EX=MINISTER BLAIR REASONS FOR RESIGNING FROM

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The plain we have adopted to the rence seaport in summer, and in the winter from Quebec to Halifax and St. John over the Intercolonial; and the Intercolonial should, in the division of the Government the key to the trans-Building of the Quebec-Winnipeg Road.

BEING FORCED OUT OF THE GOVERNMENT

Expresses His Regret at Tendering His Resignation and Declares That It Is Final-In Reply Sir Wilfrid Laurier Points Out That the New Line Would Not Compete With the Intercolonial.

that which occurred in the Commons chamber this afternoon. The galleries were crowded to their utmost capacity, even the aisles being occupied by a complete that the advice tendered about the men you invited me to take a seat in the cabinet at its formation in 1896? Yours faithfully, (Signed), "Again, as respects my being open "A. G. BLAIR." even the aisles being occupied by a to the charge of want of fairness mass of ladies and gentlemen, who to yourself, it rather appears to me

colleagues, whom he entirely exonerated from the allegations of discour
"I am not making this the subject of must be laid aside.

"But the college." tributed his resignation to inability to on the ground that probably building a second line of railway from Quebec to Moncton, paralleling and destroying the Intercolonial, or to embark upon the construction of a railway from Quebec to Wilson of a railway from Quebec to Moncton, paralleling and destroying the Intercolonial, or to embar to wilson of a railway from Quebec to Moncton, paralleling and destroying the Intercolonial, or to embar to wilson or the general question did not encourage you for the general ques way from Quebec to Winnipeg, without first obtaining more definite information. Mr. Blair wanted the Governdeclaring its intention to construct a an appropriation for a thorough ex-

ability, and assured him the Opposition offered to him by that side of the asking Parliament to approve them. colleagues had been in the Cabinet matter. I would require that the their relations had been most cordial. Mr. Blair read the following unications addressed to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, which contain the key-

THE SECOND LETTER.

"Ottawa, Ont., July 10, 1903. "My Dear Sir Wilfrid, — Since the statement of my position respecting thoroughly considered." some proper means by which I would

quired of me by my self-respect.

of the resolution and measure in Parliament, appears to be the more Minister of Railways to present to Parliament, and defend before the Government as a body, nor just to

I intimated my inability to support this scheme, that I had treated you unfairly in not having earlier in the discussion advised you that if this policy were determined, I would be compelled to withdraw from the aministration. I believe you will, on reministration. I believe you will, on reflection, acquit me of this charge. It would grieve me deeply to think

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Ottawa, July 16.-Not since the me- of the utmost frankness and loyalty of my associates at the council board throughout the discussion of the ques- with whom it has been a great pleasmorable August day seven years ago, tion, but, with a knowledge of the sit- ure to me to act during the past when Sir Wilfrid Laurier, with his uation, I could not bring myself to seven years. If it is to be a final Cabinet, crossed the floor of the House believe that a scheme so objectionable separation, I assure you I withdraw Cabinet, crossed the floor of the House and alarming in many respects would with personal feelings of the friendand took possession of the treasury be finally and deliberately adopted by liest character. Will you, Sir Wilfrid. benches has there been a scene of such Government, and I did not until a few accept my grateful surpassing interest in the House as that which occurred in the Commons least idea that the advice tendered upon me when you invited me to take

patiently stood for nearly two hours, that an allegation of that character listening intentiy to the important more properly lies at your door. The utterances of the Premier and his late Grand Trunk proposition had been colleague in reference to the with- made to you, and you had consulted drawal of Hon. A. G. Blair from the with other ministers, and those min-Cabinet. The Premier's announcement isters had met Mr. Hays on several was dignified, and concisely set forth occasions, as I am advised, with your that his colleague's withdrawal was knowledge and approval, long before due, not to a difference of opinion regarding the necessity of another trans- or discussions on this subject had continental route, but simply to a dis- been entered upon, and were being Mr. Blair, with some emphasis, gave a refutation of the newspaper reports been conducted and continued in this are marked and continued in this are marked and continued in this are marked and the refutation of the newspaper reports been conducted and continued in this are marked and the refutation of the newspaper reports been conducted and continued in this are marked and the refutation of the newspaper reports been conducted and continued in this are marked and continued in this are marke a resultation of the newspaper reports been conducted and continued in this concerning alieged friction with his way behind my back, and without a metallic proposition with his way behind my back, and without I admit at once that this proposition place in this country.

tesy or caballing, referring especially complaint now, and it has not materin this connection to Hon. Mr. Sifton, jally influenced my action, at the presthat he had been prompted by pique serves me, this is the first occasion in his resignation, and spoke with I have mentioned the subject to you. deep feeling of the severance of the I reconciled myself to the very obvious connection with his colleagues. He at- slight which had been cast upon me, indorse the Government's policy of knowledge of my views on the genhad in view.

