

## LA GASCONE SAFE.

BIG FRENCH STEAMER ARRIVES AT NEW YORK.

Her Machinery Disabled and She Was Unable to Make the Port—Tugs Go to Her Assistance and Bring Her In in Safety.

New York, May 22.—The French line steamer *La Gascogne*, Capt. Baudelot, from Hayre May 11, a little more than three days overdue, was sighted east of Fire Island at 10 a. m. this morning, moving slowly. She had on board ninety-five saloon and 402 steerage passengers.La Gascogne has no doubt met with some accident to her machinery, as she has set signals indicating that she needs the assistance of two tugs. From this it would appear that she cannot depend upon her own machinery to reach port or that her steering gear has become deranged and she fears to enter the channel without help. Two tugs have gone to the assistance of *La Gascogne*.

The French liner's officers are the same, with one exception, as those that were in command during its memorable passage ending Feb. 11, when it reached port after sixteen days at sea, having suffered two breaks in its machinery. The one not among its present list of officers is Chief Engineer Martine, who won fame and honorable decoration by the French government and the gratitude of thousands by his able performance of duty on the occasion of its last mishap. Its officers are Commander Baudelot, Second Captain Masclet, Chief Officer Conti, Second Officer Piton, Third Officer Bandegne, Chief Engineer Lebars, promoted from second engineer; Second Engineer Gouverne, Third Engineer Vallin, Fourth Engineer Ledref, Purser Japhet, Assistant Purser Le Chevillerie, and Physician Gervais.

Agent Forget says that *La Gascogne* was fitted with new boilers last year in order that its steam power might be increased. Originally its boiler stood a steam pressure of 150 pounds to the square inch. They were supplanted by boilers of 225 pounds pressure, which increased the strain on the machinery which had not been changed—and increased the revolutions of the piston from fifty-three to sixty-two a minute. The piston could not stand, and Jan. 26, two days after it started on its first voyage with the increased steam power, its piston broke.

## CORPSES OF GIRLS FOUND.

Is Thought One Committed Suicide After Drowning Her Sister.

Oregon, Mo., May 22.—The bodies of both the Chambers girls drowned in the Missouri river at Bartlett, Iowa, about ten days ago have been found.

The body of Charlotte, aged 17, was caught by Dan Ellishire, a fisherman, in his net, and the body of the 10-year-old girl was caught about thirty miles south of her. These girls were half-sisters, both daughters of C. M. Chambers, living near Bartlett, Iowa, and the younger was a daughter of Mrs. Wollenberger of this city, who formerly was C. M. Chambers' wife. The girls were very mysteriously drowned, but their friends think the older girl drowned her sister and then committed suicide. Charlotte's clothing was found securely pinned together near the knees, and the sleeves of her dress were securely pinned to her shoulders, indicating either that she had thus secured them herself to avoid involuntarily escaping death when she should make the fatal leap into the water, or else that she was the victim of foul play.

## WHITE'S IDENTITY FIXED.

New York Court Sends a Special Commission to Washington.

Port Townsend, Wash., May 22.—The death and identity of Ansel White, the lost heir to the \$4,000,000 estate, has been fully established by a special court commission sent to this coast by the probate court of Utica, N. Y. It appears a period of fifty years elapsed from the time White hurriedly left his home in company with another man's wife until his heirs learned of his death near Port Angeles.

White and the woman went to Illinois, where they separated and he went out west to California and ultimately settled on a lonely ranch in the Olympic mountains, there thirty years later he died. His will bequeathed all his worldly possessions to Preston M. Troy is pronounced worthless so far as it applies to the eastern estate.

## Will-End a Bad Bargain.

Washington, May 22.—The American British and German bondholders of the bonds of Guatemala, according to recent advices received here, received an offer by the government of 75 cents on the dollar for bonds in default. Although Guatemala is the wealthiest of the Central American republics, default was made in her bonds in February of last year. The bondholders will most likely accept the proposition.

## Town Destroyed by Fire.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 22.—A Wellsboro N. Y., dispatch says that the town of Angelica, N. Y., was totally destroyed by fire this morning. Angelica is the county seat of Allegany county and has a population of about 1,000. Particulars are meager, as the wires are down.

## Leather Prices Doubled.

Newark, N. J., May 22.—Fifteen of the leading leather manufacturers of this city, representing the largest owners of prepared leather in the United States, have sent out letters to dealers notifying them of an advance of from 50 to 100 per cent on cured stock. A capital of \$16,000,000 was represented at the meeting.

