

RUSSIA AND BRITAIN.

Change Rumors Concerning the Policy in Central Asia—Disquieting Reports and the Consequences.

TELEGRAM TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.

LONDON, Jan. 20, 1873. Unfavorable rumors in London to the position of Russia and England with respect to the policy in Central Asia generally, and toward Khiva more especially, have a disquieting effect and fetten the stock market.

Severe Defeat of the Russians by the Allies of the Khivans. [From the Calcutta Englishman, Dec. 15.] The Indian Public Opinion furnishes us with the following news from the frontiers—"A Badkash merchant reports the defeat of the Russians by the Urganj people to have been most bloody and complete, and that the whole attack on Khiva has completely failed."

ENGLAND.

Press Opinion of the American Lease of Samana Bay—The Dignity of the Bar Vindicated Against Extra-Parliamentary Assault.

TELEGRAM TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.

LONDON, Jan. 20, 1873. The London Daily News says of the lease of Samana Bay to an American company that it is not likely to give rise to any diplomatic complication; but the wholeness of this tendency to acquire territory beyond Continental limits is doubtful. The United States, it adds, present the spectacle of communities maintaining liberty and order by the exercise of absolute self-government; therefore the Union is strong and respected.

FRANCE.

The Question of Public Education Debated in the Assembly—Rectification of the Border Line Towards Germany—M. Gambetta Invalide—Communists' Escape from Prison.

TELEGRAM TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.

PARIS, Jan. 20, 1873. During the session of the National Assembly at Versailles to-day the party of the Right introduced a resolution censuring M. Jules Simon, Minister of Public Instruction, for his circular of last autumn on school reform.

THE BOUNDARY LINE TOWARDS GERMANY. The Franco-German Boundary Commission have brought their labors to an end.

MILITARY CENSORSHIP OF DRAMATIC MINISTRY. The play to which the attention of the Ministry Governor was called by the censors is "L'Oncle Sam," by M. Sardou. Mr. Washburne, the American Minister, disavows any action or intention on his part to interfere with the production of the play on the stage.

THUNDER STORM. A thunderstorm of unusual violence passed over Paris last night.

THE BONAPARTES. Church Services and a Sermon at Chislehurst—Victoria's Tribute to Napoleon's Memory—Prince Louis to Rejoin His Camp.

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LONDON, Jan. 20, 1873. A large number of visitors attended at Chislehurst yesterday for the purpose of paying their respects to the members of the Bonaparte family.

LOUIS TO RESUME HIS STUDIES. The French Prince Imperial will soon return to Woolwich to resume his studies at the Royal Military Academy.

ITALY. Parliamentary Censure of American Frauds on Emigrants—South American Diplomacy—A Royal English Viceroy.

TELEGRAM TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.

ROME, Jan. 20, 1873. During the legislative session of the Italian Chamber of Deputies to-day Signor Tassinari asked that measures be taken to prevent the "cruel frauds practiced upon emigrants by American emigration companies."

SWEDEN. The Parliamentary Session Opened by the King.

TELEGRAM TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 20, 1873. The annual session of the Swedish Diet was opened to-day by the King in person, who, in his speech from the throne, expressed an earnest hope for the development of the Scandinavian Union.

BATTLE WITH THE MODOCS.

Defeat of 400 Troops by Captain Jack's 200 Warriors.

A Severe Engagement Lasting All Day.

FORTY SOLDIERS KILLED AND WOUNDED.

A Dense Fog Conceals the Enemy—The Unseen Braves See Clearly—Reinforcements To Be Sent For.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 20, 1873.

A despatch from Yreka to-day states that a message had just arrived at that place from the headquarters of General Wheaton, commanding the troops in action against the Modoc Indians. A severe battle was fought last Friday by

THE SCENE OF THE BATTLE. The battle took place near the eastern shore of Tule Lake. On Thursday Captain Bernard went around the north end of the lake to the east side and to the east of Captain Jack's position. He was to advance against Captain Jack from the east and General Wheaton from the southwest, the forces of the latter to be under cover of the fire of the howitzers. On Thursday night such

AN UNSURE FOG enveloped the country that they could not see forty yards ahead. The two forces were then about twelve miles apart, though to communicate with each other it was necessary to go a much greater distance.

ON Friday morning Captain Bernard opened the battle against Captain Jack, who had about two hundred warriors concealed among the rocks along a line of two miles in length. General Wheaton heard the firing, and had no alternative but to move to the aid of Captain Bernard, without the fire of the howitzers. The troops fought from eight o'clock in the morning to dark under a terrific fire, during which scarcely one Indian was slain. The loss to the troops was forty killed and wounded. The loss to the Modocs is unknown.

Captain Jack's position, the leaders say they will take steps toward sending relief to the sufferers.

THE APACHE HUNT. Fifty-Four Noble Red Men Sent to the Happy Hunting Grounds.

