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CABLE NEWS.

Earl Spencer Congratulates Parnell on the Outcome of the "Times" Case.

Many Historical Inns and Bridges in Switzerland Ruined by Snow Storms.

Von Moltke Celebrates the Seventieth Anniversary of His Entry into the Prussian Army.

Earl Spencer Congratulated.

LONDON, March 8.—Earl Spencer was the recipient of a banquet at the "Eighty" Club to-night. Among those present were Sir William Vernon Harcourt, John Morley and Mr. Parnell. Earl Spencer congratulated Parnell on the outcome of the *Times* case, and praised his patience and forbearance. He expressed his belief that Gladstone would live to carry out his improved home rule bill. Parnell made a happy reply, referring to Earl Spencer as the herald of Mr. Gladstone's policy of conciliation, whose opinion was worth more than the judgment of a hundred mushrooms like Balfour. Mr. Parnell said that the only way to govern Ireland within the constitution is to allow her to govern herself in all matters that do not interfere with the rest of the Empire, with which she is indissolubly linked.

Closing of the "Times" Case.

LONDON, March 8.—There is quite a little agitation among the Parnellites as the closing of the *Times* case draws near. Sir Charles Russell is all ready with an elaborate speech, with which to open the case for the defence, and he has determined not to risk an adverse decision on any ground. A large number of witnesses has been subpoened from Ireland, most of whom have promised their services free.

The Explosion on Shipboard.

LONDON, March 8.—It now appears that the petroleum-laden ship which ignited and exploded off the French island of Bone, was the Hitar, from New York to Marseilles. The two bodies recovered were buried yesterday. The town officials followed the bodies to the grave, and the carnival festivities on the eve of Lent were inhibited on account of the disaster.

Floods in England.

LONDON, March 8.—Heavy rains in the vicinity of Taunton has overflowed the banks of the river and inundated the town. Railway tracks are submerged and several bridges have been demolished, throwing people into the water. No one has been reported drowned, but many were saved with great difficulty.

Steamer Dues.

LONDON, March 8.—A delegation of merchants waited to-day on Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, president of the board of trade, and complained that steamers now pay at Irish ports smaller dues than sailing vessels. Sir Michael promised to modify the regulations.

In Memoriam.

LONDON, March 8.—The German inhabitants of Constantinople and South Africa have sent silver representations of laurel wreaths to be placed at the foot of the coffin of the late Emperor William First of Germany in commemoration of the anniversary of the death of that monarch.

Sentence Confirmed.

LONDON, March 4.—Emperor William has refused to grant a pardon to the duelist who recently shot Dr. Hall, thus confirming the prisoner's sentence to thirty months' imprisonment in the fortress.

Heavy Snow Storm.

LONDON, March 8.—Advices from Berne state that the damage by the recent snow storm in Switzerland has been enormous. Thousands of splendid fir trees have been broken down by the weight of snow, and several historical inns and bridges have been ruined.

Preparing for the Attack.

LONDON, March 8.—If the Parnell commission shall fail to present a report on the alleged Parnell letters, the opposition in the House will raise a discussion on the action of Attorney-General Webster in the *Times* case on Monday.

Bradlaugh's Motion Rejected

LONDON, March 8.—The House of Commons this evening, by a vote of 112 to 79, rejected Bradlaugh's motion to expunge from the records of the House the proceedings and the fact of his expulsion in 1880.

The Vatican Satisfied with the Cabinet.

LONDON, March 8.—The *Daily News'* Rome despatch says that the Vatican is satisfied with the make-up of the American cabinet. The propaganda is informed that American relations with the Holy See will be of a most cordial character.

Run Down by a Steamer.

LONDON, March 8.—The bark Vandalia, of St. Johns, from New York to London, laden with petroleum, has been sunk in collision with an unknown steamer off Bognor, in Sussex. One of the crew was killed by a falling anchor and a second was drowned. The rest were saved in the bark's boats. The steamer offered no assistance, but continued on her course.

The London Stock Market.

LONDON, March 8.—The stock market rallied sharply this morning on reports that the Bank of France was assisting the Comptoir D'Escompte.

The Grand Old Man.

LONDON, March 8.—Mr. Gladstone is rapidly recovering from the effects of his cold.

Parnell's Speech.

LONDON, March 8.—The *Daily News* says Parnell's speech is a protest and a demonstration of great importance.

Seventy Years a Soldier.

BERLIN, March 8.—Count Von Moltke celebrated the 70th anniversary of his entry into the Prussian army to-day. He received a large number of valuable presents and congratulatory letters.

The Bishop Can Return.

BERLIN, March 7.—The regents will permit the return to Servia of Metropolitan Bishop Michael, who was deposed for opposing King Milan's divorce.

Bank of France to the Rescue.

