

The Weekly British Colonist.

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TELEGRAPHIC.

LATER FROM EUROPE.

ENGLAND & AMERICA.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

(From the Columbian).

HALIFAX, October 26.—The Africa, from Liverpool 13th, and Queenstown 15th have arrived.

The English papers generally have articles on the correspondence between Adams and Russell, and regard it as most important. The Times says it is the most important discussion in reference to the rights and duties of neutrality that has been carried on for many years between the representatives of two great maritime powers. The Times can hardly doubt that Russell's proposal for a commission will ultimately be accepted as the most satisfactory method of adjusting outstanding claims between the two nations. No foreign sovereign or state could have entered into all the details of each specific claim and counter claims, for it must not be forgotten that we too have long bills against the United States Government for damages incurred by British subjects during the war.

Still less could we have consented, as Russell points out, to submit the rights of our Government or the legal competency of our law officers to the judgment of any foreign Government. The best, if not the only solution of the difficulty, therefore, was that suggested by Russell. We earnestly hope it will be the means of terminating the controversy, which, but for the forbearance shown by both parties, certainly would have led to a rupture between Great Britain and the United States. The candid and friendly tone of the argument conducted by Russell and Adams will justify that experiment. The Times continues, by pointing to the Fenian movement in America as threatening a breach of the foreign enlistment act, and says it will help us to look at such proceedings from an American point of view; meantime, let us agree to defer amicably and not allow a transient feeling of jealousy to prejudice permanent settlement of difficulties in which all maritime nations are equally concerned.

The Times, in another article, contends that if England chose to be angry or inconsiderate, she would have greater reason to complain of America's position as a neutral in the Fenian movement than ever America had to regard England's position towards the South; inasmuch as the Fenian plot was formed in America, by American citizens; although the conspirators may have been mostly of Irish extraction. The Times, however, admits the Government has acted in regard to the movements of Fenians with all possible openness, notwithstanding the secret filibustering plots of its citizens. The Post thinks Russell's proposition to the American Government will probably be accepted. The Daily News says it is clear the discussion of the question is exhausted. The British Minister has distinctly declared the question is, Has Her Majesty's Government acted with good faith and honesty? If this be so the public will agree with the minister that it cannot be entertained or referred to any person or body whatever. The News contends if it be absolutely necessary for honor and dignity that the claims be negatived in parliament, the people must maintain that position. It hopes, however, that the good sense of modern statesmen may before long find a solution for difficulties which may be serious, but are surely not insurmountable.

The Times of the 4th instant contains the following official statement: "In order to guard against any misunderstanding we are requested to state that the proposal of Earl Russell to the American Government was conveyed in the following words: 'Her Majesty's Government are ready to consent to the appointment of a commission, to which shall be referred all claims arising during the late civil war, which the two powers shall agree to refer to commissioners.' These concluding words limit the subjects of reference, since it would be inconsistent with the position taken up by Her Majesty's Government, and with the argument which induced it, to allow claims for losses by the Alabama and other vessels of the same character to be brought before a commission for decision. It must be understood, therefore, that if any such commission is agreed upon, these cases will be excluded from its jurisdiction."

CALIFORNIA.

LATER FROM RUSSO-AMERICO EXPEDITION.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 4.—The new steamboat built for the California Steam Navigation Co., was successfully launched from the Company's yard this morning, in presence of several thousand spectators. The new steamer was gaily decked for the occasion with flags and banners, and her freshly painted hull looked like a white-robed virgin prepared for the bath. Her name, which had hitherto been kept a secret, was unfurled over the deck as she glided from the ways, and the spectators read in large white letters upon a crimson ground the word "Capital."

Yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock, while Collector James, naval officer Brodrick and Lieut. Moore, of the Joe Lane, were in a small boat fishing, being anchored in the narrow, a few hundred yards of North Point, a huge combering wave struck the boat's broadside, capsizing her among the rocks. The party were considerably bruised, and one of the oarsmen had his arm broken; barring this, however, all got safely to shore.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 6.—The schooner Milton Badger, Harding, arrived yesterday afternoon, 12 days from Anadir Bay, bringing nearly a month's later intelligence from the Russian Telegraph Expedition. The Milton Badger took up the exploring party commanded by Capt. C. L. McRay, and consisting of Capt. Alexander Arnold, Alex Harder, W. W. Casinon, and Grafton Smith. The last news brought by the Palmetto, which arrived here on the 22nd ult., stated that the Milton Badger set sail from Sitka for Anadir Bay on the 21st August. She landed her