RESIGNATION FINAL.

"With the most extreme regret, Sir ment to be satisfied at present with Wilfrid, I feel compelled to tender will also fail to entirely the exponents transcontinental line as soon as the you my resignation, which I have to need arose, and in the mentime making without delay. This resignation you without delay. This resignation which an appropriation for a thorough exploration of the territory to be trav-has been taken since Saturday last That road, when completed, in submitting to a caucus of supportshould, he said, either be operated by ers of the Government in Parliament the Government through a commission the transcontinental railway proposition, identically in the form in which Mr. R. L. Borden paid a graceful they were adopted by council, assures tribute to Mr. Blair's diligence and me that the Government has fully re-House had not been personal. Mr. "In case you think the action which Tarte entered a protest against news- has been taken is not irrevocable and paper statements that Mr. Blair and to avoid any possible misunderstanding himself had not enjoyed the confidence on the question, I feel I ought to reof their colleagues during the past peat to you the conditions upon which two years, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier re- I would be disposed, if you so desire, plied that during the time his late to further consider my action in this Government should abandon its present

the building of a line of railway to Moncton, which would be paralleling presume has led my colleagues to de-"Office of the Minister of Railways and destroying the Intercolonial, or cide that they will leave this section building or authorizing the building to the Grand Trunk Pacific, and it of any other line of railway more re- is proposed to assure the public that mote from the Intercolonial, until the a contract can be made with the G. T. need of such latter railway becomes P. so binding as to enable these dif-

the transcontinental project was made in council on Saturday last, I have been considering the subject from all been considering the subject from all points of view in the hope of finding ment should be content with declaravoid the necessity of withdrawing building a Government line from Que-"I fully realize that in your present prairies to the Pacific coast, as soon addifferent state of health, such ac- as the need shall arise; and in the which it is promised will desire to indifferent state of health, such action on my part would cause you much anxiety and embarrassment, and for an amount to enable a thorough will not go into the reasons which are much anxiety and embarrassment, and this I would gladly spare you if it exploration of the country, to be made exploration of the country, to be made conclusive, but under these circumstances at all possible. I deeply regret, so that it might be possible to judge stances other companies, if they can explore the country of partial property of pa however, that the more I reflect upon whether or not a suitable traffic prothe situation, the more I find myself ducing route could be found through constrained to take this step. It is this district, and its cost and the the only course consistent with my character and conditions of the counview of public duty and what is re- try through which it is to pass as-The suggestion which was made certained. I would further stipulate, "The suggestion which was made to me when I stated to council my inability to become responsible for of a fair measure of traffic, a railway the policy which the Government was should be built by Government through apparently determined to adopt with —if the Government should decide—a lam equally in favor of the whole line line a company line, if any portion reference to the transcontinental rail- commission, rather than by the Gov- being a company line, if any portion way project, that I might delegate to ernment itself directly, and that a of it, or substantial portion, is to be a other minister or that you your- contract for such construction should company line, and therefore I am preself might take charge of the carriage be let only after open and public pared, since council has determined to

competition. "Fourth, that when built and ready for operation, such railway should not in guaranteeing the bonds over the while declaring myself in council as disapproving strongly of the Government policy on this question, and that the same should be operated ment policy on this question, and either by the Government itself, "If this view is entertained, I think therefore unable to support the same through a commission appointed for the it should be upon some such condition in the cabinet, and avoid the purpose, if so preferred, or by a trust, tions as the following-I do not propublic advocacy of a proposition which different railways which might intend important ones: my duty as different ranways which to use it, under direct Government

"That the policy of giving present

I had not dealt with you in a spirit made this step necessary, with many appreciation of

"Office of the Minister of Railways "My Dear Sir Wilfrid,-As I had

not delivered to you my letter of the 10th inst. on that day, owing to your request that I should defer action for a day or two to enable you to think matters over still further, I have thought that I might supplement that over the proposed Moncton line. communication and suggest means tion and operation. While expressing for himself and the other members of the Administration his regret at the severance from the Cabinet of an able colleague, Sir Wilfrid expressed gratification that upon all questions of pub. fication that upon all questions of public policy, except this one, Mr. Blair is in accord with the Government.

