

By Electric Telegraph. SPECIAL TO THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST.

Madrid, Oct. 14.—The Epoca to-day publishes a synopsis of the reply of Silveira to a note of Stokley. Silveira says reasons dictated by national dignity prevent the acceptance of foreign mediation in the domestic affairs of Spain.

Paris, Oct. 14.—The Siecle to-day has a general review of the policy of the Empire of France. The article says France continues to guard the temporal power of the Pope contrary to agreement; it backs up the Council in which the Jesuits propose to outrage modern society. No explanations are offered and equal ignorance is suffered to exist as to what assistance has been given the present Government of Spain.

London, Oct. 14.—The Newmarket stakes were won by Heather Bell, and the Barkley stakes by Sunshine.

Bombay, Oct. 14.—Mr. Kirke received a letter from Dr. Livingstone, dated 8th July 1858, in which the doctor informs him that he believes he has discovered the source of the Nile at a point between 10 and 12 degrees north.

London, Oct. 14.—Lord Derby is better and improving.

Bombay, Oct. 11.—Kirke in a dispatch to the Government here says a caravan has arrived at Saevaba. It brings the welcome news that Dr. Livingstone had arrived at Niage, alive and well.

London, Oct. 15.—Daniel O'Donoghue, member of Parliament for Kerry, writes to the Dublin Amnesty Committee of the course of the Government towards political prisoners; he states that the Government collectively and individually commiserate the Fenian prisoners and are anxious to liberate them, if it can be done consistently with their duty to the State.

The Times, commenting on the situation in France, says the jealously inconsistent policy which would allow and forbid public meetings at the same time exceeds our comprehension; to permit citizens to assemble, and leave it to the police to stop the discussion, is adding insult to injury; profusion of confidence is denied by its acts; if anything is to be fatal to France and the dynasty of its rulers it is popular distrust which incapacitates the nation for self-control, and France has at the present moment no Government. The Empress' message to the Corps Legislatif placed her between old imperialism which the Emperor declared out of date and exploded, and new constitutionalism which he announced but is unable or unwilling to diffuse.

Madrid, Oct. 15.—There is a rumor that Napoleon intends to establish a corps of observation on the frontier; it caused much excitement.

London, Oct. 16.—A Madrid letter states that the railroad and telegraph lines are destroyed for a great distance around that city.

Later advice from Fernando Po state that a volcano in the Camron range on the mainland near the island is in active eruption.

London, Oct. 16.—The Saturday Review has a lengthy editorial on the course of the Government toward the Fenian prisoners. After reviewing the amnesty agitation, it asks if Mr. Gladstone is prepared to act with vigor and severity in the case of a new Fenian rising; or has he calculated on the efforts required to cope with treason and galvanize into energy the languished spirits of former orders; are his his impressionable nobility averted towards the recognition of Irish independence? The supposition is that it is barely credible, but not wholly inconceivable, for if he should exhibit the slightest evidence toward any leaning in the direction of tampering with treason and traitors there is an end of his national and parliamentary majority and his existence as a Minister. It is impossible to exaggerate the gravity of the issue to be decided when the final answer is given to the partisans of the amnesty. The power of the Government in Ireland is shaken and awe of the Government is nearly extinct. Let pusillanimous concession be made and from that moment the very idea of a Government will be inseparable from ridicule and contempt.

Washington, Oct. 14.—The gunboat Frolic arrived at Wilmington on Monday. Her commander notified Commodore Higgins, of the Hornet, not to leave port till his case had been decided; he had instructions from the President to prevent his departure.

Chicago, Oct. 14.—Admiral Farragut commended to the city at five o'clock last evening and continued to sink slowly until midnight when it was believed he would not survive the night. About one o'clock, however, he began to rally and is much better this morning, though his recovery is still extremely doubtful.

Colorado, Oct. 14.—The Republicans

claim, and the Democrats concede, ten thousand majority for Hayes, and three Republican majority in the House and one in the Senate.

Louisville, Oct. 14.—Business is generally suspended. A hundred thousand persons are occupying every point of observation to witness the grand trade procession which is universally pronounced to exceed any similar thing ever attempted in this country. It is fully 9 miles long and has been 8 hours in passing a given point.

Philadelphia, Oct. 14.—A table of majorities published in the press shows Geary's majority to be 2342. A table prepared by the State Central Committee estimates the majority to be 4109. The Age says the contest is close and a few hundred votes may decide it.

During the session of the Return Judges to-day the Sheriff attempted to serve a writ of injunction against counting the votes, but was resisted, his official position not being announced, he having gained admission to the room under pretense of being a Return Judge. He came back with a posse, broke open the doors and served the writ and ordered the arrest of sundry persons charged with resisting him. A reporter of the Associated Press was beaten in a shocking manner by the police and locked up, but was soon after released and discharged.

