

SHIP TOOK FIRE IN RIO BAY

Improper Safeguards and Incompetent Officials Responsible for Many Fatalities.

HUNDREDS OF THE PASSENGERS DROWNED

Disaster Took Place but a Short Distance from Shore Yet Hardly Any Lives Were Saved—Other Boat Refused Aid.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—The Rio News of January 9, just received in the latest mail, gives the particulars of a terrible calamity in the bay of Rio Janeiro. It says:

About 1:30 on the evening of the 6th inst. a fire broke out on the ferry boat Terceira soon after her leaving the San Domingas landing. The boat left Rio de Janeiro with a large number of passengers, estimated at from 250 to 300, the greater part of whom disembarked at San Domingas. About fifty people embarked at this point. It is generally estimated that there were from 300 to 400 persons on board at the time of the disaster.

Although the Terceira was barely 300 metres from land when the fire broke out nothing effective appears to have been done to save the passengers except the forethought of the engineers in opening the safety valves of the boilers to prevent an explosion. The master signalled for the engines to stop and nothing more was done. There was apparently but few life-saving appliances on board. The fire burned with such rapidity however, that the passengers were not given time to get to the main deck. Some were picked up by the launch boats which hastened to the scene and a few succeeded in swimming ashore.

The ferry boat Quilmes, which was in the Niteroy slip when the fire broke out and the master hurried to the scene. On approaching the burning vessel he was suddenly surrounded by an excited crowd of passengers, some with revolvers in their hands, who threatened his life if he ventured near the burning vessel. He was compelled to turn away and leave the passengers of the Terceira to their fate. Before doing so he had all the benches and other means of saving life thrown overboard for those who were struggling in the water. In little more than half an hour the terrible scene was at an end so far as the passengers were concerned.

FRANCE WORRIED OVER EGYPT

Uprising of the Natives Looked For on the Twenty-Eighth Instant.

PARIS, Feb. 20.—Rumors of an unsatisfactory nature as to the condition of affairs in Egypt are causing uneasiness here. A special dispatch from Cairo, says that fanatical natives assert that a rising of the natives will take place on the 26th of this month during the Ramadan, the great annual feast of the Mohammedans, which lasts for a month. This rising, the dispatch says, has been foretold in Mohammedan fanatical societies. The Journal des Debats, commenting on the reports, says that the European chancelleries there is no readiness to admit the existence of a British protectorate in Egypt. The Journal insists that the interests of France are involved in the matter so it will give unmistakable evidence that the sympathy is with Egypt as against Great Britain.

JAPAN RAISING MORE MONEY.

Further Large Appropriation for the War.

YOKOHAMA, Feb. 20.—The bill which it was announced yesterday the government would submit to Parliament asking for a fresh appropriation on account of the war, was presented to the house this afternoon. The amount asked for is 100,000,000 yen. If the sum should be voted by Parliament it would make the total amount already appropriated 250,000,000 yen.

LI HUNG CHANG AS A TRAITOR.

On His Way to Peking to Overthrow the Manchu Dynasty.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—A dispatch from Shanghai today, printed here this afternoon, says it is positively asserted there that the journey of Li Hung Chang to Peking is intended to give him a chance to accomplish what he has long awaited the overthrow of the present Manchu dynasty in China. Li Hung Chang will begin his journey to Peking tomorrow. The same dispatch also says that Kung, the ex-Tsai of Port Arthur, has made a confession showing that the traitorous designs of Li Hung Chang. It is stated that Li Hung Chang has been league with the officials of the palace at Peking for the overthrow of the dynasty ever since the Japanese captured his yellow jacket and peacock feather and various offices.

HEARING STARTLING EVIDENCE.

Armenian Commission Told by Five Witnesses of the Massacre of Children.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 20.—The latest intelligence received here from Moosh of the proceedings of the commission that is inquiring into the outrages committed in Armenia has made a deep impression upon the Turkish officials here. Witnesses who were recently examined gave evidence reflecting upon the officials of the government in Armenia. Five of the witnesses testified that they were witnesses to the massacre of children.

