DISASTERS IN THE BRITISH CHANNEL

Steamer Pontos Sunk in Collision.

ETHELH!LDA ALSO WRECKED

HEATHPOOL RUN DOWN AND IS A TOTAL LOSS.

Many Mishaps to Shipping in the Wake of the Disaster on the Stella, Which Struck Casquet Rocks.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

DOVER, England, April 1.—The German steamer Pontos from Rosario about February 24, has been sunk in the channel after being in collision with the British steamer Star of New Zealand. The boats of the Star of New Zealand were stove in and she is returning to London.

The Pontos had on board a cargo of cattle, 1000 sheep and a quantity of wheat. It appears that the Star of Zealand ran into the Pontos during the darkness of the early morning, striking her amidships. Twelve seamen who left the Pontos in a boat were picked up exhausted and have been landed here. The captain and nineteen of the crew have been landed at Hastings.

A large up-channel steamer has signaled that she has rescued twelve of the crew and six passengers of the Pontos. Thus all the crew, numbering fifty men, and all the passengers of the sunken steamer have been rescued.

The British steamer Ethelhilda is off Dungeness, proceeding slowly and not under control, according to the signal flying. She has canvas about her bows and her boats are hanging over her sides. She has signaled that she has been in collision and her forepeak is full of water.

A French fishing smack which was off Dover yesterday evening was in collision with an unknown vessel, possibly the Ethelhilda. Six of her crew were drowned.

The Ethelhilda, which is commanded by Captain Harrison, left Buenos Ayres on February 26 for Antwerp.

It developed later in the day that it was the collier Heathpool which sank yesterday off Beachy Head that was in collision with the Ethelhilda. The collision occurred at 10 o'clock yesterday evening. The Ethelhilda saved several of the crew of the Heathpool and has landed them here.

BRIGHTON, Eng., April 1.—The British steam collier Heathpool, from Sunderland for St. Nazare, France, was run down and sunk yesterday evening off Beachy Head. Only one of her crew was saved.

The Heathpool was a steamer of 600 tons, built at Sunderland in 1885 and owned by the Lambton Collieries (limited) of Sunderland. She was 210 feet long, had 32 feet 3 inches beam and was 14 feet 6 inches deep.

DOVER, Eng., April 1.—The sole survivor of the collier Heathpool, sunk in collision off Beachy Head yesterday evening, has been landed here. He says her crew numbered sixteen men. They left Sunderland on Thursday and collided with an unknown vessel yesterday evening. The Heathpool commenced to sink immediately and her captain called out to the other vessel, a larger ship, to slow down, but the latter swung around and apparently proceeded. The survivor jumped into the water and clung to a lifeboat until picked up.

SOUTHAMPTON, April 1.—The London and Southwestern Company's steamer Southwestern, which was sent to search for bodies of victims of the wrecked steamer Stella, which sank after running onto the Casquet Rocks on Thursday afternoon, went ashore last night. The news of this disaster to the Southwestern was received in a dispatch from the signal office at Cape la Hague, on the coast of Normandy, in the same district as the Casquet rocks. The message said that the Southwestern was ashore in that vicinity with her hull stove in. The crew remained on board.

EFFORT TO OUST REA ABANDONED

Union Bank Shareholders Capitulate.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SAN JOSE, April 1.—The stockholders of the Union Savings Bank have almost abandoned the idea of ousting James W. Rea from the presidency of the bank. Petitions calling a meeting of stockholders for the express purpose of removing Directors Rea, Dunlop and Simpson were circulated among the shareholders and were freely signed. Nearly 4000 shares were represented. William and Ward Wright and Antone Friant were expected to sign. These three represent about 2500 shares, and their names on the list would have enabled the stockholders to call the meeting. At the last moment these three backed out. Rea gave it out that if there were any shady transactions in the bank he would see that the officials were punished and threatened prosecution of the old directors. This had the desired effect and the Wrights chose to stand by the ex-political boss. For the control of his stock Friant was reelected secretary and given a temporary position in the bank, which as cashier under the administration of the Wrights he helped to wreck. This leaves Rea complete master of the institution.

Charles P. Braslan, who claimed to be a director by right of election to the place after the failure, has abandoned the attempt to gain a seat in the directorate. He threatened to appeal to the courts, but has now "washed his hands" of the whole affair.

