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## English and Continental Echoes.

English papers to January 5th come to us filled with accounts of Christmas and New Year festivities and rejoicings—social gatherings around the roast beef and traditional plum pudding. Political events are forgotten in the enjoyments and pleasures of the season; and whatever may be said of hard times in the old country, your genuine old countryman always manages to feel happy during the Christmas holidays. During the festive season several new pantomimes were produced at the theatres, and the performances are highly spoken of. The first and most important (to us) item that strikes our eye is one concerning the all-absorbing and ever-interesting topic of Confederation of the Colonies. After a session of several weeks at the Westminster Palace Hotel, the Delegates have succeeded in revising the Quebec scheme so as to secure a unanimous vote of all the provinces represented—that is to say, Upper and Lower Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The resolutions passed at Quebec in their revised form have been forwarded to Earl Carnarvon for consideration. All the knotty points and difficulties which presented themselves, so far as colonial interests are concerned, have been successfully combated. Provision is made for enabling the colonies of Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland, the Northwest Territory and British Columbia to enter the Confederation on equitable terms hereafter. A draught bill, based on these resolutions, it is expected, will be prepared and submitted to Parliament early in the ensuing session. The Conference was composed as follows:—Canada—The Hon. Messrs. J. A. McDonald [chairman], G. E. Cartier, Howland, Langevin, Howland and Galt. Nova Scotia—The Hon. Messrs. C. Tupper, W. A. Henry, J. W. Ritchie, J. McCully and A. G. Archibald. New Brunswick—Messrs. S. L. Tilley, P. Mitchell, C. Fisher, D. Wilmot, and J. W. Johnson. Lord St. Leonards is one of the few favored individuals who have enjoyed the grim satisfaction of reading their own biographies. The report that his lordship was dead arose in the most natural manner imaginable. His eldest son, Mr Sugden, died, and the latter's daughter telegraphed to the deceased's brother "Papa is dead," signing the telegram Miss Sugden. Everybody in the metropolis naturally supposed that the sender of the despatch was a maiden daughter of Lord St. Leonards, and the *Times* and other papers (who keep the obituary notices of distinguished men already written) appeared on the following morning with long articles about the distinguished nobleman. Their chagrin, when they ascertained that his lordship was still alive, was probably great. One cannot help admiring the pluck with which the great Conservative, Mr Lowe, stands by his party and enunciates their peculiar views. At a dinner at the Merchant Taylors' School, the honorable gentleman gave the Reformers several home thrusts, and a Mr Joseph Guedalla, a member of the Reform League, having written a long and very respectful letter to Mr Lowe, suggesting that the time had arrived when he might retract his accusations against the working men, Mr Lowe, in reply, tells Mr Guedalla that for the last few months the Reform League has charged him with accusing the working classes with venality, [illegible] conduct. He maintains that his speech "only states that such things unhappily do exist in the constituencies, and that when they exist they are to be found rather among the poorer than the richer voters." The League having thus misrepresented him, had "striven to make him an object of the hatred, perhaps a mark for the vengeance of his countrymen," and with such a body he had no "courtesies" to interchange. He could scarcely "consider the request serious," and declined it. Mr Bass, the celebrated brewer and member for Burton-on-Trent, has made a moderate conservative speech to his constituents, in which he opposed manhood suffrage, but offered to make education the test. Mr Doulton tried to speak to his constituents at Lambeth and explain his vote against the Reform Bill. His audience, however, were determined to prove that they ought to have votes, and accordingly roared at him for three-quarters of an hour, compelling him to speak to the reporters, and then, having driven him off the platform, held a meeting of their own. It is now claimed that the Reform procession contained 34,000 people, a matter of very little consequence here. The King of Italy opened his Parliament on the 15th inst., in a speech which began with the sentence, very proudly spoken—"Our country is henceforth free from all foreign domination." The King announces