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CABLE NEWS.

Lord Charles Beresford's Visit to Berlin in Connection With the Samoan Conference.

Theatre Royal at Aldershot Burned—Many People Injured in Trying to Escape.

Severe Weather in Europe—Terrific Snow Storm Prevailing Throughout Scotland.

Proceedings of the Commission.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—The session of the Parnell commission was resumed this morning. Parnell did not appear to-day in court. LeCaron's cross-examination was continued. He said during the last fortnight he got various documents from Mr. Anderson, an official connected with the home office, who allowed him to see all correspondence with the department on the subject. Mr. Anderson afterwards introduced LeCaron to Secretary Houston of the loyal patriotic union. Witness said for the first three years of his self imposed employment as spy he received no pay from the government, and now he only received pay in part. Mr. Anderson had opposed his testifying before the commission, and declared if he did so he would do it on his own responsibility. Anderson selected the documents he thought would be useful in giving evidence, but it was Houston who selected those which had been read in court. "I made the first proposal to come here and testify," said LeCaron. Referring to America, witness said that the Irish brotherhood had captured and controlled the national league. LeCaron said he had practiced medicine and kept a drug store and had become rich. He had held a high military office in the brotherhood, but never an executive office. Brady, of Philadelphia, was now at the head of the executive. In 1882 the brotherhood numbered 22,000 members. The number is now slightly higher, and still increasing. The suppression of the league and persecution of the Irish members of Parliament gave an impetus to the organization. "Devoy," said LeCaron, "is a professional Irish politician." After the convention in 1881 both parties were of the same mind about the outrages. None thought that the league would become a source of danger to the brotherhood. Sir Charles Russell quoted from the report, which read: "Serious danger menaces our league which threatens to crush the revolutionary movement." Witness said he believed the words in the report, "Extreme leaders," referred to the Parnellite members of Parliament. The league and brotherhood sent subscriptions to the league in Ireland. The brotherhood tried to control the subscriptions intended for the league.

Le Caron said that all delegates to the convention had credentials from the league or clubs affiliating therewith. Sir Charles Russell asked that Le Caron's letters to the government covering this matter be produced. Le Caron—"Do you wish to risk men's lives?" Sir Charles Russell—"The judges will read the letters first and decide whether the names should be published." Sir Charles Russell handed to the judges a paper, stating that it contained so grave a statement that he wished to obtain the opinion of the judges whether it should be noticed. The witness said that in the west of America Irish demonstrations were exclusively, and in the east mainly in the hands of a revolutionary party. At most of the meetings the mayors of the respective towns presided, and respectable people attended. Sir Charles Russell quoted from the preamble of the constitution of the national league of America to show that the origin of the organization was the establishment of a peasant proprietorship and just laws. Witness said General Jones was the originator of communications between "J. R. B." and the Russian minister at Washington in view of a possible war between England and Russia.

Miners Entombed.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—Two miners have been entombed in Drake's Wells mine, near Plymouth since last Tuesday night. Their rapping on rocks has been constantly heard since, and the rescuing party which has steadily been at work express hope of being able to reach them to-night. The imprisoned men are rapidly growing weaker, as is indicated by the increasing faintness of their knocking; but are receiving every encouragement to hope for relief from their friends outside.

Theatre Destroyed by Fire.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—The Theatre Royal at Aldershot was burned to the ground to-night. When the alarm of fire was given the audience rushed for the doors and many persons were injured in the crush. It is not known that anybody was killed, but narrow escapes were numerous.

Snow Storm in Scotland.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—A terrific snow storm prevails throughout Scotland, accompanied by high winds and extremely low temperature. The telegraph wires are prostrated and no details of the damage are obtainable.

A Handsome Legacy.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—It is announced that the Duchess Galliera bequeathed the Empress Frederick all her pearls and precious stones in addition to the large sums of money already announced.

Prize Fights Arranged.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—Articles were signed to-day for a fight between Jem Smith and Jake Kilrain for £1,000 a side under London rules, the match to be open to a stake of £5,000 a side, if Kilrain's match with Sullivan in July is decided by a *bona fide* fight. The contest between Smith and Kilrain is fixed for October. Charley Mitchell has arranged to box Smith ten rounds with small gloves, the victor in the greatest number of rounds to be the winner.

Fatal Accident to a Ferry Boat.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—A ferry boat capsized at Pembroke to-day throwing all on board into the water. Nine persons were drowned.

Three Months in Jail.

DUBLIN, Feb. 8.—Dennis Kilbride, M. P. for South Kerry, was sentenced to three months in jail without hard labor to-day.

Distress in Hungary.