Chicago, Oct. 15.—Returns from Nebraska indicate Republican majorities will be fully equal to those of presidential election. Returns from Iowa indicate Republican majority will be about 3,500. Nothing further from Ohio or Pennsylvania.

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by the name of Clara Davis, had died in the morning of that day from abortion committed upon her by Henry McCracken, an uncle of the deceased, to conceal the fact of his intercourse with her; Justice Slotter went down from here to Sweetland and found that a girl aged 18 years had died that morning. The Justice summoned a Coroner's jury and after a long examination, the jury rendered a verdict that Miss Davis had died from the effects of certain medicines administered to her by her uncle McCracken, and that previously to her death she had given birth to a full grown child on the night previous, Oct. 7th, which child could not be found. McCracken was arrested and given till next Tuesday morning for a hearing. The details are most revolting.

A Daniel come to Judgment.

Editor BRITISH COLONIST.—I see the Hon. Mr. Holbrook has been giving his anti-Confederation sentiments another airing in a paper published at New Westminster. This time he undertakes to correct the *Sentinel* for asserting that Canadian law would not impose a royalty upon our minerals, worse than a province of the Dominion; and for proof that it would be so he refers to page 32 of the "Canadian Year Book." To page 32 accordingly turned; but imagine my astonishment to find there Ontario Provincial law, not Canadian law, thus fully sustaining the *Sentinel's* as against the Hon. Mr. Holbrook. Wondering what the writer of the letter could mean, I read on, and discovered that Mr. Holbrook occupied very much the position of a certain judge who, when told that his charge was entirely opposed to the facts, answered, "So much the worse for the facts!" In the coolest way possible he says "I am aware that these taxes (the royalties) are the acts of local Governments." Why, then, in heaven's name did he contradict the *Sentinel*? But such men as the Hon. Mr. Holbrook are not to be hampered by facts any more than they are to be tied down by arbitrary rules of logic. Thus we find this distinguished legislator declaring that it is all the same in the end, that the Canadians will take away the customs revenue and leave us nothing but royalties for provincial revenue, and thus "we shall be compelled to follow the rules laid down by the Government of the Dominion in respect to these royalties." Here, again, the honorable gentleman's mind wanders; for he has just admitted what everybody who has devoted the least attention to the subject knows, viz, that the Canadian Government has laid down no rules upon the subject of royalties, but leaves the Provincial Governments perfectly free to impose royalties or not just as they please. If Mr. Holbrook is not utterly dumfounded upon the whole subject of Confederation he must know that as a Province of the Dominion the people of British Columbia would have the sole and uncontrolled power to deal with all such matters, a power they assuredly do not possess at present. As for the assertion that the Canadian Government would take away our customs revenue, and thereby leave us with nothing but minerals to tax, the thing is absurd, and the man who puts it forward, obviously with the view of prejudicing the mine owners, presumes too much on the minds of gentlemen, upon the ignorance of an important class of the community. The miners know very well that for every dollar the Dominion Government will thus take away we shall get a dollar and a quarter back; and not only so, but we shall have much lower customs tariff, and consequently, lighter taxation.

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IMPORTS. Per steamer G.S. Wright, fm Portland—46 bare steel...

CONSIGNEES. Per steamer G.S. Wright, fm Portland—E. Marvin, F. James...

BIRTHS. On the 18th inst., the wife of Emil Suro, Esq. of a son.

F. DALLY. Desires to inform the inhabitants of Victoria and its vicinity...

New Photographic Views. Mountain scenery and other highly interesting subjects.

CARTES DE VISITE GROUPS. And views taken with the greatest care and in the best style...

THE GRAND PROMOTERS OF HEALTH. HOLLOWAY'S PILLS. The grand secret of attaining happiness is to secure good health...

Origin of Kit-Kat Picture. In Shere Lane, Templer Bar, is to have originated the famous Kit-Kat Club...

A CARIBOO MINER. The journals of Barcelona relate an extraordinary tragedy in the environs of that city...

California. It will scarcely be credited that the first theatre of the capital of Italy is not yet lighted with gas...

AUCTION. BRITISH COLUMBIA & VANCOUVER ISLAND SPAR, LUMBER AND SAWMILL CO. (Limited). Preliminary Notice. To be sold by Auction, by order of the Mortgagees. LUMLEY FRANKLIN is instructed by the Mortgagees to offer for sale by Public Auction On Wednesday, Dec. 22, AT 12 O'CLOCK, NOON, The Sawmill at Burrard Inlet together with a large quantity of extra Machinery, Gang Saws, Planing Machines, &c. now lying at the Mill.