

SHIP ON FIRE AT SEA; SCUTTLED BY THE CREW.

Eleven Survivors of the Wrecked Challenger Arrive at Seattle, Wash., After Terrible Time.

Heroically Fought the Flames for a Month and for Days at a Time Got No Sleep or Rest.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 12.—Eleven survivors of the wrecked ship Challenger, burned and scuttled on the Coast of Japan, arrived here on the Shinano yesterday. The men were sent to this country by the U. S. Consul at Yokohama. They said Capt. Henderson, master of the Challenger, had been sent to San Francisco, on one of the Oriental liners.

All the men bore traces of the experience through which they had passed. For almost a month they had fought the flames on the old wooden bark and at times the vessel was kept afloat by only the most heroic work on the part of the officers and crew. For days at a time they were unable to get their sleeping rest and when the ship was finally scuttled on the Japanese coast they were almost too exhausted to get ashore. The ship was beached without the loss of a single life.

VESSEL SPRUNG A LEAK.

Crew Worked at the Pumps Until She Struck Bottom.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 12.—A tale of

drifting 800 miles at the mercy of the sea covering a period of more than 30 days, is told by Nee Quo, Chinese, boatman, rescued from the wrecked steamer Marichean, in False Bay, on the Alaskan coast.

The Marichean encountered her first difficulty about 400 miles off Cape Flattery, when she suddenly sprang a leak. Work on the pumps was interrupted by clogging and for days the boat drifted, while the crew worked night and day with hand buckets to keep the ship afloat. From Dec. 25 to Jan. 26, this work was kept up and the engineers were soon able to use the upper boilers. Small headway was made and then the awnings were sewed together into a large sail. This gave almost enough headway for steering room but not sufficient to keep the Marichean from striking in Chatham straits in a north-westerly gale. Thirty-nine members of the crew succeeded in making the shore where they lay for four days almost perishing in the cold, finally being rescued by the Georgian and taken to Juneau. From there the refugees were taken to this city where they were not allowed to land. Last night they left for Port Townsend on the steamer Doble.

U. S. BLUE JACKETS REFUSE TO WORK.

Crew of the Cruiser Marblehead Wanted Shore Leave and Got That Tired Feeling.

San Diego, Cal., Feb. 12.—When the United States cruiser Marblehead arrived here yesterday, it was learned from certain of her crew that while at Pichihilique Bay, several days ago, the men openly shirked work, and Commander Mulligan was forced to read them the articles of war covering mutiny.

According to the stories told by the blue jackets they have had almost no shore leave for two months. When the Marblehead came to San Diego three weeks ago, shore leave was expected, but again refused. The blue jackets also complained that they did not have enough fresh vegetables and because their wages were not forthcoming on pay day.

At Pichihilique Bay, the sailors say, while nobody actually refused to coal

the job took five days instead of one, and that half the coal with which the Marblehead was to be charged was dumped into the sea instead of into the bunkers. Offensive mutinies, it is said were written on the coal cars. Punishment of various sorts was meted out with a liberal hand and when the vessel arrived at San Diego she brought a thoroughly exasperated crew. The greater number of the men have only three or four months to serve and they declare they will not re-ship.

The story of the trouble on the Marblehead is obtained wholly from members of the crew, but the versions of the affair given by them tally closely with each other. Commander Mulligan declined flatly to say a word about the affair, and the other officers are equally reticent.

EDICT TO PASTOR.

"LEAVE CITY OR KILL YOURSELF," WAS EDITOR'S ULTIMATUM.

Strange Story Back of the Suicide on Tuesday of the Millionaire Minister of Peoria, Illinois—His Suicide Unusual.

Peoria, Ill., Feb. 12.—Back of the suicide of Simmons, millionaire pastor of the First Baptist Church, bank president, manager of former Governor Yates' campaign for United States Senator, and known as "the most strenuous minister in America," lies a story so strange, so terrible, that its maten must be found in the pages of tragic fiction. He was told to become an exile or kill himself. And he chose to die. His misdeeds had become such that Peoria rose in rebellion.

A committee of three local editors sent for the minister and a startling scene occurred in the office of the Peoria Journal. The three men who faced him were H. M. Pendell, editor of the Journal; Charles S. May, of the Herald-Transcript, and the publisher of the Star.

They laid before the clergyman a damning array of facts about his conduct with the congregation, and catalogued with relentless decision the investigations by the State's attorney, the banks and his congregation. In so many words, the trio notified Simmons that he must leave Peoria or kill himself. The minister heard the edict with white face and trembling lips. He seemed too stunned to remonstrate, and left, making no definite promise. His death was his answer.

"The publicity given to Mr. Simmons' actions made some action on our part necessary," said Mr. Pendell. "We called him into our office, and there, in the presence of myself and Charles S. May, editor of the Herald-Transcript, and the publisher of the Star, he was informed of the grave charge made against him. 'You must leave Peoria or die,' Mr. Simmons chose the latter course."