VIENNA, Feb. 8.—A famine and epidemic of typhus prevail in Doboka, Hungary. Ten persons have died and the distress is spreading. The calamity is attributed to the failure of the potato crop.

Writ of Habeas Corpus.

DUBLIN, Feb. 8.—The Court of Queen's Bench has granted a writ of *habeas* for William O'Brien in order that he may be arraigned in Killarney court on Tuesday for inciting tenants to adopt a plan of campaign.

The Senart Incident.

PARIS, Feb. 8.—M. DeFreycinet, minister of war, has instructed the commander-in-chief of the army to report on the Senart incident, with a view to punishing the offenders. Most papers think that Col. Senart ought to be punished, and also thanked by the Frenchmen for his vindication of the laws of humanity and his courage in showing resentment. *La France* says: "If Col. Senart is punished the whole world will believe it was by order of Prince Bismarck. The secretary of the German Embassy exonerates Count Von Munster of animus, and says the passport was refused because the sergeant failed to obtain an official permit from Strasburg police."

Hearty Reception.

PARIS, Feb. 8.—President Carnot attended a ball at the Hotel De Ville last night and was given a hearty reception by a crowd that gathered outside the building.

Missionaries Ransomed.

ZANZIBAR, Feb. 8.—The agent of the East Africa Company, has obtained the release of the Catholic missionaries held by the natives by paying the ransom demanded by Bushiri, leader of the Arab insurgents.

Riots in Rome.

ROME, Feb. 8.—An immense procession of unemployed workingmen marched through Condotta and other streets, defacing many of the principal shop fronts, and in some cases plundering stores where provisions and clothing were kept for sale. Many street lamps and windows were broken, and the mob several times came into collision with the police, who attempted to preserve order and protect property. A large number of arrests were made, and several of the many wounded were conveyed to the hospital. The route of the procession by way of the Frattena was partly wrecked, and further trouble is feared. The police are forming a cordon around the disturbed districts.

Many People Injured.

ROME, Feb. 8.—Thirty persons were dangerously wounded in to-day's riots, the greater number of them being police. It is feared the disorder will be renewed to-morrow.

The Samoan Conference.

BERLIN, Feb. 8.—The Samoan conference will be begun in a few days. The visit of Lord Charles Beresford to Berlin is understood to be connected therewith.

Russian Minister Resigned.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 8.—It is stated that Count Tolstoi, minister of the interior, has resigned, and that the Czar has accepted his resignation.

Will Seclude Herself.

VIENNA, Feb. 8.—Archduchess Stephanie has decided to seclude herself for the present, and will go to Miramas for rest and recuperation in about three weeks.

Announced Their Intention to Die.

PARIS, Feb. 8.—The *Figaro* publishes letters from Prince Rudolph to the Duke of Braganza and the Crown Prince of Portugal, and from the Baroness Vetzera to her mother, in which both writers announced their intention to die.

Consul Sewell's Recall.

BERLIN, Feb. 8.—The recall of Sewell, the American consul at Samos, is generally looked upon with favor here, and the newspapers are urging the recall of the English consul also.

The Chinese Riots.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 8.—Everything is now quiet at Ching Kiang Foo. The Chinese soldiers are occupying the place in force.

"The Bismarck Dynasty."

BERLIN, Feb. 8.—The article entitled, "The Bismarck Dynasty," which recently appeared in the London *Contemporary Review* is now permitted to be circulated in Germany.

Berlin Medical Society.

BERLIN, Feb. 8.—Prof. Virchow has accepted the presidency of the famous Berlin Medical Society for the treatment of internal complaints.

CAPITAL NOTES.

Bill to Incorporate the Athabasca Railway Company.

Estimates for the Fiscal Year Brought Down—Appropriations for British Columbia—No Separate Vote for "C" Battery Barracks—Vancouver to Have an Immigration Agent.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Feb. 8.—There is to be no revision of the Dominion electoral lists this year, which means no general election for some time.

Mr. Mara introduced a bill to-day to incorporate the Athabasca Railway Co.

The revenue for the past seven months shows a surplus of $1,800,000 over the expenditure, and a satisfactory increase compared with last year.

The Government is being urged to grant a bounty on copper "mat" in order to encourage the copper industry of Canada.

Mr. Charlton will move a resolution in favor of the Speaker leaving the chair at midnight when the night sessions commence.

The estimates for the next fiscal year were brought down to-day.

The following are the appropriations for British Columbia: Harbors and rivers—Cowichan river, $1,000; Fraser river, $10,000; Nanaimo, removal of Nicol Rock, $5,000; River Sumas, $300; Columbia River improvement above Golden, $5,000; River Coquitlam, $1,000; general repairs and improvements in the harbors and rivers of British Columbia, $2,000.

