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CABLE NEWS.

Henry M. Stanley and Emin Bey Prisoners in the Hands of Osman Digna.

The Arab Chief Will Surrender His Prisoners if Suakin is Abandoned —If not, They Will be Killed

The Cabinet Discussing the Situation —Parnell Commission Adjourns —The Canal Loan Failure.

Yesterday's Session of the Commission.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—When the Parnell commission re-assembled this morning, Sir Richard Webster of the *Times* counsel, made an application to the court to hold an extra sitting of the commission next Tuesday. To-day was the day agreed upon for adjournment for the holidays. The attorney-general stated that he asked for an extra sitting in order that he might apply to the court to take action respecting William O'Brien, and an article which the latter had published in his paper *United Ireland*, in which he stated that the time had arrived for plain speaking regarding the *Times* forgeries of Parnell's letters and the commission. The writer said that he did not care a twopence for the opinion of these judges who had been selected by the forger's friends and accomplices. Mr. Reid, of the Parnellite counsel, then called the attention of the court to some observations made by the warden of Merton College, in which he likened Michael Davitt and others of the Parnellites to the Whitechapel murderer. After a short consultation, the judges of the commission decided to hold an extra sitting to-morrow, and that O'Brien must attend to answer the charges against him. They also decided that the warden of Merton College should attend the first meeting of the new sitting of the commission of January, and explain his language. Sir Charles Russell, of counsel for the Parnellites, proceeded to cross-examine Thos. O'Connor, who testified, but whose cross-examination was postponed. O'Connor adhered to his previous statement that he had received £7 from the league in payment for moonlighting, and declared that he gave evidence before the commission simply because he objected to perishing in the "Hell upon Earth" that Ireland was at the present time. On being pressed very hard by Sir Charles, the witness admitted that a man named Walker, on behalf of the *Times*, urged him to give evidence. He further confessed to having written his brother that he got himself summoned by the *Times*, thinking to make a few pounds, but that he could not unless he swore to queer things.

Mr. Reid stated that O'Brien was present in Dublin and would probably be unable to attend the session of the commission as ordered. The court then adjourned until January 15th.

Cost of the Army of Occupation.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—In the house of commons to-day, W. H. Smith, in answer to a question, said that as far as was known, Osman Digna's letter announce the surrender of Emin Bey, and a white traveller. The government, he said, had no means of learning the truth. Edward Stanhope, secretary of state for the war department, replying to a question by Mr, John Dillon, said that the cost for the army of occupation in Egypt for the current year would be £110,000. This expense would be borne by Egypt. The Egyptian government, he said, approved of the English reinforcements being sent to Suakin.

The Canal Loan Failure.

LONDON, Dec. 4. — The *Daily News'* Paris correspondent says that M. Charles De Lesseps announced at the office of the Panama Canal Co. to-day that only £180-000 of the company's bonds had been subscribed for, and therefore he would begin returning the money deposited for them to-morrow. "My father's remarks yesterday," he said, "were due to a report which I made. The result will be bankruptcy or a winding up of the affairs of the company."

Stanley's Capture Beyond Doubt.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Despatches from Suakin state that Gen. Grenfell has recognized the letter enclosed in Osman Digna's as the original of one which he drafted for the Khedive, and which the latter handed to Stanley at Cairo. Thus, Stanley's capture is virtually placed beyond a doubt. The authorities of the Congo free state have received no information regarding the capture as yet.

The Emin Bey Expedition.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The *Standard* says it has reason to believe the report that Osman Digma has written a letter in which he stated that the Mahdi's forces would ultimately be successful, basing his opinion upon his further statement that Emin's men mutinied against their leader and delivered him into the hands of the commander of the Mahdi's troops together with a white traveller, who was probably Stanley.

Fears of a Financial Panic.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The *Daily News* says, referring to the Panama Canal Company's crisis: "It is generally believed that some action by the French Government will be necessary in order to prevent a wide-spread financial panic. Financiers, on the other hand, believe the government could only succeed in postponing the inevitable crash, and that it would be better for the company to liquidate now and let the present loss be the final one."

Stanley Held Prisoner.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—It is rumored that Osman Digma, who is now believed to have both H. M. Stanley and Emin Bey as prisoners, is willing to yield Stanley and Emin provided Egypt will abandon Saukin. Otherwise, it is believed that the prisoners will be killed. The cabinet is now discussing the situation.

Copious Rains in Australia.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—A dispatch from Sydney, N. S. W., reports that copious rains have fallen in the colonies of Victoria and New South Wales.

Tory Majority Reduced.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—In the parliamentary election at Maidstore to-day, the tory majority was reduced from 314 to 185.

