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THE AMSTERDAM WRECKED.

RUNNING ON SABLE ISLAND IN A FOG.

THREE PASSENGERS DROWNED AND NEARLY 300 LIVES IN GREAT PERIL.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

HALIFAX, Aug. 6.—The Netherlands and American Navigation Company's steamer Amsterdam, 3,000 tons, Captain Lucas, from Amsterdam July 19 for New-York with 260 passengers and crew, went ashore on the east end of Sable Island in a dense fog on the night of July 3. The Government steamer Newfield brought here to-night 240 passengers.

Lighthouse Inspector Hutchinson reports as follows: The day before the ship struck was fine and clear, but thick weather came on at 8 p. m., and at the time the ship struck, Captain Lucas imagined himself about thirty-five miles south of the island. The spot where the vessel was wrecked is thirteen miles from the east side of the lighthouse. Owing to thick fog officials on the island did not discover the vessel until the afternoon of the following day, when assistance was summoned from the main station, but before the island crew arrived Captain Lucas had decided to land the passengers in the ship's boats. The water was comparatively smooth and land was discernible at 6 p. m. Six boat-loads of passengers started for the lighthouse. After being afloat all night a landing was effected at daylight next morning. While attempting to land through the surf, one boat upset and three passengers were drowned. Meanwhile the Sable Island life boat had put off for the scene of the wreck at 3 a. m., and Captain Lucas and the remainder of the persons on the wrecked steamer were rescued and landed on the north side of the island. The passengers and crew were then distributed among the various stations and made as comfortable as possible. A number of women, twenty-seven children and eleven infants were among the passengers.

THE VESSEL MOVING AT FULL SPEED.

A number of casualties are reported, such as broken arms. The Amsterdam was going at full speed at the time she struck, so that she ran well up on the sand bar. She lies on even keel and has eleven feet of water in the hold. Should the weather continue fine the cargo will be saved in good condition. Captain Lucas with chief officers and a portion of the crew remain at the scene of the wreck. The steerage passengers are mostly German and Dutch immigrants. There are also twenty-five Polish Jews. The passengers will be forwarded to New-York by the first boat.

The names of the cabin passengers are as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig, three children and a servant; Mr. and Mrs. Oplinger, the Rev. Carmanus, of Louisville, Mr. and Mrs. Yahrenwaldt from Berlin for New-York, and Mr. Ulder, of Curacoa, West Indies. Mr. Ludwig spoke bitterly of the want of facilities for saving life on the island. It was several hours after the ship struck that her rockets were seen at the lighthouse, but the lighthouse keeper had no rockets or other apparatus to respond to the signals of distress. A messenger took five hours to communicate the intelligence to the main station. The weather was remarkably fine. Only few such days are known on the island in the year. Had the ordinary heavy surf prevailed only a few of the passengers could have been saved. After the six boat loads left the ship the remaining passengers and crew broke into and rifled the cabin. None of the baggage was saved. Some provisions were got ashore, but these were taken possession of by the people of the island, many of whom became drunk and riotious from the liquor obtained from the ship. The captain behaved with extraordinary courage and coolness. Mr. Ludwig speaks highly of the Governor of the island, Galloway, and officials Disbrasis and Allan.

THE DISASTER DESCRIBED BY A PASSENGER.

Constantine Ludwig, of New-York, freight agent and representative of Brasch & Rodhenstein, of Berlin, one of the cabin passengers, said to-night: The ship encountered fog and rain during the entire voyage up to the day before striking, Wednesday night, July 30. Tuesday was a fine day, and the Captain took a good observation at noon. We were then on Newfoundland Banks. Next night a dense fog set in, and the ship struck on a sand bank at 10:45, while running at full speed. The ship struck three times, but being on a sand bank it was not generally known to the passengers for some minutes. Then a panic ensued, but the surf was comparatively smooth, and Captain Lucas and his officers succeeded in assuring the passengers. Ten minutes after the ship struck all hands engaged in throwing the cargo overboard. This continued until next noon. Meanwhile the boats had been prepared for launching, but the ship was thirteen miles out on the bar and Captain Lucas knew that the surf was treacherous and an attempt at landing was made, as the ship was not making water and calm weather still prevailed, although heavy sea was beginning to run the passengers were all kept on board. But no assistance striving in response to our rockets the vessel beginning to make water Captain Lucas decided to launch boats and attempt to land the passengers at the lighthouse thirteen miles distant.

"The first boat was filled with thirty-four cabin passengers and steerage women and children. Just as this boat was ready to start a heavy wave dashed her up against a boat still swinging from the davits and smashed that boat to pieces and caused the first boat to leak badly. Fortunately none of the passengers were injured. The remaining five boats were launched and filled with passengers. It was then clear and we saw the light. About 200 passengers were crowded into these boats. These boats were battling in the surf all night. The first boat succeeded in landing at the lighthouse at 3 o'clock. The others landed between 5 and 6 o'clock. One boat upset and two German passengers, one named Dixand a fireman were drowned."

