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TWENTY-FIRST YEAR.

PART ONE.

POLITICS IN GERMANY

Ministerial Changes and the Effect They

Will Have on Different Parties.

SOME COMBINATIONS THAT MAY BE MADE

Emperor William Will Prorogue the Reichs-

tay and Landtag Scon.

PRIMARY EDUCATIONAL BILL DEFEATED

It Will Not Be Pushed to Passage by the

Government.

WILLIAM ENTHUSIASTICALLY CHEERED

How He Was Greeted on His Return by the

Berlin People-Patriotic Words from

a Socialist-Arrested for an

Unnatoral Crime.

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give himself and his new ministers a period

of rest from parliamentary worries by the

prorogation of both the Reichstag and Land-

tag. The former body will be prorogued

next week for an indefinite period. The

Landtag will be nominally prorogued until

the end of October, but it will not meet

again for business until a new house is

In view of the suspension of parliamentary

life it will be futile to study how the politi-

cal groups will rearrange themselves under

vote any way so as to defeat the government,

rendition of minor items of the budget.

When Count von Eulenburg, the new

president of the Prussian council of min-

and centerist groups. Count von Eulen

burg's whole record is inconsistent with any

policy tending to the alliance of conserva-

tives with the national liberals under con-

Bosse are sent to find some method of recon-

ciling The Catholics between the adjourn-

with the clericals, and then appeal to the

constituencies. This may so alter the bal-

ance of the parties as to enable Count von

Eulenburg to defy, if possible, liberal

Will Fix Up a Combine.

Count von Eulenburg's enemies say that he

has the suppleness of an eel, and that he will

work to win with a conservative and moder-

ate liberal or conservative and clerical alli-

ance. In the meantime it is ascertained that

meaus to try to prevent an estrangement

with the clericals concerning his relations

with Chancellor von Caprivi. Nothing

elected.

conlition.

BERLIN, March 26 .- The emperor means to

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LANGER OF WAR The tall poles that carry the wires over the Tenth street viaduct succumbed to the im-mense weight thrown upon them and gave way, seriously interfering with viaduct Engle - Fould Rather Not Disturb the Half a dozen of the tallest of the telephone Juited States' Seals. poles on Farnam and Fifteenth streets were snapped off at the top and only heid in posi-CANAD 3 CAUSING THE TROUBLE The plan recently put into effect of splicing be impracticable, as the metal collapsed under the strain and bent almost double Her Majesty's Subjects Do Not Comprethrowing the wires over against adjacent hend the Situation. buildings. Linemen were in great demand among all the wire companies and conparatively new men commanded \$5 a day with no embarras-sing questions asked as to competency or ex-ANXIOUS TO SEE THE CORRESPONDENCE Nothing Official Yet Given to the English Observer Bassler had much difficulty in obtaining reports from outside points, but learned that the storm center was in lowa

Public.

DETAILS PROMISED FOR TOMORROW

Disposition of the Aristocracy of Great Britain to Provoke Strife Offset By the Amicable Feeling of the Common People.

[Copyrighted 1892 by James Gordon Bennett,] LONDON, March 26 .- [New York Herald Cable-Special to The BEE. |-The strained relations between the United States and Great Britain on the Bering sea question begin to cause a good deal of uncasiness among well informed persons here, but for some reason or other the Philadelphia correspondent of the Times belittles the whole controversy day after day and says:

"The subject has failed to arouse much nterest among the American people."

This encourages the advocates of the logged policy of "no surrander" to persevere in their course and confirms them in their belief that the president and senate are merely engaged in carrying out an electioncering dodge. The statement of the Times correspondent is certainly not confirmed by the quotations from the American press, which some members of Paritzment obtained from friends. These clearly show that the controversy is regarded as one of the greatest importance by the people of the United States, and it is a pity this fact is not put in an authoritative manner before the British public.

I have reason to believe, however, that the government is not underrating the dispute. They are very anxious to arrive at a settlement and think they would be able to do so if it were not for the "jingoers" in Canada as well as in the United States. This class is not largely representative in Eugland, for no section of the English people worth mentioning would look upon the probability of war with the United States without horror.

