

Electric Telegraph SPECIAL TO THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST.

Europe. BORDAUX, Dec 22—Advices from Paris of the 21st, bring the official report of the recent military operations, saying that operations were resumed at daybreak and only closed at nightfall. The fire of the enemy was silenced at all points. It is also stated that after a short combat, in which Gen Favre was wounded, the St Dennis troops, under Admiral Lavrigney carried the bridge north of Paris, but were unable to hold the place and retreated, having captured 100 Prussians. A dispatch from Tours the 22d, signed by the Mayor, informs the Department of the Interior that the more Prussians have entered the Department. Gambetta was received at Lyons with the warmest acclamations. The universal wish of the people of Lyons is that the fullest measure of justice be accorded those who have disturbed the peace of the city. Several persons have been arrested for complicity in the assassination of M Favre. During the sortie of the 21st inst. Ducrot took many prisoners. The evacuation of Tours by the Prussians and the retreat of their forces towards Orleans is said to be the result of a strategic movement on the part of Chanzy and Bourbaki. Rouen is almost evacuated; only 1500 Prussians were there yesterday. Manteuffel is going to oppose the march of Falherbe. Havre is in no danger of an attack, as it is now strongly fortified and manned, and there are also a number of ships of war in the harbor. Cherbourg is likewise considered safe, owing to the completion of the fortifications landward. BRUXELLES, Dec 23—Official dispatches from Lille on the 22d, say that Balderbe reports a battle at Ponte Menyell, which lasted from 11 to 6 p.m. After long artillery fire, the battle concluded by a charge of infantry along the whole line. The French remained masters of the field. Paris news by balloon up to the night of the 22d, say there was no engagement on that day, but a battle was imminent. The estimated loss yesterday was about 800 killed and wounded. Great confidence is caused by the order of the National Guard. London, Dec 23—It is said the Paris government will send Thiers as its representative to the Russian Conference. A Berlin special says in the event of Prussia appearing in the European Court and asking arbitration in the Luxembourg question, the English government will be invited to undertake it. Five thousand Saxons have left Savoy for Rheims and will make forced marches. It is rumored there is an insurrection there against the Prussians. It is rumored that Ducrot left Paris in a balloon on the 15th to take command of an army corps. Bismarck has addressed the representatives of the foreign governments meeting at London, on the breaking of the French government sanctions the practice, passport measures will be taken in the event of future complaints. Advices from Amiens say that Manteuffel is near there and that a battle is probable in that vicinity. BRESLAU, Dec 20—Faldherbe is being surrounded by Prussians, who occupy Poseny and Letow. It is said the Commune of Lyons has addressed the government, insisting upon fewer decrees and proclamations and more boldness and energy. RUEN, Dec 19—The city is crowded. There has not been such an excitement since the memorable assembly of the war league. The troops are alarmed, but thousands of stragglers are flocking together in an inextinguishable mass. BORDAUX, Dec 22—Gen Trochu remains outside Paris with his army. Intermittent fighting is continued without any concentration of forces. Since the capture of Orleans there has been a constant feeling of the French lines, and the Prussians have lost all opportunity of making efforts to break them, but their movements have been watched with vigilance. CHATEAU, Dec 22—Ten thousand fully equipped men left here to-day for the field. Arms and equipments have arrived in large quantities. A blockade of Genoa has been ordered. LONDON, Dec 22—Advices of yesterday give a rumor of the defeat of Chanzy by the Duke of Mecklenburg and Prince Frederick Charles combined. Chanzy is retreating. Dispatches from Cherbourg report that 60,000 French troops are at Havre. The Prussians have left Dieppe, but are encamped near in heavy force. French ironclads are off the ports. Chanzy assures the Prussian Chambers that no decisive battle is probable in the present or next year. The forces of Gen Ducrot were engaged in a violent artillery action against Lonsdale and Sionch, and at night the troops in these engagements and displayed great