In a cord with the cord

"But the cabinet has decided that the Government should build half- quences which are going to flow from He repelled with scorn the suggestion ent moment. I believe, if my memory way across the continent as a Government road, namely between Quebec and Winnipeg, and when built shall ease the same to the Grand Trunk has been determined, as I understand, that liberal Government aid shall be given the same company to build and thereafter to own to the coast.

"To this mode of solving the railway problem I am decidedly opposed. At best, it is a hybrid scheme in having the compromise of two antagonisprinciples and will be followed. as is usual with compromises of that will also fail to satisfy the exponents of either view. It will be difficult to explain why the Government should build and own the lean section of this railway, and provide a company with

Government credit to enable it to build and operate the fat section. "It is attempted to justify the eastern proposition from Quebec to ceived at the same time another letter Winnipeg on the ground that a great in which you set forth the reasons railway highway will thus be assured, which have led you to the course open to any and all of the western railways to connect with it, and who which you have adopted. might take their trains independently over this common highway from their connecting point to the St. Lawrence. practicable that this line could be used by different companies. There not the trains, but the freight cars deliberations of the council upon all

of the different railways and general-"First, of building or authorizing ly to look after and operate the line. "The necessity of this is what I For my present purpose it will suffice to say that in this opinion I believe objections: I am surprised at your

I am absolutely correct. "As I have said, I am in favor of the whole line being built and owned by the Government, but, having abandoned my expectation in that regard, go forward with this undertaking at once, to co-operate with my colleagues construction.

"If this view is entertained, I think composed of the representatives of the fess to state all of them, but the most

"1. The Grand Trunk Pacific is being country. This course of tacitly accepting a measure which my judgment strongly condemned, I consider, on reflection, as neither fair to the Covernment as a neither fair to the country. This course of tacitly accepting a measure which my judgment strongly condemned, I consider, on reflection, as neither fair to the country. This course of tacitly accepting a measure which my judgment strongly condemned, I consider, on reflection, as neither fair to the country. This course of tacitly accepting a measure which my judgment strongly condemned, I consider, on reflection, as neither fair to the country. This course of tacitly accepting a measure which my judgment strongly condemned, I consider, on reflection, as neither fair to the country. This course of tacitly acceptance of tacitly acceptance are necessarily acceptance of tacitly acceptance supervision and control, and that such aided to a most generous extent. It with fresh or strong southeasterly to the company of his physician, and this morning, opposed the incorporaadvantage to the country in the fu- Winnipeg myself. An inference would be drawn guarantee or other aid to the comture, and therefore I would insist that

inspection of a railway accountant statement that the projected line from at any time required. Quebec eastward to Moncton will parat any time required.

"2. As a means to achieve the same purpose which the Nova Scotia people territory served by the new line is ppear to consider very essential, that not the same as the territory served is to say, the obtaining of a share during the winter of the Grand Trunk the two lines there will be not only a Pacific through traffic for Halifax, the company should be bound to carry but a chain of mountains, dividing the all unrouted traffic over the whole of territory to be served by each of them. the Winnipeg section to a St. Law- The plain we have adopted for the rates, be entitled to such division on portation problem from the prairies to mileage basis, mile per mile, with the the ocean, and to leave to the initiat-

"As to traffic not routed, the G. T. P. should be required to bind itself that it will use all its influence with its shippers in respect of traffic originating in the west for ocean carriage, to secure such traffic for the inating in the west for ocean carriage, to secure such traffic for the Intercolonial during the winter season, using with its shippers all law-ful and proper means to that end, There might very well be a condition in the contract between the Government and the G. T. P., in order to insure the observance of this feature of the contract, that the Governorin-Council should have power, by order-in-council, to declare, after inquiry at any time, if it is so establishwith their agreement, and have not at the juncture requires a bold and used all lawful and proper means to fearless policy of transcontinental desecure the routing of traffic over the Intercolonial, and such declaration being made, the same should be final and conclusive as to the fact; and the G. T. P should be thereupon liable to pay the Intercolonial the share of freight rates it would have earned had the agreement been carried out.

