

BELLIGERENT COLONISTS.

Colonial Delegates Get Mad Over Britain's Policy in the New Hebrides—Title to a Scene Raised—The Queen's Oath to be Further Lightened.

A last (Friday) night's London cable says: A meeting of the Colonial Conference was held to-day, with Sir Henry Holland presiding, when the draft scheme for the increase of the Australian squadron was agreed to, with the resolution relative to laying a submarine cable between Vancouver and Australia. A discussion was invited by the President as to the proposal to extend the title of the Queen so as to include distinct reference to the colonies. The delegates were unanimously in favor of the extension of the title, subject to the Queen's pleasure, and suggested that the terms of the proclamation of 1858 should be adopted, viz. Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the Colonies and Dependencies thereof. At the close of the conference an address was presented to Sir Henry Holland, expressing a sense of the manner in which he had presided. Sir Henry Holland thanked the delegates for their kindness and courtesy. The conference will visit Cambridge tomorrow. The final sitting of the conference will be held on Monday.

Sir Henry Holland, Secretary of State for the Colonies, presided in the Colonial Conference here on the 27th ult, that the Government hoped to arrange with France for a joint naval commission for the government of the New Hebrides. The commission, it was stated, would have power to protect the settlers, traders and missionaries, and would also be empowered to land marines to punish and to maintain order, the marines, however, to be withdrawn when the special work for which they landed was accomplished. If the scheme proposed by France it was to be arranged that the French garrisons now occupying the chief harbors of the New Hebrides should retire. The publication of the address to Sir Henry Holland, which the Colonial representatives here, many of whom are said to be unable to conceal their anger at what they regard as the surrender of their claims to France. It is said that Sir Henry Holland's statement amazed the members of the conference and almost led to a scene. The Australians were without exception depressed at the policy which even seemed to recognize French pretensions in the New Hebrides. Lord Salisbury, who was present, supported the scheme proposed by Sir Henry Holland in justification of the Government's proposal. The Premier's argument, however, instead of mollifying the incensed delegates, served to increase their wrath. His remarks implied that the Australian demands hampered England in her negotiations with France. He maintained that the colonies made a grave mistake in not accepting the compromise, which the Earl of Rosebery proposed, and which, the Premier said, would have prevented the extension of the title to the colonies by the United Kingdom. The Premier's sending of French convicts to the South Pacific, and the rejection of which made it difficult for the English Government to approach France for the settlement of the New Hebrides, was also mentioned. The Premier's speech increased the dissatisfaction of the delegates to such an extent that Sir Henry Holland, the Agent-General of Victoria, withdrew, and the Minister with him having made a speech that would have been excellent coming from the mouth of the French Premier.

M. Chavart has been installed as French resident at Wallis Island, the capital of the Wallis Islands group in the South Pacific, in view of a possible British or German occupation.

WHIRLED TO DEATH.

Horrible Death by a Young Woman's Playful Carelessness.

A Jersey City despatch says: A horrible accident occurred in the smoking and line cut department of Lorrillard's Tobacco Factory, this city, about 2 o'clock, which resulted in the death of Miss Perrine, a widow, employed in the factory. At the time of the accident there were 250 girls in the room, many of whom were eye-witnesses to the tragedy. There are ten packing machines in the room. All of these except two were shut down and the girls were standing about chatting, waiting for the paymaster to come. While waiting, the girl's master Mrs. Perrine went over to the opposite end of the room to chat with her friend, Miss Cosgrove. Only two of the machines were running, and the two belts from all the others had been detached from the pulleys and were hanging loose on the revolving shaft. Describing the accident, Mrs. Perrine said in one of the loose belts and began swinging as she would have done in a scup, holding fast to the belt with both hands. She then raised her head and the girl's weight above her. The girl's weight acted as a pres-sure upon the belt, which suddenly commenced to revolve, and she was borne upward with a crash to the ceiling, ten feet above, with a frightful crash. The girl's shoulders struck the ceiling and her hands and arms became entangled in a shaft revolving 350 times in a minute. The girl fell in almost a second, and she lay motionless. She lay in a mass upon the floor and a great stream of blood trickled out through her clothing upon the floor, and she died soon afterwards.

CAR AND NIBBLER.

He Will Commute their Sentences—Detention of the Prisoners.

A St. Petersburg despatch says: It is reported that the Car has decided that the sentences of death pronounced against the Nihilists convicted of complicity in the recent attempt to assassinate him shall be commuted to imprisonment at hard labor for life in the cases of all but two of the condemned. Tolstoy, one of the condemned, said he and his accomplices acted from firm conviction that what they set out to do it was their duty to perform. Another of the prisoners is a young student. He had just finished his studies with brilliant success, having taken the gold medal of the university which graduated him. The youth was so ardent in the cause of Nihilism that he sold his gold medal to obtain money to obtain funds to enable him to leave the Empire. All the prisoners pleaded guilty, and every one refused under threat or promise to betray any accomplice. The evidence indicated the existence of four widely organized Nihilist organizations, having local centres at St. Petersburg, Kiev, Vilna and Siberia. One of the witnesses was a woman, the name of which was the wife of one of the accused, although she said she had never been joined in wedlock to him by unnecessary religious formalities. She was, this witness stated, arrested and conducted to prison.

