

## THE STORY OF QUEEN'S ILLNESS.

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THE WORRIED OVER AFRICA.

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New York, Jan. 21.—A dispatch to the  
effect from London says:

Four correspondents have obtained  
from a source within court circles the  
most comprehensive and actual ac-  
count of the queen's illness that has  
been given yet.

The first given place the illness of  
the queen is a starting light.

She shows that her mind has been  
failing for many months, even before  
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member of the royal household for forty-  
six years.

While the queen has been sleepless  
at night she has long had strange fits of  
drowsiness in the day time. When her  
mind has been clear the queen has tried  
valiantly to combat this failing. The  
court officials have also worked hard  
to keep her from sleeping at the wrong  
time.

The last time she drove outside the  
grounds of Osborne, the villagers of  
East Cowes were astounded to hear the  
clear treble of the son of the Princess  
of Battenberg trilling out popular songs  
from the royal carriage.

The boy was singing to keep his  
grandmother awake, in obedience to her  
wishes. Now And again she dozed,  
wakening to tell the boy to continue  
his chant, which he initiated unlook-  
ing for a world of pathos.

The queen drove about in her donkey  
chaise within the grounds of Osborne  
house for the last time on Tuesday.  
The Duchess of Edinburgh, or Saxe-  
Coburg-Gotha, was her companion.

**CARRIED TO HER BED.**

On her return to the castle the queen  
was asleep. In that condition she was  
carried to her bed never to rise again.

Dr. Pagenstecher, the German oculist  
who was attending Somerset for an  
injury to his eyes, was summoned to  
Osborne.

She suffered acutely from her eyes  
owing to her constant crying. Dr. Pa-  
genstecher made a general examina-  
tion on Monday and reported that the  
queen had nothing organically wrong,  
but was suffering from nervous ex-  
haustion.

In her periods of mental activity she  
was incessantly upon the war that  
Colonial Secretary Chamberlain  
was commanded to go to Osborne to  
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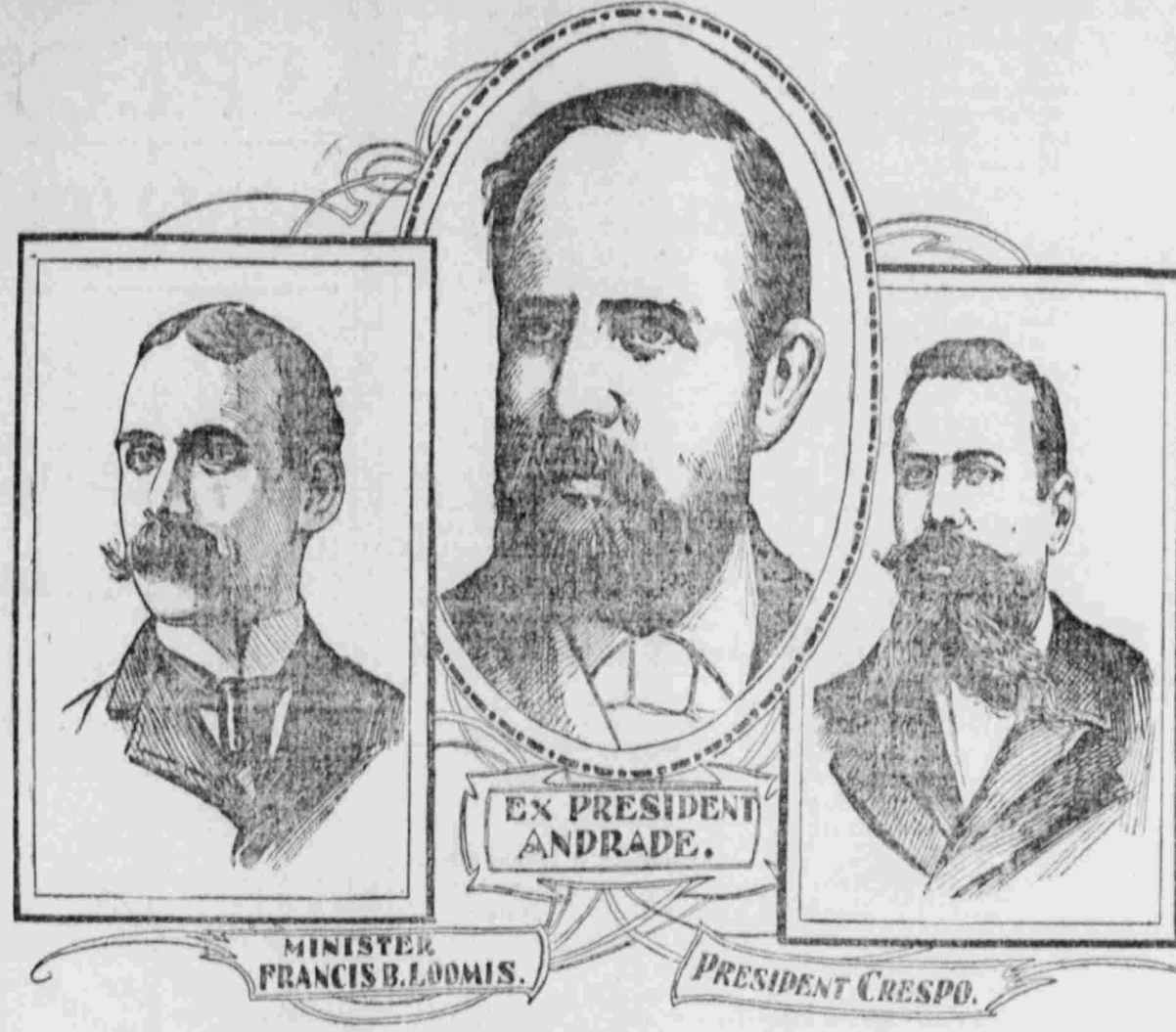
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## PROMINENT CHARACTERS IN THE NEW VENEZUELA DISPUTE.