## Twenty per cent Damage to Wheat.

Minneapolis, Minn., May 22.—Specials from points in the Red River Valley say that two days of hot sun have revealed the extent of the damage to the wheat by frost, by bringing out the brown spots. Correspondents estimate it as high as 20 per cent.

## Foot of Snow in Colorado.

Creede, Col., May 22.—It has been snowing here for twelve hours. The snow lies a foot deep in the streets.

## KAISER INTERESTED.

## EMPEROR WILLIAM STUDYING SILVER QUESTION.

Copies of Speeches of Leaders on Both Sides Secured by Him—Two Hundred Drowned—Other News from Across the Sea.

London, May 22.—The Standard's Berlin correspondent says that Emperor William has obtained copies of A. J. Balfour's speeches, Archbishop Walsh's pamphlet and writings and speeches on the bimetallic question.

The Berlin correspondent of the Times, commenting on the debate in the lower house of the Prussian diet on the bimetallic resolution, says the speeches indicated the complete confusion reigning in the centrist party on the bimetallic question.

The Nord Deutsche Allegemeine Zeitung declares there is no sign of accession of support to the bimetallic movement.

## WAITING FOR THE UNITED STATES.

## Chili Has Not Settled the American Construction Company Matter.

Valparaiso, Chili, May 22.—The minister of foreign affairs said in the senate that the questions relative to the American Construction company had not yet been settled because of the delay of the United States government in answering the Chilean notes on the subject. The minister of foreign affairs declares that the treaty of peace and commerce with Bolivia has been signed.

## Hundred and Sixty-eight Drowned.

Madrid, May 22.—Further details received here of the loss of the Spanish steamer *Gravina*, wrecked off Manila, Philippine Islands, during a typhoon, show that 168 persons were drowned. Only two of those on board are believed to have been saved.

## Dissolution Is Inevitable.

London, May 22.—The Times in a leader on the political situation says: "The government may cling to office for a few weeks and delay for a short time the appeal to the country, but the inevitable end is only postponed."

## Diplomatic Relations Restored.

Tokohama, May 22.—Diplomatic relations between China and Japan have been resumed by the appointment of Count Hayashi, vice foreign minister, to Japanese minister to Peking.

## Disagreed on Congo Question.

Brussels, May 22.—It is reported that the minister for foreign affairs, Count de Merode Westerloo, has resigned on account of differences with his colleagues regarding the Congo question.

## TS CONFER WITH SEMINARIES.

## Additional Members of the Committee Are Appointed by Dr. Booth.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 22.—After devotional exercises the Presbyterian general assembly proceeded to business this morning. Before taking up the subject of foreign missions' the announcement was made that the moderator had appointed as the additional members of the committee to confer with the theological seminaries Dr. D. C. Monfort of Cincinnati, the Rev. W. H. Hubbard of Auburn, N. Y., Governor James A. Beaver of Pennsylvania, and Judge C. E. Vanderburgh of Minneapolis, and to fill vacancies in the same committee Dr. George W. F. Birch of New York, Judge Robert H. Hinckley of Philadelphia and Judge Thomas Ewing of Pittsburg. To the committee on conference with Lane seminary Dr. John I. Blackburn of Covington, Ky., was appointed to replace Dr. Birch of New York.

## SEVERE STORM IN TEXAS.

## Crops Ruined and Trains Delayed by Washouts.

San Antonio, Texas, May 22.—Heavy rain, hail and wind storms prevailed over southwest Texas last night. The rainfall in this city flooded the streets and raised the river about one foot. Specials from El Paso, Pecos, Waring and Comfort, on the Arkansas Pass Railroad, report the damage as heavy. Houses were unroofed and half broke every palm of glass in Waring and Comfort. At El Paso the streets are flooded, the cemetery is under three feet of water and trains on the Southern Pacific and Texas Pacific are unable to proceed. At Pecos trains are delayed by washouts. Fruit trees are blown down and cotton washed up or crushed into the ground.

## Uncle Sam Kept Posted.

San Diego, Cal., May 22.—The British gunboat *Wild Swan* has arrived here from Corinto. One of the officers denied the report that Admiral Stevenson had stated that the reason for occupying Corinto was to test the validity of the Monroe doctrine, and positively asserted that the United States government was working in harmony with Great Britain throughout the entire matter. He said that the English and American governments were kept informed by Admiral Stevenson of every move both before and after the occupation.

