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The principal amusement of the Chinooks is gambling which is carried to great excess amongst them. You never visit the camp but you hear the eternal gambling songs of "ha ha," accompanied by the beating of small sticks on some hollow substance.

Another game to which they are very partial is played by two or three on each side, the rivals sit on the ground opposite each other with the stake lying in the centre.

Another game which I have seen amongst them is called Al-kol-loch, and is one that is universal along the Columbia river. It is considered the most interesting and important as it requires great skill.

The Chinooks have tolerably good horses, and are fond of racing, at which they bet considerably. They are expert jockeys and ride fearlessly.

They also take great delight in a game with a ball, which is played by the same name as by the Crois, Chippewa and Sioux Indians.

The sepulchral rites of this singular tribe of Indians are too curious to be entirely omitted. Upon the death of a Chinook the body is securely tied up in rush matting and placed in the best canoe they can procure.

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could be guilty of, namely, the robbing the sepulchral canoe. Dr. Douglas after rigorously reprimanding him allowed to depart with the dead body.

Sacred as the Indians hold their burial places, Casenow himself, a short time after the latter occurrence, had his only son buried in the cemetery of the Fort. He died of consumption—a disease very frequent amongst all Indians—proceeding no doubt from their constant exposure to the sudden vicissitudes of the climate.

My principal object in travelling among the Indian tribes of the Far West was to obtain accurate sketches of their chiefs, medicine men, &c., and representations of their most characteristic manners and customs.

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in the most violent manner, whilst the others kept me by holding up little sticks on hollow wooden bowls and drums, singing continually. After exercising himself in this manner for about half an hour, until the perspiration ran in streams down his body, he darted suddenly upon the young woman catching hold of her side with his teeth and shaking her for a few minutes, as one dog does another in fighting, the patient screaming and holding up the sticks.

Having rounded the distant point where they had first described him, they came to a village inhabited by a race of people as their captor, their houses, boats &c., came to be all in proportion to themselves. The three brothers were taken out and thrown bound as they were into a lodge, while a council was convened to decide upon their fate. During the sitting of the council an immense lot of birds resembling geese, but much larger, poked down upon the inhabitants and commenced a violent attack.

By order, (Signed) C. A. WINDHAM, Chief of the Staff.

OPERATIONS IN THE BALTIC. The weather in the Baltic has been very cold. Letters from Memel and other ports state that a second winter has set in. Snow deep and frost severe.

HELINGSFORS, March 8. The English steamer Samson, Pylades, Falcon, and Harrier have left to-day and gone southward.

BERLIN, March 9. Besides the steamers that have got out of Swaborg, it is stated here that three or four Russian cruisers have left Revel, and steered toward the coast of Sweden.

PARIS, March 10. The Patrie of this date says that a naval engagement between the Russian and the English squadrons in the Baltic is considered not unlikely, the armistice not applying to operations by sea.

LETTERS from Helingsfors contain some information on the subject of the Russian vessels, the departure of which from Swaborg has been announced by telegraph. It is stated that they have steered for the coast of Sweden or Denmark, for the purpose of attacking the advanced guard of the English Baltic squadron.

THE LONDON GLOBE of the 11th instant says: The news that Russian ships of war had issued forth from Swaborg is formally contradicted by an interchange of electric despatches between Berlin and St. Petersburg.

THE THEBAN JOURNAL announces the death of the Persian Minister of War; also the arrest of the Khan of Baradshah; and that the Persian troops, with eight guns, had occupied the Island of Kharek, in the Persian Gulf.

PEACE PROSPECTS ON TRADE OPERATIONS. From the Monitor.

The prospect of peace has given rise to various speculations. New companies are under formation, and requests are daily sent to the administration. It is the duty of the Government to oppose exaggerated speculation, (entrainements,) which might compromise affairs already in hand and endanger credit.

THE EMPEROR ALEXANDER ON THE PROSPECTS OF PEACE. Some time ago a number of gentlemen of Silesia sent an address to the Emperor Alexander of Russia as a testimony of their respect, and also to thank him for the pacific ideas he had lately evinced.

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