order. Vienna, Dec 19—The news published in Austrian papers that the Romanian Band intends declaring the Danubian provinces independent of the Sublime Porte, is pure invention. LONDON, Dec 22—Troops are pouring into Cherbourg for the defence of the post. At Havre an immediate attack is expected. The Germans are approaching the place in increasing force. A Berlin despatch threatens that unless Paris soon surrenders the regular attack will begin. The English ship Susquehanna bound for Valparaiso was run into and badly damaged by a French transport which mistook her for a Prussian vessel. Repairs will be made by the French Government. LONDON, Dec 21—Princes Fredk Charles is marching rapidly westward from Blois. It is rumored that at the conference and the held-between Cardinal Schwarzs and the Turco-Hungarian prelates there will likely be united action against the papal pretensions to infallibility. BAVENNA, Dec 21—In the Senate to-day the prime minister said the irritation in Germany against Belgium was caused by newspapers published by agents. He counselled prudence and impartiality. BASLE, Dec 21—Bismarck's note to the cabinet of Vienna on the reconstruction of Germany is received in a friendly spirit. LONDON, Dec 21—The Herald's special says Gen Ducrot left Paris by balloon on the 15th. He takes command of an army corps operating on Aitons. A large number of carriages laden with ammunition for the bombardment of Paris are being forwarded daily from Metzgerburg by railway. Russia continues her war preparations on a large scale. The Herald's correspondent at Blois, writing under date of Dec 13, says Gen Palladine has been assigned to the duty of organizing new forces.

The two armies of the Loire are still acting separately. The war has now become one of skirmishes, and the invaders are constantly opposed to telling blows. Their own soldiers are gradually being destroyed, and as the Germans decrease the French increase. Havre, Dec 21—There has been fighting near Broune, and the Prussians have retreated to Bourg Thion. The ship Asteritis is being fitted for the reception of German prisoners. Letters from Bourges report that the army of the Loire has been completely re-organized. LILLE, Dec 21—Fighting has been going on today in the vicinity of Orleans. Large numbers of German sick and wounded are passing through Toul daily from the armies around Paris and in the Valley of the Loire. A contribution of seventy thousand francs has been imposed upon Lorraine as compensation for losses inflicted in German ships by French men-of-war. The damage done to Talonville by the bombardment is estimated at ten million of francs. BORDAUX, Dec 21—A sortie was made from Paris yesterday, Gen Vinoy took La Malson, Blanche Brind, and Gurney, six miles east from Paris, and Gen Durot fought a battle near Doney which is officially announced. A few Prussians entered Tours last night. They belonged to the advanced post of the enemy which held Mionace. A combat occurred near the latter point, after which the enemy retreated in the direction of Paris. BORDAUX, Dec 21—There was a severe engagement near Tours yesterday. Six thousand French fought ten thousand Prussians with 24 cannon, for seven hours. The French finally retreated. The Prussians followed and commenced to bombard Tours, when the Mayor went to the headquarters of the Prussian General and surrendered the town, as there were no troops left to defend it. In the evening the Government announced that the Prussians had evacuated Tours, retreating towards Chateau Renaud. Gen Bruner has checked the Prussians near Nantz. He advises the Government that he can keep the enemy from advancing. Among the prisoners recently captured there are men who state they have not been a fortnight in France. LUXEMBOURG, Dec 21—The Chamber of Deputies adopted an address proclaiming attachment of the inhabitants of the ruling dynasty and institutions and expressing their devotion in the defence of the Grand Duchy. BORDAUX, Dec 21—Midnight—a balloon had landed in Beaufort in the Department of the Marne, with dispatches for Gambetta. The aeronaut—who left Paris at 2 o'clock this afternoon—reports that city in good condition. The military operations were resumed yesterday. A battle had been fought in which the result was favorable to the French arms. Our artillery was especially successful. LONDON, Dec 22—It is rumored that Prince Amadeus has postponed his departure for Madrid until the present Cortes is dissolved and another convened before he will take the oath of office. 