PARIS, March 8.—The Bank of France has advanced 100,000,000 francs to the Comptoir D'Escompte. This amount will save the latter's credit. English copper companies have agreed to reduce their output for 1889, 20 per cent., and to postpone deliveries for two months. The troubles of the Societe des Metaux arise from internal strife. It is not believed that the syndicate will be allowed to collapse, as the Rothschilds and other well-known bankers are believed to be connected with it.

A Civil Association.

PARIS, March 8.—The court of appeals has decided that the Panama Canal Co. is a civil association, thus reversing the decision of the tribunal of commerce that the company was a commercial society.

The Duc D'Aumale.

PARIS, March 8.—It is officially announced that President Carnot will to-morrow sign a decree revoking sentence of exile against the Duc D'Aumale.

Stocks Still Falling.

PARIS, March 8.—The Comptoir D'Escompte shares fell steadily to-day. At 2:30 p. m., they were quoted at 480 francs. Societe Des Metaux are quoted at 195 francs.

Sorry for His Misdeeds.

BELGRADE, March 8.—King Milan, in his manifesto on retiring from the throne, attributes the successes of Servia to the virtues of the people, and blames himself for any disaster occurring during his reign. He prays forgiveness of the people for his shortcomings. He expresses deep unhappiness and a yearning for rest.

The Czar will not Interfere.

VIENNA, March 8.—M. Zarkoff, in an interview to-day, said that the Czar had declared emphatically to him that he would not interfere forcibly in Bulgarian affairs, and intimated that the expulsion of Prince Ferdinand was purely an internal matter.

A Dynamite Plot.

BUCHAREST, March 8.—The late president of the Roumanian chamber of deputies has received a letter threatening destruction of the chamber by dynamite. The police are exercising extraordinary vigilance in searching for the author of the letter, and apprehending any suspicious person in the vicinity of the chamber.

The Post-Mortem on Pigott.

MADRID, March 8.—The physician who made the *post-mortem* examination on Pigott's body, declares he never before saw such a well formed skull and brain as that of the forger's. The brain indicated superior force of character and an unusual degree of imagination.

New Italian Cabinet.

ROME, March 8.—The new Italian cabinet has been announced. Signor Crispi retains the premiership and Signor Viale minister of war; Brin, of marine; Meeli, of agriculture; and Senard Eli, of justice, remain. The following are the new members of the cabinet: Signor Doda, minister of finance; Signor Zioliti, minister of the treasury; Signor Finali, minister of works, and Signor Lacooa, minister of posts and telegraphs.

Bombs Exploded.

ZURICH, March 8.—While a party of students were engaged in making bombs to-day, an explosion occurred, which killed one outright and seriously injured several others. Nearly all of those who escaped injury were arrested.

THE O. R. & N. STRIKE.

Traffic on the Columbia and Willamette Suspended.

The Men Demand an Increase Over Old Rates, and if the Proposition is not Agreed to at Once, Will Ask Ten Per Cent. Advance.

PORTLAND, Or., March 8.—Superintendent of the Oregon Railway and Navigation Co. received a telegram from General Manager Holcomb at Omaha this morning stating that all the striking steamboat men could return to work at the old wages. At a meeting of the strikers this afternoon it was decided not to return to work unless the salaries of the pilots were increased to one hundred, and mates to seventy-five dollars per month and threaten unless the proposition is accepted at once to increase the demand to ten per cent. The company state positively they will not increase the old rate of wages, and it is probable the strike will be prolonged. An attempt to bring the ocean steamer employes into the strike has so far failed, as the State of California sailed on time to-night. Traffic on the Columbia and the Willamette is entirely suspended. All the company's steamers are lying at the dock here.

TACOMA NEWS NOTES.

A New Bank Organized—Fatal Accident to a Little Girl—The Business Boom on the Increase and the Population of the City to be Doubled Before Next Fall.

TACOMA, March 8.—About 2 o'clock this afternoon workmen on the Lotz building discovered the dead body of a little girl, 4 years old, lying covered by a pile of scantling, which no doubt had fallen upon her and caused death. The family, named Evans, who arrived here a few days ago, missed her about 11 o'clock and their search resulted as above.

The West Coast Fire & Marine Bank has been organized in this city. The capital is $300,000, and excavation for the new building has started.

Quite a rush from the eastern states to this city is being noticed during the last few days, and it is expected the city's population will be doubled before the fall.

Building material of all kinds cannot be obtained to fill the many contracts for brick, stone and wooden buildings.

All the O. R. & N. steamers arrived and departed on time at this city to-day.

THE SANTA CLARA MINES.

The Rush to the New El Dorado Continues, and Business is Seriously Retarded.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 8.—A prospector from the Santa Clara gold-fields to-day brought nearly two thousand dollars in gold dust and nuggets. Owing to the remarkable exodus from here help is becoming so scarce that transactions in business are seriously retarded. All hotels, many banks and business houses are running short-handed.

