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SPECIAL TO THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST.

Europe.

VERSAILLES, Dec 28—Fort Avaron, 2500 yds east of Fort Rosng, is a new work mounting naval guns which can reach the towns of Chelles, Montferel and Clichy. The first fire from this fort in reply to the Saxon guns to-day was very accurate but not destructive.

LONDON, Dec 28—It is rumored that the Prussian Court has expressed disapproval of Queen Victoria's matrimonial alliance between the Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne.

The Pall Mall *Gazette* warns Englishmen that they cannot do worse than persist in the idea that the people of the United States are friendly to England. The fact is entirely otherwise, and at any moment the Americans may inflict intolerable insult upon British people.

BERLIN, Dec 27—Information has been received here that the Porte has ordered the Bosphorus and Dardanelles straits to be protected by torpedoes.

HAVRE, Dec 27—Since Saturday evening this city has been excited over the first important struggle between French troops in this Department, and the Prussians, which occurred on Saturday morning at daybreak. Although without any decisive result, it is regarded as valuable as a proof of the efficiency of our artillery and the capacity of the mobiles and tirreurs in an encounter with the regular troops after a number of petty engagement and skirmishes with the Uhlans and Saxons.

The people are clamorous for another sortie.

Three battalions, forming a column of 50.000 men have pressed from Honfleur. The force consisted of 3500 mobiles, 800 tirreurs, and one battery of regulars, 12 field pieces, 2 mitralleurs and 5 Armstrong guns all under command of Col Mermanard, who has arrived at Chateau Moulen, established headquarters and sent out the advanced posts.

The 24th was one of coldest this Winter.

The outposts have been driven in by the sudden appearance of Prussian cavalry in large numbers, who were advancing on the Chateau. Troops soon formed in line with the artillery, pointing forward. On the right wing the French troops behaved well, handling the artillery and ammunition with alacrity, and were soon prepared for an attack.

Affairs promised to be warm and interesting and the battle began at 7 30 by the impetuous advance of the Prussian cavalry 1500 strong preceded by a battery of artillery. They were received by the French artillery which opened a furious cannonade and made it hot work for the assailants. The French guns were well placed and splendidly worked but were not sufficiently supported. Their fire created a temporary demoralization among the Germans, whose lines wavered but kept up their fire. Three advances were made by the Prussians to leap upon the French batteries but they were each time compelled to retire. This unsuccessful fight with the French right lasted for 2 hours. Then a large body of Prussian infantry preceeded by a line of cavalry appeared on the road to Becamp coming to the support of the enemy. A council was held on the battle field in which the Germans determined to fall back on Honfleur. The French now occupy the heights commanding Beolbec with artillery which could easily have destroyed the German fotces. Looking down from this height to the north east was the valley of Lille bonne. On the opposite side of the hill but lower down and in the plains stood the Prussians ready to attack the French position. It was necessary for the Prussians to descend into the plain, then cross a petty stream and ascend the opposite bank about 150 feet. The Prussians here essayed to make the attempt and at the same time were exposed to a destructive fire from the French, while from their position their own fire was ineffectual. Fresh Prussian artillery appeared on the right of the French position and the fire from these guns caused the mobiles to break in confusion. The French force immediately commenced to retreat which they did amidst some confusion. The Prussian line made an attempt to follow up their advantage but the movement was made difficult by the nature of the ground but nevertheless they captured about 200 prisoners. Thus ended the expedition. The Prussian losses are estimated at about 300 killed. The French lost under 200. Since the fight the Prussians have again fled back.

The French army of the north has concentrated around Arras. The health of the troops is excellent.

MADRID, Dec 27—The Royal Civil List gives the King six million francs annually, and makes him heir to half the palaces in the kingdom.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec 28—The declaration of the Independance of the Danubian Principalities has been announced here and caused a profound sensation.

LONDON, Dec 29—The Prussians in the eastern departments are retreating. They have already evacuated the town of Uray, in the Valley of the Saone.

