

THE ASHANTEE WAR.

The "Western Morning news" correspondent sends by a returning troopship an interesting letter from Cape Coast Castle, dated January 10. The eleven ambassadors who crossed the Prah to endeavour to make peace stated that King Coffee had no wish to make war on white men, and would have long since sent to stop it, but that the general in command of his army had sent back repeated messages saying that he had defeated the white troops, and was only falling back because the small-pox prevailed among the English to such an extent that he feared his army would catch it. The ambassadors were told through Colonel Graves that Sir Garnet Wolesley would only negotiate at Coomassie, or at least only with the King personally, and were shown some Gatling gun exercise, which so frightened and astonished them that one of them committed suicide. The great deficiency was want of carriers, which was becoming very serious; and as the Fantee bearers had all escaped into the bush, rather than cross the Prah, Kromon from Seira Leone had to be relied on, and they are very scarce. The desertion of the Fantee bearers had placed the left of the Welsh Fusiliers in serious difficulties, and the Fusiliers' right wing and the Marines could not proceed into the interior owing to the same cause. The celebrated goat of the Fusiliers had died on the march. The Naval Brigade and Highlanders were well on their way to Coomassie, having been several miles across the Prah. Their health was good although erysipelas had been prevalent. Captain Glover was much harassed by natives on his flanks, and assistance had been sent to him. He had, however, beaten the natives in several skirmishes. H. M. ship Barraouta, which had been missing, had turned up—she had been delayed on her cruise. H. M. ship Simoon had gone to Cape de Verd Island to act as hospital ship.

THE DEATH OF THE SIAMESE TWINS.

Owing to domestic quarrels between their wives, they have kept separate farms, and it was the custom of the twins to spend three days and a half of each week in each house. Says a correspondent of the "Tribune"— Thursday, January 15, was the day for Chang to visit Eng's house. The former was the weaker of the two, having been paralysed three years before on the right side, and ever since suffering from chronic pneumonia. On this night the extreme cold, the rough road, and an open carriage, conducted to throwing Chang into a severe attack of his affection of the throat, and he sent word to his wife next day that, though better, he thought he would have died that night. On Friday night the twins slept in the second story of the house, having no one in the room but a little negro, who said they got up after midnight and sat round the fire, Chang complaining very much of his throat. Eng wanted to go back to bed, but Chang said it hurt his breast too much to lie down. However, they soon afterwards got to bed and nothing more was heard till, towards daybreak, Eng was heard crying out for his son William, who slept in an upper room. When the family was aroused, after repeated callings from Eng, they found Chang dead, and Eng with the cold perspiration starting out from his face, pallid, and complaining of excessive cold in his feet, and asking them to pull and rub them. However, in about an hour and a half after the alarm, Eng expired, all the symptoms of coming death being present.

A STRANGE STORY.

A strange story reaches us from India. It will be remembered that the steamer Dhoolia was wrecked in the Red Sea. Among the wreckage, sold for a mere song, was a box, supposed to contain nothing valuable, but afterwards discovered by Egyptians to contain damaged Indian postage stamps to the value of about four lakhs of rupees (£40,000). The stamps had been manufactured in England for the Indian Post Office, and sent out as cargo with no proper description or declaration of value. These stamps are finding their way into India through various channels; they would be no loss to the country if at the bottom of the ocean, but, being found and sold, are likely to cost the Government of India little short of £40,000. Such is the story, which, if true, shows considerable laxity somewhere in regard to a box of such value.

GOLD-MEDAL AWARD.

The Government of India on the 24th November last, having heard the annual report prepared by the superintendent of the Botanical Gardens, Mr. Woodrow (son of Mr. John Woodrow, station master, Gilmour Street, Paisley) resolved that Mr. Woodrow deserves credit for having obtained a gold medal at the Bombay Exhibition for his collection of medicinal plants, seeds, and grains.

SPANISH TRAIN ROBBERS.

Something like the terror inspired by the exploits of the Iowa train robbers has recently been occasioned in Spain by a party of brigands, whose tactics bear a close similarity to those of the Western gang. A party of railway laborers were warming themselves around a fire they had kindled near a bridge when they were surprised by a party of about fifty men, all armed. They ordered them to lift up the rail, saying they intended to rob the mail train at that spot. The workmen at first refused, but ultimately yielded to save their lives, which were seriously menaced. They lifted a few of the rails, and had hardly accomplished the task when the whistle of the train was heard. The danger signal being displayed the train stopped just before arriving at the broken point. The moment it stopped the robbers mounted the carriages and forbade the passengers to move from their seats, telling them that neither their persons or their purses would be touched if they complied. The chief then called for the guard of the train, and demanded to be shown the place where the money of the company was stowed. The haul was to the extent of from \$4,000 to \$5000. One of the passengers who ventured to put his head out of the carriage window, received a bayonet thrust in the face, but the injury was slight. After they had secured the money the horrible intention seems to have entered their heads of destroying the lives of all the passengers by driving the train over the bridge into the river and nothing but the earnest pleading of the guard and the engine driver caused them to desist from this intention.

A BOLD MURDERER.

