RUN DOWN IN A FOG.

LOSS OF 45 LIVES.

GIBRALTAR, August 17.

The German steamer Elsa, when 32 miles west of Tarifa, a Spanish port 15 miles west-south-west of Gibraltar, came into collision with the Spanish steamer Martos, 1,427 tons. The latter vessel was so severely injured that she sank almost immediately.

The Martos sank within two minutes, and 45 persons were drowned, including a mother and her three children, who were travelling in the saloon. The others who lost their lives were third-class passengers, principally fishermen, with their wives and children. The captain, who was over 70 years of age, went down standing on the bridge. One survivor swam for an hour, and was twice sucked under before he was rescued. The Elsa picked up 65 of the passengers.

GERMAN TRADER LOST.

AN OFFICER DROWNED.

CAPE TOWN, August 17.

The German East Africa liner Khedive, 5,108 tons, a practically new vessel, having been built in 1906, was totally wrecked yesterday on the rocks at Cape Morgan, on the south-east coast of Cape Colony, and one officer was drowned.

The vessel was valued at £70,000, and the cargo at £30,000.

The Elsa has arrived at Gibraltar in a badly damaged condition.

AVIATION.

TEST WITH PIGEONS.

PARIS, August 17.

M. Le Blanc, a well-known aviator, in aeroplaning from Douai to Amiens yesterday, outstripped a flock of 47 carrier pigeons which were started on their flight at the same time.

INDIAN SEDITION.

A HOUSE RAIDED.

CALCUTTA, August 17.

The Calcutta police yesterday raided the house occupied by Krishna Kumar Mitter, who was some time ago deported from India in connection with a charge of complicity in an importation of arms.

Among the papers found the police seized letters from Mr. F. Morell, ex-Liberal member of the House of Commons for Henley; Mr. A. Lupton, ex-Liberal member for Sleaford; and Sir H. J. Cotton, K.C.S.I., formerly Liberal member for Nottingham East, who was for six years Chief Commissioner of Assam. They also examined other letters from Mr. Keir Hardie, Labor member for Merthyr-Tydvil; and Mr. Hilaire Belloc, Liberal member for South Salford. All these letters Krishna's servants were addressed to him.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE.

A QUIET BURIAL.

LONDON, August 16.

The executors under the will of Miss Florence Nightingale have declined the offer of the Dean (Dr. Armitage Robinson) to grant her remains the honor of burial in Westminster Abbey.

The War Office, however, is arranging a memorial service to take place in St. Paul's Cathedral on Saturday. The remains of the heroine will be buried in the church at West Mellow, Wiltshire, beside those of her parents.

GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

SUGAR GROWING IN SUSSEX.

LONDON, August 16.

A number of farmers in Sussex propose to start a beet sugar factory on a large scale.

AUSTRALIAN ART FOR THE COMMONWEALTH.

LONDON, August 17.

The collection of pictures and sculpture by Australian artists which Mr. Tom Roberts recently secured for the Victorian Artists' Society, is to be shipped to Melbourne by the Orient liner Ormuz on Friday.

BARONESS ECKHARDSTEIN MARRIED.

LONDON, August 17.

The Baroness Eckhardstein was yesterday quietly married to Captain W. L. G. Archibald Weigall, of the Third Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment, and a brother of Mr. G. J. Weigall, the Kent cricketer.

GUNBOATS FOR CHINA.

TOKIO, August 17.

The Japanese Government have under construction two gunboats which have been ordered for the Chinese navy.