THE NEWS IN THIS CITY.

The general agent of the Rotterdam Line in this city is H. Cazaux, of No. 25 South William-st. Mr. Cazaux's residence is at No. 28 West Nineteenth-st. A TRIBUNE reporter called there last night, but found that Mr. Cazaux was not at home. The general passenger agents here are L. W. Morris & Co., of No. 60 Broadway. Mr. Morris was found at his house, No. 30 East Twenty-third-st. He had heard nothing in regard to the shipwreck of the Amsterdam and was greatly surprised. His first remark was: "I suppose she was caught in a heavy fog."

Mr. Morris further stated that the Amsterdam left the city of Amsterdam two weeks ago last Saturday for New-York, and was due here on last Saturday. Being overdue he thought she was detained by towing the Lydian Monarch, which had broken her shaft. The Amsterdam was built in 1879 for the Rotterdam Steamship Company. She was built at Dumbarton on the Clyde by Stevenson. She was a screw brig, 38 feet breadth, 31½ feet in depth of hold, with 2,005 tons draft. She was surveyed last in June, 1883, in this city.

She was commanded by Captain Lucas, who is an experienced officer, formerly of the Pacific Coast. He has been in command of the Amsterdam about three years.

WHERE THE STEAMER WENT ASHORE.

Sable Island is a small island off Nova Scotia, in the Atlantic Ocean, ninety miles southeast of Cape Canso, in latitude 43° 59' north; and longitude 55° 47' west. It is narrow, low and sandy, about twenty-five miles long. The island has two light houses and life-saving stations. It is in the southwestern extremity of Nova Scotia, and lies some distance out of the line of steamer travel.

A MUSIC TEACHER KILLS HIMSELF.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

NEW-BRUNSWICK, Aug. 6.—A teacher of music in this city, James C. Garland, who eight years ago attempted to murder his wife, and then tried to put an end to his own life by mutilating his head with a hatchet, committed suicide at 4 a. m. to-day by shooting himself in the right ear with a pistol. He was a teacher of music in New-York.

FATAL ACCIDENTS IN COAL MINES.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

SCRANTON, Aug. 6.—There have been eight fatal accidents in this part of the anthracite coal regions so far this month. Four of them occurred yesterday and to-day. These were as follows: William McHale, in the Pierce Coal Company's mine at Archibald; Patrick Coyne, in the Anthracite Coal Company's mine at Greenwood; William Hallow, in the Grasey Grove colliery of the Pennsylvania Coal Company at Dunmore; and John Horan, in the Cayuga shaft of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Company at Providence. The victims all leave families. McHale and Coyne each leave ten children. Although the mines have only been operated upon half time this year, the total number of accidents is forty-five. Frederick Schandt, a miner, was also hurt to-day in the Mount Pleasant mine in this city. A fall of roof struck him in the back and produced paralysis of his leg. His recovery is doubtful.

BURIED UNDER TONS OF COAL.

THE DEATH OF TWO MINERS AT THE INDIAN RIDGE COLLIERY.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

SHENANDOAH, Penn., Aug. 6.—A fall of top coal took place at the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company's Indian Ridge Colliery at this place today, resulting in the instantaneous death of two miners and fatal injury to a third. Abraham Blizzard, Charles and Frank Waters were partners working a breast at the colliery. The three men were working together as usual this morning when they encountered a solid rock of top coal which they undertook to bar down without resorting to the usual method of blasting. Huge timbers had been placed under the roof to prevent a sudden fall, but notwithstanding the precaution taken to guard against an accident, suddenly without any warning a terrible rush of coal and rock came down, completely burying the three men who screamed at the top of their voices to bring the men who were working to the gangway to their rescue.

The cries were heard, but when the gangway men reached the scene all was quiet. Lights were procured and after examination it was found they were buried under twenty-five tons of coal. With characteristic promptness they began to shovel away the coal, and after one hour's work they reached Frank Waters, who was still alive, but fatally injured. Two hours afterward the bodies of Charles Waters and Abraham Buzzard were reached, both were dead; their bodies being frightfully cut and bruised by the keen-edged coal. When the fall of coal took place Frank Waters stood some distance away from the other two men. The cause of the accident is unknown, but it is believed some of the supports slipped from their fastening and caused the fall. Charles Waters was thirty years of age and unmarried. Frank Waters is forty years old and married. Buzzard was a Polander and unmarried. All were experienced miners.

MR. BLAINE IN PORTLAND.

A RECEPTION GIVEN HIM BY THE MERCHANTS—HE MAKES AN ADDRESS.