Captain Price, commanding Company E, Fifth Cavalry, has returned to Prescott, Arizona, from a fifteen days' scout. Near the mouth of the Black Canyon he had a fight with the Apaches and killed five, and three escaped. Near the head of the Black Canyon he had another fight and killed thirty-six Apaches, taking warriors. Since the last report the troops operating from Camp Verde have killed thirteen warriors.

A CUBAN HERO. Insurgent Testimonial to General Aguero.

THE WHARTON TRIAL. Ten witnesses were examined on the part of the prosecution in the Wharton trial to-day, six of whom testified in the Ketchum-Wharton trial, among them Deputy Marshal Fry, who first placed Mrs. Wharton under arrest.

THE PARKER'S LANDING DISASTER.

Every House in the Upper Part of the Town Destroyed.

ONE HUNDRED FAMILIES HOMELESS.

List of the Buildings Burned and Names of the Sufferers.

TOTAL LOSS \$200,000 OR \$250,000.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 20, 1873. The fire at Parker's Landing, in the oil regions, which was subdued at a late hour last night, was one of the most destructive that ever visited that section of country. Over one hundred families are rendered homeless by the conflagration, and, owing to the fact that business had been almost stagnant throughout the oil regions during the past year and money being exceedingly scarce, it is feared that

GREAT SUFFERING MAY RESULT from the destruction of their homes. The fire originated in the upper portion of Dolan's saloon, and, as the day was bitter cold and high winds prevailing, the fire spread rapidly in a northerly and southerly direction, consuming every house in the upper part of the town. The buildings were all of wood, and the flames spread with such rapidity that it was almost impossible to check the work of destruction. There was one hand engine at Parker's, but it was rendered altogether useless yesterday in consequence of the hose collapsing and freezing.

THE PRINCIPAL LOSSES are as follows:—Wainline House, \$10,000; J. G. Gally, \$2,000; Lehman & Son's shoe house, \$4,000; Briscoe, drugs, \$5,000; Dollar store, \$1,000; Taro's grocery, \$1,000; McManus' hotel, \$3,000; Oil Exchange Hotel, \$3,000; Dalley's grocery and dwelling, \$5,000; Frederick's shoe store, \$2,000; Smith's Hotel, \$5,000; Chalmers & Graf, hardware, \$5,000; The Den, \$5,000; Bart's saloon, \$2,000; Le F. Brown's furniture establishment, \$10,000; Security Building, \$5,000; On the same side Fallerton & Golden's law office, \$5,000; Colonel Woodward, \$1,000; Dolan's Opera saloon, \$5,000; Spencer's Opera House, \$10,000; Steele's livery stable, \$5,000; Klittinghousen, \$2,000; Security Building, \$5,000; McLaughlin's residence, \$3,000; Levin's grocery, \$5,000; Jackson, \$1,000; J. C. Jones, \$1,000; Sweeney Brothers' feed and saloon, \$10,000; Millinery, \$1,000; Brown & Harmon, lumber, \$5,000; Mrs. Brown's residence, \$5,000; McLaughlin's residence, \$5,000; and military, \$5,000.

THE LOWER OR RIVER SIDE seven buildings were consumed, worth about \$10,000 in aggregate. A tall house at the bridge was also consumed and Le F. Brown's furniture establishment (Dunbar) worth about \$7,000. On the same side Fallerton & Golden's law office, valued at \$1,000, were destroyed; George S. Sonday's restaurant and saloon, worth about \$1,000; G. P. Stock's barber shop and bath house, \$1,000; Jake Frederick's house, \$500 (brought up to arrest the progress of the flames); the grocery house, owned by Mr. Brown of Foreman, \$3,000; Crull's livery stable, \$1,000; barber shop, \$1,000; Mrs. Smith's laundry, \$300; Campbell's lumber office, \$1,000. On the back street the following named property was destroyed:—John Phillips' dwelling, \$5,000; Odd Fellows' hall, \$2,000; John Phillips' office, \$500; Barnes' feed store, \$5,000; Bennett's hardware store, \$4,000; John Shirley's residence, \$2,000. In addition to these, a schoolhouse and about twenty-five other buildings on the hill side were burned. These are estimated to have been worth from \$500 to \$250 each. The total loss will foot up \$200,000 or \$250,000.

THE BURNED DISTRICT extends from Kern's residence on the north, southward to J. R. Frost's store in length, and from the river to the east, and the head of the city here has been called for to-morrow, to take steps toward sending relief to the sufferers.

LOSS ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS. At eleven o'clock last night a fire broke out on the second floor of the four-story brick building 15 Deerpark street that caused a damage of about \$100,000. The first floor of the building was occupied by the Deerpark Gas Works Manufacturing Company. Damage by water, \$3,500. The second, third and fourth floors were occupied by Messrs. G. H. and J. H. G. of French clocks and bronzes. Damage, \$75,000. The loss to the building is estimated at \$25,000; insured. The fire was extinguished by the water from an overhead store. Fire Marshal Mespelon will hold an investigation into the matter to-day.

