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REMINDERS.

TEMPERANCE Concert at Catarqui Town Hall.
MEETING of Court Stanley, Canadian Order of Foresters.
EMERGENCY Meeting of L.O.L. No. 6 at 8 p.m. WEDNESDAY.
"MARTANA" at the Opera House.
ANNUAL Meeting of the K. & R.R. Co. at noon.

DIED.

McCONAGHY—On Monday, Feb. 11th, Archibald McConaghy, aged 76 years. The funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from his daughter's residence, 345 Princess street. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

LALONDE—Feb. 11th, at his son's residence, Orchard street, Mr. F. Lalonde, aged 64 years and 10 months. The funeral will take place on Wednesday, 13th inst., at 2 o'clock p.m. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend.

COLLINS—In Kingston, Feb. 12th, Dennis Collins. Funeral will take place from his brother's residence, 43 King street west, on Thursday morning at 8:30 o'clock to St. Mary's Cathedral. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

JOYCE—At Joyville, Saturday, February 9th, Mary, beloved wife of Michael Joyce, aged 73 years.

JACKSON—At Catarqui, Feb. 7th, Jethro Jackson, aged 72 years.

WANTED.

A COOK. References required. Apply to MRS. GRIFFIN, 163 King street.

BY A YOUNG MAN (age 21) occupation in any capacity. Some years experience clerking in a general store; used to horses; willing to do anything. Good references. GILBERT OSTLEH, College street, Kingston.

FOR SALE.

THE STEAM BARGE FREEMASON AND GONSOETS, Minnie Francis and City of Kingston. Total carrying capacity 380 M. Pine Lumber, or 440 tons coal at five draught. For further particulars apply to DAVIDSON, DORAN & CO.

THAT DESIRABLE BRICK RESIDENCE, situated on the corner of Sydenham and By Streets, containing twelve rooms. It is at present occupied by Captain John A. Connelly, the owner, to whom application should be made for further information.

TO LET.

HOUSE IN VAUGHN FERRACE. Possession May 1st. Apply at WHIG OFFICE.

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HOUSE with eight rooms and extension kitchen hard and soft water, with good stabling; convenient to Queen's College; immediate possession. Apply on the premises, 1254, or at No. 14 Union Street, between Gordon and Alfred Sts.

FOR SALE OR TO RENT.

A FINE FARM OF 75 ACRES, East Part of Lot No. 15, 1st Concession Township of Kingston, beautifully situated on the Lake Shore, one mile from the Penitentiary. Good large house, outbuildings, orchard, &c., suitable for a farmer or gardener. Apply on the premises to JOHN GRAHAM, P.O. address, Portmouth.

TIMELY ANNOUNCEMENT.

HIGHLY IMPORTANT AND ATTRACTIVE SALE BY AUCTION

Of Japanese Manufactures and Art Productions, Consisting of Embroidered Silks, Porcelains, Screens, Bronzes, Enamels, Toys, etc., Curios Direct from Yokohama, Japan.

HAVING received instructions to close out the balance of Japanese Goods regardless of cost on

Wednesday and Thursday, 13th and 14th,

AT GRIGGS' OLD STAND, 121 Princess Street, look out for bargains. Sale at 2:30 p.m. Evening sale at 7:30. Terms cash.

E. R. MARTIN, Auctioneer.

MARTIN'S - OPERA - HOUSE.

Wednesday, Feb. 13th.

GRAND OPERA IN ENGLISH

By the New American Opera Co.,

70, STRONG, 70.

GUSTAV HINRICHS - Prop. and Director.

Vincent Wallace's Opera in Three Acts,

"Maritana."

30 CHORUS AND BALLET 20.
20 GRAND ORCHESTRA 20.
PRICES—Parquette \$1.50. Dress Circle, \$1. Balcony, 75c. Gallery, 50c.

"The Union of Britain, Canada and Australia."

THE DISTINGUISHED WRITER AND SPEAKER,

GEO. R. PARKIN,

Who has been invited to visit the Australian Colonies and lecture there on Imperial Federation, will visit Kingston on Thursday, February 14th, and lecture on the above subject in the CITY HALL at 8 p.m.

PRINCIPAL GRANT will also address the meeting.