PORTLAND, Me., Aug. 6.—The reception to Mr. Blaine by the business men of this city, at the City Hall to-night, was a brilliant one. The hall was packed, the seats being removed and the audience standing, while the galleries were filled with ladies. Mr. Blaine held a reception in the Mayor's office. At 8 p. m. he was conducted to the platform. Mr. Reed in a happy speech presented the business men of Portland to Mr. Blaine, saying, jocularly, that if he attempted to present them individually it would soon be apparent that Mr. Blaine was better acquainted with them than he.

Mr. George Woodman, as the spokesman of the merchants, then read an address to Mr. Blaine, which was signed by over 300 business men and firms of the city. The address, after expressing gratification that a citizen of Maine had been made the recipient of the Presidential nomination, says:

Although we have not all been able to agree with you upon political questions, we have all had confidence in your integrity as a man and your purity and ability as a statesman, and we are united in the conviction that should the people of the United States ratify the choice of your political associates, you will give the country an administration unrivalled in its wise, substantial and practical measures for the promotion of all our material interests, and for its name-taking care for the purification and perfection of all of the public service.

Mr. Blaine replied as follows:

FELLOW-CITIZENS—I do not know how to express my sense of the great honor you pay me in this most cordial reception, all the more grateful because it is not tendered in a partisan spirit or for partisan advantages. For the business men of Portland I have from personal knowledge, always entertained a profound respect. In no community has a larger standard of mercantile honor been maintained, a more limitless commercial credit, than in your beautiful city, and the prosperity you enjoy is the legitimate fruit of comprehensive intelligence, industry and courageous enterprise.

Though never a citizen of Portland, I was a resident among you for nearly three years, beginning in 1857 and ending in 1859. During that time I was the Editor of *The Daily Advertiser*, and was in consequence, of course with the business and professional men of the city. I recall no more pleasant period, and, in a private sense, no more profitable period in my life. A quarter of a century has since elapsed, marked with events of world-wide importance, but the flight of years has not dimmed my appreciation of the friendships I then formed, nor of the great kindness I received in Portland. Were I to recall the long list of eminent men of both parties now in most whom I was then personally acquainted, an entire evening would fall in, and the large assemblage called for friendly greeting of the living, would be turned to sadness at the lasting generation. None larger could be given than that they are worthy to succeed the Fessenden, the Shepleys, the Browns, the Littles and the rose of side on capital men whose names and whose careers are the true glory of Portland.

EXERCISES AT CHAUTAUQUA.

TWO DISCOURSES YESTERDAY—LECTURES ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS TO BE DELIVERED.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

CHAUTAUQUA, Aug. 6.—The Rev. Dr. J. B. Thomas, of Brooklyn, delivered his lecture on "Backbone" to a large audience in the Amphitheatre this afternoon, and Wallace Bruce, of Fang's Corners, took an immense audience this evening from the Hotel Kenilworth. Dr. Thomas and the Rev. Dr. William Burnet, of Boston, are to deliver several lectures. Bishop Bowman, of St. Louis, who at the opening last evening gave the assembly people, as the senior Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the greetings of that entire body, representing all parts of the world, will preach next Sunday morning. Principal A. M. Cameron, of the Aberdeen College, Scotland, England, and one of the most prominent men of the English congregationalists and independents, will lecture on "Locke and Jackson." The Rev. Dr. John Williamson, of Chicago, will lecture on the evening of the same day. Dr. Vincent will lecture on "The University," on August 12.

The Chautauqua Council congresses will be held on August 13. Dr. Roberts, of Chicago, will lecture on August 14. Several musical troupes are here, including Mrs. Hall, of Meadville, Penn., the Meigs Sisters and the Mattocks Sisters. T. E. Tyner, of New-York, is the organist, Mrs. E. P. Ewing, of Chicago, conducts the Chautauqua School of Cookery. The weather to-day has been perfect, and the lake and its sloping hillsides were never more beautiful than now.

The annual reunion of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held on Monday, when a concert of war songs will be given.

WHEELING ALMOST BANKRUPT.

BANKS REFUSING TO CASH THE CITY'S ORDERS—CONSTITUTIONAL RESTRICTIONS.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

WHEELING, W. Va., Aug. 6.—The financial condition of this city is alarming. In fact, Wheeling is a financial wreck. A glimpse at the condition of the affairs of the city was obtained some time ago when the Exchange Bank refused to cash any more of the city's orders. Every other bank in the city followed its example and there was a scene. The Council was called together and the Financial Committee held a session. It was ascertained that the city's indebtedness was $652,650, which has since increased to over $700,000.

The Constitution prescribes that a city cannot create an indebtedness exceeding 5 per cent of its taxable property ascertained for State purposes. The State assessment just completed shows the city property to be worth $16,175,860. Five per cent of this would be $808,793, which would be the limit of the indebtedness the city may incur. Deducting the present indebtedness leaves a margin of $100,000.