The directors met to-day and got down to business. Assets and securities were discussed, and next week a complete list of the doubtful notes and mortgages will be prepared. Manager Paul P. Austin's bond was placed at $20,000. The First National Bank was selected as a depository for the bank's funds. A motion was adopted that the bank directors receive no pay. When the bank closed there was only about $4000 in the vaults. Since then the collections have brought the amount of cash up to $22,600.

Attorney Welch appeared before the board in behalf of the depositors. He asked for a speedy settlement of affairs and said that as soon as ample funds were on hand the depositors would demand 25 per cent of their deposits.

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Traveling Wraps.

Imported English Worsted Traveling Shawls, in subdued colorings and rich plaids—good array of designs—each.....$6.00

Elegant Cloth Finish Traveling Shawls, plain colors on one side, handsome Scotch plaid on the other side—very desirable—each.....$10.50

The Elements of Success in This Palatial Up-to-Date Store Are

EQUIPMENT --- ENTERPRISE --- ENERGY --- ECONOMY ---

This great store was never so thoroughly well prepared to supply the wants of the people as it is to-day. The regular stocks for Spring and Summer are incomparable in point of assortment, correct styles and, above all, *money-saving prices.* If you would post yourself on values you should come here, for we make the retail prices of San Francisco. *No transaction is complete with us until the customer is satisfied.*

Handkerchiefs.

100 dozen sheer lawn hemstitched lace edge Handkerchiefs, soft bleach, each.....10c

200 dozen new pattern sheer lawn scallop embroidered or hemstitch embroidered Handkerchiefs, exceptional value at $1.75 a dozen, each.....15c

Confirmation Suits.

A large quantity sold last week. New numbers added to the assortment for the coming week. We carry what we think and what customers tell us is the best stock of boys' Dress Suits in the city. There are no goods more honest in make or material—we know none are sold with more honest intentions. We want every one to be pleased, to be satisfied—and guarantee every suit to be full value and give perfect wear to purchaser.

Materials—Piques, Tricots, Serges, Thibets, Cheviots and Clay Worsteds—all guaranteed absolutely fast color.

Prices—$4.50, $5, $6, $7.50 and $8.

A Lining Special Value.

50 pieces of a very fine quality, striped Taffeta Lining—Black grounds with pretty stripes—a regular 3 yards for 50c quality—now per yard.....10c

Colored Dress Goods.

42 and 44 inch fancy suiting, perfect weave and new shadings, latest mixtures, red and green, lavender and black, green and blue and silk and wool mixtures in light spring colorings, dress pattern.....$4.50

46-inch fancy Ottomans, new colors and plain shades of pearl gray, tan and royal blue and two-toned effects, green and white, black and white, royal blue and gold and brown and green, dress pattern.....$5.10

46-inch all-wool Covert Cloth in six handsome shades of grays and tans, dress pattern.....$6.00

50-inch Diagonals, navy and royal blue, tan, brown, pearl gray and green, dress pattern.....$6.25

42-inch Two-toned Bedford Cord, a new and stylish dress fabric, new shadings, tan, pearl and steel gray and French blue, dress pattern.....$9.00

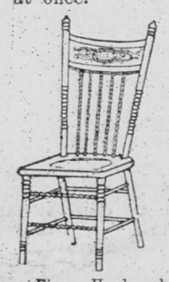
New Lace Braids.

Just received, the most complete line of Battenberg Resonasce, Duchess, Honiton and Pearlings for making Curtains, Jabots, Handkerchiefs and all kinds of Lace Work, ever brought to the coast—colors ochre and white—braids for 36 yards.....20c, 25c, 30c and 35c piece

For the Coming Week—Unparalleled

Reductions in Furniture

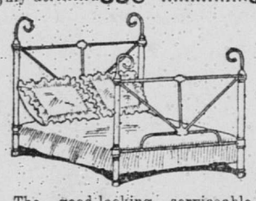
Only a few of a hundred underpricings in reliable Furniture are recorded below. These great reductions are made possible by the late arrival of carloads of overdue Furniture. Surplus stock must go at once.