There is no vote for public buildings in British Columbia, except a general one for the province of $3,000.

The total estimates of expenditure for the year is $44,635,000 a decrease compared with last year of $373,000.

An immigration agent is to be appointed for Vancouver at a salary of $1200.

The government will subsidize a line of steamers from the Maritime Provinces to South America.

The subsidies to the French and German lines of $80,000 will be cut off.

The British Columbia Indian vote shows a decrease of $11,000.

Lieutenant-Governor Royal's salary has been increased from $4,000 to $7,000.

There is no separate vote for "C" barracks.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

AMERICAN NEWS.

Correspondence Between Germany and the United States on the Samoan Question.

Mysterious Explosion of a Dynamite Bomb in a New York Brewery—Much Broken Glass.

Extensive Purchase of a Favorite Brand of Tea—An Attempt to Corner the Market.

A Mysterious Explosion.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—About 5:30 this evening, Stephenson's brewery was shaken up, and nearly every window for the distance of a block in all directions were broken, by a terrific explosion, the shock of which was felt all over the city. The fire department and police reserves were called to the spot, but it was only after a long search that the origin of the explosion was located. It was found to be a dynamite bomb, or something of the kind, which had exploded in one of the coal sheds of the brewery, breaking through a two-foot stone wall and demolishing a shute and the stone work all around it. The building itself was intact, all but the windows, and the only damage to the other buildings was in broken glass. The occupants of the tenements surrounding the brewery were much frightened, but no one was injured. No fragments of the bomb or anything to indicate the nature of the explosive could be found, but a number of pieces of tin, which nobody could account for, were picked up in a tenement opposite the brewery. The shock upset a stove in a tenement a block away, and a small fire resulted, which was soon controlled. The explosion occurred just as the brewery was closing up, and Stevenson and his employes think they had a lucky escape. There was a boycott on Stevenson's ale for a long time, due to allegations that non-union wages were being paid, but Stevenson's men did not join it, and stuck by him until the boycott was declared unjust and was removed. Whether these facts have any connection with the explosion is not known.

Exonerated from all Blame.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—The coroner's jury in the case of the striking street car employee McGowan, who was killed on Tuesday last, during an attack by strikers on the street-car, to-day brought in a verdict that McGowan came to his death from a pistol shot wound at the hands of Officer Snyder. The jury commended the officer and conductor and driver of the car for their heroic conduct in repelling the mob in its attack on the car, and exonerated them from all blame.

Railroad Consolidation.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—Negotiations between C. Vanderbilt and J. Pierrepont Morgan, for the consolidation of the Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati & Indianapolis (Bee Line), and the Cincinnati, Indianapolis, St. Louis & Chicago (Big Four) railroads have been consummated, and details of the agreement will probably be published to-morrow.

After March Fourth.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—An evening paper says that after March 4th Col. Daniel S. Lamont, private secretary to President Cleveland, will assume the position of general passenger agent of the New York Central Railway, made vacant by the recent death of Henry C. Monett.

A Great Tea Deal.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—J. J. O'Donohue & Son caused a little breeze on the coffee exchange to-day by buying 60,000 packages of Ping Suey tea, thus obtaining about all in the country of that brand. The amount paid was half a million. The price paid is said to be low. The world's annual consumption is only about 150,000 packages, and it is thought that if the O'Donohues want to corner that product they will have very little trouble in doing so.

Fled to Canada.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—A. S. Gookin, cashier of the Manhatten Elevated Railroad Co. (the New York city lines) has disappeared, leaving a shortage of $60,000 behind him. He is supposed to have fled to Canada.

To Hush the Matter Up.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—It was found tonight that Mr. Gookin had not fled. He was seen by a reporter and denied the story of his defalcation. There is no doubt, however, of a shortage in the accounts. The company's officers say there have been some slight irregularities. There is a disposition to hush the matter up, and Mr. Gookin will probably not be prosecuted. He has resigned.

$20,000 for Muskets.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The House, soon after meeting to-day, took up the army appropriation bill. The amendment appropriating $20,000 for muskets was adopted. The committee rose and the bill passed.

Presidential Appointments.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The President sent to the Senate the nomination of Carroll D. Wright, of Massachusetts, to be commissioner of labor, and Thos. M. Vance, of North Carolina, to be receiver of public moneys at North Yakima, W.T.

The Witness Le Caron.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Feb. 8.—James G. Donnelly, executive of the state league, denied that Major Le Caron, who is being examined before the Parnell commission, conversed with Egan and Sullivan at the time of the Milwaukee convention, on May 8th, 1883. He says he was with Sullivan and Egan from the time of their arrival in the city until their departure, and that Le Caron had no conversation with them during their stay.

