By Electric Telegraph,

SPECIAL TO THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST.

Europe.

LONDON, June 9—The *Times*, reviewing the Canadian opposition to the treaty, thinks it (the treaty) sacrifices small communities to the convenience of powerful States. A portion of the empire is made the scape goat for peace and the possession of the maritime provinces bartered away by Canada in return for American free trade which rapidly increases.

BUCHAREST, June 9—The Chamber has valided the election of G Hicks, a Conservative, as President.

VERSAILLES, May 7—In Assembly, debate on the removal of the political disabilities of the Orleans Princes was resumed. The committee were in favor of abolishing the proscription.

M Thiers said he had opposed the abrogation of the law because he believed such action to be dangerous and only assented to the views of the Committee on the Princes engaging not to sit in the Assembly and not to enter into any intrigues against the Republic.

The Assembly then voted to abrogate the law of proscription by a vote 484 years to 113 nays, and proceeded to declare valid the election of the Duc d'Aumale and the Prince de Joinville to seats in the Assembly by a vote of 448 to 113

PARIS, June 9—The Marquis Gallifiat was assassinated to-day by the widow of a Communist shot by his orders

LONDON, June 9—A dispatch from Constantinople dated yesterday says that fires had broken out simultaneously in four different places during that morning. One hundred houses were in flames. Fortunately the wind was light and there was a prospect of getting the conflagration under control

LONDON, June 8.—The House of Commons was engaged in a long debate on the army regulation bill, Cardwell defended the bill abolishing the sale of military Commissions in any manner. The vote while it did not decide the question, showed that the Government had a majority of 177.

VERSAILLES, June 8.—The report of Gen Ferey's appointment is false.

The Finance Minister on presenting a bill for a loan of one million dollars, urged the payment of the war indemnity, to rid France of the Germans, he relies for success, on foreign confidence and internal energy. Strict economy is promised.

The arrests of Rossel and Courbet is confirmed. She Court martial will treat them as criminals not political prisoners.

Admiral Ult will probably be made Governor of Paris.

The supplementary elections will come off in July.

The Prussians are gradually returning home.

PARIS June 9—A decree ordering supplementary elections to fill the vacant seats in the Assembly is expected to-morrow.

The Gazette *De France* says the Princes have promised not to take their seats as deputies during the existence of the present Assembly, and not to allow their sons to become candidates.

Froeude Terguetti will stand for the Assembly in the Department of the Loire. His election will probably not be contested. Rouher Querronier and Hinselaun are also spoken of as candidates.

It is almost certain that Prince Napoleon will run for the Assembly for Corsica.

The *Opinion National*, commenting on the action of the Assembly, says the country is sliding down an inclined plain into a monarchy. The other journals approve of yesterday's proceedings.

La France compares the speech of Thiers to the proclamation of Washington.

The German forces commenced evacuating the Department of the Lower Seine yesterday. It is expected that the state of siege will cease in Paris on Monday.

LONDON, June 9—Official statements were made in both Houses of Parliament of the fitting of certain British subjects during the insurrection.

The House of Commons passed Westmeath Bill enlarging the powers of the government for the suppression of violence.

LONDON June 10—Paris papers continue to uphold Thiers, affirming that monarchy is a synonym of revolution. The elections may possibly change the majority in the Assembly.

VERSAILLES, June 10—Pyatt is in Paris.

The committee on reorganizing the army reports in favor of obligatory service.

The Prince de Joinville and Duc d'Aumale have visited Thiers, Grevy, Cissy and other Ministers, and were received. Thiers returned the visit.

The Orleanists are preparing a banquet for d'Aumale.

The seat of Government will shortly be removed to Paris.

The arrival of Count Chambord at Boulogne is contradicted.

The official journal assures the people that the deposits in the Bank of France are intact.

NEW YORK, June 10—Mail advices state that the Archbishop of Paris died with the serene courage of a martyr. To the insults of his executioners he said—'Do not profane the word Liberty. It is to us alone it belongs, for we die for Liberty and Faith.'