SENSATIONAL DESPATCH

Published at San Francisco that Active Hostilities Have Commenced at Samoa.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 7.—An *Examiner's* Breslau despatch says: A private telegram from Samoa to the *Schleischer Zeitung* states that the German frigate Olga bombarded Mataafa's camp. The captain of the American man-of-war protested. Being disregarded, he fired on the Olga, whereupon the vessel and crew were blown up by a torpedo from the Olga.

CAPITAL NOTES.

Colonel Prior Succeeds in Securing a Promise for an Appropriation for "C" Battery.

And is Sanguine of Getting a Sum for the Improvement of Victoria Harbor.

The Salaries of the County Court Judges Fixed at $2,400 Per Annum.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

OTTAWA, March 8.—Col. Prior is sticking to the ministers like a leech, and had better luck to-day. Sir Adolphe Caron finally promised to recommend the placing of an appropriation on the supplementary estimates to build officers' quarters, guard house and cook house for "C" Battery this year. It is said that the amount will be twenty thousand dollars, but this, of course, is subject to the government's decision.

Col. Prior also saw Sir Hector Langevin again and strongly urged an appropriation for Victoria harbor. He is sanguine a sum will be given.

The government scheme for increasing the judicial salaries of the superior court judges of the Dominion was announced to-night. It is said that the salaries of the five county court judges for British Columbia will be $2,400 per annum each, and each judge in addition is to receive a salary from the province for acting as stipendiary magistrate. The allowance for travelling expenses will be fixed by Order-in-Council.

The parliamentary library committee has donated some hundreds of warrant volumes for the mounted police.

There was a wordy war in the Senate committee this morning, Senators McCullum and Scott nearly coming to blows. Senator McCullom has a bill to amend the Railway Act, and resented Senator Scott's interference on behalf of the Canadian Pacific.

The *Empire* publishes a grit confidential circular to the faithful, instructing them how to proceed in connection with the revision of the voters lists.

Mr. Cook has introduced a bill providing that no person shall be appointed to a position under the Government of Canada unless he is a resident of the Dominion for five years.

The Order-in-Council has been passed declaring that Government goods landed or removed from wharfs under control of the Minister of Marine are not to be subject to dues.

There was a weary debate in the Commons to-day on Sir Richard Cartwright's amendment, Armstrong, Porter and McMullen speaking. The debate was adjourned.

AMERICAN NEWS.

Accidentally Shot.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 8. — Louis Hackett, a young collector, while seated in an outhouse this afternoon, was shot dead by Charles Nobmann, a grocery clerk. The latter was practising with a parlor rifle in the rear of his fathers's residence, and had aimed at the door of the outhouse, ignorant of the fact that it was occupied. After he had fired one shot he heard a shriek; he opened the door and found Hackett shot through the heart. Nobmann immediately surrendered himself.

The Smallpox Scare.

CARSON, Nev., March 8.—The smallpox scare is over. No new cases and all the patients are nearly well.

Killed by a Runaway.

PETALUMA, March 8.—Mr. and Mrs. Blake, an old couple living a few miles north of here, coming into town in a buggy to-day, were thrown out by a collision with a runaway team. Mrs. Blake was instantly killed. The husband escaped uninjured.

A Whole Family Murdered.

PADUCAH, Ky., March 8.—Mitchell Peebles, wife and two children, were found murdered in bed at their home on Duck Creek this morning. No particulars are given, but it is reported that Peebles had received a considerable sum of money, and it is supposed that thieves entered the house and committed the horrible deed for the purpose of robbery. Great excitement exists.

Fatal Quarrel.

MORA, Minn., March 8.—Mrs. C. A. Hanson and her brother-in-law, Jacob Hanson, of Brunswick, Minn., were shot and fatally wounded to-day by a neighbor named Wm. Nating. Hanson and Nating had been drinking and engaged in a quarrel. Nating drew a revolver and fired three shots, one passing through Mrs. Hanson's right lung and another lodging in Hanson's chest. Nating was arrested.

Heavy Snow Fall.

WOODSVILLE, N. H., March 8.—Two feet of snow has fallen throughout New Hampshire during the past 24 hours. Railroads are somewhat interfered with.

Fine Theatre Burned.

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 8.—The Farantas theatre burned to-day. Loss, $25,000. "Muldoon's Picnic" company lost their wardrobe, and Forepaugh's band lost all their uniforms and instruments. The convent of the Holy Family and a number of other adjacent buildings were damaged to the total extent of about $10,000.

Rival Railroads.

HELENA, Mont., March 8.—There is trouble in Jefferson Canyon between the Northern Pacific and the Union Pacific workmen. Last night a fight occurred, in which the Northern Pacific men captured the camp and tents, and jumped the Union Pacific location. Reinforcements of Union Pacific men, reported to be armed, have started for the scene.

An Anti-Chinese Tailor.

