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GENERAL NEWS.

NEWS FROM ENGLAND.

THE KING'S SCANDINAVIAN JOURNEY.

T. M. King Edward and Queen Alexandra, accompanied by Princess Victoria, travelled to Dover yesterday, from where the journey to the Scandinavian peninsula will be commenced.

MORE TROUBLE ON THE INDIAN FRONTIER.

A military detachment of 1,200 men left Peshawar on Monday on an expedition against tribesmen in the Mohmand district, who have lately been showing signs of unrest. On Sunday night some members of this tribe fired on an English outpost, killing two men.

INDIAN TELEGRAPH STRIKE ENDED.

The strike of telegraph operators in India came to an end on Monday. No details of the settlement are yet to hand.

TERRIBLE CATASTROPHE IN AUSTRALIA.

According to a telegram from Melbourne, a shocking railway accident occurred at Braybrook (Victoria) on Monday. Two trains came into collision, 27 passengers being killed and 40 injured. Later reports state that the death roll has reached 42, while 88 were injured. Three carriages were smashed to atoms, the wreckage afterwards catching fire, so that many of the passengers sustained severe burns.

AMERICAN NEWS.

THE DISPUTE WITH VENEZUELA.

The chairman of the Committee of the Senate for Foreign Affairs, after several interviews with President Roosevelt and State Secretary Root, has drawn up a resolution approved by the President, empowering Mr. Roosevelt to proceed against Venezuela in such a manner as the maintenance of the dignity of the United States and the protection of American interests require. It is considered certain that Congress will pass the resolution, which provides that the Government shall first ask for a settlement of the affair by arbitration, and then, if necessary, take more stringent measures.

NEW YORK'S STREET RAILWAYS.

The *New York World* hints that Messrs. Rothschild are likely shortly to appoint Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan to succeed Mr. August Belmont in the management of the New York street railways. Mr. Belmont, it is interesting to remember, is head of the firm which represents Messrs Rothschild in America.

REDUCED TRANSATLANTIC RATES.

It is announced at New York that the Italian steamship lines have reduced their passenger rates to Hungarian and other ports by ten to fifteen dollars, in consequence of similar reductions having been made by other lines calling at these ports.

CANADIAN RAILROAD DISPUTE.

The Canadian railroad companies have given notice of their intention to do away with the labour

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conditions under which their employes have worked for a considerable time. As a result of this announcement the railroad employes of Winnipeg have united to strenuously oppose the abandonment of the conditions.

C. P. RAILROAD RECEIPTS.

Last week's income of the Canadian Pacific Railroad, says a Montreal cable, amounted to \$1,305,000. This represents a decrease of \$174,000 as compared with the corresponding week last year.

UNITED STATES BULLION STATISTICS.

During the past week one million dollars in gold were dispatched from the United States to France, and five thousand dollars to other countries. The export of silver amounted to 845,000 dollars. Gold received amounted to 226,000 dollars, silver to \$800.

THE CURRENCY QUESTION.

The Committee of the House of Representatives for bank and currency questions has resolved to report in favour of the proposal of the Chairman, Mr. Fowler, that a Committee of 43 members of Congress be appointed to draft a Bill for a financial and currency system based on scientific principles.

THE NEW YORK CENTRAL RAILROAD.

The Traffic Commission has, on the application of the Board of Directors, authorised the New York Central and Hudson River Railway Company to issue, for the improvements in equipment already carried out and contemplated, 20 million dollars in bonds in addition to the 4% bonds of 1904, and 4 million dollars gold bonds in addition to the 3½% gold bonds of 1897.

ATTEMPTED MURDER OF GUATEMALAN PRESIDENT.

The Consul of Guatemala at New York has received the following telegram from the capital of the Republic: As the president, Señor Manuel Cabrera, was entering his palace on Monday two explosions took place, and one of his fingers was torn off. Complete tranquillity prevails throughout the country.

THE NEAR EAST.

The Vienna *Fremdenblatt*, commenting on the speech of the Russian Minister for Foreign Affairs, M. Iswolski, in the Duma, expresses the desire for a strong Russia but one whose strength does not seek for causes of conflict. One may look forward, says the article, with full confidence to the further development of Russian policy guided by those

principles. M. Iswolski repeatedly laid stress in the most emphatic manner on the maintenance of peace and the concert of the Powers as the ruling principles of his Eastern policy. The unfortunate prophecies that by the Sandschak railway project the whole Eastern question would be unrolled, a powerful wedge be driven into the *entente* with Austria, and the concert of the Powers be disrupted, will now by M. Iswolski's declarations be deprived of all credibility. M. Iswolski had also assented to the general European assumption that Austria was justified in endeavouring to obtain the Sandschak concession; the Sandschak incident has finally lost all acuteness. The journal agrees with M. Iswolski's conclusion that the chief thing is to carry out indispensable reforms, and affirms that Austria-Hungary is ready to take any path that seems to lead to that goal. The article concludes: "The concurrence of the Balkan policy of the two Powers is the natural consequence of their having worked in common for more than ten years in this important domain of European policy, and of such practical cooperation having led to a corresponding similarity of views on the Balkan question. The confirmation of those facts anew by M. Iswolski is a sure guarantee of the European concert in the Balkans in future. We will assuredly do all in our power to fulfil our part in that concert in favour of Macedonian reforms and the world's peace."

MOVEMENTS OF THE ITALIAN FLEET.

The *Agenzia Stefani* of Rome says that the division of the Italian fleet which was on its way to the East has received orders to stop at Suda. Both the other divisions of the Mediterranean fleet remain in Italian waters, awaiting further instructions.

NEWS FROM RUSSIA.

GROUNDLESS RUMOUR OF NIHILIST PLOT.

We are advised from St. Petersburg that the report published in foreign journals of the discovery of a plot against the Russian Imperial family is purely mythical.

KING ALPHONSO IN STREET ACCIDENT.

The King of Spain, accompanied by two of his staff, was proceeding by automobile to a Madrid theatre on Sunday evening, when the car collided with a tramcar. The automobile received only slight damage, and shortly afterwards continued on its way. Neither King Alphonso nor his companions were at all hurt.

SERIOUS COLLISION IN LISBON.

Through a collision between a tramcar and an omnibus in Lisbon on Monday no less than 29 people were injured, some of them fatally.

MOROCCAN AFFAIRS.

General Ugy telegraphs to Paris that three French columns have united on the ground previously occupied by the lately defeated Harka. The General only came into contact with some small detachments of the Harka, which had been dispersed by the chief El-Mengub. Some fifty rifle shots were exchanged, without a man being wounded. The

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