## **POWERS SEIZED** PRIVATE PROPERTY

Sir Robert Hart Protests Against Confiscation of His House.

CONGER RETURNING HOME

Rockhill Will Take Charge of American Embassy - Visitors May Now Visit Forbidden City at Certain Hours.

PEKIN, Feb. 23.-Sir Robert Hart, chief of the Chinese imperial customs, has sent the ministers of the powers without adequate quarters and is min- cherishing the belief that the facturers. a strongly worded letter to protest us many of the necessary conveniences against the seizure of his property to for the transaction of government busincrease the size of the legation area, which has been taken by Austria, Germany, France and Italy. The latter liament will sit at Melbourne. Bompower has taken the ground on which bala, in Victoria, seems to be favorably Sir Robert's house was situated. He property in an indefinite sense, in that Dickson, federal minister of defence, and spent an anxious day in the vain terrorized the people of Denver by mur his salary as a Pekin official has been follo and J. G. Drake takes Sir John missing family might arrive. Mr. Wild- alone at hight has a ided three more given to him in houses, instead of the Forrest's place as postmaster-general. government paying in cash. Sir Robert also put money into the purchase ing them in repair. He considered tralian Federation by the annexation Besides the fact that his name is men- on the right side of the head with a that, having lived there for twenty years, he owned the property absolutely

It is generally understood in the setin a house owned it, having purchased only motive which prompted his action other evening I dired with Third As- Miss Emma Johnson, who may do it in rental allowances. He says Italy of the last few years was a desire to sistant Secretary of State Cridler and There is no apparent reason for the especially had suitable grounds, and see only friends in possesion of the islthat she had no reason to share in ands. the general gratis distribution of lands for the various legations. Sir Robert also points to his many years in the his having made the customs pay the Jacky Underwood, the accomplice of last in Hong Kong he wanted me to assaulted two or three of whom deed service of the foreign powers, and to principal and interest of loans, a thoroughly international service, and that he has even paid the interest on the loans since the trouble began, and he thinks he ought to have received more consideration.

General Yamagatchi, the Japanese commander, and Gen. Chaffee have issued orders permitting visitors, properly accredited, to visit the Forbidden City on certain days, during certain hours, and that foreign generals and their personal friends can visit at any time. The foreign ministers consider themselves slighted.

The principal topic-the court edict Australian Premier Barton urging acregarding the punishment-discussed at tion to suppress alleged malpractice by lly, consisting of his wife, his two chilyesterday's meeting of the ministers and today's meeting, was short, owing to the ministers awaiting the full text of the Chinese court's edicts as absolutely satisfactory require official con- English Cabinet's Decision as to Sen-

CONGER COMING HOME.

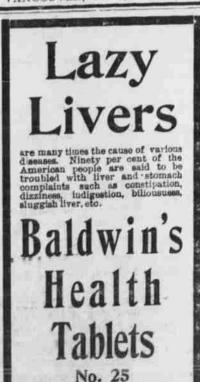
WASHINGTON, Feb. 23,-Minister Conger returns of his own initiative from Pekin. For some time past he has been anxious to get back to Iowa treaty is in process of being drawn benefitted by a change. I understand he but an opportunity has not offered it- up in the foreign office. While the ex- was to have returned to Hong Kong self until this moment. Now that the act nature of the British counter pro- in about three months. I expected to foreign ministers have satisfactorily posals is still kept secret, it is safe to get a telegram from him upon the arsettled the question of punishment of say that if they are considered at all rival of the vessel telling me whether the offending Chinese officials and a by the United States they will entire- he would come on to New York or new subject is to be taken up, it will by preclude a conclusion being reach- whether I should go to Washington. be easy to pass the negotiations into ed before the date when the Hay- which was his real destination, to meet W. W. Rockhill's hands without sacri- Pauncefote treaty lapses. ficing any points.

CONGER WANTS TO LEAVE. DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 23,-Another cable message has been received from D. D. Bogart, of Dawson, Goes to Minister Conger, in which he explains that his wife and daughter and niece, Miss Pierce, are in such a nervous condition that he fears to have them remain longer in Pekin. He would be glad, he says, if he could come home and be governor of Iowa, but he could not well leave China unless for some good reason. President McKinjey, it is said, told Major Conger's friends positively that he wants Conger to stay in China.

AUSTRALASIAN NEWS.