Even his suicide was unusual. Apparently he took the poison and then sat down to prepare a last message. The last line, "Time falls me should I attempt to write personal messages," indicates he was lying as he brought the letter to a close.

EXPLAIN OR REPAY.

New York Life Committee Arraigns President and Agent.

New York, Feb. 12.—The special committee appointed by the trustees of the New York Life Insurance Company to investigate the affairs of the company today made a partial report of its labors to the directors, which was adopted. The report deals only with the relations of Andrew Hamilton, the legislative agent, with the company,

HEAVEN AND HELL.

TELLS NEW YORK THEOSOPHISTS OF CONDITIONS IN FUTURE LIFE.

Many Dead Don't Know It—Describes How Dry Life After Death Furnishes Punishment for Those Who Have Been Bibulous.

New York, Feb. 12.—Attend, sabbath all, to the words of U. Jinarajadasa, B. A., who of the future knows the A. B. C. From Colombo, Ceylon, he comes, and last night he addressed a large audience of theosophists on the theme Heaven and Hell in Fact and Fancy. He seemed to have friends in both places, from whom he had obtained every detail.

One of the largest meetings of theosophists seen in this city since Mrs. Katherine B. Tingley joined the Lotus Eaters of the Pacific slope had gathered in Assembly Hall, at Fourth avenue and Twenty-second street. Graved looking men and women, in gold rimmed eye-glasses, wrote down the observations of U. J. B. A. (U. J.), in red edged books covered with alligator leather, and most of them looked as though they were glad to be alive.

It is one of the contentions of (see above), that many persons walk about this world without knowing that they are dead. They have an unpleasant way of not paying any attention to doors, but just slip through walls without saying, "By your leave." At first, of course, they feel as though they are hampered by the body, but before very long they become accustomed to the new conditions and walk around with their former friends, and they do not have to stand in front of the doors and say, "After you." It is possible for them to enter any room alongside the most reticent person who ever was, no matter how narrow the doorway.

According to the sage from Colombo, it requires several days for the person who has departed from the scene of his customary activities to realize that anything unusual has happened. "Then," resumed Mr. Jinarajadasa, "he sees his body put in the coffin and he cannot interfere. He realizes that he is in a different world and he cannot make himself felt. He sees others arranging his affairs in a way of which he does not approve and he does not like it, yet he can do nothing. Sooner or later he realizes that he is dead after all. His shape is the same as it was, yet he has no corporeal form. He is not thirsty nor hungry, nor does he suffer fatigue. For him there is neither sunlight nor darkness, although he is able to observe that for those whom he sees on earth there is the alteration of day and night."

Mr. Jinarajadasa dwelt upon the fact that the man who gives way to the craving for strong drink in this world will be punished in the disembodied state by experiencing those bibulous desires, yet he will not the physical means of satisfying them. Those whose pet vice was the planning of financial schemes to crush their rivals in finance will continue their machinations, but be balked at the last moment by the realization that they have no corporeal entities, and are, therefore, unable to make deliveries. It is the idea of the East Indian savant, however, that the truly good have no troubles, and after a period of years return again to this life.

SIGNED NO TREATY.

ARRANGEMENT WITH JAPAN DENIED BY COREAN EMPEROR.

He Invites the Great Powers to Exercise a Joint Protectorate Over Corea for Five Years With Respect to Its Foreign Affairs.

London, Feb. 12.—Douglas Story, telegraphing to the Tribune, from Chefoo, under yesterday's date, states that he has obtained from the Emperor of Corea a document bearing the imperial seal, the original of which, he says, was proved before the British consul at Chefoo. In this document the Emperor desires that he signed or approved the treaty with Japan, or consented to the appointment of a Japanese resident, and "that the great powers to exercise a joint protectorate over Corea for a period not exceeding five years, with respect to the control of Corea's foreign affairs."

POLICEMAN'S ERROR.

APOPLEXY MISTAKEN FOR DRUNKENNESS—ARRESTED MAN DIES.

Mr. George Stanley, a Retired Canadian Merchant, Remained in Detroit Police Station Over Half an Hour Before Being Sent to a Hospital.

Detroit dispatch: Arrested for drunkenness while actually suffering from apoplexy and allowed to remain in a police station over half an hour before being sent to a hospital, George Stanley, a retired business man, was helped to his death because two policemen could not distinguish between a serious ailment and a spree. Mr. Stanley, who was 63 years of age, was born in London, Ont. About forty years ago he went to Jackson, Mich., and engaged in the oil business. He retired from business last fall and made Detroit his home. The coroner is investigating the case to find if there was further neglect after the initial one made by the two officers who sent Mr. Stanley to the Woodbridge street station.

