

THE BULGARIA'S SAFE

Steamer Given Up for Lost - Has Survived the Tempests on Atlantic.

Twice Taken in Tow Since Last Reported but Hawsers Broke Under Strain.

Drifted for Eleven Days While Crew Repaired Rudder - Then Made the Azores.

By Associated Press. Ponta del Cada, Azores, Feb. 24.—The Hamburg-American liner Bulgaria, Capt. Schmidt, from New York January 28 for Hamburg, previously reported in great distress and feared to have gone down to-day. The Bulgaria, it appears, stopped 11 days drifting, which time crew were engaged repairing the machinery and rudder. She lost one man during the operation. The story of her dreadful experience, avoiding repetition of the portion already covered by the Associated Press, is as follows: The weather on the morning of February 8 is described as fearful, and there were six or seven feet of water in the holds. On the morning of February 9 the weather became calmer, and 107 dead horses were thrown overboard. The swell was very high until February 10, but at that time a hold containing grain had 15 feet of water, and the pumps were foul and unable to work. Stormy weather continued from the afternoon of February 11 until February 14. Then the British steamer Antillian, Capt. Post, from Liverpool for New Orleans, appeared. The commander of the Bulgaria asked the captain of the Antillian to take the disabled steamer in tow. This the captain of the Antillian refused to do, and a hawser was made fast between the two steamers between 7 and 8 o'clock that morning. But at noon the hawser broke, and the Bulgaria drifted away. The Antillian stood by the Bulgaria until the morning of February 15, when she proceeded on her voyage. Early during February 17 the Bulgaria sighted the Norwegian steamer Hilda, and asked to be reported all well. On February 18 and 19 the severe weather continued, but it moderated on the morning of February 21. The Bulgaria was again under control. By noon of February 22 she had made 220 miles, and at noon February 23 she had made 400 miles. The balance of the distance was covered by 7.30 this morning. During the night the crew, the cargo, etc., the passengers and the crew of the Bulgaria sustained many injuries, a number of arms and legs being broken.

SCANDAL IN THE CHURCH.

Committee of Trier to Investigate Conduct of a Hamilton Clergyman.

Hamilton, Feb. 24.—(Special)—A scandal involving Rev. Thos. Gehegan, rector of St. Peter's church has been made public. Charges have been laid before the committee of discipline of the Niagara synod and the committee has appointed a court of five members to investigate next Tuesday. It is expected that there will be some sensational developments. The woman in the case has been in Buffalo for some time and it is expected she will give evidence at the investigation.

NANAIMO NOTES.

Patheer Close to City Limits—Odd Fellow's Anniversary—The Joan.

Nanaimo, Feb. 24.—(Special)—The Odd Fellow's lodge will celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary on April 7. The steamer Joan arrived from Victoria this evening, after undergoing repairs.

UNITED STATES FINANCES.

No Bond Issue Needed Although the Monthly Deficit Is Large.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Secretary Gage said to-day that there was no truth whatever in the published statement that another bond issue was in contemplation. He pointed out that there is now an available cash balance in the treasury of over \$271,000,000, and although the expenses are now and for some time are expected to be in excess of receipts, the treasury situation is not such as to warrant any apprehension for the near future.

UNION-PACIFIC WRECK.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Feb. 23.—Mrs. M. E. Appley, of Coloug, Ont., was one of the injured in a wreck on the Union Pacific railway to-day. It is not stated whether she is seriously hurt or not.

NEWS OF THE CAPITAL.

Japanese Merchant Talks of Restriction for British Columbia's Restrictive Law.

Parliament Called for 16th March—Marine Biological Station Wanted.

From Our Own Correspondent. Ottawa, Feb. 24.—Mr. Tarte, the master of the administration, returned to-day, and approving of the view of a majority of his colleagues, the Canada Gazette to-morrow will contain a proclamation calling parliament for Thursday, March 16.

Prominent scientists from Toronto, Queen's and McGill universities met here to-day in the office of Prof. Prince, to report, at the request of the government and the British Association, on the advisability of establishing a marine biological station for the Dominion, for the purpose of studying all species of marine life. It was decided to recommend the government to establish such a station near St. Andrew's, N. B.

Shirato Watanabe, a prominent Japanese merchant here to-day, says that British Columbia may expect reprisals for her anti-Japanese legislation. The Queen's Printer in his annual report complains strongly of delay in procuring copy from the public departments.

HIGH JOINTERS' HOLIDAY.

British Government and Press Take Optimistic View of the Situation.