Dombrowski died in a bedroom in the Hotel de Ville the day after his escape. He received fifty shot at the barricade of the Que Vour, whence he was taken to the Hotel de Ville and there died of his wound.

Delacluse was killed at the barricade of Chateau de Au. His face was crushed by a portion of a wall which fell on him.

FLORENCE, June 10—Ambassadors are informed that the capital will be transferred on July 1st. The Ambassadors await instructions from their Governments.

The Chamber of Deputies have adopted the American Tariff.

BERLIN, May 10—Count Waires is appointed Charge de Affairs in Paris.

California

SAN FRANCISCO, June 7—Arrived—Steamer Orizaba, San Diego.

H R Bryne, Prosecuting Attorney of San Francisco, who, since the Fair trial, has been dangerously ill at Gilroy, has so far recovered as to be pronounced out of danger, and expects to return to San Francisco in a few days.

The report that the first 145 miles of the eastern extension of the California Pacific Railroad has been contracted for is not correct. The surveying parties are engaged in the field, but no contracts have yet been let. The subject of continuing the line down to Saucelito has been under consideration but no definite determination has been arrived at.

The protesting Democrats, with Fiedlander at their head, are holding a secret meeting this evening, with a view to determining on a course of action with regard to the calling of primanies to elect delegate to the State Convention in opposition to those appointed by the Committee.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 9—At least three operatives interested have cleared independent fortunes out of the recent advance in the Crown Point. Other financiers and several leading brokers have been clearing from $5000 to $10.000 a week in commissions since the rise commenced.

A committee has been entrusted with the arrangement of a plan for opposing the extension of Montgomery avenue. Probably nearly all the property interested will be represented in the protest and injunction.

The President of the Mechanics' Institute has received notice that Japan will send an immense contribution to the coming fair in this city, embracing specimens of almost avery kind of work in wood, metal or other materials carried on in the empire. This is expected to be a leading feature of the fair.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 9.—A lot of 27bales of Oregon wool, received by last steamer was found to contain one half weight of dirt stowed in the contents of the bags, measures have been taken to prosecut the perpetrators.

The City Gas Co, will be ready to supply customers by the 1st of January, the rates will be greatly reduced.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 9—Peaches and pears appeared in the market tosday from Marysville.

The train load of live hogs from Iowa, having realized 7½ and 8 cents, another load was ordered by telegraph to be sent in the same manner.

A warrant was issued to-day for the arrest of policeman Doran on a charge of brutally beating a chinaman and his wife with a club.

On Monday night a man named Taylor residing at Martinez quarrelled with his brother-in-law over a game of cards. After being shot at twice Taylor fired with a rifle, killing his relative instantly. Deceased leaves a wife and 2 children.

The Attorney-General Hamilton has given the opinion in writing that the Board of Health is wholly independent of the Board of Supervisors and the latter cannot refuse to appropriate funds for the payment of expenses incurred by the former. It is understood that an agreed case will be made to test the question, and so end the conflict of authorities.

The damage to the brig Curlew by fire this morning was over 2500 dollars. The vessel would have been wholly destroyed but for the efforts of the Russian sailors of the war stmr Boyars. The fire was caused by rats gnawing matches in the lockers.

The sentence of death passed by Judge Dwinelle on Mrs Fair has been transcribed and certified and the death warrant only awaits the Governor's signature,

The Committee appointed by the Democratic Protesters against the action of the County Committee in appointing delegates, called on Judge Pennie, chairman of the County Committee, and he agreed to call the Committee together to-morrow evening and urge upon them to rescind their action and order the primaries as requested. The Committies representing every ward in the city have adopted resolutions asking the County Committee to issue a call for an election of their successors at the coming primaries. It is thought the Committee will order the primaries as the only means of harmonizing the party.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 10 — Arrived bark Whistler, Astoria, steamer Oriflamms, Portland.