The city's affairs are in such a condition, therefore, that legislation is absolutely necessary. The proposed new loan ordinance for $200,000 has been lying on the table of the council since June. In order to secure money with which to pay city officers and bills against the city, Receiver Dunaway has been obliged to skirmish about the streets hunting men who had money that they were willing to invest in orders paying 6 per cent and free from city taxes. For about two months by dint of hard work, Mr. Dunaway has been enabled to meet the demands made on him, but the first of this month found him at the end of his resources. He paid the policemen for July in orders which, fortunately for them, they were able to peddle on the street for their face value. With the men in the Fire Department, however, the case is different. They are paid twice a month, which is drawn in a lump by the clerk on the receiver, who pays each man the amount due him as shown on the pay-roll. Thus far Mr. Dunaway has not been able to cash this order, and the men have not received the money due them on August 1. A new fire engine was ordered and has arrived, and must be paid for in ten days. That amount, with the other drafts now coming, will make a total of about $160,000 drafts now due. There is now some talk of making a loan for that amount and making no provision for the Board of Public Works. It is believed by many that provided the $200,000 ordinance should pass the Council and go to a vote of the people it would be killed because of the provisions it makes for the board. As it stands the city's total indebtedness is over $800,000, or beyond the Constitutional limit. There is no money on hand. Many city employes are unpaid. None will be paid this month. The outlook is gloomy in the extreme.

WRITING TO HIS WIFE AFTER 20 YEARS.

DESERTING THE ARMY AND HIS FAMILY—A WOMAN WITH TWO HUSBANDS.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

XENIA, Ohio, Aug. 6.—In the summer of 1862 a company of volunteers was recruited at Washington, Ohio. John Levey cast his fortunes with the company, leaving behind a family consisting of his wife and three children. He remained with his comrades until the return trip from Arkansas Post. On this trip many soldiers became dissatisfied and desertions were frequent. Before the regiment arrived at Young's Point Levey deserted. He did not come home after the war was over and no news of him was obtained from the returning soldiers. As the years rolled by it was believed that he had died. Mrs. Levey continued to mourn the death of her husband until October, 20, 1870. On that day she was married to Thomas Ellis. The two sons and daughter had grown up and were married and doing well. A day or two ago a letter was received from the long missing husband and father. The letter reveals the fact that for twenty years Levey has been living in the counties of Pike, Jackson and Scioto, and never beyond a day's travel from his wife and children. He had often passed through Washington, but never took the trouble to hunt up his family. He has been working as a farm hand, has accumulated nothing, and is old and poor. The letter does not indicate any disposition to disturb the present family relations of his wife, but merely inquires about his children and manifests a desire to see them.

THE FIRE RECORD.

TERRIFIC EXPLOSION IN A DYE-SHOP.

BUILDINGS DESTROYED, HORSES BURNED AND THREE MEN INJURED—LOSS OVER $25,000.

A singular explosion which occurred yesterday in the boiler-room of the dying and cleaning establishment of Charles Francke, No. 613 West Forty-sixth-st., started a fire that completely gutted two buildings, three and four stories high, burned two horses to death, and caused severe injuries to three men. The place had been closed since Saturday, and the fires in the engine room were out. At 6 a. m. yesterday, Edward Lindenberg, the engineer, started to build a fire under the boiler. He noticed a strong smell of gas, but paid no attention to it, as gas which is supposed to leak from the Municipal Gas Company's works, just across the street, was often noticed in the dye works.

The match had scarcely been lighted when a terrific explosion took place apparently all around Lindenberg, and his hair, beard and clothing became ablaze. He started to run for the entrance of the boiler room, while one after another a number of benzine kegs which were stored in the basement exploded with reports like the sound of small cannon. Brick and mortar came crashing down from the ceiling at each report, and at the final one a yawning hole was made in the front of the building, and the debris was flung across the entire width of the street and lodged against the gas works on the other side. Peter Bretz, the manager of the establishment, was in the front building at the time, and Jacob Bretz, his father, was grooming some horses that were stalled in the rear. Both men ran for their lives, and succeeded in reaching the front entrance, where amid the gathering smoke they saw Lindenberg trying to grope his way out. The Bretzes themselves, scorched by the flames which were breaking out all over the building, managed to drag out the half-blinded engineer, and all got to a place of safety.

Policeman Horn, who heard the explosions, ran up and sent out an alarm. The fire engines quickly responded, and the excitement among the inhabitants of the surrounding tall tenements was great. The fire was extinguished before it reached beyond the dying establishment, but not before it had burned the horses, a spitz dog and a litter of puppies. Some of the flying timbers wrecked the grog-shop of Edward Reilly at No. 615 West Forty-sixth-st., and pieces of mortar struck Thomas Hernor, age seventy-six, who was starting after a pitcher of milk. He was badly bruised. The loss to Reilly's place was $800. Francke's loss is $25,000, on which his insurance is $10,000. Lindenberg, Hernor and Peter Bretz were taken to Bellevue Hospital.

