

Stop Press News

Latest News

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS

(Special to the Chronicle)

CHANNEL SWIM.

Burgess Again Falls. After remaining in the water 20 minutes, Burgess failed in his second attempt to swim the Channel.

ALARMING ELECTRIC TRAM ACCIDENT.

At Newport, Mass., last night, two railway wagons were being shunted near a level crossing and struck the after part of an electric tram full of people. The driver and several persons were injured, but not seriously.

SUFFRAGISTS RELEASED.

Mrs. Leigh and Miss Newham, suffragists, sent to prison for breaking the Premier's window, were released from Holloway Gaol this morning.

A SAD AFFAIR.

Thomas Wilson, labourer, who pleaded not guilty, was committed for trial at Reading today charged with causing the death of Harry Mills, his brother-in-law, a woodman at the theatre last Saturday night. The accused said Mills came home the worse of drink. Deceased, without provocation, struck Wilson, who retaliated with one blow. Accused afterwards held Mills down in the bed to prevent him going out for more drink. The medical evidence was to the effect that death was probably due to over-exertion and drunkenness.

BRITISH RUGBY TEAM DEFEATED.

Sydney, Saturday. The British Rugby team were defeated here to-day by New South Wales by six points to three.

THE FERNIE DISASTER.

A British Victoria B.C. message states that a startling explanation of the Fernie disaster, backed up by the Manager of the Hale Mill Lumber Company, is now given out that Mr. Hale believes that the fire was not the result of an accident, but the work of members of an Italian organisation known as the Black Hand, to effect the release from prison of some of their comrades.

WASHED OVERBOARD.

Colonel Sir F. Henniker, Bart, died on the 19th inst. on the steamship Arabia while on his way home from India.

And Seized by a Shark.

Mr. Newbury, storekeeper of the Arabia, was lost overboard in the Bay of Biscay. On reaching the water he was seized by a shark and disappeared.

BOY COMMITS SUICIDE.

A boy aged nine, who had been reported committed suicide at Shields last night by cutting his throat with a razor.

MR. LILOYD GEORGE IN BERLIN.

Banquet in his honour. The Secretary of State for Interior gave a banquet in honour of Mr. Lloyd-George last night. To-day Mr. Lloyd-George received the Labour representatives and officials of the Local Work Funds and Workmen's Insurance Institutions, and discussed the German and English Social Legislation.

MULAI HAFID'S FORCE.

Tangier, Saturday. It is reported that the Sultan Mulai Hafid has been thoroughly beaten by Mulai Hafid's force, and that the Sultan himself was captured. Other reports state he escaped.

At Kingsdown Police Court.

George Quinn of 50 fixed roadway, charged by Sergeant Bax with the larceny of several articles from the premises in Northumberland Avenue, was returned for trial to the County Gaol.

The Woolwich magistrate declares that it is a wife's duty to live a better life than her husband.

A large number of fathers of Roman families have petitioned the Provincial Council, 1908, to correspond, not to sanction the ordinance of the communal authorities abolishing religious education in the schools at Rome.

The Turkish Government has decided to engage the services of a British adviser for the reorganisation of the navy and a French adviser for the reorganisation of the army.

The Uganda Railway has been obliged to discontinue holding freight to the lake ports through lack of labour to handle goods from train to steamer.

The Emperor William on Thursday attended a field day of the troops at Mainz. The British Embassy in Berlin has been informed that the Emperor is in the village of Sigmaringen.

THE LATE MR. F. M. FITZ.

EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY.

Adjournment of City Petty Sessions.

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Approaching marriage.

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MAYPOLE COLLIERY DISASTER.

The latest news from the Maypole Colliery is that the flooding of the mine has already begun. There had been a wonderful check on the water, but it has now become necessary to pump out the water, and the work is being done with a view to the resumption of work on Thursday.

The King's Sympathy.

The Mayor of Wigan yesterday afternoon received the following telegram from Marlborough: 'The King is much grieved to hear of the terrible disaster at Maypole Colliery, Wigan, and wants to be kept informed of the latest intelligence of those whose fate is still doubtful. His Majesty deprecates the loss of so many lives, and expresses his sympathy for the wives and families of those who have perished by this sorrowful catastrophe.'

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General's Report.

A general death-rate represented by the annual death in the Dublin Registrar's office of the twenty-one principal provincial counties of Ireland was 17.9 per 1,000 of their population, which for the purpose of comparison is estimated at 1,181,908. The deaths each of the past four weeks, and during that period, in the several districts, arranged, corresponded to the following rates per 1,000. In some instances, rates not having been registered within which they occurred, the rates do not at the weekly mortality: Arrah, 13.7; 4; Belleek, 14.1; Clonmel, 26.9; Cork, 10.4; Galway, 11.7; Killybegs, 23.4; Newry, 19.8; Newmarket, 12.9; 26.3; Queenstown, 6.8; Sligo, 14.4; Wexford, 13.8; Wick, 18.7. The weekly epidemic diseases registered in 10 districts during last week were equal to 3.8 per 1,000, the rates varying from 1.000, compared with an average of 11.4 per 1,000, compared with an average of 11.4 per 1,000.

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