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NEWS OF THE WEEK

From All Parts of the New World and the Old. -

OF INTEREST TO OUR MANY READERS

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week in a Condensed Form.

The powers have agreed to the joint

The Japanese gave Admiral Beardslee a reception.

Chicago police will prevent the Gans-McGovern fight.

Santa Fe strikers wish their differences arbitrated.

Five persons were killed in a train wreck in Montana. Fire in Pekin destroyed the quarters

of a number of officers. Kitchener rpeorts a running fight be

tween Dewet and Knox. Gompers will be re-elected president

of the Federation of Labor. The Santa Fe repudiates its relations with the telegraphers' union.

The American fleet in North China waters is reduced to two vessels.

The Irish Nationalist convention declared for the abolition of landlordism. Washington's centennial anniversary was celebrated with imposing ceremo-

Full particulars have been received of the tyhoon which recently swept the coast of China, causing a heavy loss to life and shipping.

There are more than 40 cases of disease has occurred.

The city election at Astoria, resulted in a sweeping victory for the Citizens' ticket, every candidate being elected by large majorities.

Jospeph Benoit, a stage carpenter at the Grand Opera house. Salem, Or, fell from a scaffold, breaking several ribs and bruising his face and body badly. The accident was caused by the breaking of a board upon which he was standing.

The Lakeview and Ager stage was ing of the battleship Ohio. robbed about two miles from Lakeview, Or. A lone highwayman accomplished the job. No passengers were aboard of the stage. Two mail sacks were rifled and a considerable amount of registered mail taken. Officers are

now working on the case. The will of the late Senator Davis, by the house. The will, made during the senator's last illness, leaves all his estate to Mrs. Davis. The estate is valued at \$25,000 in personal and \$40,000 in real property.

Lord Roberts has left the Caps for

Holland refuses to intervene in the Boer war.

Senator Clay spoke against the ship subsidy bill.

French troops have ceased looting drowned. Chinese observatories.

Li Hung Chang claims to have absolute power to negotiate. Chaffee protested to Von Waldersee

against German looting. The debate on the war tax roduc-

tion bill began in the house. The bouse of commons voted £16.

000,000 to carry on the Boer war. The Hay-Panncefote treaty was

A congressional committee was ap- torpedoes and submarine boats. pointed to investigate the Booz hazing.

constructed at once in Moxee valley, 100 years ago. Washington.

Oregon delegation decides upon con tinuing contract for Columbia river

State Superintendent Ackerman recommends that Oregon schools observe John Marshall day.

The matter of developing Lower Nehalem coal is said to have been considered in New York.

A number of persons suspected of ploting to murder Lord Roberts during navy yard, was destroyed by fire. It his visit to Cape Colony recently, aban- contained all the important papers, doned their schemes on learning that models and plans of the construction they were shadowed.

In his annual report, Fish Commissioner Reid says value of fish output for Oregon is over \$3,000,000.

Outlawry in Kwang Si and Kwang Tunng is increasing. The officials appear to be losing their hold of the tuation and are powerless to restore order. Pirating on the West river is

Owing to a lack of proper facilities the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, in seven wounded and 40 taken prisoners. which several persons were probably The Americans have lost two killed fatally injured.

Five editors were chosen to sit in the Nebraska legislature at the recent anundant in western Kansas than for

Joseph Manley has resigned as chairman of the Republican execuitve com- of Pennsylvania has purchased more mittee of Maine after a service of 16 than 100,000 acres of land to be issued

LATER NEWS.

Loot sent to France will be embar American wheat visible shows a de

The Monroe doctrine may be applied The Boers were defeated in a battle

at Orange river. A third negro was lynched by the

Rockport, Ind., mob. In the sinking of the Gaeisenau, 136

persons were drowned.

There is no prospect of passing the subsidy bill this session.

The steamer Alpha was wrecked on the Vancouver island coast.

Major-General John G. Parke died at his home in Washington. The Porto Rico case is before the

United States supreme court. Congressman Boutelle was placed on the retired list of the navy.

The military commission begins its investigation in the Booz hazing.