'New York, Dec 23—The World's special correspondent at Versailles of the 10th inst, says that the feeling among officers of high rank in the Prussian army is that Paris will hold out well into January. Careful preparations are making for such a contingency, and various corps in the Province are moving so as to shut out if possible all hope of restoration. Trochu is expected to give the Prussians some more desperate fighting about Christmas. LONDON, Dec 22—Von Gloize recently surprised the French at Longueux, driving them with heavy loss in prisoners, arms and baggage. On Tuesday the Paris garrison made five sorties but ineffectual sorties. The sorties caused several hours fighting, with light loss to the Prussians. A column is observed approaching Poulcoat. Rhims is supposed to be its destination. Laon, Laferre and Chanzy are to attack it. New York, Dec 23—Private dispatches from London say the French claim to have severed Prince Frederick Charles' communications, and to have captured 2000 prisoners, and the Germans were leaving Tours. They also report that the army of the Loire has made a successful union and is now 800,000 strong and ready for offensive operations. LONDON, Dec 22—The Times says the Americans are ready to fight, although appreciating the value of peace, because their exposed points are few and their resources unbounded. Not seeking war, they are not likely to decline a challenge, while England is always averse to war for the converse reason. New York, Dec 23—Vienna special says the Berlin account of the Austrian vote on the Luxembourg question is premature. Austria has as yet only addressed England and Holland, and from the latter no answer has been received. A correspondent of the Herald at Vienna reports that the rumors as to the movements of Prince Frederick Charles are partially contradicted by official correspondence. A telegram to the Press states that the Czar has addressed an autograph letter to the Sultan. A large part of the Turkish fleet under Hobart Pasha has been ordered to the Red Sea to support Egyptian intrigues with the Arabian revolutionists. From other sources the report that an understanding exists between Russia and Turkey, is denied. FLORENCE, Dec 21—A Bill ratifying the Roman plebiscite was passed by the Deputies—239 to 20. New Year's Day is fixed for the entrance of d'Aosta into Madrid. MADRID, Dec 22—The Cortes is still discussing the motion of dissolution. The Turkish expedition to Yemen against the Arabs numbers 15,000 already, and reinforcements are to follow. BORDAUX, Dec 23—Anciens dispatches say Gen Manteuffel is near that city and a battle is probable. BRESLAU, Dec 23—The King telegraphs to Queen as follows from Versailles: The French made a sortie in the direction of Stalos and Bourges, which was prompted by the mistaken idea that the French army of relief was approaching. Many French prisoners were taken in the assault on the Saxon position. The sortie was easily repulsed.

The cold is intense. LONDON, Dec 23—Dispatches from Versailles of the 21st inst, say that on that day 50,000 French advanced on the road to Bougival and attacked the Guards' headquarters at Jones. The 2d corps reinforced the Guards at 4 o'clock, and the French were forced to retreat. Eastern States. BAYANNA, Dec 21—Seven districts have been heard from. The Democratic stock 4 Congressmen and the Republicans live. WASHINGTON, Dec 21—The Secretary of the Interior would be acceptable to the President, to which Wilson replied that he would not resign and would hold no communication on the subject. Wilson says if the President has cast suspicion on him, it would be unjust to himself to resign; and he will remain until removed or until the President shows cause for application. President has decided to appoint Drummond Commissioner of the Land Office, vice Wilson, asked to resign. WASHINGTON, Dec 23—The President to-day signed Bohlen's commission to England. New York, Dec 23—Fifteen hundred pounds of nitroglycerine exploded at the Mosala tunnel. The Superintendent was blown to atoms. New York, Dec 23—An Atlanta, Ga special of the 22d, says a heavy Democratic vote was polled to-day, but not enough to overcome the Republican vote of the two previous days. The Chicago Tribune's Washington special says Gen Thomas Osborne of Albany is being strongly recommended by Ben Butler for Governor of Utah, but the President does not seem disposed to make the change. Canada. MONTREAL, Dec 23—It is reported that Secretary John Rose is en route for Canada, entrusted with a mission from the British Government regarding the fisheries question. After consulting with the Dominion Government, he will proceed to Washington with a view to effecting a reconciliation and compromise. California. LOS ANGELES, Dec 22—Yesterday evening while Mrs. Eliza Burns was holding her husband's horse, which were detached from the carriage in consequence of a break down the horse became frightened and ran away. Mrs. Burns in some manner became entangled in the reins and was dragged a distance of 100 yards. She received injuries from which she soon expired. