

AUSTRALIA. New South Wales.

Sydney, October 3, 1868.

We have had recent warnings of a political crisis by the retirement from office of one of the chief supporters of the Panama line. I refer to the Colonial Secretary of the Colony, Mr. Parkes, whose disclosures of an alleged conspiracy to assassinate Prince Alfred had considerably weakened his position in the Ministry. The ostensible cause of his resignation was the decision of the Cabinet to dismiss Mr. Duncan, Collector of Customs, whose suspension by the Colonial Treasurer has been already announced. The facts relating to Mr. Duncan's removal, so far as at present before the public are briefly these: An importer endeavored to have an entry passed for a case of drapery goods at a false value, by which the revenue would be deprived of the full ad valorem duty. Fraud was suspected, the original invoice was demanded, and being produced, not only confirmed the suspicions, but proved that a small quantity of perfumed spirits were in the case, though no mention was made of them in the Customs entry. The case was seized, as containing smuggled goods; the Treasurer was apprised of the seizure, and confirmed it by ordering their disposal in the usual way. A few days afterwards Mr. Duncan was ordered to give up the goods to the importer. He remonstrated, and perhaps in language rather tinged with insubordination, as the word is now understood in official circles, denied the right of any Government officer to ignore the provisions of an Act of Parliament, such as that which warranted his procedure. Mr. Duncan's suspension followed; he was then called upon to show cause why he should not be dismissed, and in reply reiterated his arguments as to the legality of his action, but apologised for using any language which might be considered discourteous to his Political Chief. After some weeks delay it was decided to dismiss him, but as Mr. Parkes thought the apology ought to be accepted, he refused to coincide with his colleagues, and left the ministry. Mr. A. Bernay, landing surveyor and inspector of warehouses, has been appointed Collector of Customs at Sydney, vice Duncan, at the reduced salary of £700, being £200 per annum less than his predecessor.

Madame Anna Bishop, the renowned captivator, has been given a series of highly successful concerts here.

Commander Lambert, Commander of the Australian squadron, returned here on the 7th ult., after a lengthened cruise in the South seas, during which he chastised some of the natives of Fiji for insults to the European settlers. H. M. S. Charybdis has since returned from a similar errand, and is now refitting prior to her departure for Callao to join the South American squadron. The Commodore is at present lying at anchor in Sydney harbor, taking it easily, while our fellow colonists are being slaughtered by the Maoris, who have only to dread what assistance the crew of the small war steamer Rosario can render the New Zealand Government, but perhaps the Commander has orders from the Admiralty that his ship is to add to the picturesque beauty of Sydney harbor during the summer months.

On the 16th ultimo the great blast, at the head of the Lithgow Valley, was successfully discharged by the Countess of Belmont. His Excellency the Governor, the Hon James Martin, the Hon J. Byrnes, and the Hon J. B. Decker, were present. Three and a half tons of powder were used for the blast, the quantity of stone displaced being 40,000 cubic yards. This colony has carried off both the top prizes in the Great International Rifle matches. Mr. Lynch not only made the highest score at the short ranges, but also the highest aggregate at all distances. A letter, received from England by last mail, states that by an unfortunate error in casting the scores Mr. Rigby was announced as the winner of a prize which was actually won by Mr. J. Bushell.

On the 24th ult., Mr. T. C. Goss, the Registrar of the District Court, Bathurst, died from the effects of poison; he fell into the street and was found extended on the pathway. An inquest was held when it was proved that he had taken a dose of cyanide of potassium. A verdict of temporary insanity was returned. The foundation stone of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Cathedral is to be laid in the first week of November, when there is to be a gathering of all the Roman Catholic dignitaries in Australia. A similar assemblage of the prelates of the Anglican Church is to take place at the consecration of St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, on Nov. 9th.

The news respecting Prince Alfred's return to Australia gives great satisfaction and it is hoped he will lay the foundation stone of the Alfred Memorial Hospital, towards which £22,000 have been already subscribed. Country advices speak favorably of the prospects of a large harvest unless the weather which has turned prematurely warm blights the crop.

