ORIENTAL NEWS.

Suffering and Death Caused by Floods in China—War with Japan Possible.

Rapid Spread of the Cholera—A Big Emigration Scheme—Volcanoes in Eruption.

CHINA.

A very serious disaster is reported from Eng-hsok, caused by the heavy rain that took place on the night of the fourteenth of August, and which flooded the village to such an extent that only part of the roofs of the lower range of houses could be seen, and was so sudden that hundreds of lives were lost. It is stated that the water burst out in different parts of the hills and in such quantity that it did not take more than half an hour to flood the whole of the lower part of the village. The wreckage of houses, trees and numerous coffins was very extensive.

A large stretch of country in Shantung has been flooded by the Yellow river. Floods are reported from many other parts. Tientsin and the district round about was inundated. Thousands were homeless and many lives were lost. In the province of Chihli there are said to be 4,000,000 people homeless, and in Shantung the misery is great.

The Tientsin railway has been stopped. An angry crowd, thinking the railway embankments increased the height of the water in certain districts, broke the embankments. The water rushed in, destroyed the line along a stretch of about ten miles.

The breaking out of the yellow river again, and the great damage done by floods all over China will, it is said, again stop railway progress, and the Central Government having its hands too full to think of railways.

The Mo-ho gold mines now employ over 10,000 men, mostly natives of Shantung. There are four mines. The Government takes four tenths of the gold extracted, the remaining six tenths going to the miner. Sometimes a man will get none in a whole day's work, sometimes a man will get seven ounces. The regulations are very strict, and any theft is severely punished.

A syndicate of Continental financiers are said to have tendered to the Chinese Government a loan of 20,000,000 taels for a long term, estimated as from 15 to 20 years, at a low rate of interest, with the condition of supplying railroad material, and also with the hope of having a hand in the construction of railroads about to be built.

In the Sluun Tuck district, in the province of Canton, the people, instigated by the literati, pulled down a mission chapel and raised a disturbance. A similar riot is reported from Kiukiang. The Canton Mint is now issuing silver coins of the value of $1.50, 10 cents and 5 cents, which are coming slowly into circulation.

The Foochow Echo says that it is reported locally that war is imminent between China and Japan, the provocation given by the latter being the seizure of a Japanese man-of-war of a large cargo of rice from Corea intended for the Chinese government. In such hard times, the paper says, even such a baseless rumor may influence the thousands of workmen whom the distress has turned into loafers.

The United States steamer Monocacy left Shanghai for Ningpo. Chinese rowdies at that port are in the habit of visiting a Chinese theatre, which is an American enterprise, and refusing to pay. As the Chinese authorities do not seem able or willing to interfere, the Monocacy has been sent there to see that the interests of the American proprietor are protected.

Cholera, which has been raging in Japan, is now prevalent in Shanghai and the north, and several Europeans have succumbed to it.

Export business at Hongkong and coast ports has almost come to a standstill for the time being, on account of the rise in silver.

Four great guns have been imported from Germany for the defence of the Foochow river.

A pig-laden junk on the way from Hoifong to Hongkong was pirated. The stolen pigs, which were landed near Cape Collinson, were recaptured by Hongkong police, and nine of the supposed pirates were arrested.

JAPAN.

Representations having been made to the Japanese Foreign department by the government of the Bonin Islands relative to foreign vessels calling at the islands for fishing purposes, the Foreign Minister, states the Mainichi, has intimated that foreign vessels cannot be allowed to land their crews there as the islands have not been opened to foreigners. The Governor is instructed accordingly to expel such foreign fishermen as may call for fishing purposes at the islands.

Cholera returns up to August 25th, some of which are given below, bring the total number of cases in the country during the present epidemic, to 8,310, of which 4,862 ended fatally. At Osaka the epidemic is spreading rapidly. The disease is reported to be raging severely at Shimonoseki. In Yokohama and its suburbs the latest advices report the total number of cases at 188, with 123 deaths. One man died on the United States steamship Omaha, but the doctors considered it a sporadic case. There were no other cases of sickness on board.

The Japanese Consul in Fusan reports that six Japanese at that port were attacked by cholera during the week ending the 15th ult., and that two of the cases ended fatally.

The sulphur mountain at Skiridoko, Tonemura, Kitami district, Hokkaido, which last year became active and has since been emitting smoke, is reported to have again broken out.

A volcanic eruption is reported as having taken place at Tzuchiyu-mura, Shinobu-gun, Fukushima-ken. Much property is said to have been destroyed and several people killed.

It is reported that the Government proposes to abolish the tax on cakes and to levy on sugar instead. A bill to this effect is said to be before the Cabinet. The cake manufacturers have for some time been strenuously pleading for immunity from taxation.

A fire broke out at half-past twelve on the morning of the 21st August, at Sumjomachi, Echigo district, burning 176 houses and four telegraph posts, and causing the death of seven persons.