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec 22—It is rumored that freight from New York will be materially advanced soon after New Year's by agreement between the Pacific Railway and the Pacific Mail Steamship Co. The rumor is generally credited. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec 23—Domestic news unimportant. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec 24—Sailed—Bark Oakland, Puget Sound, bark Martha Bidout, Port Blakely. Arrived—Brig Deacon, Port Ludlow, bk Loef Lamson, Fiesport. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec 23—Coos Bay Island pirate treasure expedition sails January 2d for the ship Sarah Newman, bark Cloris and ship Glendown will sail to-morrow for England and Ireland. The wheat ship Pelican from New York for San Francisco put into Rio on the 18th for repairs. The ship War Hawk from Liverpool for San Francisco was a sea there. The tax sale has reached block 363 and the bidding was lively. Sale will be resumed on Wednesday. The office hours of the Western Union Telegraph Company in this city, on Monday the 26th and Jan 7th, will be the same as on Sundays. The Hibernian Bank yesterday loaned one hundred thousand dollars for six years on first-class real estate security at one per cent, monthly payments. This is the largest loan that has ever been made in this city and has a very advanced considerably in consequence of fresh offers, which will retard the growth of grass in the counties. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec 24—The trial of Robert Baker charged with reducing the value of U S gold coin, was concluded last evening. Verdict, guilty. The best Nicholas Giddie from art Blakely, coming from port last night, ran into the bark Brigalido. The former had her mizzen topmast carried away and was seriously injured. The latter had her port bulwarks stove in and some of her head gear carried away. Flour—Super in sacks \$2 50 @ 2 75, extra \$2 75 @ 3 00. Wheat—Super grades, \$1 10 @ 1 14, ordinary to good shipping \$2 00 @ 2 10, good to choice shipping \$2 20. Barley—No sales this a.m., market unchanged, the top price \$1 24. Oats—240 a ton, good \$1 50, lot choice sold at \$1 57. Hay—Common wild cut \$1 50, fair \$1 55, good \$1 60. Potatoes—Shannon \$1 25. Stock of all kinds in large quantities. We quote the range for merchantable qualities \$1 25 @ 1 40, Carolina \$1 60 @ 1 75. Country alive—Turkeys sold to-day at \$2 25, dressed \$2 00 @ 2 20 per doz. LOS ANGELES, Dec 24—Last night a Deputy Sheriff from Santa Barbara arrested a Chinaman after some difficulty with the Chinaman, and was conveying her to jail when the Celestials, being reinforced, stopped the carriage the woman was being removed in and attempted to rescue her. During the melee one of the Mongolians was badly wounded. The shooting was done entirely by the Chinese. Four of the singleaders were arrested. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec 24—Sailed—Ship Arracan for Port Townsend, bark Milan for Port Gamble, bark Oakhill for Port Blakely ship Coquimbo for Port Madison, to lead Guaymas, schr Ocean Pearl for Nanaimo. Oregon. PORTLAND, Dec 22—Gassy Brice, and Hackney, of the east Portland robbery case, have been found guilty and will be sentenced to-morrow. Ten marriage licenses have been issued in the County since Dec 1st. The river steamers for Monticello and the Lower Columbia were obliged to return this morning, reporting the Columbia to be full of ice, and the mouth of the Willamette rapidly closing. A thin sheet of ice had formed across the river, opposite this city, last night. PORTLAND, Dec 23—Propeller G S Wright sailed yesterday for Sitka. A. GILMORE, MERCHANT TAILOR, and General Outfitter, has removed his place of business to the store adjoining the Colonial Hotel opposite the Colonial Office, on Government street, near door from Yates, where he met street, and his old friends and new proposes to give his old friends and new customers a chance on the principle of quick sales and small profits.