Her Majesty Walked to the Train.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—The queen, who came to London on Monday for the purpose of holding a drawing room at Buckingham palace yesterday, returned to Windsor tonight. Her majesty walked from the carriage from which she alighted at the railroad station to the special train which carried her to Windsor.

Colomb as He is Defeated Again.

COLON, Feb. 20.—The government forces under the command of General Salazar have defeated the rebels at Santa Rosa, in the state of Cundinamarca. During the engagement the rebel generals, Valderaman and Gomez, were mortally wounded. Two hundred prisoners were taken by the government forces.

FREDERICK DOUGLASS DEAD

Born a Slave He Passed Away Full of Years and Honors.

BRIEF SKETCH OF HIS LIFE STORY

After an Active Career He Passed the Last Years in Peace and Quiet at His Home Near Washington—End Came Sudden and Unexpected.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Frederick Douglass, the noted freedman, orator and diplomat, died a few minutes before 7 o'clock tonight at his residence in Anacostia, a suburb of this city, of heart failure. His death was entirely unexpected, as he had been enjoying the best of health. During the afternoon he attended the conference of the women of the United States, now in progress in this city, and spent the evening with many of the others of the leading members, with whom he has been on intimate terms for many years. When he returned home he said nothing of any feeling of illness, though he expressed himself as being a little exhausted from the climb up the stairs leading from the street to his house, which is on a high terrace. He sat down and chatted with his wife about the women at the convention.

Suddenly he gasped, clapped his hand to his heart and fell back unconscious. A doctor was hastily summoned and arrived within a very few moments, but his efforts to revive Mr. Douglass were hopeless from the first. With only twenty minutes to live he became faint and the heart ceased to beat. The great ex-slave statesman was dead.

Mr. Douglass leaves two sons and a daughter, the children of his second wife, who was a white woman, survives him. The story of the second marriage was a romantic one. Mrs. Helen Pitts, who was married, was a New England woman of middle age, a clerk in the office of the recorder of deeds of the District of Columbia when Mr. Douglass was in the city. She was a member of a literary society, to which he belonged. They were thrown much together and finally became engaged. Her relatives opposed the union, but on account of his color, but finally yielded to the force of circumstances. Some of them have for some time been living near the Douglass home on Anacostia Heights.

DENOUNCED THE UNITED STATES.

Members of the Economic Reform Association Discussing It.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—A dispatch to the Times from Berlin says that at today's sitting of the Economic Reform association a resolution was adopted declaring that the country of the United States is the most unscrupulous of all nations towards other countries.

The German commercial congress will discuss the currency question in the light of the recent bimetallic resolution introduced by the German government. The resolution of the new German bimetallic association was well attended. Herr Rendt expressed the belief that too little silver was produced. It was a great error, he said, to attribute the depreciation in the price of silver to over-production, because the depreciation had only manifested itself after the inhibition of the free market.

ONLY AN EMPTY VICTORY.

German Bundesrath Not Likely to Sanction the Repeal of the Law Expelling the Jesuits.

BERLIN, Feb. 20.—The resolution providing for the repeal of the law expelling the Jesuits from Germany was read the third time and passed in the Reichstag this afternoon. The passage of the measure was received with cheers by the members of the center, or Catholic, party. The conservatives, members of the Reichstag and the national liberals voted against the resolution. It is not expected, however, that it will become a law, as the Bundesrath, which has heretofore refused to sanction the repeal of the laws, is not expected to sanction the resolution. The bill for the expulsion of the order from Germany was passed by the Reichstag on the 18th inst. by a vote of 131 to 93, and was promulgated on July 5. The supporters of the measure based their advocacy of it on the hostility of the Jesuits to the German empire. In December, 1875, Count Humpel, the leader of the anti-Jesuit faction, introduced a bill to repeal the anti-Jesuit laws, which was rejected by a majority of the Reichstag, but the federal council failed to give effect to the repeal.

