train service, as they would then be responsible to the public for a coal famine as well as the loss of revenue to the city, as supplies for steamers, railroads and public would have to be obtained from Nanaimo, at an advanced price.

The coal shipments from Seattle for the past six months are said to have averaged about 5,500 tons a week. Thus there would be withdrawn from the market about 330 000 as long as the trouble exists.

General Manager C. J. Smith, of the Oregon Improvement Company, said last evening that everything was quiet at the mines and the colored miners were getting well to work. "As no coal will be hauled on the Columbia & Puget Sound the company has decided to make a temporary reduction of the forces employed at the shops and other places. This is due largely to the action of the miners at Newcastle shutting down the mines without reasonable cause. The company expects, when it resumes operations again, to re-employ the men now laid off."

CANADIAN NEWS.

Ontario Jockey Club.

TORONTO, May 23.—To-day the Ontario Jockey Club inaugurated what will most likely prove the greatest race meeting in the history of the club, and the banner one of Canada. The Governor-General and party arrived last night, and will remain over the Queen's Birthday. The most fashionable of Canada's citizens will be present to see Her Majesty's guineas contested.

Sunday Parades.

MONTREAL, May 23.—The Protestant Ministerial Association has issued a request to those in authority in the several militia corps and benevolent societies in the city, to forego parades on the Sabbath, or to at least dispense with music.

The Queen's Own Camping Out.

TORONTO, May 23.—The Queen's Own left, this afternoon, for Niagara on the Lake, where they will camp until Monday night. The Grenadiers leave for a similar outing at Woodstock.

The World's Evening Edition.

TORONTO, May 28.—The World began issuing a four-page evening edition, to-night.

SLOW BUT STEADY.

More Confidence in Trade Circles—Heavy Crops Assured.

NEW YORK, May 22.—There are no evidences of a general or marked improvement in sales of staple merchandise this week. Special telegrams to Bradstreets, covering nearly all the most important centres of trade, leaves no doubt that business generally has gone forward, as reported for several weeks past, quietly, with disappointing results in some regions, only fairly satisfactory results in others, and perhaps relatively best reports from Northwestern spring wheat countries, where high prices have enabled the interior store-keepers to remit promptly and stimulated trade generally.

Late rains have done the growing crops much good, rendering the expected heavy harvest of cereals more probable. This is the most favorable feature of the week.

Crude iron is in somewhat better demand at St. Louis, Cincinnati and Philadelphia, but not enough to strengthen prices. Barbed wire and nails are weaker. Anthracite coal is not quite so active and is weaker. Lumber generally is quiet. Labor and building trades troubles continue to have a noticeable effect.

Bank clearings at 58 cities for the week ending May 21 amount to $1,131,871,417, a decrease from this week of last year of 19.5 per cent. Gold shipments have not made money tight at New York, though loans on time are restricted.

The $5,000,000 of gold exported this week have lowered exchange to a point which will prevent further shipments unless the Bank of England intends to offer a positive premium. This is reflected in the speculative share market, which is strong and improving. With a fair amount of foreign buying of stocks, the rains, the crop prospects and hopefulness, railroad circles also have a bullish influence on speculations.

Net railway earnings for March show great irregularity and only a small gain over last year, the season when large gains were numerous. The Southern Pacific and coal roads make relatively the best showing, while the Southwestern trunk lines and granger roads show the heavier decreases.

For three months the Eastern roads show a large loss in net earnings, owing to increased operating expenses. From July 1 to date, 47 weeks, the United States have exported 87,997,498 bushels of wheat and flour, against 94,429,000 bushels in a like share of 1889-90, and 78,515,680 bushels in 1888-89.

Dry goods are selling very slowly at Boston, but are moving more freely at New York.

Wool is weak and Ohio and Michigan fleeces are lower, as are also low grade Australians.

Toronto advices report no improvement in general trade, with the fruit business very active and collections poor.

Dispatches from Montreal report trade with a Montreal sorting demand in dry goods and hardware. The Dominion reports 45 business failures this week against 39 last week, and 28 this week last year. The total number from January 1 to date is 852, against 768 last year.