The Samoan Conference.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The president to-day transmitted to congress the recent correspondence between Germany and the United States in relation to the renewal of the conference about Samoa, and six protocols of the conference of 1887. In his communication to Bayard of Feb. 4th, inviting a renewal of the conference, Count Arco said: "The position of the three treaty powers in the civilized world makes it their duty to stop a blind combat. Prince Bismarck in consequence considers it a duty of the participating governments to put an end, by an agreement of treaty powers, to the troubles which have originated in Samoa, by the restitution of peace among the Samoans themselves. The best remedy is to be the resumption of the consultation which took place between the representatives of Germany, England and the United States in the year 1887 at Washington, and at that time adjourned without any possibility of their representatives coming to an agreement." The secretary responded on the following day that the President shared in the desire to "bring the blessings of peace and order to the remote and feeble community of this semi-civilized people," and that he accepted the proposal to renew the conference. He suggests that the instructions to suspend belligerent action be at once transmitted to the representatives of the three treaty powers.

Tacoma Real Estate.

TACOMA, Feb. 8.—Many new additions have been placed on the market during the past few days, and are rapidly sold off, as the residence property is ranging from $200 to $700 per lot.

Haytian Troubles About Ended.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—Advices by the steamer Ozama, which arrived from Hayti to-day, are to the effect that Gen. Hippolyte was, on January 30, formally saluted by the United States steamer Atlanta while being rowed to that vessel in a small boat. Minister Preston announced to-day that he had received a dispatch informing him that the British and French governments had officially recognized Gen. Legitime as president of the Haytian Republic.

A Boom at Blaine.

BLAINE, W.T., Feb. 8.—The building of a wharf to deep water will be completed in six weeks, and an hotel to accommodate 150 will be completed at the same time. If not taken by outside parties it will be pushed through by the citizens. Real estate has advanced fifty per cent within the last month, and is still advancing.

A $50,000 Fire.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 8.—The *Times-Democrat's* Natchez special says that twenty business houses and residences at Vidalia, La., were burned last night inflicting an aggregate loss of $50,000 in small amounts on a large number of citizens.

Smart Election Trick.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 8.—Tremont and Ward Hildebrand, J. B. Emerick and John Deal, all republicans, were arrested to-day on a charge of preventing their aged grandfather, George Byers, a democrat, from voting. They got the old gentleman into a carriage to drive him to the polls, but instead drove him so far away that when he discovered the trick he could not reach the polls before they were closed. A. C. Pearson, a prominent merchant of Hamilton county, was also arrested to-day, the charge being bribery. Anthony Cruthers, also of Hamilton county, and William Dunham, Dehart McPantles and Jesse Makee, of Cass county, were arrested for various offenses against the election law.

Struck by a Falling Limb.

TACOMA, Feb. 8.—This morning, John Murphy, while clearing lots in an addition near the city, was struck by a falling limb on the head and seriously injured. His recovery is doubtful.

Took What He Wanted.

TACOMA, Feb. 8.—Last night two burglars entered the residence of Mr. Hatch, on the wharf, and took a trunk out on the wharf and opened it. Clothing and other articles to the value of $150 were taken. The articles not wanted were thrown into the Bay.

A Fatal Runaway.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 8.—This afternoon a fire engine going to a fire frightened the horses in a wagon owned by M. Ward of 315 South 22nd street. Ward was thrown from the wagon and probably fatally injured. Maggie Brown, aged six years, was run over and instantly killed, and Charles Hallis and Miss Annie McGinnis were run over and seriously injured.

Tariff Reform.

CHICAGO, Feb. 8.—The American tariff reform league of this city has issued a call for a national convention to be held in Chicago on February 19th, 20th and 21st, 1889, of all those who are interested in the tariff reform.

Pittsburg Miners for Seattle.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 8.—A party of one hundred and ten coal miners left the city to-day destined to the new coal fields of the Seattle Coal Co., in Washington Territory, where they are guaranteed employment at three dollars a day. One hundred expert miners from Hocking Valley region will join the party at Columbus, Ohio, to-night. The party occupies special coaches provided by the coal company's agent. Another party of miners is now organizing, and will leave for Seattle in a few days.

Killed by His Father.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 8.—The coroner is investigating the case of Charles W. Hudson, aged 29, who died last night under suspicious circumstances. It is stated Hudson died from the effects of a blow on the head from a poker in the hands of his father during a quarrel a few weeks ago.

The Jury Disagreed.

MARYSVILLE, Cal., Feb. 8.—The jury in the case of John E. Farrell, charged with the murder of Lum Quong, a Chinese cook, last November, disagreed to-day.

Bound for Samoa.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 8.—The United States steamer Mohican sailed to-day for Pauama, from where she is expected to proceed to Samoa.