party safely in the bay, where she left them, with a complete outfit, and prepared to pursue their explorations of the Anadir River, and thence across Ochotsk Sea. During the coming winter they will use reindeer for the purpose, which are found to be plenty in the vicinity. The party were all well when the Milton Badger left. She also brings later news from Col. Bulkley. The last advises stated that he was to leave Plover Bay in the Geo. S. Wright on the 24th September for Petropavloski, in Kamtschatka, and would put into Anadir Bay to see how Capt. McRay's party were getting along; he did put in there, and spent a week in exploring the Anadir River with the party. He left the Bay on the 14th of October for Petropavloski, in Kamtschatka, whence he is to return to this city by Victoria and New Westminster, arriving here about the 1st of December. A letter from Col. Bulkley, dated Anadir Bay, October 9th, says: "All favorable, and the parties of both contingents on shore with supplies. The Golden Gate with Col. Hyde's party, which was last reported to have parted from the Geo. S. Wright in a storm while being towed from Sitka to Fort St. Michael, arrived safely in Plover Bay on the 26th September. She landed the balance of Kennicott's party at Fort St. Michael, where she left them all well and preparing for winter explorations. The country in Siberia is reported destitute of timber, and favorably adapted for the explorations proposed by the Company."

A meeting of the Union League was held on Friday evening last, when it was concluded to discontinue their regular meeting, the necessity for vigilance no longer existing. A private telegram from New York announces the arrival in that city October 24th, of General Ochoa, the distinguished Mexican General. He was enthusiastically welcomed.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Tuesday, Nov. 7.

THE CIRCULATION WAGER.—Notwithstanding the willful misrepresentations of the Chronicle, our \$200 have been since Saturday forenoon in the hands of our stakeholder, who has not declined to act, as stated in that journal, and we have done everything possible

on our part to bring matters to a point. We know our contemporary has got itself in a fix and would fain get out of it, but as it made its own bed so must it lie in it, and we shall insist upon the question, now that it has gone so far, being determined. Yesterday the head proprietor of the Chronicle, accidentally, of course, got hold of one of our pressmen, while his factotum, Mr. Wallace, of the Hibernating Cariboo Sentinel, who is making himself very officious in this matter, accosted another of our employees and commenced pumping operations on the question at issue. As money as well as reputation is at stake we consider this an exceedingly manly and honorable proceeding, but it will recoil like the rebound of the boomerang.

MASONIC FUNERAL.—We understand that the Company's steamer Labouchere, now expected from the North, will bring down the body of Mr. Ogilvie, the lamented Collector of Customs, who was murdered by Antoine at Bentinck Arm, and the Masonic brethren of this city, of which fraternity the deceased was a member, are making preparations to inter the remains in this city with full Masonic honors.

NAVAL.—H.M. ships Sutlej, Clio and Sparrowhawk left Esquimalt yesterday afternoon to join the Forward at Comox. The appearance of the fleet at the settlement ought to be sufficient to strike awe into the minds of the disaffected red skins.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—Mr. J. P. Cranford has presented to the Institute the following valuable and handsomely bound works: American Journal of Science and Arts, 22 vols. from 1835 to 1856, half calf, with general index; edited by Professor Silliman, B. Silliman, Jr., and J. D. Dana.

QUEEN CHARLOTTE COAL CO., LIMITED.—Seventy-five paid up shares were disposed of at auction yesterday by Daniel Scott & Co., at \$1 37 1/2 each.

Wednesday, Nov. 8.
FROM NANAIMO.—The steamer Emily Harris, Captain Chambers, arrived last night from Nanaimo with five men, two of whom were Indians. She brought despatches from the fleet to the Admiral. This is the last trip the E. Harris will make. The Nanaimo Gazette of Monday contains nothing of much local interest. An inquest was held on Thursday before S. Nicol, Esq., J.P., on the body of an Indian who was shot through the back on Tuesday on Gabriola Island. Several witnesses were examined, and a verdict was returned, of death from a gunshot wound inflicted by some person or persons unknown. Deceased, before expiring, said he had been shot by a Nanaimo Indian. The ship Dublin left on Sunday for San Francisco with 1000 tons of coal. The Little Maria is being supplied with mizzen mast from Newcastle Island.

THE CIRCULATION WAGER.—Our morning contemporary, after making several false assertions about our not coming to time on Saturday application at the office of stakeholder that the \$200 was not only deposited, but the conditions of the reference prepared as stated by us. We are, however, not equally satisfied that his money has been paid up, and are not single in the opinion that the deposit of his stake is a myth. We shall now place the matter in the hands of a solicitor with instructions to see it carried through forthwith.