ORDERS FOR THE SEALERS.

Instructions Received From the Treasury—Soon to Sail.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 22.—Communications have arrived at the custom house in this city, intended for the use of the Government's representatives in Alaska during the sealing season, but they are sealed and supposed to contain instructions. A ripple of interest was occasioned by a story that the Farallon, which cleared on the 15th, had sailed for Alaska with the Government's representative and the agent of the North American Commercial company on board. This proved to be untrue, but it was thought probable that the Farallon will sail very soon, and that the Rush will soon proceed. Orders to the captain of the Rush will probably be sealed and not opened until the vessel is out at sea. There is much interest in the matter of the course mapped out by the Government this year in view of the many reports concerning the condition of the seal fisheries.

A CHILIAN CONGRESS FORMED.

Its Fiscal Policy—Continued Successes of the Rebels.

NEW YORK, May 23.—The steamship Finance, which arrived here yesterday from Brazil, brings some interesting news of affairs in Chili. Among the most important, is that the rebels have formed a congress, with George Montt, admiral of the rebel fleet, as president; Senor La Barrazaris as minister of foreign relations; Col. Walker, minister of finance; and Col. Hallet, minister of war. The first act of the new congress, decreed that all articles necessary for consumption in Chili should be admitted to the country free of duty. The cities of Valdivia and Tocopilapo have been captured by the rebels. On April 20th, a couple of insurgent men of war appeared in the harbor at Galdera and bombarded the town for three hours, killing over 100 of the citizens. Next day the rebels landed a force of men, and occupied the town.

AMERICAN NEWS.

A Boat-Load of Men Whirled Over Kettle River Falls, Minn., and all Drowned.

Fire in a State Prison at Jefferson City—A Wife Murderer Escapes to Mexico.

A Noted Gang of Train Robbers Captured After a Fierce Battle With Troops.

Whirled Over the Falls.

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 24.—A terrible accident occurred on the Kettle River, near Sandstone, Minn., last evening. A boat load of men were crossing the river at dark, and ventured too near the Kettle Falls. The boat was caught in the rapids and whirled over the falls. Thos. Barney, of Chippewa Falls, and Chas. A. McGraw, of Augusta, Maine, both prominent lumbermen, and Swan Peterson were drowned. A boy named Whitesides and a man whose name could not be learned are missing, and are probably drowned.

Fire in a Penitentiary.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., May 24.—Fire started in the J. S. Sullivan Saddle-tree Company's shop at the state penitentiary, at six o'clock last evening, and in an hour the State had lost nearly $100,000, the Saddle-tree Co., $60,000, and the Strauss Harness Co. about $10,000. It is thought that the fire originated from an explosion of oil. Fortunately, all the dangerous convicts were locked in their cells before the alarm was sounded, and no trouble occurred. The loss sustained by the State is total; but the Sullivan company carried an insurance of $30,000.

Amid a Shower of Bullets.

NEW ORLEANS, May 24.—A special from Rio Grande city, Texas, to the Times-Democrat, says: Dersito Medina killed his wife, yesterday, and escaped to Mexico. He swam the river amid a shower of bullets. Two weeks ago his wife deserted him, and a soldier at the barracks was supposed to be the cause of it. Yesterday, Medina walked into the house and found his wife arranging a basket of flowers. Approaching her, he began to play with her, when suddenly he drew a dirk, reached over her shoulder and stabbed her to the heart. She had two children and was a beautiful woman of the Spanish style.

Threats of Lynching.

DECATUR, Ind., May 24.—At a preliminary trial before Mayor Reed, of this city, yesterday, Lige Holland and wife and Andrew Pickern and wife, all colored, were adjudged guilty of abducting Miss Daisy Reynolds, a school teacher of Wiltshire, Ohio, who died at the negro's house. The four accomplices were found guilty of manslaughter, and their bonds were fixed at $5,000 each. The jail here is guarded by the militia to resist a threatened lynching by the irate citizens of Wiltshire.