Fresh instructions sent to Conger will clear the way of all obstacles. A cure for strikes was discussed by the arbitration conference at Chicago. Preparations are being made for de-

velopment of natural gas near Rosalia, A Washington county farmer was murdered by a shot fired through his

window. The official report of the finances of the Paris exposition, shows a loss of

2,000,000 francs. The Oregon supreme court decided that the Portland vehicle license ordinance was invalid.

Five cases of what is believed to be bubonic plague have developed in Tucuman, in the Argentine Republic.

smallpox in St. George's hospital, Kan- United States senate for an investiga- win. The government is most firmly sas City. Only one death from the tion of the conduct of Judge Noyes in decided to continue the struggle. I The officials of the Santa Fe and

> the officers of the different trainmen's organizations will hold a conference in Chicago. Seven hundred Boers have crosse from Orange River colony into Cape

reached Kaapdal. President McKinley expects to arrange his Western trip so as to be in duty. The Lord is sure to give a San Francisco to witness the launch-blessed end in his own time and in his San Francisco to witness the launch-

Colony near Aliwal North, and have

Fire in Cleveland, Ohio, destroyed five out of seven buildings of a machine company, causing a property loss of over \$500,000, and throwing 1,100 Postal Clerk on the Cotton Belt Railroad Line men out of employment.

The war revenue bill has been passed

Lord Kitchener has called for all available English troops.

England has awakened to the new

sness in South Africa. Colonel Tullock's expedition failed

to find the Chinese treasue. At Rockport, Ind., two negroes, had murdered a white man were lynched.

The German training ship Gneisenan foundered near Gibraltar and 100 were

A large Boxer force is said to be approaching Peking with the intention of attacking it.

The senate cannot considered the army and appropriation bills until after the holidays.

John Addison Porter, McKinley's former private secretary, died at home in Putnam, Conn.

The British admiralty is arranging again considered in executive session. to test various inventions for steering

The Oregon Historical Society pro-The Philippine commission gave poses to hold a great fair in 1905, in merchants a hearing on the traiff bill. commemoration of the Lewis and A \$50,000 irrigation ditch will be Clark expedition to the Pacific coast

As a result of a mysterious poisoning case at the Forsyth mines, near Marietta, Ohio, four persons are dead, four

dying and two others serirously ill. Five unknown men who asked the marshal of Brighton, Ill., for shelter, in the calaboose, locked him up anp then broke into a bank and

stores. The building occupied by the construction department at the Norfolk

department. Telephoning without wires was suc cessfully accomplished by transimitting the voice across the Mississippi river, at Minneapolis, a distance of over 1,000 feet.

Advices from Ilo Ilo report that the American troops have been northward and westward for several days and that detachments of the Sixth, Eighteenth and Twenty-sixth regiments have been active near their stations. in the way of telegraph, caused by the The insurgents losses during the last strike, a serious collision occurred on 10 days there have been five killed, and three wounded.

> Prairie chickens are said to be more vears.

> During the past five years the state as a forestry reservation.

Electric coal-cutting machinery is Former Ambasador to Italy W. F. rapidly displacing hand work and other Draper has been decorated with the troops, including four companies of the varieties of mechanical mining appli-ances in the collieries of Great Britain and the United States.

order of SS. Maurice and Cazal by the Northumberland fusiliers. The story is not confirmed in any quarter, and is not generally believed.

Steyn Is Going North to Help Oom Paul,

GENERAL BOTHA MAKES ANNOUNCEMENT

Schalkenberger Sworn In as Acting State President-Rumor in London of a Serious Defeat to British Arms.