Bowie and his Knife. James Bowie, the inventor of discoverer of the terrible weapon which bears his name, was as utterly a fearless man as ever was born. He was full of enthusiasm over the fatal superiority of his knife, and discussed the matter with all the zeal of an inventor, and the erudition and the erudition of an expert. A huge Spaniard once argued the case with Bowie claiming that a good old Spanish knife was not only the equal of the new weapon, but its superior. Finally, as wordy arguments only hardened the opinions and confidence of each, it was proposed to settle the doubt by a knife fight. There was no enmity between these two worthies, but they differed and they wanted each to prove himself right in an unanswerable way. The left arms of those philosophers were tied together from the wrists to the elbows—there was a moment's pause, each nerving himself for the horrid work; the word was given; an instant, and a sudden jerk by Bowie gave him the chance to drive his knife into the body of the Spaniard, sinking it to the very hilt. The Spaniard dropped, Bowie catching the body on his knee. Then to make sure he gave the knife a scientific turn in the Spaniard's body, drew it out, followed by the spouting blood; cut the cord which bound their arms, and allowed the dead Spaniard to fall to the ground as indifferently as though it had only been the carcass of a hog. Thus was the supremacy of Jim's knife fairly, fearfully, and triumphantly vindicated, and it remains unchallenged by rivals until this very day.—Southern Paper. Shipping Intelligence. PORT OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA. Dec 20—Ship Isabel, Starr, Pt Townsend; Str Olympia, Finch, Port Townsend; Str Grappler, Devereaux, Barraud Inlet; Dec 21—Str Olympia, Finch, Port Townsend; Str Randgen, Mitchell, San Juan; Dec 22—Str Favorite, McKay, West Coast Str Enterprise, Swanson, New Westminster. CLARED. Dec 30—Ship Isabel, Starr, Pt Townsend; Str Olympia, Finch, Pt Townsend; Str Grappler, Devereaux, Barraud Inlet; Bark Ada, Palshaw, Nanaimo; Dec 23—Ship Alarm, Dryer, San Juan Str Olympia, Finch, Port Townsend; Dec 24—Ship Randgen, Burns, San Juan Str Enterprise, Swanson, New Westminster; Dec 25—Ship Hamley, Carleton, Comox. PASSENGERS. Per star OLYMPIA, in Puget Sound—H Rhodes, Mrs Gallagher, Capt Sabatosa, Messrs Robinson, Swenson, Bramley, Bell, J Whiting, Messrs, Voral, Carveaux, Bunker, P Donally, Dickson, McIntosh, Luman, and 22 others. DIED. In this city, on the 20th inst, Samuel Thomas, third son of Samuel and Mary Thomas, aged 16 months. SAVE YOUR MONEY AND HEALTH: By Buying Your Candies of A. W. PIPER, Government Street. THE LIBERAL PATRONAGE OF A generous public has enabled me to still further Reduce the Price of my Manufactures: From this date I will Retail Candies at the following Prices: Sugar Almonds, Burnt Almonds, Chocolate Cream, Ohrrystallised Candies, Peppermint Lozenges, Conversation do. Gum Drops, Fondants, Cassias, &c at 50 cts per lb PLAIN CANDIES, SUCH AS Sticks, Drops, Barley Sugar and Acidulated Drops, 57 1-2 cts per lb Broken Candies, 25 cts per lb. A CORRESPONDING REDUCTION AT WHOLESALE. SUGAR TOYS, all of my own make, at the Lowest Prices. WEDDING CAKES on hand and made to order on the shortest notice. D. GREEN, Government St, three doors from the St Nicholas Hotel. Fashionable Clothier, AND— GENERAL OUTFITTER, HAS JUST RECEIVED, EX MONTGOMERY CASTLE and other late arrivals, a large and choice stock of Fall & Winter Goods. Comprising in part: WATERPROOF FLY OVERCOATS BRAVE INVERNESS CAPES CASSIMERE SUITS HATS AND CAPS, &c. And a Large Assortment of FURNISHING GOODS, which he offers at a Small Advance on Cost.