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Mr. A. R. Creswick, or his representative, will visit the following northern towns:—
PORT AUGUSTA—Tues., Aug. 16, all day.
RIVERTON—Tues., Aug. 16, Sale Day.
QUORN—Wed., Aug. 17, all day, Criterion Hotel.
HAMMOND—Thurs., Aug. 18, all day.
KAPUNDA—Thurs., Aug. 18, Sale Day.
ORROROO—Fri., Aug. 19, Sale Day, until 10.30 Sat.
HAWKER BRIDGE—Tues., Aug. 23, Sale Day.
YACKOWIE—Wed., Aug. 24, from 12.30.
SNOWTOWN—Thurs., Aug. 25, all day.
OWEN—Thurs., Aug. 25, Sale Day.
PETERSBURG—Fri., Aug. 26, Sale Day, and Sept. 9 and 23.
BURRA—Fri., Aug. 26, and Sept. 9 and 23, all day.
BALAKLAVA—Sat., Aug. 27, until 10 Mon.
BLYTH—Mon., Aug. 29, until 11 Tues.
CRYSTAL BROOK—Tues., Aug. 30, from 12.
BRINKWORTH—Tues., Aug. 30, until 12.30 Wed.
CALTOWIE—Wed., Aug. 31, from 10 to 5.
SNOWTOWN—Wed., Aug. 31, until 11 Thurs.
LAURA—Thurs., Sept. 1, all day.
YONGALA—Fri., Sept. 2, from 12.30.
GEORGETOWN—Mon., Sept. 5, from 8.
GLADSTONE—Tues., Sept. 6, Sale Day.
PORT PIRIE—Central Hotel, Wed., Sept. 7.
PORT PIRIE—Thurs., Sept. 8, until 4.30.
PETERSBURG—Fri., Sept. 9 and 23, Sale Days.
BURRA—Fri., Sept. 9 and 23, all day.
JAMESTOWN—Sat., Sept. 10, until 10 Mon.
PORT AUGUSTA—Tues., Sept. 13, all day.
QUORN—Criterion Hotel, Wed., Sept. 14, all day.
HAMMOND—Thurs., Sept. 15, all day.
ORROROO—Fri., Sept. 16, until 10 Sat.
SOUTHERN TOWNS.
MANNUM—Fri., Sept. 2, until 10 Sat.
PINNAROO—Mon., Sept. 5, from 3.30.
PINNAROO—Tues., Sept. 6, until 10 Wed.
LAMEROO—Wed., Sept. 7, until 11 Thurs.
TAILEM BEND—Thurs., Sept. 8, from 4.30.
TAILEM BEND—Fri., Sept. 9, until 4 p.m.
MURRAY BRIDGE—Sat., Sept. 10, until 4 p.m.
CALLINGTON—Mon., Sept. 12, all day.
NAIRNE—Tues., Sept. 13, Sale Day.
GOOLWA—Wed., Sept. 14, until 6 p.m.
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BRUSSELS FIRE.

THE BRITISH LOSS.

BRUSSELS, August 17.

The British exhibits burnt in the disastrous fire at the Brussels Exhibition included a collection of antique furniture and ornaments drawn from many private mansions in England, and valued at £30,000, and a collection of old china from the South Kensington Museum worth £10,000.

Among the modern exhibits burnt were a few good English pictures by Sir W. D. Orchardson, R.A., Mr. Alfred East, A.R.A., and Mr. James Jebusa Shannon, A.R.A. Amongst the articles stolen during the confusion was a diamond aigrette, worth £800. Several persons were arrested, laden with booty secured in the various courts.

The buildings were insured for £920,000. Only 16 pieces of pottery were saved from the courts in the British section. Some costly goldsmiths' work and a valuable uncut diamond from De Beers Mine, Kimberley, South Africa, were buried under the debris of the Belgian Court, but the diamond was subsequently recovered.

The "Journal de Bruxelles" justifies the complaints of the foreign correspondents that the firemen were unable to find the hydrants, that the hoses were too short, and that while the fire was spreading the firemen squabbled over the question of leadership. A great fault on the part of the brigade was in following instead of isolating the fire.

Another statement was to the effect that a British hose was taken out directly the exhibition was threatened, but that the water pressure was equal only to that of a toy squirt. It is also stated that five attendants, finding it impossible to stay the progress of the fire, attempted to save the art furniture and tapestry, but the excited soldiery and police rushed in with fixed bayonets and forced them to leave the building.

LOSS OF £2,000,000.

APPORTIONING THE RESPONSIBILITY.

LONDON, August 17.

The British Government have suggested to Belgium that a joint board of experts should be appointed to apportion the responsibility. It is possible that the Belgian Government will be held liable for the amount not recoverable from the insurance companies.

The "Times" estimates the total loss at £2,000,000.

MIDNIGHT MURDER.

MAD SON'S ACT.

LONDON, August 17.

James Hamilton Nicholas, who recently returned to England from New Zealand, where he had been engaged in sheep-farming, was yesterday charged at the Police Court, Kingsand, a Cornish coastguard station on Plymouth Sound, with the murder of his father, a retired major in the Army Medical Corps.

The son, who was in poor health, was staying with his father, who, hearing steps in the house at midnight, rose to investigate matters. He encountered his son, who was apparently in a demented condition. The son seized a sword, which was hanging on the wall, and, making a lunge with it at his father, fatally stabbed him.

Nicholas, who was a resident of Croydon, was holiday-making in Cornwall when he committed the crime. Previously the murderer, who is 26 years of age, was confined in a lunatic asylum in New Zealand, and his father only recently returned from the Dominion, whither he had gone to bring the young man home.

EUROPEAN VINTAGE.

HEAVY DECREASE CERTAIN.

ROME, August 17.

Unfavorable weather has retarded the Italian vintage, which it is now estimated will return only 27,000,000 hectolitres of wine, compared with 41,000,000 in 1909.

Similar reports were recently received from France, and the whole outlook of the wine industry in Europe is described as the worst on record.

GIRL SUFFERED FROM ASTHMA.

"SHE WAS AS WEAK AS A BABY, AND USED TO GO BLACK IN THE FACE WITH COUGHING."