Main Issue in Campaign Preceding General Election of Australian Commonwealth Is Tariff.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 23.-The



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FRANK HART.

election of the Australian commonwealth is now in progress. The main down in 1895. Edmond provisional premier The leader of the opposition, G.H. Reid, is an advocate of free trade. The main features of the government platform are a revenue tariff, construction of a trans-con-

the franchise to women, but will not the cabin." admit the eligibility of women to seats o parliament. Regarding a white Australia" the government has antounced that while it will not legisor Kanakas aiready in Australia, the estricted. Strong legislation will be hope of his having escaped, passed against the importation of Aslatic labor.

ing urged. The federal government is being carried on at Sydney, but par- may yet be heard from. regarded as the capital site.

Premier Seddon, of New Hogland, is last night, accused of attempting to form a Pacific federation in opposition to the Ausof the Fiji islands to New Zealand. Premier Seddon declares that his only

The two surviving Breelong murder-Dubbo jail.

and stones, stormed the Manila quar- would take the trouble to miss a steamter. Two natives were clubbed to death er in order to go on that ship.

HAY-PAUNCEFORE TREATY.

ate Amendments Is Being Drawn Up.

APPOINTED COMMISSIONER

Kuskokwim District

SEATTLE, Feb. 23.-A special disnounce the appointment of D. D. Bo- where he afterwards became United cart, formerly of Dawson, as United States commissioner of the Kusko kwim district. In making the trip to his new headquarters Mr. Begart was to use reindeer as freighters

RIO'S PASSENGER LIST FOUND

(Continued from page one.)

December, 1895, she went ashore at

badly damaged that her cargo had to up the general health and removing from the discharged and the vessel docked for repairs.

In an up the general health and removing from the system A CONSTANT DRAIN all morbid, UPON THE SYSTEM.

ulu to Yokohama. Continuous heavy and statercoms had been gutted in order o provide fuel for the furnaces.

May, 1898, she collided with an unknown Japanese steamer of Honomoko, Japan, but was not seriously damaged.

During the past fifty years the Pacific
Mail Steamship Company has lost nineteen of its fleet. The list includes the
Southerner, Salvador, Golden Gate,
Golden City, America, Guatemala, Sac-Golden City, America, Guatemala, Sacramento, Honduras, Japan, City of San Francisco, Georgela, City of Toklo, San Pablo, Nicaragua, City of New York, Colima, Columbia, and the City of Rio

The foundering of the Rio de Janeiro did not result in the greatest loss of life, as 200 of the 300 passengers on the is apt to become chronic. Golden Gate were lost off the coast of Successor to Th. Olsen. 600-2 Com. St. | coast early in the 70's. Only forty souls

amnaign preceding the first general were saved out of the crew of 121 passengers of the Colima, which went

Freight Clerk C. J. Englehardt, of the itio de Janeiro, who was saved, said: "The report that Captain Ward locked himself in his cabin must be untrue. The last I saw of Captain ning to welcome him upon his expected Ward he was standing on the bridge and was tieing the rope of the whistle uate of Syracuse University and had tinental railway, old age pensions, uni- to the rail. This was done to keep the form suffrage and "A White Austra- whistle blowing all the time. I am sure that the ship sank so quickly that Cap-The government proposes to extend tain Ward did not have time to reach

RIO FAVORITE STEAMER.

NEW YORK, Peb. 23.-Friends of late for the oppression of Polynesians left his post at Hong Kong on a leave eiro, left here in January last for importation of others will be greatly Rio de Janeiro January 22, have little home on the Rio. Mr. Woodworth

The selection of a capital site is be- iv vice-consul under Rounseville Wild- ers of stamped ware, and of the Crib man in Hong Kong. consul-general and his family may have taken to a lifeboat which has THREE MURDEROUS ASSAULTS iness. Meantime the administration is blown out of the harbor and that they

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Wildman, who are now at the Everett House, communicated with San Francisco after the Through the death of Sir Charles news of the disaster reached this city assassin who has for several month Sir John Forrest succeeds to that port- hope that some definite news of the derous assaults upon women walking man was in a very despondent mood his long list of victims.