A $10,000 BLAZE LAST NIGHT.

Flames were discovered last night about 9 o'clock, issuing from the windows of the fourth floor of the five-story brick building, No. 116 Mercer-st., directly opposite the Fire Headquarters. The firemen were soon on the spot, and had to break open the rear windows in order to reach the fire, and after some difficulty it was got under control. The fire took on among some straw goods in the rear of the fourth floor and was confined to the two upper floors. The damage is estimated at $10,000, of which $1,000 was on the building. The stock of N. F. Morgan, dealer in furs and furs, who occupied the first and fifth floors, was damaged by water $2,000. The second floor was occupied by Abeson Brothers, manufacturers of artificial flowers and feathers. The stock was damaged $4,000 and the stock of L. Hecht, dealer in straw goods on the third and fourth floors, was injured $2,000.

OIL BURNED IN BROOKLYN.

An explosion of gas in an agitator at the works of the Brooklyn Oil Company, in Ashland, Brooklyn, caused a fire early yesterday morning, which was extinguished after causing damage estimated at $3,000. The loss was confined to the agitator in which it broke out, and 4,000 barrels of crude oil were burned.

FOUR HORSES BURNED TO DEATH.

A fire broke out yesterday in a small frame stable in the rear of No. 241 West Fifty-second, owned by John W. Mitchell, and the entire building was destroyed. Four stock-raising or milkmen were burned to death.

DESTRUCTION IN JAMESTOWN.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

JAMESTOWN, N. Y., Aug. 6.—Fire broke out in the Fredrickson block this morning, damaged the building $2,000. Jones Brothers, grocers, lose on goods $1,000; Peterson & Co., second-hand furniture store, $800; Robinson's organ factory, $2,000; Lindahl Brothers' furniture manufacturers, several hundred dollars. All were fully insured, except the organ factory, on which there was $1,000 in insurance. Several other stores in the block were slightly damaged.

LOSSES IN VARIOUS PLACES.

COLUMBUS, Ga., Aug. 6.—A fire in the wholesale dry goods house of J. A. Lehman & Co., of this city, destroyed the two store houses and nearly the entire stock. The building and stock were estimated to be of the value of $75,000, with $30,000 insurance.

EAST PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 6.—A fire yesterday destroyed 29 business buildings in this place. The loss is thought to be $75,000; insurance $30,000. The largest loss is that of Charles Logan, meat packer, $25,000; insurance $11,000. The other individual losses are under $5,000.

BENNINGTON, Vt., Aug. 6.—The North Bennington Boot and Shoe Company's factory was burned this morning, with most of its contents. N. T. Tucker who was an occupant of the burned building, has an insurance on stock and machinery of $13,500. O. O. Beede loses about $20,000. The building which was owned by the North Bennington Boot and Shoe Company was insured for $10,000. The entire loss will be over $50,000.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES—BY TELEGRAPH.

THEY KILLED EACH OTHER.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Aug. 6.—A dispatch to *The Times* from Mount Sterling says: "At Kingsville, Ky., William Greeley and one Ramsay in a fight over some 'wild cat' whiskey cut and shot each other fatally."

A HORSE TRADE, A MURDER AND A SUICIDE.

WOONSOCKET, R. I., Aug. 6.—At the water works, at noon to-day, Theodore D. Maury, a painter, deliberately shot Elmer E. Maury, an employe of the works, with a shotgun. He then fired a bullet into his own brain. The cause of the shooting was an old quarrel over a horse trade.

A YACHT DAMAGED BY A STEAMER.

PROVIDENCE, Aug. 6.—The steamer Newport, of the Old Colony Line, while coming through Newport Harbor at 5 o'clock this morning, went across the bow of the sloop yacht Inspiritus, breaking the end of the bowsprit and the bowsprit head. No damage was done to the steamer.

ARRESTED FOR EMBEZZLEMENT.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 6.—Samuel H. Drew, a County Prosecuting Attorney, was arrested last night, charged with embezzling $8,000 from Mrs. Elizabeth Cox, who prefers the charge against him. Drew was her attorney and agent for several years.

FATALLY WOUNDED BY A MADMAN.

SEDALIA, Mo., Aug. 6.—Information comes from Holden that yesterday James Ashby, an insane man, shot and fatally wounded W. F. Hear, his father-in-law and guardian, who, with the aid of the city marshal, was trying to secure Ashby to take him to an asylum.