Where Canada Figures.

Canadian pressure is very strong and naturally must have some effect upon the ministry as well as upon Parliament. There is absolutely no political advantage to be gained for any party in this country by quarreling with the United States. On the contrary, the ministry which places two countries in peril of war on such a question as the seal fisheries would undoubtedly wreck itself and that speedily.

But much is to be feared from the ignorance of the great body of the English people oncerning these questions at issue, for they cannot be expected to read the blue books containing the correspondence, and they accept the newspaper version of what is going on. That, as a rule, represents the United States as having no case, and being determined only to force England into a humiliating position. Meanwhile none of the correspondence between the two governments has been allowed to see the light, although it has been published in the United States. We are all in the dark as to the true nature of the counter proposals made by Lord Salisbury, and as to his reasons for refusing to renew the modus vivendi of last year. The whole affair is represented as part of the "tail twisting business," which always goes on with redoubled vigor whenover a presidential election is pending. Believe the Storm Will Blow Over, The question put on Friday afternoon in the flouse of Commons will at least have the effect of accelerating the production of the official correspondence, in fact it is now promised for Monday, although not a word was heard of it before. The under-secretary for foreign affairs also stated that Lord Salisbury's reply to the last note received from the American government is still under considcration. As to the note, nothing seems to have been said at Washington or in any of the communications made to the press thera, rather indicating that the correspondence had been closed and the result had been laid before the senate. We now learn, for the first time, of the note from the president still remaining unanswered. I may add that the belief is strong in official circles that the storm will blow over and that a fair and reasonable compromise will be arrived at. We hear of no threatening naval preparations on the part of the American government, and consequently it is not generally thought that the warlike expressions which find utterance in various quarters are likely to be translated into action. It must be distinctly reported that no party or section of a party in this country desires to see a serious misunderstanding with the United States on any subject whatever.

who was arrested last week, is assuming the FIND YOU HAVE READ ABOUT prior to his arrest the police were warned through anarchists that men addicted to unnatural offenses met in a certain restaurant. The place was watched, and it was found that a company of forty-five men, many of whom were attired in women's clothes, had assembled in the restaurant, where a mock marriage ceremony was being performed with Whitney as the bride, dressed in white satin. The bridegroom was an ex-cavalry private. Dr. Saal, a German-American, acted as the clergyman. The place was adorned and an altar had been erected. The ceremony was interrupted and stopped by the detectives. The parties concerned, however, were allowed to go. Subsequent orgies reawoke the authorities and caused snow the arrest of Whitney on the specific charge of having committed a foul offense. It is said that Whitney's annual income is \$25,000. Ball was refused in his case.

ACTED LIKE A GENTLEMAN.

Trouble Surgeon Briggs Got Into and How

He Headed Off a Duke, [Copyrighted 1892 by James Gordon Bennett.] LONDON, March 17 .- [New York Heraid Cable-Special to THE BEE.]-Some months ago the European edition of the Herald called attention to one of the worst cases of injustice that ever occurred, even in the Britis war office, and to the Lierald the Duke of Cambridge may ascribe one of the hardest raps he ever received over the knuckles. In 1875 young Surgeon Briggs, just 31, entered the army. Two years later he was in India and served in the Afghanistan war. He was with the Nile expedition in 1884, taking part in the famous desert march for the relief of Gordon Pasha. On his return he was promoted to be surgeon major for brilliant services in the field, being put over the heads of over forty surgeons, and later was sent to India a second time on the staff of the governor of Madras, Lord Connemara, who had just been