Davitt and Capt. Boycott.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Last night, Mr. Michael Davitt casually met in a restaurant the Capt. Boycott whose name has become a synonym for a disagreeable method of treatment popular in Ireland. The two chatted pleasantly together as if they had not a difference in the world.

The Walpole Breach of Promise.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The *Pall Mall Gazette* is receiving subscriptions to aid Valerie Weideman, the German governess, in her breach of promise suit against Capt. Robert Horace Walpole, the future Earl of Oxford. Michael Davitt's name heads the list of subscribers.

Gent-Davis' Imprisonment.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The court refused to-day to release Mr. G. Davis, M. P., who is imprisoned for breach of trust, consequently he will remain in jail until the 11th January.

Sunday Closing Bill Rejected.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The bill for Sunday closing of taverns was rejected by 167 to 160.

Osman Digna's Letter.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Osman Digna's letter was in reply to a request made by Major Rundle, last August, for any information about Emin Bey. The letter asserts that the Mahdi has conquered all the equatorial provinces.

Countess Roseberry was the Originator.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Countess Roseberry originated the idea of a souvenir present to Mrs. Minister Phelps. Lady Salisbury heartily joined in the plan.

Osman Digna's Statement Confirmed.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Refugees from Handoub arriving at Suakin confirm Osman Digna's statement.

Applicant's for Office.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—There are twelve hundred applicants for ten additional Irish land commissionerships.

DeLesseps Resigns.

PARIS, Dec. 14.—M. Ferdinand DeLesseps has resigned the presidency of the Panama Company.

Payment of the Canal Co.'s Liabilities.

PARIS, Dec. 14.—In the deputies today, M. Poytral, minister of finance, offered a bill providing for the postponement for three months of payment of the Panama Canal Company's liabilities, including interest and redemption of bonds. He said that the lottery for the prizes attached to the bonds issued under the law of 1888, would continue according to the guarantee. He urged that a committee be immediately appointed to consider the bill. He insisted upon urgency in regard to the measure, otherwise, he stated, it would be useless. Several members opposed it, and M. Kergariose said he feared that the government would be led to guarantee the operations of the company. Premier Floquet said that if the bill was rejected the company would be bankrupt, but if it was adopted the company would have time to make the necessary arrangements. The vote for urgency was carried by 333 against 155.

Payment to Be Postponed.

PARIS, Dec. 14.—An official notice was posted on the Bourse to-day, stating that the government will introduce a bill in the deputies to-day providing for the postponement for three months of payment of the Panama Canal Company's liabilities, including interest and redemption of the bonds.

Chinese Pirates Captured.

PARIS, Dec. 14.—The French have destroyed a band of Chinese pirates at Bacninit, Tonquin. Eleven of the band were taken prisoners and shot, and part of the town was destroyed by fire in the effort to break up their haunts.

A Note to the Press.

PARIS, Dec. 14.— The Panama Canal Co. has issued a note to the press stating that the result of the issue of bonds is not definitely known. The note, however, gives no indication of the minimum sum required to be subscribed in order to complete the work.

Accident on a Torpedo Boat.

PARIS, Dec. 14.—Two men were killed and many others injured by the breaking of a capstan on board the torpedo boat Japan, at Toulon.

The Servian Elections.

BELGRADE, Dec. 14.—In the primary elections which have just been held throughout Servia, the radicals and liberals scored a great victory, the progressionists being totally defeated.

England Will do Everything Possible.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 14.—The King of the Belgians is exceedingly agitated regarding the reported capture of Stanley and Emin Bey. He receives numerous despatches in reference to the matter. The king admits he was the largest subscriber to the expenses of Stanley's expedition. The *Independence Belge* says: England, doubtless, will do everything that is possible to be done to liberate the prisoners. Gladstone too bitterly regrets abandoning General Gordon, for Lord Salisbury to abandon Emin Bey and H. M. Stanley.

Minister of War.

BERLIN, Dec. 14.—It is stated that General Von Hahalke, chief of the military cabinet, has been appointed minister of war.

To be Received With All the Honors.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 14.—The Czar has ordered that Queen Natalie shall be received at Kischeneff and Yalta with all the honors due to a queen.

The Papal Envoy's Report.

ROME, Dec. 14.—The report of Monsignor Persico, special papal envoy to Ireland, is almost complete. In it he refers to the anomaly of the governing authorities in Ireland, and asserts that all the Irish Protestants are ill-disposed towards the Catholics. The Pope, he believes, can do much in the direction of restoring good feeling in Ireland provided he is able to convince the Irish that he is not acting under an agreement with the English government. The people must be brought to separate the political from the moral question and must not serve as an instrument in the hands of those who, under pretext of restoring their nationality, lead them to commit acts which are contrary to morality. Mgr. Persico seriously disapproves of boycotting, but believes that the political aspirations of the Irish must be satisfied before peace can be restored.