TWO THOUSAND CHINESE KILLED.

Disastrous Explosion of Powder on the Island of Formosa.

HONG KONG, Feb. 20.—The information that has come here from the island of Formosa, since the sudden departure on the 18th inst. of the British cruiser Mercury, upon the receipt of information that the notorious robbers known as the Hui-chang were on the island, has been a source of great concern. It is in need of urgent help, has been merged. But what has been received shows that the situation is as serious as the first dispatches indicated. Reports have arrived today that the Hui-chang are still on the island, and have become so bad that the merchants are alarmed and are leaving. It is also reported here that an explosion, which recently occurred at the magazine at Takuo, a treaty port on the southwestern coast of the island and was at first understood to be of comparatively trivial character, was in fact a great disaster. It is now said that the explosion killed 2,000 Chinese soldiers attached to the forts and injured many others. A squadron of Japanese war ships is patrolling the island.

ADVISED TO LET THE LOAN ALONE.

Fall Mail Gazette Sees Disaster to English Investors.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—The Fall Mail Gazette says: How far the man in the street is contributing to the success of the issue or otherwise, is a question which is being asked by the power of haute finance. It is impossible to say. The former has been warned by the more conservative of his advisers to leave the bonds alone. He cannot have his eyes opened too widely to the fact that the interest on the bonds must be paid, and that the bonds themselves are liable to be repaid thirty years hence, not in gold, but in silver, or nickel, or other coin of the United States.

Wants His Security Retained.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20.—The execution of the estate of the late Mervin Donahue, who was a prominent San Francisco capitalist, have brought suit against J. W. Seligman and Lusk & Co., New York bankers, who were the trustees of the estate, to recover 500 shares of the Pacific Railway company, which are valued at \$100,000. The suit is based on the fact that the trustees are thought to be failing in their duty to secure certain claims against him. It is alleged that the obligation for which the shares were sold was not discharged, but that the New York bankers refuse to surrender the collateral.

What His Sister and Her Husband.

PEKIN, Feb. 20.—Albert Wallace, a disappointed, restless young man living with his sister and her husband, Q. C. Bowley, twelve miles south of here, shot his sister, her husband and a boy living with the family. The shooting was done with a double-barreled shotgun and the wounds inflicted are thought to be fatal. The tragedy is of long duration, following the death of the father of Wallace, by his father in favor of Mrs. Bowley. The daughter came to Pekin after the shooting and surrendered to the sheriff, who placed her in jail.

As an Man Falls Into a Fortune.

HANNIBAL, Mo., Feb. 20.—James B. Leake of this city thinks he has fallen heir to an estate in New York City estimated to be worth \$100,000. His grandfather, James Leake, and two brothers, named Meredith and John B. Leake, emigrated to the United States in 1790 and settled in Maryland and Pennsylvania. John B. Leake, who died in 1850, was a wealthy man and without heirs, his brothers being all dead. His estate was divided among his heirs, and it was not until recently that it was discovered that James B. Leake of this city has been notified that he is one of the principal heirs to this large estate and will have at least \$25,000 of New York to settle his claim. He is about 70 years of age and has resided in Hannibal, Mo., since 1850.

HIS WIFE AND MOTHER TESTIFY.

Adry Hayward's Evidence Not Materially Shaken by the Defense.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 20.—Mrs. Adry Hayward was a witness at the trial today. Proceeding her testimony Hiram L. Wells, paying teller of the City bank, and Louis Ireland were sworn. Wells testified to having paid Harry Hayward between \$6,000 and \$7,000 after September 1, 1894, thus accounting for the defendant's possession of money that did not come from Miss Gings.

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Tonight's heel and toe recital at Germania hall is a fair illustration of the performances which Mayor Weir and the Lincoln police force say are imposed on the citizens.

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