## Collide in a Fog.

Cheyenne, Wyo., May 22.—A southbound extra freight train ran into the rear end of passenger train No. 2 on the Union Pacific road, four miles south of this city, early this morning. Engineer August Gray and Fireman Ed Fuller, both of Denver, were crushed. Gray was killed instantly and Fuller bled to death in twenty minutes. There was a heavy fog, which prevented Engineer Gray seeing the train ahead.

## Gall Hamilton Falling.

Washington, May 22.—Abigail Dodge continues to lose strength and is in a very precarious condition.

Ex-Secretary McCulloch is a rest less night and is somewhat weaker.

Secretary Gresham and Representative Hitt are about the same today.

## Now on Friendly Terms.

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## IT MAY BE BALFOUR.

## Said to Be Slated for Prime Minister England.

London, May 22.—The afternoon papers of this city yesterday devoted much space to the scare caused in certain circles by the report of the approaching dissolution of parliament. The Westminster Gazette says the next conservative ministry has already been agreed upon at the Carlton

club.

It is added that the Rt. Hon. A. J. Balfour will be premier. The Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain is slated for the office of secretary of state for home affairs; the Marquis of Salisbury is likely to be the next secretary of state for foreign affairs, and Hon. George N. Curzon, at one time parliamentary under secretary for India, is said to have been selected for the office of secretary of state for India.

## MINERS SUCCOCATED.

Carelessness of a Comrade Results in Four Deaths.

Wheeling, W. Va., May 22.—By an explosion in mine No. 4 of the Monongah Coal and Coke company yesterday four miners were killed by suffocation, and quite a number of others were seriously affected by the smoke. The explosion was caused by a Polish miner carelessly igniting a can of powder. An inquest is being held today. The Monongah mines are the principal works in the Upper Monongahela coal fields, and the company is headed by ex-United States Senator Camden.

## No G. A. R. Posts to Be Present.

Green Bay, Wis., May 22.—Commander-in-Chief Lawler of the G. A. R. said last night: "I can safely say there will be no Grand Army posts at the dedication of the Confederate monument in Chicago Memorial day. I have not been called to rush into print on this matter, but I am on the side of the Grand Army on this question, and although there is no objection on my part to the ex-Confederate soldiers erecting such a monument, I can tell you now that no G. A. R. posts will participate in the dedication ceremonies."

## Seattle, Wash., Bank Suspends.

Washington, May 22.—Mr. Eckels, controller of the currency, yesterday received a telegram stating the Merchants' National bank of Seattle, Wash., had suspended. The bank's capital was \$200,000, and at the time of its last report it had assets amounting to \$635,000 and a surplus of \$25,000. One of the main causes of the bank's failure was too great holdings of real estate and securities upon which it could not realize. The bank was a government depository.

## Gold Is Found in Arkansas.

Fort Smith, Ark., May 22.—A quantity of gold-bearing sand was found in a well in the heart of this city yesterday. Prospectors will determine the extent and value of the find. Most of the property adjoining is the property of the school board, and if the find proves to be rich the school fund will be greatly swelled. Property on which the gold was found was part of the abandoned military reservation which was donated to the city ten years ago.

## Fifty Perish in Flames.

St. Petersburg, May 22.—There have been several fresh fires of serious nature in various parts of the provinces. In the town of Kobuden 200 houses have been burned, and in the village of Rushany 250 houses. During these conflagrations a total of fifty persons were killed and many more injured. These fires naturally have caused severe distress in the districts in which they took place, and this distress continues.

## No Great Rush of Settlers.

Yankton, S. D., May 22.—The expected rush of settlers at the opening of Yankton reservation yesterday was of a mild character. The filings upon the land were nearly all made by land attorneys, who have been soliciting claimants during the last month. Actual settlers are scarce, and it is believed that of the filings that will be made during the next month 90 per cent will be for speculative purposes.

## Seize a British Schooner.

Seattle, Wash., May 22.—The steamer *Topeka*, from Sitka, brings the news that the revenue cutter *Corwin* seized the British sealing schooner *Shelby* for violating the sealing laws and brought her into Sitka. She was turned over to the British cruiser *Pheasant*, who sent her to Victoria. This is the first seizure here this season.

## Life Savers Rewarded.

Liverpool, May 22.—The officers and crew of the steamship *Teutonic* yesterday received the rewards given by President Cleveland for the rescue of the crew of the New York fishing schooner *Jesse Reeves* in February last. Bruce Ismay, head of the White Star Line, made the presentations.

## Jose Marti Killed in Battle.

Havana, May 22.—An engagement disastrous to the rebels was fought yesterday in Eastern Cuba in which Jose Marti, who was proclaimed president of the revolutionary party, was killed.