London, Feb. 23.—The parliamentary secretary for the foreign office, Mr. Broderick, in the House of Commons to-day, replying to a question by the subject, said that in certain questions the Anglo-American joint high commission had made progress towards their settlement, and he added that Her Majesty's government hoped that further negotiations would give the questions which were still in dispute. He also said that the papers could not be laid on the table, as the commission had requested that the proceedings be confidential.

The Times, in its editorial comments upon the statement of the British foreign office regarding the adjournment of the joint high commission, does not take a serious view of the matter. It says: "Even if the commissioners had agreed the agreement would have been submitted to the new congress, entailing about equal delay." The Times believes that neither country would quarrel over the Alaskan dispute, and it is therefore still hopeful that some means may be found of resuming negotiations and arriving at a satisfactory settlement.

There is no article in the line of medicine that gives so great a return for the money as a good porous strengthening plaster. See the advertisement for Smart Feed and Beldona Backache Plasters.

INVITED TO GLASGOW. United States Gets Official Bid to the Exposition and Will Make Cordial Response.

TO STOP THE KHALIFA

Kitchener Found Him With Six Thousand Drivishes But Withdrew for Want of Force.

Now Preparing for a Meeting—Demolition of the Mahdi's Tomb Discussed.

The Too Officious Sultan of Oman—No New Arrangement as to Samoa.

London, Feb. 24.—In the House of Commons Mr. Broderick, parliamentary secretary to the foreign office, announced that Col. Kitchener had found the Khalifa with a force of 6,000 drivishes occupying a strong position 112 miles distant from the Nile. Not having sufficient force to justify him in making an attack upon the Khalifa, Col. Kitchener returned to Omdurman where on February 15 it was reported that the Khalifa had already defeated a force of friendly Arabs on the White Nile. Preparations were being made, he said, to stop the Khalifa's advance.

In answer to a series of questions regarding the alleged mutilation of the body of the Mahdi, Mr. Broderick said that Lord Cromer, the British diplomatic agent in Egypt, had reported that under the exceptional circumstances the action of the Sirdar was justifiable in ordering the demolition of the Mahdi's tomb. Mr. Broderick said he had no information that the Mahdi's head had been presented to the son of Gen. Gordon.

Mr. Broderick denied that any steps had been taken to terminate the trip of a German protectorate over the islands. He also denied that the government had taken any side in the struggle between Mataafa and Malietoa. He added that he was unable to explain the action of the late German commander at Apia.

The Foreign Secretary said also that the lease of a coaling station to France by the Sultan of Oman was contrary to the terms of the treaty under which it was proceeded with.

Lord Geo. Hamilton, secretary of state for India, in response to a question whether the naval demonstration against Muscat was by order of the Indian government or Her Majesty's, said: "Throughout the incident there was communication with the Indian government."

AMER REPORTED DEAD. Indian Government Has No Confirmation of This Rumor from Afghanistan.

Bombay, Feb. 24.—There is a strong native rumor in Peshawar that the Amer of Afghanistan, Abur Rahman Khan, is dead.

The Indian government has not received any news confirming this but it is thought quite possible that the information would come more speedily through native channels.

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BAYS OUT OF LOOK.

Like the Boys at Home, the Young Ladies Failed to Score at Seattle.

Seattle, Feb. 24.—(Special)—While the young ladies of the Victoria basketball team met defeat at the hands of the "Dixie" team of Seattle, the excitement they appear in the best of spirits to-night and ascribe it to the "fortunes of war."

Before the basketball game was called Miss Marsh, Goodwin and five other prize very clearly in the orange race against eight competitors.

The 2300 the game was called and as the players lined up Victoria apparently had the best of it in weight but the ball was not long in motion before it was quite apparent that the team work was weak. Miss Dolly Sehl and Miss A. Goodwin did very clever work but owing to the 2300 the team made the visiting team owing to the rule which which they were not familiar the game was largely lost by them on fouls as all the greater part of the game was at the home team's end. The score was 12 to 0.

The ladies were to-night given a reception at the ornately furnished Victoria Hotel, the fatiguing trip over and the excitement of the day a great many sought the quiet of their rooms at the hotel. They raise the cordial treatment given them.

THE END OF A.D.R.E.E.

Further Details of the Story of Finding Remains of His Expedition.

New York, Feb. 24.—A despatch to the World from Berlin says: The following letter, which may have started the report regarding the supposed finding of the Andree's expedition, is published in the Siberian Advertiser. It is from a well-known sportsman named Ljalen: "I have been hunting for the Andree's balloon has been found. I was running on snow shoes after elk in the primeval forest south of Yenisei, and came across a message written in red wax on a piece of paper. It was written in Russian and was 100 yards (67 miles) from the gold washing of the late German commander at Apia. The balloon and ropes were torn, and the three bodies lay at its side, one with a broken skull. Please prepare assistance for the balloon and bodies can be brought from the washings at Sanvich, which can only be done by means of snow shoes. I guarantee that in ten days these facts, and shall soon be in Tokm."

