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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Our latest English advices announce that Col. Sir Garnet Wolseley, K.C.M.G., has been appointed Governor of the Gold Coast, and is to organize native troops to resist the Ashantees.

Vice Admiral Yelverton has taken the ironclads *Almanza* and *Vittoria* from the harbour of Carthagena and sent them to Gibraltar. The insurgents made no attempt to prevent the vessels from going.

Additional details reached London, on the 2nd inst., concerning the affair between Vice Admiral Yelverton and the Carthagena insurgents, in relation to the removal of the ironclads. After the Admiral's notification that at the expiration of forty hours he would take the vessels out of the harbour, the insurgent junta proposed that he should pledge his faith for his government that they would be held at Gibraltar, and not turned over to the Madrid armament. This proposition was rejected, and the British commander informed the junta that he would take the vessels to Gibraltar and then recommend to his government that they be not surrendered until the affair of Carthagena was settled, but that he declined to give his personal guarantee on the subject. At this the insurgent leaders were very much exasperated, and the junta issued orders to the commanders of rebel vessels to go down the bay and be prepared to resist by force the removal of the ironclads. The English consul prepared to leave Carthagena, and a conflict seemed unavoidable. To day a brief telegram was received from Madrid, to the effect that Admiral Yelverton had taken the vessels, and that there had not been a conflict.

Six hundred pilgrims left London on the 2nd for Paray le Monial. They were addressed by Archbishop Manning.

The Republican members of the Assembly will meet Thiers at Nancy on his return from Switzerland, and entertain him at a grand banquet. The towns in Alsace and Lorraine will be liberally represented, the prominent citizens in most of them having signified their intention to join in the testimonial.

A Paris journal publishes a proposal to the Royalists of France to subscribe money to rebuild the palace of the Tuileries. The editor offers to head the subscription with a contribution of \$3000.

The Carlists claim that the Spaniards of the Island of Cuba are contributing liberally for the support of the cause of Don Carlos.

The Carlists are again interrupting the railway traffic, and destroying the mails on the lines between Madrid and the Northern frontier.

The government has presented a bill to the Cortes, calling into the army all males between twenty and thirty five years of age.

The 1st of September being the anniversary of the great German victory at Sedan, a monument commemorative of that event was unveiled at Konigs Palez amidst the enthusiastic acclamation of thousands of citizens. Berlin was gaily decorated, and the day was given over to festivity.

By a decree of the Emperor, the names of distinguished Generals of the German army have been bestowed upon the forts at Strasbourg and Metz, and other places in the territory acquired from France.

Bermuda advices confirm the previously reported immense land slide, which dammed up the river Riamic. Nine lives were lost. Fears of its breaking away and inundating the city of Lima and its surroundings have been partially dissipated.

Private advices received at Halifax from Bermuda state that there has been a constitutional crisis there. The most important question that has come before the legislature of the colony is the regulation of steam communication with New York, for which there is a large subsidy annually granted. The Legislative Council appointed by the Crown exercises both Legislative and Executive functions. The House of Assembly, representing the people, think that the Council are unfit to deal with the steamship question, and in arranging for an improvement in the terms of the subsidy the House insists on having a joint committee of both Houses, together with the Governor, in his individual capacity only, to manage the business. This the Council resist, as an infringement of their rights: hence the diffi-

culty. The legislature has been prorogued, and the matter in dispute will have to be referred to the Imperial government.

A telegram from Madrid, dated Sept. 5, states that the insurgent junta in Carthagena is sending emissaries, who are plentifully provided with money, to Barcelona, to organize a movement in favor of a separate government for Catalonia.

American citizens resident in Paris proposed on the 4th inst. to display the U. S. flag, in honour of the proclamation of the Republic, but the Prefect strongly objected, and they abandoned the idea.

The Minister of the Interior has issued an order for prohibiting the publication of the Radical Republican journal, *Le Peuple*, because of the appearance in its columns of articles inciting to disturbance and contempt for the government.

A telegram from Rome, dated the 5th inst., states that the Pope is again indisposed.

General Hidalgo has resigned the Captain-Generalship of Madrid, and Gen. Riquenes has been appointed his successors.

Their Excellencies the Governor General and Countess of Dufferin, attended by Mr. Patterson, Secretary, Mr. Hamilton, A.D.C., and Col. Fletcher, Military Secretary, arrived at Quebec, from Tadousac, on the morning of the 5th inst., and landed under a salute from the Citadel. The Countess, it is expected, will be "at home" to receive visitors this week.

The Quebec and Gulf Port Steamship Company have received plans from eminent shipbuilders in England of an iron screw passenger steamer, which they intend to have built to take her place with the *Georgia* on the route next season.

On the 2nd inst., at Havana, while a party of Republicans were holding a meeting in their club rooms, the chief of police arrived and arrested about forty, and placed them in gaol. It is said that they had been notified previously that it was contrary to law for them to hold meetings.

The SS. *Polynesian* sailed from Quebec for Liverpool, on the 31st ult., with 124 passengers, amongst them Col. ROBERTS ROSS, late Adjutant General, and family.