the Prussian ministerial changes. The raised to the peerage. members of the center party in the Reichs-For two and a half years Briggs was with tag are already in revolt and are ready to Connemara, when the latter's wife, who was the eldest daughter of the marquis of Dalbut they are powerless, as the remaining housie, began proceedings for divorce. Conbusiness stands, to do more than assist in the nemara filed a counter suit implicating Briggs, who immediately came to England to fight the case. That there was no foundation for Connemara's accusation is plain isters and Dr. von Bosse, the new from the fact that Briggs insisted on and obminister of ecclesiastical affairs, public intained a written apology from Connemara. struction and medicinal affairs, meet the Notwithstanding this the charges were relower house of the Prussian Diet on Monday peated. In order to be here when the trial their attitude, it can be predicted, will be came up, Briggs asked for leave, but instead distinctly friendly toward the conservative was appointed to a far-off Irish station with instructions that no leave would be given. His only course to pursue when the trial was at hand was to place his commission in the director general's hands before the duke of ditions giving a liberal imprint to govern-Camdridge would permit him to come to ment legislation. Both he and Dr. von London and before the trial came up, he was peromtorily ordered back to India. Cambridge was inexorable and Dr. Briggs was ment of the Landtag and the elections. The obliged to resign, although at three years ministers can hope to renew the compact

> pension of £1 per day. When the trial was over and Connemara had lost his case, Dr. Briggs asked for reinstatement. Mr. Lockwood, M. P., took up the case and his royal highness reinstated the surgeon, but with the loss of pay and any allowances for one year, with the same loss of time toward retirement and pension. Besides thirty-five officers being put over his head thus, he was deprived of the advantages gained by his bravery in the Soudan. No man of any self respect would

more would have been entitled to retire on a

Yesterday's Storm Was a Real One of the Old-Time Brand. DAMAGE DONE TO ALL KINDS OF WIRES

Telegraphic and Telephonic Communication Entirely Suspended - Street Railway Traffic Blocked and Electric Light Service Discontinued.

About 7 o'clock yesterday morning the rain which had beaten down all night changed to

Such a snow! Not one of the fine, sifting, drifting, blizzardy sort that fills the gutters and leaves the streets bare, but a real oldfashioned downfall of huge feathery flakes that danced and floated and eddied in restless. bewildering, limitless clouds. It banked the streets with snowy pillows which the feet of

dripping bedraggied humanity tramped into melancholy soggivess; it glorified the trees and draped every ledge and roof with glistening festoons; it transformed the unsightly poles into forests of white shafts and the overhanging wires into silvery gossamer webs, and it transformed ordinarily good natured humanity into wretched snow effigies with depressing rivutets trickling down their backs and footwear that went "sqush." Solitary policemen purrowed into sheltered doorways, buried their hands in their pockets and their noses in their coat collars and patiently shifted from foot to foot while "the beautiful" banked slowly up about their feet, over their shoulders, over their helmots and, melting, trickled away with spring time gladness over the spots that

Motors Gave it up Early.

at the slippery grades, but by 10 o'clock travel on all except the Hanscom park line nad been entirely suspended. The South Omaha and Sherman avenue street car line became blocked about 10 o'clock. The sweeper had not been over the

there dead in line and there they still re-main, while stagle trains are stranded at irregular intervals over all the lines and in

stormy weather service and kept running, though all the other lines were shut down and the current turned off. An unexpected accident, however, interrupted cable travel for a time just as completely as though the storm had gotten in its work directly. Owing

line, and a north-bound car found the snow so heavy as to be unable to pass Williams. Other following trains tried to force a passage, but several motors were burned out in the attempt, and at noon fourteen cars lay

all parts of the city. The cable demonstrated its superiority for

phones in the firty were working and the company had sustained an estimated loss of nearly if not quite \$10,000. Not an outside connection could be sepred, as one by one the wires from other towns had yielded to the fary of the storm. The snapping of poles from inability to bear the tremendoes extra weight thrown upon them became a familiar sound during the morning hours. From reports of the linemen, which are by no means complete, it was learned that there were thirty broken poles on Leavenworth street, eighteen on St.

poles on Leavenworth street, eighteen on St. Mary's avenue and twenty-two on Cuming street, while the wires on Farnam street were tangled and twisted in almost inextricable confusion. All over the city poles are broken and the

wires twisted. The company's linemen were at work all day, but even after the storm ceased at 2 o'clock, they could do little toward repairing the damage, as their whole attention was directed toward getting their wires cleared from those of the motor and dectric light companies, and even in this di-rection they had hardly made more than a fair start when the manile of night fell over the city. It will be at least three days he-fore anything like ordinary work can be done at the central office, and much longer than that before the service is restored to its former high degree of efficiency.