VANCOUVER'S BUDGET

Minister of Justice Would Follow County Boundaries in the Coming R. Distribution.

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LONDON CABLE LETTER

United States Demands for Venezuelan Arbitration Contrasted With Alaskan Policy.

Hollo Bombardment Cost Foreigners Five Millions—Philippine Negroes as Allies.

Westminster the New Will Be a Very Great City—American Railway Ideas.

London, Feb. 25.—The political panorama has shown a succession of varied and striking pictures this week; the reception to burn Balfour; the funeral of the late President Faure; the threatened bombardment of Muscat by a British warship; the restoration of the Amir of Afghanistan; the unfolding of the public gaze in rapid succession; while the adjustment of the Anglo-American commission at Washington has caused a feeling of deep regret here, and the opinion is expressed that an amicable explanation is not reflected by the general public, although the newspapers as a rule profess to hope that the fresh attempt to reach an agreement in the future will prove more successful.

The Speaker cheerfully remarks: "The fact that business arrangements on particular points affecting large vested interests in both countries cannot be satisfied by the arbitration of the Anglo-American commission is a matter of regret. Nations are still aggregates and not people. The Speaker says: "Arbitration seems to be a difficult mode of settling international disputes. The professional diplomats have a right to chuckle a little."

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ICE OFF NEWFOUNDLAND.

Troublesome for Three Hundred Miles Seaward—Hair Sealers Perish in Storm.

St. John's, Nfld., Feb. 25.—The Furthest finer Danania, Capt. Williams, 13 days from Liverpool, with a general cargo, which arrived to-day reports encountering unexampled ice floes off the eastern coast of Newfoundland extending 300 miles seaward and south over the edge of the Grand Banks in the track of shipping. The Danania saw nothing of the various disabled steamers reported adrift in the Atlantic.

The first of the annual sealing disasters occurred yesterday, when a boat from a sealing steamer, the Pelican, at Trinity Bay, out seal hunting, was driven by contrary winds and exposed to the storm all night long. Of the six men in the boat two perished and the other four were dangerously frost bitten.

CABLE TO HAWAII.

Senate Favors Government Construction and Ownership—Seven Millions the Cost.

Washington, Feb. 25.—The senate committee appropriations to-day agreed to incorporate a provision in the sundry civil appropriation bill providing for the construction of a submarine cable connecting the United States with the Hawaiian Islands. The amendment provides that the cable to be operated by the United States and for its subsequent ownership by the government, the navy department to perform the service. The President is authorized to be operated by the post office department.

Senator Butler made a statement before the committee showing the cable could be laid to Honolulu for \$6,942,000.

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Christianizing With the Sword and Civilizing With Cannon His Policy.

Republican Charges That He Wages Relentless War at Bidding of Capitalists.

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 24.—Mr. Johnson, Republican, who made a vigorous opposition to the army re-organization bill while it was before the house, secured 30 minutes, in which he delivered a most remarkable and sensational speech, attacking the administration's policy of Christianizing with the sword and civilizing with the cannon. He referred to the recent banquet at Boston, which was attended by the President and the members of his cabinet. He paid his respects to Secretary Alger, who he says has been retained in the cabinet despite his incompetency on account of his contribution to the campaign fund in 1896. Secretary Long also came in for a part of the inquest. He had the audacity, Mr. Johnson said, to repeat the baseless charge that those who opposed the ratification of the treaty were responsible for the bloodshed in the Philippines. "Christianizing with the sword and civilizing with cannon," he declared, "was the administration's policy."

Mr. Johnson's speech in Boston banquet, Mr. Johnson declared, was the most disingenuous that ever fell from his lips, with its platitudes and its lies. He said that the President had a carefully devised and audacious misstatement of facts. (Sensation.)

Mr. Johnson declared that the President had not called congress into extra session and then keep his hands off? He charged the President with having coerced the senate into a ratification of the treaty; that he would not permit a vote on the Bacon resolution, and only allowed the McHenry resolution, which meant nothing, in order to null the opposition and the country to sleep while he went ahead waging relentless war against a helpless people, struggling for liberty.

