

The Weekly British Colonist.

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THE NEWS.

The news from Great Britain shows continued commercial failures, and discloses the extraordinary fact that the Bank of England, through its increased rate of interest, had an addition made to private securities in the bank of £10,000,000 in one week.

On the continent of Europe war is still the great topic. The King of Prussia has made anything but a peaceful speech, and from all appearances it would seem the holding of the much-talked of Congress is rather doubtful.

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SPECIAL TO THE BRITISH COLONIST.

IMPORTANT NEWS.

The Fenians invade Canada—Great Excitement at Buffalo—Other Movements reported—European Affairs unchanged—Congress not succeeding—War still imminent—More Failures in London—Bank of England Statement—Death of Gen. Scott—The Attack on Callao.

EASTERN NEWS.

WEST POINT, New York, May 29.—Lieut. Gen. Winfield Scott died this morning at five minutes past 11.

SARASOTA, N. Y., May 29.—Congress Hall was destroyed by fire this morning. Total loss \$200,000; insurance \$100,000.

EUROPEAN.

FARTHER POINT, May 30.—Steamer David with dates to the 19th has arrived. Consols 74 1/2 @ 73 1/2.

United States 5-20's 66 @ 66 1/2. Cotton after some fluctuations closed at last week's quotations.

Breadstuffs were becoming restored but dullness continued with rumors of heavy suspensions at Liverpool. Continental affairs are unchanged.

The King of Prussia recently made a speech to the representatives of the Protestant authorities, saying: "I have not made existing complications, but there is a situation in which peace cannot possibly be maintained or desired at any price."

Mr. Gibson stated in the House of Commons, on the 14th, that the law gave no power to interfere in the matter of explosive oils but that it was a subject worthy of consideration.

NEW YORK, May 29.—The steamer Persia brings dates to the 21st. Consols closed on Saturday evening at 80 1/2 for money; 5-20's at 65 1/2 @ 66.

The weekly returns of the Bank of England were the most extraordinary ever published. Although the Bank had not availed itself of the privilege granted by Government the decrease in bullion was £82,315; in notes, £421,195.

Some additional suspensions are reported among the London bankers, including the Oriental and Commercial Limited Bank. New Zealand Banking Association; Messrs. Dwyer & Co., Indian Cotton merchants; the European Bank of London suspended on the 19th; liabilities one million.

Efforts for a European Congress are still being made by France, England and Russia, but with little hopes of success. Lord Clarendon in the House of Lords admitted that confidential communications were passing between the Governments, but admitted with little hopes of peaceable solution.

Latest dates, via Queenstown, are London May 20th. Reports concerning the European Congress were conflicting; one authority says, Austria has declined; another says, neither Russia, Austria, nor Italy had yet been officially addressed.

It is rumored that a sanguinary conflict had taken place between the Turkish and Moldavian troops.

CALIFORNIA.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 2.—A banquet in honor of Anson Burlingame, American Minister to China, and General Van Valkenberg, Minister to Japan, was given by the principal Chinese houses in this city at the Hong Kong Restaurant, on Dupont street, last evening.

CANADA.

CHICAGO, June 1.—The Fenians invaded Canada last night, crossing the Niagara river four miles below Buffalo (at Black Rock) about 1600 strong, and were to-day intruding themselves to resist attack.

SOUTH AMERICA.

An extra issued from the office of the Panama Morning Chronicle contains details of the attack of the Spanish fleet on the town of Callao and its repulse by the gallant Peruvians.

The attack was made May 2nd. The Chronicle says the action commenced at noon on the 2nd, the Peruvians firing the first shot. The Spaniards attacked the batteries in two lines, the Ville de Madrid, Blanca, and the Numancia, Almansa, and Resolucion those to the south of the town.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

HOPE, June 4th.—Mr. Allison arrived here yesterday from Similkameen. He has a party of men engaged in repairing the Hope and Similkameen trail.

The Chinamen have struck good paying diggings on the north fork of the Similkameen. The Chinamen admit having made three dollars per day there last fall, and that there will be a number of Chinamen working that stream as soon as the water falls a little.

YALE, June 6.—Nothing of importance in town to-day. Business seems at a standstill on account of the roads being still impassable between the 17th and 19th mile posts from the overflowing of the river.