The coat-tail flirtation is the latest. A wretched old man, bearing dusty marks, says: "I have spoken to your father."

During the next three days three thousand more immigrants are expected to arrive in Montreal.

The Bishop of Ontario will not return from England until the middle of September. In consequence the Synod, which is usually held in June, will not be convened until after his return.

Two hundred houses have been destroyed from the town of Nagaybari, Travancore. The castle of Count Karoly narrowly escaped destruction.

SHOT AND ROBBED.

Fleaky Flight of an Old Sandwich Hotel.

A Windsor despatch says: Captain John Horn, son, of Detroit, has for the past two years conducted the Road House at Sandwich, a short distance above the mineral springs. Captain John is frequently the only person on the premises. Last night he was alone, his bedroom being just in rear of the bar, with an entrance to it from the dining hall. Between nine and 10 o'clock this morning he was aroused by burglars moving in the front part of the building. Jumping and grabbing his cash-box, which he kept at the head of his bed, he opened the door and found himself face to face with one of the burglars. The fellow had a cocked revolver in his hand and poking it into the landlord's face demanded his money or his life. "I'll be— if you get my money," retorted the Captain, who, in spite of his 67 years, is able-bodied. He lunged at the burglar, the latter pulled his pistol in a twinkling and fired a bullet which passed through the fleshy part of his left thigh. "You've done it now," roared the stalwart old veteran, "but I'll get you yet," and he snatched a lather's hatchet that was close at hand. The burglars retreated and darted out of the front door, which had been left open in case of fire. The burglar followed, and in the dim light of the moon saw four men running down the road. With nothing on but his nightgown he chased them with the hatchet about 40 rods and then lost sight of them. On returning he seized up his cigars, dressed himself and walked half a mile to the nearest doctor. This morning, however, he was unable to walk, and he was taken to Windsor and crossed to his home in Detroit.

COLONIAL CONFERENCE.

The Delegates Present an Address to the Queen—Handsome Gifts and Congratulations.

A London cablegram says: The Colonial delegates visited the Queen at Windsor to-day to present their address. Several valuable presents were made from the colonies, among them being a gold casket containing a diamond necklace, which was presented by the Cape representatives, and a casque of native woods, mounted in silver and jewels, from Natal. Both Sir Alexander Campbell and Mr. Sandford Fleming were present. The address stated that the Queen's subjects from distant parts of the Empire, assembled in London to confer on questions affecting the interests of the colonies throughout the world, desire to avail themselves of the opportunity of approaching Her Majesty with humble, united and earnest congratulations on the fiftieth year of her reign. Mention was made of the growth of the population of India and the colonies, and that the increased activity of the shipping revenue had been proportionate to the population. No one in the Queen's wide dominion is subject to any other way than that of even and impartial law. The address congratulated Her Majesty on the past, still affording her subjects safety and prosperity, and the Empire that stability which claims the admiration of the world. The delegates also prayed that her happy reign should be prolonged, and the throne remain established on the land in justice and righteousness for generations to come.

RAILWAY DISASTER.

An Intercolonial Express Wrecked by a Snowstorm—Two Men Killed.

A Montreal, N.B., despatch says: Yesterday's express from Quebec was five hours behind time. The delay was caused by a fatal snowdrift three miles west of the station. The train was stopped by a snowdrift which had dropped on the track from a high bank in a clay cutting, and both engines and the passenger cars ran off the track and piled in a heap of ruin. The driver of one of the engines named Pierre Levesque was killed, and a brakeman named Alfred Lavard was so badly scalded that he died in a short time. The other two engines and one of the trainmen crawled out from the wreck with scarcely any injury. The engine is simply miraculous. Mr. McDaniel, the engineer, was not injured, and immediately sent for medical aid and for the auxiliary cars of St. Flavie and Rivier du Loup. Owing to the awkward way in which the train was stopped, the fifty or sixty men, having no place to dump the debris, the clearing of the line was a difficult matter. The accident was one which it was difficult to foresee, nothing of the kind having been known to happen before. The bank that fell in an enormous one, and is composed of snow as hard and heavy as clay.

Stabbed to Death.

A New Westminster (B.C.) despatch says: Between 9 and 10 o'clock yesterday morning J. E. Muir, who has been engaged for many years logging at Semiahmoo, was murdered on the railway wharf in this city by a man named Wm. Shearer. The cause of the trouble between them is supposed to be of long standing. Shearer, who was discharging lumber from a scow, deliberately struck upon the wharf where Muir was standing and without any words being said, he repeatedly. On Muir attempting to get away Shearer caught him by his collar and forced him until the murder was accomplished. The murderer then threw his knife into the water and quickly gave himself up. Muir died in a few minutes, and on examination eleven stab wounds were found on the neck and the lower part of his body.

A Level Headed Fellow.