Cleared—Bark Caroline and barkentine Free Trade, Rupert Sound, bark Live Yankee Portland, bk Architect, Seattle.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 10—The schooners Gen Harney and Wild Gazelle, which recently arrived from the north, brought a considerable quantity of cannel coal, weich was found on the mainland and on the Aleutian Islands within 100 yards of an excellent harbor. Measures are being taken to incorporate a large company here to work the Aleutian deposits.

Senator Casserly has telegraphed, declining the public reception tendered this evening.

Mrs Fair's death warrant is in the hands of the Sheriff, duly signed.

A Chinese Young Men's Christian Association numbering 40 members, has been organized here.

The monument to Morse, the inventor of the telegraph, was unveiled at New York today with appropriate ceremonies. Congratulatory messages are being received and sent from and to all the principal offices in America.

Weather cloudy and damp.

Flour—Unchanged.

Wheat—$2 30@2 50.

Barley—$1 70@1 80.

Oats—$1 80@2.

Corn—$1 85.

Hay—$16 50@18.

Wool—Within the last few days a large large amount, inferior grades, has been purchased.

Eastern States.

WASHINGTON, June 8.—A McCartney superintendent of the post office buildings is a defaulter to the amount of about 35,000 dollars.

McCartney has become insane, and has been sent to the asylum.

Capt Hall's Artic exploration steamer, Polar, will leave here for New York, to-morrow and will leave on about the 25th of June for the North Pole.

NEW ORLEANS, June 9—The overflow is 15 inches below high water mark. The water has fallen three inches during the last 24 hours.

WEST POINT, June 9—An examination of the graduate class of cadets concluded today. All were successful in passing through the ordeal.

WASHINGTON, June 9 — The strike of the colored laborers is ended. There are no signs of future trouble.

Rear Admiral Gordon will retire on the 18th inst when Commodore Allen, Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, will be promoted to the grade of Rear Admiral to fill the vacancy. The retirement of Admiral Goldsborough on the 1st prox. promotes Commodore Taylor to the rank of Rear Admiral.

NEW YORK, June 10—Most complete arrangements are made by the telegraph company to honor Professor Morse to-day and as the weather is beautiful the demonstration will doubtless be of an imposing character.

CONCORD, N H, June 10—Weston is elected Governor.

WASHINGTON, June 8—The President in consultation with a correspondent at West Point, characterized the attack on the Apaches at Camp Grant as purely murder. His policy was that he wanted peace there as well as elsewhere. He intended to investigate the Camp Grant affair and would be just to all concerned.

The new dollar gold certificates will be issued next week.

NEW ORLEANS, June 6 — The water on Claiborne street at the canal has fallen a foot

(BY MAINLAND TELEGRAPH.)

British Columbia.

QUESNELLE, June 10—The steamer Victoria crossed the Fraser yesterday with 150 animals loaded with miners' supplies for Germansen creek.

During the past week over 400 pack animals have left here, all loaded.

G B Wright has left here with the steamer Victoria for Cottonwood and Fort George cañons and will go on to inspect Tatlah and Stewart Rivers. He has advertised to take freight and passengrs to Stewart and Tatlah Lakes. The impression here is that he will have little difficulty in getting through.

Mr William Cust, a Peace River trader; arrived here a few days ago and reports that an Indian has discovered a route from Stewart Lake to Germansen Creek—distance about 80 miles. It can be traveled with ease in three days.

Mr Finlayson of the H B Co arrived here on the 7th inst. He has been to Stewart, Fraser and Babine Lakes.

The report at Babine Lake on the 24th of May was that Woodcock had not done anything to the trail. Bill Moore was half way to Babine Lake with ten animals and was cutting his own way through from Skeena. The grade of the trail is reported to be an easy one for crossing the divide. For ten miles there was about four feet of snow.

Up to the 24th of May three hundred miners had passed Babine, each with two months' supplies of provisions.

Packing from Skeena to Babine Lake was 10 cents per pound.

A miner arrived at Lake Tatlah from Germansen Creek on May 24th. Among other items and reported that Kelly and Stevens were making six oz. per day to the hand at a place six miles above the camp of 1870.