CHARGE OF WHISKY SELLING.—Michael Criss was charged yesterday with supplying a glass of brandy to a klootchman. The police having proved the offence, accused

that he had been in the country since '58 and had only returned last week from Cariboo. The case was remanded for one day for further enquiries.

FROM NANAIMO.—The schooner Meg Marries arrived from Nanaimo yesterday with

seventy-five tons of coal to R. Brodrick.

THE MAIL STEAMER AND THE ACTIVE.—A special despatch, which we received yesterday morning from Puget Sound by the Eliza Anderson, dated Portland, 12:30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 6th, announces "that the steamer Ozibah, from San Francisco, had just arrived." Captain Finch, before leaving the Sound, received a telegram stating that the Active would leave on Monday evening, at six o'clock, for Victoria. She will consequently be due here early this morning.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR CO. NO. 2.—Last evening the election, by ballot, of a Lieutenant and Ensign to serve in this Company took place at Buckley's Hall, with the following results: For Lieutenant, Wood (Attorney-General), 27; Toller, 16. For Ensign—Drummond, 27; Gillon, 10; Theakstone, 6; Toller, 1. Messrs. Wood and Drummond, the officers elect, returned thanks for the compliment paid them, and invited their comrades in arms to "smile."

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION met yesterday at three p.m. Dr. Tolmie in the chair. The most important business decided was in reference to the awarding of the contract for the Nanaimo school house, which was postponed in consequence of the tenders being higher than was expected, and the inadequacy of the funds. It was decided that the anniversary of the Prince of Wales birthday on Thursday should be observed as a holiday by the free schools in Victoria.

THE CLOSING SCENE.—The Municipal curtain was finally dropped last night, and the term of office of the present Mayor and Council ceases with the election of the new incumbents to be nominated this morning. The incoming Mayor and Council will, it is thought, refrain from transacting public business until a fresh Incorporation Act, defining their powers, is passed by the Legislature.

ATTEMPTED BURGLARY.—On Tuesday morning, about 1 o'clock, a man forced the lock of Freeman's variety store on Government street, and effected an entrance, when he awoke the clerk, who was asleep inside, and finding that he was detected ran off. The "sleeper awakened" gave chase, but the would-be thief escaped through a vacant lot on Cormorant street.

THE VOLUNTEER PRIZES.—Companies No. 1 and 2 and the band of the Volunteer Rifle Corps will parade to-morrow at 10 o'clock at the Drill Hall, in full uniform, for the purpose of marching to Beacon Hill, where the prizes won during the recent rifle matches will be presented by Mrs. Kennedy.

THE CHANCERY SUIT of the Saw Mill Co. vs. the Ericsson Co. was dismissed by His Honor the Chief Justice on Monday with costs, on the Plaintiff's petition. The action at law, however, we understand is still pending.

FOR QUEEN CHARLOTTE.—The soh Gazelle, with five men under Mr. Farwell, Surveyor, left yesterday under the engagement of a private company to explore for anthracite coal on the above Island.

Thursday, Nov. 9.

THE WAGER.—The public probably have been surprised with this dispute, but as every publicity has been given to the proceedings so far, and every attempt made to create a belief that we were backing down, we deem it right to state that, in order to meet the views of our contemporary, who declared in yesterday's issue that he would place his money and terms in the hands of a respectable merchant, and that if the matter were not clinched yesterday further communication would cease. A solicitor called on our behalf last evening on the proprietors of the Chronicle to learn the name of the depository, and to see the proposed terms, in order that the matter might be clinched, when he was informed that he could not obtain the desired information until business hours on Friday. "Oh, what a failing off was there!" We said from the first that all his bravado meant nothing, and always believed that he would wriggle out of his own wager by some device or other.

MR. SPENCER'S SOL-FA SINGING CLASS.—The attendance last evening of the members of this interesting class, now numbering nearly one hundred of both sexes, was most encouraging to the teacher, and their improvement both in "time" and "part singing" was very evident. Two prizes of five dollars each, with certificate, was offered for competition to one boy and one girl, and two prizes of three dollars each, with certificate, for the second boy and girl.

AN INDIGNANT EDITOR.—Mr. Wallace, the hibernating Sentinel, objects to our using his name. We are sorry to have given the sensitive gentleman so much pain, and when on any future occasion we are required to give him the benefit of publication we shall recollect his terrible injunction. Instead of profaning the illustrious name of Wallace, we shall content ourselves with the less pretentious but probably more appropriate appellation of Wall-Ass.

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