that "the French Government, faithful to its obligations, has withdrawn its troops from Rome;" that the Italian Government "has respected, and will respect, the Pontifical territory;" that they desire "to conciliate Catholic interests with national aspirations," and hope to "accomplish the wishes which form that the Sovereign Pontiff may remain independent at Rome." The Ritual war continues to distract the clergy of the English Church, and several very disagreeable scenes have occurred between Curates and Rectors who insist upon altering the Ritual and their Congregations. "S. G. O." writes to the *Times*, explicitly charging Dr Pusey with administering vows of celibacy in two or three cases to young ladies under his direction, and in one case refusing to absolve her at her parents' request from a vow of celibacy taken for two years, or to sanction her marriage even after the expiration of the vow, a refusal which, as she would not marry without his sanction, put an end to the engagement, and she died single. "S. G. O." says that he will produce his evidence for the satisfaction of the *Times* if Dr Pusey denies these interferences with parental authority and the freedom of domestic life. A dividend of 4s. in the pound is announced in the estate of Overend, Gurney & Co., and an order for the resuscitation of the Agra Bank has been obtained. Count von Bismarck made rather an important speech in the Berlin Chamber on the 21st Oct. The subject was Schleswig-Holstein, and the Premier admitted that he accepted the plebiscitum for North Schleswig only to avoid the risk of a war with France. He thought himself that unwilling subjects were no source of strength, but still the vague wording of the clause about Schleswig "allowed Prussia a certain latitude in carrying it out," and she would "so act that the plebiscitum should be the uninfluenced and final judgment of the people," in other words, will see that the vote is not for reunion to Denmark. As for the Prince of Augustenburg, the Count regarded him as an ally of Austria and an enemy. As to misgovernment in Schleswig, he really could not be expected to look after every policeman who might happen to be harsh. All this is very cynical, but its frankness conciliated the Chamber, which does not wish either to quarrel with Bismarck or to give up [illegible] Dr Fitzgerald—we suppose the Roman Catholic Dean of Limerick—has fairly told his flock that to take part in the Fenian conspiracy is one of those mortal sins which will prevent him from administering the sacraments to any dying Catholic who cannot profess sincere repentance for it. The fire at the Crystal Palace, announced by Cable, destroyed the North Transept of the building. The loss is estimated at £150,000, of which only 20,000 is secured by insurance. The blow is a severe one to the Company. London has been snowed under, that is, five inches of snow have fallen on a level, and the drifts were so high that travel was impeded on the railways. Napoleon, frightened by the opposition, has "profoundly modified" his scheme for reorganizing the Army. The regular draft is to remain 100,000 a-year, but every able-bodied man of twenty who escapes it is to be enrolled in the Garde Mobile, which can be called out for service at any moment by a vote of the Legislative Body. This is a concession, but as the Legislature always votes as it is bid, the peasantry do not appreciate its full value. They see simply that whereas they had one chance in two of escaping forced military duty, they now have none. The Austrian Budget for 1867 was published on December 30, and shows a revenue of £40,729,769, as opposed to an expenditure of £43,389,600—a deficiency of £2,659,900, which would not be very great, were not taxation so strained. A volcano in the moon is said to be in an active state; the crater is fairly marked. The impression is that an eruption is going on, but if so, must not the moon have an atmosphere? Could combustion take place without oxygen? Would the smoke—the carbonic acid gas—rise without some heavier gas, like atmospheric air, to rise in? It has been at last ascertained that four hundred and thirty-two lives were lost by the recent colliery explosions. The explosion at North Staffordshire has been traced to the carelessness of the smith, who ventured into the workings with an open lamp in his hand. The silly man lost his own life by the explosion. The Queen of Spain, on the last day of the year, dissolved the Cortes, and the President and 123 members of the Chamber have protested against the dissolution; they were arrested and banished. The President of the Senate was also arrested. Thus has the last vestige of liberty disappeared in Spain.