Mr Dewdney had gone down to the Skeena to blaze the trail through to Tatlah.

LYTTON, June 12—The bridge across Nicola River, about 12 miles from its mouth, was swept away yesterday by high water. The surrounding creeks are unusualip high.

Newfoundland.

NEW YORK, June 9—A letter from St John, May 24th, reports the loss of a coasting schooner with forty souls on board, nearly all of whom were married men and were returning to their homes with the produce of a successful fishing voyage. Old Pelican, in Trinity Bay, where they resided, is a little hamlet, and nearly every family has lost a member.

ST JOHNS, June 9—News has been received of the total loss of the steamer Wolf, with a cargo of 17.000 seal skins, by collision with an iceberg, the crew having barely time to leap on the ice before the steamer sank. The steamer Lion saved the crew.

Oregon.

SALEM, June 8 — The notorious convict, Shultz, with a 20-pound shackle on, ran past his guards this evening and made his escape into the woods on the South side of the prison. An alarm was given and people from all parts started in pursuit.

East Indies.

LONDON, June 9—Telegraphic communication has been established with Singapore, Hongkong and Shanghae.

Impudence.

[From the Cariboo Sentinel, June 3d.]

The Victoria *Standard*, in a column of bombast headed 'Public Opinion on the Civil List List Act,' has recently assumed to itself a new office—that of 'Censor of the Press,' and undertakes to rebuke the Cariboo *Sentinel* for having the audacity not to bow down before the brazen idol which our Victorio Nebuchadnezzar has set up. Now we would calmly advise the editor of the *Standard* to attend to his own business; we are old enough in Cariboo to get on without being held in leading strings by him. At home he may rule Lord Paramount, go on 'starring' trips through the agricultural districts and set himself up as a demi-god; but in Cariboo we want no dictation as to the course we may pursue; and even though the modern 'Tribune of the People' may exclaim 'It shall be so in the right and strength of the Commons!' 'I am Sir Oracle, and when I ope my mouth let no dog bark,' we will continue to exercise the right of private judgment and freely give expression to our opinions despite the terrors and dangers attendant upon incurring the *Standard's* direful wrath.

We should probably have passed the article over with silent contempt had the *Standard* not been guilty of 'perverting the truth,' to use the mildest and most polite term we can in regard to the course adopted by the *Sentinel* in this matter. We have never advocated the bill in question, nor abused it. When it came before the House we expressed our opinion as follows: 'It is objected against this bill that the heads of departments only should be permanently provided for, but it strikes us that it makes little matter, as the present bill can be repealed or amended at any time, and if an officer is found to be superfluous or inefficient it will always be in the power of the Executive to dispense with his services.' And yet we are accused of supporting Dr Carrall in violating his pledged word on Responsible Government, and supporting a measure 'saddling sixty officials on the country who can only be removed when pensioned.'

The first of these charges we do not think worth arguing about. We have already expressed our sentiments on that head freely enough. We are followers of no man or clique. We support Dr Carrall or any other man when we think he is right, and we hesitate not to find fault when we think it necessary; but we have too much selfrespect to bind ourselves to the wheels of the car of Juggernaut driven by the honorable member for Victoria district and his man Friday. As to the second charge, we may perhaps not understand the English language as well as the editor of the *Standard*; if so, we must plead ignorance as our excuse. But if any sane man in the country can convince us that the following section saddles sixty officials on the country who can only be removed when pensioned, then we will acknowledge that our education has been woefully neglected:

Section 2—The sums so set down in the said schedule A, opposite to each office or department shall be payable for each while the incumbents at the time this Act comes into operation respectively remain in office.

