

THE OVERDUE LA GASCOGNE

THE BIG FRENCH STEAMSHIP NOT YET HEARD FROM.

SHE IS NOW SIX DAYS OVERDUE.

The Teutonic Arrives All Right, But Brings No News of the Missing Vessel—Hopes Entertained That She Is Slowly Nearing the Land—Severe Weather on the Atlantic Ocean.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—The French line steamer La Gascogne from Havre January 26 has not been sighted nor have any vessels which have arrived at various ports in this country and in Europe brought any news of her. As she was due to arrive here on Sunday last she is now six days overdue.

The hope entertained that the Gascogne was in company with the White Star steamer Teutonic was dissipated by the arrival last night of the latter steamer, which reported that nothing had been seen of the La Gascogne, her own delay having been occasioned by head winds and high seas.

The cause of the La Gascogne's non-appearance can only be conjectured, but belief is general that her machinery was in some way disabled and that she is working for port under reduced steam or sail. The severe weather reported by the Teutonic is no doubt being encountered by the La Gascogne, but her long passage can hardly be attributed to bad weather alone.

The Red Star line steamer Rhyndland from Antwerp is still out. It is now fourteen days since she left Antwerp. No anxiety is felt, however, for her safety.

The Bolivia is sixteen days out from Gibraltar; the Llandaff City eighteen days out from Swansea, the Manitoba fifteen days out from London, the Wittekind thirteen days out from Bremen and the Taormina sixteen days out from Hamburg, are still to be heard from. The Cunard liner Umbria from Liverpool and Queenstown is due to arrive to-day, but under the existing weather conditions, is not likely to reach port until to-morrow.

MISSOURI LEGISLATURE.

The House Convened Without Quorum—The Proceedings.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 11.—As is usual on Saturday the house convened without a quorum. Later a quorum was obtained.

Mr. Grubb, chairman of the labor committee, asked to have a fellow servant law applicable to railroads, street railroads and mines printed, and after a short debate the motion prevailed. The aim of those who are opposed to a fellow-servant law is to load the steel bill, which applies to railroads alone, so heavily with amendments that no one will vote for it.

The bill prohibiting alien ownership of land was taken up under an adverse committee report and placed on the calendar.

The committee on constitutional amendments reported favorably a concurrent resolution giving to women the right of suffrage. It recommended a constitutional amendment fixing the minimum school age at five years and reported unfavorably the concurrent resolution providing for a removal of the state capital to St. Louis county.

The beer inspection bill, which was reported stolen, has been recovered, and last night the house committee on ways and means discussed it. Senator Mott of St. Louis appeared in behalf of the brewers. He said that if the bill was passed it would compel the brewery of Anheuser, Busch & Co. to pay an additional license of at least \$100,000. This firm which is in his district, brews 500,000 barrels of beer annually. The committee decided to wait until next Wednesday night before making its final report.

GUATEMALANS ALARMED.

The People on the Border in Terror as the Result of War Rumors.

COMITAN Mexico, Feb. 11.—This border town is full of Guatemalan refugees, who are arriving from the South daily by secret routes to prevent being pressed into army service. They report great alarm as prevailing among the people of the republic of Guatemala, especially among the frontiersmen, over the threatened war with Mexico, and say that the greater part of the army of 12,000 men now along the border have been forced into service by the Guatemalan government.

TWO PRINCES TO FIGHT.

One Bourbon Challenges Another to a Duel to Avenge Deep Wrongs.

PARIS, Feb. 11.—The ex-Duke of Parma-Bourbon, who lost his throne in the Italian insurrection of 1859, and who is the father-in-law of Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria, has just been challenged to fight a duel by his cousin, Prince Pascal of Bourbon.

A quarrel took place between the two princes at the funeral of the ex-king of Naples, which culminated in Prince Pascal being denied to take part in his brother's obsequies. He was even expelled from the town of Arco by the chief of police.

Kansas Flax of Good Quality.