## LOCAL INTELLIGENCE

Monday, Feb. 25th.

THE POISONING CASE.—Dr Davie, on Saturday, visited the convict, Mrs Sampson, and found her laboring under a degree of excitement bordering on insanity. The woman is pregnant. There are no accommodations for prisoners of her sex at the goal. Her every want has to be supplied by the keepers, and her forlorn state may well be imagined by our lady readers. It is rumored that Dr Davie has recommended her removal to the Female Infirmary for treatment. A petition from the Grand Jury to the Governor, another from the women of Victoria, and a third from the convict's husband, to the Governor, asking for her pardon, are on foot. Her extreme youth, (she is only fifteen) and the extraordinary circumstances under which a conviction was obtained will, we think, cause an application to His Excellency to result successfully.

EATING THE HEARTS OF MURDERED CHILDREN—The *Ereendenblatt*, of Vienna, has the following most extraordinary statement: At Rechnitz, in Hungary, a man has committed a horrible act through superstition. He has successively assassinated four children and eaten their hearts raw, believing that he would become invisible when he had done the same to seven. The crime was discovered before he had time to arrive at the end of his atrocity, and the man was incarcerated.

BANK OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.—A general meeting of proprietors was held Dec. 4th, at the London Tavern; Mr A. H. Phillpots in the chair. The following is the report of the directors: "In submitting the present report, the directors are able to congratulate the propietors upon the satisfactory position which the bank occupies after the late most severe and protracted financial crisis. There is every prospect that the result of the operations of 1866, after due provision shall have been made for all doubtful contingencies, will compare not unfavorably with those of [illegible] In Canada [illegible] the crops have this year been abundant in quantity, and have been secured generally in good condition. In Canada East they suffered considerably from a continuance of wet weather. But notwithstanding this drawback the trade of these important provinces, as well as of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, continues in a sound and satisfactory state. Considerable depression has lately prevailed in the colonies of Vancouver Island and British Columbia, and several failures have in consequence occurred, by some of which this bank may be affected. But after making suitable provision for those contingencies, the business on the Pacific Coast continues profitable. Your directors have now to announce that they have declared the usual half-yearly dividend of 30s. per share, being at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, which will be payable, free of income tax, on and after the 5th of Jan. next. Two vacancies having occurred in the direction, by the retirement of Mr W. R. Chapman and the death of Sir W. Minto T. Farquhar, Bart, M. P., the same will be filled up at an extraordinary general meeting, to be held at the conclusion of the general meeting." The Chrirman, in moving its adoption, observed that the reports made by the directors at that season of the year were necessarily of a somewhat meagre character, because, as they had not the whole of the year's accounts to deal with, all they could do was to convey to the shareholders the result, so far as the progress of the year would enable the board to deal with the figures themselves, and the judgment they formed therefrom of what would be the results of the general business at the conclusion of the year. On the present occasion the result, as stated in the report, would not compare unfavorably with that of last year, and he might perhaps go so far as to say that the directors saw no reason to fear that there would be any reduction next June in the division of profits as compared with the corresponding period of 1865, when it would be recollected they paid a bonus of one per cent. in addition to the normal 6 per cent. dividend, making in the whole 7 per cent. for the year. (Hear, hear.) A Shareholder—It is stated in the report that you are likely to sustain losses in California. Can you tell us to what extent? The Chairman—Considerable depression has lately prevailed in the colonies of Vancouver Island and British Columbia, and several failures have in consequence occurred, by some of which this bank may be affected. This does not refer to California. It is impossible to say what those possible losses may amount to, but certainly nothing to alarm us—(hear hear)—and we believe we have made ample provisions for them. (Cheers.) Mr Brookin a director, having seconded the motion, it was carried unanimously. An extraordinary meeting was then held to elect two directors in the room of Mr W. R. Chapman, retired, and Sir Minto T. Farquhar, deceased. The Chairman stated that there were only two candidates for the two vacancies, viz., Mr R. H. Glyn and Mr F. Lubbock. The names of those two gentlemen were put seriatim, and they were unanimously elected. A cordial vote of thanks to the chairman and directors concluded the business.

THE POPULATION OF NEW YORK CITY—Statistics have just been published in New York showing that the population of that city is not nearly so large as was generally supposed. Instead of there being a million of inhabitants, it appears that the city contains hardly three quarters of a million. The landlords have been in the habit of exaggerating the population as an excuse for increasing the rents. But in view of the actual figures now obtained it is anticipated that a material reduction will have to be made in the prices of the ensuing year.

A NEW ERA IN STEAM COMMUNICATION. We are glad to notice that a large screw propellor is to be sent out from England for the use of the Vancouver Coal Mining Company. This will enable the company to make regular shipments to San Francisco, and may be the means of furnishing Victoria with regular, cheap and direct mail steam communication, for little or no subsidy. Should the employment of the propeller prove a success others will be sent out at once.

## Later from Cariboo.

### THE GREAT STRIKES!

(From the Islander.)

WILLIAMS CREEK, 3d Feb., 1867.

We are in the middle of excitements here again. All Conklin's Gulch has been fresh staked from the bottom almost to the top, on both sides. The United Company made very heavy pay before they were obliged to lay off. There are a great number of tunnels running. The Dalles are running a fresh tunnel in order more easily to work their ground, as the present one is very inconvenient on account of the distance they have to run their dirt. The Home Stake have run one, but at too high a grade, and have commenced to run a fresh one. They struck over the top of the channel, by a considerable height with the first. They are fully convinced they have the United channel. The Hood Company have tenders out for a fresh tunnel. The Home ticket is in considerable favor; got a good prospect on the rim. They are now putting a new shaft down to strike the channel. There are several other companies in the gulch; some are paying, and some are only commencing.

