

near Bath, a boating disaster took place yesterday in which several excursionists were drowned.

It is said that two trains daily are soon to be run from Liverpool to London and vice versa without a stop.

It is rumoured that a treaty for the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands to the United States is in course of preparation.

On Wednesday evening a young man named John Healy was drowned near Lisimore while crossing the river in a fishing boat.

A schoolmaster named Nixon, of Barrow, was thrown from a bicycle on Kirkstone Pass, Ambleside, on Thursday, and lies unconscious.

Mail advices received from the Far East represent the situation in Siam as very precarious. Life and property are equally insecure.

Such an influx of English visitors into the French Capital at Easter time as has taken place this year has never before been known.

On Thursday, at Devonport Dockyard, a large number of the support used in the building of a battle ship collapsed, injuring several men.

Severe fighting took place in Cuba between the rebels and Spaniards, in the course of which the latter were driven from an important position.

A horrible crime was perpetrated near Providence, Rhode Island. The occupants of a farmhouse were murdered, and their house afterwards burned.

The Tipperary butter merchants have appointed Mr Wm Eaton to represent them on the deputation which is shortly to wait on the Chief Secretary.

Sir W Pearson, member for Colchester, unveiled at the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Artillery street, Colchester, a tablet to the memory of Rev C H Spurgeon.

Desperate fighting is reported to have taken place on the Turkish frontier between the Greek irregulars and the Turks. There were heavy losses on both sides.

The Continental passenger train via Dover to Calais is abnormally heavy this Easter. The boats are leaving daily with five or six hundred passengers.

Mail advices from the East confirm the news of the recapture at Larchon of Prince Nyung-Hoon-Min, the heir to the throne of Burmah, who escaped from Saigon early in the year.

The French sailing ship Auguste Et Julie, which left Nantes a few weeks ago, has been destroyed by an explosion. Her cargo included a quantity of explosives. The crew abandoned her in time to save their lives.

The Dunvegan Castle, which arrived at Plymouth from Capetown, brought amongst her passengers Dr Leyds, Secretary of State for the South African Republic, who is on his way to Hague as a representative of the Transvaal.

H.M.S.S. St George, Monarch, Phoebe, Astraea, Seylla, Raccoon, and Brisk arrived unexpectedly at Durban during the night of Thursday. The Fox and Philomel were to arrive last night. The ultimate destination of the squadron is unknown.

Delamare Mines, and drawn by 60 horses, was being pulled over the mountains to the mines. When at last the top was reached at Panacea summit, all but six of the horses were removed. The brakes were then applied, and the descent was begun. While going down the decline the brakes gave way, and the load plunged forward. The men who were riding the horses whipped them up to keep ahead, this being the only chance to save their lives. The grade, which extended for three miles, before reaching the canyon, had a cliff on one side, and a precipice on the other. The descent was made at a terrific pace, it being as much as the riders could do to keep their horses ahead of the waggon. Fortunately, all the animals kept their feet, and stopped at last when the bottom was reached, quite exhausted, but unhurt.

Announcement of Births, Marriages and Deaths, not exceeding 5 lines (which must in all cases be duly authenticated), are charged 2s 6d each. For every additional line 6d

BIRTHS.

Joyce—April 17, 1897, at Leamy's School, Limerick, the wife of W B Joyce, B A, of a son.

Bevan—April 10, 1897, at Bank House, Sudbury, Suffolk, the wife of Major Bevan, late Royal Artillery of a daughter (stillborn).

Fenwick—April 14, 1897, at Langdon, Goldsmith gardens, Acton, Middlesex, the wife of Charles F Fenwick of a son.

MARRIAGE.

Moir and Fotheringham—On the 12th inst, at St Giles's Cathedral, Edinburgh, by the Very Rev J Cameron Lees, D.D, LL.D, Dean of the Chapel Royal and of the Order of the Thistle, assisted by the Rev Daniel McLean, M A, B D, Alloa, James Whitehead Moir, Ma s Hill, Alloa, to Adelaide May, third daughter of the late Thomas Fotheringham, Pine Lodge, Gawler, South Australia, and of Mrs Fotheringham, Annandale, Redhill, Surrey.

DEATHS.

Ledger—At Weston Cottage, Mary and Fanny, infant twin-daughters of Thomas P Ledger.

Armstrong—On 16th April, at 37 Clare street, Robert Armstrong, aged 63 years. Funeral on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock for St Munchin's.

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