Fine Hardwood Chair, highly polished, with fancy twisted spindle legs—would be cheap at 85c each—special for this week only at.....55c

Here's a handsome Dresser, highly polished, fancy shape French Mirror—it will harmonize with a brass, iron or wood bedstead—sells regularly for $10.50—while the lot on hand lasts price will be.....$7.55

Mahogany finished Parlor Table, like picture—convenient shelf below—size of top, 18x18 inches, worth $1.00—this week.....55c



The good-looking, serviceable, Enameled Bed pictured above has brass trimmings, and is full size. The 41 now in stock will be sold while the lot lasts at.....$2.55

Now showing different styles Brass Beds, ranging from $2.55 to $75.00 each.

Solid Oak Extension Table—size of top when closed 42x42 inches—6 feet long—this week for.....$5.75

Our assortment of Dining Tables is unequaled. We fish out this table as one of our many special bargains.

Carpet Department.

Our new spring Carpets are now ready for your inspection, your criticism and your trade. This is a good year for Carpets. The most beautiful color effects and most graceful patterns for many seasons are here. Green is the modish color. Borders to match these:

Ingrains upward from.....25c yard
Tapestry Brussels upward from.....45c yard
Velvet Carpets upward from.....80c yard
Axminsters upward from.....95c yard
Body Brussels upward from.....$1.05 yard
Linoleums upward from.....39c yard

We continue our sale of Art Squares, size 9x6 feet, for one week longer at.....$1.80

Groceries and Liquors.

Specials Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Western Refinery Dry Granulated Sugar—20 lbs for..$1.00
Snider's Catsup—½ pint 15c bottle for.....10c
Chocolate Menier—yellow wrapper—regularly 50c lb...35c
Pearline or Babbitt's '76 Washing Powder—the large packages—3 for.....25c
Another of our popular Claret sales for 3 days this week—the 38c gallon quality at.....25c
A. B. C. Bohemian Beer—
Pints, regularly $1.50 dozen, for.....$1.40
Quarts regularly $2.30 dozen for.....$2.15
Harper Rye or Bourbon, '91—regularly $1 bottle.....75c

None of above articles sold to dealers.

Black Dress Goods.

An exquisite collection—the pick and choice from the world's most noted dress goods centers. A leading feature of this department is the assortment of Tailor Suitings.

52-inch Worsted Cheviot—sponged and shrunk, very durable—per yard.....$1.35
56-inch Granite Cloth—splendid finish, new and very stylish—per yard.....$1.50
56-inch Clay Coating Serge, in three different weaves—light or heavy weight, exceptional value—per yard.....$1.50
58-inch Whipcord—very handsome and fashionable cloth—per yard.....$1.75

A complete assortment of Mohair Blister Crepons—silk and wool souffle—all the latest novelties at $7.50, $9, $10.50, $12 and $13.50 per suit pattern.

Ladies' Neckwear.

Wash Lawn Stock Collars and Jabots combined, neatly trimmed with edging of lace, each.....50c

Twice around long Scarfs, made of net or lawn, trimmed with Valenciennes lace, worth 50c each.....25c

Twice around long Scarfs, made of wash blonde appliqued in neat designs at.....$1.75 and $1.25

Black Liberty Silk Collarettes with handsome ties of accordion pleated silk, made extra full, worth $1.75 each.$1.25

Ostrich Feather Boas, extra quality selected feathers, rich glossy black, 36 inches long, at.....$10.50 each

An Easter Egg Worth Digesting.

One-Third Off.

During the sale of the Fiest Stock we offer our entire stock of Banquet Lamps, Bisque Figures, Dresden and China Ornaments, Bric-a-Brac, English and Bohemian Vases at the above reduction from regular prices.

One-Half Off.

During the sale of the Fiest Stock we offer our entire stock of Bohemian Cut Glassware, Rose Bowls, Vases, Cream Pitchers, Cologne Bottles, Olive Dishes, etc., at the above reduction from regular marked prices.

The Fiest Stock of Household Goods, Toys, Etc.,

Bought by us at 50c on the dollar of wholesale cost, are offered for sale this week at about **One-half Regular Prices.** Sale begins at 8 o'clock Monday morning, in specially arranged departments on main floor, and in rotunda, second floor.

Assortments are large, hundreds upon hundreds of useful, necessary articles, but in many instances only a few of each. Early comers will not be disappointed.

Household Goods.