Samples of the Havoc.

Both telephone and motor wires on West Leavenworth street are badly demoralized. Nearly every other pole for from four to five blocks east of Park avenue is prostrate, while others are tottering aud will have to be replaced. At the corner of Leav-enworth and Park avenue there is sad havoc. As large pole carrying not less than 100 telephone wires broke under the extraordinary weight and feil over upon the motor wires, not only breaking every metallic circuit but completely blockading the street until 50'clock, when the linemen had cut away the wires to enable pedestrians to pass. On the east side of Park avenue and in front of the brick block that fronts on Leavenworth street another beavy pole had fallen, completely obstructing the sidewalk and entrance ways into the store-rooms. From this point east to Georgia avenue the wires and poles were all down upon the ground. Across Georgia avenue the wires formed a fence, totally shutting out all vehicles and rendering it difficult for pedestrians to pass.

Worked from Council Bluffs.

The telegraph companies were also not only seriously inconvenienced but sustained heavy losses on account of the storm. Every one of the eighty wires leading to the office of the Western Union company were useless. The npany's wires were working from the Bluffs east, however, and Manager Umsted sent over a large force of operators and arranged at once for a continuous messenger service be-tween the Bluffs and the Omaha office, so that the more important business of the day was taken care of. As the bridge motor serv-ice was abandoned early in the day a line of livery buggles was put on to carry the mes-sengers back and forth, and even when the storm was at its height the blue coated lads and their drivers were endeavoring to make time on their unpleasant trips. So severe was the storm and so strong were the gusts was the storin and so strong were the gasts that drove the blinding flakes that together with the shippery and heavy footing, a single round trip was sufficient to c mpl wely exhaust a pair of horacs even though the r load was only a light buggy and two passet-gers, one of whom was a boy.

be confined to a territory within a radius of thirty to fifty miles of Omnha. A mounted messenger service was also maintained bewire ourned the animal's side in a horrible mapper. High Wind on the Viaduct, tween this city and South Omahaduring the afternoon and night to attend to the business

of the packing houses and stock yards. The poles of the Postal Telegraph com-pany seemed to stand the storm better, as there were fewer wires, and therefore less weight on them. Communication was en-tirely cut off for a time, however, and last night there was not a wire, either telegraph or telephone, working out of the city in any direction.

False Fire Alarms Frequent,

tion by the wires.

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and Northern Missouri.

out poles with iron arm extensions proved to

From an Official Standpoint.

Yesterday's temperature as showed at the

local forecast station was as follows : 7 a. m., 3°: 10 a. m., 33°; 1 p. m., 36°. His report last evening was as follows:

Owing to the remarkable storm prevailing

during the day no telegraphic reports have been received this evening, and no forecast for Sunday based upon the latest reports can therefore be made. But judging from this morning's reports and purely local indications it is still thought that, clearing to fair and

is sum thought that clearing to fair and somewhat colder weather will prevail in this vicinity Sunday. The snow and rain amounted to 1.07 Inch, which puts the precipitation since January 1 nearly a quarter of an inch in ex-cess of the normal.

Motors Will Move Today,

It was supposed that the motors would be

in operation last evening, but Mayor Bemis requested that no current be turned on until

crowded last night with the traveling public, One or two of the principal nouses were

South Omaha Demoralized.

Opinion of an English Admiral.

NEW YORK, March 27 .- Admiral Selwy

of the British navy, who is here enroute to

Mexico, said today : "There will be no war

between England and the United States, no

thought politics might be played a little, pending a settlement of the question of sea limit.

Mitigated His Sentence.

martial in the case of Major Charles B. Throckmorton to suspension from rank and

and duty for five years on half pay.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 26 .- The president has mitigated the sentence of the court

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natter what the outlook portends."

