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SPECIAL TO THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST.

Eastern States.

CHICAGO, March 10.—Reports of damage by freshets continue to be received from all quarters. The great Rock Island railroad bridge was badly damaged by the breaking up of the ice gorge. Some spans are shoved partially off and moved ten feet out of position. The loss of property was very heavy at Cleveland and Toledo; and also the great freshet throughout Michigan was tremendous.

ALBANY, March 11.—The Democratic Convention met to-day. The delegates to the national convention are instructed to vote for Horatio Seymour for the Presidency.

PHILADELPHIA, March 11.—At the Republican State Convention Grant was the unanimous choice for President, Governor Curtin for Vice-President.

CONCORD, N. H., March 11.—The first returns from 181 towns give Harman, Republican, 34,803; Sinclair, Democratic, 31,756.

The *World's* correspondent gives the details of a conversation with the President on the subject of impeachment during which the President said he should respond to the summons and appear by Counsel. He said, "I . . have honestly striven as I know how to administer this Government in accordance with the Constitution, and shall be sacrificed along with the constitutional prerogatives of the President's office to the party necessity. Jefferson Davis, the head and front of the rebellion is not brought to trial yet. Congress proposes to try the President at once, and for what kind of offence compared with that of Davis'? The country and the Senate may perhaps justly decide."

WORCESTER, Mass, March 12.—The Republican state convention to-day sustained the House in impeaching of the President; they declare in favor of Grant for President, and Henry Wilson for Vice President.

NEW YORK, March 12.—The Democratic resolutions consist of serious charges against the Republican party. They invite the aid of lovers of civil liberty to join in a grand and successful effort to rid the country of such tyrants and secure the triumph of Democratic principles.

CHICAGO, March 10.—The Pennsylvania Republican convention passed resolutions instructing delegates to vote as a unit for Grant and Curtin, denounce Johnson, insist on protection for native and naturalized citizens abroad.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—The Senate has confirmed the nomination of J. Ross Brown as Minister of China.

CHICAGO, March 12.—The text of new treaty with the North German Confederation is published. According to article one the North German bond covenants to accord Germans who become naturalized citizens of the United States and reside in that country five years the same rights and privileges as native born citizens of the Republican.

Article 2nd says naturalized citizens upon return to their native country, remain liable to trial and punishment for actions, punishable by the laws of their original country.

Europe.

LONDON, March 9.—The *Morning Post* says the following is the plan presented by the Government, relative to Ireland. First, the consideration of the church question shall be postponed until the Commission of the Irish Church establishment, already appointed, shall have made their report. Second, another commission shall be appointed to inquire into the relations of landlords and tenants in Ireland. The Irish railroads are to be subsidized by the Government, and to be a general change.

In the Turkish Cabinet all the ministers except the Grand Vizier have resigned; successors will be appointed.

The *Post* says the news from Abyssinia sent by special correspondent is unreliable and should be regarded with distrust.

LONDON, March 10.—A satisfactory arrangement has been made between the Anglo-American and the Atlantic Telegraph Companies.

PARIS March 9.—The bill for the regulation of the press passed the Corps Legislatif as amended by only one negative vote.

BERLIN, March 10.—The Commercial Treaty between Zolvercein and Austria has been concluded and signed.

LONDON, March 9.—The Prince of Wales is about to visit Ireland, and is to be made a Knight of the Order of St. Patrick.

The British War Office has recent additional despatches from Alyssinia. The military situation is unchanged. Rassine is a captive.

An official despatch says it is thought that King Theodore will release all the captives upon the arrival of the British army near his headquarters.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 10.—The Nicolas railroad will be sold to a newly formed Russian Company.

LONDON, March 11.—The House of Commons has agreed to report Gladstone's bill for the abolition of church rates.

In the House of Commons last night John Francis Maguire from Cork said that though Ireland was a part of the British Empire, and is now peaceful, the personal liberty of every man in that country was at the mercy of spies, police, or Government officials, and this state of things existed when the records of courts show there were few cases of ordinary crime. He then quoted from the statistics of pauperism, emigration and other evils of the country and declared that it was decaying and its prosperity in despair. Discontent was a word inadequate to express the state of feelling. He made a denial of the statement that the farming classes of Ireland are disloyal. Past cruelties had made this impression upon the Irish people. The object of all future laws should be to obliterate these bitter remembrances. The laws in regard to the tenure of land were defective and operated so disastrously that many tenantries which were good two years ago were now worthless. He denounced London guild, which hire large tracts of Irish land, for their cruelty to their tenants. Ireland needed no commission of inquiry to establish that. The Church was not suited to the majority of people who dissented from it.