Recent disclosures proving positively the existence of a slave trade between the South Sea Islands and Queensland have caused a sensation here, and an influential committee has been appointed to call the attention of the English authorities thereto.

A fearful accident occurred at Sydney heads on the 14th ult. A female of ill name, while intoxicated, fell off the cliffs, which are 400 feet high, and was dashed to pieces.

VICTORIA. After a short session, noticeable only for disgraceful attempts to lower the character of colonial legislatures, Parliament has been prorogued with every prospect of a lengthened recess. Mr. MacAlloch and his colleagues still retain office.

Prior to the dissolution a loan bill for £2,000,000, intended to be devoted to railway extension, passed both Houses.

The Great Britain steamship has made another rapid run to the colonies, having arrived at Melbourne after a passage of 56 days from England. She sailed from Melbourne to Liverpool and back in 113 sailing days.

The area of the colony of Victoria is estimated at 55,644,160 acres, or 80,944 square miles, nearly seven and a half millions of acres of which had been parted with in fee simple up to the commencement since the coming into operation of the Amending Land Act 1865: and paying rent up to the 31st December, 1867, 1,400,82 acres. This is exclusive of the selection made under certificate, which amounted to 559,528 acres. Area remaining open for leasing, 81st December, 1867, at twenty-eight land offices, 2,217,337 acres.

It is stated that the preserved meat taken by the Galates from Melbourne has been reported on favorably, and the Melbourne Company have received orders for 100 tons from London for the French Government.

It appears from communications received by the mail, that her Majesty is likely to confer the honor of knighthood on the Mayors of the principal cities and boroughs of the colonies.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA. The appointment of Sir James Ferguson, as Governor of South Australia, appears to have given general satisfaction to the colonists.

Stephen Williams, one of the seamen of H. M. S. Revenge, which took part in the battle of Trafalgar, died at the Deatitute Asylum, Adelaide, of which place he had been an inmate for some years. He was in his 90th year, and enjoyed good health till lately.

The silver mines are creating great excitement. The result of the first crushing of five tons of the Almada mine's ore gave 112 ounces of retorted silver.

QUEENSLAND. The new Governor, Major Blackall, has been making a tour to the Darling Downs, and has everywhere been received with much enthusiasm. A ball upon a very grand scale on Col. O'Connell and Mrs. O'Connell was given on the 7th ult. The demonstration was in honor of the services of the Colonel as Acting Governor previous to the arrival of Col. Blackall, and was very largely attended. The new Governor was among the guests.

The recently discovered country adjacent to the Gulf of Carpentaria is proving immensely rich in metalliferous ore. Gigantic deposits of copper ore, a silver mine and prospects of gold have been found close to the extensive settlements belonging to the plains of promise company.

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The following letter has been received from WILLIAM BOARDS, Esq., an extensive agriculturist and land agent, residing at Edmonston, Middlesex: "Dear Sir, I have recently suffered much from a most violent cough, proceeding from a tickling in my throat, which no remedy, out of the ordinary, could allay. My head was constantly aching, and my whole frame entirely shaken. Having seen the good effects of your Balsam of Aniseed in several members of my family, I purchased a small bottle, and when going to bed at night, took a teaspoonful in two tablespoonfuls of water, just warm. The effect was immediate; it arrested the tickling in my chest, I slept well, and arose perfectly refreshed in the morning, with a renewed vigor of health, arising from fatigue by incessant coughing for some days previous. My cough entirely left me, and has never returned. Having since heard of a lady in the neighborhood who for a long time had labored with a most distressing cough, and who had resorted to every remedy, within her knowledge, I sent her a bottle of the Balsam, and she has since written me to thank me for the relief it afforded her, and that she had been enabled to make what use you may please of this communication, as the contents are strictly true. I shall take every opportunity of recommending your household medicine, feeling as I do fully assured of its efficacy."

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