



# The Volunteer Review

## AND MILITARY AND NAVAL GAZETTE.

A Journal Devoted to the Interests of the Military and Naval Forces of the Dominion of Canada

VOL. VI.

OTTAWA, (CANADA,) MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1872.

No 51.

### NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Europe has been visited with a tremendous series of hurricanes during the first week of the present month, on the 8th and 9th inst., they reached Great Britain and Ireland. Many towns were flooded by yesterday's storm. Several vessels went ashore in Cork harbor, and the damage to property in that city is very great. Three pinnacles of the tower of St. Thomas' Church in Exeter, Devonshire, were blown down while the congregation was at worship, and falling on the roof crushed through into the body of the church. The congregation was seized with panic at the first intimation of danger and rushed from the building. No one was killed, and their escape is regarded as miraculous.

Telegraphic despatches of the 9th, state a terrific westerly gale, causing great destruction, to property of all descriptions, prevailed yesterday throughout England. Telegraph wires were prostrated and many buildings demolished and others damaged. In this city (London) a large number of pedestrians were dashed to the ground by the violence of the hurricane. Street lamps and advertising boards were blown down and many persons injured by the flying debris.

Despatches from sea-port towns report numerous marine disasters. Eight ships were blown aground in the harbor of Plymouth.

The flagship 'Narcissus' parted her moorings in the harbor of Davenport, but the crew succeeded in again anchoring her before any serious damage was done. The German ship 'Cambridge' and three small merchantmen, lying in the same harbor, parted from their anchors and were blown ashore. The crews were in great danger, but were rescued from their perilous position.

Several of the gas stokers, who were summoned to appear and answer to the charge of conspiracy, have been found guilty and sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment.

The telegraph wires in Ireland are prostrated by gales and have not yet been fully restored.

On the 10th advices state that the gale continued yesterday, but not with the severity of Sunday. Despatches continue to come to hand bringing intelligence of disasters both on sea and land. The damage in this city (London) is considerable. Houses were blown down, and forty persons known to have been injured by falling buildings.

A brig, the name of which has not been ascertained, foundered off the coast of the Isle of Wight, and every person on board perished.

The bark, Stralsund, from Hamburg for New York, wrecked on the Rim Ridge ledge, but the crew were saved.

The gasometer attached to the Royal Arsenal at Woolwick, was damaged by the gale and the capital has been without gas for the past nights.

Communication is yet very much impeded.

And on the 10th we learn that the ship *Franklin* which sailed from Hamburg several days ago for San Francisco, with a large number of emigrants on board, stranded on the coast of Vlickland, an island of the Netherlands in the North Sea, and went to pieces. Eighty passengers are known to have perished.

No hope is now entertained for the recovery of the Vicountess Beaconsfield, wife of the Right Hon. Benjamin Disraeli.

A special despatch from Paris to the *Daily News*, says the gales there on Tuesday last were dreadful. Versailles was also visited by the hurricane. The damage to property was very great and several persons were killed in both cities.

It is with great regret we learn that the noble talented wife of Mr. Disraeli, the Viscountess Beaconsfield, is seriously ill.

The number of petitions for the dissolution of the National Assembly circulating for signatures throughout Paris and departments, is greatly increasing. The Prefects of the several departments where the movement has assumed formidable proportions, have been summoned to Versailles. The members of the moderate left are in favor of the dissolution of the Assembly.

The Duke de Broglie, a monarchist, has been elected a member of the committee of 30, in place of M. Fourtin, who has just been appointed Minister of Public Works.

This city (Paris) was visited by a terrible gale yesterday. Several buildings were demolished and others damaged.

The River Po has again overflowed its banks, and inundated the adjacent country. At last advices the flood was spreading.

The floods in the north of Italy continue to spread. Some of the larger towns are threatened.

The *Egalite*, a newspaper of Marseilles, has been suppressed for violating the press laws.

A manifesto, signed by M. Gambotta, Cremieux, Louis Blanc, Quinret, and 85 members of the Extreme and Moderate Left

is published to-day. It demands a pacific and legal dissolution of the National Assembly as the only means of averting present dangers to the country. The divisions in the Assembly render the Government powerless. The address expresses strong disapproval of the pressure now being exerted to bring about disorder, which as has been hitherto proved, can only result in the advantage of the enemies of France. New elections will constitute a compact majority in the Assembly, securing majorities therein to the administration of M. Thiers, and for the establishment of Republican institutions. The right of petition to the Assembly is claimed to be inviolable from attacks upon the principle of universal suffrage.

Cape of Good Hope advices state that a fierce battle took place in the interior, between the Krelipot people and Tambookies, in which the latter were whipped and from 400 to 1000 slaughtered; many of the natives were armed with Enfield and other European arms.

Under date of 12th December, New York advices state that a letter from Gaspé Bay, dated the 6th inst., states that the light house on Anticosti Island was completely destroyed in the late hurricane. The house of the light-house keeper was also destroyed, and Mr. Baxter, the keeper, his wife, and six children were killed.

Several small fishing vessels were also wrecked.

And from San Francisco, of the 9th this afternoon the second officer of the Pacific Mail Company, steamship Sacramento, who here from Panama on Wednesday, arrived at San Diego in an open boat with the news that the steamship had struck a reef 200 miles south-east of that port, off San Antonio, Lower California. When the officer left the ship the Captain was making preparation to land the passengers all safe.

The steamship 'Montana' leaves San Diego at daylight to-morrow, with orders to proceed to the wreck and relieve the passengers, and return with them to San Diego if he does not succeed in getting the 'Sacramento' off the reef.

The 'Sacramento' had 150 passengers and 100 tons of freight. Details of the disaster have not yet been given.

A telegram from Treckas states that the Creek Indians have been got into their reservation, and are now quiet.

John W. Southwell was arrested last night on a charge of altering checks of the First National Bank of this city. One from \$45 to \$45,000, and the other from \$30 to \$35,000. The prisoner at one time was in the insurance business in Chicago.