This is the sum total of the Act which has afforded peripatetic mountebanks a text on which to preach their threadbare sermons, in which Magna Charta, the Star Chamber, Charles the First, the American Revolution' Britons never shall be slaves and other buncombe phrases have been used so extensively to tickle the ears of the crowd, not one in a hundred of whom has ever read the Act or understands its provisions. We have looked from the first upon the outcry that was raised against this measure as mere claptrap—as a false excitement got up for personal ends by professional agitators—political Ishmaelites, whose hands are against everyone; a class of men who are a bane and a nuisance to every country; men whose prototypes may now be seen in Paris, slaughtering their countrymen, destroying monuments of art and turning the most beautiful city in Europe into a mass of ruins in the name of liberty. Liberty! how the sacred name is prostituted! How many aspirants for popular favor use the glorious word for no other purpose than of riding into office through the glamor with which they are shrewd enough to charm their deluded followers and who, when once their object is attained, are the first to throw aside the mask and

"Crook the pregnant hinges of the knee,
That thrift may follow fawning."

Shipping Intelligence.

PORT OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

ENTERED.

June 6.—Str Isabel, Starr, Port Townsend
Str Olympia, Finch, Port Townsend
Slp Ocean Queen, Dick, San Juan
June 7.—Slp Alarm, Dwyer, San Juan
June 8—Str Enterprise, Swanson, New Westminster
Slp Ringleader, Dake, San Juan
June 9—Stmr Isabel, Starr, Port Townsend
June 10—Sch Hamley, Carleton, Comox
June 12—Sch Surprise, Spring, West Coast
Str Enterprise, Swanson, New Westminster
Str Isabel, Starr, Nanaimo
Slp Thornton, Brown, West Coast
Slp Eliza, Middleton, Saanich
Str Olympia, Finch, Port Townsend

CLEARED.

June 6.—Str Isabel, Starr, Port Townsend
Str Olympia, Finch, Port Townsend
Sch Greyhound, Wheeler, San Francisco,
Slp Ocean Queen, Dick, San Juan
June 7.—Sch Experiment, Eally, Port Townsend
June 8—Sch Discovery, Etherbank, Burrard Inlet
Slp Ringleader, Dake, San Juan
Str Enterprise, Swanson, New Westminster
June 9—Stmr Emma, Holmes, Skeena
Stmr Isabel, Starr, Nanaimo
June 10—Sch Hamley, Carleton, Comox
June 12—Sch Surprise, Christiansen, West Coast
Str Isabel, Starr, Port Townsend
Sch Eliza, Middleton, Saanich
Str Enterprise, Swanson, New Westminster
Str Olympia, Finch, Port Townsend

MARRIED

On the 8th inst, at St John's Church, Victoria, by the Very Rev Dean Cridge, Clement Francis Cornwall, B A, of Ashcroft, British Columbia, third son of the Rev A G Cornwall, M A, Rector of Newington, Bagpath and Kingscote, Gloustershire, and Chaplain in Ordinary to the Queen, to Charlotte, fourth daughter of the Rev A G Pemberton, Vicar of St John's, Kensal Green.

At the New Wesleyan Chapel, Launceston, Dec 13th, Alfred, son of the late Mr. Henry Lyne, Yeoman, Trematon, St. Stephens, near Saltash; formerly of Victoria, Vancouver Island, to Annie Maria, only daughter of Mr Wm. Browning, of Launceston. This being the first marriage solemnized in the New Chapel, a beautifully bound copy of the Bible and Wesley's Hymns was presented to the bride.

In this city, on the 8th inst, at the residence of Mr Fred Paine, by the Rev Mr Auss, Elijah William, eldest son of Jonathan Simpson of Highland Road Farm, to Elizabeth Jane, eldest daughter of John Sinclair of Egbeth, near Liverpool, England.