The Scott Exclusion Act.

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 8.—The assembly to-day defeated the bill to send counsel to Washington to defend the Scott exclusion bill.

Exceeded Their Duty.

HELENA, Mont., Feb. 8.—Deputy Sheriffs Geo. Opp and R. Tredgill raided the store of Him Lee, which was used as an opium joint, at Phillipsburg, Wednesday night. The Chinese, learning the sheriffs had no warrant, attacked Tredgill with knives. The sheriff then opened fire on the Chinamen, killing Tom Poe and wounding Him Lee and Ah Lee. Tredgill and Opp surrendered themselves. Their conduct is not upheld by the community.

Closely Contested Wrestling Match.

BOSTON, Feb. 8.—The wrestling match this afternoon between Duncan C. Ross and Captain J. C. Daly for $2,000 a side and the championship of the world, was won by Ross. The conditions were best three in five falls, catch-as-catch-can, collar and elbow and six holds in harness, the match to be to a finish. The first fall, catch-as-catch-can, was won by Daly in ten minutes and thirty seconds; the second, side hold, was won by Ross in 3½ minutes. The third, collar and elbow, was won by Ross, 12½ minutes. The fourth, collar and elbow, was won by Daly in 1 minute 35 seconds, and the fifth and deciding fall, catch-as-catch-can, was won by Ross in 19 minutes and 50 seconds.

CABLE NEWS.

Police Have a Lively Time in Removing Father McFadden from Gweedore to Londonderry.

The Ameer of Afghanistan Preparing to Attack Ishak Khan with Twenty Thousand Men.

Rumor of Another Attack to be Made Upon Suakin—Prince Bismarck Again Indisposed.

O'Brien and Father McFadden.

DUBLIN, Feb. 9.—William O'Brien has been served with a third summons for offenses against the crimes act, and it is stated he will be removed to Tralee jail on Monday. Father McFadden's removal from Gweedore to Londonderry this morning was accomplished by the aid of a large police escort. Three hundred yards in advance of the party engineers acted as skirmishers and watched the route to prevent the rolling of boulders from the hills upon the escort. Father McFadden will be charged with complicity in the murder of Inspector Martin.

Another Attack Upon Suakin.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 9.—Advices from the mahdi have brought information of another attack upon Suakin shortly to be made.

Settled With Swords.

PARIS, Feb. 9.—Angry at a personal and sarcastic article in *Gil Blas*, the poet, Catulle Mendes, challenged the writer, one Leblanc. The two fought with swords and Leblanc was wounded twice on the hip.

French Cabinet Meeting.

PARIS, Feb. 9.—A meeting of the cabinet was held to-day. Floquet, prime minister, spoke in favor of giving priority in the Chamber of Deputies to the Scrutin d'Arrondissement bill over the bill for the revision of the constitution. He said it would only raise a question of confidence in the government if the incidents of debate rendered such action necessary.

Anticipated Trouble in Afghanistan.

MOSCOW, Feb. 9. — The *Vredomosts* states that the Ameer of Afghanistan has collected 20,000 men at the frontier, with the intention of pursuing Ishak Khan. He has, the paper says, made futile attempts to secure the co-operation of the Ameer of Bekahara in a movement against Russia. When this fact came to the knowledge of Russia she notified England that it would be to the interests of both powers to prevent the Ameer from taking any precipitate steps.

The Chancellor Indisposed.

BERLIN, Feb. 9.—Prince Bismarck is again indisposed.

To be Discussed on Monday.

PARIS, Feb. 9.—After hearing the speech of Floquet, demanding priority of the scrutin d'arondissement to-day, the chamber of deputies decided by a vote of 308 to 243 to discuss the measure on Monday. The chamber also decided by a vote of 504 to 2, to consider the question of the revision of the constitution on Thursday, Feb. 14th.

AMERICAN NEWS.

Street Railway Engineers Strike.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 9.—All the engineers on the street railway line struck today. The strike was the result of a reduction in the working force of the line recently made, and the various drastic regulations adopted by the management.

Shocking Death.

PLEASANTON, Cal., Feb 9.—Mrs. Noonan, of Danville, a small place near here, was thrown from a buggy yesterday and dragged nearly a mile. She was dead when found, her body being terribly mangled and almost unrecognizable.

Blew His Brains Out.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 9.—Edward C. Beck, assistant cashier of the Commercial bank of this city, shot himself through the head at his residence this morning. No cause assigned.

Glove Contest.

BOSTON, Feb. 9.—Articles were signed to-day for a 22-round glove contest, Queensbury rules, to be fought in Boston on or about March 8th next, between Frank Murphy and Isaac O'Neil Weir for a purse of $1,000, which has been posted with the *Police News*. Of this purse $800 goes to the winner and $200 to the loser.

