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ENGLISH AFFAIRS.

The English papers received yesterday give us some further information about the Reform question in England. It appears, when the great division on the second reading of the Franchise Bill took place, one Conservative, Mr. R. J. Harvey, voted with the Government, thirty-four Liberals voted against the Government; Roebuck for the Government paired off with a Conservative, six Liberals and three Conservatives were absent, and eleven seats were vacant.

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LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Friday, June 22.

TRIAL TRIP.—The fine stern wheel steamer Alexandra, now owned by the Hudson Bay Company, having been thoroughly overhauled from stem to stern, outside and inside, made a trial trip yesterday under the management of Captain Swanson, who, with Mr. Wark, invited a number of their friends on board. The steamer left at 11 a.m., and went down as far as Beechey Bay, below Race Rocks, where she turned round and steamed into Esquimalt harbor, having made nine miles in fifty minutes with fifty pounds of steam. She sailed around the ships of war in the harbor and saluted them. The working of the machinery gave the greatest satisfaction, many improvements having been made by Mr. Elliott, the engineer. Those invited express themselves highly pleased with the manner in which they were entertained by Mr. Wark and Captain Swanson.

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THE STEAMER ELIZA ANDERSON waits the arrival of the mail steamer expected this morning.

MENKEN IN NEW YORK.—The disgusting spectacle of "Mazepa" was being produced in Broadway, N. Y., last month, with Ada Isaacs Menken as the chief personator. The Tribune says of the audience which greeted her first appearance, that it was composed chiefly of males, and was of a coarse and brutal character. Every variety of dissolute life was represented in it. The purple nose, the scorbic countenance, the glassy eye, the bull head, the heavy lower jaw, the aspect of mingled lewdness and ferocity—all were there. Youth, whose attire exhibited an eruptive tendency towards cheap jewelry, lolled upon their seats, champing tobacco, and audably uttering their filthy minds. Old sports were abundant. The atmosphere fairly reeked with vulgarity. Long before the curtain rose, the galleries resounded with the clamor of the gods. Remarks of a character complimentary to Tony Pastor, were frequently audible. As an actress, the writer says, Menken has not the first pretensions to one. After suggesting the character of the performance, and denouncing it, the article closes by saying that it was nothing less than a grievous discredit to the acting drama of the metropolis. The burlesques of "Mazepa" have been performed at the Portland Theatre, but the shameless play should be denounced everywhere, as its tendency is corrupting.—American Paper.

THANKS TO Mr. Bromley, the gentlemanly pursuer of the Sierra Nevada, for the usual favors, and to Major Stratman for a supply of newspapers.

HONORS TO THE PEASANT NOBLE WHO SAVED THE CAZAR.—The St. Petersburg Gazette says that on the 6th instant the Marshals and Deputies of the St. Petersburg nobles resolved unanimously to present Ossip Ivanovich Komisaroff, the peasant who foiled the assassin's aim, with a holy image, and to open for him a subscription, to which all the nobility of the district are invited to subscribe. The permanent deputations of the nobles waited upon him to obtain his consent to be enrolled in the book of nobles. Komisaroff gratefully accepted the offer, and, in doing so, gave the following account of what took place: I do not know myself what strange feeling possessed me when I saw that man pressing through the crowd. I was watching him, but when the Emperor came up, he went out of my mind. All at once I saw him draw a pistol and aim at the Emperor. I thought myself that he rushed upon him he would kill some one else, or perhaps myself, and without more ado I struck up his arm. The pistol went off, and after that I do not recollect anything. I was, as it were, in the midst of a fog, and when I came to myself I saw a General, who embraced me. I was taken to the palace, but I was stunned, and it was an hour and a half before I could speak. Apartments have been hired for him in the Rouzize House. His family name will be changed into that of Komisaroff Kostromskoi, in memory of the provinces which he twice furnished saviours to the Imperial house in a moment of danger. He was obliged to show himself on the stage of the Russian theatre, and to relate what happened. He was invited to a grand banquet at the English Club. It is said that six hundred thousand francs have been subscribed for him in St. Petersburg alone, and that a proprietor of Kostroma has offered him a considerable quantity of land, for the purpose of enabling him to support his new dignity. The Emperor himself (says a correspondent of the Nord) asked General Todleben, as a personal favor, to direct the education of Komisaroff.