Business Assignment.

FORT SCOTT, Kans., May 24.—Yesterday the extensive clothing firm of Roderick and Cohen, of this city, made an assignment. The liabilities are $30,000.

Train Robbers Captured.

OKLAHOMA CITY, O.T., May 24.—The Dalton brothers and the gang that robbed the Santa Fe passenger train at Warton station, after being chased for two weeks, were captured, Friday night, in the Sac and Fox reservation, 60 miles east of here, after a nineteen hours' fight, by United States deputy marshals, aided by a detachment of the Fifth cavalry. The marshals located the robbers, Thursday, in a cave and attempted their capture, but after the Daltons had killed their blood hounds and exchanged a few rounds, they sent for the soldiers and effected their capture. One of the Daltons was killed and one soldier wounded. The rest of the gang were captured.

Knives and Pistols Played a Part.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 24.—At Calara, Ala., last night, Sam Ingram and Joe Allen, prominent farmers, met in the road and opened fire on each other. Allen was soon joined by his brother Bob, and Ingram by his father and three brothers. In the battle with knives and pistols which followed, Fred Ingram, Henry Alexander, Joe Allen and Bob Allen were fatally wounded. The trouble grew out of an intimacy between Sam Ingram and Joe Allen's wife.

Another Disabled Steamer.

PHILADELPHIA, May 24.—The Belgian steamer La Flandre arrived from Antwerp to-day and reported having sighted the steamer Vandam off the Newfoundland banks on May 16th in a disabled condition. Her shaft was broken, and the La Flandre towed her two days while she repaired the damage. When the steamers parted company the Vandam was proceeding for New York under her own steam. All were well on board.

Stopping Baseball Games.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, May 24.—An attempt was made by the Cincinnatis and Athletics to play a game of ball, this afternoon, on the association grounds, but the police intered and put a stop to it at the end of the first innings. All the players were arrested. There was a large crowd in attendance.

The Coinage Question.

DENVER, Colo., May 24.—After voting for the coinage of American silver, the trans-Mississippi congress adjourned until next October. It had been in session four days, and the silver and irrigation questions took up the larger portion of their time. The vote in favor of the unlimited free coinage stood at 55 to 58, but there were many absent delegates.

Another Continent Trotter.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., May 24.—Allan W. Swan, a resident of Rochester, and a member of the New Bedford Bicycle club, has started from this city to-day on a cycling trip across the continent. He will go via Philadelphia, Gettysburg, Wheeling, W. Va., Indianapolis, St. Louis, Kansas City, Salt Lake, Leadville and Colorado Springs. He expects to be but very little over 100 days on his trip out.

Fatal Railway Run Off.

CAIRO, Ill., May 24.—The Cotton Belt passenger train, due here this evening, met with a serious accident at Jonesboro, Ark., this morning. The engine ran through a split switch, rolled down an embankment, and dragged the mail car, baggage car and two passenger cars with it. Joseph Parsons, who was riding on the engine was killed. John Williams, the engineer, and Wm. Jaggerman, a business man of Murphysboro, Ill., was fatally injured.

Fire in Detroit.

DETROIT, Mich., May 24.—A fire which originated in the James E. Davis wholesale house, yesterday afternoon, destroyed that building; the wholesale liquor store of of Frhemer and Hantz, and gutted the two top floors of the Campau building adjoining the drug house. Loss $250,000 partially insured.

A Handsome Gift.

ANN HARBOR, Mich., May 24.—Seven hundred commissioners and friends of the general assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States, which is now in session at Detroit, arrived in this city, yesterday, to attend the formal presentation of McMillan Hall to the Sappan Presbyterian Association, by Senator James McMillan of Detroit. The exercises were held in the hall of the new building, which was crowded to its limits. The secretary of the association read the statements of the association, culminating in the gifts by Mrs Louisa Sackett, of Sackett Hall, and by Senator McMillan of Mc Millan Hall. The generous donor of the building is abroad, and the formal presentation was made by his son, James H. McMillan of Detroit. Rev. Wallace Radcliffe, of Detroit, accepted in behalf of the association of which he is president. The commissioners returned to Detroit last evening.

