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THE QUEEN OF ENGLAND IN DENMARK.

STOKER OF ROYAL YACHT DROWNED AT THE LANDING STAGE.

Copenhagen, Saturday. While the steam launch of the "Victoria and Albert" was waiting at the landing stage last night to convey Queen Alexandra back to the royal yacht a stoker fell overboard and was drowned.

The body was recovered within a quarter of an hour, but all efforts at resuscitation proved fruitless.

MR. HALDANE ON ARMY ORGANISATION.

Mr. Haldane, the Secretary of State for War, spoke at Blair Athol on Saturday on the new army plan. He said that the military forces of the Crown were now divided into two lines, viz. an expeditionary force, which had posts thrown forward in the distant parts of the Empire but its nucleus in the regular troops of the United Kingdom, and secondly a territorial army whose chief task consisted in the defence of the country at home. The Volunteers were to be made as nearly as possible equal to the regulars, and without laying burdensome conditions upon them. At the recent Colonial Conference, said the speaker, the Colonial Prime Ministers had undertaken so to organise local forces that a great second line of defence would be formed behind that of the regular forces of the United Kingdom. Those two lines would in case of need arising in a great imperial emergency unite, as in the year 1900, and would show the world that the British Empire, although a peaceable one, had immense military resources. The Minister then proceeded to enter into details, and said that, besides the six Divisions of regular troops, 14 Divisions of territorial troops were to be formed, two of them in Scotland. The mountain batteries would again be called into being, and the infantry battalions would be each 1,000 strong. No difference would be made between peace strength and war strength.

The peace and war establishment would be the same in the cavalry, Yeomanry, and Artillery. The Lords Lieutenant of counties had in conference with him expressed their pleasure at being now able to go on with the organisation of the county societies which were formed on the 31 st of March. Great Britain would be divided into six territorial commands. He proposed that three millions sterling should be expended on the territorial troops, which was more than had been expended on the Volunteers in the past. He hoped to bring the people and the army more closely together than has hitherto been the case. The new plan would begin, perhaps, with a considerable deficit in the number of men, but he trusted that the common sense of his fellow countrymen would nevertheless make it a success.

A TOWN DESTROYED BY FIRE.

The town of Murvilhumba, in New South Wales, was completely destroyed by fire on Sunday. Four banks, two hotels, the Land Office, and 52 other wooden buildings were burnt down. The loss amounts to £ 100,000.

REDUCTION OF OCEAN FARES.

The White Star Line announces the following alterations in their first-class fares. From November 1 the rates will be the same for the voyages in both directions; for the Southampton-Cherbourg-New York service the fares will vary from ten guineas to £13.10, according to the ship; for the Liverpool to New York service from £10 to £11.10, according to the ship. For the passage from Liverpool to Boston the fare will be £10, in all ships alike. A regulation made at the same time points to a split in the friendly commercial relations between the International Mercantile Marine Company and their former German allies. An agreement with regard to the interchange of tickets, which has hitherto been possible, has been so far altered that henceforth it will apply only to the American Traffic on the Atlantic by the Dominion Extensive choice of

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THE RAILWAY DISPUTE IN ENGLAND.

QUESTION OF A STRIKE.

The numerous inquiries which were received last Saturday at the headquarters of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants in London. concerning the report that the executive committee had decided to call a strike of the members shows how public interest in the question is growing.

Mr. Richard Bell, M. P., the general secretary of the society, reiterated to one of the Evening Standard representatives the committee's decision that no authoritative announcement was to be made until Sunday evening, when he would address a meeting of railwaymen at Manchester.

This meeting was one of the biggest of the kind ever held there. The Free Trade Hall not being available, the local secretary had engaged two halls, with accomodation for 2,500 each, one of which, with a smaller hall attached, was used for overflow meetings. A special train had been chartered on the Lancashire and Yorkshire line to bring in some of the men.

It must be remembered that the last meeting of delegates gave the executive committee full powers to act as they might think fit after receiving the further replies of the companies.

At the meeting Mr. Bell announced the committee's decision to take a ballot of all members of the society as to whether there shall be a strike. The ballot is to be taken next week. In his speech Mr. Bell declared that extreme measures had never been so justified as at the present moment.

In large meetings at Peterboro, Crewe and other junctions the decision of the committee was enthusiastically approved of .- The crisis has been hastened by several Railway Companies having refused to treat with the society and declared that they would only negotiate with their employees.

The results of the ballot will not be known until October 28, and the decision of the committee is not to be expected before November 1.

COUNT METTERNICH ON LEAVE.

The German Ambassador in London, Count Wolff-Metternich, arrived in Norderney last Saturday on a visit to the Imperial chancellor, Prince Bulow.



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THE WYRLEY OUTRAGES.

MORGAN DISCHARGED.

Hollis Morgan, the young Wyrley butcher who was arrested in connection with the maining outrages in the district, was again brought up at Penkridge on Saturday, when the case against him broke down, and he was discharged.

NEWS FROM AMERICA.

BANK PRESIDENT KILLED IN MOTOR ACCIDENT.

New York, September 13.

A telegram from Pittsburg reports that Mr. John Runnette, President of the Metropolitan National Bank, was killed, and Mr. Cameron, a prominent physician of that city, badly injured in an automobile accident. This is the third fatal motor car accident at Pittsburg in a week.

QUEBEC BRIDGE DISASTER.

Quebec, September 12. The verdict of the coroner's jury in the inquest on the victims of the railway bridge disaster was

"We have not been able to adduce the cause of the collapse of the bridge, but believe it our duty to declare that, according to proof adduced at the inquest, all necessary precautions were taken to ensure the safety of the structure."

In the meantime the Royal Commission is pursuing its investigations into the cause of the catastrophe.

TERRIBLE RAILWAY ACCIDENT NEAR CANAAN.

20 KILLED. Boston, September 15.

Near Canaan, New Hampshire, an excursion express train collided with a goods train; twenty bodies have been recovered, one person is missing, fourty were injured. It is supposed that the accident was caused by a misunderstanding in orders given. The collision took place at a curve, the two trains running in opposite directions. Both engines fell down the embankment, the luggage van telescoped the first passenger car and this again the second. The occupants of the first car, nearly all women, were killed, those of the second more or less severely injured.

THE AMERICAN PEACE CONFERENCE.

According to a telegram from Mexico of the 14th instant it had been resolved at a meeting of the envoys accredited to the Mexican Government to hold a Peace Conference in Washington. No date for the Conference has as yet been fixed.

THREATENED GREAT STRIKE.

New York, Saturday. It is announced that all the marine engineers engaged on the Atlantic, Gulf, and South American steamship lines have given notice for an increase in wages and reduction of the hours of work.

They demand an answer by October 1, and if it be not satisfactory they will go on strike.

EXPLOSION OF FIREDAMP.

4 KILLED.

A mining disaster occurred last Saturday at 11.15 p. m. in Merlenbach near Forbach. At first it was feared that 8 miners had lost their lives. The casualties, however, are only four killed and three injured, one of which seriously.

LINER OVERDUE.

FOUR STEAMERS SEARCHING IN AUSTRALIAN

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