Corean Treaty With Russia

SHANGHAI, Dec. 14.—The announcement is confirmed that Corea has concluded a treaty with Russia, granting extensive privileges to Russian traders.

Surrendered October 10th.

CAIRO, Dec. 14.—The letter received at Saukin from Osman Digman, contained copies of a despatch from a derviah to the caliph, giving the date of Emin's surrender as October 10th. The letter to Emin from the khedive was handed to Stanley when he was in Cairo. Along with his letter Osman Digna sent several Snider cartridges, which he alleged were taken from the white traveller. The Zanzibars in the Stanley expedition were armed with Snider rifles, but there were none in the possession of the Derviahs.

AMERICAN NEWS.

Wyman Bidlenles Butterworth's Annexation Resolution—He Looks Upon It as a Political Move.

The American Government Independent About the Appointment of Lord Sackville West's Successor.

A Farmer's Wife Burned to Death in the Presence of Her Children —Sad Tale of the Sea.

Butterworth's Annexation Resolution.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Erastus Wiman, in an interview to-day on the Butterworth resolutions introduced in the house yesterday, said Mr. Butterworth had made a fatal mistake in introducing his annexation rules. "There are two parties to a bargain," continued Wiman, "and in this particular case there are three, viz: The United States, Canada, and England, and if any of these three are unwilling, a bargain is impossible. It was stated some time ago, in one of the speeches, that the sentiment against annexation was so pronounced that its advocacy by any political party in the country would meet with that party's defeat. The effect of this proposal for political union at the present time in my opinion will be to make it a very difficult task for the liberal party in Canada to secure closer commercial relations. Indeed, it will be almost a hopeless attempt, if congress should by its passage of these resolutions, persist in this effort. It will take fifty years to achieve political union by approaching it in the way proposed by Butterworth, while commercial union, on the other hand, is certain in five years. The resolution reported in the house in March last by Representative Hill of Illinois, providing for the appointment of commissioners to confer with representatives of Canada, and prepare a plan for the assimilation of important duties and internal revenue taxes of the two countries, and the equitable division of receipts on commercial union, is a better scheme and more plausible than that of Butterworth's. I look upon Butterworth's action as a political move on the part of the Republicans for the purpose of forestalling the Democrats, whom I know contemplated just such an action."

British Minister to Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Assistant Secretary River, of the state department, when asked to-day by a representative of the United Press about the report published both in this country and abroad, to the effect that the United States has demanded the appointment of a successor to Lord Sackville, and would recall Mr. Phelps unless a British minister was speedily appointed, denied most emphatically the truth of the report. No instructions had been sent to Minister Phelps to insist that a minister be sent to this country. Further than this, he intimated that at the department they felt perfectly indifferent about the matter, whether a minister was or was not sent here.

Sellers Defies the President.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—District Attorney Sellers, at Indianapolis, has declined to withdraw his resignation, and the President is now said to be considering whether he shall accept it or order his removal. No action was taken to-day.

Another Dynamite Mystery.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—About 3 o'clock this afternoon, the workmen engaged in clearing away the wreck of Oliver's oatmeal mill and trying to recover the body of the third victim of Tuesday morning's explosion, found something resembling a dynamite bomb. The find was handed over to the police, who are now investigating it. If it should turn out to be a genuine bomb, or dynamite cartridge, the claim of Mr. Oliver that the mysterious explosion was not caused by dust, as alleged, will be well sustained, and the police will have another mystery to work on.

Cotton Warehouse Burned.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 14.—The Inglesby warehouse, containing 3,700 bales of cotton, burned this afternoon with its contents. Total loss over $200,000. The warehouse, which belonged to the Central Railrod Co., was fully insured, as was also the cotton.

Fatal Midnight Fire.

LOCKPORT, N. Y., Dec. 14.—A fire in the Murphy block last night resulted in the loss of one life and the narrow escape of others. The fire was discovered about midnight in the saloon of S. S. Pierce, who, with his wife, was away. The block was occupied by a number of tenants, one of whom, a Miss Hall, living on the third floor, was suffocated by the smoke. The other occupants were rescued by the firemen. Loss, $4,000.

A Mother's Terrible Death.

WATERLOO, Iowa, Dec. 14.—Mrs. N. R. Palmer, a farmer's wife, living near Fort Dodge, was burned to death yesterday by her clothes catching fire at a stove. Her six little children witnessed her terrible death, and the older ones were badly burned in trying to save her.

A Fratracide Shot.