After several speeches by other gentlemen, Lord Clainton moved a resolution that the discontent in Ireland is a source of uneasiness to the empire and must be remedied; that the laws for Ireland should be framed to suit the wishes of the people; that the present Church, school and land tenure system are unjust, and that in the opinion of the commission this cause should be righted.

John O'Brien, member from Caskel, is dead.

A large body of the Irish sympathize with the Fenians.

Earl Mayo, Chief Secretary for Ireland, in a long, able speech admitted the great discontent that prevailed in Ireland, but said it was exclusively nourished by the Irish in America, Australia and Canada. He felt that there was discontent; even in Ireland the feeling was confined to the lower classes, only there was no prominent Fenians in Ireland. He repelled the charge of English misgovernment. The members of the present Government at Dublin were nearly all Irishmen. The police force was composed entirely of natives. He advocated the maintenance of the present policy, but promised that a bill will be soon introduced for the relief of tenants.

BERLIN, March 11.—A treaty relative to the rights of naturalized citizens was unanimously ratified by the Federal Council.

It is reported here that a proposition was recently made by Stanley to submit the Alabama claims to arbitration by Prussia, and he was willing to entertain a proposition so far as it applied to the question of indemnity, but refused to submit the other points in dispute.

South and Central America.

NEW YORK, March 11.—The Rising Star brings Panama advices to 2nd. The cholera continues terribly in Argentine Confederation. There had been 7,000 visitations in Cardova.

The steamers Georgia and Naconila, bombarded Rosario on January 9th without notice. The Foreign Consuls protested.

Gen. Balta will be the Presidential candidate in Peru. Another revolution is on the tapis. Yellow fever was at Lima.

California.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 12.—Legal Tenders, 71¼@72.

Gold closed in New York at 139⅜.

Arrived—Bark Huntsville from Port Orchard; brig Crimea, returning with loss of foretop gallant yard.

DELAYED DESPATCHES.

United States.

NEW YORK, March 5.—A serious riot broke out among the emigrants on Ward's Island, this morning. A bad feeling has for a long time existed between the Germans and Irish, and the latter, seven hundred strong, attacked their enemies, who also put themselves in a sort of battle array. The Irishmen seized pitchforks, clubs, axes and long poles, with sharp iron points, etc. The Germans barricaded themselves in the basement of the Hospital building, and the Irish beat down the doors. A fight was progressing quite fiercely when a strong force of police arrived, and succeeded in quelling the row. They were compelled to shoot down four belligerents, and eight rioters were wounded more or less seriously; eighty-six were secured and confined. The emigrants are still excited, and declare the fight shall be renewed when the police leave the island.

RICHMOND, March 7.—In the Convention to-day, the case of Williams, the Conservative member who refused to vote yesterday on the disfranchising clause, was taken up and referred to a Committee. During its consideration Leggitt, Conservative, refused to vote on the ground of his complete disgust for the proposition. Afterwards he added, "I have a contempt for the whole establishment." He was expelled by a vote of 54 to 16.

DRAMATIC ASSOCIATION, CARIBOO.—An Amateur Dramatic Association, consisting of about twenty members, was formed at Barkerville last December, of which Mr. Benrimo was appointed manager. The first performance was given on the 31st December, when the popular farces 'Fish Out of Water' and 'Box and Cox' were played before a crowded house. The happy cast of characters made by the committee, the application of the actors during rehearsals and the great delight of the audience united in making and declaring the performance a decided success. Another performance was given on the 27th ult., when the farces 'Grimshaw, Bradshaw and Bagshaw' and 'No One Round the Corner' were performed to a full house. Although the expense of procuring a suitable house, erecting a stage, &c., was considerable, the financial committee have shown at once their economy and kind consideration by contributing $50 towards the fund of the Literary Institute. About this time the Government, by a notice of intended parsimony to the physician of the William Creek Hospital, had dimmed 'the other eye' of Cariboo. The Association at once announced a benefit of that benevolent institution, which took place on the 15th instant; when taste acquired and experience gained at the previous performances, and the fortunate cast of characters enabled the *dramatis personae* for the night, to place the drama 'Demon Lover' and the farce 'Poor Pillicoddy' on the boards in a manner and with a success worthy of notice. The interludes, consisting of songs and recitations, were not the least interesting parts of the performances, especially on the night of the Hospital Benefit, when Mrs. Kelly's songs were loudly encored; and the orchestra, under the efficient management of Mr. Wilson, contributed largely to the success of the entertainment, both by soothing the savage dispositions of the critics and inspiring confidence in the actors with strains of music, in which the arrangement and execution of Mr. Wilson were easily discovered and heartily appreciated. Although it might appear overwrought in a sketch of this kind to compare the performances of the Association with any others of the same sort, that delicacy will not apply to a comparison between the audience in a theatre in Cariboo and in mostly any other place, whose disturbances and systematic interruptions, so characteristic of all other theatres, are not even attempted at Barkerville; a fact at once pleasant to the Association and creditable to the miners.—*Com.*