AN EMERGENCY MEETING of L.O.L. No. 6 will be held in the Orange Hall THIS (Tuesday) EVENING, 12th February, 1889, at 8 o'clock, to make arrangements for the FUNERAL of our late Brother ARCHIBALD MCCONAGHY. All members of Sister Lodges are requested to attend By order.

JOS. S. GOULD, W.M.

TO BUSINESS MEN.

ANY ONE WANTING HELP WITH THEIR BOOKS, Accounts, Collections or in any general business capacity, send a post-card to FRED OSTLEH, College Street. Accounts audited and books kept by the week.

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THE RATHBUN COMPANY.

Will make some reduction in the price of some of their lines of lumber and sash factory goods this season. We have one barn frame 30 feet, one 35 and one 40. Also good brick, which will be sold on reasonable terms for good approved notes.

THE RATHBUN COMPANY.

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SAILING from New York every Saturday. Authorized Agent, F. A. Folger, Ferry Dock Foot of Brock St., Kingston.

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THE LEADING UNDERTAKER, PRINCESS STREET.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

What Makes You Think So?
BERLIN, Feb. 12.—The Hamburg Nachrichten says Count Herbert Bismarck will never become chancellor.

Ice Crop is all Right.
NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—All danger of an ice famine is past. Advances from the upper Hudson state that a full crop will be gathered.

Is Suicide Contagious?
VIENNA, Feb. 12.—Lieutenant Szepeszy committed suicide by shooting before a mirror to-day. He had just returned from a memorial service for Crown Prince Rudolf.

Another Great Scheme Contemplated.
ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 12.—The government has granted a concession for 31 years to a company which proposes to join the Black Sea, and the Sea of Azov. The company has a capital of 85,000,000 francs.

Robbery on the Streets.
CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—Highwaymen have been exceedingly bold in this city of late. Their attention has principally been devoted to ladies returning home from work or shopping, several having been "held up" on side streets and robbed within a few weeks.

A Big Capital is Sought.
ST. JOHN, N. B., Feb. 12.—Alexander Gibson, lumberman, gives notice of incorporation of a company in which his sons and sons in law will be associated with him. The objects sought are the manufacturing of cotton and wool goods, brick, and erection of houses; capital stock, \$3,000,000.

Smothered in the Sand.
EL PASO, TEXAS, Feb. 12th.—At Yaleta, ten miles below Hampton, yesterday, a lad named Wade Hampton and two other children were playing in a sand cave, in the bank of the Rio Grande, when the quicksand fell and covered them. R. H. Jones, who went to their assistance, was also buried in the sand, smothering him. The bodies were recovered.

A Present Worth Getting.
INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 12.—Yesterday the family bible, which has been purchased by subscriptions from Typocean veterans, will be presented to General Harrison. It contains a large number of signatures, perhaps the most interesting being that of James Hubbard, 104 years of age, who served in the war of 1812 as a scout under General Harrison. The bible is a very handsome affair.

An Official Explanation.
OTTAWA, Feb. 12.—An explanation has been given regarding the seizure of beer assigned to Colonel Herchmer at Regina. Col. Herchmer, as commissioner of the force, regulates the issue of beer required in the canteen. Whenever a fresh supply is called for Col. Herchmer grants an order on the quarter master. In consequence all beer brought in from Winnipeg is addressed to Col. Herchmer, though it is paid for by the owner of the canteen.

Expenses in France Increased.
PARIS, Feb. 12.—In the chamber of deputies yesterday M. Peytral, minister of finance, presented the budget estimates for 1890. They show an increase in the expenses of 25,000,000 francs over 1889, to meet which it is proposed to utilize the surplus revenue receipts of 1888, and the sums expected to accrue from the new sugar law. It is also proposed to meet the extra military budget of 180,000,000 francs, by the issue of bonds redeemable in 18 years.

INCIDENTS OF THE DAY.

Newspapers Picked Up by Our Reporters in Their Rambles.

Mrs. Craig, of Portsmouth, is visiting her sister who is ill in Lockport, N.Y.

The vinegar makers of Kingston with others are asking for a higher duty on acetic acid.

Mary Burrows, sister of Mr. William Burrows, gas inspector, Kingston, died at Liverpool, England, after a short illness.

Lieut. A. Sharp, Kingston, at Ottawa for the session, ably assisted the Bank street church choir at the Sabbath morning service.

Within the past few days taps have been accidentally left open in upstairs offices and next morning the dwellers, especially below, have found themselves flooded out.