ATOKA, Indian Ter., Dec. 14.—Lyman Puslee, a fratracide, was shot yesterday near Taskkahomma, in the presence of several hundred Choctaws, in execution of a judicial sentence. Puslee met his fate coolly. He sat erect and cool on his coffin, while his hands and feet were bound, and his eyes bandaged. He did not appear to flinch when the executioner gave the command to fire. His death was instantaneous, three bullets from as many Winchesters pierced his breast near the heart.

A Train Rolls Down An Embankment.

SAN DIEGO, Cala., Dec. 14.—An overland train was wrecked near Enchitas, 30 miles north of here, last night, by the spreading of the rails. Every car but the sleeper left the track and rolled down the steep embankment. The train was en *route* to this city, and was due here last night. All hands escaped injury with the exception of express messenger Whitehead, who had one of his ribs broken.

A Big Company Organized.

DULUTH, Dec. 14.—The Vermillion and Grand Marie's Iron Co., with a capital of fifteen millions, has been organized here. It is a consolidation of the interests of a large number of owners of iron lands on the Vermillion and Mesaba ranges, and will control from 12,000 to 50,000 acres.

Wrecked by an Open Switch.

JACKSONVILLE, Dec. 14.—A fast orange train was wrecked at a switch near Tallahassee this morning. Scott Seabrook, engineer, and Jim Converse (colored), fireman, were scalded to death by the escaping steam, and brakeman Rice was badly scalded and bruised.

Is Sullivan Afraid of Kilrain?

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Mitchell stated to-day, after a conference between Kilrain and other sporting people at the *Police Gazette* office, that Kilrain would cover Sullivan's challenge to-morrow. The money matters had been arranged, and the fight would occur within six months, outside of the United States, provided Sullivan dared to meet Kilrain, which Mitchell claimed was doubtful.

Double Railway Accident.

AKRON, O., Dec. 14.—Frederick Manning, employed at the steam forge works, was struck by the Pittsburg and Western express just east of this city, this morning, and killed. After the train had stopped to pick up the remains, a Cleveland, Akron and Columbus freight train coming up behind on the track, ran into the rear of the express. One coach was badly smashed and the colored porter seriously injured.

A Message From the Sea.

SANDWICH, Mass., Dec. 14.—A bottle has been found on the beach containing the following note: "Bark J. R. Humphrey, of Bath, Me. We were out in the storm of November 25th, and we write this to our friends, for when it is found we will be at the bottom of the wild ocean. Hoping that you will all pray for us, and tell your friends. John Wilson, captain; Pat Hoey, Tom Lewis, John O'Neil, Billy Carroll. We are all lost."

Refused to Verify the Report.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 14.—General Harrison, when asked this morning about the report that Blaine had been offered the position of secretary of state, refused to allow himself to be placed in a position of affirming or denying the reports as to his intentions. The report is not believed here by anybody.

A Destructive Storm.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Cable advices to the Maritime Exchange report great destruction to shipping by the recent storm at sea. The Dutch bark Martina Johanna, which left this city on Nov. 17th with a large cargo for Hull, England, has been abandoned at sea in a sinking condition. The crew of the vessel were saved and landed at Santander, Spain.

Investigation of Alaskan Outrages.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The house committee on merchant marine and fisheries, has so far summoned about twenty witnesses in connection with the proposed investigation of Alaskan outrages. Many letters have been received by the committee from persons who desire to appear and give testimony. Among the volunteer witnesses is Kate Field, who last summer spent several months in Alaska.

The Yaquina Bay a Total Loss.

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 14.—The latest report from the stranded steamer Yaquina is that she is a total loss.

A Great Hand-shaking.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 14.—It is estimated that over 7,000 persons shook hands with President-Elect Harrison and Vice-President-Elect Morton at the reception tendered them in Tomlinson's hall to-night.

No Chinese Passengers.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—The steamer city of New York, which arrived here to-day from Hong Kong and Yokohama, is the first steamer that has arrived from those ports for a number of years without a single Chinaman aboard bound for this port.

Run Over by a Hose Cart.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—Wm. Hodges, an old man, was run over and killed by a hose cart this afternoon which was responding to an alarm of fire.

Coleman Effects a Settlement.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—Wm. T. Coleman finally effected a settlement with his creditors to-day. According to the terms, the secured creditors receive sixty per cent. and the unsecured forty per cent. Cash payments of 15 per cent. will be paid to-morrow and the remainder in time.

Death of a Millionaire.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14. — Edson Adams, one of the founders of Oakland, Cala., died last night, aged 65. His estate is estimated at from three to six million dollars.

Another Drop in Sugar.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—The California Sugar Refinery made an eighth of a cent reduction in the price of its products to-day. The cut was met by the American Refinery.