CHIGNONS have fallen; those abominations have at last come to grief, and there is scarcely one to be seen in all Paris. The fiat of fashion has gone forth, and chignons are abolished. The new way of doing the hair is to roll it up into a large flat cart-wheel on the top of the head, coming to within an inch of the forehead. It requires no artificial aid. *Ladies Own Paper.*

THE LATE CHARLES KEAN.—In accordance with the wishes of the late Mr Charles Kean, the funeral, which took place at Keydell, was of a strictly private character. Mrs Charles Kean has received from the Queen a letter which expresses in the most gracious terms the sympathy awakened in Her Majesty's mind by the terrible loss Mrs Kean has sustained.

Shipping Intelligence.

PORT OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

ENTERED

March 9—Schr Crosby, Perkins, Pt Townsend
Stmr Enterprise, Swanson, N Westminster
March 10—Stmr Eliza Anderson, Finch, Port Townsend
Schr Black Diamond, McCulloch, Nanaimo
Stm Fly, Frain, Pt Townsend
Slp Lady Franklin, Pritchard, San Juan
March 12—Slp Tibbals, Matzen, Port Townsend
March 14—Stmr California, Winsor, San Francisco
Stmr Cyrus Walker, Gove, Pt Townsend

CLEARED.

March 9—Stmr Enterprise, Swanson, N Westminster
Stmr Fly, Frain, Pt Townsend
March 10—Schr Black Diamond, McCulloch, Nanaimo
Schr Annie, Elvin, Saanich
March 12—Bg Byzantium Clair, Albert
Slp Tibbals Matzen, Port Townsend
March 4—Stmr Otter, Lewis, Sitka
Schr Crosby, Perkins, Pt Townsend
Stmr Cyrus Walker, Gove, Pt Townsend

PORT OF PORT TOWNSEND, W.T.

ENTERED.

March 9—Br stmr Fly, Victoria
Schr A Crosby, Victoria
Ship Anna Kimball, Shanghai
Br ship Mary, Shanghai
March 5—Br stmr Fly, Victoria
March 13—San Salvador ship Maria Conradi, Callao

CLEARED.

March 5—Br steamer Fly, Victoria
March 6—Barkentine Grace Roberts (just built at Port Blakely), San Francisco
Bk Buena Vista, San Francisco
March 7—Schr A Crosby, Portland

PASSENGERS.

Per stmr CALIFORNIA, from San Francisco—B Bindle, Capt A J Pope, Mrs Lodge, infant and servant, Miss Clara Stanwood, Capt McBann, Capt Arekimonokoff, M R Maddox and wife, T A Blake, C T Millard, Miss Brett, N Dalbanco, C T Nicoll, N Cunio, Thos Lavoy, C Lavoroni, G Vinero, M Blinn, L Oppenheimer, A Casamayou, Samuel Seincock, D Phillips, John Polmere, Geo C Edde, Wm Allen, Eli Marks, H M Hutchinson, L Wolff, R W Nyerson Dr C Chismore, USA, Dr J Vassellat, T Grace, J M Yates, Wm Pengray, E Simons, John Stephens, C Dougherty, Col Foster, USA, Charles N Smith, Vernon Seanan, Geo S Long, B Solomon and wife, Lieut J M Ring, USA, Dr C S Carter, USA, E P Egan, child and infant, Miss Lizzie Weil, D Turner and 30 others.

Per Stmr ELIZA ANDERSON from Puget Sound—Mrs Moore, Capt Gardner, Capt Nagle, Capt Calhoun, D Malone, Green, Rankin, Passier, Bullan, R Grand, Buckley, Dudley, Forman, Wren, Pique, Frank Clark, J Clark, Smith, D Jones, H Glide, Sudlow, Phypers, Somers, Andrews, Spurlock, and 9 Indians.

GOODS ON THE WAY.

Per ZEPHYR, from San Francisco, March 7—713 sacks barley, 20 pkgs beef, 50 sks beans, 146 cs boots, 2 pkgs bread, 40 doz brooms, 58 firkins butter, 569 bxs candles, 20 pkgs codfish, 52 scks and 45 cs coffee, 83 coils cordage, 15 pkgs crockery, 50 doors, 31 pkgs drugs, 100 hf sacks flour, 296 pkgs groceries, 246 pkgs hardware, 25 cs lard, 146 bxs macaroni, 31 kits mackerel, 127 sks malt, 71 pkgs matches, 221 kegs molasses, 57 pkgs meal, 264 kegs nails, 17 pkgs nuts, 380 cs coal oil, 53 cs olive oil, 30 pkgs paper, 10 bxs pearl barley, 10 bbls pitch, 15 bbls pork, 65 boxes raisins, 500 mats rice, 1 bale salt, 410 bxs soap, 10 kegs shot, 33 pkgs spices, 55 cs do, 144 kegs sugar, 30 bbls, 125 mats, 25 cs do, 20 cs spirits turpentine, 103 chsts tea, 100 boxes tea, 42 pkgs wine, 80 cases yeast powder. Value, $45,708.

