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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

BRITISH COLUMBIA has had a small rebellion, or rather the city of VICTORIA. The citizens, to the number of about one thousand, marched to the Parliament Buildings on Monday, the 9th inst., and overawed the House, forcing the retirement of Mr. De Cosmos, the premier, and consequently the resignation of the Ministry. The following is the telegraphic account of the *emute*:—

On Monday afternoon the citizens to the number of nearly one thousand marched to the Parliament Buildings in an orderly manner.

A large police force was on hand, but no disturbance took place.

Dr. Helmcken presented a petition passed at a meeting held on the previous Saturday, the gist of which was "that this meeting deems it inadvisable to enter into any negotiations for capitalizing the Dry Dock Guarantee, or to borrow any money from the Dominion Government until the scheme of Mackenzie's Ministry for the relaxation of the Terms of Union shall be made known; and further that it is distinctly opposed to the Provincial Government interfering in any manner with the Terms, or agreeing to any new terms offered by the Mackenzie Government until they have been submitted to the people for adoption."

The application by the Ministry for a gunboat to be stationed off the Government buildings was refused by the commander of the fleet.

A resolution was also sent to the city members who supported the Local Government calling upon them to resign.

The same afternoon, Mr. De Cosmos resigned, and he has since left the city—it is said, to stand for an outside district for the Commons.

Today the Hon. Mr. Walken, Attorney General of the De Cosmos Ministry, was called upon by the Lieut. Governor to form a Government. It is understood that he has made no changes in the *personnel* of the Cabinet.

Considerable excitement still prevails.

Mr. Norton, one of the leaders in the attack on the Parliament Buildings, is a candidate for the Commons. Mr. David W. Miggitt, another ringleader of the *emute*, having been threatened with arrest, publishes a card accepting the entire responsibility of the demonstration.

The House meets again on Friday, when the petition will be considered.

The press, who are now in opposition to the General Government, say that nothing but a dissolution of the Local House will

satisfy the country, and charge that the attempt to change the Terms of Union was made in order to violate the Railway clause.

Hon. Mr. Ross, Minister of Militia, on his way to Ottawa, got storm stayed. A heavy snow storm prevailed in Nova Scotia. He returned, so we learn, to Cape Breton.

The Hon. Mr. Blake has resigned his position in the Government, and his resignation has been accepted. Mr. Blake's retirement from the Government is altogether on personal grounds, and has no political significance whatever.

His Excellency Lord Dufferin takes a lively interest in the popular game of curling, and has offered a gold medal to be played for by all the regularly organized clubs of the Dominion who desire to compete; also a silver medal to be played for by the members of the winning club. The matches are to be played on or before March 9th, the returns to be sent in for his Excellency's information.

On the 10th, in the House of Representatives, Washington, Mr. White, of Alabama, introduced a bill for the construction of the Atlantic and Great Western Canal by the indorsement of bonds and the issue of currency notes to an amount not exceeding \$7,000,000, and for the opening to navigation of the Tennessee and Coosa rivers in Alabama, and of the Ockmulgee river in Georgia. Bills were also introduced by Dawes to reduce the rate of letter postage to two cents.

In the Senate Mr. Cameron, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, reported with out amendment the House bill requesting the President to extend in the name of the United States a cordial invitation to foreign Governments to take part in the Continental Exposition at Philadelphia.

The army reduction bill, under consideration by the House Military Committee, provides for sweeping reductions in the army, among others of five regiments of infantry, two of cavalry, and one of artillery. Officers who may necessarily be affected by the reduction are to receive one year's pay on being mustered out. Important changes are also proposed in the number and mode of the selection of officers as commanding generals of the several military departments. The bill provides for the appointment of officers who have served in the Medical and Quarter-master's Departments during the late war, and that the first twenty graduates each year from the Military Academy shall be assigned to regiments and the remainder discharged.

A Fort Laramie despatch says. Lieut. Robinson and Corporal Coleman, before reported as being surrounded by hostile Indians, were murdered. Two Companies of Cavalry under Capt. Egan and Lieut. Allison have been sent in pursuit of the Indians.

The American Fish Culturists' Association held their third annual meeting on the 10th. Hon. Robert B. Roosevelt gave a statement regarding the work of the New York State Commissioners of Fisheries. A number of interesting papers on the subject of fish culture in Maine, California and elsewhere were read.

It is stated that the village of South Windham, Conn., has a case of small pox in nearly every family, and several deaths have occurred. All business has ceased, and no railway trains stop there.

James Gordon Bennett has given \$30,000 for establishing free soup rooms in the various engine and truck houses in the city. The Fire Commissioners have voted to carry out the suggestion at once.

A Brooklyn paper asserts that a million a year has been stolen from the people of that city by a Ring for 10 years past, and sums up amounts already said to be confessed at \$2,100,000.

From Vienna we learn that the *Vaterland* newspaper has been suppressed, and the office and materials confiscated.

The law introducing general conscription in Russia is about to be promulgated.

Capt. Robertson, of the ship *Loch Earn*, which sank the *Ville du Havre*, has written to the *London Times*, giving an emphatic denial to many of the statements made before the French tribunal, which investigated Capt. Surmont's story of the disaster. Capt. Robertson is borne out in his denial by all of his own crew and by the look-out man on the *Ville du Havre*.

The English Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures, and Commerce offers its gold medal, or £20, for the best "revolution indicator" which shall accurately inform the officer on deck and the engineer in charge of the engine what is the number of revolutions of the paddles or screw per minute, without the necessity of counting them.

There is considerable speculation as to whether Disraeli or Earl Derby will become Premier.

The mail steamer from South America reports that yellow fever continues unabated in Rio Janeiro and cholera is raging with great violence in Buenos Ayres and Monte Video. Thousands of people had fled from those cities.

Taylor's pantechmicon and furniture repository, in Belgravia, London, covering an acre of ground, was destroyed by fire on the 14th. Estimated loss \$15,000,000. There were several accidents and two firemen were killed. The fire attracted an immense and unruly crowd, and it became necessary to call out the military to preserve order.