"My daughter, who is 16 years of age, was a great sufferer with asthma for three years," writes Mrs. R. St. Vincent, 57, Dover-street, Richmond, Vic. "When she coughed the water would run from her eyes and she would fall down limp with the strain of coughing. She would have to get up in the middle of the night and cough; therefore she did not obtain much sleep, if any. I took her to the doctor, but he did not do her any good. I really thought she would never get over it. I gave her different treatments, but without giving her any relief. She was as weak as a baby and was fit for nothing; she used to go black in the face with coughing. One day a friend recommended me to give her Dr. Sheldon's New Discovery, as she found it good for colds and coughs. I gave her some and it was wonderful to see the quick change in her. Her coughing ceased. She only took two large bottles, and she is now completely cured, and she has not had a sign of a cough since. It is now a few months ago since she was afflicted with this terrible asthma. I shall never be without Dr. Sheldon's New Discovery in the house."

Dr. Sheldon's New Discovery is effecting many marvellous cures. All who suffer as did Mrs. St. Vincent's daughter should profit by her experience and take Dr. Sheldon's New Discovery, which will cure them in a remarkably short time. Price 1/6 and 3/.

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CRYSTAL BROOK—Friday, August 19, 9.30 to 5.30.
PORT PIRIE—Sat., August 20, all day.
PORT AUGUSTA—Tues., August 23, all day.
PETERSBURG—Wed., August 24, 1.30 to 5.
KAPUNDA—Thur., Sept. 1, Sale Day.
FREELING—Friday, Sept. 2, 7.30 to 10.30.
CLARE—Mon., Sept. 5, 1.30 to 8.
SADDLEWORTH—Tues., Sept. 6, Sale Day.
BURRA—Wed., Sept. 7, 9 to 3.
RIVERTON—Friday, Sept. 9, 12 to 8.
TANUNDA—Sat., Sept. 10, 9.30 to 1.
BALAKLAVA—Tues., Sept. 13, Sale Day.
BLYTH—Wed., Sept. 14, 12.30 to 11.30 Thur.
GEORGETOWN—Thur., Sept. 15, 2.30 to 8.
JAMESTOWN—Friday, Sept. 16, 11 to 4.

CHAMPION SCULLING.

TO-DAY'S RACE ON THE ZAMBESI.

LONDON, August 17.

The great race for the sculling championship of the world takes place to-morrow on the Zambesi, between Richard Arnst, of New Zealand, and Ernest Barry, of England. Yesterday the scullers completed their training. Both stood the severe preparations splendidly and promise to provide the finest race ever contested. The chances of Arnst are favored in the proportion that six bears to four.

Chief credit (says a writer in the "Manchester Guardian") is due to Mr. Guy Nickalls for bringing about the meeting between Ernest Barry and Richard Arnst. It is a match that cannot fail to be of the greatest interest to the world in general and to rowing men in particular—to the former, because it will be a contest between two men, both of whom are eminently fitted by their previous records to compete together for the world's sculling championship; to the latter, because both are alike in that they have done great things in sculling, and are very different in the matter of physique. If Barry succeeds in winning it will undoubtedly have a most beneficial effect upon English sculling as a whole.

The stretch of the Zambesi over which the race is to be rowed has been most favorably reported upon by Mr. Guy Nickalls, who ought to know. The course is three and a half miles in length, and the race is to be rowed with the stream, which flows at about the same pace as that of the Henley Regatta course, which has been estimated at 1,000 yards an hour. Many sculling championships are national rather than world championships, but this is a world championship in a truer sense than the others that are sometimes so called, as Arnst, by beating all his competitors, and Barry, by beating George Towns, have both a considerable claim to the title of world's champion sculler, so that the winner will really be the champion.

In point of view of record the advantage seems to lie with Arnst, whose athletic career is as curious and versatile as it has been uniformly successful. He began as a racing cyclist, and among many notable performances won the £1,000 race at Sydney. He did no rowing or sculling until after the Cambridge and Harvard boatrace in 1906, when he got into a sculling boat for the first time. Then Tom Sullivan, the famous sculler, introduced him, through Mr. Parker, of Christchurch, New Zealand, to George Towns, who at once saw his capabilities and promise as a sculler; and since he took to sculling he has been unbeaten. He is a hot favorite in New Zealand and Australia. He is at present in the charge of Floyd, the veteran sculler, who is supervising his practice and training.

Ernest Barry is a clean-built man of about 11 st. 10 lb., which is a great contrast to Arnst's 13 st. 3 lb., and though he has won fewer big races than Arnst this is due to the fact that he has had few opportunities rather than to inability to win. He has won Doggett's Coat and Badge, and has beaten George Towns for the championship of England. He is a beautiful sculler and a perfect waterman, and gets his boat along at a very great pace. He has been doing very well in his practice. Tom Sullivan had charge of Barry for about three months, and at the end of April "Bossy" Phelps took him on, and he could not have been in better hands.