Mother and Child Drowned.

WINCHENDEN, Mass., May 24.—Mrs. A. L. Scott and her one-year-old child were drowned near Glenallen mill last evening. The woman, who was 30 years old, was out rowing with her husband, when the boat capsized and the occupants were thrown into the water. Mr. Scott made a desperate attempt to save his wife and child, and only desisted when almost exhausted. The bodies have been recovered.

The Star Rubber Co. Failure.

TRENTON, N. J., May 24.—The Star Rubber Co., whose financial affairs have been freely discussed here, have prepared mortgages to the amount of $250,000, for the benefit of the preferred creditors. Of this amount, $75,000 goes to the banks and the rest to the endorsers of the paper. The mortgages will be filed on Monday. The officers say the liabilities will amount to $300,000. The cause of distress is that the company has been obliged to lock up upward of $75,000 of paper in their safe which the banks would not discount because of a lack of confidence. No other concerns will be embarrassed by the failure. A receiver of the concern may be appointed on Monday.

An Absconding Bank President.

NORFOLK, Va., May 24.—The absconding Philadelphia bank president, Marsh, attempted to leave Newport for Brazil, yesterday. A United States marshal from here was sent to arrest him.

An Ancient Church Damaged.

NEW YORK, May 24.—The Rome correspondent of the Catholic News, in an account of the recent explosion in that city, says that among the buildings damaged was the Basilica of St. Marie, said to have been the first church publicly consecrated to divine worship in Rome, under the invocation of the Blessed Virgin.

Andy Bowen Challenged.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 24.—M. J. Mooney, instructor of sparring at the Missouri gymnasium, in this city, is out with a challenge to Andy Bowen for a finish fight for $2,500 or $1,000, and any purse that may be put up by any athletic club in the country. As an earnest, Mooney has deposited $1,500 forfeit.

Going to Join the Mormons.

NEW YORK, May 24.—Marie Hazelman, a German girl 22 years old, one of fifty Mormon proselytes who arrived here on the steamship Wyoming, has been debarred from landing from the ship on the ground that she intends to become a polygamist. The girl has made a long affidavit, and on this declaration the United States authorities intend making a test case. In it she says that she was born, brought up and baptized a Catholic, but had embraced the Mormon doctrine and intended to go to Utah and live in polygamy. Her parents, she said, lived at Munich, in Germany, and were aware of her intentions and approved of her course. If her future husband, whom she was to meet in Utah, should, after marrying her, take to himself seven or eight more wives, she would be perfectly satisfied and love him just the same. She also said that she was converted to the Mormon faith at meetings which she attended in the southern part of Germany.

Broke the Record.

ST. LOUIS, May 23.—At the western inter-collegiate championship contest held at Sportsman Park, this afternoon, Chas. S. Reber of Washington University, of St. Louis, broke the American inter-collegiate record in the running broad jump, clearing 22 feet 7½ inches. The best previous record is 22 feet 6 inches, by F. J. Shearman, jr., of Yale.

Interstate Commerce Law.

DUBUQUE, Iowa, May 14.—In the district court, yesterday, Judge Linehan made an important decision under the interstate commerce law. Fred Baker was selling goods by sample, to deliver the same from Minneapolis. He was arrested, fined and imprisoned for peddling goods without a license, as provided by the city ordinance. Habeas corpus proceedings were brought, and the Judge decided that as the goods were not in the State when the sale was made, he was not peddling, and as the law demands no tax shall be charged on interstate traffic, this fine was wrongfully imposed. The decision is of importance, as nearly every municipality in Iowa has a similar ordinance. The case will be appealed.

Puget Sound Dry Dock.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—Commodore N. H. Farquhar, chief of the bureau of yards and docks of the navy department, returned, yesterday, from his visit of inspection to the Mare Island navy yard, and the new dry dock site on Puget Sound. At Point Turner, the proposed site of the dry dock, the Commodore found that enough land could be had without condemnation at less than $50 an acre to bring the total cost of the site within the appropriation. The titles to this land are now in the hands of the attorney-general. As soon as he has been satisfied of their validity, proposals will be called for building the dry dock.