The seizure by Venezuela of two British steamers, an outcome of the asphalt lake controversy, has drawn the United States once more into a diplomatic snarl with Great Britain. The trouble seems to be, according to the dispatches of Minister Loomis, that the Crespo government has assumed an antagonistic attitude toward all foreigners holding rights granted by the government under ex-President Andrade.

afterward made her way to the second  
floor of the station, opened the window  
and threw herself on the tracks below.  
She struck on her head and fractured  
her skull and received other injuries  
from which physicians say she cannot  
recover. Passengers who traveled  
upon the same train with Mrs. Drunghold  
said that she acted in a peculiar  
fashion during the entire journey, and  
it is believed her mind was unbalanced.

**Lost Over Niagara Falls.**

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Jan. 20.—John  
Wiser and John Marsh of this city  
attempted to cross Niagara river above  
the falls today. They lost control of  
their boat and were carried into the  
rapids. Wiser, who was unable to swim,  
was swept over the falls and drowned.  
Marsh, after a desperate struggle in the  
icy water, was rescued by persons along  
the shore.

The men were nearly half way across  
the river when their boat was caught  
in a field of ice. As the boat passed  
the power-house both men got out onto  
the floating ice. The two men floated  
down the river side by side. Marsh  
was 200 feet from the shore and Wiser  
was at least twenty feet further away.  
At Willow Island several men formed  
a line, and with the aid of a long pole  
succeeded in getting near enough to  
Marsh to rescue him. Wiser clung to  
the ice until he was tossed off into the  
water and drifted over the brink.

**KIDNAPPING CONFIDENCE GAME**

An Alabama Father Deposits Money  
for His Boy Who Is Not Returned.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 20.—N. F. Frazer  
of Union Springs, Ala., whose son, Bass,  
was kidnapped several weeks ago,  
while a student at the technological  
school here, has apparently lost \$500 by  
a decoy letter sent him. Mr. Frazer  
received a letter stating that if he would  
place \$500 in gold—the amount he of-  
fered for his son—in a sack with pota-  
toes and proceed along the road near  
the United States federal prison, sev-  
eral miles from this city, he would be  
met by a negro who would ask, "Massa,  
has you got dem potatoes?"

He was to deliver the sack and its  
contents to the negro, and his son  
would appear in the city looking for  
his father at an early hour Sunday  
morning. The letter was signed "Frac-  
ard," mailed in Atlanta, dated January  
16th, and the instructions were specific.

Mr. Frazer's son, a brother of the  
kidnaped boy, carried out the plan to  
meet the negro, but the decoy letter  
and gave him the money and potatoes  
Saturday night. This morning he was  
at the hotel mentioned, and no trace of  
him or the person who received the \$500  
can be found.

**St. Bernards for Alaska.**

Chicago, Jan. 21.—In a private car  
fittingly for their use and comfort,  
twelve hardy and muscular  
St. Bernard dogs will leave Chicago  
today, bound for Alaska. Chicago pros-  
pectors will use them in the far north  
to transport supplies over the glaciers  
in the Copper River region.

The canines have been given a special  
course of training by their owner, who  
says he has hardened them in prepara-  
tion for the strenuous life they will be  
forced to lead in the ice fields.

The dogs will be used to draw sleds  
with an aggregate burden of two tons  
of supplies and provisions. They will  
be harnessed tandem, and it is be-  
lieved that they will afford a solution  
of the problem of transportation.

**Burglars Rifle Letters.**

Chicago, Jan. 21.—Burglars entered  
the Oak Park postoffice, through a sky-  
light some time after midnight, and  
with no one to disturb their operations,  
they opened between 2,000 and 3,000 let-  
ters and extracted the money found  
therein. The amount of the theft has  
not been estimated, but it is believed  
Oak Park citizens lost heavily.

The robbery was uncovered by the  
janitor, who found the floor beneath the  
letter boxes piled high with torn mail.