The storm played havoc generally with

The fire department horses came in for their share of excitement. The crossing and recrossing of the many currents and wires kept sending in alarm after alarm till the an-imals became nearly frantic. Last night there were hardly any of the fire alarm boxes working us the poles on some of the circuits were down for blocks. Superintendent Coulton of the fire and police alarm worked with several gangs of linemen during the en-tire afternoon and night to get the wires raised temporarily and in something like working order. Acting Chief Saiter, with Assistants

Barnes and Graves remained at headquarters all night. The central fire station was cut off from telephonic communication with all of the other engine houses except Nos, 2, 6 and 9. Chief Salter ordered the firemen at every house to patrol the blocks in which the bouse was situated all night to detect possible fires and to be ready for any alarms that might come in any manner whatever. Temporary poles for the fire alarm wires will be put up today, but it will take some time to thoroughly repair the damage, as there are 150 miles of fire and police line, and all of it is in trouble. every house to patrol the blocks in which

Only five of the police patrol boxes were working last evening. The night patrolmen were instructed at roll call to at once pull the box on their beats in case of fire, then to telephone to the station, and if neither call seemed to work satisfactorily, to run at once to the nearest engine house.

Railroads Suffer Also,

the overhanging wires had been so removed as to obviate the danger that threatened from the position they were in. For that reason the cars were not started, but Secre-L. H. Korty, superintendent of telegraph of the Union Pacific, was one of the busiest men in town during the day. He said that every lineman available had been put to work rebuilding the prostrate wires. The train dispatchers were sent out to Papillion early up the day where the trains were dispatched tary Goodrich stated during the evening that he thought vigorous work on the part of the employes of other electric companies would put them in shape to turn their wheels as In the main, the city was dark last night, in the day, where the trains were dispatched without interruption, wires west of that point being in fair condition. The as the electric light company turned the cur-rent on only two of their arc-light circuits. point wires of all the railroad companies suffered and those were for the accommodation of some of the business houses. Not a street greatly throughout the city. At 6 o'clock only two railrond wires were working east are light was burning, and the streets were even more desolate on that account. Several of the incandescent circuits were in operafrom Council Bluffs, and they were occupied constantly. No press or commercial busi-ness could be handled up to that time. All tion, but the effect of the temporary shut telegraphic communication to the south and west was cut off save one railroad wire on the Union Pacific. Before communication down of the major portion of the electric lighting plant was outwardly visible in all parts of the city, and will undoubtedly very materially affect the monthly reading of the meters of the gas company. Strange as it may seem the hotels were was cut off a heavy storm in Colorado was reported but particulars could not be loarned. On the Union Pacific no freight trains were started out, the track being field open exclusively for passenger traffic. There was no very great delay reported to passenger trains. Toward noon the temperature dropped

obliged to turn people away for want of ac-commonations. This may be accounted for by the fact that many traveling men who inseveral degrees and the rising wind drove the snow in stringing horizontal lines, which soon cleared the streets of all except those who were compelled to be out.

by the heaving that that it was the find moving were prevented from doing so, while many who were erroute stopped off in Omaha to keep out of a probable blockade on the road. Strangers from all parts of the country are in the city and they say generally that it was Some fears were expressed that life may be lost in the country. Though the day was not



were warmest.

For a time the motor trains, with snite, fully flashing trolleys, struggled and groaned

surer than that the latter is opposed to the appointment of Count von Eulenburg as his successor as president of the council, knowing, as he did, that Count von Eulenburg as Prussian premier would be a dangerous rival for the imperial chancellorship. Prince Bismarck, when chancellor, found Count von Eulenburg too astute and of too strong a personality. He picked a quarrel with him and ejected him from the ministry of the interior in 1881. After an interval of some months Prince Bismarck appointed him president of the government of Hesse-Nassau. The count is an abler orator than General von Caprivi, and will make a bigger figure in the Prussian Diet.

The duration of the present provisional arrangement after the Prussian elections is improbable. Those best acquainted with Count von Eulenburg back him in assisting in ousting General Caprivi from the Prussian ministry and from the imperial chancel-· lorship within the current year.