FORT SCOTT, Kan., Feb. 11.—The flax tow factory which was recently established here as an experiment has developed the fact that Kansas flax straw is peculiarly adapted to the manufacture of tow and the company is preparing to equip the industry with weaving facilities. It is the first of the kind in the West and its success here has opened a market for flax straw from fifty miles around. The farmer gets \$3 per ton for his straw, which heretofore has largely gone to waste. Two other factories may soon be started in this state.

Attempted Murder and Suicide on a Street in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 11.—A man whose name is supposed to be William Holland, shot at L. W. Hellman, president of the Nevada bank, to-day, while the latter was walking along California street near Van Ness avenue. The shot did not take effect and the man then shot himself in the head, inflicting a wound which will probably be fatal.

It is understood the shooting was caused by some grievance Holland had against Hellman because the Nevada bank had refused to cash checks for him.

Holland was arrested six weeks ago at the instance of the Nevada bank, charged with forging the name of William H. Wright, a stock broker, to a check which was cashed by the Nevada bank. The officials were unable to identify him as the payee so the charge was dismissed.

THREE TRAINS IN A PILE.

Snow Drifts Cause Wreck After Wreck in Maryland—No Deaths.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—The noon train on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad stopped at Beltsville, twelve miles from this city, yesterday, because of a snow drift. The 3:10 train on the same line ran into it from behind, smashing the cars badly. While efforts were being made to clear the track the 3:45 train came up and ran into the other trains, also doing great damage. A little later the 4:10 train came up, but was stopped by a drift only 100 yards from the spot where the other three trains were piled up. But for this it would have been added to the ruins. It is said here that no flagmen were out.

There were only thirty-five passengers on the trains all told and none of them were injured. Most of them took refuge in farm houses, but a few came on to this city on foot. They suffered severely from the cold.

CHINA ALARMED.

The Peace Envoys Ordered to Await Fresh Credentials in Japan.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—A dispatch to the Times from Yokohama says that China has declared her intention to telegraph corrected credentials to her peace envoys to Japan who were instructed by the emperor to remain at Nagasaki for further instructions.

These envoys were a few days ago received by Count Ito, president of the Japanese council of ministers, who found from their credentials that they were not clothed with plenary power to conclude peace and therefore refused to treat with them. They started on their return to China, but are now waiting at Nagasaki until they hear further from their government. It is probable that the peace negotiations will be renewed in March.

Thirteen People Nearly Asphyxiated.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 11.—Two families, of a total of twelve persons, and one Chinaman, were dangerously affected during last night by the breaking of a gas pipe in the laundry run by the Chinaman, Joe Sang, and but for the timely discovery this morning all would have died. As it was it required hard work before the physician would pronounce the patients out of danger. All thirteen lived in one building which is divided into several sections for rental purposes.

A Fugitive Gives Himself Up.

CLAREMORE, Ind. Ter., Feb. 11.—Jim Price, who shot and killed Marshal Beard of this place three months ago, gave himself up this morning to Deputy Marshal Thomas, who left for Fort Smith with him. Price had been scouting ever since the shooting. He refused to give up unless allowed to keep his Winchester till the train left to protect himself should some of Beard's friends attempt to take revenge.

Flames in a Chicago Flat.

CHICAGO, Feb. 11.—The fashionable flat building, 595 La Salle avenue, caught fire this afternoon and was damaged \$25,000. Augusta Castorot, maid of Mrs. Leopold Proskauer, was probably fatally injured by jumping from a second story window, and Mrs. Rufus Chapin was injured while being carried out. The building was a handsome five story structure, occupied by about forty families.

All But wo of the Crew Lost.

EASTPORT, L. I., Feb. 11.—All the crew of the unknown three masted schooner, ashore near Lone Hill life saving station, are lost except two men, who are still in the rigging. The life saving crew will make an attempt to reach them with their surf boat at low water. The wind is blowing a gale from the north.



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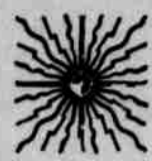
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