**Woman Gnawed by Rats.**

Chicago, Jan. 21.—With her face  
gnawed beyond recognition, and the  
flesh of her hands and feet eaten by  
rats, Mrs. Norah Hannigan was found  
dead at her home, 32 Bennett place,  
last evening by John Adams, a friend  
of the family, who called at the house.

The woman's body lay on the floor,  
with her head resting on the edge of a  
wash tub. There was every indication  
that the woman had been dead several  
days.

The rings from fingers were found  
scattered about the floor, where they  
had rolled when gnawed by the rats  
that infested the house, and were  
rapidly eating the decomposed body.

**Bolivia Rejects Chili's Proposal.**

New York, Jan. 21.—A special to the  
Herald from Washington says:

Bolivia has rejected the proposal of  
Chili contemplating the payment by the  
latter country of the Bolivian bonded  
debt, the construction of a railroad con-  
necting Bolivia with a Pacific port, the  
free entry of goods and the establish-  
ment of customs house in exchange for  
the recognition by the Chilean govern-  
ment of Chilean sovereignty over the  
territory in dispute between the two  
countries.

The minister of foreign affairs in Bo-  
livia, who urged the acceptance of the  
Chilian proposal, has, in consequence  
of the adverse action of the congress of  
his country, resigned his office.

The Chilian minister to Bolivia has  
left his post on leave, but it is un-  
derstood that he will be asked to return  
to LaPaz perhaps with the new propo-  
sitions.

## GREEK PLOT TO KILL AMERICANS.

A Yonkers Prisoner Tells the En-  
tire Scheme.

HE WAS TO COMMIT MURDER

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to Have Made Some Startling  
Discoveries.

New York, Jan. 20.—Elias Masuras, a  
Greek, the complainant in an assault  
case which came before Judge Kellogg  
of Yonkers, N. Y., this morning, told a  
startling tale of a plot of Greek anar-  
chists to kill prominent Americans, and  
would have told more had the court  
not stopped him and turned him over  
to the police that they might quietly  
investigate the cause. Several arrests  
have already been made and a number  
more are planned.

On the stand Masuras said that in  
Greece he had been a member of an an-  
archist society. Some time ago it fell  
to his lot to kill a public man in the  
United States, and he was ordered to  
come to this country and place him-  
self under the orders of the American  
branch of the society. He had never  
heard the name of the man he was to  
murder, and understood that, as in  
other cases, the man who was to be the  
victim was to be selected after his ar-  
rival in this country.

After reaching America, Masuras, ac-  
cording to his own story, went to Yonkers and affiliated himself with a  
branch of the organization, as well as  
one in New York. Finally he became  
frightened, withdrew, and refused to  
carry out the mission entrusted to him.

From the time he left the organiza-  
tion, he claims, he was annoyed and  
threatened by members of the society.  
He remained firm in his determination  
not to obey the orders, however, and  
yesterday six of the men came here  
and begged him to return.

When he still refused, one of the six,  
which one he could not say, attempted  
to stab him. The blow was aimed  
high, however. Masuras was appar-  
ently willing to tell more about the so-  
ciety, but Judge Kellogg adjourned the  
hearing and committed the prisoner to  
jail, pending further examination.

Masuras was examined by the police,  
and as a result the warrants were is-  
sued. Joseph and James Kiptuakas  
and Frank Houtakian were arrested  
by the police. One other Yonkers man  
and two New Yorkers are named on  
other warrants, and the police are  
searching for them. The police assert  
that they believe the story told by Ma-  
suras, and claim that the affair  
has led to the discovery of an anarch-  
ist band of a dangerous character.

**Convalescent Soldier Suicides.**

San Francisco, Jan. 21.—Edward M.  
Bayle, a convalescent soldier, com-  
mitted suicide at the Presidio today by  
shooting himself through the head with  
a Krag-Jorgensen rifle. He was a Rus-  
sian, enlisted in Chicago and assigned  
to company E, Thirty-seventh infan-  
try. His sister resides in Pullman, Ill.

**A Big Swindler Arrested.**

Chicago, Jan. 21.—The Record says:  
After victimizing Mayor Harrison and  
several hotels in Chicago and other  
large cities, as the police assert, H. F.  
Allen, alias W. O. Perry, railroad man,  
lawyer, politician and alleged repre-  
sentative in the Texas State legislature,

has been arrested on charges of obtain-  
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**NEW LIGHT ON KERR'S CASE.**

It is Said He Will Tell All About  
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New York, Jan. 21.—New light has  
been thrown upon the case of George  
J. Kerr, indicted as one of the four  
murderers of Jennie Boschcheter in  
Paterson, N. J.

The reasons for giving Kerr a sepa-  
rate trial also have been made public.  
Judge Dixon, at the time he granted  
Kerr the privilege of being tried sep-  
arately, said he would file his reasons  
later and he has now made them known.