ARRESTED ON A CHARGE OF ABDUCTION.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 6.—Charles House alias Travers and Mary Robinson, age sixteen, of Baltimore, who had registered at a hotel here as C. S. Davis and wife, were arrested this afternoon. It is charged that House had abducted the girl, and was also guilty of obtaining money by false pretences. Rouse, it is said, has a wife and children in Waynesville, Ohio. The girl said she left home because she was treated badly.

ESCAPED PRISONERS ARRESTED.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 6.—Thomas Barrow and Thomas Sinan, who escaped from the Trenton Jail on Tuesday, were arrested here to-day while attempting to enlist at a recruiting agency.

WAR CLOUDS IN CHINA.

THE FRENCH TO BOMBARD FOO-CHOW.

CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE NEW KING WILL BE RECOGNIZED.

PARIS, Aug. 6.—The *Figaro* states that Admiral Courbet has been ordered to bombard the Foo-Chow arsenal to-morrow, unless the garrison surrenders. The French Resident at Hue has been instructed to recognize the new King only upon condition that he accepts the treaty between France and China concluded by M. Patenotre, French Minister to China.

The *Temps* expects that extreme measures in dealing with China will be postponed until a discussion of the Chinese question has been had in the Chamber of Deputies, after the present session of Parliament at Versailles has been concluded.

The *National* referring to an interview to-day between Prime Minister Ferry and Li Fong Pao, the Chinese Minister, thinks it indicates that negotiations for the settlement of the difficulties still continue.

LONDON, Aug. 6.—According to the latest advices from China, the Chinese authorities have stopped the courier service between Foo-Chow and the landing place of the telegraph cable.

VICTIMS OF THE CHOLERA.

AN OUTBREAK IN NORTHAMPTON—DEATHS IN MARSEILLES AND TOULON.

LONDON, Aug. 6.—An outbreak of English cholera has occurred at Northampton, owing to a scarcity of water. An entire family has been stricken with the disease, but no deaths have yet occurred.

PARIS, Aug. 6.—There were three deaths from cholera in Marseilles and three at Toulon last night. Four deaths were reported to-day at Marseilles and one in Toulon. Seven returned fugitives have so far died. There was one death to-day at La Seyne. The official records show that since the outbreak of cholera in the south of France 2,200 of the inhabitants have died of the disease. The *Siecle* says that the Government has determined to demand the suppression of the quarantine along the Italian frontier. If Italy refuses to grant this demand reprisals are threatened.

ROME, Aug. 6.—It is officially declared that the sanitary condition of the country is everywhere improved. No fresh cases of cholera have appeared at Pamalatri. One case is reported near Montebatte of a person who came from France.

MADRID, Aug. 6.—Spain has decided to establish a quarantine of ten days against the Italian ports infected with cholera, and of seven days against other Italian ports.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 6.—The *Journal de St. Petersbourg* denies that there is cholera or any other epidemic in Russia.

THE EGYPTIAN CONFERENCE

ATTITUDE OF GERMANY AND FRANCE—DOINGS IN THE SOUDAN.

PARIS, Aug. 6.—Prime Minister Ferry has addressed a formal note to Lord Lyons, British ambassador to France, in which he declares that England continues to be bound by the protocol of disinterestedness signed at the Constantinople Conference and that she must again consult the Powers in the event of any change in the financial arrangements of Egypt.

The *Republique Française*, referring to the action of Germany in the Egyptian Conference, regrets the blindness of the English Government to the meaning of the bitter words and lost the attitude of Count von Munster.

CAIRO, Aug. 6.—Eight of the Turkish mutineers at Assiout were sentenced to death. Two were shot at Assiyet to-day. The sentence of the others was commuted to penal servitude for life. E. Mahdi has ordered that a force of 50,000 men from the Bazaris and Shillok tribes reinforce Osman Digma. The Italians have decided in favor of the Mahdi. Kassala is closely blockaded.

LONDON, Aug. 6.—The Government scheme for the temporary relief of the Egyptian Treasury includes the renewal of the Rouschdi loan of £1,000,000 and the reduction of the expenses of the administration. Edgar Vincent has been instructed to report what immediate reductions are possible.

THE ANGLO-AMERICAN CABLE COMPANY

LONDON, Aug. 6.—The half-yearly meeting of the Anglo-American Cable Company was held to-day. The report presented showed a falling off in the receipts to the amount of £19,977, as compared with the first half of the year 1883. The report proposed the setting apart of £75,000 for a renewal fund and the declaration of a second quarterly dividend of 17s. 6d. percentage on ordinary stock and of 3½s on preferred stock. The chairman was asked if it was true that the company was about to meet with another baleful competition, but its property was in good order. The decrease in earnings was owing to the depression of trade. A motion was made against setting apart the £75,000 for a renewal fund, but it was lost, the report was thereupon adopted.

FAST TRIP OF THE STEAMER OREGON.

