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Its resumption at the present moment may in its commercial bearings be regarded with satisfaction. The Bay of Samana is among the finest harbors in the world, and the supply of coal for steam purposes has been alleged to be virtually inexhaustible, and to be so situated that vessels may even load alongside of the mines. If the general account of its capabilities be correct the station will, of course, prove of incalculable importance to the United States in a naval sense, but even if the assumption were to be entertained that considerations of that kind rather than of commercial utility have operated as incentives to the acquisition, we may safely rely that the commercial principle will triumph in the end, and that out of the facilities to be gained by an ample supply of coal for the steam traffic with Australia, California, China and Japan, advantages will be realized for the world by the side of which any results of narrow antagonism would sink into insignificance.

The Question of Jurisdiction of our Courts.

Shortly after the union of the Colonies a circular was sent to various Court officials informing them that their offices were done away with by the Act of Union, and, amongst others, a document of the sort alluded to was forwarded to our Chief Justice, and about the same time, a commission in his favor as Judge of British Columbia. Mr Needham differed in opinion with Governor Seymour as to the office of Chief Justice, the latter having been abolished, and the matter was referred to the Governor. The Duke of Buckingham backs up the opinion of Mr Needham and expressly states that his status as Chief Justice of this Island remains intact notwithstanding the Union of the Colonies. We should like to know why this dispatch has never yet been made public? A document of this description is public property, and was never intended for the sole use of the Governor. Questions have arisen in the Courts as to their jurisdiction, and were to be public aware of the decision (which they would gather from the dispatch referred to) it would be a great benefit. Does the non-production of this dispatch arise from carelessness on the part of the Governor? Then the sooner he is awakened to a sense of his duty the better. But if it be kept back because the contents do not happen to support the views of "our excellent Governor," then his course is highly reprehensible and steps should be taken by Mr Needham to bring his improper conduct to the notice of the Colonial Office. The friends of Mr Seymour boast that he has too much influence "at Court" to be disturbed; but let a proper representation of his remissness in this and other respects be made to the proper officer, and even "Court influence" will not save him.

Monday, Nov 25.
LIVELY OPPOSITION.—The Pacific Mail Steamship Company is likely to have a vigorous opposition henceforth. A new company, with splendid new steamships, the passengers and freight by which are forwarded via Panama instead of via New York, as formerly, has sprung into existence, and the rates of passage have been greatly reduced in consequence. The Oregonian, the first of the new line, will sail from San Francisco to-day.

THE WATCH CASE.—George Curtis, charged by Watchman Farrell, on suspicion of stealing a watch from George Lomas, on board the Robert Cowan, and remanded from Friday, was brought up on Saturday. Mr Bishop defended the prisoner. Mr Pemberton said there was no evidence whatever against the accused, and he ought not to have been arrested. The cook Lomas stated he could give no evidence against the accused.

From Cariboo.

Our Cariboo advices are to the 15th inst. but are devoid of interest. The weather continued remarkably mild and pleasant, although the scarcity of water was still the staple grievance. The snow had melted little, but sleighing continued good out to "Bloody Edwards." From that down to Yale traveling is good.
On William Creek there is very little timber now. A few stumps are still visible, and the ground is very bare. The 112 crosses being washed up for the week. The news from Mosquito Gulch continues good, and it is believed these new diggings will give profitable employment to a considerable population next season. A nugget worth \$110 was taken out of the "Minihaha" claim. In the Willow claim rich pay has been struck. They took out 80 oz. for a short day's work. The claim is considered worth \$100,000.
Flour was selling at 30 cts. for Colonial, and 22 cts. for Golden Gate; but as both Harper and Beedy had new flour on the way it was expected to fall as low as 25 cts. upon the arrival of fresh supplies; nor is it expected that it will again reach 30 cts. during the season, as the ample supply in course of grinding will keep prices down. Indeed it would seem that the starchy about the flour monopoly and its results was not very well founded, as there was no intention on the part of those who bought up the grain to raise prices to an unreasonable figure; and the circumstance of Mr Harper having entered the market with 200,000 lbs. of flour affords an additional guarantee against extortionate prices.

THE STEAMERS.—The California, hence via Portland, reached San Francisco on Thursday last, and the J. L. Stephens, hence direct, reached San Francisco on Friday.
The Governor has intimated an intention of revising the Pilotage Regulations, and proposing the Pilot Board to sit at New Westminster.
The Sir James Douglas arrived from Comox and Nanaimo at 10 o'clock on Saturday, with passengers and produce. She brought also the first boxes.

THE STEAMER HOPE.—The steamer Hope, with 30 passengers, a Cariboo mail, and an express with a large amount of treasure, left the banks of the river on the 25th inst. for Victoria.

THE RIFLE MATCH for the prizes presented to the V. R. V. Corps, took place at the butts on Saturday, with the following result: Sergt. Norris, 53 points; Bandsman Hargreaves, 51 points; Private Newbury, 50 points; Private Jno. Wilson, 49 points; Corp. Wrigglesworth, 49 points. The first prize was a handsome highly finished short Enfield rifle, presented by Mr Allison; the second prize was a handsome double-barrelled gun, presented by Mr Alston; the third, fourth and fifth prizes were money prizes. Fourteen members competed for the above, at ranges of 200, 300, 400 and 500 yards. The day was all that could be desired, and many citizens visited the range during the afternoon. Capt. Stamp has kindly presented a very handsome Colt's revolving rifle, to be competed for by the members of the corps. The rifle may be seen at the "Beehive" Hotel, Fort street.