Fiest's 60c Bristle Floor Brooms.....31c
Fiest's 5c Colored Shelf Paper, package.....1c
Fiest's 40c Perfection Wash Boards.....19c
Fiest's 20c Wash Boards.....13c
Children's 25c Metal Trays (like picture) to fasten on table.....5c
Large 5c size Embossed Tin Cups.....3c
Fiest's 10c Knife and Fork Boxes, japanned tin.....5c
Fiest's 35c Clover Leaf Candle Sticks.....16c

Whisk Broom Holders, Embossed Tin, regularly 10c, for.....3c
5c and 10c Fancy Embossed Tin Trays.3c
Fiest's 35c Tin Steamers.....17c
Fiest's 5c Cookie Cutters, fancy shapes.....2c
Fiest's 5c Scalloped Pie Plates...2 for 5c
Fiest's 10c Paring Knives.....5c
25c and 35c Fine Steel Corkscrews.....15c
15c Double-Blade Chopping Knives.....5c
10c Single-Blade Chopping Knives.....3c

10 Wringers of various makes, slightly shopworn, but otherwise in perfect order will be sold at cost.

Fiest's $1 90 Aluminum Rice Boilers....$1 25
$4 00 Aluminum Tea Kettles.....$2 00
75c Aluminum Fry Pans....40c
45c Aluminum Pudding Pans.....25c
60c Aluminum Sauce Pans.....35c
15c Meat Pounders.....8c
40c Lemon Squeezers, extra large and good ones.....2c
25c Fancy Wood Spice Cabinets.....16c
75c large size Coffee Mills.....40c
40c Hardwood Salt Boxes (like picture), with bright metal trimmings.....22c
25c Wood Salt Boxes.....19c
90c and $1 00 highly polished Hardwood Salt Boxes, now 45c
25c Knife-Sharpening Stones.....16c
Bottle Corkers—Fiest's price 40c—sale price.16c
10c Clothes Line Pulleys.....5c
Hardwood Mustard Spoons.1c
Brass-hinged Butter Molds, 2-lb. size, round or square, now...16c
$1 75 Galvanized Iron Ash Barrels, now..$1 10
75c Almond or Nut Graters.....36c

Coal Scuttle, black japanned, slightly scratched, large size, now 16c; small size.....12c
75c Fire Sets, Shovel, Tongs and Poker, in neat, bronzed iron stands..47c
10-qt. Tin Water Pails.....10c
Fiest's 10c Nut Crackers.....4c
15c Cake Turners, large size, flexible Steel.....5c
Bronzed Iron Swinging Bird Cage Brackets.....3c
53 boxes German Night Lights....2 for 5c
6c and 8c Wire Tea Strainers, black enameled handles, now.....3c
Strong, serviceable Stove Pokers.....3c
Rising Sun Stove Polish, large size....4c
20c Fancy Tiled Teapot Stands, with metal rims.....9c
20c and 25c full-sized Hammers.....9c
25c long-handled Steel Cleavers.....16c
60c White Enameled Egg Poachers....33c
35c White Enameled Chambers.....20c
25c White Enameled Platters.....16c

Very large assortment of White Enameled Kettles, Saucepans, Platters, Vegetable Dishes, etc.—some slightly chipped in moving and handling, on sale Monday and while lot lasts at a fraction of original cost.

German Noodle-Cutting Machines—3 only—Fiest's price was $6 50, ours to close.....$2 50

25c Alcohol Stoves, large burners..12c
10c Steel Tack Pullers...5c
25c Nickel-Plated Towel Racks, slightly scratched.....8c

Crockery—Lamps.

English Decorated Tea Cups and Saucers, blue, black or brown decorations, regularly $1 30 for set of 6, now.....49c
Fancy Fluted Copenhagen Tea Cups and Saucers, regularly 25c, now.....15c
25c English Decorated Milk Pitchers..12c
50c Large Covered Glass Fruit Bowls..33c
Cleared Glass Lemonade Glasses with handles, regularly 90c dozen, now each.....5c
English Tea Sets, 44 pieces, decorations in pink, blue or brown, slight manufacturer's imperfections, to close out, per set.....$2 63
Polished Brass Banquet Lamps—centerdraft burners—colored glass globes, regularly, $2 68, now.....$1 31

Toys, Games, Etc.

