

of action in the event of any further popular manifestations.

The intelligence from Japan appears too good to be true. A singular change seems to have come over the policy of the Empire, and the probability is that the consequences of a war with England being apprehended, wise councils have prevailed. The proclamation expelling foreigners has been withdrawn, with the declaration that the Government had changed its policy in the matter; some restrictions, however, are still sought to be imposed on trade. More singular still, the Prince of Satsuma sent envoys to the British Minister, expressing a desire to settle matters amicably. Several interviews occurred, and finally it was arranged that he would give up the murderers of Mr. Richardson, and pay the £25,000 demanded from him for the assault of his retainers on the Tokaido, upon the party whereof Mr. Richardson was one. Furthermore, it is said, the British Minister has accepted these terms.

The United Service Gazette asserts that the Second Brigade Royal Artillery is under orders to embark for Copenhagen.

It is stated that the French Ambassador to the United States has returned to Paris with a scheme for a compromise between the contending parties in America.

The Reporter says—Nine of the leading merchants of this city have associated themselves together, for the purpose of establishing another banking institution in Halifax, under the title, it is said, of "The Merchants' Bank."

The steamer Ospray left on Saturday for St. Johns, Newfoundland, carrying thither a mail from this city, together with the mails and a passenger left here from the Galway steamer Hibernia, the master of which reported his inability to get into the former port, in consequence of the ice.

A Sheriff's Jury awarded on Saturday last the sum of £350 currency, for additional land for military purposes, at McNab's Island.

An inquest was held yesterday afternoon, before J. Denham Hume, Esq. Coroner, on view of the body of Timothy Collins, late butler to Judge Bliss, who was found drowned at Her Majesty's Ordnance Dock on the forenoon of the same day. The jury, after hearing evidence, returned the following verdict:—"That the deceased was found drowned in the dock of Her Majesty's Ordnance Yard, and the jurors further say that there is no evidence to show under what circumstances the deceased got into the water.—*Chron.*"

We understand that Mr. Augustus Tupper brought 25 ounces of gold to town yesterday, the yield of 9½ tons of quartz, the produce of his own claim on the

South lead, Tangier, at a depth of 65 feet.—*Id.*

A portion of the County of Victoria, in Cape Breton, has been declared a gold district, under the title of "The Magamacook Gold District."

Among the passengers per steamer for England, was Colonel Laurie, Inspecting Field Officer of Militia, accompanied by his lady. The gallant Colonel intends returning in May next.

Hon. W. H. Pope, Colonial Secretary for Prince Edward Island, arrived here in the Arabia from England. That gentleman was one of the Delegation sent home to arrange the difficult Land question in our sister colony, and there is some reason to hope that the efforts made will be ultimately successful.

Between 5 o'clock on Monday afternoon and 11 o'clock on Tuesday morning, no less than four attempts were made to set fire to Stubb's Hotel, in St. John, N. B., but they proved ineffectual. Another attempt has since been made; and two employees of the establishment have been arrested on suspicion of being guilty of the offence.

Mr. Lang's tender for putting up the new Provincial Buildings, Market Square, being the lowest, has been accepted. It amounted to £22,450.

Rheft, the South Carolinian, who fired the first gun on the flag at Sumter, died recently in an obscure town in that State.

A sailor going ashore on a hawser from the bow of the R. M. steam-packet Solvent, at Aspinwall, on the 5th ult., was seized by a shark which took off one of his legs at the first bite. The next attack the man lost his left arm near the shoulder, then the right arm at the shoulder; and last his head was taken clean off. The trunk, with one leg attached floated, was recovered, and buried on the 7th by the ship's company.

#### AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE.

**SOUTHERN FEELING.**—The Richmond Sentinel of the 29th ult. says, in reference to the Spring Campaign—"There is a great and general revival in the spirits and confidence of our people relative to the war. And there is reason for this. Our army is acting nobly, and is in the best of spirits. The men whose three years' terms are approaching their close have ceased to wait upon Congress.—From all quarters—from Johnston before Chattanooga, and from Lee on the Rapidan—glorious tidings come from these gallant veterans. Without any inducement, save the promptings of patriotism and the inspirations of a manly courage, they are coming forward with the utmost enthusiasm, by regiments and brigades, to volunteer for the war. Our armies are also in excellent health, and will give

a good account of themselves in the coming campaign."

By Telegraph to Morning & Evening Papers.

St. John, Feb. 3.—The "South Carolinian," of Columbia, reports a disastrous fire there on Tuesday week, which destroyed three millions worth of cotton, a large portion of which belonged to the Confederate Government.

Evening—Rear Admiral Lee officially reports the completion of the destruction of the salt works in St. Andrew's Bay, Florida. Ninety additional works to those already reported were destroyed ten miles above St. Andrew's, and the Confederates destroyed some two hundred more on the 28th of December.

Cult's original pistol factory in Hartford, Conn., was burned this morning; loss about a million dollars. Several lives were lost by falling of a roof.

Feb 6—The Confederate campaign in West Virginia is a failure; Gen Early has been compelled to retreat up South Fork towards Shenandoah Valley. In consequence of the vigorous pursuit of Gen Kelly's forces, the enemy has been driven out of Petersburg.

Feb 9—Special Washington report concerning the recent demonstration on Saturday morning—The Third corps advanced to the Rapidan and crossed the river, capturing many prisoners. During the afternoon the Second corps crossed and the advance was continued. The enemy fought desperately for two hours, but were unable to check the forward movement.

The Postmaster of Malden, near Boston, has been detected as the murderer of the Cashier of the Malden Bank.

Feb 10—An Expedition from Knoxville against Bank Indians and whites at Quarrickon, was successful, killing and wounding over 200, and capturing 500.

The town of Warsaw, North Carolina, was destroyed by fire on the 13th ult.

Evening—Richmond Whig says Virginia Legislature has been occupied in secret session upon a resolution, requesting Confederate Government to suspend outlawry against Gen Butler until an exchange of prisoners is effected.

A refugee says that Atlanta will be destroyed before being allowed to fall into General Grant's hands; also, there is nothing like starvation at the South, but plenty of corn and sweet potatoes.

Feb 11—It is reported that several thousand Federal prisoners now in Richmond are to be removed to Georgia.

A German from Mobile represents the Confederate troops not over 500, all others having been sent to Atlanta, in anticipation of an attack on that place.

The Mexicans are reported to have captured San Luis de Potosi by assault after a day's struggle.