Asteroid Discovered.

BOSTON, Feb. 9.—A cable message from European Union astronomers, received to-day, announces the discovery of an asteroid at the observatory of Nice.

Sewell Resigns.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Secretary Bayard received the resignation of Harold H. Sewell, as consul-general of the United States at Apia, this morning.

A War Vessel Required.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The secretary of state received a cablegram from the consul-general at Shanghai, China, confirming the report of the riots at Ching Kiang, in which the British consulate was burned and the American consulate looted. Rear admiral Chandler, at Hong Kong, was telegraphed to for a vessel to be sent to Ching Kiang.

Goodin's Shortage.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Minor officials of the Manhattan Elevated Railway Co. said to-day, that Cashier Allen Gooden has not left New York; that he sent a friend to the office this morning to effect a settlement with them, and that his shortage would not exceed $6,000.

Serious Defalcations.

ST. LOUS, Feb. 9.—The total amount of the defalcations of Dickman, absconding member of the merchant's exchange, will, it is said, approximate $200,000, representing the inheritance of the seven Meyer heirs and the three Guy heirs. The mothers of the children who have been wronged are the chief bondsmen of Dickman, so that their loss will be total, or nearly so. John Meyer, one of the Meyers, has attached $120,000 worth of shares of the capital stock of the Ruby Trust Mining Co. This, together with $11,000 worth of stock in the Mauntel Borgess Mining Co., are the only visible assets to be placed against the heavy gap of the shortage.

Colored Man Lynched.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 9.—A special dispatch from Shreveport states that Haywood Handy (colored), who shot a white man named Charles Stewart in Bossier parish yesterday, was lynched by a mob last night. Stewart died this morning. Handy shot Stewart while forcing an entrance to his house with several other white men for the avowed purpose of giving him a flogging. Handy and two other negroes were suspected of stealing some hogs, and they were recently arrested on that charge, but succeeded through some technicalities in escaping conviction. Several white men resolved on administering a flogging to the suspected negroes as a warning, and it was while on this mission that Stewart was shot.

Centrifugal Machine Exploded.

BROOKLYN, Feb. 9.—By the explosion of a centrifugal machine in a New York cream of tartar works, on Ninth street, to-day two men were killed and three more or less seriously injured. The machine was located on the second floor of the main building. It was a new one, and being tested at the time. A number of workmen in the employ of the company were watching the operation. When a high rate of speed had been attained the machine suddenly burst in two. Emil Webber, superintendent of the tartaric acid department, was struck by a portion of the metal and had the upper part of his head torn off. Robert P. King, an eighteen-year old boy, was also struck on the head by a piece of flying machinery, and lived but a few minutes. The building sustained no damage beyond the blowing out of a number of panes of glass.

An Appeal for Aid.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 9.—The following cablegram was received by Hon. John Fitzgerald, president of the Irish national league of America: "Dublin, Feb. 8. John Fitzgerald, Lincoln, Neb. The government campaign of eviction and coercion is going on with greater vigor than ever. A number of evicted families, especially on the plan of campaign estates, is now very great, and is increasing weekly. We earnestly appeal to friends in America to send aid. (Signed) William O'Brien, John Dillon,

To Be Publicly Shot.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 9.—The district court at Eufaula, Indian Territory, sentenced Hichar Yohala, a full-blooded Creek Indian, to be publicly shot till dead on Monday next for the crime of larceny. He had been thrice convicted of larceny, the penalty for which, under a recent law, is death.

Another Embezzler.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 9.—The county grand jury this afternoon returned indictments charging county clerk Sullivan with embezzling the trust funds of the county and obtaining money upon forged warehouse receipts.

A Gambler Stabbed.

DANBURY, Conn., Feb. 9.—Simon Dillon, a local gambler, was stabbed by some unknown person to-night at midnight, and died within five minutes. The murder was the outcome of an altercation over a game of cards in Mike Brownie's saloon. Charles Crosby, another gambler, is suspected. James Chambers is held as a witness.

Presented With a Bible.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 9.—The expected presentation of a handsome Bible to President-elect Harrison by the Tippecanoe Club of this city took place this afternoon. Rev. Henry Day made the presentation speech, to which Harrison replied with evident emotion, saying that of all the evidence he had received that he had an affectionate place in the personal regard of the members of the club, this parting visit and this precious suggestive gift was the crown.

Eleven Liverpool Stowaways.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 7.—The captain of the British ship City of Florence, from Liverpool, states that eleven English boys were found stowed away in the hold of his ship when several days out. They refused to return to England, and were brought here.