BY ATLANTIC CABLE

Scandal at Colombo as the Result of the Visit of the Czarewitch.

The West Derby Vacancy for the Commons—Victor Cavendish to Succeed His Father.

The London Divorce Court Docket—Spicy Revelations—Suicides at Monte Carlo.

A Scandal at Colombo.

LONDON, May 24.—A scandal has developed as a sequel of the visit of the Czarewitch to Colombo, in the course of his comprehensive Oriental excursion. It seems that the royal visitor on departing from that city left a number of valuable presents to be distributed among the officials whose duty and pleasure it had been to entertain him. In this he simply followed the universal custom on similar occasions. A difficulty arose, however, over the distribution of the gifts. The newspapers printed a statement, evidently official, describing the presents, and giving the names of the persons who were to receive them. Mr. Pearce, manager of the Ceylon railway, was, according to this schedule, to become recipient of a scarf pin set in rubies and diamonds. He was naturally somewhat disappointed when the British consul, with whom the gifts had been left by the Czerewitch for disposal, handed him a not very expensive sapphire ring as his share of the windfall. Mr. Pearce returned the ring to the consul, with an inquiry whether a mistake had not been made, and intimating very plainly that he considered himself entitled to a scarf pin, set in rubies and diamonds. The consul responded by sending the dissatisfied manager a pin set in the same sapphires which had been in the rejected ring. This was returned, with a demand for the present left by the Czarewitch, and a threat to sue the consul unless the desired article was forthcoming. The matter has finally been referred to the governor, Sir Arthur Havelock, for settlement. It is said that other prominent officials, besides the consul, are implicated in the unpleasant affair.

Miners' Meeting Prohibited.

BERLIN, May 24.—The discharged miners of the Bochum district called a meeting for to-day, for the discussion of their grievances, but the police prohibited the gathering and placed a strong guard around the hall in which it was proposed to hold the demonstration. The men made no attempt at violence, and are endeavoring to find some other way of carrying out their plans without incurring the interference of the authorities. The incident is commented upon by socialists, as showing the hollowness of the promises made by the Emperor that the miners should be more reasonably treated.

The West Derby Vacancy.

LONDON, May 24.—The decision of the West Derby Liberals to join the Conservatives in electing Victor Cavandish to succeed his father, the late Lord Edward Cavendish, in the House of Commons, has caused a disruption in the policy of the Liberal camp in that district. The dissentants from the policy of the majority in this matter are enough to make serious trouble, and they have already set about making it. They have loudly appealed to the party at large, and the great Liberal wire-puller, Mr. Schnadhorst, has been sent to West Derby to form a new organization of Liberal straightouts, and conduct a fight for the vacant seat. The nominee has not yet been announced.

Spicy Revelations.

LONDON, May 24.—The docket of the divorce court for its coming session is the heaviest for years. The petition of Lady Russell for a divorce from Earl Russell, on grounds said to be unusually sensational, will be the principal cause celebre, but among the numerous applications of actors, singers, and other publicly known people for release from martial bonds, are some which will furnish toothsome morsels for lovers of spicy revelations of domestic infelicity.

Meeting of Ship Owners.

HAMBURG, May 24.—Nineteen ship owners of Liverpool and Leith have paid a visit of inspection to this city for the purpose of ascertaining whether it will be feasible to increase the sailings of their vessels. The object is to lessen the liability to delays and expense on account of labor troubles. The visitors were received by the German authorities with the greatest attention, and seemed well pleased with the result of their trip.

Suicides at Monte Carlo.

