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Resulting from the Sinking of
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A Daughter of the Czar May Marry
the Duc d'Orleans.

A Girl Wants \$50,000 from a Sultan for
Breast of Promise—Traffic of
Two German Petty Officers—A
Bottle in the Case.

Smallpox in New York.

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—Four more cases
of smallpox were reported to-day. Two
persons died of the disease on North
Brooklyn Island.

Bismarck Better.

KISSING, Sept. 25.—The condition of
Prince Bismarck has so much improved that
he has decided to return to his home at
Friedrichsruhe, near Hamburg. He will
leave this place on Thursday.

All Lost!

PARIS, Sept. 25.—A dispatch from St.
Petersburg to-day confirms the report that
the iron monitor Pousalka, of the Russian
navy, had gone down, probably with all on
board, in a storm off the Gulf of Finland.

Harmony Restored.

ROME, Sept. 25.—The Vatican has re-
ceived advice from the United States
showing that the dissensions among Catho-
lics there have ceased, and that the groups
which opposed Mr. Stollie have sub-
mitted to his authority. The Vatican is
especially pleased to learn that calm has
been re-established in the New York pro-
vince.

Proposed Union of Royal Blood.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—A dispatch to the
Chronicle from Paris mentions the rumor
that a marriage is projected between the
Duc d'Orleans and one of the daughters of
the Czar. It is said that the meeting be-
tween the Comte de Paris and the Czar at
Copenhagen is intended to pave the way to
this marriage.

Loss of a Russian Warship.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 25.—The Rus-
sian warship Pousalka, with 160 per-
sons on board, has foundered in the
Gulf of Finland. She sailed from
Rural for Helsingfors last Tuesday.

The Anarchist Scare in Vienna.

VIENNA, Sept. 25.—The arrest Saturday
of fourteen Anarchists here and the capture
yesterday of 68 members of a secret society
at Bruenn, the capital of Moravia, has
revealed the existence of a desperate An-
archist plot. To-day several more members
of the gang were taken into custody, and
the plot against all the persons arrested is
said to be overwhelming. All the persons
arrested are known to be Anarchists of the
worst type.

The Police declare the conspiracy they
have unearthed is the most formidable plot
the Anarchists have ever concocted in
Vienna. Every one of the men arrested
had in his possession bombs or cartridges
ready for use. The police are searching in
every direction for other members of the
gang.

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LONDON, Sept. 25.—The Netherlands
American line steamer Veendam Capt.
Vandersee, from Rotterdam, called at Ply-
mouth yesterday for the purpose of taking
on board the passengers of the same com-
pany's steamer Maasdam. The latter
steamer, while bound from Rotterdam for
New York, was wrecked at sea and was
towed back to Plymouth by the Dutch
steamer P. Caland, which was also bound
for New York. The Maasdam's passengers
and their baggage was transferred to the
Veendam. Immediately upon her arrival,
and the latter vessel at once proceeded for
New York.

Carnot's Significant Speech.

PARIS, Sept. 25.—A dispatch from Beau-
vais says that President Carnot entertained
200 French gentlemen and foreign officers
after the army maneuvers there, and that
at the close of the banquet he made a
significant speech. President Carnot con-
gratulated the French army, which, he
said, gave France confidence in her strength
and inspired her with eagerness and en-
thusiasm. France, he added, is faithful to
her friendships, which she will be glad to
celebrate with festivities, and she can proclaim
with uplifted hand her sincere love for
peace, in the firm conviction that the future
belongs to prudence and right.

Tragic Death of Two German Officers.

BERLIN, Sept. 25.—Considerable excite-
ment was caused here to-day among the
troops in garrison by the tragic death of
two petty officers. Sergeant Wagmann,
of the Fusiliers, was drunk, and knowledge
of the fact coming to his superior officer it
was ordered that he be placed under ar-
rest. Sergeant Kamboukey was detailed
to guard him after he was taken into
custody. Wagmann was ugly and made
many threats, but little or no attention was
paid to them. Through carelessness, when
Wagmann was arrested his revolver was
not taken from him, and when the oppor-
tunity offered he shot Sergeant Kambou-
key, killing him almost instantly. Wagne-
man then shot and killed himself.