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4. Running High Jump. Entrance 25cts. 1st prize $5 2d prize $2 50.
5. Putting Heavy Shot. Entrance 25cts. Prize $3 50.
6 Putting Light Shot. Entrance 25cts. Prize $2 50.
7. Tossing the Caber. Entrance 25cts. Prize $2 50.
8. Throwing the Heavy Hammer. Entrance 50cts. Prize $5
9. Throwing the Light Hammer. Entrance 25cts. Prize $2 50.
10 Foot Race, 300 yards. Entrance 50cts. 1st prize $5, 2nd prize $2 50.
11. Foot Race, 150 yards Entrance 25cts. 1st prize $2 50 2nd prize $1 50.
12 Foot Race, 200 yards—for boys under 15. Entrance 25cts. 1st prize $5. 2nd prize $2 50,
13. Foot Race, 100 yards—for girls under 12 years. Entrance free. 1st prize $3, 2nd prize $1 50.
14. Foot Race, 1 mile, Entrance 50cts. 1st prize $10, 2nd prize $5.
15. Blind Foot Race, 50 yards. Entrance 25cts. 1st prize $3, 2nd prize $1 50.
16. Sack Race, 50 yards. Entrance 50cts. Prize $5.
17. Three-Legged Race, 50 yards. Entrance 25cts. Prize $2 50.
18. Hitch and Kick. Entrance 25cts. Prize $2 50.
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GUNPOWDER.

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There appear to be difficulties, confined, it is believed, to the question of expense, in producing a powder at Waltham Abbey in all respects equal to 'Curtis and Harvey, No 6,' but the Committee, keeping in view the importance of maintaining the great accuracy of shooting of the Martini-Henry rifle, recommend that no powder should be used for its ammunition that does not give results at least equal to those obtained in the Committee's experiments, whether such powder be obtained from the Government Factory or from the trade."

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San Juan—The Chart Discovery.

In a speech which has deservedly found its way into the leading journals both on this continent and in Great Britain, the Hon Dr Helmcken told us what an insignificant incident influenced the decision by which two large and valuable States were lost to the British Crown. That immense country of incalcuable value known as Oregon and Washington Territory was given up because the salmon of the Columbia River would not jump at Captain Gordon's fly! It is wonderful what influence the most trivial incidents sometimes exert upon the course of empire, the destiny of nations. If as has been stated, we owe the loss of the vast territory on the south of us to the indisposition of the salmon to rise to Captain Gordon's fly, it would appear to be not altogether impossible that we may owe the recovery or the retention of San Juan Island as well as all the other islands comprising the group to an accidental circumstance equally trifling. The public have already been informed of the accidental discovery of an old American chart upon which may not impossibly turn the ownership of the islands in question. This chart bears the following important inscription:—'Published under the authority of the Senate of the United States 1848.' This official endorsement is valuable The United States Government cannot well turn round now and repudiate its own endorsation. The date is important, as showing that the Chart was made and sanctioned subsequently to the making of the Treaty settling the boundary. It will have been observed that the sole point of present dispute, the only one the Emperor of Germany has been invited to settle is as to which 'channel' the Treaty of 1845 refers when it says the line is to 'run on the forty-ninth parallel to the middle of the *channel* which separates the continent from Vancouver Island; and thence southerly through the middle of the said *channel* and of Fuca Straits to the Pacific Ocean.' The Americans insist that the 'channel' of the Treaty is Haro, which would, of course, give them the coveted group. The British, on the other hand are equally persistent in asserting that the Treaty alludes to the Rosario channel, as it was the channel known and in use at that date. And it is here that the chart just discovered will be found useful. On it is very distinctly traced the boundary line, and that line, as has been already stated, follows the Rosario channel. That this is the identical chart referred to by the Earl of Lauderdale, in a recent debate in the British House of Lords there appears to be no reason for doubt. Nor is it reasonable to apprehend much difficulty in establishing the authority and genuineness of the chart, even should this happen to be the only surviving copy, a thing extremely improbable, Fremont still lives, and here is doubtless abundant evidence, both documentary and oral, to be got at Washington, if not elsewhere; and it will be recollected that either of the high contracting Powers is entitled by the terms of the Treaty of Washington 1871 to make a demand upon the other for copies of any documents bearing upon the question known to be in the possession of the other. In view of all the circumstances the prospect of Great Britain establishing her right to the island or islands in dispute looks more hopeful. Will it not be strange if, after all, we shall have to thank Fremont for having made amends for the negligence of the Com-