CAN IMPUDENCE FURTHER GO?—The editor of the Columbian, in his last issue, devotes three columns of his precious sheet to a verbatim report of his own speech on the pilot regulations, and dismisses Mr Hugh Nelson, who, we are told, made the speech of the evening, with half a column, while the Mayor gets five lines.

THE PILOT BOARD will meet to-day to consider applications for appointment as pilots. Notwithstanding the excitement at New Westminster, and the tremendous amount of wind expended at the late "indignation meeting" held there, it is a noteworthy fact that an application has not been sent to the Board for the position of pilot for the port of New Westminster. This is an "item for the Examiner."

MASSAGE.—At Nanaimo, on Monday, 18th inst., a new lodge was formed under the name of "Caledonia Lodge, No. 10," with the following officers: Wm. Stewart, W. M.; James Harvey, J. W. M.; Archibald McNeil, J. M.; James Brown, S. D.; David Free, J. D.

ANOTHER PAPER HUNT.—On Saturday another paper hunt will take place, under the auspices of the Admiral and the Officers of the Squadron. The hunt will start from the George Hotel.

THE COWAN.—The bell called yesterday morning for Hoodless. The repairs effected in her rigging were very complete, and it is to be hoped that no further mishap will befall her.

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receive from them. The interviews of the Emperor Napoleon with the Emperor Francis Joseph could therefore not have the character attributed to them by certain journalists. Long before meeting at Salzburg, the two Sovereigns had both attested, by their acts, and by the pacific sentiments which guide them, that their Governments, united, could not form any other design, than that of persevering in the same line of conduct as hitherto. Their conversation upon general affairs were limited to this assurance, which was mutually given. Thus far from considering the Salzburg interview as a source of precaution and anxiety, we should see in it only a fresh motive for confidence in the preservation of peace. I desire to let you know my opinion upon publications of which the object is to create a contrary impression. You may adopt these considerations in order to correct the erroneous views on the subject which may prevail around you.
(Signed) "MOUSTIER."

Waterspouts at Genoa.

The following is an extract from a private letter:—"All this past week we have had very stormy and peculiar weather, so much so, that on Wednesday, the 23rd, S. came and asked me to run up to A's room, where they had both beheld approaching one of those singular phenomena—a waterspout. A's room, you know, is like an observatory from its wonderfully fine situation, and from its commanding so vast an expanse of sky, sea and land as it does. There, in front of the south windows, was what appeared to be a colossal grey snake, or dusky elongated rainbow, reaching from the upper clouds, and with its lower end in the sea, where there was a whirlpool of thrown-up spray, swirling round and round, and round with great velocity, while the gigantic snake looked partly pouncing down, partly flapping and heaving, and fluctuating within itself, like a huge column of rain, and agitated as if by the wind. The waterspout, it will be seen, was a little beyond the front of M's house. Not very many minutes afterwards A said, 'There is another forming.' And, sure enough, a whirlpool began to be visible in the sea; a curious cornucopia-shaped grey form appeared in the sky; then the whirlpool dashed up into circling spray, and the cornucopia acquired a spiral slender tail, which gradually swelled into a long snaky shoot, while the portions adjoining the upper cornucopia convolved into a curiously knotted form, with circular white spots at the points where the twisted convolutions appeared. Then the whole moved slightly to the right, then moved more rapidly back towards the left, and finally dispersed a little beyond San Giacomo Church, still, fortunately, in the sea. It was a strange sight, and one that it was a privilege to witness from so well-situated a point of observation."

The Love of Gold—A Story of Fashionable Crime.

CHAPTER I.—THE EVIL COUNSELLOR.
It was in an evil moment that she listened to his suggestions. Alas! she was scarcely mistress of her actions when his evil counsels prevailed.
She sat alone in her quiet boudoir. Her hands were clasped in agony as she rocked to and fro, murmuring to herself: "Gold! gold! Oh, yes, it must be gold!" The next day she left her home.
CHAPTER II.—A PICTURE OF HOME.
They had been very happy, she and her Algernon, the husband of her choice. Three darling children had blessed their union, and they had a villa at Bayswater.
Every night when he returned from the money market he drew her towards him, and she leaned on his shoulder until her raven tresses mingled with the tawny beard that flowed over his manly bosom and the interesting white waistcoat.
But that might never, never be again!
CHAPTER III.—A SAD CHANGE.
She fled homeward with a guilty conscience. The domestic who opened the door started, uttering a smothered "Oh, my!" She heeded not. She flew up stairs to the nursery and clasped her children to her palpitating bosom.
The little creatures struggled to get away from her. The baby went into convulsions. They did not recognize their mother. Wringing her hands wildly, she flew down stairs. Algernon had returned. She met him in the passage, trembling, half fainting. He looked at her coldly and passed on.
She tumbled down flat upon the door mat.
Alas! her evil counsellor, the hair-dresser, had prevailed on her to have her hair bleached to the fashionable yellow, and not even her own family recognized her.

It is believed that the "black death" which has baffled the efforts of Irish physicians to discover the cause, is caused by eating the flesh of diseased cattle.

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