On Canadian Creek there has been very great excitement, and it has been staked off almost from top to bottom, and you may look out very probably for something of importance shortly in that quarter, as three or four of the companies are nearly down.

Grouse is going on splendidly, and the boys from that quarter are spending their money excessively free.

Quartz is creating considerable excitement, and they are trying to get a site for the quartz mill for which a company has been got up, but met with considerable difficulty on account of the Bed Rock Flume Company, which claims all the water in the creek above the canyon. There is considerable work going on on the creek, and everything looks like a prosperous season,

I suppose that you are in the midst of considerable excitement down below as to the capital. I have signed the petition for Victoria, but am afraid, from the report of the Governor's speech, it will be of little avail. There are here a good many in favor of New Westminster, but the majority seem to favor Victoria.

THE CLIO.—H. B. M. steamer Clio arrived on Saturday morning the 13th, from Victoria, V. I. She arrived off the port on Friday night, and fired two guns, and burned blue lights. It happened that it was the very time, when our citizens were expecting the Colorado, consequently many went to the Esplanade to watch the mail steamer while a boat with with some of our more enterprising citizens went off to the steamer in search of news. But though disappointed in the mail steamer, the arrival of the Clio, was a pleasant event, bringing as she did, Capt. Turnour, and many of the officers, who were in the vessel when she came here to convey Queen Emma to Panama. In our editorial column it will be noticed that Capt. Turnour has received a decoration from His Majesty Kamehameha V. The stay of the vessel, though short, was enlivened by several parties, gotten up for the entertainment of the officers, by our English residents. There is on board an amateur theatrical troupe, called the "Funny Fellows." They gave a performance at the Hawaiian Theatre on Wednesday night, the 16th, for the benefit of the Queen Hospital. It was well attended, the amateurs succeeding admirably in pleasing the audience. The receipts were $100 over expenses, which was passed over to Mr C. R. Bishop, the Treasurer of the Hospital. The Clio coaled and sailed on Thursday, the 17th ult., for Valparaiso. She will touch at Tahiti. We understand that Admiral Denman limited the stay of the Clio in this port to four days. When last here, a night frolic of one of her under officers, led to some correspondence with the United States Government, which has resulted in the Admiral's mind in an application of discipline, or orders to his ship, more stringent, perhaps, than is necessary at this late date, when the affair has been amply explained and adjusted. The Clio consequently has made but a short stay in port.—*Honolulu Gazette*, Feb. 18.

BLACK MAIL.—A. Hayward, a gentleman who is said to enjoy the trifling income of $90,000 per month, has had two collectors of internal revenue arrested at San Francisco for conspiring to extort money from him. Mr Hayward returned his income at $20,000 per month, and the collectors gave him to understand that if he did not pay them something handsome to say nothing they would have him arrested for attempting to defraud the revenue; instead of complying with the modest request of the officers Hayward got out a warrant for their arrest on a charge of conspiracy.

EXPORTS.

for the Year 1866 to all parts other Ports in British Columbia (before with V. I.) from Victoria, V. I.

TO ENGLAND.

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| ra (Jan); Princess Royal (April), and Wales (Dec.) | |
| ssels | $363,386 |

TO UNITED STATES [CALIFORNIA.]

| | |
|---|---|
| | $ 4,648 |
| | 22,980 |
| | 27,437 |
| | 18,857 |
| | 25,087 |
| | 30,259 |
| | 9,963 |
| | 49,768 |
| er | 22,030 |
| | 14,379 |
| er | 11,592 |
| r | 12,211 |
| Total | $248,311 |

TO UNITED STATES [OREGON]

| | |
|---|---|
| | 4,393 |
| | ..... |
| | 5,200 |
| | 2,154 |
| | 1,345 |
| | 6,083 |
| | 4,177 |
| | 5,080 |
| er | 3,553 |
| | 2,246 |
| er | 1,336 |
| er | ..... |
| Total | $35,567 |

NITED STATES [PUGET SOUND DISTRICT.]