CITY COUNCIL.—At a meeting of the City Council last evening, an account from Mr. A. Neely for horse and cart hire in connection with the chaingang amounting to \$80 was presented. The Committee was required to examine the account, and if found correct to submit it to the Mayor for his signature—the Government to pay the amount. A communication was received from Messrs Henderson & Barnaby complaining of the erection of certain shanties on a public street leading from Store street to the water, and requesting the Council to remove the same. The Council declared its willingness to attend to the matter on having submitted to it a plan of the property, pointing out the nuisances. A petition was read from the Council messenger stating that he had not received any salary since December, 1864, and praying for relief. A resolution was passed requesting His Excellency the Governor to pay to the Clerk and Messenger the whole or part of their claims out of any money that had accrued to the Treasury to the account of the Corporation. An account from Mr. Trounce for \$525 as rent was ordered to be examined, and if correct to be paid when the Corporation shall be in possession of funds. The Clerk then read the Sanitary By-law, the consideration of which was deferred to Wednesday evening next, to which day the Council adjourned.

A FALL.—Mademoiselle Rosa Celeste, having been advised to walk a tight rope from the Cliff House to the Seal Rocks, yesterday, was "on hand," and ready to fulfil her engagement, but the wind was blowing furiously, and the friends of the young lady refused to permit her to attempt the hazardous feat. A daring fellow named Jack Lee, volunteered to walk the wire, and did attempt the perilous task. He gained three-fourths of the distance, when he lost his balance. In falling however, he caught the wire and worked himself ashore. He had a very narrow escape, of course, either from drowning or being dashed against the rocks.

A FEARFUL RECORD.—Charles P. Duane stands charged on the record of the Criminal Courts of this city with murder; also with misdemeanor; also with assault with a deadly weapon; also with grand larceny; and also with arson. His brother John Duane, is now undergoing his examination as a participes criminis with his brother in the killing of Ross. John Duane is also accused of having made an assault with a deadly weapon, and being accessory to the killing of Ross.

DISTRESSING ACCIDENT.—An unfortunate little boy aged four years, whose parents reside on Douglas street, yesterday met with a most distressing accident. The little fellow was clambering over some railings against which a large cross-cut saw was placed and caught hold of the saw, which fell upon him and struck him on the face, one of the teeth piercing the ball of the eye, allowing the escape of the aqueous fluid, and cutting the eyelid. Drs. Ash and Turner were immediately sent for, and having placed the poor little sufferer under the influence of chloroform sewed up the wound. It is feared the child must lose his eyesight, if not the eye itself.

FAILURES IN SAN FRANCISCO.—Information was received yesterday of the suspension of the firm of Macondray & Co. at San Francisco, and other firms, amongst whom were mentioned Messrs. Dickson, DeWolfe & Co., but we learn, on the best authority, that such is not the case, and the report originated through private difficulties incurred by Mr. Campbell, the London partner.

THE COLLINS TELEGRAPH Co's steamer Mumford, Captain Coffin, arrived from the Sound yesterday afternoon. She lies at Dickson, Campbell & Co's wharf where she will have the necessary fitting up completed. Her length is 110 feet, beam 19 feet, depth of hold 4 feet 8 inches. She is said to be very substantially built.

THE STEAMER SIERRA NEVADA arrived yesterday afternoon from San Francisco with passengers and freight as per list, elsewhere. She now lies at the wharf, and will proceed to New Westminster in a day or two. We are indebted to the Purser and Messrs. Wells, Fargo & Co's Messenger for files of late papers and other favors.

POLICE COURT.—An individual named Shaddon, charged with theft, was remanded for two days to allow time for witnesses to be procured. The Indian charged with stealing from Mrs. Coppermann was sentenced to two months' imprisonment with hard labor.

EUROPEAN MAIL SUMMARY.

(DATES TO MAY 12TH.)