New York, Dec. 15 .- A dispatch to The following proclamation by Gen-

eral Louis Botha has been received: "Whereas, I have been informed burghers about the government and myself, our officers and officials are charged to communicate the following information to the general public: The executive council, after consulting the president of the Orange Free State. has decided in the interests of our cause to give leave of absence to our state president, with orders to go immediately to Europe in order to assist our deputation there in the work they have before them. Vice-President Schalkenberger has been sworn in, according to law, and is now acting as state president. He is now assisted by the state secretary, two members of the executive council, Lucas Meyer and myself, and other officials, in short' our government exists in the same way as before and is now in my immediate neighborhood and in direct com-

munication with me. "Let the blood of our brave dead always by a strong voice induce every burgher to fight for liberty. We have A resolution was introduced in the nothing left to lose, but everything to am convinced the burghers will appland this decision and act accordingly until the end. Burghers are warned against the fine words used by the enemy to deceive them and to make them put down their arms, because, according to the proclamation of Roberts, they will all be transported to St. Helena or Ceylon as prisoners of war. Our cause, however, precarious, is not hopeless if every burgher only does his

own way." ROBBED THE MAIL CAR.

Was Nearly Killed.

Texarkana, Ark., Dec. 15 .- A bold robbery on the Cotton Belt railroad ocwho died November 27, was filed for probate by Mrs. Anna M. Davis, the boycott the Santa Fe.

Railway telegraphers threaten to miles south of Texarkana, on the train grounding of the United States trans. It is reported that Germiles south of Texarkana, on the train John H. Dennis was almost kitled and Luzon. She struck twice, being resmail pouches of the car rifled of their cued both times by the Yorktown. contents. The amount stolen is not The second time the Yorktown's cable The report adds that many of Ge known. As the train left the Bassetts caught in the Garonne's wheel, causing eral Dewet's followers have been capwater tank at 6 A. M., the express and a further delay of 12 hours. The let- tured. mail cars were separated from the ters also tell about a train, but the train crew soon had them coupled again. In the run from there to Texarkana, the coaches were uncoupled twice in a very mysterious miles, taking in all six day manner. Upon the arrival of the train here the United States transfer clerk went to the door of the mail car and knocked for the postal clerk to open it. No response was given. Officials then forced an entrance and were astonished to find Clerk Dennis stretched upon the floor, apparently dead. A hurried examination showed that the registered Tullock and 100 men lef pouches had been ripped open and robbed of their contents, the most valuable of which was the Wayne-Memphis pouch, containing a large believed that a large am number of valuable packages. A phynumber of valuable packages. A physician was sent for and it was found that Dennis was alive but unconscious. An ugly wound on the top of his head The information regarding the creasure mounted men under General French told the story. Two hours after he was received from a ormer court offi-was taken to the hospital he revived cial. enough to give the details of the rob-

Just as the train parted at Bassetts Philadelphia, Dec. 17 -The Unitthe mail car to stir up the fire. When today from League Is ind navy yard he opened the vestibule door he saw for New York, where she will await two men standing by the stove. One further orders. She will make a of them dealt him a terrible blow over the head with a heavy fire shovel, as soon as she passes out to sea. After The first blow felled him and he was the sea trial is completed the vessel's then quickly beaten into a senseless course will be shaped further out to condition. Word reaheed here at noon that two suspects have been arrested at Naples, near the scene of the robbery, but none of the stolen packaegs was

American Arrested in Cape Colony. London, Dec. 15 .- The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily Mail reports

the arrest at Worcester, Cape Colony, of Harold Darringale, alleged to be an American, on a charge of fomenting an Afrikander rebellion. "The arrest," says the dispatch, "has made a great sensation, and startling disclosures are promised."

Held Up a Box Office.

Sieux City, Ia., Dec. 15 .- During the Grand Opera house in this city tonight, two masked men entered the box office, assaulted, beat and shot the treasurer, Harley S. Rounds, and scaped without getting any cash.

Rumor of British Defeat. London, Dec. 15 .- The Daily Express

publishes a rumor of a serious disaster to the British arms. According to this report, the Boers attacked the camp of General Clements, in the Barberton district, capturing the camp, killing a number of British officers. and taking prisoners all the British

DEWET EVADES KNOX.

With the Boers.

London, Dec. 17 .- Lord Kitchener cables the war office from Pretoria under date of December 12 that General Knox reports from Helyetia that he is engaged in a running fight with General Dewet, and that the enemy is moving towards Reddersburg, where there is a column ready to co-operate with the other British forces. Lord Kitchener in another dispatch reports that Boers attacked the post near Barberton, The British casualties were three killed, five wounded and 13 taken prisoners. The captured men have since been released. The Boers raiged the the Journal and Advertiser from Am- Riverton road station December 11.