He is an All-Around Reformer. The emperor selected Dr. von Bosse as being sympathetic with his social and religious reform. He is plous without being a pietist, conservative but not a reactionist. Dr. von Bosse is notable among the minis ters as an eager supporter of the anti-dring legislation. He is an anti-duelist and a social purity man.

There was a highly interesting discussion at the Reichstag today on Herr Richter questioning Chancellor von Caprivi regarding the attitude of the government on the cierical view as to the probable abandonment of the primary education bill.

The chancellor replied that he found it impossible to carry out the policy of barter implied in the declarations of Prince Bis marck. He said it would be sinning against the German empire to purchase benefits for it at the expense of Prussia. The anxieties he had endured as president of the Prussian ministry had been the greatest of his life. It would strengthen the stability of the empire to make the imperial chancellor indepen dent of Prussian affairs. Germany, he de clared, would come out of the present crisis with renewed force arising from the ministerial changes.

Had Cause for Repairing. Herr von Bennigsen next took credit for loading the opposition to success against the education proposals. The national liberals and the members of freislunige party heartily applauded his reference to the agitation

against the bill. Herr Liebnecht expressed for the socialists their rejoicings over the collapse of a measure which had menanced religious freedom in Prussia. He concluded with the rather irrelevant declaration that despite the strong party and political divisions, Germany, if attacked by France or Russia, would rise as one man to repel the invaders. General you Caprivi remains as the representative of the Prussian ministry in the Bundesrath.

The emperor returned to Berlin this evening from Hubertusstoca. He was met at the station by the empress and General von Wittich and other officials. He was enthusiasticully cheered by the people on the streets as he drove to the castle. He looked well and showed no traces of his recent illness. His attendants state that the cold from which he suffered only slightly affected his respiration. He daily took hard sallops through the forest roads. He has not been troubled with his car malady, the attendants say, for weeks.

The Desconton Gesellschaft, with the Rothschilds of London, are making arrange-ments to issue in May an Austro-Hungarian gold loan of 100,000,000 florins. Arrested for a Horrible Crime.

The case of the American, W. R. Whitney,

and this, and thus for th socond Briggs was driven out of the army. The Herald here took up the case. Other papers were afraid to criticise the duke when Parliament opened. Dr. Briggs with oulldog pluck began to baunt the corridors of the house. It looked like a perfectly hopeiess case until the question was finally raised in house, when Stanhope confessed he was unaware of the facts of the case and said, "Briggs shall not suffer loss as regards position or promotion in consequence of an act which any gentleman is bound to perform. Briggs will therefore be restored to the seniority he held before retirement." Now the papers which were previously

afraid to attack the duke are coming out today with vehement outbursts of indignation, and loudly call on the old man to retire, too.

German Politics. LONDON, March 26 .- The Berlin corre-

spondent to the Times telegraphs: "The withdrawal of the support of the center party will compel the government to rely on the national liberals, who, if able to impose a fiberal program, will recover the ground they lost in the last general elections. It is doubtful if Von Eulenburg, the new president of the Prussian council, will care to place his party under the dictation of Von Bennigson. Liberals forsee the government will direct its efforts toward the conciliation of the center party.

England and the World's Fair. Lospon, March 26.-The Moraing Post says: "We hope that the force of public opinion will inques the treasury to increase the grant to provide for a worthy British exhibition at Chicago. Our action in the matter contrasts very unfavorably with that of other countries."

Princess Christian presided at the meeting held today of the ladies committee of the Chicago World's fair. Ladies Salisbury, Knutsford and Aperdeen were present.

Arrested for Inciting Riots, Loxpon, March 26.-The Times' Shanghai correspondent says that the Tsiang Lie Yamen (the Chinese foreign office) urged by the foreign ministers at Pekin has ordered the viceroy of Cuang Chi to arrest Chan Han Van, officially responsible for the spreading of anti-foreign literature.

Dillon Was Not Consulted. DUBLIN, March 26 .- Dillon declares he was not consulted in regard to the amalgamation of the Freeman's Journal and the National Press and does not think the amaigamation will attain the desired objects.