TRAVER, Cal., March 8.—A tailor named Martin was discovered in the act of setting fire to a Chinese restaurant last night. He was driven out of town and warned never to return.

A Member Expelled.

DENVER, Colo., March 8.—The House Representatives yesterday expelled Thos. E. Mitchell, one of the republicans from Arapahoe county, for having entered into a bargain to vote for a candidate for United States senator at the late senatorial election in this state.

A Train Wrecked.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, March 8.—A wreck occurred on the Louisville and Nashville railroad between Morris station and Independence, Ky., six miles back of Covington, last night. The last car next to the caboose on the local freight broke an axle throwing the car and caboose from the track, wrecking it. Three men were seriously injured.

A Big Scheme.

CHICAGO, March 8.—R. B. Martin, of London, the representative of an English syndicate whose purpose is to consolidate the great breweries of this country in one company, left this city for New York to-day. His mission has been fruitless, so far as the Chicago breweries are concerned.

A Princely Charity.

CLEVELAND, March 8.—John Huntington, the Standard Oil magnate, gives $200,000 to the board of trustees, to be devoted to various charitable purposes.

Gone up in Smoke.

CORRY, Pa., March 8.—The wholesale tobacco works of N. W. Cable & Co. were burned to-day. Loss, $25,000; insurance, $6,500.

By the Poison Route.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., March 8.—William L. Smith, a Canandaigua merchant, aged 30 years, committed suicide by taking strychnine to-day. He had met with business reverses, which unsettled his mind. He leaves a widow and one child.

He Libelled Rossa.

NEW YORK, March 8.—P. S. Cassidy, a well-known newspaper writer, and quite prominent as an agitator in the radical wing of the Irish party, was arrested today for alleged libel on O'Donevan Rossa. He accused Rossa in an article in the *Catholic News* of cruelty to his (Rosso's) relatives, and other offences. He was admitted to bail to appear for examination.

Trouble Ahead.

HELENA, Mont., March 8.—On Wednesday night 300 men left Butte for Jefferson Canyon, armed with Winchester rifles. They were employes of the Union Pacific railroad, and were under the captaincy of an employe of that road. The men marched at once to the scene of the disturbances. They had tents and all camp equipments, and their instructions were to hold the canyon at all hazards. A large number of Northern Pacific men have started from Helena for the same place, and it is certain that there will be trouble over the possession of the canyon.

Business Breaks.

BOSTON, March 8.—James S. Allen & Co., shoe manufacturers, of Boston, are insolvent. Liabilities, $80,000. Nominal assets, $25,000. He offers 60 per cent.

J. L. & H. C. Rogers, leather dealers, who recently assigned with $70,000 liabilities, offer ten per cent.

The Earth Trembled.

NEW YORK, March 8.—From various points in eastern Pennsylvania reports come of a distinct shock of earthquake early this evening. Buildings were shaken and the people badly scared, but no particular damage was done.

No Lives Lost.

PLATTE CITY, Mo., March 8.—The Camden Point Female Orphan Asylum was burned this morning. Loss, $30,000; insurance, $8,000. The inmates escaped without injury.

A DOUBTFUL STORY.

Rumored Destruction of the American War Ship "Nipsic"

By the German Gunboat Olga at Samoa Generally Discredited—General Belief that the Story is Exaggerated.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—At the state and navy departments no information concerning the alleged blowing up of the American war ship "Nipsic" by the German corvette Olga at Apia has been received. It is generally disbelieved at the departments and by naval officers that such an occurrence has taken place. A similar story was received from Apia a week ago, but it could not be either affirmed or denied. The nearest cable station to Apia is at Auckland, New Zealand, and this is distant a week's journey. The U. S. steamships "Trenton" and "Wandalia" are supposed at the navy department to have reached Apia during the latter week in February. The United States steamer "Nipsic" has been stationed at Apia for some time and was probably joined by the other two vessels before the alleged occurrence took place. The Navy Department usually receives prompt advices concerning the movements and conditions of all the United States vessels, and it is thought there that if such an event had occurred the department would have been informed of it at the earliest moment. The "Nipsic" is a bark-rigged vessel with six guns, mostly smoothbore, and is unarmored. The "Vandalia" and "Trenton" are also unarmored, and have eight or ten guns respectively, four of which are rifles.

VERY LITTLE TRUTH IN THE STORY.

BOSTON, March 8,—John B. Schroeder, German consul here, was seen by a reporter to-day, regarding the rumored blowing up of the American man-of-war by the German corvette "Olga." He said he knew nothing of the matter. From his general knowledge of Samoan affairs he did not think it probable that such a thing had occurred, but there was little chance of anything in regard to the matter being communicated to him by the authorities. His personal opinion was that there was very little truth in the story."

WHAT THE GERMAN PAPERS SAY.