The New Alaska Cannery.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 7.—The Pacific Steam Whaling Co.'s schooner Jeannie sailed for Alaska this morning with a large cargo of building material for the new salmon cannery near Karluk. She will return about April 1st for additional help for the cannery.

A $40,000 Blaze.

AUBURN, N.Y., Feb. 7.—Fire this morning destroyed W. Kries' bookstore, J. D. Simpson's grocery store, and Pearson & Roger's crockery store, causing a total loss of $40,000.

Nail Works Burned.

TIFFIN, Ohio, Feb. 7.—The Tiffin Nail works was burned this morning. Loss, $50,000.

Blanket Mill Burned.

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 7.—The Northern Ohio Blanket Mill on Pleasant street in this city was burned this morning. Loss, $100,000.

Asked to Resign.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The president this morning asked the resignation of Harold Sewell, consul-general to Samoa, on the ground that his views were not in accord with those of the states department and administration.

Violation of the Neutrality Laws.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—The steamship Carondelet, said to be owned by the Malloy line, and which was seized yesterday for violation of the neutrality laws, is still in custody and likely to remain in possession of the government for several weeks to come. U. S. Marshal Holmes estimates the vessel's value, together with cargo, at $250,000.

Fatal Quarrel Over Cards.

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Feb. 5.—Thos. Hughes, a gambler, shot and killed a young man named Thos. Dunlop during a quarrel over a game of cards late last night.

Earthquake in California.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 7.—An earthquake which was felt here last night was general throughout southern California, according to reports received to-day. No damage done.

Coal Mines Shut Down.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 7.—The Oregon Coal & Navigation Co. received a dispatch from the superintendent of its mines in Southern Oregon to-day, stating that the miners who had been on strike for over a month had positively refused to return to work unless the agreement recently presented to the company, which calls for a monthly statement of the company's sales, and profits was immediately signed. The company in answer telegraphed a sufficient sum of money to pay all the miners and ordered the superintendent to shut the mines down until the miners should return to work.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

CAPITAL NOTES.

The Government Asked to Remove Northwest Timber Dues.

Petitions to the Government to Disallow the Northern Pacific and Manitoba Railway—Proposed Atlantic Cable Scheme.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Feb. 9.—Strong representations are being made to the Government to remove the timber dues in the Northwest, so far as settlers are concerned.

Dobell, of Quebec, has gone to England in connection with the proposed scheme of a direct cable with Canada.

H. A. Massy, of Toronto, is here, urging the Government to make speedy arrangements for direct trade with Australia.

Petitions are coming from Winnipeg, asking the Government to disallow the Northern Pacific and Manitoba Railway.

FROM THE CAPITAL.

Our Budget from the Halls of Parliament.

The Opening Day—Speech from the Throne—The China Line—Direct Service With Australia—Mr. Laurier and Sir John—The Premier's Bonhomie—Metlakahtla Reserve—Notes.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Feb. 2.—It has been my duty for a number of years past to attend the opening of our Dominion parliament, and I can frankly say that during my journalistic experience, extending over many years, I never saw a more brilliant assemblage than that which gathered in the Senate Chamber on Thursday afternoon. The floor of the Red Chamber was occupied by a bevy of beauties attired in the richest costumes, of which any country in the world might be proud. The fair sex, taking advantage of the gallantry of the senators in yielding up their seats for the day, occupied every inch of vacant space, while the galleries were simply packed with sightseers. The great demand for tickets of admission was undoubtedly due to the fact that this is the first occasion on which Lord Stanley has opened the Canadian parliament and the popularity which he and his amiable consort have already achieved. The Governor-General was attended by a brilliant military *suite*, and British Columbia was worthily represented in the new creation of provincial *aides de camp*, by Lieut.-Colonel Prior, who looked exceedingly well in his handsome uniform.

Lord Stanley read his speech both in English and French in a clear and resonant voice, which could be heard in every part of the chamber. The French members were delighted with the second portion of the governor's task, praising his accent unstintedly. At the conclusion, the commoners, who had attended the *séance* in large numbers returned to their chamber and soon the upper chamber was deserted.

THE SPEECH.

The speech from the throne contains nothing of a very startling character, although some useful measures are promised. To British Columbia the chief topic of interest is undoubtedly the announcement of the government's intention to ask parliament to vote a subsidy for the proposed fast line of steamships to China and Japan. It was, of course, well known that the Imperial government had consented to subsidize this line on condition that Canada did the same, and the intention of parliament to deal with this matter this session is looked upon as an evidence that before twelve months are over the contract will have actually gone into effect. With regard to the direct line to Australia it is hardly expected that a subsidy will be asked for this year—the desire of the government being, actually, to secure the co-operation of the Australian colonies in such an important matter. Replies to the invitations sent out by the government for an intercolonial conference, to be held in Ottawa, are expected by the next mail, and in the event of that conference taking place, doubtless as a result of it we shall find an arrangement made for direct steam communication between Canada and Australasia. It is too soon yet to speak of the scope of the measures mentioned in the speech, but taken on the whole, I venture to think that they will be found of a most useful character.