LONDON, May 24.—It was a lucky day for the managers of the Monte Carlo Casino when, in studying how to avoid being bled by journalistic blackmailers, they hit on the plan of devoting part of their ill-gotten gains to the formation of what Prince Bismarck would have called a "reptile fund," for the purpose of subsidizing the purchasable press in their interest. Since that time the world has been edified from time to time by circumstantial accounts of the most tremendous runs of luck on the part of frequenters of the Monte Carlo tables, and winnings have been reported as of common occurrence sufficient to break the bank, though it had been backed by the Rothschilds. That these ingenuous baits have been swallowed, is apparent from the increased attendance at the salons. The latest story of the kind was to the effect that the Duchess of Montrose had left Monte Carlo richer by 250,000 francs than she arrived there. Following up this, came a rush to the famous gambling place, the crowds being larger than ever known there before. The receipts of the bank in the past month have been something fabulous, and as one result there have been no less than seven suicides of ruined players since the first of May. The last self-murder to be recorded is that of a Bavarian banker, who is said to have lost a million francs of his own and his clients' money.

Lit Their Own Funeral Pyre.

BERLIN, May 24.—Two children, who had been left in a farm house on the outskirts of Sprotteau, Prussia, by their parents, yesterday, accidentally set fire to the dwelling, and perished in the burning structure. A high wind was prevailing at the time, causing the fire to spread to adjacent buildings, and before the conflagration could be checked, eighteen houses were destroyed.

Portugal's New Cabinet.

LISBON, May 23.—The following new cabinet has been definitely formed: General Desoaza, president of the council and minister of war; Senor Horvaz, minister of interior; Senor Hor Marianho Carvalho, minister of finance; Senor Morase Cavalo, minister of marine and of the colonies; Count Vanhorne, minister of foreign affairs; Senor Costello Branco, minister of public works.

Diphtheria in Copenhagen.

COPENHAGEN, May 24.—Diphtheria is raging in this city and vicinity to an alarming degree. The schools have been closed as a precaution against the further spread of the epidemic, but the mortality is increasing.

The Suicide Mania in Germany.

BERLIN, May 24.—There has been a striking increase in the number of suicides in Germany during the present year. The tendency to self-destruction is most noticeable in the larger cities. There are on an average three suicides a day in Berlin, and two in Hamburg. The victims are mainly of the working classes, and the predominance of domestic servants in the list of such cases is a matter of remark.

The British and Portuguese

LISBON, May 24.—The government confirms the statements as to the conflict between the British and Portuguese at Pungive, but no details are given.

On a Charge of High Treason.

PARIS, May 24.—Emile Tripone, a French artillery officer, has been arrested on a charge of high treason, in being an agent of the Armstrongs, the British gun manufacturers. Turpin, the inventor of melanite, has published a pamphlet charging Tripone with stealing and selling the secret of the manufacture to the Armstrongs. The French police seized the pamphlet and also arrested Turpin at his laboratory on Saturday night, the object of arresting both being to sift the matter thoroughly.

The French Derby.

PARIS, May 24.—The French Derby, (Prix de Jockey Club) was won to-day by Emaka, by Farepidit, dam Energetic. Hardy, the promising three-year old of Camille Blanc, generally expected to win, was second.

Fatal Fire in London.

LONDON, May 24.—A tragical fire occurred here on Saturday night. At midnight, on that night, Lord William Romilly was in his drawing room at his London town house, No. 2 Ovington Gardens, when he accidentally upset a paraffine lamp, causing a blaze, which set fire to the apartments. Lord Romilly attempted in vain to extinguish the flames, which spread, causing a suffocating smoke. His lordship was overcome by the smoke, and sank senseless to the floor. The butler, smelling the smoke, rushed to the drawing-room. There he found Lord Romilly helpless. He at once pulled his lordship out of the room, and aroused, by cries, the other servants. An alarm of fire was given and the engines hurried to the scene, and soon extinguished the flames. The firemen, entering the house, found two of the servants, Blanche Griffin, the housemaid, and Emma Lovell, the cook, both senseless. A great crowd surrounded the house and the excitement was intense. Lord Romilly was removed to St. George's hospital, but all attempts to bring him to life failed. Both the servants named were already dead when carried to the hospital. The butler and a female servant escaped. A fireman, named Geo. Byrne, was seriously injured while assisting in rescuing the inmates. The fire did not do much damage to the property. Lord William Romilly was a descendant from the great jurisconsult, Sir Samuel Romilly. His father, also, was an eminent lawyer. He was himself born in 1835. He leaves a widow, Lady Helen (Denison) Romilly, and a son by a former wife, John Gaspard Romilly, born in 1866.

