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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

It is stated in England that the experts on whose opinion the Kaiser founded his judgment in the San Juan case recommended the adoption of the middle channel as a compromise.

The names of the jurists consulted, the advisers of the Emperor William, on whose legal opinions and topographical report the Crown judgment on the San Juan boundary is based, are given in a Prussian State despatch as follows.—Grimm, Vice President of the Supreme Court in Berlin, Henrich Kiepert, the eminent German Geographer and Illustrator of the Bible, and Herr Goldschmidt, a member of the tribunal of Leipzig. The referees handed in their reports three weeks ago. Their reports will not be published. They charge England with vagueness in the wording of the treaty of 1846, and states that the word "southerly" means the shortest channel to the straits of San Juan de Fuca. A special messenger left Berlin for Washington on Friday night. Sir John Packington, in a lecture delivered at Stourbridge last night, adverted to the settlement of the *Alabama Claims*, declaring that it was painful and humiliating to apologize for wrongs never committed, and pay a fine for injuries steadily denied. In the disposition of the San Juan Boundary question however, he saw no reason to censure the Government.

The Marquis of Ripon, who presided over the Joint High Commission which framed the *Alabama Treaty* at Washington, delivered an address last evening at Ripon, in Yorkshire, upon the results of the Arbitration in Geneva.

The speaker expressed himself as thankful that all the points involved in the treaty of Washington had been peaceably and amicably settled. He regarded this as a great step towards the preservation of the peace of the world, though said the Marquis, the controversy between the two nations has been sometimes keen and eager; the feeling of the people as well as of the respective Governments had never been embittered. He believed that the arbitration at Geneva

had been the means of inaugurating good relations between England and the United States, which would long endure.

The cholera has appeared at Wexford, Ireland, where one death from the disease has occurred.

The Right Honorable Lord Pensance, Judge of the English Court of Exchequer, has resigned.

Lieut. General Sir Isaac Campbell Coffin, K.C.S.I., of Her Majesty's Indian army, died very suddenly at Blackheath on Tuesday, Oct. 1st, at the age of seventy one. He was the son of the late Admiral F. H. Coffin, and was born in the year 1801. He entered the Madras army at an early age, and rose to the rank of Major General in 1857. It will be remembered that during the Indian mutiny he was in command of the Hyderabad Auxiliary force, and also commanded a division of the Madras Army from 1859 to 1864. He was nominated a Knight Commander of the Order of the Star of India in 1856, and attained the rank of Lieut. General July 19, 1869.

NOTE.—The above deceased officer, was of Canadian descent, his father Admiral H. F. Coffin, having been born in Quebec. He was first cousin to Col. Coffin of Ottawa, and to Mr. Hamilton, mother of the Hon. John Hamilton, Senator, and of Robert Hamilton, Esq. of Quebec.

Another addition to the telegraphic cables stretching across the Atlantic is in course of rapid construction and embarkation on board the *Great Eastern*. This new cable is a duplicate of the French one, and is to have its termini at Land's End and Halifax. Its main length will be 3,600 miles, and it will cost less the laying down, £1,200,000 and upwards. It is being placed on board the *Great Eastern* in lengths of 260 mile coils. Already a large portion is on board, and early the coming year it is contemplated to put it in use. The experience of the past has given some important lessons on the construction of the cable, and every approved new feature that has been submitted by electrician engineers has met with investigation and adoption. The machinery for the submerging and laying down is also improved.

Advices from Madrid state that a petition has been presented to the Cortes to day by one of the Republican deputies, asking the adoption of measures looking to the procurement from England of the cession of Gibraltar to Spain.

The Cortes resolved, by a vote of 121 to 104, to consider articles of impeachment against the Sagosta Ministry.

From Philadelphia it is reported that the steamship *Ohio*, the second vessel of the American and Liverpool line, was successfully launched to day (30 Oct.) at noon.

The sailing of the Pacific mail steamer, *Rising Star*, being deferred from November 1st to the 5th, it is believed the Company will in future only run two steamers a month.

The most noteworthy event in Dominion affairs during the present week is the confirmation of the intelligence that the Emperor of Germany has awarded the island of San Juan to the United States, and the Jurists, on whose report his decision is said to have been founded, convey something more than a censure on the blundering stupidity of English diplomasts, whose want of geographical knowledge, made such a decision probable.

The local administration has been reorganised as follows:

Attorney General and Premier—Hon. Oliver Mowat.

Provincial Treasurer—Hon. Adam Crooks.
Commissioner of Public Works, Agriculture and Immigration—Hon. Archibald Mac Kellar.

Commissioner of Crown Lands—Hon. R. W. Scott.

Provincial Secretary and Registrar—Hon. T. B. Pardee.

The *Collingwood Bulletin* of the 9th inst., contains a glowing account of the discovery of a rich silver mine on Noisy River. Noisy Bay Collingwood is 95 miles N. N. W. of Toronto, and the terminus of the Northern Railway of Canada. The mine is situated near the falls of Noisy River. "Specimens of silver are said to have been obtained which assayed 80 per cent. of pure metal, and the discovery has produced a great sensation among the quiet people of Duncedin."