

A HIGH DIVER'S END.

Met Death in Descent Into Tank From Roof of Madison Square Garden.

Lost Control of His Body Through Momentary Attention to Flag Draperies.

Struck With Terrible Force Causing Skull Fracture and Other Injuries.

By Associated Press. New York, March 8.—Thomas Donaldson, of Bay Borch, down the world over as a champion high diver, dived from the roof of Madison Square Garden, a distance of 85 feet, this afternoon, with probably fatal results.

BEHRING SEA PATROLS.

United States Preparing for Them in Default of Any Sealing Arrangement.

Washington, March 8.—In view of the failure of the American-Canadian high commission to come to an agreement on the subject of the seal fisheries, the treasury department is considering the question of despatching one or more revenue cutters to Behring Sea to protect the interests of the United States from illegal fishing.

The tribunal also provided that the regulations prepared thereunder may be changed after a certain number of years, and the treasury officials have called on the state department for a statement as to the diplomatic situation before taking any action.

FISH IN CLOSE SEASON.

New York Cannot Prevent Sale of Those Lawfully Procured Outside the State.

Buffalo, March 8.—The New York state law prohibiting the handling of pike and pickerel during the "close" season, when the fish are lawfully caught or purchased outside the state, has been declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court.

PRESS WORKERS' PARADISE.

New Jersey Bill to Prohibit Overwork and Under Feeding.

Trenton, N. J., March 8.—Within a year, if all goes well, this state will be a paradise for newspaper men. The house today passed Assemblyman Klein's bill relating to the hours of labor of reporters and editors.

NEWS OF THE CAPITAL.

Gaspasia's Sorry Experience Blasts Hopes of New Winter Navigation Scheme.

Economy in Mounted Police Proves Ill-Timed and Recruiting Becomes Necessary.

THE QUEBEC MURDERERS.

Woman Anxious to Talk on the Scaffold—Villagers Boycott the Hangman.

Montreal, March 8.—(Special)—Two nuns remain constantly with Cordelia Poirer, and the latter, S. J., is constantly with the prisoner. This time is spent in prayer and pious recitation. The woman says she will make a confession on the scaffold, but has been urged not to do so.

FRONCH FIGHTING STRENGTH.

Since Quantity Is Limited by Population the Effort Is to Improve the Quality.

Paris, March 8.—In the chamber of deputies today the debate on the army budget led to the usual reference and to comparisons of the two armies. The members of the house while complaining of the budget, which totals up 575 million francs, admitted the impossibility of retrenching and the necessity of meeting German increases by corresponding additions.

CHINA WILL APOLOGIZE.

Sorry That Foreign Office Replied Too Bluntly to Italian Request.

Rome, March 8.—The Tribune says it learns that the Chinese government has offered to send the Italian minister, Signor Martini, a war Emperor, through Sir Claude Macdonald, British minister at Peking, for the terms in which the Tsungli Yamen would accept China's refusal to grant the concession recently made by Italy of San Sun bay, to be used as an Italian naval base and coaling station.

CHALLENGE TO RUSSIA.

British Ultimatum to Chinese Foreign Office Makes a Threatening Situation.

An Issue Already Too Long Avoided Now Demanding Bold Treatment.

Time Has Arrived for Definite Understanding if Conflict Is to Be Avoided.

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TELEGRAPH TO DAWSON.

Government to Construct Line at Once and Maintain It as Public Enterprise.

Ottawa, March 8.—The government has decided to construct a telegraph line to the Klondike country. The plan is to build a line between Lake Bennett and Dawson City at once. At the same time they will leave to examine the country northward from Quesnel, B. C., which is the terminus of the present government system and see how to connect with the line to Dawson. The government will retain the line in its own possession, having decided that it is too valuable and too important for the standpoint of national safety to be allowed to get into any other hands.

THE NAVAL MILLIONS.

British Estimates Show Startling Increase in Permanent Charges For This Service.

Three New American Battleships to Be Larger Than the Maine—Plans For Cruisers.

By Associated Press. London, March 9.—The Times this morning says: "We understand that the navy estimates will show an increase for the ensuing year of nearly £3,000,000 over last year's total and will reach almost £26,000,000. It is proposed to add between 4,000 and 5,000 men. The large share of the increased expenditure, however, is for shipbuilding, repairs and the like."

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SALISBURY AT PARIS.

Report That He Will There Personally Settle the Differences With France.

London, March 8.—The Birmingham Post learns that Lord Salisbury will shortly go to Paris in order personally to settle the pending Anglo-French question with President Loubet and Foreign Minister Delcasse.

PROHIBITION AT A DISCOUNT.

Secures So Few Votes in a Maine Election That Party Disappears From the Ballots.

Portland, Maine, March 8.—The decade of the prohibition party was shown yesterday's city election. In a total of 7,288 ballots in Portland, only 167 were cast for the prohibition candidate. This being less than 1 per cent, the prohibitionists will not be entitled to representation on the official ballot in the next election.

HELPLESS ON FIRE SHIP.

Crew Unable to Stop Engine and Carried Out to Sea.

NANAIMO NEWS.

Steamer Selkirk Damaged by Fire—Cooling Boring Operations on Newcastle Island.

NANAIMO, MARCH 8.—(Special)—The new Vancouver Coal company commenced boring operations on Newcastle Island this afternoon.

HOCKEY IN NEW YORK.

New York, March 8.—All indications point to a record-breaking crowd at the St. Nicholas skating rink on Friday and Saturday evenings of this week, when the famous Victoria Hockey Club of Montreal will be seen in their second annual visit to this city.

BURNED AS HE SLEPT.

Logging Party in the Boundary Country Victims of the Cabin Fire.

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