The Wrecked Steamer.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—Dispatches received to-day from Yaquina City say that the sea still remains high, and the stern of the vessel has been cast high on the sand and rock of the jetty. The sea, which is constantly breaking over the vessel, has gutted her upper works, loosened part of the woodwork, and causes the vessel to roll about considerably. Tugs are constantly by her, but cannot do anything to get her off. Tow boat captains think that the hull is already partially full of sand.

Federation of Labor.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 14.—The Federation of Labor to-day ordered several boycotts. A resolution asking congress to pass laws restricting immigration, was offered to the committee. A proposition to amend the constitution by barring from affiliation with the federation any central labor body that admits Knights of Labor, was amended so as to exclude bodies hostile to trade organizations affiliating with the federation. Thus an open rupture with the Knights of Labor was avoided. A proposition to increase the salary of the president from $1,200 to $1,500 was voted. The *per capita* tax from affiliated bodies was fixed at one per cent per month, and $20 per year from central labor unions. It was agreed to hold an eight-hour mass meeting throughout the country on the holidays of next year, and May 1st, 1890, was fixed as the date for the eight-hour demand. Resolutions were adopted favoring the Australian system of voting, and requesting Gen. Harrison to appoint a union printer as government printer; also, urging the passage of the bill now before congress to confine convict-made goods to the states where manufactured, and asking the abolition of contract labor on all public work, and favoring compulsory education. It is thought the work of the convention will be finished to-morrow.

A Fatal Fire.

BERLIN, Dec. 14. — Albeck's woolen manufactory at Naimunster, was burned to the ground to-day. Fifteen persons were killed, and ten so badly injured that they are dying.

OUR CABLE LETTER.

Intense Excitement Over the News of the Capture of Stanley and Emin Bey.

Lord Churchill Will Insist Upon the Government Retaining Suakin, Despite the Protest of Many.

King Milan Trying to Regain Popular Favor by Important Revisions in Servia's Constitution.

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LONDON, Dec. 15.—The news of the capture of Henry M. Stanley and Emin Pasha by the Mahdi has created intense interest. Respecting the motion which comes up next week, asking the government for further information regarding their Soudan policy, Lord Churchill is fully prepared for a vigorous attack on the government, and will insist upon their holding Suakin despite the protest of the best authorities on the subject, who agree that it is a grave mistake for Great Britain to continue a government there which is detestable to the natives. It is suspected in circles expert in Soudanese matters, that the true secret of half the Soudan troubles lies in a geographical mistake. It is assumed in all British official minds that the Soudan belongs geographically to Egypt, in spite of the fact that nature has done all she possibly can do to keep the two countries apart.

FIVE HUNDRED MILES OF DESERT

have been spread out between Egypt and the Soudan. The Nile, it is true, runs through both, but it is made up of almost a continuous series of rapids which place a barrier between the sphere of influence of Cairo and that of Khartoum. "The natural outlet of the Soudan," said Gordon, "is by the route from Berber to Suakin." That is to say, the gate of the Soudan opens, not into Egypt, but into the Red Sea. The Egyptian government, under constraint of necessity, has abandoned the Soudan, and the great belt of desert has asserted its influence; but Suakin, which was protected from Arab assault by this effort of two great expeditions of English troops, has not been given back to the natives, and the reason for this are not by any means clear. It has been alleged that

SUAKIN IN ARAB HANDS

would be an outlet for steamers, but one or two swift cruisers in the Red Sea would stop all the slave trade without the necessity of holding Suakin. Though Suakin has been held the slave trade has not been stopped. The fact is, that Suakin is so situated that it commands the passage of the Red Sea, and it would be an awkward place for a naval depot and coaling station belonging to a power unfriendly to Great Britain. It is a wretched place, so that no English government would like to make use of it for the purposes of the British navy. Accordingly, the problem has been to retain a quasi possession of the place without creating it a station for British troops, which would be more useless than even Aden. Therefore, the way out of the difficulty has been to give back Suakin nominally to the Egyptian government. Now Lord Churchill is supplied with indisputable evidence that

THE SOUDANESE ARE WEARIED OF FIGHTING

and long for peace, they would be delighted to have the channels of trade reopened, but do not want Egyptian rule reimposed upon them, as they detest the Egyptians. "Throw open the country to trade," say the Soudanese, "and we will trade with you whenever, and wherever you like. Then Stanley's and Emin's peaceful expedition can come and go without fear of organized resistance from any of the tribes under the authority of the Mahdi." According to official information, the Soudanese trade, before the troubles began, was worth ten millions a year. Lord Churchill will urge that the best way of making a fresh start would be to drop the fictitious and unnatural connection between the Soudan and Egypt. Major Watson, who was governor-general at Suakin in 1886, and Mr. A. B. Wylde, a Red Sea merchant, have furnished Lord Randolph with facts in favor of such policy, claiming that when the peaceful and civilizing influence of such trade asserts itself