Mrs. Joseph Senecal, Grenadier Island, well known to frequenters of the Thousand Islands, has been celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of her wedding by taking a trip through the New England States.

Thomas Brady's dry goods store, Brockville is closed, pending the arrival of the principal creditor, a Kingston firm. Mr. Brady has stock enough to pay 100 cents on the dollar and have a surplus. It is likely that he will be granted an extension.

PARNELL LIBEL SUIT.

The Case Going Into the Irish Courts—The Attitude of the "Times."

LONDON, Feb. 12.—Parnell in his affidavit in the new libel suit declares that his action, brought in Ireland, will be speedier, more convenient, and less expensive than in England. The most necessary witnesses reside in Ireland; many of whom could not attend elsewhere except at great inconvenience and expense. The Times ridicules these reasons seeing that the commission will shortly arrive at crucial points in its work, and that Mr. Parnell's action, as already brought in Scotland, was more expensive and inconvenient for witnesses than it would be even in Ireland.

THE COUNCIL'S ROUTINE.

THE BUSINESS IT PERFORMED AT LAST NIGHT'S SESSION.

Communications From Various Sources.—The Midland Central Fair Association Wants Several Things—The Passing of the Reports—Water Works Supplies—Appointing an Engineer.

Last evening a regular meeting of the city council was held at which Mayor Thompson, Aids, Adams, Carson, Creagan, Drennan, Fenwick, Gaskin, Hiscock, Minnes, Muckleston, McLawson, McIntyre, McLeod, Polson, Rees, W. Robinson, C. Robinson, Shannon and Wilson were present.

The minutes of previous meetings were read and adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED.

From the Ontario rifle association, asking for a grant of \$10.—Referred to the finance committee.

From Lawrence O'Brien, applying to purchase the narrow strip of land owned by the city lying between his lot and Young street. Unless the city sells the strip he will not be liable for frontage for the Young street sewer.—Referred to the streets committee.

From R. Meek, secretary of the Midland Central fair association, requesting the council to look into the affairs of the association and assist it financially by taking stock to the extent of \$10,000. The attitude of other places to their fair companies was given and the hope expressed that the council would take the matter into its serious consideration.—Referred to the finance committee.

From R. Meek, secretary of the Midland Central fair association, on behalf of the directorate, calling attention to the heavy assessment placed upon the fair grounds and asking for exemption. The annual exhibitions are of great benefit to the city and people generally.—Referred to the court of revision.

From G. Thompson, tax collector, intimating that the amount collected to date is \$92,108 97.—Fyled.

From John Branigan, asking for a remission of taxes on lots used as a public highway.—Referred to the court of revision.

From J. Brokenshire, asking \$60 damages for injuries caused by a defective boardwalk on Gordon street.—Referred to the committee on streets.

From the city commissioner, intimating that the law does not allow a building covered with iron to be erected within the city limits.—Fyled.

From Donald Fraser, asking permission to remove a house on King street to the Muddock farm on Division street.—Referred to the committee on streets.

PRESENTING PETITIONS.

Ald. Creagan.—From Catharine Wilson, asking for recompense for injuries done to her through a defective sidewalk. She was much injured and is the only support of a blind husband.—Referred to the committee on streets.

Ald. Gaskin.—From the city engineer, asking permission to cut down poplar trees on Barrie street.—Granted.

READING THE REPORTS.

Ald. Gaskin presented the report of the committee on finance, recommending the payment of the following accounts: Pay list to Jan. 16th, \$237 21; pay list to Jan. 23rd, \$109 94; John Lennon, single horse, \$49; H. O'Hara, removing snow, \$5; John Patterson, salary, \$20; Ontario Gazette, \$4; Charles McMillan, \$15; H. Stratford, salary, \$35 65; J. E. Hutcheson, appraising, \$12; W. Pipe, appraising, \$4; J. Agnew, \$21 58; C. Goodell, \$6; C. Wright & Son, \$11; J. Newlands, \$15 12; legislative assembly, \$100; F. Pound, \$16 50; W. Eves, stone, \$8; John Kane, \$10; C. Crowley, stone, \$18; John McKim, stone, \$20; D. Gallivan, stone, \$20; W. Power, stone, \$5; D. Barney, stone, \$10; Kingston penitentiary, gravel, \$15 30; W. S. Shuttlebottom, stone, \$55 62; C. Biddle, stone, \$216 63; J. Newlands, park walk, \$149 14; pay list to Feb. 6th, \$215 22.

