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A pretty sensation is spoiled by the telegraph. The New York papers announced on the 31st that the American Government had decided to go to war with Great Britain because the latter power had refused to pay the Alabama claims.

A sensation rumor comes over the wires all the way from Paris on Tuesday last. One of the French papers has discovered in the presence of the American fleet under Farragut at Naples an intention on the part of that officer to sustain Garibaldi in a new attempt on Rome.

Jonathan's greatest sailor is after you and with his gallant tars will roll up the forces that stand between him and Rome like so much brown paper, and steam with his flag-ship into the very centre of the Vatican.

Thursday, Feb. 6. GOOD TEMPLARS INSTALLATION.—At a regular meeting of Victoria Lodge No. 1 of I. O. G. T. held at their Lodge Room on Tuesday evening last, the following officers were duly installed to serve for the ensuing term, by the Lodge Deputy, Mr. T. Carrington:—

New Seeds.—Messrs. Mitchell & Johnson have opened a Seed Depot on Yates street, one door below the office of Wells, Fargo & Co., where may be obtained new seeds, both imported and native, in great variety and in any quantity.

THE ORPHANS' BENEFIT.—Another of those occasions, when the good people of our town assemble in multitudes to do justice to themselves, has taken place; and, as an instance of the vigorous life remaining still in the people, is for many reasons worthy a more extended notice than we gave on Wednesday morning.

FOR VALPARAISO.—The British bark Margara will sail to-day for Valparaiso with lumber. She has a full cargo and a few passengers.

The Hon. Dick Dowds, Lord Dufferin's son, is a more difficult character to play, because while he essays the swell and rake we cannot make the same allowance for the snob that we do in his father's case.

THE MILL for \$2000 has finished. Eden forfeited \$25 which had been deposited at the Grotto. An effort is being made to have the men fight for a small sum, just to take satisfaction out of each other.

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MARTIN, THE WIZARD.—This renowned magician sails this morning for the Sound. We commend him cordially to our neighbors.

Confederation in Canada differs from Federation in the United States. With respect to Canada, the Imperial Parliament acting entirely independent of the Dominion or provincial legislature may change the Constitution of the Dominion or of a province; or a provincial legislature may, with the consent of the Governor General of Canada, change its Constitution, the Dominion Executive possessing no voice in the matter except the exercise of the veto power in a provincial law—a simple affirmative or negative.

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forests, from fines, fees and forfeitures, and direct taxation. Besides there would be a fixed and a per capita subsidy paid out of the general revenue of the Dominion to our Government. With respect to revenue and expenditure I shall speak more fully in a future letter.

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We have thought it to direct the attention at home and abroad condition of the Colony. Taking an extended view of our mineral wealth, judging correctly the impetus which will be to all other branches of commerce, trade and agriculture to receive cheer mail from Cariboo, the intense severity of season we have so far experienced is wealth, be labor. The moment convinced that California those innumerable and cal difficulties which almost paralysed her good country, they in courage, redoubled the down all croakers, an and extending labor,istence a thousand elective wealth which remained dormant because too insignificant to be is this observable in and quartz resources, tant to us just now to We take the figures of Pacific Coast Director of our people possess, see for themselves our statement. In 18 crisis of that country passed, and confidently fully restored. In 18 a nation's life, 4,055,690 acres under 185,033 horses; 983,000 cattle; 212,100 of the three latter species year being \$6,000,000 acres under cultivation.

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