

Testing a New System

Wireless Telegraphy From a Steamer Off the Coast of Ireland.

Successful Experiments Preparing to Send Messages From New Jersey to Portugal.

New York, Feb. 22.—Of the experiments wireless telegraphy recently conducted from the steamer "The Georgia," one of the experimenters, W. S. Sherman, who has arrived here, says: "The system adopted is that invented by Col. Henry Montague Hoar, secretary of the U. S. Navy, and Mr. Nevill Maskelyne, of London. The apparatus used in this system is different from that employed by the present system. It is a simple in construction and easy to manipulate, so that the ordinary marine signalman is able to use it for a day's instructions. The steamer was miles from Newfoundland, and signals were changed as the Georgia continued on her regular course at the usual speed until she was 25 miles from Newfoundland, when the signals were discontinued. The messages were easily read."

CANADIAN NEWS ITEMS.

Woman Burned to Death at Niagara Falls. Application for Incorporation of Salt Company.

Niagara Falls, Feb. 25.—Edward Pender's residence at the suspension bridge was destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon with all its contents. Mr. Pender, after getting four small children out of the burning building, returned to secure insurance and other papers and was overcome with smoke and burned to death.

Surrendered to Police. Havoc, Feb. 23.—Alex. Sharp, the man who shot Wm. Hall on Wednesday evening is reported in a despatch from Detroit Thursday, has given himself up to Capt. Cochrane here.

Smallpox at London. London, Feb. 21.—A mild case of smallpox has been discovered in this city.

Canadian Salt Company. Ottawa, Feb. 23.—Sir Wm. Van Horn and other Canadian and American capitalists, is applying for a charter of incorporation of the Canadian Salt Co., with a capital of \$500,000, and with chief place of business at Montreal.

Leave for Cuba To-night. Montreal, Feb. 23.—Sir William V. Horne leaves to-night for Cuba.

J. R. Nelson Ill. J. R. Nelson, secretary to Mr. Shearer, is indisposed.

POULETT EARLDOM. Proceedings to Effect the Present Occupancy From Hinton House.

London, Feb. 22.—Proceedings have been instituted in behalf of Viscount Hinton, who at one time was an organ-grinder in London streets, to eject the youthful Earl Poulett from Hinton House, pending the trial of the question of his right to the title.

CUT TO PIECES. (Associated Press.) Sharon, Pa., Feb. 22.—A freight train ran into a crowd of men on their way to work today. Five were killed, being cut to pieces.

ARAB BISHOP. Constantinople, Feb. 22.—It is reported that a general Arab rising has occurred in Yemen, Arabia, against Turkish authority, and the situation is serious. The Porte has ordered four regiments to reinforce the Turkish troops there.

TEN BODIES FOUND. (Associated Press.) Trenton, N. J., Feb. 22.—Ten bodies have been taken out of the wreck of the Nellie Bly express and the Camden local, several miles south of here. More dead bodies are supposed to be in the debris of the wreck, which was afterwards swept by fire.

A FISH PAMINE. New York, Feb. 22.—A pronounced fresh fish famine marks the opening of the Lenten season. Fulton markets are almost bare of fresh fish. There is no immediate prospect of relief, and official wholesale prices quoted there are at an advance, compared with this time last year, from 50 to 100 per cent.

FOR THE GARDEN. Our new, large illustrated seed catalogue is just out. It is better than any other catalogue. For 10c we will send the catalogue with our new Seed-Brigs Evergreen, Turnip Beet-two seed packets, the garden, or five fine novelties which we have tested. Both are of excellent favor.

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Woman's Terrible Crime at Uniontown, Wash., While in Fit of Insanity.

Threw Two Boys and Four Girls Into a Well Thirty Feet Deep.

How a Mob Tried to Force a Confession From a Prisoner.

(Associated Press.) Colfax, Wn., Feb. 25.—Mrs. Rose Wurzer, in a fit of insanity yesterday, drowned her six children, aged from four to twelve years, at Uniontown, Wash. She threw them into a well 30 feet deep containing water, and held the heads of the children beneath the surface until all were drowned. Mrs. Wurzer was found alive in the well with her children by the neighbors, who pulled her out with a rope.

Prison's Suicide. London, Feb. 25.—The Vienna correspondent of the Morning Leader says: "Prison Karl of Croy has committed suicide because he was jilted by a peasant girl."

Charged With Murder. Chicago, Feb. 25.—A special to the Chronicle from Terre Haute, Ind., says that a Russian coal miner will be put on trial today for the murder of two men.

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THE GLACIAL PERIOD.

Prof. Wright Tells of His Investigations in Asia.

(Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 25.—Letters have just been received here from the Rev. Dr. Geo. Frederick Wright, the authority on the glacial period and Biblical geology, telling of the results of his search in Asia for evidences that the deluge covered the whole earth. Dr. Wright secured a large amount of evidence from Oberlin, Ohio, university and sailed for Japan last year. He went at once to Siberia and began his work. His son accompanied him as an assistant. The professor went through Siberia and then to Syria, via the Ural and Caucasus mountains.

