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### NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Under date of the 17th inst., London despatches say a rumour from Alexandria, Egypt, states that Sir Samuel Baker and wife were murdered in the interior of Africa by the natives. They were with the Egyptian expedition up the Nile.

A severe thunderstorm occurred in Wales on the 16th inst. The crops were injured and several persons struck by the lightning and killed.

The weather throughout England is fair and favorable to crops.

A despatch from Rome says on Thursday (10th) the condition of the Pope was the cause of much anxiety.

The usual Easter services in the Catholic Churches in England, will be curtailed in consequence of his sickness.

The German Army will evacuate France on July, every place will be given up except Verdun which will be retained till the last half milliard of francs of the indemnity are paid.

Gen. Manteuffel, commander of the German army of occupation, gave a dinner to day (16th April) at Nancy in honor of the birthday of President Thiers.

Mario Girardin died suddenly on the 11th inst., of apoplexy.

Revolution seems to be the order of the day in Spain, especially as far as it relates to fighting, murder, and plunder.

A despatch from Perpignan says the Carlists retreated from before Puigcerda, in consequence of the arrival of three columns of Spanish troops to reinforce the garrison of the town. The Carlists, however, say they abandoned the attack, and withdrew because they would not fight on Good Friday. They also say that they intend to return and renew the attack. Don Carlos arrived in Perpignan before the attack on Puigcerda commenced, and there awaited the result.

The force of Carlists, under Saballo, which attacked Puigcerda, was 1,000 strong, while the defenders of the town numbered 500, of whom only 56 were soldiers. After a fusillade of 34 hours duration the ammunition of the Republicans became exhausted, and the Alcalde of Puigcerda, sent for reinforcements

which arrived too late to participate in the fighting, as the Carlists had ceased their attack, and withdrawn from before the town. The Insurrectionists carried their wounded with them, and buried the bodies of their dead.

Many Carlists are surrendering to the Government troops in the North in the hope of receiving amnesty.

It is reported that a son of Prince Henry of Bourbon, who took up arms in the cause of Don Carlos, was killed in the late engagement of the detachment under Siballo, which before the attack on Panguorda, was sent to hamper the march of the troops sent to the relief of that town, and was repulsed by the Republican troops and lost 300 men exclusive of the prisoners.

Additional reinforcements of troops arrived at Puigcerda, where they were received with great enthusiasm by the populace. The Carlists are again threatening the town.

The Government has received intelligence of the crushing defeat by the Republicans of a Carlist force at San Lorenzo de la Muga, in the Province of Gerona.

A report that the Spanish troops in Porto Rico revolted against the Government is untrue. They merely asked for an increase of their pay, which was granted, and no demonstration was made.

To add to the complications afflicting that unhappy country, advices via New York from Cuba, under date 14th March, states that General Farcia, commander of the Eastern Department, says reconciliation with Spain is impossible, except on the basis of Independence. The only terms the Cubans have to offer are that the Spaniards shall go away and leave Cubans to take care of their own future. They have no faith in the permanent establishment of the Spanish Republic.

As this intelligence is contained in a telegram to the New York *Herald* it must be taken *cum grano salis*.

From Fort Garry advices of the 14th state that rumours have reached Winnipeg that the Sioux and some of the Ontario settlers on the third crossing of White Mud river have come in collision, and that some of the

latter have been shot and a house burned. There are Sioux settled in that quarter, but the story is probably exaggerated. A body of volunteers enrolled in Stanaro will, it is said, be sent to that quarter to protect the settlers. It is about one hundred miles from Fort Garry.

The *Manitoba* publishes a statement of the work of the boundary Commission so far. Captain Cameron constructed for this party a barracks at North Pembina, at a cost of \$20,000, the American division having run a line last fall thirty-eight miles eastward from Red River. It was arranged that Captain Cameron's party should cut out a line through the woods, west of the Lake of the Woods. During the winter this was done, and enables the Commissioners to be able to start west in May. No part of the boundary line surveyed and marked will be formally agreed upon by the Commissioners until observations of both are rigidly scrutinized.

Under date of the 17th inst., rumours about the Sioux murders were exaggerated. No one hurt. The snow storm continue. Red River is reported open at Fort Abercrombie, and the water is said to be very high.

Yeddo, Japan, advices say Count Te, the Italian envoy, has brought about an agreement with the Japanese Government which, if duly ratified, will enable Italian citizens to visit and reside in all parts of this empire with absolute freedom. This is a favor which other Ministers have eagerly coveted, though none of them have been willing to obtain it, or to show a disposition to accept the only conditions on which it could be granted.

A letter from Essen says there will be sent to the Vienna Exhibition from the cannon foundry of Herr Krupp, two specimens of his "big guns" that surpass anything of the kind the establishment has hitherto produced. The first is a brass gigantic brass cannon, the tube of which will be 670 metres in length, and 1.46 metre in diameter, and which will weigh 760 quintals, or 38,000 kilogrammes. The second is manufactured of one block of brass four metres long and 1.50 metre in diameter, of the weight of 1,000 quintals, or 50,000 kilogrammes. These two model guns are to be despatched to Vienna toward the middle of the month by special train, via Giesen, Nuromberg, and Pönnau.