It is well-nigh impossible to predict the result of this match on the Zambesi, as, apart from all other considerations, it is impossible to say what effect the climate and general change of conditions may have upon the two men. Both have warm supporters. The great strength and weight of Arnst and the success with which he has met will want a lot of beating, while, on the other hand, Barry sculls with a combination of style and power which represents great ease and pace. If both men come to the post fit the result of the race will depend upon whether the style of Barry can overcome the weight and strength of Arnst.

ARNST CONFIDENT.

Wellington, August 17.

A cable message was received to-day from the secretary of R. Arnst's committee to the effect that the champion was in his best form and confident of winning.

ASIATIC CHOLERA.

APPALLING FIGURES.

ST. PETERSBURG, August 17.

Seven hundred and seventy-five fresh cases of cholera are reported in St. Petersburg, where railway travellers are now required to produce a medical certificate and permit the disinfection of their clothes before proceeding on their journeys. Eighty-one thousand cases of the disease had been certified to up to August 8, Kharkoff, Ekaterinoslaff, Kherson, and Don claiming 40,000. The greatest distress is being experienced by the orphaned children in the villages.

CAMDEN-ROAD MURDER.

CRIPPEN'S RETURN TO ENGLAND.

QUEBEC, August 17.

Hawley Crippen, the American dentist, arrested on a charge of murdering his wife at Camden-road, London, and his companion, Ethel Le Neve, have been transferred to the custody of Inspector Dew, of Scotland Yard. It is expected that they will sail for England to-morrow.

Reporters are watching the gaol night and day in order to prevent the secret conveyance of the prisoners to the steamer.

CANADA AND GERMANY.

LARGE INCREASE IN TRADE.

OTTAWA, August 17.

Since the removal of the surtax on German goods, German imports into Canada have increased by 9 per cent., while Canadian exports to Germany have increased by 100 per cent.

NEVER NEGLECT A COLD.

A cold should never be treated lightly, as it is almost more or less serious. Many people make the mistake of neglecting a cold until some serious lung trouble result. If every cold received the attention it should have the danger of this would be avoided. Every cold can be cured by the use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. A bottle or two of this remedy taken when the cold is first contracted will promptly cure it and not only save doctors' bills but much suffering and annoyance later on.

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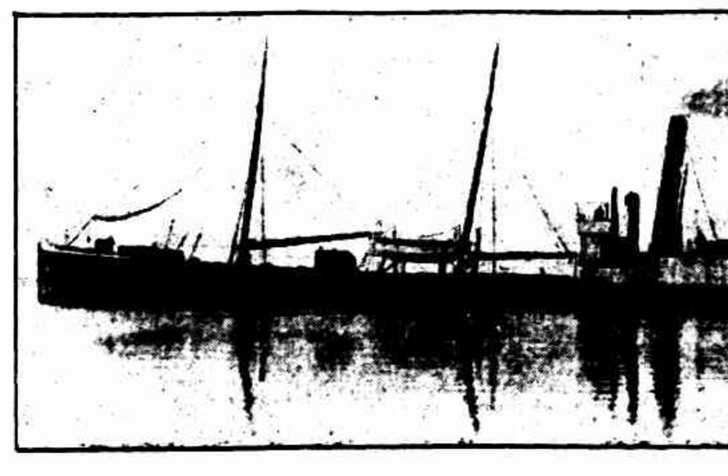

THE STEAMER INVESTIGATOR.

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FAST ON THE REEF.

On Wednesday morning the Marine Board received the following telegram from Captain J. C. Wotton, the harbormaster at Wallaroo, concerning the wreck of the Adelaide Steamship Company's steamer Investigator on Cape Elizabeth, Spencer Gulf:—"Vessel ashore, south-east end of reef; all rock. Apparently total wreck. Main hold, stokehole, engine-room, and aft full, and ebbing and flowing with outside water. Fear vessel's back broken."

REMOVING THE CARGO.

Moonta, August 17.

The tug Wato arrived on the scene of the wreck of the steamer Investigator at noon to-day from Port Adelaide. The schooner Mary Webster, driven by motor power, was put into requisition to assist to lighter the cargo at about 1 o'clock to-day, and it is expected that she will continue till all is completed. Up to this evening she had only been able to remove kerosine, timber, and other deck cargo. Work was then stopped until to-morrow morning. The hold cargo is under water and cannot be got at until the water is pumped out. To this end the pumps brought by the Wato are being fixed. The hole in the bottom, which is under the engine-room, will be centred. Two horses are on board, but no passengers.

The Euro left at 4 o'clock this afternoon for Port Adelaide to take the place of the Wato. A party of gentlemen went from here to the scene of the wreck this afternoon, and Captain Joss, in conversation with one of them, said if the weather kept fine he had every hope of getting the boat off all right. Had the vessel attempted to cross the reef 30 yards nearer Cape Elizabeth she would have passed over safely to a sand ridge, from which it would have been easy to pull her off. As it is she is firmly fast on the reef. All the cargo is to be taken to Wallaroo, where it will be sorted. Some local storekeepers have hundreds of pounds worth of goods on board. Fishermen still affirm that the Investigator will never get off the reef. The diver has been down and made a thorough examination, but his reports are not available.