"I am sure that this will guarantee bona fide treatment by the G. T. P., under any management, and will thereby secure an advantage, not only without the enormous expense to the country which would be involved in building of a line to Moncton, but would save the Intercolonial from destruction and depreciation, and keep the people who live along the line, from having the Intercolonial reduced to a mere local road; and at Assurance Company, an English concern the same time, would increase the business carried over that railway to sands of dollars, and the discovery of the extent of which such business would have been done by the G. T. P. "I mention these as a few of the whereby a common understanding on the railway question could yet be stipulations which appear to me to yesterday. be reasonable and proper, and which, if I had been permitted to conduct

> "The more I think upon this subject and look forward to the conse-

an adherence to the present scheme the less capable I am in reconciling myself to it, and the more determined I feel that the whole responsibility of Pacific, and, as to the other half, it the undertaking will have to rest upon other shoulders than mine "I feel it my duty to add, that I flection, to oppose the project in its passage through Parliament. faithfully. (Signed), A. G. BLAIR."

THE PREMIER'S REPLY

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Answers Ex-Minister's Charges.

"My Dear Blair,-I received yes-10th, placing in my hands your resignation as a member of the Cabinet and Minister of Railways. I have rewhich have led you to the course

"This last communication opens with a review of the deliberations which I will not elaborate again my objec- have taken place in council on the tions to this plan. It is wholly im- railway question. In this review matters are stated which, in my estimamust be some authorized body to work tion, come within the rule that 'The Turin, Monday. It was during a trial matters which engage their attention ankle. The accident was of no imare strictly private and confidential.' portance. I therefore refrain from discussing

them. negotiations with Mr. Hays made progress and were well advanced before I considered it proper or necessary to apparent, and proper surveys and an estimate of its cost are first made and what are called 'running right' from only to remind you that I thought it and to Quebec and Winnipeg. This is advisable at first to retain in my hands one. Moreover, far from admitting the M- and Frederick Nbec to the prairies, and across the a keen and active competitor for westhave always extended to you the frank, loyal and cordial support which I consider is due by the Prime Minister to his colleagues. "As to the reasons which you put forward for your dissent from our points will not utilize those roads. to review them. I may observe, however, on the two main points of your

WEATHER BULLETIN

London, Friday, July 17. Sun rises..4:50 a.m. Moon rises..11:53 p.m. Sun sets...7:57 p.m. Moon sets...12:38 p.m. Tomorrow: Showery. Toronto, July 16-8 p.m. Showers and local thunderstorms have

been fairly general from the Ottawa Valley to the Maritime Provinces, and very local in Saskatchewan and Mani-Minimum and maximum temperatures: Minimum and maximum temperatures; Victoria, 54–68; Calgary, 44–70; Qu'Appelle, 48–66; Winnipeg, 54–82; Port Arthur, 52–70; Parry Sound, 50–72; Toronto, 52–74; Ottawa, 58–74; Montreal, 58–74; Quebec, 54–70; Halifax, 54–68.

Friday, July 17-8 a.m. FORECASTS. Today-Fine and warm. Saturday-Showers and thunderstorms,

Weather.

General to inform him of your resignation, which it was his regret to ac cept, and in the afternoon I acquainted the council of your final determina-

"Allow me, in conclusion, to express to you my extreme sorrow for an action which I regard as a great mistake towards yourself, towards your friends, towards your colleagues, and, velopment. Yours very sincerely "(Signed) WILFRID LAURIER.

"The Hon. A. G. Blair, Ottawa." AN ENGLISH SWINDLER

Is Accused of Operating Against Big Insurance Company.

New York, July 17.-Alfred R. Tong, 57 Brooklyn has been arrested on a charge of being implicated in swindling operawhich led to the suicide of George P. Osborne, one of its oldest and most trusted employes at Portsmouth N. H.,

The Czar's Foreign Office Declines to Receive It—The Incident Is Closed.

Washington, July 17.-It is stated by the Secretary of State that the incident created by the question of the presentation of the Jewish petition to Russia is closed. The state department today made public the correspondence that has taken place respecting the petition. Its substance has already been forecasted in the press dispatches. The correspondence consists of an instruction to Mr. Riddle, United States Charge at St. Petersburg, reciting in detail the petition and directing him to present the same to the foreign office if it were willing to receive it. It is stated by Mr. Riddle that the foreign office would not receive it unterday afternoon your letter, dated the der any circumstances, and Secretary Hay so informed the B'Nai B'Rith committee in a brief telegram.