$1 25 Prisoner of Zenda Game.....60c
50c Yale and Princeton Football Game.27c
50c Old Maid and Old Bachelor Game..25c
And many others equally as low-priced
A B C Cubes—75c ones, 30c; 35c ones, 15c; 25c ones.....10c
$1 75 Hardwood Croquet Sets.....90c
$4 00 very fine Croquet Sets.....$2 40
$2 00 Rotaryscopes with pictures, now..$1
$1 00 Rotaryscopes with pictures, now.30c
Moist Paint Box—moist colors in wood box with hinge cover—only.....20c
$2 00 Magic Lanterns with views....$1 00
$6 00 Magic Lanterns with views....$2 80
$1 50 Lead Soldiers, cavalry or infantry.....90c
60c Firemen with Engine.....30c
15c Stuffed Cloth Monkeys for the baby.....9c

50c Noah's Ark, with unpainted animals.....30c
50c Steam Locomotives...24c
15c Wood Wheelbarrows, now.....10c
80c Iron Wheelbarrow now.42c
$1 60 Iron Wagons, 10x20 in.50c
$1 00 Swing Horses, now....60c
$2 50 Rocking Horses, now...69c
$1 50 Parasol-top Iron Doll Cabs.....75c
$1 75 Swing and Baby Jumper combined.....$1 00
25c Blackboard on Easel.....15c
50c 22-inch Cradles, pink or blue.25c
Strong Beach Shovels and Sand Spades.....3c
Pretty White Enameled Bureaus.$1 75
50c, 60c and 85c Doll Parlor Furniture, at.....30c, 35c and 50c
25c, 75c, $1 00 and $1 25 Soldier Suits.....15c, 30c, 45c and 60c

Arctic reins with bells.....3c
35c Palm Lunch Baskets.....19c
60c Nursery Baskets.....40c
75c Nursery Baskets.....45c
90c Waste Baskets, 17 in. high.....55c
$1 25 Sets of Dishes in basket.....70c
25c Jack-in-Box.....15c
$1 50 French Range with utensils.....90c

A large assortment of Mechanical Toys from the Fiest stock at about half regular cost.

Sale of Dolls.

Fiest's 23c Jointed Dolls.....15c
These Dolls are 14 in. long, have glass eyes, teeth, long, flaxen hair and are movable at all joints.

25c kid jointed bodied Dolls, with bisque heads, shoes and stockings..15c
25c dressed, jointed Dolls.....15c
50c kid jointed Dolls, with bisque heads..24c
25c "Par" and "Mar" Dolls.....15c
Fiest's 75c full jointed Dolls.....35c
Fiest's $1 full jointed Dolls, bisque head, long, curly wig, glass eyes, teeth, fancy chemise, length 20½ inches, now.....60c
$1 Trilby dress jointed Dolls for.....50c
$1 dressed Dolls, lace trimmed satin dresses, with bonnets to match, shoes and stockings, length 16½ inches, now.....60c
$1 50 dressed Dolls, nun's veiling dresses, with long cape and collar, with hat to match, length 18 inches....90c
20c professional baseballs.....10c
45c professional dead baseball.....20c
75c Ash Bats, oil finish.....30c
50c Boys' Ash Bats, oil finish.25c

New Wash Fabrics.

Fancy Piques—English and French makes, in French Blue, Pink, Cadet, etc.—figured and dot designs—very new—yard.....40c

Fancy Piques—American production, in solid colors, new stripes, etc.—the mode for skirts, waists and suits—yard.....15c

Scotch Madras—A grand line of these much-favored Fabrics—fine in appearance and perfect in colorings—32 inches wide—yard.....30c

Dimities—Exquisitely printed on a fine cloth with raised thread stripes—combining variety in weave and colorings—over 90 different effects—and as a leader—per yard.10c

White Organdies—68 inches wide—from the best makers in France—per yard.....35c to $1.25

Pattern Veils.

200 dozen Chenille Spot Tuxedo Veils, with applique and chenille borders, a very effective Veil, all black, white on black and colored on black, each.....25c

Lovely Novelty Silks.

An immense showing of rare and beautiful weaves for spring and summer.