THE ASHLAND COLLIERY FIRE. Another Outbreak in the Mines—Water Being Poured In.

ASHLAND, Pa., Jan. 20, 1873. The fire at Reppeler's colliery is still burning, although it was thought on Saturday that it was under the fire in the arbores and extends to the upper part of the vein in the vicinity of the slope. Ineffective efforts have been made to smother the fire. It is said that it will require weeks for the water now being pumped into the mine to get high enough to extinguish the fire.

LARGE FIRE IN INDIANA. A Block of Buildings in Ottumwa Destroyed—Loss \$150,000.

THE STATE CAPITAL.

An Uninteresting Session—Comptroller Green Requested to Accrue for Litigation Expenses—No Quorum in the Senate.

ALBANY, Jan. 20, 1873.

There was a full attendance of members in the Assembly this evening, and the business of the session was actually begun in downright earnest. Of course, the Clerk's desk was not very heavily burdened, but the fact that it was completely cleared of the only four bills that were on it and ordered to a third reading shows quite plainly that there is to be

THE ABOLITION OF FEES to surveyors, engineers, &c., employed in making local improvements, the payment of all expenses except the contract price for work done by the Department of Public Works.

FLOODS AND FRESHETS. A Sea of Ice at Washington—The Worst Ice Yet Seen.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 20, 1873. To-day, as on Saturday, the vast sea of ice continued to float down the Potomac without cessation, and many were attracted to the shores to witness the lively scene. The ice in the Georgetown Channel commenced to form into a jam about the bridge as early as Friday, and the entire channel is now bridged by the ice.

Freshet in Maryland—People Fleeing to the Hills—Fears of Loss of Life.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN, Jan. 20, 1873. A temporary telegraph office has been established here, the operator having been forced to abandon his office in Port Deposit in consequence of a flood. The platform in front of the office was carried away by the water soon after he left. He was forced to take to the hills to reach his home in Port Deposit. Many had to be removed in boats, and it is feared there has been loss of life.

Immense Quantities of Ice at Havre de Grace—Dwellings Submerged.

HAVRE DE GRACE, Jan. 20, 1873. The ice has gone from below the railroad bridge and for about a mile above the bridge on the west side of the "island." On the eastern side the ice extends nearly down to the bridge. The ice is so high that it is feared that the water will be forced to take to the hills to reach the water level of the Potomac. There is five feet of water between the deposit and the hills. The water is so high that it is feared that there will be loss of life.

THE SUSQUEHANNA RIVER—Fall in the Water—An Ice Gorge Near Safe Harbor.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 20, 1873. The ice is nearly all gone at this point and the Susquehanna has fallen four feet. The ice gorge continues near Williamsport, but the water is high. An ice gorge has formed near Safe Harbor and the water is backed up to the top of the dam.

MURDER.

A Printer Shot in the Abdomen by a Gambler in a Madison Street Boarding House Last Night.

CAUSE OF THE CRIME.

The Beginning, Continuance and Ending of the Tragedy.

SCENES ON THE SPOT.

Marshall McCruder shot and fatally wounded Clarence Lockwood last night at No. 154 Madison street. McCruder was arrested by Captain Mount, of the Seventh precinct, and locked up at the station house. Lockwood was sent in an ambulance to Bellevue Hospital, where he was examined, and his case pronounced hopeless. The men were well known to each other, but for some time past a coolness has existed between them. Lockwood is a journeyman printer, and McCruder a gambler. They lived at 154 Madison street, a boarding house kept by Mrs. Madison.

On Saturday night last the boarders, some thirty in number, gave a party at the house to their friends. Lockwood and McCruder were there, and joined in the amusements with the others. About one o'clock in the morning Lockwood went out of the house and did not return until eight. It was noticed when he reappeared that he was slightly under the influence of liquor. Going into the parlor he noticed McCruder sitting on a sofa, talking to a Miss Annie Brown, one of the boarders. Picking up a pillow from a chair at hand he playfully put it in her face, and McCruder jumped to his feet and desired him to desist. Lockwood replied "IT IS NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS," and slapped McCruder in the face. The latter was on the point of returning the blow when Mr. Smith, who was present, interposed and stopped the quarrel. McCruder resumed his seat on the sofa, but as Lockwood went out of the door he called after him, saying, "I will shoot you for this to-morrow."

McCruder followed in the same routine up to supper time, and then he went to his room. He was awakened by the sound of a pistol firing, and he hurriedly put on his clothes and went to the door. He found the wounded man lying on the floor, and he called for help. The police were called, and the man was taken to the hospital. He died the next day.

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MAILS FOR EUROPE.

The steamship Idaho will leave this port on Wednesday for Queenstown and Liverpool.

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