All the stonemasons of Preston struck work on the 1st. They demand a reduction of six hours per week, in the hours of labor. The marriage of Princess Helena with Prince Christian is to take place on July 5th, and not on July 9th, as was at the first arranged. Mr. Joseph Nash is engaged at Claremont in painting, on the spot, a picture of the chamber in which the late ex-Queen Amelia died. A great rifle meeting, open to all comers, will be held at the Over range, Gloucester, on the 28th instant and the three following days. A heavy fall of snow took place on the 30th ult., throughout most of the North of Ireland, which remained for several hours on the ground. The Government have consented to the erection of a new bishopric in Australia, to be known as the see of Grafton and Armidale.

On May day the Grampians were covered with snow, and even the Sidlaws in some places had a white and wintry look. Snow fell on the 1st instant at several places in South Devon and Cornwall. At Totness the storm lasted two hours. The late Mr. James Lloyd of Birmingham bequeathed £5,300 to religious and charitable institutions. His Highness the Tumongong of Johore has determined—the first of his race—to venture on a trip to Europe. Mr. Manners Sutton is appointed Governor of Victoria, in the place of Sir Charles Darling, recalled. In Belgium the wheat and rye crops have been rarely seen so forward as at the present period of the year.

The death is announced of Sir John Chas. Thorold, the eleventh baronet. He was born in 1816. The Prince and Princess of Wales intend to be at Oxford during commemoration week. Prince Alfred arrived in London from the Continent on the 2d. The hay harvest has commenced at Wilton, Wiltshire. Mr. Joseph Brooksbank, a Bingley manufacturer, has been committed for trial at the Leeds assizes on a charge of having feloniously and maliciously destroyed eighty-eight pairs of looms. Through the skill of Mr. Chabots, an expert in handwriting, the hoax on the Times has been discovered, and the author has been dismissed his employment as a civil servant. The marriage of the Hon. Mr. Cotton, son of Viscount Combermere, with the wealthy heiress, Miss Fletcher, will take place in London in the course of the month.

In the course of evidence given recently before the Deputy Recorder of London, it was stated that land near St. Paul's churchyard was worth £1,000,000 per acre. The Nation states that by the sale of the estates of The O'Donoghue they do not, as was supposed, pass for ever from his hands. They were purchased by his friends. Captain Coles has at length received the sanction of the Admiralty to construct a sea going turretship on his own plans and designs. The Admiralty are not to interfere. Woolstone, in Hampshire, a famous place for British song-birds, the nightingales were never heard in finer song than they have been this year. The coroner's inquiry into the murder of the woman Milson, in Cannon-street, London, was resumed in a verdict of wilful murder against the prisoner Smith.

A Fenian shoemaker has been arrested in Sligo for attempting to seduce two men of the 83d regiment from their allegiance and tendering to them a Fenian oath. The Emperor Napoleon has just conferred the title of Duke upon the Count Colonna Walewski. The Second Empire has thus created seven dukedoms. Prince Paul Esterhazy is dangerously ill, and Professor Oppolzer, the most renowned of Austrian physicians, has gone to Nuremberg to see him. The grocers of England have contributed £450 to defray the cost of a lifeboat. The drapers are said to be making an effort in the same direction. The other morning one of the priests of the Church of Santa Maria della Pace, Rome, on entering his confessional found a murdered infant placed inside. The cause of Garibaldi's sudden flight from Caprea was a notification from Head-Centre Stephens that he was coming to see the general. The session of Parliament commenced on the first February, and up to the present time—just three months—only twenty public acts have received the royal assent. More than 3000 tons of brocoli have been dispatched by rail this season from West Cornwall. The state apartments of Windsor Castle are closed until further orders. The National Lifeboat Institution has sent two fine new lifeboats to the coast. General Prim had returned to Catalonia, and was preparing an insurance there. A large number of the journeymen tailors of Leeds have struck work.