THE GREEK CHURCH.

PERSECUTION IN TURKEY.

ATHENS, August 16.

The Greek Patriarch has convoked a National Assembly to discuss the position of the Greek Church in Turkey, where, more particularly in Macedonia, religious feuds are frequent between the Christians and Moslems.

In his encyclical the Patriarch states that the Greeks are subjected to systematic and violent persecution. Sometimes an inebriate's petty offence leads to a whole town being treated as though the inhabitants were revolting, innocent people are severely punished, churches defiled, bodies dug up from the cemeteries, priests arrested, and citizens beaten to death or tortured.

ASSEMBLY FORBIDDEN.

TURKISH GOVERNMENT OBJECTS.

CONSTANTINOPLE, August 17.

The Turkish Government have forbidden the National Assembly convoked by the Greek Patriarch.

LATE KING EDWARD.

ANGLO-AMERICAN MEMORIAL.

LONDON, August 17.

The Right Hon. Sir Ernest Cassel, a wealthy merchant, has given £200,000 for the purpose of establishing an Anglo-German institute in memory of the late King Edward. The object of the institute will be to facilitate employment by rendering assistance to English workers in Germany, and German workers in England, including governesses and seamen.

King George, Queen Mary, Queen Alexandra, the Kaiser, and the German Empress have agreed to become patrons of the institute.

The Right Hon. Sir Ernest Cassel was born in Germany, and is the son of the late Mr. Jacob Cassel, a banker of Cologne. Besides the English Orders of the G.C.B., G.C.M.G., and G.C.V.O., Sir Ernest holds the Order of the Crown of Prussia (1st class), Commander of the Legion d'Honneur, Commander of the Royal Order of Wasa of Sweden, and Grand Cordon Osmanich. In 1901 a horse of his carried off the Two Thousand Guineas.

THE SAUJON DISASTER.

SIGNALMAN AT FAULT.

PARIS, August 17.

The disastrous collision between two trains at Saujon on Sunday last, in which 37 lives were lost and many people were seriously injured, has been traced to the hasty action of a pointsman. This official admits that he gave the signal "line clear" without waiting for his chief's instructions, and in defiance of the rules.

At the time this signal was given to the incoming passenger excursion train from Bordeaux, a goods train from Royan was standing at the Saujon station. The line junctions from a double to a single one at this point, and the passenger train, travelling at 17 miles an hour, dashed into the freight train with terrific force, wrecking many carriages, and killing a number of passengers, many of whom were young girls on their way to Royan to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption.

MUTINY IN A GAOL.

POLICE AND PRISONERS.

CAIRO, August 17.

The police yesterday were called upon to assist the warders in the gaol at Alexandria to suppress a mutiny in which 400 prisoners were concerned.

One of the mutineers was killed and six others were wounded before order was restored and the prisoners were returned to their cells.

QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE, August 17.

Cardinal Moran visited Nudgee College yesterday. He was shown over the buildings and delivered a brief address to the boys. His Eminence, after leaving the college, visited Nudgee Orphanage.

AMERICAN AFFAIRS.

REPUBLICAN DIVISION.

NEW YORK, August 17.

Although President Taft recently made terms with the Republican "insurgents" in Washington, he has been unable to exert the same influence amongst the party in New York, where the Republican committee yesterday nominated Mr. James S. Sherman, Vice-President of the United States, for the temporary chairmanship of the State Convention, rejecting the candidature of Mr. Roosevelt. Despite President Taft's disapproval of the opposition to Mr. Roosevelt, the fight against him will probably be continued. The meeting of the Convention takes place at Saratoga on September 27.

The committee's action proves that the party "bosses" will not allow Mr. Roosevelt to outline the Republican State policies.

STARTED IN LIFE.

GOLDEN WEDDING IN REALITY.

NEW YORK, August 17.

An unusual feature characterised a golden wedding celebrated at Bridgeport, in Connecticut, this week. The anniversary was that of Mr. and Mrs. Darius Miller, when four sons were in attendance. Fifty years ago Mr. Miller's father gave his boys £140 each to start them in life, and all are now millionaires.

PRESIDENT OF CHILI.

SUDDEN DEATH AT BREMEN.

BERLIN, August 17.

Senor Pedro Montt, President of Chili, who arrived at Bremen yesterday, died soon afterwards from heart failure. Senor Montt last week witnessed the attempt on the life of Mr. Gaynor, the Mayor of New York.