How the two-thirds vote to ratify the treaty was secured, Mr. Johnson said, only the President could tell. The people did not endorse the action of the senate. If the President could hush the noise of self-seekers about him, he would be desired to enforce his crusade against liberty, but the murmurings of the New England, who failed to float the fast line project, is here to endeavor to obtain the return of the deposit of \$50,000 which under the terms of the contract is forfeited.

The Queen's printer claims that a large decrease in the cost of public printing. The contest between the Hamilton men and the rest of the company, otherwise Senator Cox, will be fought out in parliament. The Hamilton men want to restrict the voting power of heavier stockholders.

Mr. Mulock has received the resignation of Postmaster Dansereau of Montreal.

POLITICAL RUMORS.

Montreal, Feb. 25.—La Patrie's Ottawa correspondent says there is nothing in the story about Mr. Blake entering the Dominion cabinet, and that Sir Richard Cartwright will remain in the cabinet and Lord Strathcona in London.

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DOMINION DESPATCHES. Young Woman Throws Herself Under Train—Firebugs to Serve Two Months. Quebec Village Hotel Burned—Annual Competition by University Athletes.

Special To The Colonist. BLAMED THE OLD MAN. Toronto, Feb. 24.—Ella Byers, aged 30, committed suicide this morning by deliberately stepping in front of a G.T.R. northern express. The body was mangled in a horrible manner. In her pocket was found a note reading "forgive dad." The woman's father, however, has been dead for years.

UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS. Toronto, Feb. 24.—Toronto and McGill universities have arranged for an annual athletic meeting to be held alternately in Montreal and Toronto in October. Other Canadian universities will be invited to send delegates.

SOMEbody's WATERLOO. Waterloo, Feb. 24.—Waterloo won easily in the semi-final game in the big four league hockey match here last night.

FIREBUGS GAOLED. Berlin, Feb. 24.—Adel von Wehman, alleged Austrian courier, and Herman Bald

The Colonist.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1899.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION

The constitutional question involved in the dismissal of the Turner ministry has been disposed of, so far as the present session of the legislature is concerned, but it remains a live issue, nevertheless, and one that will play an important part at the next general election.

On the primary proposition—that is, the prerogative right of the crown or its representative to dismiss a ministry, the Colonist has no reason to alter the view expressed in its columns on August 9th last, the day after the dismissal, as follows: "That the lieutenant-governor has power to call upon any one at any time to take the position of chief adviser may be conceded."

The second proposition is that, as the crown or its representative cannot act except through a ministry, and every exercise of the prerogative is supposed to be done under advice of some one responsible to parliament, ministers taking office after the dismissal of their predecessors, accept the responsibility for such dismissal.

The third proposition is that in case of a dismissal of a ministry and any delay in forming a new one, the incoming ministers are responsible for what the crown or its representative may do in the interim.

The fourth proposition is that the grounds of the dismissal should be stated and justified to parliament by the administration.

In order that this may be fully appreciated, it is necessary to mention that the lieutenant-governor gave two reasons for dismissing Mr. Turner. One of these was the result of the elections, which he declared established that Mr. Turner had lost the confidence of the country; the other that his ministers had lost his confidence.

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A little over a year ago the Colonist suggested that if in any part of the province private persons chose to construct roads at their own expense and for their own convenience, they might be given authority to collect tolls from other people using them.

Honor was charged with grave breaches of the constitution and grave misstatements of fact, and never ventured to say a word in his defence, but specifically declined to defend him.

There is therefore left for discussion only the justification advanced in His Honor's first letter, namely, that the elections showed that Mr. Turner had lost the confidence of the country.

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The elections were not over on August 8th, when the letter of dismissal was written, but it may be admitted that, conceding Cassiar to the government, the house was divided 19 to 19.

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It appears that the Colonist was in error in giving as a reason for the extension of the time for the Columbia & C. P. R. doing the work within the time limited by the act.

Some hysterical people in the United States have been trying hard to make a fool of Admiral Dewey, but so far he has managed to keep his head level. He positively declines to be nominated for President.

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A CONSPIRACY

Mr. Eberts Says Dismissal of Ministry was Planned by General Election

Explicit Denial of Lieutenant-Governor's Assertion of Wrong Tendency.

Government's Feeble Constitutional Crime They Owe Power

HON. MR. MARTIN, on the occasion of his remarks in the House of Commons on Thursday (the first of the session) on the subject of the resignation of the late ministry, stated that he had been called together on the 19th and a speaker being chosen to represent the government would have been Col. Baker observed that he might very easily have been chosen.

Hon. Mr. Martin laughing that while he had been trying to get the honorable member for Kootenay rid of order all was now apparent that he had given him a few lessons in arithmetic. He would be present at this session, as he himself on his ability as a speaker.

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