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 Ind and the latter country would be short-ened ten days compared with the route across the isthmus of Panama. The passage from Hong Kong to England, via Suez, consumes from 42 to 50 days. By a railway in con-junction with a line of steamers hence to China, it might be reduced to 36 days. In these buy times when the proverb, "Time January Con-tains an article. signed by M. Boniface, ex-plaining the Schleswig-Holstein question."

Mr. Brydges, the energetie manager of the Grand Trunk Railway, had returned from England laden with encouraging assurances from British capitalists in favor of the con-templated telegraph which is to connect the Atlantic with the Pacific. In the natural order of events, the electric wire will be the precursor of a yet grander enterprise—the proposed inter-oceanic railway. British sub-lects there are in both the eastern and the western hemisphere, sceptical enough to pro-nounce the latter undertaking Utepian. The extended marshy wastes through which, at intervals, the projected line would necessar-ily have to pass, and the nature of the country precursor of a yet grander enterprise—the proposed inter-oceanic railway. British sub-oceanic railway through British North Amerintervals, the projected line would becessar-ily have to pass, and the nature of the country in the Rocky Mountains, present, in their es-timation, difficulties which no engineering skill can overcome. But the results of the government survey, and the observations of indication in the results of the country is a state of the parameter from New York to San Francisco extends over twenty-four days. By the pro-proposed railway, with more regular steam communication with California than we now have, the passage could be reduced to four-teen days. The greater part of the teeming multitudes, that with freight and treasure are continually in transit between San Francisco

government survey, and the observations of those who have since traversed the line of route, coacur in testifying that the alleged physical barriers are by no means so formid-able as they have sometimes been supposed to as. Swamps will, in a great measure, be the montain range would reduce the eftrems height to the gavernment terms of realizing the objects we desire, range would reduce the eftrems height to the gavernment terms of a latyge number of the workmen at the by the great public works she has of latygears and a large number of the workmen at the by the great public works she has of latygears that quarter. Whatever assistance these considering the fact that the mail steamer had just be approached by gradients, easy compared with the instances of Scemmering in Austria and the Alleghanies in the United States. In comparison with this railroad scheme no me thod could be devised that would so rapidly thod could be devised that would so rapidly ment and the British public? Through the tured a Russian convoy of munitions in the thod could be devised that would so rapidly effect the settlement of the country interven-ing between British Columbia and Canada.— Private enterprise would keep pace with the advance of the iron road, and a cordon of towns and villages would be established, rendering the journey from the eastern to the western coast both pleasant and safe. But western coast both pleasant and safe. But flicting a blew upon our interests in the Paeven if the progress of the work were beset cific from which it would be impossible to walks through the streets alone on foot, or with obstacles more grave than are known to recover. But in the supposition of the scheme exist, the political and commercial import- being carried out, how transcendent the prosexist, the political and commercial import-ance of this part of the empire is sufficient to justify the British government and people in straining every perve to subdue them. In a political aspect we regard British Columbia and Vancouver Island as likely to be at some future day as valuable to the British Crown a Amstralia and New Zealand. The former as Australia and New Zealand. The former mensely would that progress be accelerated, colonies may in the course of time form a se- and how much more brilliant would that iucond highway from the parent country to our Eastern possessions; in themselves they would constitute the terminus of a path every inch of which lies through British territory— conducting from ocean. It is im-possible to predict what may be the issue of possible to predict what may be the issue of the present self-aggrandizing policy of France in seeking freah acquisitions of territory in in seeking fresh acquisitions of territory in ment local trade. Our central situation in the Mediterranean, and in expending so vast relation to extensive lines of conveyance war with that or any ether European power, interrupting the existing overland passage frem England by the Red Sea, it is almost needless to remark that our Indian T an amount upon the formation of the canal southward and eastward, by land and by needless to remark that our Indian Empire would be placed in imminent jeopardy. rapidly developed and our soil being densely Should we, under these circumstances, be destitute of those facilities for the expeditious transport of troops and military stores which the proposed line of railway could alone adequately supply. Actum est would be aptly escriptive of the fate of all we hold dear in vantages that would accrue to Great Britain will stay at home and continue his task of the East. Control of Eastern trade has been the from the entire service being performed coveted prizeof Western nations since the days through British territory are incalculable of Alexander the Great; and the conveyance The construction of a railway would not ence from age to age flourishing cities in the routes by which it passed. When attracted through the Persiad Gulf and the valley of the Euphrates. Palmura bracticity the transformation of a railway would not merely open to civilization a large territory in British North America, hitherto almost unexplored, but it would open up to the cul-tivators of the soil in thet territory the Euphrates, Palmyra burst into splender like a buge tropical blossom in the wilderness. When, subsequently, trade with the China seas and to our possessions in the East was diverted by the Red Sea, Alexan- East Indies ; in every respect, whether dria became prosperous, and Venice and Genoa were respectively employed as mouths to receive the merchandize of the East for distribution throughout Western Encode distribution throughout Western Europe. fairs of the world, which in its results, would distribution throughout western Europe. Great Britain, at the present moment, is likewise indebted beyond calculation, for her unrivalled position among the peoples of the earth to her comparative monopoly of East-ern commerce. By a similar process, great centres are destined to spring up on this side ern commerce. By a similar process, great the time to undertake it; one does not re-sare destined to spring up on this side the Pacific. The young and thriving popula-tion thete to be a prophet to predict that when the resources of British Columbia are fully tions that swarm with such fabulous rapidi- opened up and a communication established Punjaub, Isle of May, Ushant, Camerenian, ty on the Western Coast of the American Detween the Atlantic and the Pacific, there and Flora. Continent will soon be found emulating the will be enough traffic for a dozen steamers as zeal of ancient nations in regard to com-merce with the East, and as that traffic was the British Empire has new an opportunity The British Empire has new an opportunity at first wafted westward to Europe, fit will of securing that position which it has hitherte now begin to flow Eastward to these shores, for transmission over the American Conti-