ENGLAND NEED HAVE NO FEAR

for her prestige either at Suakin or Khartoum. The English friends of Stanley at first received the news of his capture with incredulity, but have since accepted the report as true. They had some misgiving respecting the prospect of Stanley's return after relieving Emin Pasha, but still believed his proverbial good luck would possibly enable him to get through the hordes of Arabs between him and civilization. The Gordon tragedy made it impossible for any ministry to withstand public resentment resulting from another Soudan failure, and the government is already alarmed at the effect which the news of Stanley's capture will have upon the tory constituents, the character of which is forshadowed by the numerous letters and telegrams denouncing the African policy the members are receiving from their respective electors.

KING MILAN

played a clever stroke when he proposed a revision of the Servian constitution. He did it at a moment when public opinion was greatly excited by the divorce question, and by this manœuvre he diverted excitement into another channel. Queen Natalie was forgotten in the revision, but the king is still in a difficult position, and unless he conducts himself with great skill he may find himself dethroned any moment. No one cares much what may happen to him personally, but his overthrow now might possibly lead to a war between Russia and Austria, and those who desire peace are forced against their will to hope that he will prove stronger than his opponents. The situation in Servia is just now very critical. The radical party, under the leadership of M.M. Gruitch and Restich, are in favor of drawing closer to Russia and support

THE CAUSE OF QUEEN NATALIE.

To win them over, the King has undertaken the revision. Many important changes will be effected in the constitution if the proposed alterations are carried out. Individual liberty and freedom of the press are to be guaranteed; all religious sects are to be placed on a footing of equality; suffrage is to be extended to all men paying 15 francs a year in taxes; all classes of the community are to be made eligible for election as deputies, and only one-fourth of the chamber will consist of *ex officio* members. The King, however, is still to retain the right of declaring war and proclaiming peace and to have the power of proroguing and summoning the Skuptschina. Compared with the constitution as it now stands, this is a very considerable advance; but the radicals are not satisfied. They contend that the chamber should meet independently of the royal pleasure, and that the right of

DECLARING PEACE OR WAR

Should be vested in the representatives of the people. There is not the least chance, it appears, of the revision committee advising such sudden and revolutionary changes, but before the constitution can be altered, the assent of the Skuptschina must be obtained. The radical party are in the majority in the chamber and it rests with their leaders to advise whether they should accept these very important amendments or stand out for obtaining all they desire. If they adopt the latter course, the only thing left for the King to do will be to dissolve the Skuptschina and retain the present constitution. In all probability disturbances would then arise throughout the country, and it is possible that Russia might avail herself of the opportunity to support her own party in Servia. This might lead to complications, the end of which no one can foretell.

CAPITAL NOTES.

Sir John Declines to Discuss Butterworth's Annexation Resolution.

The Premier Says It Will be Time Enough to Deal With the Matter When Brought Before the Government Officially—The Member for Haldimand Again Unseated—Buffalo for Banff Park—A Street In Ottawa to be Named After the Premier.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Dec. 14.—Montague, member for Haldimand, was unseated by the supreme court to-day. The majority of the court held that a voter who took oath as a farmer's son, and whose father died since the revision of the voters' list, had committed a corrupt act. Great sympathy is expressed for Montague, this being the third time he has been unseated, but the hope is expressed that he will run again.

Sir John, being interviewed regarding Butterworth's resolution, said, "I do not care to express any opinion as to the propriety of the step. There is an implied rule prohibiting criticism of the proceedings in either branch of every legislature by a member of an other division, and the same rule ought to hold equally good with respect to the acts of a foreign legislature. The proposition of Butterworth in its present state, as I understand it, is purely a domestic matter. There will be time enough to discuss the proposition when it comes before us officially."

Sir John Macdonald stated to-day that there is not a word of truth in the announcement of the London *Standard* that the C. P. R. had formally proposed to the Dominion Government to sell its monopoly rights in Manitoba for three millions sterling. No offer or communication had been received from the C. P. R. since last session.

The government will make an effort to secure some of Bedson's herd of buffalo for Banff park.

Ottawa will name one of its chief thoroughfares after the premier, as a compliment to him on his 74th birthday.

The licensed hotel keepers of the capital will boycott all brewers who supply liquor to unlicensed grogeries.

