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...unanimous adjudication of the Court, and in the event of ...to the Judicial Committee ...Privy Council, I recommend ...be made for its defence ...tribunal. A special case on that ...been prepared by the Dominion ...for the opinion of the law offi... Crown in England, and a copy ...has been forwarded to me during ...for the remarks of my Govern... ...so, I at once brought the case ...consideration, and transmitted ...tary of State full remarks in vin... the Act, at the same time com... ...a protest against any such refer... claiming the absolute right of the ...legislature to deal with such mat...

...nual rivalry and competition in ...tion field of Europe at the present ...for renewed and unremitting ...ff of this Province, and, so far ...ness will enable us, we hope to ...h a portion of sober and indus... ...greater year by year as will rapidly ...ut agricultural products, and con... ...the same time to supply the in... ...mand for labour in every depart... ...industry.

...report of the proceedings of my ...d during the past year, which I ...to be laid before you, will show ...tention has been paid to this mat... ...the prospects for the present ...ghly encouraging.

...ation will be called to certain ...of the law in relation to the ...tion of justice, and I feel assured ...your deliberations you will be ...that wisdom and prudence which ...mote the public welfare.

RIVER TRAGEDY.

...G OF THE HENRY A. JONES. ...ebeckon Cor. New York World).

...orning of the steamer *Henry ...* which plies between this from ...to this city, which event oc... ...about 3 o'clock yesterday morn... ...ireston Bay, has cast over Galve... ...ry which, happily, is not frequent... ...ed by the recurrence of such ...The painful loss of life, including ...n sons of one of our most popular boat... ...made this calamity a memorable ...ter bay and river annals. Twenty ...the boat, and twenty-nine were saved. ...ge was one of the boats of the Direct ...Line Company, and was used to carry ...tween this city and Houston. She ...ed with 442 bales of cotton, a large ...of hides, and had in addition a berth ...with wood in tow. While the imme... ...ge of the fire appears to be a mystery ...the drowning of the first engineer ...mer, who alone knew the origin of ...g, is certain, that efforts had been made ...it in some sort of available order by ...ing extinguishers, but all proved ...for want of a wrench, by tight... ...it with a cold chisel. The ...gineer was then, for the same ...purpose, useless as a means ...fighting the fire. The cotton was ...the boat was loaded was also ...as to assist in the frightfully rapid ...of the flames in it was packed ...to the bollocs that it was with difficulty ...the engineer of reversing the ...he wished to test them, and was in ...condition, the heads of many of the ...being entirely cut out. The ...he situation of affairs when the alarm ...The majority of the officers and ...were asleep, and with the first intima... ...of the fire came the terrible conscious... ...not a moment was lost in the last ...to escape. Simultaneously with ...the alarm, which was uttered a few seconds ...the sound of the explosion was heard ...the pilot, the flames, catching the ragged ...of cotton, swept with almost incred... ...rapidity fore and aft. From ...to other the boat was ...a mass of roaring flames licking ...the frail woodwork of the saloons ...the obliterating swiftness. With the ...ction of a few who jumped into the ...were afterwards picked up, all ...who were saved owed the preservation ...lives to the presence of the barge, in... ...they leaped with the frenzy of de... The barge was soon after cut away ...the burning steamer, leaving those ...the flames had caught on board, or ...were struggling in the water, to sun... ...as late might have in store for them. ...for this barge, and the propicuity of ...steamer, it is very probable that ...ously one of the large conjugals would ...survived to tell the tale. A down ...steamer, the *General Sherman*, ...away from Houston when the flames ...at their fiercest. Her captain saw ...and from the glare—the *Fowler* was ...two miles distant from the *Jones*—...was the truth. He made a desperate ...to reach the doomed steamer in time ...the rescue of those on board, but ...yielding on all steam he accomplished the ...in a late night