railway, must unquestionably become master of the situation. The House of Represent-atives at Washington some time ago, as is well known, passed a bill for the completion of an iron road from the Atlantic to the Paci-fic States as we desire to see on this side the boundary. The line already further west than St. Jeseph, is steadily extending to California. But the present fratricidal war in which our indemitable neighbors. EUROPEAN. But the present fratricidal war in which our indomitable neighbors are involved will in-posal of the Gevernment for the energetic posal of the Government for the energetic

guardianship of all the rights of the German Confederation." evitably retard its prrgress. Their misfor-tunes, therefore, afford Great Britain an opportunity, notwithstanding the strides already 1s Thursday's sitting of the Saxon Chammade by the American undertaking, te exe-cute her magnificent rival scheme, and bid defiance to all competition for ever. But not an hour is there to lose in deliberation. Delay must prove fatal and utterly quench our che-rished hopes of ultimate commercial superi-ority in the Pacific.

"Would the proposed work be satisfactory as an investment?" We unhesitatingly re-ply in the affirmative. There would be a saving of nearly 22 days on the principal route from England hither via Panama. If the intended trans-American Rail-way were connected with a line of the members of the Gaves ment in Ploen, together with the sub-emple sets, a d all the Prefects of Holstein, have taken the oath of allegiance to the King. Several of the most prominent members of the Holstein by the king." steamers plying between Victoria and by the King." Australia, the time occupied between Eng-

Mr. Reuter has received the following : PARIS, Friday. - The Moniteur of this land and the latter country would be short-

and stating that excitement exists in Germany. M. Boniface expresses astonishment that several newspapers, especially the Times, should counsel not only England but also the other Powers to make war in favor of Denmark. "No doubt," he continues old sympathies attach France to Denmark

published a proclamation calling upon all Sir John Lawrence, his successor, is a man Italians to join in the Flores revolution. By who is well known to the natives of India this act alone the President has gained for and justly esteemed by them, and he will have himself an immense popularity, not only amongst forsigners, but also sober-minded natives. Congress is still occupied with the ister at Calcultta, one who failing Sir Joha budget, which estimates the outlay at nine Lawrence would probably have been apmillion silver dollars, or about eight dollars pointed Governor General. Sir William per head of the inhabitants. If the provincial Denison, formerly Governor of Australia, and imposts of property tax, municipal rents, &c., at present Governor of the Madras Presidency, are taken into account, the ratio in Buenos as the senior Governor, would act as Gov-Ayres may be estimated at fifteen dollars ernor Genaral until the new Viceroy reached each. Yet there is a deficit of 800,000 silver Calcutta.

dollars, or 9 per cent., which it is hoped to THE LECTURE ON PALESTINE meet from increased Customs revenue.