A Proclamation has been issued by the Prussian Government, placing under blockade all the ports of France now occupied or hereafter captured by the Germans.

The harbor of Kiel is closed by the ice.

The Paris press are opposed to the participation of France in the Congress on the Eastern question.

A special says the British Government, upon application of Count Bernstoff, stopped a ship which was chartered by the French Government to lay a submarine cable to connect Dunkirk, Cherbourg, Brest and Bordeau. The ship was given in charge of the Custom House Officers on the Thames. The cable on board was seized three hours after the first notice of this embargo. Application was made for the release of the ship which was refused.

BORDEAUX, Dec 29—The return of Gambetta has given an impetus to the forwarding of troops. Many have gone to-day from the South of France. A number of new cannon have been forwarded to Bourbakis army, which is marching to cut the Prussian communications.

Chaucey sent a column to Montere driving the Prussians for several miles taking some prisoners and killing a number.

Gambetta desired no reception here.

The cold continues.

LONDON, Dec 29.—The French continue to defend Cauabray.

Two thousand Prussians are at St Quentin and Mount Arras.

Prince Ghiska is to form a ministry at Bucharest.

Gen Pettingers has arrived at Havre from Bordeaux to superientend the defences.

Prussia will give indemnity in bonds to owners of vessels destroyed in the Seine but declines to give indemity to sailors.

ROCHE SUR-YORNE, Dec 28—A balloon from Paris has landed here. The Prussians yesterday furiously attacked Rosney, Nugent and Mont Avron. They unmasked some siege batteries and attempted the bombardment but were repulsed with heavy loss.

The moral condition of Paris is excellent.

ROCROI, Dec 29.—The artillery at Messiers prevents the Prussians from establishing batteries.

Accounts show that the Prussian and French troops have suffered terribly from cold. In order to replace the French troops thusincapacitated strong reinforcements have been sent, also vast quantities of material to increase the comfort of the troops.

VERSAILLES, Dec 29.—The 12th corps occupied Mont Avron after one day's bombardment. The French left behind many carriages, rifles and dead troops.

MADRID, Dec 29.—Seven of the eight balls have been extracted from Prim's shoulder. He lost two finge s.

BESANCON, Dec 29.—The freshet confines the population to the right bank of the Doubs.

A successful sortie was made at Belfort.

LONDON, Dec 30.—Thiers estimates the entire number of French troops at seven hundred and fifty thousand.

Bourbaki's command is charged especially with the duty of revictualling Paris and has already on hand a vast amount of live stock and provisions for that purpose. At the proper moment this army will make a desperate effort to join Chaucey's army and reunite with the army of the Loire which will then with great energy push on for Paris.

Gen Paladine's reverses are now charged to the meddling of politicians who persuaded Gambetta to interfere with his military operations.

Granville has received an official dispatch from the French Government at Bordeaux, in which France declares its intention not to send a delegate to the PeaceConference which is to be held in London, unless the British Government shall first recognize the French Republic. A similar dispatch has been sent to each of the other Great Powers.

Advices from Madrid state that Gen Prim has announced his intention to resign in person to the King, and then retire to private life.

A dispatch from Versailles received here states that Gen Sal has evacuated all the departments east of Paris which had been occupied by the Prussians. It is thought this is done in order to concentrate the Prussian strength in and around Paris.

MADRID, Dec 30—The press expresses adhorence of the attempted assassination of Prim, and the Cortes have passed a vote of confidence in the government. Prim is recovering very rapidly.

LONDON, Dec 29—Ice blockades the harbor of Copenhagen.

Advices from Stutgard say that Darmstadt has passed the Federal Treaties.

Rome is half flooded and much damage has been done.

The French Vice-Consul at Joisy orders all refugees to report themselves immediately for service in the army, or they will be considered as deserters.

The Prussians at Orleans and Blois have committed excesses because the ruined inhabitants were not able to give requisitions demanded at Orleans. The Prussians threaten to take away, as hostages, fifty of the prominent citizens, unless 600.000 francs are paid for the maltreatment of Prussian soldiers.