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|---|---|
| | 2,043 |
| | 2,545 |
| | 3,088 |
| | 1,936 |
| | 2,860 |
| | 1,053 |
| | 1,667 |
| | 4,245 |
| er | 2,192 |
| er | 3,484 |
| er | 426 |
| r | 329 |
| Total | $25,818 |

TO THE SANDWICH ISLANDS.

| | |
|---|---|
| 2 vessels | $ 32,005 |
| 2 do | 15,471 |
| 2 do | 38,934 |
| 1 do | 440 |
| 1 do | 6,149 |
| er 2 do | 8,907 |
| 1 do | 9,731 |
| Total (11 vessels) | $111,637 |

TO RUSSIAN AMERICA.

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|---|---|
| n Russian America (exclusive of Telegraph material.) | |
| y 1 vessel | $1,894 |
| 2 do | 7,600 |
| 2 do | 15,040 |
| 2 do | 4,203 |
| 2 do | 7,759 |
| er 1 do | 183 |
| 2 do | 1,716 |
| er 1 do | 3,400 |
| Total (13 vessels) | $42,086 |

RECAPITULATION.

| | |
|---|---|
| nd | $363,386 |
| States | 309,696 |
| ish Islands | 111,637 |
| n America | 42,086 |
| Total | $826,805 |

as compared with Years 1864 and 1865.

| | 1864 | 1865 | 1866 |
|---|---|---|---|
| ates | $375,156 | 365,058 | 309,696 |
| ... (No statistics kept) | | 130,000 | 363,386 |
| Islands | ,, | 73,562 | 111,637 |
| merica | ,, | 47,834 | 42,086 |
| ands, &c. | ,, | 3,032 | ..... |
| Total | | 619,586 | 826,805 |

estimate does not include gold exports.

Shipping Intelligence.

OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

ENTERED

nr Fideliter, Erskine, portland
prise, Swanson, N W
ranklin, Pritchard, San Juan
Hollins, Nanaimo
Cozian, stekin
t, McKenzie, San Juan
, Wright, San Juan
nr Eliza Anderson, Finch, Port Townsend
Diamond, McCulloch, Nanaimo
Mystery, Slater, Port Townsend
Bradley, San Juan
nr Emily Harris, Frain, Nanaimo
prise, Swanson, New Westminster
, Wright, San Juan
, Chambers, Nanaimo
like, Hunter, San Juan
anklin, Pritchard, San Juan
Waller, N W Coast B C
r Eliza, Middleton, Burrard Inlet

CLEARED.

rk Lono, Howard, Burrard Inlet
er, Williams, P Townsend
prise, Swanson, P Townsend
, Wright, San Juan
nr Fideliter, Erskine, Portland
Anderson, Finch, Port Townsend
Lewis, New Westminster
Industry Ettershank, Comox
, Slater, Port Townsend
Hollins, Nanaimo
takes, Keffler, Quatsino
Diamond, McCulloch, Nanaimo
nr Diana, Wright, San Juan
dyke, Hunter, San Juan
Lady Franklin, Pritchard, San Juan
, Turner, Sooke
on, Warren, N W Coast of B C

PASSENGERS.

ELIZA ANDERSON from Puget Sound.—abeth Smith, Emily Morris, Mrs Wagner, rs, A Campbell, D Trobill, C C Tomlinson, Robinson, Renton, Atkins, M Gregor, J Walker, Chapman, Warner, Spurlock, Swift, well, Richard, Rounds, 4 Chinamen and

CONSIGNEES.

NTERPRISE, from Puget Sound—Hutchinson & Co, Hudson Bay Co, J R Stewart.
ELIZA ANDERSON, from Puget Sound—orton, Clarke & Co, Wren, James, Cheveu.

IMPORTS

NTERPRISE, from Puget Sound—210 sheep, 50 hogs, 50 bbls flour, 10 boxes apples, 1 keg eed Value $2610.
ELIZA ANDERSON from Puget Sound.—86 ks onions, 6 head of cattle, 3 hogs, 88 sks $930.

BIRTH.

stminster, 6th inst, wife of Mr R. Wolfenghter

MARRIED.

on the 12th instant, by the Rev Mr Brown Esq., to Miss Lizzie Smith, all of Washing-

ay evening, by the Rev. Thomas Sommer. Sullivan, of New Westminster, to Isabel nd dauguter of Mr Peter Lester, of this

Sept., 1866, at Cumberland st, Dunedin, by Rev. D. M. Stuart, Knox Church, assistr of the bride, the Rev. James Copland n D, of Tuapika (brother of John Copland, his city,) to Kate Rutherford, eldest daugh. P. Anderson, Dunedin, formerly of Ja-

DIED

, Feb. 15th, Anthony Elliott, aged 42 ve of Sunderland, England
iland papers please copy.