LONDON, Aug. 6.—The Cunard Line steamer Oregon, which arrived at Queenstown at 7:25 o'clock this morning, made the passage in 6 days 12 hours and 54 minutes. The best previous east-bound record was made by the Anchor Line steamship Anchoria on her second trip. It was 6 days 14 hours and 18 minutes.

The Oregon's daily runs were as follows: July 31, 294 miles; August 1, 413; August 2, 422; August 3, 416; August 4, 421; August 5, 440; August 6, 349. Total, 2,453 miles. The total distance, not quite two more than a thousand miles, was thirty-nine miles longer than the course taken by the Anchoria.

NEWS NOTES FROM LONDON.

LONDON, Aug. 6.

ILLNESS OF MR. TREVELYAN.—Owing to ill-health, induced by over-work, Mr. George O. Trevelyan, Chief Secretary for Ireland, is not likely to be present in the House of Commons during the rest of the present session.

OPPOSED TO THE PEERAGE.—The Advanced Liberals held a meeting in London last night. They resolved to establish a League, which should have for its object the reform of the House of Lords. They wish to deprive the Peers of their power of hereditary revenue and to abolish the hereditary peerage altogether.

THE NEBRO CREW.—England and Holland offer to raise the blockade of Tonkin and give the Hoch 100,000 rupees if they will accept the review of the Dutch-Chinese Treaty, which was revoked on the court martial. The Hoch refuses this offer. England and Holland will continue to pursue him.

THE QUEEN'S COLLEGES.—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Parnell spoke in opposition to the grant for the Queen's College in Ireland. Mr. O'Connor, Home Rule member from Galway, spoke in favor of it. The grant was carried.

REVOLVERS IN A DUST BIN.—Six revolvers were found in a dust bin in Hartlepool, near Covent Garden, to-day. No clew to their owner ship has been discovered.

SEEKING A DIVORCE.—The trial of the action for divorce brought by Mrs. Emma Travers against "Frank" Travers, both members of the Lyceum Theatre Company, was begun to-day. The defendant testified that he had intercepted a letter from his wife to Mr. Haviland, another member of the company, while the company was in Boston. He thereupon went to Mr. Haviland's dressing-room, where he assaulted and disfigured him. Haviland admitted that improprieties had taken place between himself and the plaintiff. This statement was denied by the plaintiff, who declared that there was a conspiracy to deprive her of her child.

JOHN BRIGHT ON PROTECTION.—John Bright has written a letter in which he says: "America, France, Germany and Russia, which are protected countries, are suffering more in the present condition of trade than England. The English working classes were never so prosperous under the protective system as they are now. Protection will never be tried again in this country. Mr. Blaine in advocating protection talks after the fashion of the English Tories forty years ago."

BOERS DEFEATED IN SOUTH AFRICA.

LONDON, Aug. 6.—Advices from South Africa state that a severe engagement has taken place between the followers of Montsioa and the Boers, in which the latter were defeated. Many warriors were killed, including several Englishmen.

THE FRENCH CONSTITUTION.

PARIS, Aug. 6.—At Versailles to-day the committee of the Congress of the two Houses of Parliament, to which all proposed amendments to the Constitution were referred, accepted M. Andrieux's amendment declaring that all monarchic precedents were ineligible to the Presidency. The committee acted in the matter in accord with Prime Minister Ferry.

THE FRENCH IN MADAGASCAR.

LONDON, Aug. 6.—*The Times* this morning publishes a dispatch from Madagascar of July 25, which reports as follows: The French are displaying the greatest activity in drawing mules from Reunion by requisition. General Willoughby is at Tamatave with 10,000 Hovas who are mainly relying on their fortifications and torpedo pits. Measures have been taken to retire if necessary to Ambohimanga, fifty miles inland. One-half of the French troops that have reached Madagascar from Tonquin have been sent to Majunga and will form a second army. It will march from Majunga to the capital. The native Premier is disposed to make peace, but he fears that he will lose his head. The French are suffering much from dysentery and fever.

FRAGMENTS OF CABLE NEWS.

BERNE, Aug. 6.—The Peace Conference in session here passed a resolution to-day favoring the neutralization of Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Roumania.

BRUSSELS, Aug. 6.—A mob hooted the Clericals and Liberals to-day as they were leaving the Chamber of Deputies.

BELFAST, Aug. 6.—Miller & Son, flax spinners, of this city, have failed. It is estimated that the liabilities will reach £110,000, two-thirds of which are secured.

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 6.—Hatfield & Co., of this city, ship and insurance brokers, have failed. Joseph Chamberlain, president of the Board of Trade, severely criticised the firm some months ago in connection with his shipping bill.

DUBLIN, Aug. 6.—A true bill has been found against Cornwall, French, Fernandez, Piller and Little for felony, and for conspiracy against Kirwan and Cornwall. Physicians have been appointed to inquire into French's sanity.