Eastern States.

NEW YORK, Dec 28—The billiard match between Rudolph and Dion was played this evening at the Academy of Music, the latter winning the money, champion cue and game by 409 points.

Nevada.

VIRGINIA, Dec 29—In the U S Dristict Court yesterday Morris Winkley pleaded guilty of selling liquor without a license and was sentenced to six months imprisonment and a fine of 1500. J W Allen, for a similar offence, received the same sentence.

It is rumored that the Yellow Jacket Mining Co. will pay a dividend of $2 50 per share next month.

Utah.

SALT LAKE, Dec 29—McKay and Heath, two of the Southern stage robbers, and three other convicts escaped from the guardhouse at Camp Douglas early this morning by cutting the door fastenings and overpowering the guard. Col Morrow, commanding the post, informed U S Marshal Patrick, and measures are being taken to recapture them.

Arizona.

SAN DIEGO, Dec 28 — On Christmas Eve Charles Reed, station keeper, Mrs Reed, James Little, stage driver and old Tommy, the cook, were seated at supper at Mission Camp, stage station on the road to Tucson and 25 miles east of Arizona City. While eating three Mexicans rode up, one of whom opened the door and presenting a pistol shot Mr Reed. As the driver turned to reach his pistol he was shot through the heart and instantly killed. The Mexicans then rushed into the house and finding that Mr Reed still lived they cut his throat. Old Tommy was then seized and his head entirely severed from the body. Mrs Reed was fired at and wounded in the thigh, and would have been killed had not a dog attacked the Mexican who fired, causing him to miss his aim. The Mexicans then plundered the house, taking four of the stage horses to carry off the booty. The stage from Tucson the next day discovered the body of a man lying in the road; near by stood the team of oxen which he had been driving. It is supposed the Mexicans murdered the teamster and then proceeded to attack the station. No pursuit has been made, as the murderers had two days' start to get into the State of Sonora, where pursuit would be very difficult.

California.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec 28—The District Attorney of Alameda County is in town to-day summoning witnesses in the matter of the murder of Crittenden by Mrs Fair. The question of jurisdiction is still unsettled, but it is likely that the trial will take place in Alameda County.

The weather continues clear and cold with a strong north wind.

The ship Germania, 242 days from Liverpool, having put into Rio twice in distress, is outside. The cargo will have to be sold to pay bottomry bonds of $70.000 and other charges on the vessel, and the cargo valued at about $50.000 will probably pay fifty cents on the dollar, leaving nothing for the shippers of goods.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec 30—Thos O'Brien was to-day held to answer before the Grand Jury on a charge of assaulting his brother-in-law with a deadly weapon.

The steamer Pacific left early this morning for Santa Cruz, to tow the Gussie Telfair to port.

Information has reached this city of the total destruction of the Carbon coal mines in Wyoming Territory, together with the town of Carbon. The mines were directly under the U P railroad and furnished large quantities of coal for the road itself and the towns along its line. On Sunday a smouldering fire in a deserted chamber caused an explosion which destroyed the shafting and set fire to the mine. The fire raged with great violence and the force on the Wyoming division of the U P railroad was summoned to aid in extinguishing the flames, but could not succeed. The coal bed lay only fifty feet below the surface. The impression was that the bottom of the town was burned out, and the citizens deserted the place. The entire mine will have to be abandoned, and the railway company will have to build a track three miles long round the place—which work is now in progress.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec 29—The weather remains clear and cool, wind north.

The steamer Montana from Panama via San Diego is now due and will probably arrive tomorrow morning.

Stocks firm and moderately active. Crown Point 16½, Treasure 6, Imperial 22, Belcher 6½, Kentuck 33½, Chariot 73, Mammoth 32½, Yellow Jacket, 47½ Savage 40, Chollar 74, Norcross 104, Ophir 43½.