The Buenos Ayres Standard, in its sum-EDITOR COLONIST-Sir,-After an unsucmary of news published for the French mail. cessful season at Cariboo, wearied in mind says :-- " Our foreign readers who take an and body, I came to this city to recruit my says :---- Our foreign reaction and be interest in Argentine prosperity will be pleased to know that over three tons of the a feast of reason and flow of soul that, revery best cotton-seed of all descriptions have a least of reason and now of soul that, freshed and exhilarated, I feel to day

rowth of cotion. We promise the English nanufacturers five thousand bales of cotton Could you, Sir, have left the editorial chair and allowed the tangled web of polifrom the River Plate this season, and one tics to remain unravelled, sure I am you would have enjoyed the delightful journey I hundred thousand the next. In payment for our cotton bales we ask neither gold soverhave been taking, guided by the eloquent and eigus nor ounces, but railway iron, cotton goods, coal, etc. There are some who laugh reverend Lachlin Taylor.

Starting at Damascus, which was a city at cur predictions, but we will not ' bate one when Abraham was born, and contains 150, jot ;' in a year or two, if we have peace, the River Plate will be to England what the once 000 inhabitants, now we climb Mount Lebanon through the far famed cedars, and from prosperous United States of North America its top beheld a scene which the graphic peawas-the supplier of staples, the consumer of manufactures." From the provinces it is said cil of our guide made so real that we thought we were in fairy land. Smelling the fragrant that near Mendoza, on the way across the flowers of Palestine, sucking the luscions Andes, a most important discovery has been grape of Eschol, observing the Bedonin of made. This is nothing less than an inexhaustthe desert, the Scheick with his Arabs, the ible bed of bituminous coal. According to shepherd walking at the head of his flock, the report of the government inspector of by Jacob's well at Samaria, past the sepulchre of Macpelah, crossing Jordau's sacred mines, the basin of coal is about nine miles long by three wide ; and the pits sunk in difflood, and resting on the shore of deep Gabferent parts of this basin have proved the lee. we followed the footsteps of the Samourexistence of a bed of bituminous coal of supeof mankind; and, rough and worldly as werior quality and extraordinary depth. are, the fervid oratory of our guide tonched our hearts, and brought the rare tears to our

eves.

ENGLISH SUMMARY.

In the second evening mounted on don-keys, we were taken to the pyramids of British Columbia and Vancouver Island still claim considerable attention at home, Egypt; viewed the places where the Chitand we may look for a large emigration next dren of Israel wandered ; beheld the inunyear. The following extract shows that the Irish emigration is setting towards America, mosques of Grand Cairo, and while passages rather than towards the British possessions : in Scripture which were unintelligible before were fully explained by the manners and " Every steamer that leaves Queenstown is customs of the people at the present day, a definite idea of the wonders of that land for crowded with emigrants, and hundreds of families are preparing to leave the country. A Sligo journal contains the following :--

the first time was given as by the lucid de-cription of the revered traveler. Remittauces from those who have been Mr. Taylor, at what must have been a great expense and anxiety to him, has brought a large collection of curiosities which would

with one of his young Danish friends, saluting all-stopping to converse with scople, visiting the vegetable market, incurring the prices of the articles exposed for sale, etc. King Otko, on the contrary, never went out but with the greatest solemnity. King George attends the national Divise service on Sundays. It is reported that he is about to embrace the faith of his subjects, but I do not believe the statement. All the promotions made in the army since the revolution have been abolished by the National Assembly. In an army of 4,000 men, in one day colonels, and Heuffon, a simple writer, had become General-in chief. The Government has just given a mark of confidence to the

inhabitants. It has replaced the English and French sailors who guarded the Bank by a bedy of 20 gendarmes." The Throne of Mexico.

A Trieste paper positively contradicts the statement that the Archduke Maximilian is pregaring to leave his residence near that populated by the powerful impulse imparted city. Nothing, says this journah has changed by the greatest of railway schemes. In the in the situation since the Archdike gave his language of an able correspondent of the answer to the Mexican deputation. If he re-*Times*, quoted from the volume by Captain Barrett-Lennard, he we conclude : "The ad- stipulated, he will go to Mexico---if not, he improving the Austrian navy.

Revolt of the Arab Tribes

The Bedouinns in the vicinity of Mocha have revolted, pillaging the coffee crops and other produce. Djeddah and Mesca are quiet. Ismail Pacha is in Upper Egypt. Madagascar.

MAURITIUS, Nov. 6 .- Advices received here from Madagascar mention a rumour that King Radama is still living. He was left for dead by the assassins, but is said to have been found by his partisans, and concealed. Cape of Good Hope.

THE ALABAMA BOARDING ENGLISH SHIPS.

The Brazils and River Plate.

creased emigration from Ireland.""