Secretary Gresham and Representative Hitt are about the same today.

## Eighty Cents Paid for Wheat.

Warren, Ohio, May 22.—As a result of the heavy frost here a sale of a car load of wheat at 80 cents a bushel to Homer Baldwin, of Youngstown, was made yesterday.

## Mob Hunting the Father.

Huntington, W. Va., May 22.—The body of Gibble Ringo, eight years old, was found in the river two miles below here with the side of his head crushed in. His little brother is also missing. The boys disappeared together two months ago. Their father is the supposed murderer, and he is now in search of him.

## WILL ADJOURN JUNE 14.

## Illinois House and Senate Reach an Agreement.

Springfield, Ill., May 22.—The date of the sine die adjournment of the Thirtyninth General Assembly was definitely fixed this morning. It is to be June 14. The date was decided upon by a house caucus a week or so ago. The house on the morning following the caucus adopted a joint resolution setting the date of sine die adjournment at June 14, and this morning the senate concurred in the resolution, which came up as special order and on motion of Senator Aspinwall was adopted.

Senator Little's Revenue bill, which was the special order of the morning, was put on its third reading. The bill contains about 50,000 words and the reading of it took up the greater part of the forenoon session. After the reading of the bill further consideration of it was postponed until next Tuesday.

On motion of Senator Crawford consideration of the veto message on his railroad bills, which was a special order, was also postponed until Tuesday. All the house bills on first reading were in accordance with a resolution recently adopted by the senate referred to the appropriate senate committees.

Senator Harding introduced a bill regulating the practice of medicine, and Senator Munroe offered a resolution recommending that the convicts of Joliet penitentiary be employed in constructing the waterway from Lockport to the Mississippi. The senate adjourned until midday.

The Chicago drainage bill was read for the third time in the house and passed with but seven dissenting votes. The vote stood: Yeas, 123; nays, 7.

The bill appropriating \$194,000 annually to Chester penitentiary then came up under the head of unfinished business. After a few minor amendments were adopted the house took a recess until 2:30 p. m.

## AT 77 1-4 CENTS.

## July Wheat Touches a High Figure at Chicago.

Chicago, May 22.—Wheat scored another advance today and took a long step toward the dollar mark. The opening quotation was 74 1/4c and the closing figure was 77 1/4c, a gain of 3 1/4c over the closing of yesterday. The advance was accompanied by many fluctuations and reactions, but the ascending tendency was almost without interruption. Values were forced upward by a combination of news of the most "bullish" kind. Other markets at home and abroad were active and higher; reports from all parts of the wheat-producing district indicate enormous damage to the crop, and there was a multitude of buying orders in the hands of the commission houses. The market responded quickly to these influences. It opened at 74 1/4c and 74 3/4c, three-fourths of a cent above yesterday's closing figure of 73 1/4c. On short order the quotations climbed to 75 1/4c, and by 11:30 o'clock the top notch of 76 1/4c was touched, a clear gain of 3 cents a bushel over the close of yesterday. The market eased off a little after this.

The crop reports received in the brokers' offices were most discouraging. In Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, the Dakota's and Nebraska there seems to be reason to suppose that not more than half a wheat crop will be harvested. The responsibility for the damage seems to be divided among the frost, the chinook bugs and the Hessian flies. All three have worked injury to the young wheat, and the ravages are greater than was at first supposed. Many fields of wheat which were thought to be safe are now reported to be turning yellow and withering, and the decay is said to be due to the pestiferous Hessian fly.

## CONFEDERATE REUNION.

## Encampment of Southern Veterans Opened at Houston, Texas.

Houston, Tex., May 22.—Reunions of veterans of the confederacy, many of whom have not seen each other for years, are the order of the day, and many affecting incidents have transpired at the headquarters of the different camps. The business sessions of the Brotherhood of United Confederate Veterans opened this afternoon in the Auditorium, with Gen. John B. Gordon presiding. The report of Adj't.-Gen. George M. Ooman showed that the organization had made great progress during the last year, and that nearly seven hundred camps are now enrolled. Speeches were made urging further organization, until every survivor of the southern army was united for the common purpose of aiding the living, succoring the sick, disabled and needy and caring for the graves and memory of the dead.

## Bankers at Memphis.

Memphis, Tenn., May 22.—The hotels are filling up with delegates to the great hard-money convention which opens tomorrow. Secretary Carlisle, who is to make the principal speech of the occasion, arrives this evening. As a prelude to the convention