A BARBER'S LUCKY FIND.

Discovered Five Forgotten Stock Shares Now Worth a Fortune.

Syracuse, N.Y., Feb. 12.—In searching a drawer in his barber shop to-day Frank Wood discovered a certificate for five shares of stock of the Bell Telephone Company, for which he paid \$5 twenty-two years ago, and which is now worth between \$16,000 and \$20,000. The great value of the certificate is due in measure to the accumulation of dividends. Communicating with Albany, Mr. Wood found that the stock was registered, and was issued by a Boston company.

WITTE REVIEWS

LAND QUESTION.

SAYS PEASANTS MAY BUY PRIVATE LANDS.

Receives a Delegation, Who Say Peasants Demand It as a Gift—Premier Extols the Emperor as the Cause of the Greatness and Happiness of Russia.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 12.—A delegation of citizens of Ekaterinodar, Caucasia, sent to St. Petersburg to obtain the Emperor's personal assurance that the land question would not be settled by the present Government, but by the National Assembly, was received in audience by Premier Witte yesterday. An interesting account of the interview was published to-day. The Premier pointed out that the agrarian problem could not be solved by a division of the State lands alone, amounting only to 16,000,000 acres, much of which is forest land. The peasants must be prepared to buy private lands on the easy installment plan, as provided by the Imperial ukase of November last.

The spokesman of the delegation replied that the peasants did not wish to buy land, but were determined to receive it as a gift from the Government.

At the close of the audience and informal discussion, the Premier thanked heaven that the conditions in Russia were different from those prevailing in other countries. He said, according to the published report, that a French President was dependent on the electors and an English King on Jewish bankers, but the Russian Emperor was independent. The consummation desired by the revolutionists that the country be ruled by Poles, Armenians and Jews would not be realized. The Premier is said to have added: "The greatness and happiness of Russia are due to the Emperor. Without the Emperor you who now wear long coats and high hats would still be peasants."

The Premier is reported to have remarked in conclusion: "If only it had not been for this unhappy war, if only victory had been ours, all would now be well. But God did not so will it."

At the conclusion of the conference the Premier promised the delegation that they would be received in audience by the Emperor. He gave the same pledge to deputations of Burias (a Mongolian people living chiefly in the Government of Irkutsk and Transbaikalia), who were here to demand special representation in the National Assembly and that they be permitted to live in their old conditions of nomadism.

SEIZED A GAME ISLAND.

Highland Crofters on a Warlike Expedition.

Edinburgh, Feb. 12.—The crofters of Barra Island, in the Hebrides, have seized the neighboring island of Vatersay and declared their intention to resist by force of arms any attempt to dislodge them.

A regular war expedition was fitted out by the invading islanders, who collected a fleet of boats and with flags flying and pipers skirling highland battle tunes, it soon effected a bloodless landing on Vatersay, hitherto used as a game preserve.

The Barra men for years have claimed the right to cultivate Vatersay, but have been unable to get the necessary permission from the authorities and now they have seized the island, have apportioned it into small farms and have distributed them among themselves.

There are no police or troops in the immediate vicinity of this faraway islet, so the Government's action is hampered.

W. C. T. U. AND ALICE

THE UNION NOT INTERESTED AS TO HAVING WINE AT WEDDING.

New York, Feb. 12.—A special to a morning paper from Lockport, N. Y., says: "Whether or not wine is served at the wedding breakfast of Alice Roosevelt is none of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union's business," declared Frances W. Graham, of this city, President of the State W. C. T. U. "I know some western branches of the Union have protested against wine at the wedding breakfast of President Roosevelt's daughter, but I assure you that such action was not sanctioned by the State or National organization. So far as I know none of the New York State Unions are contemplating such a protest. It would not be countenanced at all, but I do not think there is any possibility of such a thing happening. The majority of the unions in the country realize the impropriety of such action. All of them ought to."

THIS SPINSTER MAY RELENT.

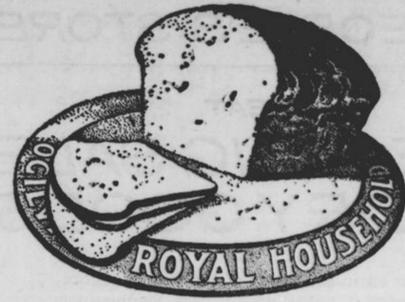
She Must Marry if She Wishes to Receive a Legacy.

Baltimore, Feb. 12.—Unless Miss Rachel Riordan, stenographer for a New York law firm, marries she will receive for her lifetime only the interest on a \$3,000 legacy contained in the will of Miss Georgeanna Belt, her friend in Baltimore, who died Jan. 30. Miss Belt tried in vain to persuade Miss Riordan to marry, but the latter said she preferred single blessedness. In a last hope to have her quest complied with Miss Belt made the bequest to her New York friend conditional. Should Miss Riordan never marry, the money at her death is to be distributed among three charitable institutions of Baltimore.