They are being followed up. General Kitchener's message indicates that Dewet has again evaded Knox. After the latter had foiled the that the enemy circulates all sorts of Boer general at Coomassie drift, the wrong and lying reports among the Boers seem to have doubled back, crossed the Caledon river elsewhere, and turned thence northwest-in the direction of Reddersburg, the memorable scene of the British disaster in April, when Dewet captured the Brit- Delarey, reinforced by Beyer's comish Rifles.

> Tragedies on Shipboard. San Francisco, Dec. 17.—The 3rit-ish ship Crown of Scotland, which ar-companies of the Northumberland fusirived today, 130 days from Penarth, liers, and were thus able to command Cardiff, had three tragic entries in her Clements' camp. He retired on Heklog. Nevember 24 John Warrington poort, and took up a position on a hill stabbed P. C. Hagland, his shipmate, in the center of the valley. while the latter was asleep in his bunk. Leaving his sheath-knife in his pletely reported, but the fighting was victim's breast, the murderer ras up very severe, and I deeply regret that on deck, jumped overboard and was Colonel Legge, of the Twentieth husdrowned, despite efforts to reach him sars, and Captains McBean, Murdoch with a lifeboat. No one on board of and Atkinson were killed." the ship knows of the motive. The second tragedy occurred August 1. Salvatori Servis fell from the foreyard, struck the deck and fractured his eral Lemmer was killed. Attacks thigh and received internal injuries upon Bethlehem and Vrede were also which caused his death.

Correcting an Extradition Treaty. Washington, Dec. 17 .- A treaty h een concluded between the United States and Great Britain amendatory of the existing extradition treaty and intended to correct certain imperfec tions in that instrument, developed by recent experiences. The changes do not materially affect the scope or prinitem in the list being provisions clasconstituting a manifest absurdity. To correct this the amendment is made.

Seattle, Dec. 17.—Letters have bee the American troops u Hall. The line of marc steep mountains for a dist conclusion, 165 men were t cal treatment for several d

Pekin, Dec. 17 .- A fe the British troops were no existence of a large amount 20 miles northwest of he vestigate the truth of Colonel Tullock request that 50 extra men be det at that point by persons connected with the Chinese court during the resert dight.

Trial Trip of the Alabam trial trip on the run, which will begin sea to avoid shipping, as all of her guns and turrets are to be tested. If the report is satisfactory, it is probable that the battleship will be ordered to Hampton Roads to join the North Atlantic squadron.

Anti-Foreign Plot in Hong Kong.

Hong Kong, Dec. 17 .- The city was lacarded today with statements inciting the people and the members of the secret societies to unite and rise during the month of January and drive out all the foreigners. Crowds gathered about the placards, but no actual outbreak is reported.

Wisconsin's Vote.

Madison, Wisconsin, Dec. 17 .- The total vote of Wisconsin, as officially canvassed, was 425,151. McKinley's plurality was 106,581. * LaFollette. Republican, for governor, has a plurality of 103,745. Oxford Beats Cambridge.

Queen's club. A magnificent game was won by Oxford by two goals to a goal and a try. There was a large and fashionable attendance.

Nordenskjold's Expedition.

London, Dec. 17 .- The annual Rug

by football match between Oxford and

Cambridge took place today at the

Christiania, Dec. 17 .- The Antarctic expedition, headed by Dr. Otto No denksjold, will leave in August.

Clements' Force Defeated by Boers Under Delearev.

WERE HEALY LOSSES ON BOTH SIDES

English Forced to Abandon Their Position General French With Reinforcements Has Gone to the Rescue.