In a letter received in New York from him at Jerusalem, Prof. Wright said: "I have traveled 12,000 miles in Asia to find evidence of the glacial period and have found none. There was no general glaciation of eastern and central Asia as there was of America and Europe. But I have found indisputable evidence of an extensive submergence of the land extending to the base of Mount Ararat and that this submergence took place subsequent to the appearance of man on the earth. The Russian geologists have found remains of a deep down in the deposits connected with this period of submergence. The one point of certainty is that since man's appearance there has been a period of instability in the earth's crust in northern and central Asia which shows that the Biblical account of the flood is an entirely creditable story."

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Farmer Injured. Quebec, Feb. 25.—A farmer named Tremblay, living at Straymond, near here, in jumping from a hay loft on Friday afternoon at a pitchfork, the prongs of which impaled him, inflicting serious injuries which may cause his death.

Government Lease of Railway. Toronto, Feb. 25.—A. V. Puttee, M. P., Labor, Winnipeg, in an interview here declares the Manitoba government lease of the Northern Pacific railway means government ownership of railway debts.

Proposed Change. T. O. Davis, M. P., Saskatchewan, who was in the city on Saturday, said that after the Dominion census was taken a move would be made to have the N. W. T. organized into provinces.

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NARROW ESCAPE

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Woodstock, Feb. 21.—W. Hasselfield and wife, of Manitow, Man., were married yesterday at the home of the bride's father, in East Sorra, and starting on their honeymoon, registered at a hotel yesterday afternoon. As they had not been seen when dinner-time came today, the proprietor knocked at the door and getting no answer, broke into the room. Both were unconscious, the gas being only partly off. They were not past recovery, and physicians with hard work succeeded in restoring them to life.

Ontario Railway. Toronto, Feb. 21.—Premier Ross, in his budget speech to-day announced that the government might be asked to build a railway from North Bay to the Lake Temiscamingue region, which was being rapidly settled up, yet had no railway. No private company would build such a railway as the first step towards the province was a rising feeling against subsidies to railways. Under the circumstances, the government was disposed to undertake the project, and to take the sense of the House of the propriety of constructing such a line. The government would not be compelled to run it; it could be leased.

The Pacific Cable. Ottawa, Feb. 21.—The government proposes to guarantee to pay 6-18 of £2,000,000 sterling towards the cost of the Pacific cable. The bill of 1899 limited the proportion to £1,700,000.

Commandant at Kingston. It is definitely settled that Major Meade of the North-West regiment is to be the new commandant of the Royal Military College.

THE KING AT WORK. Is Closely Occupied With Affairs of State. (Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 22.—King Edward's activity of interest in his work continues unabated, says the Tribune's London correspondent. Every detail receives his attention, and he insists upon having accurate knowledge of everything and forming an opinion.

Those in touch with the court assert that all the important addresses and messages to the nation, army and foreign rulers have been written by the King himself, and that the phrasing of all Royal communications except possibly the King's speech in parliament, is his own. He rises early, works late, sleeps little and never complains.

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Provincial Legislature

The Premier Submits a Resolution of Loyalty to the King.

Result of Government Caucus—Several Members Change Chairs.

The government supporters held a caucus on Saturday night, when it was understood that the government submitted an outline of the result of the visit of the cabinet deputation to Ottawa. The details of the result of the mission were not disclosed, the government promising that it would be laid before the House at an early date.

This morning a concession was made to the representatives of the press which was highly appreciated. Hitherto the newspaper men have had no room in which to transcribe their notes, or in which they could do such work as was necessary in connection with the session. The matter was taken up this morning in earnest by John Houston, member for Nelson, and owner and editor of the Tribune of that city. He threw his usual energy into the matter, with the cooperation of H. Dallas Helmcken and other members who were at the House this morning, and in less time almost than it takes to tell it, a petition was presented to the provincial secretary asking that the members of the House be permitted to sit apart for the reporters. Hon. Mr. Prentice went one better than the petitioners, and the result was that the fine airy quarters at the end of the corridor, and hitherto used as the private quarters of the ministers, will henceforth be set apart for the press.

It was subsequently found that another room had been made available, which is wholly inadequate to the requirements, having been set apart for the use of the reporters.

The House of the House has undergone little change since last year. Mr. Kidd of Richmond, has moved up into the seat vacated by Ralph Smith, while Mr. Davidson, of Nanaimo, takes Mr. Kidd's chair.

The government side has now a heavy end man as well as the opposition benches. Mr. Helmcken has long occupied the place, which explains the presence of the former in the cabinet. The change was made owing to difficulty. Capt. Tatlow experienced in hearing. The knowing ones say that it is possible that he may move up into the minister's seat, although not for the same reason.

L. A. Mounce, of Comox, is down for Sunday night, and was standing at the door of his mill talking with Mayor Cartlew, of Cumberland, when the explosion took place in the mine, which fifty yards distant. A great mass of debris was thrown perpendicular to the air and the shock was terrific. Mr. Mounce states that the cause of the explosion will be pretty definitely ascertained when the debris is removed, as experts can tell the reason for it by the appearance of the interior.

The House resumed this afternoon, Mr. Speaker Booth being in the chair. After routine business, as already mentioned in the Times, the following petition were presented by Mr. Helmcken: On behalf of the Columbia & West-coast Railway Company, asking an extension of time to completing the remaining portions of their railway.