British Parliament Closes.

A cable correspondent writes: The net
result of the session seems to be a deep
fault between the leaders of the allied
Tories and Liberal Unionists. They began
the year by loud boasts that Gladstone
and coalition would go to pieces be-
fore midsummer. Instead of that, it is
their own alliance which gives ominous
signs of disruption. Apparently Churchill
has petered out altogether. His per-
formances at the outset of the session gave
rise to the idea that he was going
to make a desperate bid for a re-
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COLD WAVE IN ENGLAND.

Snow Falls to the Depth of Four Inches
in Westminster—Heavy Rainy
Weather.

LONDON, Sept. 24.—The people of the
North and East were surprised to-day
morning to find snow falling as steadily
as though it was winter. The storm
continued through the morning throughout
most of the northern counties, Northum-
berland, Cumberland, Yorkshire, Lancashire
and Westmoreland, but was most
severe in the last-named county, where the
snow covered the ground to a depth of four
inches.

A passenger train on the Highland Rail-
road became stalled at Dalmeny station,
owing to a severe frost, which prevented
the switch working. Many people were
injured.

COLD WEATHER IN ITALY.

The Apennines are covered with snow.
Meteorologists predict that this presages
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PENSION FRAUDS.

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and captured three others at Francis, one
and one-half miles from this city, last
night. The dead are: Ed. Kohler and
Hugo Engel. The names of the captured
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John H. Donaldson. A reporter named Grimwood made an
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for the thousands of people who lined the
embankment along the lake within the
World's Fair grounds.

Prof. King must have begun to realize
that he must take desperate chances if he
wished to save his own life and that of his
companion, for before the Aloha had
reached a mile the balloon was seen to
drop from its high position in the air. The
professor had evidently pulled the valve
and allowed enough gas to escape to make
the balloon descend rapidly. The aeronaut
had misestimated his altitude or reduced
the amount of gas too much, for the balloon
dropped as if it had collapsed and struck
the water sharply. But the contact with
the water only served to make it rise, and it
bounced again into the air. It was car-
ried along by the force of the wind.

Capt. Crawford ordered his crew to push
the Aloha to the utmost. No such order
was necessary, because every man was
doing all that could be done to force the
little craft over the waves, which were
rapidly growing more boisterous as the
wind freshened. But the Aloha was no
match for the air ship, which always kept
on the edge of the horizon, three or four
miles in front. It was seen to bound along
before the wind, striking the water, and
then rising several times.

At last, after running ten or twelve miles,
the engineer of the Aloha announced that
the limited supply of coal in the tankers
was almost exhausted and that it would be
impossible to run any further out into the
lake. Capt. Crawford, therefore, gave up
the chase.

Before the Aloha had returned to the
World's Fair grounds the excitement
among the crowds that lined the shore had
become so intense that the officers of the
internal revenue cutter Andy Johnson
were impetuously to start after the bal-
loon, commander Davis was one of those who
saw the balloon drop from the clouds into
the lake, and it did not take much urging
to get him to give the necessary commands.

It was 6:30 when the Andy Johnson
started. The balloon was then 20 or 25
miles from the World's Fair grounds.
Darkness was gathering over the
waters of the lake. A rain storm set
in at 10 o'clock to add to the discomforts
of Prof. King and Miss Morris.

At midnight the revenue cutter Andy
Johnson returned to its moorings, having
on board Prof. King and Miss Morris. The
revenue cutter sought up with the air ship
fifteen miles northeast of the mouth of the
Chicago River, off Grease Point light house.

Threatening Voyage!

Marvelous Escape of an Aeronaut
and His