Dec. 17 .- Lord Kitchener

ht, General Clements' forces led to retire by Commandant Belarey, with a force of 2,500 men. Five British officers were killed. The other casualties were not reported. Lord Kitchener's official dispatch to the war office is as follows: "Pretoria, Dec. 15 .- Clements' force

mando from Warmbath, making a first attack was repulsed, the Boers managed to get to the top of the Mag-

Lord Kitchener also reports that the Boers made an attack and were repulsed at Lychtenberg, and that Genrepulsed, the Boers losing 10 killed and 14 wounded. Vryheid was attacked December 11. Sniping continued

when the message we, dispatched.

The scenes at the war office today recall those witnessed in the early stages of the war. A constant stream of excited people filled the lobbies, all seeking details of the disaster. The but a few moments to get at Henderabsence of the names of any of the offiabsence of the names of any of the offi-cers of the Northumberland fusiliers alive, was dragged at the rope's end to not materially affect the scope or prin-ciples of the existing treaty, the chief in General Kitchener's dispatch leads the court house yard and swung to the item in the list being provisions clas- to the foreboding that the four comsifying as a crime subject to extradition the obtaining of mone under false pretenses. At present the treaty makes extraditionable the reception of money obtained under false pretenses and omits the principal in the crime, approximation to the loreboding that the lour companies of the fusiliers mentioned are ing a parting volley at the swinging bodies, the mob, eager for another victim, hurried away to catch the other negro implicated by Rowlands. He was found at a hotel where he was employed as a porter. The negro escaped mention the capture of the Northum-berlands that such a great catastrophe to the roof of the building, and Mana-

ting with the British column Dewet, and that a battle is proceeding

English Loss Heavy.

ion, Dec. 17.-Lord Kitchener that 18 officers and 555 men missing from General Clements ce. They consist of four companies ays ago of the Northumber and these were ied of the Judging from the message these were the Boers. Clements casualties December 15 amounted to five officers and nine men killed and many apparently wounded.

French Goes to the Rescue. Johannesburg, Dec. 17 .- The battle still continues within a few miles from Krugersdorp. General Clements has asked for reinforcements, and have already gone. There have been many casualties on both sides. It is estimated that the Boers number 2,800.

Montana Town Shaken,

Guthrie, Mont., Dec. 17.-The inhabitants of the town of Cashion were awakened this morning by a peculiar wave-like motion and trembling of the earth. Many of them rushed into the streets, so badly were they frightened. No damage was done.

Increase in Wages.

Calumet, Mich., Dec. 17.-Commenc ing January 1, the Calumet & Hecla ball was in progress. American ladies Mining Company will increase the present expressed great interest in wages of its 4,000 employes 2 % per cent. Last March the company raised they had experienced, but displayed the wages of its employes 10 per cent. no fear. Paddy Ryan Dead.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 17 .- Paddy Ry-

an, at one time champion pagilist of the world, who was defeated by John

Mississippi some years ago, died at his

home in Glens Falls, N. Y., this after-

Earthquake In Missouri quake shock lasting nearly a minute was experienced in this city at 7:45 ily in the battle of Tumaco. When mitting the matter to aribtration by o'clock this morning. The motion the government forces destroyed the Switzerland. The territory has been rebel steamer Gaitan they also de-officially decreed by the Swiss tribuquivering nature.

No Lives Were Lost San Francisco, Dec. 17 .- One of

the severest storms which has ever

continued until noon in fitful gusts, rain and wind sweeping over the city with unusual violence, and being accompanied by thunder and lightning. a rather unusual occurrence in this part of the country. At one time rain fell in such torrents that many thought a cloudburst was imminent.

LYNCHED BY A MOB.

Vengeance Dealt Two Negroes In Indiana

Rockport, Ind., Dec. 19 .- Two ne groes, Jim Henderson and Bud Rowlands, who waylaid, murdered and robbed Hollie Simons, a white barber, early this morning, were lynched to night in the jail yard by a mob of 1,500. The negroes were arrested soon after the murder occurred, and although Rowlands' clothing had blood stains on it they claimed they were innocent. In the meantime Sheriff Clemens, of Union county, Kentucky, arrived with a trained bloodhound. When the dog was placed on the trail he followed it to the house where Rowafter severe fighting at lands lived, six blocks from the scene of the murder, and went baying to the bed the negro had occupied. This was enough for the excited citizens. Within a lew minutes a mob of a thous and howling, bloodthirsty men with sledge hammers, ropes and guns were