Business of every sort is merely nominal this week. Nothing doing in the Courts; and the ordinary sources of local news completely dried up.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec 30.—Arrived—Bark Scotland, Bellingham Bay, Stmr Montana, Panama.

Flour—Unchanged.

Wheat—700 sks choice coast $2 20. Market firm.

Barley—Feed $1 30@1 35. Brewing $1 35 @1 40.

Oats—600 sks. Fair $1 37½. 1000 sks $1 35. Good $1 50.

Hay—One cargo of common. None good.

Barley—$12 50.

Potatoes—Carolina advanced to $2. Other kinds range $1 75.

San Francisco is being flooded with bogus Havana lottery tickets. They are peddled around the streets by hawkers on the sly.

The first steamer of Webb's line, the Nevada, will start for Australia and New Zealand some time between January 20th and February 1st.

Oregon.

PORTLAND, Dec 30.—The sailing of the propeller California has been postponed till to-morrow or next day.

PORTLAND, Dec 30—The stmr G S Wright succeeded in breaking the blockade yesterday. She received some recruits from Vancouver and proceeded on to Sitka.

This morning the steamer Oriflamme sailed from St Helens for San Francisco.

Steamers are now running to Arcadia and report the river opening rapidly below Willow Bar.

Weather—Mild and rainy.

The propeller California will make an effort to pass through the ice to-day.

Shipping Intelligence.

PORT OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

ENTERED.

Dec 27—Stmr Isabel, Starr, Pt Townsend
Str Olympia, Finch, Port Townsend
Slp Ringleader, Drake, San Juan.
Ship Lady Lanpson, Gaudin, London.
Str Grappler, Deveraux, Burrard Inlet
Slp Random, Mitchell, san Juan
Dec 23—Sch Favorite, McKay, West Coast
Stmr Olympia, Finch, Pt Townsend
Str Grappler. Deveraux, Burrard Inlet
Bark Ada, Fallshaw, Nanaimo
Dec 29—Sch Black Diamond, Rudlin, Nanaimo
Str Emily Harris, Mintosh, Nanaimo
Sch Discovery, Caffery, Burrard Inlet
Dec 26—Sch Alert, Christiansen, San Juan
Slp Ocean Queen, Dick, San Juan
Dec 31—Stmr Emma, Ettershank, Alert Bay

CLEARED

Dec 27—Str Olympia, Finch, Tort Townsend
Str Enterprise, Swanson, New Westminster
Stmr Isabel, Starr, Pt Townsend
Slp Ringleader, Drake, San Juan.
Slp Thornton, Brown, Barclay Sound.
Dec 22—Slp Alarm, Dwyer, San Juan
Str Olympia, Finch. Port Townsend
Dec 23—Slp Random, Burke, San Juan
Str Enterprise, Swanson, New Westminster
Dec 23—Slp Hamley, Carleton, Comox.
Dec 31—Slp North Star, Levi, Port Townsend

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BIRTH.

At Port Townsend, W. T, on the 24th December, the wife of F W Foster, Esq, of Clinton, B. C, of a daughter.

DIED.

In this city, on the 21st Dec, at the Royal Hospital John O'Brien, aged 46 years, native of Wexford Co, Kilmickridge, Ireland.

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Young & White	10 00	S Bridgman	5 00
W J Macdonald	10 00	J Beaumont	2 50
R E Jackson	10 00	J Truich	2 50
J P Davies	10 00	J Sere	2 50
E G Alston	10 00	J Rueff	2 50
W C Ward	10 00	R Burnaby	2 50
W Wilson	10 00	J C Nicholson	2 50
T N Hibbin	10 00	J Fritzallen	2 50
G J Stuart	10 00	J Blackbourn	2 50
G J Findlay	10 00	A Friend	2 50
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Sproat & Co	10 00	A Case	2 50
H Lee	10 00	J Vogel	2 50
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B W Pearse	10 00	T Burnes	2 50
J Finnerty	10 00	A Claverie	2 50
J D Pemberton	7 50	P Tissitt	2 50
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