A rather gigantic scheme is on foot for the promotion of emigration to and colonization in Mexico of Japanese laborers. Representing the projectors of the great railway in Mexico, Mr. Vogel, backed in his endeavors by Admiral Viscount Enomoto, Privy Councillor and ex-Minister of Education, is at present in Japan exerting himself to induce the government to aid him in sending Japanese laborers over to that country, not only as laborers on the new railway, but also as colonists in South America.

Mr. Kawakita, Japanese consul to San Francisco, has been recalled on official business.

Lieutenant Nakamura Shizuyoshi, of the navy, has been appointed attache to the Japanese legation in Washington.

VOLCANIC ERUPTION.

On the Island of Mokiam, in the Moluccas, a volcanic outburst has just taken place. A crater there which had remained so quiet since a destructive outbreak in December, 1861, that the country close by had been brought under cultivation, again burst into activity on the 19th of June last. A column of smoke rose out of the crater to a height of thousands of feet, and red-hot stones shot aloft to amazing distances. The ground in the neighborhood quakes continually ever since, the heat around has become unbearable, and the ashes cast out darken the air. The inhabitants have fled from the island in all haste, and the loss of life among them has been small. By last advices the volcano remained actively at work, and the old crater has fallen in. A new crater has formed itself on the south side.

THE ACHEEN WAR.

The China Mail has the following: The victorious troops returning from Edi have been enthusiastically received at Samarang, their garrison place. This episode in the long-drawn-out Acheen war may rank high in importance from the change in tactics characterizing it. For the first time since the war began, seventeen years ago, artillery came prominently into play against the Achinese forts, and mainly contributed to the easy victory won by the troops. Formerly, storming forts came too much into fashion, with consequently heavy loss to the attacking force. The use of artillery enabled the Achinese to be driven out of almost impregnable fortifications in Edi with slight loss to the troops. In Acheen proper the army has been armed with magazine rifles, and improved cannon have been substituted for guns on old models. A military balloon service and telegraph communication between Acheen and Batavia all show that the war has entered upon a new phase with prospects of greater vigor. Another man-of-war, the Flores, has been ordered to Acheen to reinforce the blockading squadron. The latter now takes in almost all the Netherland naval forces in the Indian Archipelago. At other places only three men-of-war do duty.

A Friendly Regard.

Rank Prohibitionist—How long have you been in the clutches of this vile drink whisky?

Old Rats the Soak—Oh, only about four or three years. You see, boss, when I was young I had a awful tussle wid de aguer, and everybody thought de jig were up; but whisky saved my life, and naturally I been ever under obligation to de old stuff ever since.—Judge.

From the Tragedy of the Future.

Bismarck—The Emperor's a brute.

Mrs. Biz—Why so, oh, man of blood.

Bismarck—He doth burlesque.

Mrs. Biz—And how, oh, Iron entwined cellor?

Bismarck—When he did seek to know the status of me health he put it thus: "How doth the little Bizzy be?"

Mrs. Biz—Ye Gods! What baseness here there is!—Life.

Satisfied.

"Is your son in love?"

"Yes, he is."

"With whom?"

"I don't really know, but she has money."—Munsey's Weekly

A Boomerang.

Mrs. Brown—You always act like a fool, Brown—Well, my dear, I always follow your advice.—Epoch.

Correct.

Teacher—Who was most concerned when Absalom got hung by the hair?

Tommy—Abs'lom

Quite Another Thing.

Tom Dicer—Why did you give up your room with Mrs. Bordon, Jack? I thought she treated you like a mother.

Jack Uppers—No, indeed; she treated me like a son!—Puck

He Died Summarily.

McCusick—I hear poor Jinks is dead. He must have died very summarily.

Reed—Very summarily indeed. He took off his flannels too soon.

Too Bad.

"Did you propose to Henrietta?"

"Yes."

"Engaged?"

"No. I was for the League, but she preferred the Brotherhood."—Life.

Sudden Gush of Sympathy.

"Mamma," said the petted young heiress, "is it true that Auntie Simpson's fever left her quite deaf and nearly blind?"

"That is what your cousin Simpson writes, dear."

"Let her come and live with us, mamma," pleaded the daughter, with eyes almost tearful in their tender sympathy. "I want her for a chaperone."—Chicago Tribune.

The U. S. lighthouse tender Manzanita has received instructions to carry the U. S. commissioners upon a naval yard site to all available points on Puget Sound.

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Cheap Lot, Cloverdale Estate	850
Lot, Niagara and cross Street	900
Lot Niagara Street	800
2 Lots, South Turner Street, each	800
Building Lot, Kingston Street	1,150
13 Building Lots, en bloc, James Bay	10,400
2 Lots, Johnson Street, commanding position	2,100
6-Room House, bath, pantry, etc., etc., Victoria West	3,000
6 Acres, with water frontage to the Gorge. Beautiful site for a handsome residence	12,000
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