Water works department.—Pay list, \$227 68; J. G. Smith, inspection, \$56 75; McKelvey & Birch, supplies, \$55 51; Royal Canadian insurance company, \$7 25; Phoenix assurance company, \$7 25; A. Gartschore, \$2 80 10.

The reports were adopted.

Ald. Gaskin presented the report of the committee on streets, stating that the various matters brought before it will be considered at future meetings.

Ald. Polson presented the report of the committee on city property, stating that in face of a resolution passed by the council, that the tariff of prices for the city hall must be strictly enforced, it could not recommend a rebate of rents as asked by various persons. It was recommended that 24 new burners and two incandescent lights for the entrance be provided in connection with Ontario hall.—Adopted.

PURCHASING SUPPLIES.

Ald. Shannon presented the report of the water works committee, recommending the purchase of the following articles: 25 valves, \$112 50; 24 tees, \$297; 3 valves, \$90; 8 tons pig lead, \$619; 45 hydrants, \$1,350. These are over and above the contracts already authorized; that \$4,700 be paid to the Dominion bridge company on their contract; that \$4,600.94 be paid A. Gartschore in full settlement of his account to Jan. 1st, 1889; that W. McRossie's tender for timber for cribwork at the water works wharf be accepted at 5 1/2c. per foot.—Adopted.

THEY WILL GO TO OTTAWA.

Mayor Thompson, Aids, Gaskin, Harty, Gildersleeve, Muckleston and Shannon were named as a deputation to visit Ottawa and urge upon the government a reduction of canal tolls to two cents per ton on grain for export, to remove the harbour shoals, to erect range lights in the harbor, and to advocate the passage of the Kirkpatrick bill for reciprocity in wrecking.

Ald. C. Robinson thought that three of a deputation was sufficient to do the business.

Ald. Gaskin said that the larger the deputation the better the pulling powers.

Ald. Polson—"Then it's quantity, not quality that is required." He thought a smaller deputation would be equally effective.

Ald. C. Robinson moved in amendment that the deputation consist of the mayor, Aids, Gaskin and Muckleston.

The amendment was carried.

Ald. Shannon was added to the committee.

A by-law was passed appointing T. O. Bolger engineer under the railway by-laws passed by the citizens.

The council adjourned at 12:30 o'clock.

Bicycle Contest in New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—At 1 a.m. the score was, Stanley, 102-5; Baldwin, 98-3; Von Blumens, 95-5; Woods, 91-5; Armario, 88-5; Smaull, 84-3; Lewis, 76-7; Hart, 66; McShane, 65-6; Oakes, 60-4; Brown, 59.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Mr. Parkin's Lecture Here.

KINGSTON, Feb. 11.—(To the Editor): I see in your advertising columns that Mr. Parkin is engaged to deliver a lecture in the city hall on Thursday evening on the subject of the union of Britain, Canada and Australia. As many persons have enquired who this Mr. Parkin is, you will perhaps kindly allow an answer in your paper.

I understand that Mr. Parkin is a young Canadian who has taken high honors in learning. He was, until recently, principal of an educational college in Fredericton, N.S. Having displayed his great powers of public speaking he was specially invited by the Australian colonies to deliver a series of lectures upon the subject which lies nearest his heart. To this high compliment Mr. Parkin replied by accepting the invitation, but before leaving for Australia he has undertaken to deliver lectures in the chief cities and towns of the dominion, first in Kingston and afterwards in Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal and Victoria.

Those who attend his lecture on Thursday evening are sure to hear an interesting statement of a subject which has a vital importance for all of us.

The address which Principal Grant delivered last week in Ottawa on the same subject has created a sensation in that city. We may expect to hear that side of the question, which has a peculiarly local interest for us, well put forward by him.

The promoters of the idea of the unity of the empire are to be congratulated upon having secured the services of good speakers and upon having opened the doors of the city hall free to the Kingston public. It is expected that there will be a large attendance of ladies.—Yours,

CITIZEN.

Distress in the City.

KINGSTON, Feb. 12.—(To the Editor): Thanks to the unusually mild weather of the first part of the winter there was not then quite so much destitution as usual, owing to the long continuance of work and the less urgent need of fuel. But now that work has been for some time at a stand, and that severe winter weather has come at last, there is much suffering from poverty if not more than has ever been seen in the city.