Senor Pedro Montt was elected President of the Republic of Chili in 1906. His father, Manuel Montt, was the President from 1851 to 1861, and laid the foundations for the development of the republic. Senor Pedro Montt was born in 1848, and had been successively Deputy-Senator, Minister of State, diplomatist, and Vice-President of the Council of State. As Minister he held the portfolios of Justice, Finance, and Industry, and had also been Premier. In 1901 he was a candidate for the Presidency, but was defeated by Senor Riesco. Later he was elected for the period 1906-11 by a coalition of Nationalists, Liberals, and Radicals, joined even by some Conservatives.

CANADIAN SHIPPING.

IMPORTANT NEW DEAL.

LONDON, August 17.

The Canadian-Pacific Railway Steamship Company have bought a controlling interest in the well-known Allan Line, which was formally the Montreal Ocean Steamship Company, and are ordering two new boats, each capable of steaming 21 knots, and of 20,000 tons.

The Allan Company was formed by the Allan Brothers, who as sailing-ship owners had been connected with Canada since about 1820. The first steamer—the Canadian—was dispatched from Liverpool to Quebec and Montreal on September 20, 1854. It was intended to inaugurate at that time a fortnightly mail service, but owing to the Crimean war that step was postponed until April, 1856, the steamers in the meantime having been employed as transports. The company now have a fleet of 28 steamers, the largest of which is the Corsican, 11,436 tons.

PUGILISM.

LANG VERSUS KAUFFMANN.

NEW YORK, August 17.

The boxing contest between W. Lang, the Australian champion, and A. Kauffmann, the American heavyweight, which was to have taken place at the Fairfield Athletic Hall, Philadelphia, on Tuesday, has been declared off. A notice was served on the principals by the acting mayor stating that the fight would not be allowed.

Of all true things none is more certain than that Stearns' Headache Cure invariably cures headaches. It is tasteless, easy to take, and everyone should keep it at hand.

JAPANESE FLOODS.

OVER 100 DROWNED.

TOKIO, August 17.

The official estimates concerning the devastation wrought by the recent floods in Japan show that 112 persons were drowned. The deluge submerged 150,000 houses, of which 3,900 were completely destroyed. At present there are in Tokio alone 200,000 persons rendered houseless and destitute, and these are receiving relief from the Government.

A COPPER TRUST.

CAPITAL, £40,000,000.

LONDON, August 17.

The "Standard" states that several American money magnates recently conferred in London with a view to the formation of a huge copper trust in the United States. The capital available, it was stated, was £40,000,000.

FINANCIAL NEWS.

AUSTRALASIAN STOCKS.

LONDON, August 16.

Quotations (middle prices) for Australasian stocks compare with those for a week ago as follow:—

Investment Stocks.

	Aug. 9.	Aug. 16.
Bank of New Zealand 4 per cent. guaranteed stock	£101	£101
City of Melbourne 4 per cent. debentures	101	101
Melbourne Harbor Trust 4 per cent. bonds	101	101
Melbourne Tramway Trust 4½ per cent. debentures	101	101
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works 4 per cent. debentures	101	101
Australian Mortgage and Agency Co.	104	100½
Australian and New Zealand Mortgage Co.	98	98
Dalgety & Co., Ltd. (5½ and 4½ p.c.)	101	101
Melbourne Gas Company	100	100
City of Sydney	100	101
New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co.	96	96
Melbourne Tramway shares	10½	10½
Dalgety & Co. shares	5½	to 6
Goldsbrough, Mort, & Co. B debentures	94	94

Bank Shares.

	Buyer. £	Seller. £
Bank of Australasia	110	112
Union Bank of Australia	61	62
Bank of New South Wales	44	45
Bank of New Zealand	10½	10½
National Bank of New Zealand	5½	5½
National Bank of Australia	5½	5½
Bank of Victoria (ordinary)	5	5½

MINING SHARES.

LONDON, August 17.

The following are the latest quotations on the London Stock Exchange:—

British Brokens, buyers 17/, sellers 18/.
Block 10, buyers 45/, sellers 50/.
Chillagoe, buyers 5/3, sellers 5/9.

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, August 17.

Tallow.—At auction yesterday 1,480 casks were offered and 1,372 sold as under:—Fine mutton, 37/9; ordinary mutton, 35/6; beef, 37/3 and 34/6 respectively.

Metals.

Silver.—The present price of bar silver is 24 9-16d. per oz.

Copper.—Spot, £56 3/9 to £56 8/9; at three months, £56 17/6 to £57 2/6; electrolytic copper, £58 15/.

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A SERIOUS FIRE.

BISCUIT FACTORY DESTROYED.

Wellington, August 17.

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EDITHBURGH—Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 7.

CHILD STARVED TO DEATH.

PARENTS SENT TO GAOL.

Sydney, August 17.