CONSIGNEES.

Per stmr CALIFORNIA, from San Francisco—Findlay & Durham, E Harrison, W C, R Mann, L & D W, Langley & Co, H V, H Mansell, E J Alston, Norris, H M Smith, J Cowper, H Jones, Moody & Co, G, Hibben, J F, P Corbiniere, Hicks & Russell, A Casamayou, A Bunster, S W, H K L, B W, Jay & Co, W Dalby, W Wilson, Sutro & Co, Marks, Swiggert, J B, Hutchinson, A B, K Y L, T S & Co, Kwong Lee, Adams & Co, C Bros, Metlier, W & Co, T B, Y W Q, L & L O, Fell & Co, J D, H, N P, E B, D H & S, G W, Thos Wilson & Co, X, F Kay, Moore & Co, G, Bunster, Barnard, A Francis, Gustav Sutro, Anthony & Lewin, W W, A M L, Turner & Co, G, Noltemier, W T C, W & Co, E, S P, Q, C B, Newberry, A B, Millard & Beedy, L B, Lea & Biles, Willson & Rickman, G, J C, A R S, . & S O, H B Co, A M, R, J S & Co, W & M.

Per stmr ELIZA ANDERSON, from Puget Sound—Clayton, Tomlison, Waitt, Farron, Hutchinson, Murray, Carson, Clark, Ashwell, Jackson, Capt Coffin, E Marvin, Phypers.

IMPORTS.

Per stmr CALIFORNIA, from San Francisco—2 bls dry goods, 4 bbls glazier's materials, 9 cs tobacco, 4 pkgs shoe findings, 25 cs tobacco, 125 cs drugs and varnish, 11 cases oilman's stores, 1 cs boots, 2 cs dry goods, 8 cs drugs, 1 cs mdse, 8 cs shoe findings, 1 pkg belting, 50 rolls matting, 2 cs stationery, 16 cs boots, 8 cs dry goods, 1 case butter, 1 cases cheese, 4 cs boots, 12 cs hominy, 10 cs tomatoes, 12 cs chocolate, 5 cs tobacco, 2 bbls paper, 2 bls hops, 6 cs opium, 1 cs harness, 6 cs seeds, 1 cs hardware, 2 cs dry goods, 1 cs clocks, 1 cs undertaking materials, 1 cs photograph materials, 2 cs mdse, 10 cs tobacco, 4 cs dry goods, 5 bolts duck, 1 cs shoes, 30 cs tobacco, 1 case cigars, 16 pkgs fruit, 2 bbls pork, 12 pkgs chandlery, 48 bxs tobacco, 2 pkgs saddlery, 2 do hose, 7 do butter, 120 tubs, 1 cs clothing, 57 pkgs groceries, 25 cs oil, 4 cs sardines, 4 cs tobacco, 77 cs boots, 22 cs clothing, 10 cs stationery, 3 cs chairs, 1 cs clocks, 4 cs dry goods, 37 cases groceries, 4 cs dry goods, 1 do butter, 14 cs clothing, 112 boots, 4 bxs opium, 10 bskt tea, 50 cs oil, 48 pkgs Chinese mds, 15 pkgs hardware, 1 pkg butter, 5 pkgs oranges, 4 cs tobacco, 14 pkgs mdse, 1 cs cigars, 6 cs opium, 5 cs turpentine, 29 cases boots, 7 cs dry goods, 2 cs butter, 1 cs cheese, 20 cs boots, 6 cs dry goods, 1 pkgs fish tackle, 6 cs dry goods, 4 do do, 5 cs clothing, 2 cs boots and shoes, 1 do shoe thread, 1 cs dry goods, 3 cs drugs, 3 cs clothing, 2 cs hops, 1 do harness, 1 bdl trees.

Per stmr ELIZA ANDERSON, from Puget Sound—1 bdl trees, 5 scks oysters, 5 bxs apples, 31 hd cattle, 146 hd sheep, 1 sck seed, 5 muttons, 25 hogs, 1 cs furs, 2 pkgs furs, 1 bx eggs, 24 sacks onions, 100 pkgs mdse, 30 boxes bread, 1 coop chickens.

BIRTHS.

At Yale, on the 26th ult., the wife of Charles Evans, Esq., of a son.

DIED.

In San Francisco, Feb. 28th, Annie Stronach, wife of W. E. Stronach, aged 30 years.

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