Those who come most in contact with it, the active members of our charitable societies, our city missionaries, male and female, the clergymen of some city churches, know that new cases of extreme misery are turning up every day, which it taxes their utmost resources to meet. A great deal of this misery is found among recent English immigrants, most of whom are of the usual helpless and shiftless class, yet they cannot on this account be left to perish, or die, we think most of our humane citizens would say. Undoubtedly, however, their presence here greatly adds to the cares and burdens of our charitable societies. Between these and other cases of distress, constantly arising, it would seem as if we had great need for the agency of an "Anti-Poverty Society" of some kind. Probably the best one would be one which should devise some way of providing regular work in winter. Meanwhile, the Poor Relief society seriously fears that its resources will fail before the winter is over. They do not wish to appeal to the city council, for public alms always pauperizes. But in the past years private generosity has come to their aid, and there are doubtless wealthy individuals among us who would willingly spare more from their abundance, if assured that it will be discriminatingly applied.

VERNON SAE.

THE WRECKING BILLS.

The Text of the Two Now Before the Dominion House of Parliament.

The following is the text of the bills on the wrecking question. Mr. Kirkpatrick's bill reads thus:

1. Foreign vessels of all descriptions, with or without wrecking pumps, tools, and apparatus, may enter Canadian waters contiguous to the United States, and render aid or assistance to foreign or other vessels wrecked or disabled in such waters, without reporting or making entry to or with any officer of her majesty's customs; and such pumps, tools, and apparatus may be disembarked and landed in Canada for the purpose aforesaid without payment of any duty, fee, or toll; provided always that such pumps, tools, and apparatus, within ten days after rendering such aid or assistance, are re-embarked and taken out of Canada.

2. This act shall take effect and remain in force when and so long as the like privilege of aiding Canadian or other vessels wrecked or disabled in American waters contiguous to Canada is extended to Canadian vessels by the government of the United States.

Mr. Patterson's bill is in these words:

1. United States' vessels of all descriptions may render aid and assistance to any and all vessels, of whatsoever nationality, wrecked or disabled in Canadian waters.

2. United States' steam vessels may tow any ship, vessel, or craft, of whatsoever nationality, from one port or place in Canada to another, subject only to such dues or regulations as Canadian ships are subject to.

3. United States' vessels or ships are hereby admitted to the coasting trade of Canada, and are authorized to carry goods and passengers from one port or place in Canada to another, subject only to such dues or regulations as Canadian ships are subject to.

4. This act shall take effect as soon as and remain in force so long as the like privileges of wrecking, towing, and coasting in United States waters are extended to Canadian vessels by the government of the United States.

A Soiree and Supper.

The attendance at the soiree and supper in aid of St. Patrick's separate school fund, held in the G.T.R. dining hall last evening, was not as large as was expected. All arrangements, under the management of J. T. Catlin, were complete, and the thirty-five couples that responded to invitations could not wish to have a better time. Of the supper little need be said. There was plenty and the best of meats, pastry, etc., cooked in a most delicious manner. The committee was composed of S. Lambert, chairman; J. T. Catlin, manager; J. Murphy, P. Tallon, T. McDermott, and A. Milne. They kept hustling all night, and in consequence made it very pleasant for their guests, whom the manager heartily thanked for their attendance before the soiree came to a close at an early hour this a.m.

10c. Pickled Figs' Feet, Cranberries, 10c. Figs' feet, 10c.; cranberries, 10c.; cheese, 12c.; rolls or pieces roll bacon, 11c.; apples, 20c. peck. James Crawford.

AFFAIRS OF THE WORLD.

TELEGRAMS FROM THE EARTH'S FOUR QUARTERS GIVEN.

The Little Things that Affect Canadians—Flashes From Europe and What They Portend—A Little of Everything Easily Read and Remembered.

Mr. Balfour's reply to Mr. O'Brien's prison treatment makes the liberals wild. John Powers, aged 11, Middletown, has become a raving maniac from cigarette smoking.

M. D. Halley, Vallego, Cala., has sold the stallion Woodnut to one Steele, of Philadelphia, for \$10,000.

The Russians in Bokhara are alarmed at the encroachments of the Afghans, 30,000 of whom are on the frontier.