STANLEY MUST BE SAVED.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—It is evident from the non-committal reply Mr. Smith gave in the commons this afternoon to the questions regarding the capture of Emin Bey and Henry M. Stanley, that the government are completely nonplussed, and have no accurate information in the matter further than what is generally known. It is generally conceded that Osman Digna holds a trump card, against which his opponents are powerless to play, and that the government can only yield on the former's own terms. It is believed in the lobbies of the house to-night, that England will be forced to treat with the successful commander for the evacuation of Suakin, for the government will not dare to sacrifice the prisoners whom Osman Digna threatens to kill unless the town is abandoned. Public opinion in England already revolts against a Soudan expedition, and this latest phase of the affair intensifies the feeling. There can be scarcely any doubt that the white traveller mentioned as surrendering with Emin Bey is Stanley, as everything thus far tends to confirm the opinion. The balance of opinion among African experts has for some time past accepted the theory that Stanley had been working towards Emin, and if not actually with him, was near him. Intense interest is felt here in the fate of the intrepid explorer, and no one for a moment believes that the government will allow his life to be sacrificed in order to hold Suakin. Further developments in the matter are awaited with much anxiety.

WESTMINSTER NEWS.

Satisfaction Felt at the Decision in the Injunction Case.

All Objections to the "Workshops By-Law" Now Removed—Inquest on the Body of the Chinaman Killed on the Railway Track—Opening of the Revision Court.

(Special to THE COLONIST.)

WESTMINSTER, Dec. 15.—The decision in the injunction case gives universal satisfaction. Railway people say it is a victory for them, while the applicants state that now that proper safeguards have been attached to the "Workshops' By-Law," all their objections are removed and they are thoroughly satisfied.

The revision court for Westminster district opened here to-day. There are thirty five appeals to be heard.

The inquest on the body of the Chinaman killed by the train yesterday exonerates the railway company. The corporation is recommended to widen the sidewalk at the point where the accident occurred, and place a handrail on the railway side. The Chinaman was proven to have been deaf, and thus unable to hear the noise of the train and the warnings of the onlookers.

Consumption Surely Cured.

TO THE EDITOR:—Please inform your readers that I have a positive remedy for the above named disease. By its timely use thousands of hopeless cases have been permanently cured. I shall be glad to send two bottles of my remedy FREE to any of your readers who have consumption if they will send me their Express and P. O. address. Respectfully,

DR. T. A. SLOCUM,

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Gillett, a clever forger, who operated in Winnipeg last July, has been caught at Fargo.

Rev. A. C. Crews, of Simcoe street Church, Hamilton, has accepted a call to Zion Church, Winnipeg.

AMERICAN NEWS.

Daring attempt to Steal a Valuable Diamond Necklace on Broadway, New York.

Rowell Challenges Albert and Littlewood to Run Six Days for $2,500 a Side.

Explosion of Sewer Gas in Boston—Burning of a Cotton-Laden Steamer on Mississippi.

The Kilrain-Sullivan Fight.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Jake Kilrain's representative called at the *Clipper* office to-day with $500 to cover Sullivan's forfeit money, but refused to leave the money unless Mr. Colvin, the sporting editor of the *Clipper*, gave a receipt for it. This Colvin declined to do, saying he gave Sullivan no receipt for his money, and he could no more than acknowledge the truth in *Clipper* that Sullivan's forfeit had been covered by Kilrain's. The latter's representative, however, persisted in having a receipt, and would not leave the money under any other condition. Kilrain also sent a statement in which he challenged Sullivan's right to call himself "Champion," insisting on his (Kilrain's) right to name time and place, and insisting that the battle be for the *Police Gazette* belt, in addition to the $5,000 aside. It is not likely that Sullivan would agree to the diamond belt clause.

The Long-Distance Championship.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—A cable dispatch was received at the *Police Gazette* office to-day, signed by George W. Atkinson, editor of the *Sporting Life*, containing a challenge from pedestrian Charles Rowell to James Albert, of Philadelphia, to run six days for $2,500 a side, either at the Aquarium or Agricultural hall, London. He also offers to make a match on similar terms with Littlewood, or to enter a sweepstake race of £150 or £500 each for the *Police Gazette* diamond belt against Littlewood, Albert and Herty, to take place in England. Rowell says he will not go to America. The dispatch adds it is expected Littlewood will accept Rowell's challenge, and that the race will be arranged for a sweepstakes of £100 each, open to all, for the long-distance championship of the world.

Attempt to Steal a Necklace.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Wm. Johnson, of 425 West 52nd street, smashed the plate glass window of Kirkpatrick's jewellry store, 941 Broadway, to-night, and stole a diamond necklace worth $4,500. He was arrested and the necklace recovered.

Storm At Cape Breton.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—A Sydney, Cape Breton, special says: A fearful storm, with the wind 70 miles an hour, accompanied by snow and sleet, has been raging here since Tuesday night. Many houses were unroofed and the people turned half-clad into the howling tempest. The wires are down in every direction. From all accessible points come tales of fearful suffering and shipwreck at sea. It is feared when all points are heard from there will be much loss of life.