But nevertheless a strong feeling exists in Ah ! sir, when one has to deal with life in the old flag.

the eld flag. The reported death of Lord Elgin may we fear be looked upon as certain, for the tele-gram which reached the India office on the 27th of November announces that on the 14th Mount Olivet and the brook' Kedron is the control of the brook' the brook' the brook' Kedron is the control of the brook' th It is quite certain that his resignation had been received by Her Majesty's government and accepted, and Sir John Lawrence was appointed to succeed him, and was to leave all that immortal story? ingland by the steamer of the 10th Decem-

ber for Calcutta. The death of Lord Elgin will create a blank which cannot easily be filled at this particular time, when a man of great ability and untiring energy is required at the head of not less than 300 sub-lieutenants were ap-pointed. The lieutenants made themselves better known by his success in the British possessions abroad than by his talents as a statesman at home, although his worth was appreciated and acknowledged by Lord Pal-

mersten in whose government he had an im-portant post previous to going out to China

ning, and Elgin have successively held the important post of Governor-General of India, and one after the other have succumbed to the fatal influence of the very trying climate of Calcutta. Lord Elgin, it is true, was suffering from heart complaint, and it is only reasonable to suppose that his life was sacrificed to his public cares quite as much as to the climate. The post of Governor-General of India, although one of almost regal pomp,

is not an enviable one. The cares are very two predecessors suffered probably more from their arduous duties than from the climate. Lord Elgia had not been leading

a life of ease before he went to India, and although he assumed the government at a time when the British power was more firmly established than it had been for years before, he had his work to do. The Times thus concludes a memoir of Lord Elgin :

a set of revolutionary politicians, caused the good sense, to social tact, and to a love of their breech-plugs blow out and they are hard steady work."

the passage of relatives and friends remaining city were there, but I really did not believe in Ireland. Thus the war in America must | Victoria could boast of so much beauty, who be looked upon as the direct cause of the in- listened with unflagging interest to a lecture of two and a half hours.

most parts of the United Kingdom in favor of all its roughness and wickedness it is grand to be taken away to "some region old"-to

> finest I ever witnessed ; but it is really impos sible for me to attempt to do justice to the sublime language, the ennobling ideas or the deep piety with which we were lad through

From the learned Rabbi of the Jewish synagogue (who atterded all those thrilling lectures) down to myself, I am sure I speak the mind of every hearer when I say that, both for time and for eternity, Mr. Taylor has done us great good, and in seeing him depart from our shores our affectionate wishes go with him as we say with all our hearts - God bless him !

A CARIBOO MINER.

IT IS AN ESTABLISHED FACT-That from as special commissioner. Graduates of the same year at Oxford, Lords Dalheusie, Can-laws of fashion, which all acknowledge, and to which all pay due reverence. Men bow reverently to the fickle goddess, and the ladies yield gracefully to her supreme sway. This season, as an agreeable change from the styles of the last, the ladies have for a new feature, the fashion of embroidering and braiding all outer garments ; and assuredia it is a most beautiful and elegant style of trimming, and affords a wide scope for the exhibition of their good taste and skilt. It is also the fashion for ladies to execute all heavy, and the duties most enerous. His Machine; and the constant use to which this elaborate work by the aid of the Sewing every "Grover & Baker" is now applied by its fair owner, is certain evidence that they are not unprepared for the emergency, and have an unfailing friend on whom they can rely to sustain them in the crisis ; for to the Grover & Baker" alone can they apply to execute the requirements of the law as laid down in Frank Leslie's, Godey's, and other good authorities. R. H. Adams, Pioneer Hat Store, Yates street, Agent for Victoria.

"When he accepted the post his friends remembered how the two previous Govern-ors, his college friends, had suffered from the severity of their labors in an oppressive climate. It was felt at the same time that so much misfortune must have its inter- stron gun of 131/2 inches bore, 15 feet in that so much misfortune must have its inter-val of brightness, and it was heped that Lord Elgin might escape. If, as we fear, he has fallen, he has fallen in harness; but he has had the satisfaction of seeing India grow the barge used for it was 70 pounds of powhad the satisfaction of seeing india grow in prosperity under his rule, and hold out ex-pectations which for years past we have not dared to entertain. All through his life he 15 pounds its range is about ten miles. It is was successful in his undertakings, and he a muzzle-loader. In all likelihood all the The rebellion in the Banda Oriental still was successful at the last. He owed that breech-loading Armstrong guns supplied to the British navy will soon be discarded, as success not so much to great genius as to their breech-plags blow out and they are