A young man at Bourgoin, Isere, France, lost his life a few days ago through one of those foolish wagers which have so often proved fatal. He bet that he would drink a bottle of brandy at a draught. Happily the cattle plague is declining, and it is to be hoped that before long it will disappear altogether. It has fallen with terrible severity on Cheshire. Mr. Norman Lockyer, one of the youngest and most promising of our scientific men, has been placed by Lord Hartington at the head of a new department in the War Office. Amongst the partners in the firm of Pinto, Pare & Co., whose bankruptcy has just been recorded, is the Honorable Lionel Ashley, fifth son of the Earl of Shaftesbury. In consequence of the alarm excited by recent cases of hydrophobia, dogs have been "proclaimed" in Manchester and Salford months earlier than usual. The managers of St. Vincent's Hospital, Stephen's-green, Dublin, have purchased Lyden Castle, Blackrock, for the purpose of converting it into a sanatorium. The Union Steamship Company are now compelled, by virtue of their mail contract, to convey mails between England and the Cape of Good Hope in 33 days. The French Acclimatisation Society has just received two dogs of the real Spanish bloodhound race, formerly in use in America for hunting the Indians. The unfortunate Ott (says the Siecle) who was assassinated by Count d'Eulenberg, left four sisters advanced in age, whom he supported by his exertions. Count de Bismarck, who seemed to have been nearly cured of his bad foot, has been attacked during the week with nervous rheumatic pains. The Court of Cassation has just confirmed the conviction of a man in France in a fine of 1l. for having worked a horse and cart on All Saint's Day.

The cholera has passed from the Duchy of Luxembourg into Holland. Letters from the Hague mention that it has broken out in several Dutch towns. A work has just been published in Paris containing a collection of dates that have been of ill-omen to celebrated personages in France. A solemn mass will be celebrated in the Basilica of St. John Lateran at Rome on the anniversary of the birth of the Emperor Napoleon. It is intended to photograph the whole of the portraits now at the National Portrait Exhibition; the best samples are to be colored. The private view of the Exhibition of the Royal Academy will take place on Friday, the 4th of May, the banquet on Saturday the 5th. Queen Emma of the Sandwich Islands, is now in Florence, and attends the English Protestant service regularly in the Via Maglia. It is considered probable that the American government will establish a depot in Lisbon for the use of their Mediterranean squadron. Nearly 500 tons of mackerel were sent from Cornwall to London and other large markets during the past fortnight. The list of candidates for election at the next meeting of the English Church Union includes the name of the Rev. Dr. Pusey. M. Piesri, the new Prefect of Police, is taking measures to stop the excessive gambling which prevails in the Paris clubs. We have to record the death of Lady Thyne, wife of the Rev. Lord Thyne, sub-dean and canon of Westminster. The Liberals of Nottingham have selected Lord Amberly and Mr. Handel Cossham as their candidates. There is now a good prospect of the salt deposit at Middleborough being worked. The salt was discovered four years ago. The white throat, the sand martin, and the cuckoo, have made their appearance about Frosdham. Lord Westbury, the late Lord Chancellor, has returned to London after a long continental sojourn. Eleven deaths were registered in London last week as having been caused by carriage accidents. Prince Couza is now staying in Paris incognito, under the assumed name of M. Alexander Adam. The contest for Cambridge has resulted in the return of Mr. Gorst, the Conservative candidate by a majority of 24. The two Liberal members for Windsor, Sir H. Hoare, and Mr. H. Labouchere, have been unseated for bribery. The King of Prussia has just conferred the order of the Red Eagle on the physician who attended Count de Bismarck. The judges have refused to grant a new trial in which the "Athenaeum" was charged with libelling a novel. The House of Commons is to be asked to vote £3,000 a year for the Princess Mary of Cambridge on her marriage. The serious illness is reported of Mr. W. Cotton, D.C.L., F.R.S., late governor of the Bank of England.

TEXT OF NAPOLEON'S SPEECH.—THE CAUSE OF THE FINANCIAL PANIC.—The following is the text of Napoleon's speech at Auxerre, to which it is attributed the cause for the financial panic in England and Europe:— "I see with pleasure that the memory of the first Empire has not been effaced from your minds. Believe me, for my own part I have inherited the feelings entertained by the chief of my family for this energetic and patriotic population, who sustained the Emperor in good as in evil fortune. I have a debt of gratitude to discharge toward you. This department was the first to give me its suffrages in 1848, because it knew, with the majority of the French people, that its interests were my interests, and that I detested equally with them those treaties of 1815, which it is now sought to make the sole basis of our foreign policy. I thank you for the sentiments you have expressed toward me. Among you, I breathe freely, for it is among the working population, both in town and country, I find the real genius of France."—S. F. Call.