on the way to the jail. Sheriff Anderson and his two depuat Nooitgedacht, on the Magalies' ties made a stand and attempted to Berg, was attacked at dawn today by protect the prisoners. The officers were seized by the leaders of the mob and disarmed. The sheriff, although force estimated at 2,500. Though the locked in a room and placed under guard, stoutly refused to give up the keys or tell where the prisoners were

hiding. The mob made a determined but unsuccessful attempt to break in the jail door. Finally they secured a telegraph pole, and using it as a battering ram caved in the side wall of the jail. The door of Rowlands' cell was then quickly broken in with sledge hammers and he was dragged from the jail to the east side of the court yard, where a noose was placed about his neck. He was given time to make a statement, in which he implicated Jim Henderson and another negro. Rowlands then begged piteously for mercy, but the mob quickly swung the confessed murderer to a tree and riddled his body

with bullets. Leaving the dangling body of Rowlands, the mob rushed back to the jail and burst open the cell occupied by Henderson. Before the bars yielded to the blows of the sledge some one in the crowd fired upon the terrified negro as he crouched in the far corner. It took has been escaped.

Orders were issued at Aldershot,
Malta and other military centers to
dispatch all the available mounted ininterpretation in interpretation of the building, and Manager De Bruler succeeded in convincing the mob that the porter had nothing to do with the crime. The mob then dispersed, apparently satisfied with its work of vengeance.

It is reported that General Knox, or operating with the British column

main street of the city, as he was going to his home from his barber shop at 2 o'clock this morning. He carried the receipts of the day's work, a The scene of the fight is ominously fact of which the negroes were aware.

The scene of the fight is ominously They attacked him from behind, strikneral close to Pretoria. Nooitgedacht is ing him over the head with a heavy over the large nai! had been driven. Although terribly beaten, Simons made a desperate fight. His cries attracted two boys. The negroes drove them away and accomplished their original design, securing a bag containing something over \$40 from their victim, and made their escape. When others arrived Simons was dead. His skull was crushed in and his head and face beaten to a pulp. The spike on the club had punctured the skull in

four places and penetrated his brain. Walter Evans, one of the young men who attempted to rescue Simons, and who afterwards witnessed the lynch-

ing, has become a raving maniac. The dead man's wife is prostrated, and it is believed she will die from

Earthquake In Cuba.

Santiago de Cuba, Dec. 19.-A sharp

earthquake shock was felt here about mideight last night. It was the most severe that has been experienced in ball was in progress. The shock was preceded by a dull sound like a mine explosion. Two shocks followed, the former being quite severe and the latter scarcely perceptible. The club rooms became scenes of frantic commotion. Several people rushed into the streets. At Morro Castle a liberty the earthquake, which was the first

Fighting In Colombia.

Kingston, Jamaica, Dec. 19.-Advices from Colon, Colombia, today L. Sullivan, in their famous fight in regarding the fighting between the gov ernment troops and the insurgents at Tumaco, say that the withdrawing insurgent force was not dispersed. the contrary, fears are entertained that this body of rebels will effect a june-Joplin, Mo., Dec. 17 .- An earth- tion with the force operating around Beuna Ventura. Both sides lost heavstroyed a large lot of ammunition,

Found Dead In His Cabin.

Hillsboro, Oregon, Dec. 19 .- Anvisited San Francisco broke over the drew Bahlberg, an inonematic visited San Francisco broke over the drew Bahlberg, an inonematic visited San Francisco broke over the drew Bahlberg, an inonematic visited San Francisco broke over the drew Bahlberg, an inonematic visit visited San Francisco broke over the drew Bahlberg, an inonematic visit visited San Francisco broke over the drew Bahlberg, an inonematic visit man had a bad contusion on the forehead. He had recently sold some pro duce and was supposed to have considerable money in the house. It is generally believed that he was killed for his money. The coroner will hold an trict of British Columbia. The daminquest in the morning.