LONDON, March 8.—The fact that the *Pohlesische Zeitung* is the recognized vehicle of inspired publications lends great interest to the report in its columns of the great naval fight in Samoan waters between the German ship Olga and an American man-of-war, but even this voucher is not sufficient to warrant the belief here that the American ship, with all on board, was blown up. It is possible that there may have been an exchange of shots, but that there was a battle in which either ship was injured is very much doubted. It is suggested that the item was printed merely as a feeler in view of future possibilities and this suggestion finds more adherents than does the report of actual hostilities. As a further evidence that the report is true, the *Cologne Gazette*, which is generally better informed than any of its German contemporaries, prints a carefully prepared and undoubtedly official view of the Samoan situation, which it concludes by saying: "We await further developments." This, perhaps, is entitled to no more consideration than the alleged despatch in the *Pohlesische Zeitung*, as the *Gazette* is also an inspired organ. The two publications are taken to indicate that Germany expects a row in Samoa, and is awaiting information of the results of its instructions to that end.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

OUR CABLE LETTER.

King Milan's Overthrow May Lead to War Between Russia and Austria.

The Appearance of Leprosy in New South Wales Renews the Anti-Chinese Movement.

Gossip Over the Coolness Between the Prince of Wales and Count Herbert Bismarck.

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LONDON, March 9.—The overthrow of King Milan, for such his abdication really is, is regarded in diplomatic circles as a severe blow to Austrian aspirations in the Balkans, and may possibly lead to war between Russia and Austria. The radical party in Servia, under the leadership of M. M. Gruitch and Ristics, are in favor of drawing closer to Russia and were warm supporters of Queen Natalie through all her troubles with her husband. To win them over, King Milan undertook a revision of the constitution. Many important changes were effected in the constitution. Individual liberty and freedom of the press were guaranteed. All religions sects were placed on a footing of equality. Suffrage was extended to all men paying 15 francs per year in taxes, and all classes of the community were made eligible for election as deputies. Only one fourth of the chamber was to consist of ex-officio members. The king, however, still retained the right of declaring peace and war and the power of proroguing and summoning the Skuptschina. Milan's Austrian views do not suit the radicals, and they demanded a further amendment of the constitution in permitting the chamber to meet independently of the royal pleasure, and vesting representatives of the people with the power of declaring peace and war. There was not the least chance of the revision committee advising such a sudden and revolutionary change, but unfortunately for Austria, Milan's difficulties with his wife caused him to be regarded by his subjects with a sentiment of very ill disguised and very well deserved contempt. Consequently, at the recent election the radicals were returned with

A FAIR WORKING MAJORITY.

Milan would have abdicated then but for want of sufficient means to support something like an approach to royal state in private life; but the King was poor and dare not ask the Servian people for a substantial retiring allowance, so he chose the only alternative and knocked under to the Radicals. The revised constitution was subjected to a further revision on radical lines, and the situation was temporarily patched up. Finally, this week M. M. Griutch and Ristics concluded to grant Milan an allowance out of the state treasury, so that he might leave the country, as a longer stay would provoke disturbances throughout Servia, and precipitate action on the part of Russia and Austria by compelling both powers to support their own party in Servia.

THE POLITICAL OUTLOOK IN BULGARIA

is also about as bleak as possible. The relations between Stambileoff, prime minister, and Prince Ferdinand have become so strained that either one or the other must go, and either event would be favorable to Russian interests in the Balkans. Both Stambileoff and the Prince are pro-Austrian, politically; but their estrangement lies in the fact that Ferdinand desires the Minister of War, Col. Mutkuroff, to be removed. The latter, however, is Stambileoff's brother-in-law, of whose vote he always is certain. Prince Ferdinand complains that he is a nonentity, and maintains that he ought to be the actual head of the army, instead of being, as he is, only the nominal one. Stambileoff's party has always a majority in the Sobranje, and the prime minister declines to accede to the Prince's request. However, the persecution to which Stambileoff, the king-maker, subjected Major Pappoff, one of the best Bulgarian officers and one of the heroes of the Servian war, has engendered a feeling of deep irritation throughout the country against the premier, which

MAY RESULT IN HIS OVERTHROW.

If the means of extradition are not speedily devised for a way out of the difficulty between the Prince and his minister, the consequence will be very important.

The present situation in Roumania is similar to that of Servia. Pro-Russian and anti-Russian lines are so sharply drawn that the pro-Russians, who are in the majority, may at any moment compel King Charles to abdicate, while the state of politics in Hungary only invites Russian ascendency, and shows the weakness of the tripple alliance.