At the Quarter Sessions this morning Thomas and Margaret Butler, who were convicted of manslaughter in connection with the death of their infant, Robert Butler, five months old, which occurred in the Newcastle Hospital on August 10, were presented for sentence before Judge Fitzhardinge. The evidence, as given at the inquest, was of a shocking character. The police testimony showed that the Butlers were camped in a humpy in a reserve at North Carrington. Some neighbors, hearing of the condition of the child, called to see him on August 1, and found him in such a state that they urged his immediate removal to the public hospital. No action was taken by the parents to carry out the suggestion of the visitors, and they therefore decided to take the matter into their own hands, and practically seized the infant, and after washing and dressing him took him to the institution.

William Alexander Howard, inspector for the Children's Department, deposed to having visited the humpy of the parents of deceased. The mother admitted that the infant had no clothes. "When they had been used," she said, "they were burned." There was no food in the house at the time of his visit fit for a child of five months.

Dr. Arnold, senior medical officer at the Newcastle Hospital, deposed to the admission of the deceased child. The child, he said, was in a shockingly emaciated state, and only weighed 5 lb., whereas an infant of the same age under normal conditions should weigh at least 12 lb. He came to the conclusion that he died from neglect and want of nourishment; in other words, from starvation.

Dr. John Harris, Government medical officer, said the post mortem which he had made disclosed that the child had died from want of proper food or insufficient food. The organs were in such a state that the deceased could have assimilated food of a suitable character.

His Honor to-day said he had made enquiries into the circumstances attending the case, and he had come to the conclusion that there was no doubt the accused were torturing the child by allowing it to suffer, God knows how long, from the pangs of hunger. Although the female accused could have alleviated the infant's distress by keeping him clean, she even neglected her proper motherly duties in this respect. The father, Thomas Butler, had stood by and made no attempt to alleviate the child's suffering, and it went without saying that the man was a lazy, idle vagabond. It was difficult to know what to do with the female accused. The jury seemed to think her a little soft mentally, and had recommended her to mercy. He had therefore taken this into consideration, but in her own interest he could not let her go free. He would send her to the Maitland gaol for three months. He would not treat the male accused in the same way. The death of the child lay at his door. He had been utterly careless whether those depending on him had sufficient food and clothing. With a view to teaching the male accused and other fathers their responsibilities he would sentence him to two years' hard labor in the Goulburn gaol.

CHILD SHOCKINGLY TREATED.

HER MOTHER SENTENCED.

Wellington, August 17.

A woman named Mosier was to-day sentenced to six months' imprisonment for endangering the life of her child, a girl of five. Evidence was given that the woman had tied the child to a bed and then left her home. Shortly after her departure the place was found in flames, and the child was rescued with great difficulty. The little girl had been disgracefully treated, frequently thrashed, and seldom fed.

THE CAPITAL SITE.

MR. FISHER WRITES TO MR. WADE.

"REOPENING OF THE AGREEMENT."

Sydney, August 17.

Mr. Wade (the Premier) made the following statement to the press to-night:—"I have received a letter from the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth, the effect of which is a request to reopen the capital site question, by granting the Commonwealth sovereign rights over the Molonglo and Queanbeyan rivers catchment areas. I don't desire to publish my reply to Mr. Fisher until he has received it. In view of the continued agitation on the part of the Melbourne press to reopen the capital site question, and prevent the Yass-Canberra site being proclaimed, I cannot say I am surprised at the contents of this letter. It seems to suggest that although the Commonwealth Parliament, after full deliberation, was quite content to trust the State to act fairly and justly with regard to these matters, that confidence no longer exists, and because the State or judicial tribunals may not do their duty the sovereign rights are now to be vested in the Commonwealth. Of course, this means the reopening of the whole question, with all the possibilities that arise from reopening any contract. It is brought forward in the expiring hours of the State Parliament, when it is impossible to deal with the question in a satisfactory manner. However, to my mind, the position is simply this. The agreement consists of two branches. One is the acceptance by the Commonwealth of the territory we have offered as the seat of government, and, secondly, certain rights of control over the waters of the Queanbeyan and Molonglo rivers, which are outside Federal territory. The whole position was exhaustively dealt with at the end of last year, when Parliament decided to endorse the agreement made between the two Governments. Nothing has happened since that date which justifies any departure from the solemn terms of that contract. The view of this Government is that the Prime Minister should forthwith proceed to issue the proclamation which will vest the actual Federal territory in the Commonwealth, and that the question of further powers or rights in respect of the two rivers should afterwards be discussed upon their merits. If Mr. Fisher is sincere and earnest in his desire to settle this question then the course is simple—issue the proclamation, settle the capital site, and then discuss the other matters which are incidental to it."

"I may add," said Mr. Wade, in conclusion, "that a request has also been received by the same mail to increase the area at Jervis Bay, which, again, involves the reopening of the agreement, and a fresh Act of Parliament, to endorse the alteration. I don't want to say any more at present, except that the reasons for the delay are absolutely inexplicable, and that those which have been advanced will not stand investigation."

AN HOTEL SENSATION.

A MAN WITH A REVOLVER.

Perth, August 17.