The steamer Enterprise arrived yesterday at four p.m. from New Westminster, having made a quick run. She brought Dietz and Nelson's Express and 30 passengers, amongst whom were Major Pope and D. C. Maansell, Esq., and some returned miners.

By her we have the Cariboo Sentinel of the 24th and 28th May, from which we glean the following:

WILLIAMS CREEK. All the claims were being opened up with energy and zeal, and very few idle men were to be seen.

STOUT GULCH. Great damage has been sustained last week by the Flood Tunnel Co. through the caving of their diggings, in consequence of the sudden rise of the water in the gulch.

MARATHURS GULCH. The Stobo Co. are washing the pay dirt drifted out last winter, and making \$15 a day to the hand.

GROUSE CREEK. The Sneddon or Discovery Co are steadily at work and taking out good pay.

ANTLER CREEK. About 25 men at present on this creek. The Ross Co. started on Monday last, with six men.

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indication of striking a back channel. Bed Rock Flume Co are doing nothing. Snow about three feet deep.

UNNINGHAM CREEK. There are about 20 men on this creek, the most of them waiting until the ditch thaws out so that they can get water.

WOLF CREEK. Four men are getting ready to wash in the banks.

STEVENS CREEK FLUME CO. This company started about two weeks ago and will be ready to wash this week.

SERIOUS CHARGE. Three men, named Ebenezer Hatch, John Vincent and James Royal Ford, were charged yesterday before the police magistrate with causing the death of an Indian.

INQUEST. which subsequently took place before Mr. Pemberton and a highly respectable jury, of which Mr. Thomas Lowe was foreman.

KALEMATA, a Penelshut Indian, deposed.—Two nights ago I was on the Cedar Hill road with three other Indians; the deceased was one of them; the prisoner (Vincent) came along the road; I do not know his name; the old man Petowich was standing by, and prisoner threw a stone at him; the old man asked him why he threw the stone; he took another stone in his hand but did not throw it; he had a bottle; I recognise the bottle in court; he then put the bottle and stone down and spoke to his friend; the other two prisoners then came carrying sticks; we were not afraid and did not run away; there was a white dog with them; the prisoners then struck the old man Chevute on the side and he fell down; the deceased, seeing his father (Chevute) fall, ran away; the three prisoners ran after him and struck him with sticks; the deceased fell down; the prisoner Hatch beat the deceased on the head with a stone, and after that the prisoners returned to their tent; the stone produced in court is the one with which the prisoner struck deceased; the tall man had a stick and was in the quarrel; knows there is God and goes to the French priest's church; this occurred in the evening after sunset.

CHEVUTE, a Saanich Indian, deposed.—The deceased is my son and named Metell; two nights ago I was on the road near Jim Todd's with the deceased and two others; the prisoner I point out (Vincent) came along carrying the bottle produced; we had just finished eating, when he (prisoner) threw a stone at us; after throwing the stone he took another in his hand; he did not throw the second stone, but put it down with the bottle; he then ran away and called out to some of his friends; shortly after he returned with the other prisoner; they had a white dog with them; the long man had a stick and struck me in the side; my son was afraid and ran away; the prisoners ran after him, overtook and beat him with sticks; the deceased fell down and the man pointed out (Hatch) took a stone and beat the deceased on the back of the head; when they had done that they returned to their tent; this occurred in the early part of the night; my son died about noon next day; we were not drunk at all; the man who carried the bottle (Vincent) was drunk, but not the other two; they gave no reason for quarrelling with us; I did not know the prisoner before; we had been to town, and had left our canoe near Todd's.

LOUIS DELONEY, sworn.—On Monday evening about six o'clock the prisoners passed my house with a wagon and two grey horses and called for a bottle of liquor; about eight I sold two bottles of similar liquor to a party of two white men and one colored man; the prisoners told me they were going to Williams' ranch; Hatch bought the liquor; I had never sold similar bottles to them before; there was no cork inside the bottle; the cork in the bottle is not like the one I put in; I used a new one; I am not a judge of whisky; I do not think the prisoners were drunk.

CONSTABLE TENNIEL, sworn.—I accompanied Sergeant Wilmer to Cedar Hill Road, and there saw the deceased; we then went on to Williams' ranch and arrested the prisoners; Hatch when arrested said "Is he dead?" I noticed a white dog chained up near to the tent; after starting for Victoria I returned to the tent and found the three coats produced in court, on two of which were spots of wet blood and hair; I went again this morning and found the towel produced which has also blood on it; I saw the stone, bottle, and piece of wood given by the Indians to Wilmer; the lining of the sleeve of one coat was torn out.