First Man—Ump! The idea of spending \$200 for a bicycle for your boy? You'll rain him. Second Man—On the contrary, I desire to keep him out of bad company. What had you with that new fangled contrivance do any one, I'd like to know? He can go where he pleases with it. "Did you ever hear of a young man coming home drunk on a bicycle?" "A certain current slang phrase has been traced to no less a person than John Bunyan. In 'The Pilgrim's Progress' he says: 'When I was a child I used to play for them in a nation, then they took in the hedges, though their ordinance lie cold, as leaves that are dry and fallen down from the tree.'"

There is something in this little fellow I like," said an appreciative motorist to a young hopeful he was trotting on his knees. "Now," said the boy, "how did you know I had swallowed a penny?"

In front of a grocery store in Bleeker street, New York, is a sign on a basket of eggs which reads as follows: "Fresh eggs guaranteed. Every egg dated."

"Define a nonstop," said the teacher, and the children all replied in ringing chorus: "An insurance agent with the mumps."

It is expected that Michigan Central freight trains will be running into London by the end of next week.

Non cent jargon an artist from the way he writes his name, nor a woman's disposition by the size of her bustle.

The Queen's Jubilee was celebrated in Tiberan on Friday night with unworldly splendor. The buildings of the British Legation were splendidly illuminated.

IRELAND'S CRIMES BILL.

A last (Wednesday) night's London cable says: There was an unusually large attendance at the House of Commons to-day, as strong interest was felt in the Dillon libel question.

Mr. W. H. Smith announced in the House of Commons that the Government had resolved that the allegation that the statement by the London Times that Mr. Dillon told a falsehood while denying in the House of Commons the paper's utterances concerning his alleged relations with Sheridan, the Invincible, was not a breach of privilege and not sustained by precedent. Mr. Dillon told a falsehood while denying in the House of Commons the paper's utterances concerning his alleged relations with Sheridan, the Invincible, was not a breach of privilege and not sustained by precedent. Mr. Dillon told a falsehood while denying in the House of Commons the paper's utterances concerning his alleged relations with Sheridan, the Invincible, was not a breach of privilege and not sustained by precedent.

Mr. Gladstone, who on rising was loudly cheered, moved an amendment, that a committee be appointed to inquire into the charge of wilful misstatement made by Mr. Dillon in the Times on Monday. He said he did not intend to suggest that the inquiry go beyond the article referred to. He objected to Lord Randolph Churchill's calling him the leader of the party of separation. He perfectly understood why Lord Randolph did not call it the party of separation. He perfectly understood why Lord Randolph did not call it the party of separation.

Mr. De Lisle, Conservative, rose to a point of order. He said he had heard Mr. Tanner (Home Rule member for Middle Cork) say "The Conservatives are a damned lot of cats."

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Mr. Speaker said he had used the word "damned." He repeated, however, that the Conservatives were a lot of cats.

Mr. Speaker said he would withdraw the expression and apologize.

Sir Wm. Vernon Harcourt denounced the Government's proposal.

Sir Edward Clarke, ex-Solicitor-General, moved an amendment to the Government proposal, to the effect that the House did not consider the Times statement concerning Mr. Dillon a breach of privilege.

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A METEOR AT SEA.

The Narrow Escape From Destruction of a Vessel—Feculiar Experiences.

A New York despatch says: The Mail and Express says: It has been known thought by mariners and those intimate with astronomical phenomena that many of the sudden and mysterious disappearances of vessels at sea could be accounted for by their being struck by meteors and meteoric stones. The theory appears to have some foundation by the following statement by Captain Swart, of the Dutch barque J. P. A. bound for Quebec, and one of the first statements of the kind ever made public: On March 10th the ship, while in lat. 37 degrees 39 minutes north, and long 77 degrees west, experienced a severe storm. About 5 o'clock in the afternoon a meteor was observed flying through the air. It presented the appearance of a red, rocketing fireball, and the other very brightly illuminated. The latter appeared as if ready to drop on board amidships. The vessel was hove to under stow, and the meteor dropped into the sea close alongside, making in its flight a tremendous roaring noise. Before falling into the water the upper atmosphere was suddenly darkened, while below on the vessel appeared a circle like a sea of fire. The force of the meteor on striking the water caused the latter to form heavy breakers, which swept over the vessel, rocking her fearfully. At the same time such a suffocating atmosphere was caused as to force perspiration to run down the faces of all on board, and greatly to excite the nerves. The meteor appeared like a sea of fire. The force of the meteor on striking the water caused the latter to form heavy breakers, which swept over the vessel, rocking her fearfully. At the same time such a suffocating atmosphere was caused as to force perspiration to run down the faces of all on board, and greatly to excite the nerves.

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WATCHING THE FISHERIES.

The Canadian Cruisers Find No Trouble in Looking After the Americans.

A Halifax despatch says: The cruiser Triumph, on the station occupied by the Terror last summer, called into Barrington Bay, New Brunswick, in the past few days all the harbors and inlets of fishing craft between Liverpool and Barrington, and is now on her way to Pubnico, the western limit of her beat. Capt. Lowry reports having captured and halved fifty American schooners since he assumed his present command. All these vessels came in for the purpose of shelter or repairs. The crews always manifested the utmost willingness to comply with the regulations, and in every instance so far had promptly carried out their instructions.

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