Signor Costa, a member of the Italian chamber of deputies, will be prosecuted for making a revolutionary speech.

M. M. Estee, of California, says that the secretaryship of the interior has been offered to him and that he has accepted.

Mrs. George Lorillard, of New York, was married at Torquay yesterday to Count De Casa de Agreda. It was the lady's third matrimonial venture.

William O'Brien, taken from Tralee to Killybegny for violating the Crimes act, asked for an adjournment of the case, as he had not been able to consult counsel.

The cotton men ask the government to increase the duty on manufactured cottons, and the vinegar manufacturers for an increase in the duty on acetic acid.

While Ralph Cohen, keeper of a pawshop, Boston, was at supper his clerk, John Cohen, took over \$7,000 worth of jewellery and some money and decamped.

Luke Palmer, an old and wealthy citizen of Burlington, has been buncoed out of \$5,000 by a fine looking man who pretended to be the nephew of a bank president.

The accident near Halle, Germany, on Sunday was caused by an express dashing into workmen clearing the tracks of snow. Two men were killed and eleven injured.

Mrs. Ward has received \$2,000 from the sale of "Robert Elsmere." She plumes herself that she has given the heaviest blow to Christianity it has received in this century.

Charley Stein, a notorious renegade in Oklahoma, Kansas, who killed Deputy United States Marshal McAllister a few days ago, was overtake by a posse and ridden with bullets.

In the wrestling match at Worcester, Mass., 14 of the 27 bouts were completed when the contest was postponed until tomorrow. Ross won five falls, Graham five, and Dufur four.

The shaft in a coal mine at Minchell, Iowa, broke and the cage fell 95 feet to the bottom. George Harper was killed, his son was slightly hurt, and a man named Reynolds was fatally injured.

Sustie B., the 16 year old daughter of Col. D. R. Anthony, and Edwin Pierce, were drowned while skating on a pond at Leavenworth. Miss Anthony was a niece of her namesake, Miss Susan B. Anthony.

M. Pasteur declares that the story published in the Figaro about the microbes of croup and of diphtheria being isolated and then rendered harmless and no longer engendering asphyxia and paralytic symptoms is utterly without foundation.

ACQUISITION OF CANADA.

Mr. Blaine on the Question of Annexing Canada to the United States.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—The Herald's Washington says: Recently Congressman Miliken, of Maine, and his cousin, Seth Miliken, of New York, who is a large manufacturer and has invested in the South, called on Mr. Blaine on private business. During the conversation the merchant, who has known Mr. Blaine for years, asked him if he was in favor of the annexation of Canada.

Mr. Blaine replied that he was, but he did not think it would be brought about by agitation. In the course of time he thought the Dominion would naturally gravitate into the American union. "Canada," said Mr. Blaine, "is like an apple on a tree, just beyond our reach. We may strive to grasp it, but the bough recedes from our hold just in proportion to our effort to catch on it. Let it alone, and in due time it will fall into our hands. If we were reaching after territory, to increase our wealth and strength, as well as to protect the health of the nation, I should say Cuba is the outlying island which the interests of the United States would naturally seek."

EFFECT OF A TIDAL WAVE.

It Strikes a Steamship and Creates a Sensation—Scare on Board.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—The steamer La Gascoigne left Havre in a storm on the 2nd inst. When 250 miles out a great tidal wave suddenly rose up before the vessel and rolled over it. Thousands of tons of water fell on the steamer's deck, with a thundering sound that roused the sleeping passengers and caused them to start up with terror in their bunkers. The wave struck the ship on the starboard side about even with the foremast. Chief Officer Maslet and four sailors were on the bridge, and the wave fell, crushing them in a heap against the iron railing. All were injured, but only one was taken out unconscious. He was Ives Menou, who died shortly afterwards.

A SCANDAL LEAKS OUT.

Giving Secrets of the Admiralty Away—A High-Cast Offender.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—The admiralty officials have for some time suspected that a certain attaché of the department, who has been in continuous service for twenty five years, was in the pay of outsiders, to whom he divulged the terms of contracts and other information. Failing to confirm suspicions by several means which they adopted to detect him, they attached a secret electric wire to a drawer containing contracts a day or two ago, and were rewarded by catching the suspected man in the act of abstracting documents. The culprit was immediately dismissed from service, but as he is highly connected the affair has been hushed up and he will doubtless escape further punishment.