WILLIAM BRYANT, sworn.—I am a farmer and reside at Lake District; I know the prisoner Vincent; I have known him for twelve months; I last saw him on Tuesday morning he was at the "Royal Oak" on his way to Williams' farm; from half-past three on Monday afternoon he was with me; he slept in the same room on Monday night; he went to bed about 8 o'clock; I went soon after nine; there were two others in the house; a man named Foley and a schoolmaster, I believe Cedar Hill Church to be about an hour and a half walk from my house; I got up once in the night; Vincent was in bed; I saw him in bed at six o'clock; he left the Royal Oak on Tuesday morning at about 8:20; I was hoeing potatoes all day on Monday and Tuesday near the "Royal Oak"; the prisoner never left me after joining me in the potatoe field at half-past three on Monday; till Tuesday morning at about twenty minutes past eight; I recognize Vincent's coat; I account for the blood as coming from a quarter of meat he told me he had carried to Williams' ranch before he joined me.

JAMES BAILEY.—I am a farmer in Lake District and proprietor of the Royal Oak Inn; the prisoner Vincent has worked for me since November; I saw him last on Tuesday morning about 8 o'clock; he was in my house on Monday afternoon; he left with Foley and Bryant; Vincent told me he had been to Victoria on the Monday, and had since been to Williams' ranch.

WILLIAM FOLEY, sworn.—I am a laborer at Lake District; I know the prisoner Vincent; I saw him last Monday at half past three in the afternoon; he waited with Bryant and myself in the potatoe field till about six o'clock and stayed at Bryant's house with us till six o'clock next morning; we all slept in one room; I woke at a quarter to five and went out of doors; Vincent was then in bed; when he went to town he had the coat produced on, but returned without it; the Indians were very noisy when we were going home on Monday evening.

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The West Road River and the Chilaquo are both very high, which slightly delayed the progress of the work. A good trail has been made along the route of the line, the smaller streams being all bridged, and the West Road River crossed by a rope ferry.

Some people have shown a disposition to "growl" at the facilities and exemptions extended to the company by our Government; but we think less could not have been done. The Telegraph Company is not only building a telegraphic line through the colony, and expending a very large amount of foreign capital in it, but exploring and opening up a territory which would, in all probability, have remained a "sealed book" for many years to come, had it not been for this great enterprise.

Indeed, it would be difficult to over-estimate the importance to the colony of building a telegraph line through hundreds of miles of its most remote and inaccessible forests, opening a road and planting stations along that line, thereby affording a ready means of becoming acquainted with a large extent of territory otherwise altogether inaccessible, and opening up a way for the prospector, the geologist, the zoologist, the settler, and the missionary.—Columbian.

THE FLOODS.—The unprecedented rise in the waters of the Fraser would appear to be rather a serious affair, and will, it is feared, result in great damage to the roads and bridges, as well as in loss of property. We have good authority for stating that the water has risen to a height of 50 feet above low-water mark at Yale.

Many portions of the road between Yale and Lytton are inundated, and are impassable for vehicles, foot passengers having to clamber up the rugged mountain sides in order to avoid the floods. One man, Mr. R. Cameron, well-known here and in Cariboo, had a very narrow escape, the other day, having lost his hold on the mountain side and being precipitated into the water. He escaped with some severe bruises. We learn, with regret, that Mr. Barnard lost two of his best stage horses, together with their harness, in endeavoring to ford a flooded portion of the road, and it is much to be feared that we shall have a long list of casualties to chronicle. We hear also that the waters of the Bonaparte River have swollen to unusual dimensions, and have done considerable damage to property in that vicinity.—Columbian.

CUSTOMS RECEIPTS for week ending Saturday, June 2d.—Duties \$4,829 26; harbor dues \$119 64; head money \$109; tonnage dues \$115 12; inland navigation licenses \$90; fees \$1. Total \$5,234 02. Number of passengers 264.—Columbian.

BARNARD'S STAGES in consequence of the inundation of portions of the road above Yale, will leave the latter place on Mondays only until further notice. Passengers for Big Bend and Cariboo must leave Victoria by Friday's steamer.

BIG BEND!

Co Miners and Travellers.

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