Collision in the Mersey.

LIVERPOOL, May 24.—The steamers Lestris and Mersey collided to-day in the river Mersey, and both sank. Four people were drowned.

The Malavita Trial.

ROME, May 25.—The result of the Malavita trial at Bari is that fourteen have been acquitted and 165 sentenced to terms of imprisonment varying from six months to fifteen years. The general impression was that the sentences were too severe. A great mob groaned and howled at the judge, and a large force of militaay was required to prevent an outbreak.

Fight Between British and Portuguese.

LONDON, May 25:—Lord Randolph Churchill cabled to the Graphic from Capetown, that on May 12th an encounter took place at the rear of Massikesse, between the Portuguese and the British South Africa company's police. The Portuguese numbered about 250 Europeans and 500 natives, with four guns. The British numbered 60, with one gun. The Portuguese were repulsed with a loss of seven killed and more wounded. It is believed that the Portuguese having occupied Massikesse, which they found evacuated, marched on Umtassa when the fight occurred.

Shocking Murder in Prussia.

BERLIN, May 24.—A workman named Tesch, at Bromberg, Prussia, who has long being separated from his wife, visited the woman yesterday and demanded money. Upon her refusal to grant his demand, he assaulted her, whereupon her son, a lad of 14, interfered on his mother's behalf and stabbed his father with a knife which he caught up from the table. The father, despite his wound, grappled with the boy, and being the stronger, wrestled the knife from his hand and stabbed his son in the heart, killing him instantly. He next stabbed his wife, inflicting a serious wound, and fled. At last accounts he had not been captured.

NO NEWS OF THE ITATA.

The Esmeralda Still at Acapulco—Plenty of Funds on Board—The Mexicans Prepared to Resist Her Coaling.

CITY OF MEXICO, via Galveston, May 24.—It is reported from Central America that a steamer resembling the Itata was seen, last Wednesday, by a coasting schooner, which attempted to approach her. The stranger was running south, about thirty miles off shore, and sheered off to avoid being spoken to. The captain of the Esmeralda indignantly denies the report that he was short of funds, and to disprove the statements exhibited to a newspaper representative letters of credit and cash aggregating upwards of $50,000. No reinforcements have been sent to Acapulco, the Mexican Government regarding the garrison there as amply able to prevent the Esmeralda from forcibly coaling or otherwise defying the port regulations. It is not feared that the Esmeralda will attempt anything of the kind.

W. M. Chudley is out again after a four weeks' siege of sickness.

EUROPEAN GOSSIP.

Lord Lansdowne to be Succeeded by Lord George Hamilton as Viceroy of India.

Growing Strength of the Republican Movement in Spain—The Case of DeCobain, M.P.

The New Archbishop of York—Grand Duke Michael About to Retire from Office.

THE REPUBLICAN MOVEMENT IN SPAIN.

LONDON, May 24.—A Madrid dispatch says the Government is gravely alarmed over the growing strength of the republican movement in Spain. Since their victories in the municipal elections, the republicans have been trying to recover from the depression into which they were thrown by the overwhelming triumph of the royalists in the early part of the year, and they are both resolute and demonstrative in asserting their opposition to monarchism. In Madrid, where the republicans scored a remarkable success, the newspapers of the party are outspoken in calling for reform and retrenchment in the national and local administration, while there is no concealment of sympathy with the republican agitation in Portugal. The tour of President Carnot is also commented on as showing the stability of republican institutions in France. Another uneasy feature of the Spanish situation is the vitality of the Carlists, who are as bitter against the present dynasty as the republicans. The general impression in Europe has been that the Carlist movement was dead. Such is evidently not the case when men of that party control Bilbiloa, Vittoria, Toledo, Cordova, and other important places; where the Carlists have been supposed to be in an unsignificant minority. Between the republicans and the Carlists the government, Queen Christina and Senor Canova have a difficult job, notwithstanding the large administration majority in the Cortes.