Last of The Famous Steamer Alpha.

NINE PERSONS WERE LOST WITH HER

The Vessel Struck a Rock at the Entrance to Union Bay, on the East Coast of Vancouver Island.

Vancouver B. C., Dec. 19 .- News of the worst marine disaster of the season in British Columbia was brought here tonight by the steamer Czar, from Union bay, on the east side of Vancouver island. The steamer Alpha was wrecked on a reef near the entrance to Union bay and not a vestige of the 1,000-ton steamer remains. Her managing owner, captain, purser, three engineers, two able bodied seamen and a stowaway were drowned, and the rest of the crew of 34 were saved by the plack of an unkown member of the ship's crew, who swam in a raging sea from the wreck to a lighthouse with

a line around his waist. The Alpha was valued at \$45,000. Her cargo comprised 750 tons of salt salmon and 350 tons of coal, conisgned to Yokohama, and valued at \$80,000. The total insurance on the

ship and cargo was \$65,000. It is two weeks since the Alpha first started from Vancouver for Japan. After she had been four days out she returned to Victor's partly disabled, and accusations of tampering with her engines were made. Some of the crew and several of the officers left the steamer declaring that she had been improperly loaded, and one of the officers was tried and sentenced to six

weeks' imprisonment for desertion. Last Saturday the Alpha left Victoria for Union to replenish her coal supply. A terrific gale was raging and late Saturday night the steamer ran on a rock at Baynes sound, at the entrance to Union bay. She was quickly dashed to pieces, and all would have perished had not one of the crew made the desperate and successful effort to swim with a line to the lighthouse on Yellow island. In the raging sea only part of those on the ill-fated ship managed to reach safety, the officers and owner remaining on board last and failing to reach the rock. The 25 survivors remained on Yellow island, which is a rock 200 yards wide, until Sunday night, when the sea moderated somewhat and a sloop was able to call

and take them to Union. But the storm which had wrecked he ship had also prostrated the wires, and so no tidings of the shipwreck reached the outside world until the little steamer Czar brought the story

to Vancouver tonight. The Alpha gained notoriety last spring when, as a Canadian ship, she landed freight and passengers at Nome in defiance of the instructions of the treasury department, and, it is said, against the advice of the British embassy at Washington as well. She was chased on her return trip from Nome by a United States revenue cutter, but managed to show her pursuer a clean

pair of heels. TROUBLE FOR FRANCE.

The United States May Have Occasion to Enforce the Monroe Doctrine.

New York, Dec. 19 .- A special to the Times from Washington says: The territory until recently in dispute be tween Brazil and France, and which has been decreed to belong to Brazil, may shortly become the object of a dispute between France and the United Sates, should the Monroe doctrine be violated. The territory lying south of French Guiana in the state of Para, and containing 100,000 square miles. was claimed by Brazil and France, and Switzerland was made arbitrator. Her decision was in favor of Brazil. It is now reported that some French financiers, anticipating that the decision would be favorable to France, had already invested their capital in this several years, and created a panic at already invested their capital in this the San Carlos club, where a grand territory. They are now, it is said, trying to engineer a deal by which the French government will buy this

land from Brazil. The state department has absolutely no knowledge on the subject. Its attention, however, has been called to the matter, and the attempt of the French capitalists to secure government aid in getting their money back will be watched with interest. There is hardly any question, it is said at the department, that such action would be a violation of the Monroe doctrine, and would call forth a protest from the United States.

As long as the claim was in its original form, France might have main tained that she was simply rectifying her boundaries, and that the United States cannot object to that. Even in that case a rectification of boundaries which involved an area of 100,000 square miles would be closely scrutinized. France has, however, forfeited the right to make that claim by subnal to be outside of French Guiana.

Woman Suffrage in Porto Rico. San Juan, Porto Rico, Dec. 19 .- In

the house of delegates today, Descarts introduced a bill granting unrestricted suffrage to women on the same terms Storms in British Columbia Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 19.-Storms

of unusual severity have destroyed a portion of the diking in the delta dis-