May Indict Railroad Men.

CBICAGO, Ill., March 26.-The federal grand jury will be convened next month, and it is hinted that District Attorney Milchrist will lay before the investigators some new and startling facts calculated to get certain railroad freight agents into trouble for dis crimination in favor of the large shippers. The indictments returned against several shippers and railroad men several months ago, seem to have been of little or no value as a warning to others, and complicate are made that the heavy shippers are still get ting such advantages in rates that their small competitors are unable to do any busi-ness. This state of affairs the unfavored ones are resisting. Special Agent Kretch mer of the interstate comme n in consultation with the district at torney for several days, and it is supposed that important evidence is being prepared.

Shoed George Washington's Horse, WILMINGTON, Del., March 26.-Louis Fell. the father of fourteen children, and who shoed a horse ridden by George Washington, died here iast night, aged 95. He had oeen married seventy-one years, and his wife, aged 92, survives him.

300,000 bars Union soap sold in Ne bras'ta last month. It's the best.

to the heavy track and the clogging and binding of the grip in the cable slot, the in-creased strain caused a partial parting of the cable. Several of the strands broke, but before the wreck was complete the power was shut down. The rope was cut in the power house and some 200 feet of the weak portion taken out. A new section was spliced in and in three hours the line was again in operation. Electric Currents Shut Off.

The motor systems were not "knocked out," as it would have been possible to have

kept them in operation for some time after they were shut down, but the current was turned off at the urgent request of the telephone and telegraph companies, which apprchensive of great damage to t switchboards and instruments from were the neavier current, which was liable at any minute to be cut into their offices through the broken wires that were daugiing and swinging in all directions.

"The same request was made of the electric ight company and it was obligingly com-plied with, so that after 10:30 o'clock there was not a "live" wire of high potential cur-rent in the city. But for this fires and fatalities would undoubtedly have been numerous, and there was a variety of reports as it was

All sorts of rumors of dead men and horses were affoat, which could be neither confirmed nor denied for lack of means of communica-

There was consternation in the telephone exchange. The network of wires all over the city, strained by the weight of snow, snapped like spider webs, and bells tinkled and numbers dropped in bewildering con-fusion. Now and then a floating shred of wire would settle down over some of the motor company's "hot" trolley wires, when there would follow in the exchange a flash, a shriek and one of the hello girls would promptly throw up her job. By 10 o'clock all work over the wires had ceased.

Telephone People Lose Heavily. At noon less than 100 of thil,80 tele-

When the snow fall ceased the motor company cleared its tracks and again got its cars in operation, though it ran them west only as far as Tenth street, being unable to run around the loop, the power for which is fur-nished by the Omeha Street Railway company. As soon as the cars resumed opera-tions, the Western Union's livery line was discontinued, and every carduring the whole afternoon and up to minight carried a tele-graph messenger. After that hour, when the cars stopped running, a mounted messenger service was pot on service was put on.

Telegraphing Under Difficulties.

The Western Union company had twelve wires working to Chicago, two to St. Louis and five to Kanass City, but not a wire was working out of Omaba. The BEE's specials and press report were received at Conneil Bluffs and transferred across the river by messengers as rapidly as possible to the edi-torial rooms. The bulk of the dayls commercial business was not handled until mearly night, and last

was not handled until mearly night, and last evening over 530 business messages had ac-cumulated at the telegraph offices waiting to be delivered to be

cumulated at the teterraph offices waiting to be delivered today. The wires of the company were sadly tan-gled on this side of the river, both on Far-nam street and near the corner of Nints and Jones, but the really serious trouble was on the lowa shore, as the wires were almost completely prostrated from the river to the transfer. Forty-sight poles were snapped in twain and lay half buried in the snow, while there was any amount of chaos and disorder between the transfer and the Biuffs uptown office. The company put twenty-five uptown office. The company put twenty-five linemen to work vesterday afternoon to straighten out the tangle, and five more straighten out the jungle, and hve more gangs are now on the way here from Chi-cago. They will arrive this morning, and today the company will have seventy-five men at work execting two sets of short poles upon which to tamporarily string the pro-trate wires. Filtern of the Omaha operators were kern at work will hight in Council were kept at work all sight in Council Bluffs, and the working wires were kept hot. The trouble from the storm seemed to

cold the immense fall of snow has been the severest March storm they had ever wit driven over the open prairies with such nessed blinding fury that travel must be almost impossible.