The British colonial office has received a despatch to the effect that leprosy has put in an appearance among the Chinese in New South Wales, and that the cry for prohibition of Chinese immigration, which had subsided for the moment, has been again aroused by popular dread of perhaps the most horrible disease which affects humanity. In view of the large number of Chinese of the poorest classes included among the immigrants, the news that some of them have

A LEPROUS TAINT IN THEIR BLOOD

is not surprising, inasmuch as leprosy prevails more or less in many parts of China, but especially in the districts around the great ports of Canton and Foo Chow. The medical reports of foreign customs refer frequently to the subject. It is said that five great epidemics have been recorded since the fifteenth century. It is spreading now to the districts which were previously comparatively free from the scourge. The spread of the disease is due to the increased communication by means of steamers along the coast and up the Yangtoze river. In 1871, it prevailed around Amoy, and in 1881 the local medical officers of customs said it was common in Canton and had laid a firm hold of the people. Hankow, far up the Yangtoze, has had an evil reputation for the prevalence of leprosy, and latterly it has increased around Shanghai. The Chinese themselves appear to have pretty accurate notions about leprosy. They attribute it to infection, defective nutrition and climate. They employ isolation and better diet as remedies. They distinguish

FIVE CLASSES OF THE DISEASE,

and it is remarkable that in China, as in India, there are more male than female lepers. In India the policy of the government in the treatment of lepers is avowedly based on the proposition that medical science has as yet discovered no remedy for the disease. That policy is practically to leave it alone, but to encourage a grant of medical relief to the lepers in voluntary hospitals and special asylums. To any one who has travelled in India among the Indians and other Orientals, the marvel is that so many are free from the taint of leprosy, when they see that lepers go about like ordinary people, marry and are given in marriage. Fortunately, though, like most other diseases, leprosy will only flourish in congenial soil and it is rare that the average European suffers from accidental contact.

GOSSIP.

Neither Madame Adams in the *Nouvelle Revue* nor the writer in the *Contemporary Review*, gave the origin of the bad feeling which sprang up between the Prince of Wales and Count Herbert Bismarck at the time of the late Emperor Frederick's funeral. It is learned on undoubted authority that the coolness arose from the cavalier manner in which the Count treated the Prince of Wales, when the latter attempted to fulfill the delicate diplomatic mission with which he was entrusted. The matter was concerned with the Brunswick succession, and the Prince undertook the mission at the request of the Duchess of Cumberland, whose entreaties were supported by his sisters, the Princess of Wales and the Czarina.

Dr. Karl Peters is mistaken in stating that Lieutenant Swain has "stuck" 91 miles from the coast in his attempt to reach Emin Pasha through British East Africa. The fact is Lieutenant Swaine never intended to go to Emin Pasha, and is at present at Aden. Mr. Jackson, however, with whom is Mr. J. T. Last, did leave Mombasa some time ago with the intention, if possible, of pushing to Wadelai. He and his caravan have come to a dead stop 400 miles from their starting point in the neighborhood of Lake Naivassha. The drought is so great that it has proved utterly impossible to proceed. Moreover, as certain

NEWS OF STANLEY

and Emin has reached the British foreign office, there is now less need of Mr. Jackson proceeding to his original destination.

About twenty years ago prize fighting had apparently died out. Even boxing was almost a lost art. Now there is a prize fight about once a week, and in London no entertainment is so certain to "draw" as a big boxing competition.

REVIVAL OF THE PRIZE RING

is chiefly due to "Queensberry's rules." It was quickly discovered that under the conditions drawn up by Queensberry severe punishment might be inflicted with gloves, and those who witnessed such contests naturally longed for a more brutal form of fighting with bare fists. Then, again, it has been found comparatively easy to elude the police if only a few spectators, each paying a high sum, are allowed to witness the fight. The next time the police succeed in catching a prize fighting party in *flagrante delicto* the public will be surprized and scandalized to learn that not a few members of the aristocracy and parliament are concerned in the resuscitating of this peculiarly English form of gladiatorial shows.

CAPITAL NOTES.

Salaries of the British Columbia Judges to be Increased $1,000 Each.

Prospects Good for Emigration to British Columbia from Europe this Year.

Tenders Will Shortly be Invited for Experimental Farm Buildings at Agassiz.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, March 8.—In the proposal to increase the judges' salaries, the Chief Justice and the four Puisne Judges of British Columbia are to receive an increase of one thousand dollars each.

Arrangements for the direct money order convention with Japan are progressing satisfactory, and will take effect as soon as the Japanese authorities are ready.

The Minister of Justice will introduce a bill to reduce the quorum of Supreme Court Judges, when any member of the court may have heard the case in the court below.

Collier's election has been protested, and he was served with a writ to-day.

The Dominion emigration agents in Europe report prospects good this year for emigration to British Columbia.

Prof. Saunders, director of the experimental farms, says that sufficient land is available at Agassiz for experimental purposes this spring. The department will ask for tenders for farm buildings shortly.

CABLE NEWS.

Army Meetings Prohibited.

BERLIN, March 9. — The municipal authorities have prohibited the Salvation Army from holding meetings in Berlin.

The Czar Delighted.

BERLIN, March 9.—The *Cologne Gazette* asserts that the Czar is delighted at the abdication of King Milan.