THE RUSSIAN IMPERIAL FAMILY.

St. Petersburg advices state that the Grand Duke Michael, uncle of the Emperor, is about to retire from the office of president of the council of state. The Grand Duke is the father of the young Michael, whose marriage to the Countess of Moremberg, without the consent of the Czar, has caused so much trouble in the Imperial family. Since the death of his wife, the Grand Duchess Olga, probably by poison, the Duke has shown but little interest in affairs of state. During the gorgeous funeral, by which the Czar tried to make up in some degree for his harshness to the late Grand Duchess, Michael was hardly able to totter by the side of the Czar. He has ever since been in a condition of anguish half bordering on insanity. In retiring from the council, he takes from that important body the chief influence in favor of liberal measures, and leaves the reactionary element in control. The Grand Duke Vladimir, eldest brother of the Czar, will succeed to the presidency. He is a pronounced pan-Slavist, a hater of the Jews and even more of a Russian than the Czar himself.

THE NEW ARCHBISHOP OF YORK.

The Rev. Dr. McLagan, the new Archbishop of York, is a Scotchman of liberal tendencies, from a religious point of view, and the very contrast of his predecessor, Dr. Magee, who was never so happy as when in a controversy. Bishop McLagan, however, is not liberal in points of discipline, and the lax among the clergy need expect no mercy at his hands.

THE CASE OF DECOBAIN, M.P.

The Government is waiting somewhat anxiously for DeCobain, of Belfast, to come home to be tried. If he delays any longer he will be expelled from Parliament. The members from Ulster are pressing the Government to take action, and one member threatens to resign if the expulsion is long delayed.

LORD LANSDOWNE'S SUCCESSOR.

Lord Lansdowne is expected to resign as Viceroy of India, as a result of the Manipur blunder, and Lord George Hamilton will probably succeed to that splendid prize.

NATIONAL FEDERATION MEETING.

The national federation held an immense meeting to-day at Kildare to offset Parnell's meeting at Limerick.

GOTTHARD PASS FORTIFICATIONS.

The number of workmen on the fortifications of the Gotthard Pass is being decreased daily. At present, 1,200 are employed.

FIGHTING IN MASHONALAND.

Seven Portuguese Killed—British Warships Hurrying to the Scene.

LONDON, May 23.—A despatch received here from Lourenzo Marquez, a Portuguese town of Africa, on the north side of Delagoa bay, says the British cruiser Brick has arrived and reports a serious conflict between British and Portuguese colonists. Commander Winsloe says the troops stationed at the Portuguese military post on the river Pungowe attacked the British South Africa company's expedition, commanded by Commissioner H. H. Johnstone, and seven Portuguese were killed. The British loss is unknown. The British cruiser Magicienne and the British gunboat Pigeon have arrived at Biera, Mashonaland, where in April the Portuguese authorities seized British mail sacks and stopped Willoughby's expedition.

Singular Suit for Damages.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 24.—By the unanimous ruling of the full bench of the Superior court, yesterday, all the suits against S. T. Brown, growing out of the falling of his building, in which thirteen firemen lost their lives, were thrown out of court. The court holds that the owner of the building could not be held responsible for the accident, and that there is no cause for action on the part of the sufferers against him. The question is a new one in this State, and will likely go to the Supreme court.

The Caledonia a Success.

Letters and passengers from the North, pronounce the problem of navigating the upper Skeena satisfactorily solved. The Caledonia has made a couple of trips to Hazelton, and without the assistance of her powerful capstan.

Caught in a Shaft.

A FREQUENT source of accident is found in shafting. Great care should be used, and a supply of Hagyard's Yellow Oil kept on hand in case of wounds, bruises, sprains, burns or scalds. It is the promptest pain reliever obtainable.