21-inch Colored Taffeta Silk with Jacquard figured stripe in ground of golden brown, purple, green, etc., exclusive designs for shirt waists, per yard.....$1.00

21-inch fancy broken Checks, beautiful color combinations, including all the new spring colorings, very dainty for shirt waists, per yard.....$1.00

22-inch embroidered stripe Taffeta, alternating with small black hair stripes, exquisite colorings in grounds of heliotrope, tan, bluet, turquoise, etc., per yard.....$1.35

19-inch Plain Taffeta, extra heavy quality, in all the new spring colorings, including lilac, bluet, purple, heliotrope, mode, pervenche, per yard.....85c

22-inch Black Satin Duchesse extra heavy good wearing cloth, made especially for dress skirts, per yard.....$1.50

Vests, Special Values.

Ladies' Swiss-ribbed soft finished Lisle thread Vests with hand crocheted V-shaped silk front, unusually handsome for the price, each.....50c

New Spring Overcoats.

Prices—$7.50, $10 and $15.

Tip-toppers in fashion, fit and style—bought cheap for ready cash and turned over to you for prices less than regular. Black Cay Worsteds, Thibets, Cheviots, Tan Coverts—all wool, double stitched seams, horn buttons, etc. Costs you neither money nor embarrassment to look. We save you money if you buy.

Belts That Are New.

Burnt in designs on velvet, comes in colors with handsome buckles.....$1.00 to $3.00

Real Morocco Belts with Jeweled Buckles, oxidized, old gold and new gray.....75c, $1.00 and $1.50

Beaded Belts, black, steel and iridescent Beads, each.....$1.00 to $5.00

New Buckles in all the latest shapes and materials, each.....25c to $5.00

Extra Linen Values.

Bleached Table Damask—a good, solid, closely woven article, patterns stylish, 72 inches wide—per yard.....90c

Bleached Table Damask—the extra heavy German make, unsurpassed for wear and appearance, 11 new patterns just received, 68 inches wide—per yard.....$1.10

Bleached Table Damask—pearl white, strictly flax, undressed, dice patterns, and 60 inches wide, very good for general wear—per yard.....45c

Glass Linen—Irish make, good even thread, a splendid absorbent, 20 inches wide, Blue or Red Checks assorted sizes—per yard.....10c

Linen Towels—a very fine Damask, German linen, borders in dainty blue or red, fringes knotted by hand—per dozen.$2.40

The Premiere Glove.

The big store's leader—a perfect fitting real Kid Glove for ladies. The spring colorings are exquisite, the qualities never better, and giving our orders direct to the French manufacturer insures the best glove that can be made for the price.....$1.50

Every pair fitted and guaranteed.

Curtains, Portieres, etc.

Imitation Clunny Lace Curtains—3½ yards by 54 inches, very heavy swell effect—pair.....$3.25

Imitation Brussels Lace Curtains—3½ yards by 54 inches, almost like real—per pair.....$5.00

Portieres—3 yards long by 50 inches, heavy corded effect, reversible, fringed on bottom and 12-inch overthrow on top, 4 colors—red, green, tobacco and blue—pair.....$4.90

Hungarian Drapery—36 inches wide, elegant new designs—per yard.....25c

Children's Hose, 20c.

Children's fine quality fast black Cotton Hose—1x1 ribbed, spliced knees and double soles, made of the best quality Maco yarn. We highly recommend them—sizes 5 to 9½—per pair.....20c

1200 New 25c Ties.

Men's Ties—100 dozen more put in stock last week—light, medium or dark—Tecks, Four-in-hands and band bows—shapes large and full—lined with satin—some 50c goods among them—not money-makers for us, but they cement the good feeling between us and our patrons.

If you are not a buyer of Emporium Underwear, try us. All grades at all prices and none better at the price.

Extra Blanket Values.

120 pairs good **White Blankets**—almost all wool—just enough cotton mixed in warp to prevent shrinkage—size 72x84 inches—a $4.90 value, but our price until sold, per pair.....$3.75

2 cases **Gray Blankets**—nice silver color—some cotton in the warp—closely woven, and the size 72x82 inches—per pair.....$2.50

By Special Request Vargas and Querita will sing again Saturday, April 8.

THE EMPORIUM and Golden Rule Bazaar.

CALIFORNIA'S LARGEST—AMERICA'S GRANDEST STORE.

Send for the large Illustrated Catalogue for Spring and Summer.

DISSATISFIED OVER AFRICA'S DIVISION

Germans Protest Against Anglo-French Plan.