William Rice created a sensation at Fremantle to-day by entering the Freemasons' Hotel, and firing three revolver shots at a poster on a partition advertising a boxing contest. He later flourished a revolver at the Oddfellows' Hotel, but was promptly disarmed by the barman. When arrested he had 40 cartridges. Rice was charged this morning with having carried firearms without a license, and was remanded.

THE TRAMWAYS POWERHOUSE.

A GIGANTIC UNDERTAKING.

DIFFICULTIES MET AND OVERCOME.

Apart from the officials—in this instance the term applied in its comprehensive sense embodies the whole staff of employes concerned in the establishment of the tramways powerhouse at Port Adelaide—the public who are interested in the development of the electric tramways system, have not the remotest conception of the extraordinary difficulties which have had to be faced in providing the necessary foundation on which to erect the colossal superstructure of the powerhouse. When the building is in working order the pile of bricks, concrete, iron, steel, and timber of which it will be composed will represent a dead weight of tens of thousands of tons. It would be the acme of absurdity to think of erecting the massive machinery required on a flimsy foundation, and thousands of tons of concrete have had to be substituted for the slag and mullock which have been removed from the site. Originally the Port River used to overflow its banks at the site, and by a gradual process of deposition of silt and other debris, and its decomposition, the level was raised until it reached a height when, by the expenditure of a little money, the area could be and was reclaimed and turned to profitable account as the site of a large ore smelting establishment. The area outside the building was afterwards made the dumping-ground of slag, until the elevation of the wharf was reached, and when the Tramways Trust took over the site (some years after the demolition of the smelting works), it was a vast expanse of pulverised slag, varying in depth from a few feet to probably 15 or 20 ft. in places.

Through Slag and Mud.

When the Trust became the owners they knew exactly the nature of the "country," and the obstacles that would have to be overcome in putting down foundations, but the advantages of having the powerhouse so near the wharf, where the coal supplies would be delivered, and so near the river, where an inexhaustible supply of water was available for the circulating service connected with the condensers, were so great as to outweigh any benefit that might result if a site were selected nearer Adelaide, where a more solid foundation could be secured. Therefore the Trust resolved to adopt Mr. Goodman's advice and place the powerhouse at the Port. Mr. Goodman is a man of great resource, and in spite of the gigantic troubles met with in the form of subterranean streams, quicksands, decomposed vegetable strata, wretched holding-ground, and flowing mud, he has devised means of subduing the elements and laying down huge concrete bases, which will carry the structure itself, and the huge steam and electric plant without sufficient vibration to cause the spirit in a level to move. It has been a costly undertaking and an exceedingly unpleasant task, too, in many ways, but it has been successful, and that is the main thing. The foundations are down, several of the boilers are in position, a large proportion of the walls tower high into the air, the bases for the turbines and other generating plant are proceeding satisfactorily, and the inlet tunnel from the low level of the river for the water supply is in course of construction. Some idea of the difficulties which have been encountered may be gathered at present in the northern bay of the house, where the men are still working in the trenches 22 ft. from the surface. The mud runs like thick water, and the sides of any hole dug have to be barricaded to prevent the material from collapsing. Even at a depth of 22 ft. the "ground" was not anything like sound enough to carry the great concrete beds required for the turbines and other machinery, and jarrah piles about 18 in. in diameter had to be driven a depth of 20 ft. before they reached a limestone bottom which proved good holding ground. These piles are placed near one another, and materially affect the solidity of the work, as the concrete masses are put on top of them, and thus an immovable and tremendously heavy block is formed. Each of the three turbines to be placed on the large beds will be of 2,000 horsepower, and the current they generate will be transmitted to the converter-station on East-terrace, where it will be reduced in power to the voltage needed for traction purposes.

Supplies of Water From the River.

Running nearly the full length of the engine-house and about 20 ft. below the slag surface there is a pipe about 4 ft. in diameter, which will be taken right out to the river, which it will enter below low-water mark, and through this pipe will gravitate the cold water which is to be pumped up for cooling the condensers, which will convert the steam back to water. In this operation the cold water coming in contact with the steam service of the condensers, will become very hot, and of course in that condition it will be useless. Having performed its function the water will therefore be allowed to flow back to the river, but it will follow a different course. After operating on the hot condensers it will descend into a big conduit about 20 ft. higher than the inlet service and pass through it back to the river, but the mouth will be situated several hundred feet away from the inlet pipe so that there shall be no possibility of the hot water again finding its way to the powerhouse. The construction of both these passage-ways is now in hand, and the undergrounding of the tubes is a task which requires the exercise of a vast amount of both mental and physical energy owing to the quagmire which results as soon as the soakage and numerous springs are tapped by the workers. Many men would feel disgusted when confronted by such abnormal conditions, but Mr. Goodman is not built that way—indeed, he rather revels in meeting obstacles, because they call for the employment of the brain power of those concerned in order to master them.

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