Turned Into a Rain.

South Omaha yesterday morning. The fire alarm system was temporarily wrocked. alarm system was temporarily wrecked, and as only a few telephones can be reached it would be almost impossible to turn in a fire alarm from most parts of the city. The electric light company's wires suffered nost. Their wires are completely down. Five poles in succes-sion are broken entirely off on Twenty-seventh street and the wires are scattered all over the street. The American District Telephone systems are disordered and no telephone connection has been made with Omaha since yesterday moraing. Fortunately no one was injured by the falling poles and alarm At 3 o'clock a cold drizzling rain was falling, and the streets were in an impassable condition. Floods of water and slush covered the crossings and not more than half a dozen vehicles could be seen on the whole length of Farnam street. Half of the tall telephone poles with their weight of hun-dreds of snow-laden wires were twisted and broken and in some cases leaned up against adjacent buildings. Broken wires hung in loops to the sidewalks or lay in tangled masses across the street, while those over-head were in almost inextricable confusion. Line men were at work with long poles knocking off the snow and miniature ava-ianches splashed down into the slush below or over the devoted heads of the pedestrians no one was injured by the falling poles and wires. George Brewer was caught in a tangle of falling wires at Twenty-seventh continually.

One of the most serious accidents of the day happened at the Delione hotel. A fine span of horses attached to a carriage belong-ing to the Palace livery barn happened to be

standing directly under a falling telephone wire which broke off with the weight of snow. The borse upon which the wire feil was knocked down and the other horse also lost his footing and feil. The broken wire lay across an electric light wire thus giving it a heavy charge and the poor brute lay at full length upon the instrument of torture. The other horse received considerable of a shock by coming in contact with the animal touching the wire. The driver ran into the hotel and got a

hatchet as quickly as possible and cut the wire. The current was not sufficient to kill but it paraiyzed the borse so that he could not rise for some time. The animal was finally gotten up and led away to the stable, but he apap-The peared to be very seriously injured.

A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT.

NEWS FOR THE ARMY.

complete List of Changes in the Regular Service,

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 95.-[Special Felegram to THE BEE. |-- The following assignments to regiments of officers recently promoted and transfers of officers are ordered :

Colonel Alfred Mordecoe, ordnauce department, will proceed from the Springfield armory to the Watervleit arsenal, West Troy, n public business in connection with the equipment of the new workshop, etc., and upon the completion of the same will return to his station. The leave of absence on surto his station. to his station. The leave of absence on sur-geon's certificate of disability granted Cap-tain Emerson H. Liscum, Ninetcenth infan-try, February 19, Department of the Mis-souri, is extended one month on surgeon's certificate of disability.

In Congress Yesterday.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 26 .- The house today proceeded to the consideration of pension bills reported favorably from the committee of the whole. After passing seven teen public building bills business suspended, and the colleagues was was suspended, and the contragues of the late Congressman Spinola pro-ceeded to pay tribute and respect to his memory. After speeches by Cockran, Cur-tis, Cummings, Wheeler, Balden, Hooker and Cooper, the house, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, ad-journed. journed

Mr. and Mrs. Reid Sail.

HAVER, March 26 -- Minister WhitelawReld and Mrs. Rold sailed for the United States forning on the steamer La Champague.

and N streets but was not injured. His sik umbreila was torn into sureds. The falling snow from wires and roofs occasioned considerable inconvenience to occasioned considerable inconvenience to pedestrians. City Treasurer Tom Hoctor was caught under about a wagos ioad of soft slush which nearly smothered him. The motors stopped running at 10 o'clock but will probably be started egain today. Knocked a Team Down,