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BERLIN, April 1.—Certain papers and large and influential circles express dissatisfaction with the terms of the Anglo-French African convention, and the Colonial Society at its annual meeting at Dantzig passed a resolution asking the Government to protest against its ratification, as by its terms German rights in the Gandu country, around Lake Tchad and in Kano and Kokoto, are infringed.

Several papers take up the cry and announce interpellations on the subject when the Reichstag reassembles.

The Socialist party is being disrupted internally in consequence of a book written by Herr Bernstein, one of its chief intellectual leaders, recently published, in which the fundamental doctrine that the poor are constantly becoming poorer and that capital is becoming more and more concentrated, is strikingly disproved. The Socialistic press admit that if the claim is correct the fundamental doctrine of the party is demolished, but the Socialist papers neither admit nor deny the truth of the allegations. The non-Socialistic press, on the other hand, point out that one by one the Socialist doctrines have shown their fallacies and if left alone the Socialist party will go to pieces.

Herr Bebel announced at a Socialist meeting at Jena this week that if the party splits, which he considers likely, another and much more radical party will come into existence.

Official figures referring to Germany's foreign trade for February show that imports and exports were larger than ever before.

The Hanover Courier published a serious article on the subject of the steaming qualities of the new home built warships, which attracts much attention. It mentions particularly the recently finished Kaiser Friedrich III, the Bertha and the Gazelle, asserting that their boilers are useless and are being replaced. The writer of the article gives specific proof of his statements and furnishes details on the subject.

The so-called anti-strike bill, which has been officially dubbed "the bill to protect those who are willing to work," in which the Emperor is strongly interested, is at last ready for introduction in the Reichstag soon after the holidays.

Isidore Jacobs, managing director of the California Cannery Company, is here conferring with Mr. White with the view of inducing the Embassador to approach the Government with the object of securing a reduction of the present enormous duty of thirty marks per hundred weight, which, it is claimed, is almost equal to the value of the goods themselves. Mr. Jacobs claims that if the duty is reduced a large trade in California canned fruit can be done with Germany. Mr. White informed him that the only hope for reduction in the duty was in the reciprocity negotiations now in progress at Washington.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC SPUR LINE IN KERN COUNTY

Branch Railroad to Tap a Rich Grain Section and the Sunset Oil Fields.

BAKERSFIELD, April 1.—The Southern Pacific is to have another spur in Kern County. It is to branch off from the Asphalto road at Wible switch, four miles southwest of Bakersfield, run south eight miles and thence west, striking the rich wheat country in the vicinity of Buena Vista Lake, and from there across the dry lands to the Sunset oil wells, a distance of forty miles in all.

For some time the enterprise has been in contemplation. To-day a Southern Pacific right-of-way agent was here taking contracts. The Kern County Land Company and local capitalists have been encouraging the proposition. The real object of the road is to tap the Sunset oil fields. Recently a flow was struck at a depth of ninety feet. It yielded fifty barrels in four hours.

The road will pierce the richest grain section in the county. Work on the line will begin in a short time. It will be completed in time to haul this season's crop. It is hinted the Southern Pacific is hurrying the work to keep the Santa Fe out.

THE WRECKED SCIENTISTS.

They Did Not Belong to the Smithsonian Institution.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—Dr. W. R. True, the executive curator of the National Museum, says that the party on board the unfortunate schooner Stella E. Harland, reported from San Francisco as being wrecked with a party of scientists from the Smithsonian Institution aboard, had no official connection with the institution. He said he knew Professor Anthony to be a naturalist who had long been interested in the collection of specimens, some of which he had sold to the Smithsonian Institution. Further than that Professor Anthony had never had any connection with the institution. The cargo was intended for the Academy of Sciences and the Stanford University.

MUST PROTECT HIS WIFE.

SANTA CRUZ, April 1.—Judge Smith to-day in granting a divorce to Maria Jordan from J. L. Jordan, both of Watsonville, on the ground of cruelty, held that there was no distinction between a husband inflicting injury himself or permitting his wife to be insulted and assaulted by another in his presence. It was the husband's duty to protect his wife from insult. The evidence in the case showed that Mrs. Jordan had been assaulted by her son by a former husband while Jordan stood by without interfering.

Advances made on furniture and pianos, with or without removal. J. Noonan, 1017-1023 Mission.