ENGLISH BAZAAR. MRS JOHNSTONE Has removed part of the Stock of Fancy Goods Candies, Platedware, Cutlery, &c. &c. TO THE NEW FRENCH HOTEL GOVERNMENT STREET. Where she intends carrying on the business she has successfully managed in Fort Street. She begs to thank her former customers and hopes they will patronize her in her more extensive undertaking, assuring them that she has made arrangements for the arrival of Goods by each Vessel from the European Manufacturers, That she is in a position to offer her wares at the LOWEST PRICES. And that no attention shall be wanting to give the greatest satisfaction. She takes this opportunity To Warn all Purchasers against CHEAP CANDIES!! As she sells none but from the well-known houses of Weatherpoon, whose guarantee and analysis have proved that their Candies contain no whitening or other deleterious matter, and therefore purchasers should not be so much to cheapness as to the health of themselves and their children. MRS JOHNSTONE would further intimate to her former customers, that she has been successful in procuring a stock of goods, which will be sold at her old stand in Fort Street, at a price not less than marked prices. SELL AND OTHER WOODS, Needles, Combs, Brushes, etc. of the best kinds. PLATEDWARE from the celebrated house of Elkington & Co, which is sufficient to guarantee its quality. A well selected stock. FRENCH JEWELRY will be sold at great variety, in fact a frequent visit to Mrs Johnstone's new Bazaar will reveal that neither taste nor expense is spared in any department and will afford amusement to all. Elastic Sewn into Boots by Machinery. \$20 for \$15. JUST RECEIVED Per Bk ADA, fm London TONS OF ENGLISH CANDIES Selected expressly for the Holidays Warranted Pure Sugar and from Selectest COGNAC. WILL BE SOLD AT GREATLY REDUCED RATES, Consisting in part of the following: Peppermint, Rose, Lemon, Musk and Ginger Lozenges; Conversation Lozenges, Lore Hinge Nursey, Jellies, Sugar Almonds, Burnt Almonds, Pink, white and Yellow Rock Candy, Assorted Gum Drops, Fondants, Sugar Toys, Cordial Candies, Sugar Figures, Fancy Hearts, Scotch Mixtures, London Mixtures, Cossages, &c. All at Wholesale rates equally low. Paris Exhibition Mixtures, via Tours by Balloon. Barley Sugar, Acidulated Horehound, Lemon, Rose, ear and other Drops in 1/2 lb, 3/4 lb and 1 lb bottles. Trochu Bon Bons in small bottles. A GREAT VARIETY OF ORNAMENTS for CHRISTMAS TREES. A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF FANCY BOXES AND PACKETS of Tins filled with Candies especially for Christmas very cheap, from 12 1/2 cts upwards. FRUITS, TO ARRIVE PER 'PELICAN' An Invoice of Grapes, Oranges, Lemons, Dried Fruits, Nuts, etc., etc. Retailers will find it to their advantage to order and inspect my stock and to place orders before sailing at there. Mrs E LEVY, GOVERNMENT ST NEAR JOHNSON, Next Door to the Arcade Oyster Saloon. CHRISTMAS CHEER W. B. TOWNSEND, Has Removed Game and Poultry MARKET Fort street, one door west of Bell & Finlayson's. WHERE HE IS PREPARED TO SUPPLY the very best articles in his line for the approaching FESTIVE SEASON. Farmer's Produce bought and sold. W. C. S. SEELEY, Organ and Pianoforte BUILDER Tuner and Repairer of all kinds of Musical Instruments. Charges Very Reasonable. OFFERS FOR SALE LOW PRICES BEAUTIFUL ORGAN, preserved from the old St. Nicholas Church Cathedral, and since restored and renovated with Composition Pedals and a Gold Front. All Orders left at the Australian Hotel, Bridge, will be promptly attended to.