ISCHL, Aug. 6.—The Emperors William and Francis Joseph arrived here at noon from Ebensee, whither the Emperor Francis Joseph went to receive Emperor William. The Empress Elizabeth received them both at the Ischl station. An immense concourse of people assembled outside the station. A dinner was given in the evening at the Imperial villa.

ELOPING WITH HER FATHER'S FARM HAND.

NOT SATISFIED WITH THE SWEETHEART PROVIDED BY HER PARENTS.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

HURON, Ohio, Aug. 6.—A few mornings ago when Miss Ella Starr was summoned to breakfast at her father's farmhouse near this place she failed to respond. The door was found open after repeated efforts to awake the supposed inmate, and the room was found unoccupied. Fears of foul play were at first entertained, and various other excuses were advanced to account for the absence of the daughter. A search of the room, however, brought to view a note, which lay on the bureau and read thus:

"Mother: When you see this I will probably be far away with the one whom I love and whom you and pa hate. You may think I am serving Pete a mean trick, but the letters I have received from him during his absence have not contained one word of affection."

Miss Starr is about nineteen. About a year ago Mr. Starr engaged Louis Link, of Milan, to assist in farm work. Link did his work faithfully, and spent nearly all his leisure time at the farmhouse in conversation with the object of his affections. Knowing that the young woman's parents would never consent to their union the pair decided to overcome the difficulty by eloping. Carriage tracks beneath the girl's window tell the means of departure employed, but all efforts to trace the pair have failed. Miss Starr was engaged to Peter Laroo, who has been absent on the lakes sailing in the capacity of first mate on the schooner Southwest.

GOVERNOR CLEVELAND'S VACATION.

A VISIT TO SARANAC LAKE PLANNED—THE FRENCH CANADIANS.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

ALBANY, N. Y., Aug. 6.—Governor Cleveland leaves Albany to-morrow afternoon at 1 o'clock for the Upper Saranac Lake in the Adirondacks, where he will probably pass a two weeks' vacation. He will spend the night at Plattsburg, and proceed by carriage to his place of destination on Friday. His travelling companion will be Dr. B. Ward, of this city.

The Governor states that all the rumors concerning his letter of acceptance are without foundation.

Among his visitors to-day were General Franz Sigel, of New-York, ex-Canal Commissioner Wright, of Geneva, William C. Kingsley, of Brooklyn, and Dr. Harraban, of Rutland, General Thomas J. Cluny and Senator W. B. English, of California, and Alton B. Parker, of Kingston.

The proceedings of the National Convention of French Canadians here to-day were uninteresting until the announcement by the presiding officer, that Governor Cleveland had invited the body to visit him at the Executive Chamber. This created a perfect ovation of excitement, many delegates construing it as an insult to them and an attempt to curry political favor. After a heated discussion the convention took a recess, with the motion to accept the invitation and an amendment declaring the acceptance without political significance still pending. After the adjournment about half of the body called on the Governor.

The Governor informed THE TRIBUNE correspondent that he had not determined how long he should remain in the woods. He will probably take two or three weeks' rest apart from work. His acceptance will not be prepared till his return.

BUTLER IS A CANDIDATE.

A LETTER IN ANSWER TO MANY INQUIRIES.

BOSTON, Aug. 6.—The following letter requires no explanation:

The Hub, CHARLES A. DANA.

DEAR SIR: As a means of reaching more quarters than I can do in any other way, I write you this note for such use as you choose to make of it.

Answer: I do intend to stand by the nomination of the Greenback and Labor National and the Anti-monopolists, and I hope everybody will vote for me who thinks that it is the best thing to do. I will give the reasons for my action, which are controlling, to the public as soon as I can have the benefit of Mr. Cleveland's letter of acceptance, so that where I disagree with him I may do him no injustice.

Very truly your friend and servant,

BENJAMIN F. BUTLER.

TO SUCCEED THE REV. DR. J. RICE BOWMAN.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

HARRISONBURG, Va., Aug. 6.—The Rev. James H. Smith, of Lexington, Va., was elected pastor of the Presbyterian congregation of this place to-day, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Rev. Dr. J. Rice Bowman, who removed several weeks ago to Clarksville, Texas.

FRIGHTENED TO DEATH BY THUNDER.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

MILLEDGEVILLE, Ga., Aug. 6.—While the family of Mr. Rockwell were seated at supper last night they were startled by a terrific peal of thunder. Miss Sarah Rockwell put her hands to her face, and was found to be dead.

A WOMAN FORGED OF $1,300.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

CORNING, Aug. 6.—Mrs. George W. Beatty, of Brooklyn, visiting here, was robbed last night of $1,300 in the house of her brother, Harrison Beach. The money was in a valise in her sleeping room near her bed. Diamonds in the satchel were unmolested.

ATTEMPTED MURDER AND SUICIDE.

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