Nihilism.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 9.—The nihilist committee has issued another manifesto to the fraternity calling upon them to make another attempt. It is evident that the apparent inactivity of the nihilists of late has been merely a blind.

RUSH TO THE GOLD FIELDS.

Thousands Hurrying to the Lower California Placer Diggings.

LOS ANGELES, March 8.—Excitement is on the increase here about the reported rich gold field in Lower California, and many are hurrying to the scene. Five hundred tickets were sold for this afternoon's Santa Fe train going south.

The local excitement over the gold discoveries in Lower California still continues unabated, though men claiming experience show less enthusiasm than the others. It is admitted that there is plenty of gold in that country, as placers were worked profitably 100 years ago, but the absence of other water than the accumulations of winter rains or snow, is a drawback.

At the Sante Fe depot this afternoon when the San Diego train was about to leave the rush for places was great and has never been equalled in this city. All of the floating population seems to be bent on going, and the demand from San Diego on local labor channels has been so great that certain lines are exhausted and application had to be made to San Francisco.

At noon a telegram was received here that the Ensenada steamer was already overloaded and could accommodate no passengers from this city. The little steamer Falcon, which formerly carried excursionists between San Pedro and Santa Catalina Island, has been chartered to engage in the carrying trade between San Diego and Ensenada.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

AMERICAN NEWS.

No Credence Whatever Placed in the Reported Naval Battle at Samoa.

A Special Train Makes a Continuous Run from the City of Mexico to Washington.

The Crowd of Republican Office-Seekers at Washington Leaving the Capital.

Republican Office-Seekers.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—The crowd of office-seekers are smaller at this time than on any similar occasion. To-day there was a noticeable falling-off, and by noon in the interior department and post office department all visitors who wished to see the heads of departments had accomplished their object and left. One explanation is that notice has been given by the heads of nearly all the departments that no changes would be made for the present, and until there was an opportunity for examining the various papers. Postmaster-General Wanamaker proposes first to consider the President's post office, for which nominations have been sent in, but failed of confirmation. He will then fill the other vacancies in this class and he expects by the end of next week to be able to consider applications for positions in the department service. The Secretary of the Interior, General Noble, will probably appoint his assistant secretary and some of the heads of divisions early next week. He had but little time thus far to consider the matter of appointments, but the papers in all cases are on file in the departments. The names of at least three of the candidates for public printer have been formally presented to the President, and the indorsements of some of them seem to be weighty enough to secure for the applicants positions in the cabinet. M. D. Helms' papers were placed in the hands of the President by representatives Gallinger, of New Hampshire, Grosvenor, of Ohio, and Brown, of Indiana. The President has stated very clearly that he will make his selection of public printer not on the man's political strength but on his merits as a business man, and printer Hart's chances seem to be spoiled by this declaration, because his friends do not claim that he is possessed of technical skill. Mr. Donath's friends on the other hand are confident that if ability and experience are essential requisites, their man will get the place. Minnesota people are looking for several good positions. Among them may be mentioned Rev. Dr. Jackson (colored) of St. Paul, who wants to be minister to Hayti.

The Sinking of the "Nipsic."

WASHINGTON, March 9.—Commodore Walker, who to-day was acting secretary of the navy, said to-night that the San Francisco despatch about the sinking of the "Nipsic" in Samoan waters must be false. The navy department, he says, has received no advices whatever about the alleged naval combat, and advices from Auckland, New Zealand, the nearest telegraph station to Samoa, would surely reach the department at Washington sooner than San Francisco. A naval officer is stationed at Auckland with instructions to telegraph all important occurrences in Samoa, and the Commodore feels confident that had any such thing happened as the sinking of the "Nipsic," this officer would have notified the department here. Apia, Samoa, is 5,000, and Auckland about 7,000 miles distant from San Francisco by water, but telegraphically Washington is 3,500 miles nearer to Auckland than to San Francisco, as cable dispatches can only come from Auckland to the United States *via* Melbourne, Bombay, London and New York. Commodore Walker, as well as the state department officers generally, late to-night discredited the story of the sinking of the "Nipsic." As to the report that the U. S. war vessel "Charleston" had been ordered in immediate readiness for sea, the Commodore says it is absolutely false, and that no such orders have been sent from the department.

That Sensational Story.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—No advices have been received at the State department about the reported naval engagement in Samoan waters, the account of which appeared yesterday in the German papers. Walker Blaine, who is acting as assistant Secretary of State, said to-day that he did not believe that any battle had taken place, and that he placed no credence whatever in the report. The navy department has heard nothing from Samoa, and does not expect to hear from the fleet now there until the next Apia steamer arrives at San Francisco, probably the 16th inst.