THE DEBATE ON THE ADDRESS.

There was an unusually short debate on the address, but four speeches being delivered. Messrs. White and Lepine acquitted themselves so well in their first attempt at parliamentary speaking that a recognition of the merits of their efforts was general. Mr. Laurier was particularly kind in his graceful references both to Mr. White and his lamented father, suggesting to not a few listeners that after all political hostility does not necessarily preclude the recognition of an opponent's merits nor the existence of personal friendship among those whom the accident of political life separated into opposing camps. Of course, the chief interest in the debate lay in the speeches of Mr. Laurier and Sir John. The opposition leader was in a good humor and contented himself with making a superficial criticism of the paragraphs in the speech and to a few satirical and facetious remarks relative to paragraphs which he thought should have been there. He referred incidentally to the proposal to extend our trade with Australasia and the West Indies, and taunted the Government with declining to move in the direction of increased trade with our nearest neighbors. In reply to this Sir John reminded him that since the abrogation of the treaty of 1854, in 1866, by the United States, repeated efforts had been made by the government of Canada to have trade relations with that country extended, but without the desired results, and he pointed out that recent utterances of public men on the other side the boundary line proved that extension could only be obtained upon conditions which would be humiliating to Canada—which would make Canada "the subservient outskirts of the United States," conditions which the people of this country would never endorse. This is the whole secret of the opposition's mistake in booming unrestricted reciprocity when the people of the United States will only meet us on trade matters on terms which it would be degrading to Canada to accept.

THE PREMIER'S GREETINGS.

In the commons on the opening day the proceedings were of short duration. Several new members were introduced. That veritable "chestnut," the oaths bill, which never gets beyond the first reading, made its appearance and then the adjournment followed. Sir John Macdonald is in splendid health, and was greeted by scores of members. Among those who joined in this demonstration were quite a number of the liberals. When Sir John had done with the throng on his own side of the House he crossed over into the liberal precincts, and with genuine cordiality greeted as many as came within his reach. Among these was Mr. Laurier, who bowed most respectfully and exchanged mutual good wishes with the premier. Next to himself Mr. Blake, who smiled as Sir John extended his hand and bade him a hearty welcome back to the House. Mr. Blake acknowledged this token of friendship most courteously, and the chieftain after another shake of the hand passed on.

WHERE THEY SIT.

Consequent on the changes in the cabinet since last session, there has been quite a re-arrangement of the seats occupied by the members of the government. Hon. Mr. Foster, as finance minister, has come down to the front row and occupies the seat next to the premier, while Hon. Charles H. Tupper sits at the desk vacated by Mr. Foster. Hon. Edward Dewdney, the new minister of the interior, occupies the place so brilliantly filled by the late Hon. Thomas White. Beside him is the postmaster-general, Hon. John Haggart. Another change on the government side is the placing of Sir Adams Archibald immediately behind Hon. Mr. Carling, while Mr. R. S. White, the new member for Cardwell, sits beside Mr. Clarke Wallace. On the opposition side there are few changes. Mr. Blake, although no longer leader, occupying his old seat. Mr. Laurier as usual occupies the next chair.

THE METLAKAHTLA RESERVE.

As announced briefly by telegram last night, an order in council has been passed applying the provisions of the Indian advancement act to the Indians of Metlakahtla. The order recites that "these Indians are probably the most advanced in civilization of any of the Indians on the Pacific coast, and are, therefore, well fitted for the application of the act to them." For the purpose of giving effect to the application of the act, the reserve at Metlakahtla will hereafter be known as "The Metlakahtla Reserve, divided into two sections to be designated "Section No. 1" and "Section No. 2" respectively. The section No. 1 shall extend from the southwestern extremity of the village to Prevost street in the centre of the village, and section No. 2 from Prevost street to the northeastern extremity of the village of Metlakahtla. The number of councillors to be elected is six, that is to say, three councillors for each section. The election of councillors will be held in the town hall, at Metlakahtla, on the first Wednesday in March next, between 10 in the forenoon and 4 in the afternoon. On the Friday following the election the councillors elected will meet at the town hall, Metlakahtla, to elect a chief councillor.

THE HALDIMAND ELECTION.

There is great jubilation in grit ranks over the result of the Haldimand election. Four elections in twenty-eight months have been imposed on the people in that county, and the end is not yet. The liberals have not