Death of a Mine Owner.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Alexander B. Davis, formerly largely interested in the silver mines in Colorado, and at one time attorney-general for the State of Minnesota, died suddenly this morning at 445 Hicks street, Brooklyn. Heart disease is the supposed cause.

Valuable Lot of Opium.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—The steamship City of New York, which arrived here yesterday from Hong Kong, had among her cargo 370 cases of prepared opium. This is one of the largest importations of opium ever made to this port, and represents $151,700 in duty to be paid to the government.

Explosion of Sewer Gas.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—Two explosions of sewer gas in a building on Clinton and Mercantile avenue, occupied by McWilliam & Co., and Puffer Bros., to-night, entirely wrecked the structure, which caused an aggregate loss of about $20,000. The explosion for a time created great excitement in the neighborhood, the concussion being severe, and causing a breakage of windows in adjacent houses.

Steamer and Cargo Burned.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 15.—The *Times-Democrat* Yazoo City, Miss., special says: "The Parisot Line steamer F. Barksdale, together with 900 bales of cotton and 1200 sacks of cotton seed, was burned this morning at Hendrick's landing, Yazoo river. The boat was valued at $12,000; insurance not stated. Insurance on cotton $45,000. The seed is insured in New Orleans.

"White Caps" Indicted.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 15. — Governor Gray has been notified by the prosecutor at Corydon, Indiana, that William S. Gregory, James T. Lynch, Lewis Job, Dan Vest, Samuel Bett, John R. Rawlings, Floyd Morgan, Charles Morgan, William Wiseman, R. Robertson and Charles Miller have been indicted for "White Cap" outrages. The men are all well-to-do citizens of Harrison county. Attorney-General Michener, who directed the prosecution against the "White Caps," says there will be twenty-five or thirty more indicted in various southern counties, and from his knowledge of the evidence he believes there will be a good many convicted.

A Stone on the Track.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 15.—A hand-car on the Cincinnati Northern Narrow Gauge Railroad, coming rapidly down a steep grade this morning, near Eden Park entrance, struck a stone on the track and was thrown down an embankment. Six railroad employes went down with it, and all of them were injured, T. M. Sulli, van, foreman, probably fatal, the others escaped with broken bones and scalp wounds. It is uncertain whether the stone was placed on the track to wreck a train or rolled there from the wall of the cut.

Fatal Shooting Affray.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 15.—A special to the *Picayune* from Grand Cotean, La., says information has been received there of a shooting affray a short distance from this town. Two men are reported killed and several seriously wounded. One woman was also seriously hurt, but details are lacking. The participants are all white people.

Wrestling Match.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 15.—In the wrestling match to-night between Tom Connors and D. A. McMillan, catch-as-catch-can, Connors won easily, taking two straight falls, the first in 9 minutes, and the second in 1 minute. McMillan's backers are disappointed at his failure to do better. The referee was John Klein, of Beloit. At the close of the match Jack Carkeek challenged Connors to wrestle a match, and deposited $50 forfeit.

An Embezzler's End.

ST. CLOUD, Minn., Dec. 15.—The shooting of E. A. Morse, cashier of the Bank of San Bernardino, Cala., yesterday, created considerable comment here. Morse was an attorney and loan agent in this city who represented the Minnesota Loan and Trust Company, and who, after embezzling $10,000, mysteriously disappeared a year ago. It has been surmised he was in California.

The Hawes Tragedy.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 15.— The body of Irene Hawes, the youngest child of the Hawes family, was found to-day at the bottom of the lake, at Lake View park, near the spot where the body of the mother was found a week ago. The body was weighted down by pieces of railroad iron fastened about the neck, but there were no marks of violence. Hawes, when told of the finding of the body, took the matter indifferently, and refused to answer any questions. No trouble is expected to-night, but the guard at the jail is increased.

BROKE THROUGH THE ICE.

Fatal Skating Accident on the Bay at Belleville.

(Special to THE COLONIST.)

BELLEVILLE, Ont., Dec. 15.—Two boys, aged 11 and 15 years, the sons of Herbert, the storekeeper at Ferry Point, were drowned in the Bay this morning. They and Antonie Bourboanais broke through the ice while skating. Bourboanais got out, and did everything in his power to save the other boys, but failed.

CAPITAL NOTES.

The Member for Joliette Unseated on the Ground of Bribery.

Preeper, the Nova Scotia Murderer, Must Hang—Manitoba Crossing Decision Next Saturday—$500 Canal Contracts Awarded —Opinion Divided Over the Increased Duty on Logs.

(From our Own Correspondent.)

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