ACCIDENT TO QUEEN

Queen of Italy Sprains Ankle in Auto

Rome, July 17 .- A slight accident to an automobile in which the King and Queen of Italy were driving took place in the Royal Park of Racconigi, near of a new motor car. The Queen jumped out, and in doing so turned her

THE FAIR WILL CASE

of the Late Auto Accident.

ject, keeping the council constantly in- additional particulars of the arrest in Cause of fire unknown. Some parties formed until I referred the matter to connection with the "Fair" suit of the ment should be content with declar-ing itself in favor of the policy of building a Government line from Que-P. Company will be in the field as charge, I claim that since you entered The charge of perjury, according to the The charge of perjury, according to the Journal, was brought against them by Mrs. Vanderbilt and the magistrate here, acting on instructions from New York, issued the warrants for their arrest. The prisoners protested against being arrested, declaring that they were well-known householders and married find other means of reaching eastern policy, this is not the time or place men, and were not likely to evade the judicial investigation. They were, nevertheless, detained in custody. The prisoners testified that they were the enly witnesses of the automobile accident, this but the Journal recalls that Mme. Hourdet, the wife of the janitor of the chateau in front of which the Fairs were killed, declared that she was the only person who saw the catastrophe.

SCHWAB TAKES REST CURE exchanged by the American and Brit-

Steel Magnate Travels Under an Assumed Name. Philadelphia, Pa., July 17.-The

North American this morning prints Charles M. Schwab is staying in Philadelphia under an assumed name.

this city, was with him. When a re- of the Dominion. steel king he was told that Mr. federation.

EXPLOSION KILLS CHINESE

Columbia Colliery.

Vancouver, B. C., July 17 .- Twenty Chinamen, who disobeyed the law forunderground, paid the penalty Wed- seizure of a number of islets off the and eight severely burned through an explosion in No. 3 incline, No. 6 shaft, which claims the islets, says that ed that the G. T. P. have not complied above all, towards your country, which of the Wellington collieries at Cumber- they are undoubtedly British, forming land, owned by former Premier Dunsmuir and his associates.

It was feared that several white men were also victims, but it was afterwards learned that there was only one employed in the mine, and he escaped with nothing worse than a shaking. The explosion is attributed to fire- icate one. damp, but its origin is mysterious, as all the miners carried safety lamps, quiries at the American embassy, ing, and all the lamps were found to be locked.

years old, an Englishman, living in that next to no damage was done to The informant did not know why the the mine, and no concussion was felt at a short distance from the Nevertheless, it was deadly in its nations, which cost the Commercial Union ture, for, as is usual in long-wall working, it swept the face, killing and scorching as it went. No sign of the disaster was apparent at the pit head, and nothing was known until the cage was run up and frightened Chinamen reached the top, when they excitedly told of a fire. Thirty-eight out of the 50 Chinamen employed underground reached the top in safety, and then a white rescue party went down to search for the others. The dead bodies of the dozen were reached but not without some were reached, but not without some danger to the searchers, because of

after-damp, which prostrated one pit The colliery company claims that the law prohibiting the employment of the Chinese underground is tional. An inquest is being held.

MURDER AND SUICIDE

A Lynn Man Shoots His Wife and Then Himself.

Lynn, Mass., July 17. - Owen Mosher, aged 30, last night shot and killed his wife, Georgianna, 23 years of age, and then killed himself with the same revolver. In the papers recently appeared a notice signed by Mosher that his wife had left him and he would pay leading to the shooting are unknown.

CHAMPION CIGAR SMOKER

In Twelve Year's Time He Consumed to many of you," when he fell back-48,000 Cigars.

Kalamazoo, Mich., July 17.-William G. Pattison, of this city, is dead in his 89th year, as the result of the excessive use of tobacco. His tobacconist, from whom he bought exclusively, gave out the statement after his death had been made public, that in twelve

years Mr. Pattison smoked more than

48,000 cigars, which cost him \$4,800. A PETROLEA BLAZE

Burned Out.

Petrolea, Ont., July 17.-Last night, about 12:30, fire broke out in the frame building occupied by Fonger & Bryant Sensational Arrest of Two Witnesses as a flour and feed store, and situated on Main street. The building is owned by G. A. McGillivray. Fonger & Bryant's loss is about \$800, partly insured. The Paris, July 17. - The Journal gives building is badly wrecked, but insured. who had rooms upstairs lost some of

TARS BID FAREWELL

Sails From England.