CHURCH MUST LOOK UP.

Rev. Dr. Tucker Says That Anglicans Are Falling Behind.

Montreal, Feb. 12.—Rev. Dr. Tucker, general secretary of the Canadian Missionary Society, founded by the Anglican Synod of Canada, delivered an address before the Montreal Synod to-day, in which he stated that the Canadian Anglican Church has fallen behind in progress, giving place to the Presbyterian Church and the Methodist Church. He declared that Ontario, in its rural fields, had been lost to the Church of England, and pressed home a warning in regard to the far west.



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CASTRO PREPARING FOR WAR WITH FRANCE.

Busy Enlisting Men for the Army and Orders Given to Call the Recruits to the Colors.

The People May Rise in Rebellion as Soon as a French Blockade of Ports is Declared.

(Delayed by Interrupted Cable.) Willemstad, Island of Curacao, Friday, Feb. 12.—A traveller who arrived here to-day from Venezuela said:

"President Castro is busily engaged in enlisting throughout the Republic and in other ways preparing for war. Generals in each state have been commissioned, and orders have been given to call the recruits to the colors."

"Information from the best sources indicates that the people do not support President Castro. On all sides are heard expressions of a desire to revolt and overthrow the President's government as soon as the French blockade is declared. 'A well-informed Venezuelan told me that the troops will desert their colors, as they have all been compelled to join the army, voluntary enlistment being unknown in Venezuela.'

"Puerto Cabello and La Guaira are the only parts capable of making even a slight resistance. The former has two modern six-inch guns and the latter has four modern six-inch guns, with the usual display of old Spanish pieces, which would be blown to pieces at the first shot."

"It is doubted whether President Castro can raise more than 16,000 men, who will take the field with any show of

spirit. The men are armed with Mauser rifles, but they never practice shooting. 'The Venezuela naval consists of five small craft, concentrated at La Guira. 'Well posted persons express fear that the French citizens in Venezuela will be in great danger if war breaks out. President Castro is of a revengeful nature, and the inhabitants of the country are at his mercy.'

"It is reported at Caracas that the American Minister, Mr. Russell, is persona non grata owing to the apparent siding of the United States with France, and that he may be given his passports. Matters are nearing a climax. President Castro will compel obedience to his will. 'Five days ago the El Grito Pueblo (a newspaper) suggested that the people should not resist the French. The editor was immediately imprisoned without a show of trial, and the paper was suppressed.'

"The German Charge d'Affaires indignantly contradicts the reports, said to be circulated by President Castro and others of his surroundings that Germany is supporting Venezuela's policy against France."

"Gen. Alcantara, a Venezuelan, educated at West Point, has been appointed to the military command of La Guira. He has received orders to fire on any French warships the moment they are sighted."

OFFICIAL PHASE.

ALFONSO'S LOVE MAKING GETS INTO RED TAPE DEPARTMENT.

The Monarch Informs His Cabinet of His Betrothal After the Formal Acknowledgment is Made to the Premier—Preparations at the Capital.

Madrid, Feb. 12.—The betrothal of King Alfonso and Princess Ena, of Battenberg was to-day for the first time acknowledged officially, the King formally communicating the information to Prime Minister Moret at a private audience. The formal announcement will be made to foreign Governments on Feb. 20, after which the marriage contract will be submitted to the Cortes, and the Government will confer with the King regarding the date of the wedding, which probably will be June 2.

Later King Alfonso communicated the fact of his betrothal to the whole Cabinet, at a meeting of which he was presiding. He related the happenings at Battenberg, and said Princess Ena would become a convert of her own accord to Catholicism.

King Alfonso nominated nine titled women belonging to his mother's court

to act as ladies-in-waiting to the bride. The decorating and furnishing of the apartments the couple will occupy are going on apace.

Preparations at the Palace of El Pardo are also proceeding, confirming the reports that Princess Ena will reside there on her arrival in Spain until after the wedding. Her brother, Prince Alexander, arrived in Madrid to-day. King Alfonso met him, and together they inspected El Pardo Palace.

TRAINS COLLIDE.

FIVE PASSENGERS HURT ON THE CENTRAL & GEORGIA ROAD.

Forsyth, Ga., Feb. 12.—A rear-end collision between a Chicago train and a Florida fast train, which left Atlanta at 11:55 o'clock last night for Savannah, occurred three miles north of this city on the Central & Georgia Railroad, shortly after midnight. Five passengers in the rear sleeping car of the Savannah train were injured, but none were fatally hurt. The faster train was held at Atlanta for connections, and left behind the other train. It crashed into the Savannah train where there is neither side track nor signal. The blame has not been fixed.