"There can be no doubt," said he, purpose is to prevent Cook and other a letter from him saying that he The victims are Mrs. Mary Shor islands being secured by a power other and his family were going to sail on colored, who will die, Mrs. Josephin than Great Britain. He says that the line Rio de Janeiro January 22. The Unterahrer, not seriousl yinjured, an he also had a letter from my brother assaults and the police are saying he would sail on January 22. | slightest clue to the perpetrators.

ers have been hanged. Jimmy Govers steamship was my brother's pet, and he mad man. These assaults have occur nor, the leader of the trio, was execut- stways made it a point to sail on her red at brief intervals for about a year ed at Darlinghurst jail on January 18. when crossing the Pacific. When I was and fully a score of women have been Governor, was hanged on January 14 at sail on her too-he was so fond of her. I sailed, however, last November Thursday island has been the scene on the Coptic. The Rio de Janelro was of savage warfare between Kanakas the oldest and smallest vessel of the and Manila men. On January 3, one line and I preferred to sail on a large nundred Kanakas, armed with clubs and more modern ship. My brother

"Captain Wm. Ward, the commandly injured. No fire arms were used, er of the ship, was reputed to be about opening, 76676%; closing, 76476%; Friction continues to develop in the the most popular officer in the employ New Hebrides between French colo- of the line. The fact that he was nists and the natives. A deputation of in charge of the vessel induced a even Presbyterian missionaries from good many to sail on her. My brothhe New Hebrides has waited upon er was a great friend of Captain Ward. "On this trip he took the entire famdren. Rounseville Wildman, jr., 9 years old and Dorothy, 2 years old. They also had with them Katle O'Brien, the children's nurse, whom they took out from San Francisco several years ago. "My brother has worked very hard and he and his family have been under a strain since those troublesome LONDON, Feb. 23.-A draft of the times in China. He was much in need cabinet's desision as to the senate's of a leave of absence, and thought that amendments to the Hay-Pauncefote the health of the children would be

> him." Mr. Wildman said that his brother had left Vice-Consul Wm. Aldrich, a brother-in-law, in charge of affairs

while he sailed for this country. Mr. Wildman said that Mrs. Rounseville Wildman was a granddaughter of the late Lucius Foote, the war governor of Missouri who had to leave the patch to the Post-Intelligencer from state because of his strong Unionist Dawson says that Nome letters an-sympathy and went to San Francisco,

# ULCERS.

Sores and Ulcers never become chronic unless the blood is in poor condition - is sluggish, weak and unable to throw off the poisons that accumulate in it. The system must be relieved of the unhealthy matter through the sore, and great danger damaged. This occurred in Hong Kong to life would follow should it heal before the blood has been made pure and healthy and all impurities eliminated from the system. S.S.S. begins the cure by first cleans-South Kagoshimo, Japan, and was so ing and invigorating the blood, building

March, 1896, she started from Hono- | effete matter. UPON THE SYSTEM. When this has been accomplished the discharge gradually ceases, and the sore or head weather was encountered and ulcer heals. It is the tendency of these old when the Japanese coast was still 1200 indolent sores to grow worse and worse, miles away it was found that there was and eventually to destroy the bones. Local and eventually to destroy the bones. only 250 tons of cost in the bunkers. applications, while soothing and to some The steamship was run back to Hono- extent alleviate pain, cannot reach the seat lulu, but before she got there the cabin of the trouble. S. S. S. does, and no matter FAST TIME how apparently hopeless your condition, even though your constitution has broken down, it will bring relief when nothing else can. It supplies the rich, pure blood

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States senator. His son, W. W. Foote Mrs. Wildman's uncle, is now in that

FRIENDS AWAITED WILDMAN. SYRACUSE, N. Y., Feb. 23.-College friends of Consul Wildman were planvisit here next month. He was a gradmany friends here.

Gilbert H. Wildman, a brother, is nov a student at the institution.

MR. AND MRS. WOODWORTH. DENVER, Feb. 23.-Mr. and Mrs William A. Woodworth, of Denver, who are mentioned as among the missing U. S. Consul-General Wildman, who passengers of the wrecked Rio de Jan of absence and embarked on the City of visit to Honolulu, and were returning His brother, Edwin Wildman, who is pess men and was local manager for now in this city and who was former- C. Sidney Shepard & Co., manufacturstill ben & Sexton Company, stove manu

Denver Mad Man Has Now Serious. Injured Score of Women.

DENVER, Feb. 23.-The myster-

All were assaulted within a that my brother was on the vessel, hour. Each was struck from behind

"It is a remarkable thing that this it is believed to be the work of

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