Portsmouth, England, July 17.-The American squadron, under command of Rear Admiral Cotton, who was visit-British waters, left here their inhabitants. ing morning on the Kearsarge en route for Frenchmans Bay, Maine, and the other vessels for Lisbon. Considerable bound enthusiasm marked the departure of Assisted Government Boats Are Exthe American ships. Salutes were fired and hearty parting cheers were

ish sailors. THE BANKING COMMITTEE

Minister of Finance Opposes a Proposed Savings Bank.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, July 17 .- The Minister of and short of coal, provisions and Schwab left New York on June 30 in Finance, in the banking committee water, was taken in town in Septemsince that time all trace of him has tion of the Mount Royal Bank of Canada (Montreal) because it was intend- that the Scotia belonged to Canada, Yesterday afternoon Mr. Schwab ed as a savings bank, and the policy and was, therefore, the King's propwas seen in the palm room of the St. of the Government had been to retain erty. James Hotel, Dr. Alfred Stengel, of the savings bank business in the hands judgment, suggested that the Dominion

quested that his card be sent to the ing, "had been incorporated since Con-

PRICE ONE CENT BRITAIN ASKS FOR EXPLANATION

Twelve Meet Death in British | The Alleged Seizure of Borneo Islands by U.S.

EIGHT ARE SEVERELY BURNED UNDOUBTEDLY GREAT BRITAIN'S

The American Embassy Say Step Was Contemplated for

London, Friday, July 17. - The Chronicle asserts that the British foreign office is communicating with Washbidding the employment of Mongolians ington regarding the reported American nesday night, when twelve were killed | coast of Borneo, and has asked for an explanation of the seizure. The British North Borneo Company part of the territory of 31,000 square miles over which the company exer-

cises jurisdiction. The Chronicle, which names the islands, declares that although they are insignificant in size, they are o greatest strategic importance, and that the situation created by the action of

the United States is an exceedingly del-The paper adds that upon making inowing to the gassy state of the work- representative was informed that the step had been contemplated for some time, and it was simply the consumma-The actual explosion was so slight tion of an undeniable American right. island had not been occupied sooner, but the step was now taken to demonstrate the American right, and to establish more clearly the defined boundary be-tween the possessions of the United the British company's territory. islands were never occupied by any Sulu, who exercised nominal sway there had conferred his authority upon the

OF P. M. ARTHUR

Chief of Locomotive Engineers Dies Suddenly at a Winnipeg Banquet.

Winnipeg, Man., July 17 .- P. M. Arthur, chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, dropped dead at midnight yesterday, while speaking at the banquet closing the annual convention of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers which has been in Mr. Arthur had just arisen to respend to a toast and repeated the words: "It may be my parting word ward and expired a few minutes afterward.

PLOTTED AGAINST KING

Portuguese Army Officers To Be Tried by Court-Martial.

Berlin, July 17.—A dispatch to the Cologne Gazette from Lisbon says that a number of officers of the Fifth Portuguese Infantry have been arrested on the charge of conspiring against Fonger and Bryant's Feed Store King Charles. They will be tried by court-martial. Suspicions of a widespread conspiracy against the dynasty have been entertained for some time, the instigators being officers who were cashiered some time ago. Other regiments are said to be affected.

KURDS RAID MONKS

An Armenian Monastery in the Balkans Pillaged.

Constantinople, July 17. - News has reached here that the Armenian monastery at Surpagop, near Erzinggan, Turkish Armenia, has been pillaged by Kurds. A number of the monks, the advices say, were seriously injured and all portable property was carried off by the robbers. The affair created a panic in the distict, and a similar panic prevails in the district of Sassum, the scene of the previous massacre, where another massacre is feared. Three villages already have been abandoned by

BELONGED TO THE KING

empt From Salvage.

London, July 17.-The judicial committee of the Privy Council has dismissed the appeal of the Anchor Line and upheld the decision of the Newfoundland Supreme Court that the Anchor Line steamer Furnessia could not ciaim remuneration for the salvage of the Canadian Covernment steamer Scotia, which, while adrift Nfld., by the Furnessia. The judicial

The Lord Chancellor, in delivering Government should nevertheless grant porter for the North American re- "No savings bank," said Mr. Field- the Anchor Line compensation, otherassist distressed vessels belonging to