A murder was lately committed at Ponsampere, in France, the perpetrator of which succeeded in evading the pursuit of the police and taking to the woods of Bazugues, whence he lately made an excursion to steal bread from a farm. He was recognised and pursued, but succeeded in gaining his former shelter, leaving, however, his gun behind. The country people are in a state of the utmost alarm, keeping lights burning at all the farms, and holding themselves generally on the defensive. Their terror is, perhaps not unreasonable. The assassin still possesses two revolvers and plenty of powder, and as he has announced that he does not intend to blow out his own brains till he has killed his aunt, his brother, and his uncle, and the parish priest of Bazugues it is not unnaturally argued by the frightened inhabitants of this peaceful spot that a person in such a frame of mind is sure to commit a few murders in the interim, just to keep his hand in.

RESCUE OF A SHIPWRECKED CREW.

A few weeks since a very heavy gale from the eastward blew at Portland, England, and sent the channel waves dashing their spray to astonishing heights over the Breakwater, and enshrouding the great fort at the end in clouds of foam. About half past four in the morning a fine brig was discovered to be in distress off Balaklava Cove. The coast guard hastened to the spot with the rocket apparatus, but the brig was too far off, and the surf too rough, for any assistance to be rendered. About half past eight she slipped her anchors and drove ashore. The crew tried to launch their boat, but fortunately for them, it stove in, for it would inevitably have been swamped or dashed to pieces on the rocks. Several rockets were then sent toward the vessel, and at length one flew well between the masts, setting the rigging on fire. Fortunately this fire did no mischief. The crew did not seem to understand the use of rockets and one man was about to leap overboard with the line, but was dissuaded by signs from making such an attempt. The vessel was a Spanish brig, the "Caamano" bound from Cuba to London, with sugar and mahogany, and the crew could speak no English. At last they were induced by signs to make fast a rocket line, and soon the cradle was rove on the whip and sent on board. The crew now discovered its use: a person quickly got in the cradle, and willing hands soon had every living creature on board (including two pigs) safely ashore, a dog excepted, which could not be induced to leave the ship.

CALCUTTA.

A Calcutta telegram notifies an appointment which may be regarded as an indication alike of the serious aspect of affairs in Behar and of the vigor with which the Indian Government intended to fight the famine. Sir Richard Temple the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, has been commissioned by the Viceroy to proceed to the province and supervise the arrangements which have been made for the distribution of relief. After he has tested and satisfied himself of the completeness of these arrangements, he is to visit the other distressed districts—in short is to act as Chief Inspector of the Relief Works until, on

the termination of the famine, and the retirement of Sir George Campbell, he assumes the office of Lieutenant-Governor. It is certainly a fortunate accident which has given Lord Northbrook the services of two high and experienced officers in the present crisis.

POCKETPICKING IN PARIS.

The following story is told by a French journal:—A physician, officially connected with the prison of La Force, and much beloved by his light-fingered patients, perceived on leaving the Varieties one evening that his pocket had been picked, and that his opera glass was gone. Next day on meeting the denizens of La Force, he expressed his displeasure at the occurrence. It is all very well, said he, for you to say I am popular among you, but I am treated just as others are. Some of your friends contrived to relieve me of my opera-glass last night at the Varieties. That was only because they did not know you, doctor, replied a prisoner. Who was on duty at the Varieties last night? he inquired, turning to a comrade. The answer was given in a whisper. You shall have your glass to-morrow, he added. Next day a person called on the physician's wife. Here, said he, are all the opera-glasses stolen two nights ago at the Varieties; please to point out the doctor's. The lady having done so, the obliging pocket-pick handed it to her, restored the others to their cases, and disappeared.

SHIPWRECK.

Schr Margaret (of Greenock), Baxter, Boston, bound to St. John's Nfld.—to J. G. A. Creighton & Son. Reports left Boston on Friday, the 23rd Jan. with a Norwest breeze which kept up to 10 a. m. Saturday, had light winds till Sunday morning the 25th Jan; breeze sprung up from the Eastward, hauled to the North-East, Snow falling fast at noon; about 4 p. m. there was a sudden shift to the Nor'West, shortened sail and kept the ship before the wind, steering E by S with increasing breeze 5 p. m., strong breeze with heavy sea. At 6 p. m., shortened sail, wind and sea increasing; 11, a heavy gale and a breaking sea, which increased until midnight, the vessel under close-reefed fore-topsail and reefed fore-staysail; the weather very thick; thought it prudent to lay to at 1 a. m. when doing so the vessel broached to, and shipped a very heavy sea which swept everything off the decks, filling cabin and fore-castle, and throwing the ship on her beam-ends; the vessel being unmanageable, was forced to cut away the masts, when she immediately righted. We continued till 5 a. m., clearing away wreck. The vessel was covered with ice and we could not do anything till Tuesday morning the 27th, On Wednesday rigged three studding-sail booms for jury masts. On Thursday about noon, the flag being in the rigging, the Am. fishing schr. Alfred Walen, Capt. Oslen, bore down on us, took us on board and towed the wreck into this port, where we arrived on Monday the 2nd Feb. Capt. Baxter tenders his sincere thanks to the captain and crew of the Alfred Walen for their kind treatment of himself and crew.—(Hallifax Chronicle, Feb. 3.)

LIST OF SEALERS, 1874.

Supplied by John Munn & Co

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