Great Railroad Feat.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—The Montezuma special, direct from the city of Mexico, arrived at Washington this morning over the Piedmont Air Line. The train consisted of five Pullman, vestibule, sleeping, dining, composite cars. It left the city of Mexico with 52 persons on board and the through passengers came an entire distance of 3,000 miles without changing cars. This is the longest continuous regular run for a solid train made anywhere in the railroad world. The special leaves Washington on its return trip and will be due at the city of Mexico the following Sunday.

Blaine Has Heard Nothing.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—Blaine on being interrogated to-night as to the alleged sinking of the "Nipsic" said: "No information has been received here of such an occurrence."

A Base Fabrication.

WASHINGTON, March 9. — The acting secretary of the navy has pronounced the San Francisco story about the Samoan affairs a base fabrication.

Desperado Killed.

KENDALO, N. Y., March 9.—Jas. Corbett, a Newburgh desperado, 22 years old, has been shot and killed while attempting a burglary this morning. Corbett on February, 1888, was sentenced in Newburgh to three years and a half imprisonment at Sing Sing for assault. Next morning Corbett escaped from Sheriff Presler at Fishkill, who had started to take him to Sing Sing.

Sudden Death.

WARWICK, N. Y., March 9.—Ellison Sayer, a life-long respected resident of this place, and son of the late almost world-known Benjamin Sayer, dropped down dead this morning while eating breakfast.

Wrestling Match.

CINCINNATI, March 9.—At the People's Theatre to-night the wrestling match between Muldoon and Canon resulted in favor of the latter. Muldoon offered his adversary $200 if he should win a fall, and $500 is he stayed 25 minutes. The struggle lasted half an hour.

Killed in a Gambling Den.

ROANOKE, Va., March 9.—W. H. Walden, a well-known citizen, was shot this morning in a gambling den and died at 11 o'clock. The ball entered his side, passed through the liver and lodged in the spine. He was asleep in a chair at the time he was shot. Jno. B. Smith, barkeeper, is charged with the shooting. Just before dying, Walden exhorted those present not to drink or gamble any more. He leaves a wife and several children.

Powderly Will Not Lecture.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., March 9.—Although Master Workman Powderly is a strong advocate of temperance and has often advocated it in his addresses to working men, he has refused to take the stump for the prohibitionists. The state committee of that party recently offered to pay him $100 a lecture for 50 lectures on temperance, to be delivered in various cities in the States. Powderly has notified the committee that under no circumstances can he accept their offer.

Another Firm Goes Under.

CHICAGO, March, 9.—Wilson, Bayless & Co., furniture dealers, of this city, failed to-day, liabilities $30,000. The largest creditor is the Atlas National Bank of Chicago, for $15,450. The assets consist largely of chattel mortgages upon furniture sold upon the instalment plan, which are claimed to equal the liabilities.

Accident on a Cable Road.

CINCINNATI, March 9.—An accident occurred on the Mount Auburn cable road on the trestle near Highland avenue, at 1:30 p. m. to-day, by a car jumping the track. The passengers were greatly shaken up. Ten persons were injured, one very seriously. Mrs. D. H. Lears, of Rockdale avenue, received bad cuts about the head, face, hands and limbs. Her daughter Etta was cut about the head and face. Chas. H. Thompson, of Avondale, received internal injuries. The train consisted of three cars, the middle one leaving the track and turning over, landed in the mud on the edge of the embankment twelve feet high, at the base of which is a pond six feet deep.

Suicide of a Professor.

BALTIMORE, March 9.—Wm. H. Devon, aged 42, professor of bookkeeping in Bryant Stratton's business college, committed suicide in Druid Hall Park by shooting himself in the head.

A $20,000 Fire.

NEW ORLEANS, March 9.—The Pinewood Distillation Company's Works were burned to-day. Loss, $20,000; insurance, $6,500.

Murder and Suicide.

KANSAS CITY, March 9.—At 10 o'clock to-night, J. C. Christensen, proprietor of the Vienna House, was fatally shot by Wm. E. Bell, cook, after which the latter committed suicide. Bell had been intimate with the proprietor's wife. The proprietor eloped three weeks ago with his own niece, going to Omaha. His wife brought him back to-night. Bell carried out his threat to kill him if he came back.

AN ONTARIO BLAZE.

An Entire Business Block in Wallaceburg Destroyed.

Total Loss $210,000—Insurance $75,000—List of the Buildings Burned and Names of the Losers.

WALLACEBURG, Ont., March 9.—An entire business block in the heart of the town was wiped out by fire to-day, one building only, the Arthur House, remaining. Among the buildings burned was the Oriental Hotel. The sufferers are F. Redpatch, hotel; Geo. H. Reyes, restaurant; McDonald Bros., hardware; Roliston, photographer; Halpin, baker; Mead, real estate; Dr. Mitchell, A. Henderson, Green & Christian, butchers; the Kerr building; Wm. McGregor, grocer; Wm. Murdoch, butcher; the Barefoot dwelling; Mrs. Smith