

GOLD MINING.—The Gold Commissioner has given his returns of the operations at the different gold fields during the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1864. The following are the returns for the month of October:—Mines, 93; men, 778; quartz crushed, 2265 tons; total yield, 1830 oz. 12 dwts. 10 grs.; mills, 30—24 steam, 12 water power. For November—Mines, 92; men, 778; quartz crushed, 2330 tons; total yield, 2198 oz. 5 dwts. 10 grs. For December—Mines, 89; men, 772; quartz crushed, 1520 tons; total yield, 1428 oz. 11 dwts. 9 grs. Total yield of gold for year 1863, 14001 oz. 14 dwts. 17 grs. Year ending 1864, 20022 oz. 18 dwts. 18 grs. The value of the gold stated above as being raised in 1864, (which does not embrace all taken from the mines, because it is impossible to obtain complete returns) at \$20 per ounce, is \$400,458. The returns for 1864, as compared with those of 1863, exhibit an increase in the yield of gold in favor of last year of 6021 ounces.

The export of coal from Cape Breton during the year just passed, exceeds 325,000 tons. Of that quantity, probably over 200,000 tons have been sent from what are termed the "New Mines."

Dr. Tomkins, formerly pastor of the Congregational Church at Yarmouth, and subsequently of Gorham College, Liverpool, has recently paid a visit to those two places. He was on his way to the United States, in connection with the operations of the Freedman's Aid Society of London. We learn that he intends to give a series of lectures, with an account of his visit, in one of the London periodicals.

We perceive by New Brunswick papers that the Editor of the *Presbyterian* and the Rev. Mr. Brewster are engaged in a spirited controversy, as to who was the Goddess of wisdom—Minerva or Diana.—Reporter.

New Brunswick

The Elections.—The nomination of the candidates for the City and County of St. John, N.B., will take place on Monday, 27th February, polling day for the County, Friday, 3d March; for the City, Saturday, 4th March; and Declaration day, Monday, 6th March. In York, nomination day will be the 24th inst.; polling day, 2d March; declaration day, 6th.

LATEST FROM THE STATES.

(From Telegrams to Associated Press.)

TUESDAY, Feb. 14.—The report that the powerful iron-clad war vessel, built at Bordeaux and sold to the Danish Govt. had been transferred to the rebels causes much interest at Washington. The Danish Minister denies the report.

The past week has been the most inclement experienced for a long time. 15 inches of snow fell in Philadelphia on Sunday.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 15.—Lieut. Cushing, of the Navy, has made a successful expedition up Little River, South Carolina, destroying property, and seizing a considerable quantity of cotton, and freeing many slaves.

A Federal force was marching on Columbia, South Carolina.

It is said that Sherman's troops are devastating all portions of South Carolina through which they march.

Evening.—The St. Albans raiders came at Montreal is still progressing. A messenger, with documents from Richmond, arrived there day before yesterday.

Southern papers state that a large Union Cavalry force, estimated at 40,000, passed down the Mississippi River, on the 21st ult., en route to New Orleans. They are supposed to soon operate against Mobile.

THURSDAY, Evening, Feb. 16.—Gen. Terry and Admiral Porter threatened Wilmington on Saturday last, the troops advancing from Fort Fisher. The advance was led by colored troops. The rebels were driven to their main works, and we gained a few miles more ground, and took 100 prisoners. Union loss sixty to seventy.

Union meetings are being held throughout Georgia. The Governor and majority of the Legislature are said to be in favor of calling a Convention.

FRIDAY, Feb. 17th.—Richmond papers of the 5th inst. indicate that Sherman's advance cavalry is as far north as Florence. Telegraphic and railroad communication with Charleston is destroyed, thus showing that Sherman has struck N. E. Railroad running from Florence to Charleston.

Advices from Mexico via Havana, state that the French had been defeated in three several engagements at Oaxaca with heavy loss. In Sonora, also, the Imperialists had been badly whipped. It is reported the French commander Bazaine was severely wounded.

Evening.—Exchanged prisoners arrived at Annapolis to day, and report when in Richmond a rumour prevailed there that Sherman had been checked and Beauregard killed.

Raleigh Progress, of North Carolina, says South Carolina is willing to make peace on any terms.

SATURDAY, Feb. 18.—A courier arrived at Fort Fisher from Gen. Sherman on the 12th, and reports that Sherman captured Branchville, S. C. after three days' hard fighting.

A Rebel naval force consisting of 12 officers and 100 men were captured by a Federal force near Smithfield, Va.

Evening.—Lieutenant Cushing made a reconnaissance up Cape Fear River to the very wharves of Wilmington, where he gained valuable information. Gen. Schofield landed his force of 20,000 veterans at Masonboro, and now closely besieges Wilmington.

Sherman is 25 miles South East of Columbia.

A despatch from Quebec says the Canadian House of Parliament last night in committee passed the estimate for \$30,000 dollars for expenses of the Volunteers to be sent to the frontier to prevent Southern raids on the United States; also \$50,000 dollars to make good the money improperly returned to the St. Albans raiders.

MONDAY, Feb. 20.—Gen. Beauregard has officially announced the capture of Columbia, the capital of South Carolina, by Sherman, without serious resistance.

Evening.—The Richmond Examiner just received, officially announces the evacuation of Charleston, S. C., last Tuesday.

Advices from Army of the Potomac state that the desertions from Lee's army for ten days past have averaged 70 per day.

Gold, 200.

INDIANS IN THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS.

The *Miner* publishes an interesting correspondence of a French Canadian, Louis Orleans, who had gone as miner into the gold region of the Colorado territory. The digging were paying well until the mines were treacherously attacked by the Indians, and a war of extermination has begun. The miners are organized in three regiments. The fighting is very severe, and no quarter is granted on either side—squaws and papooses being massacred like the rest. The writer, who for his bravery, has been promoted from the ranks, is now in hospital seriously wounded, and with great pains saved from being scalped.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

By telegraph from New York, on Monday, we were informed of the arrival of the *Saxonia* from Southampton with news to the 8th inst.

Parliament opened on the 7th by Royal commission. The speech said Her Majesty remained steadily neutral in relation to the American war. It also expressed satisfaction with the Canadian Conference in reference to Confederation, and it approved by Provincial Legislatures, a Bill will be laid before Parliament for carrying the measure into effect.

FRANCE.

We hear from Marseilles that the French Ambassador at Rome has given a decided message to the Papal Court. He is said to have declared that France had exhausted every means of conciliation, and the Convention would now be fairly carried out. It is believed that the proceedings of the French Government in regard to the Encyclical and the Bishops will form a subject of warm debate during the approaching session of the Senate. One of the cardinals is, it seems, about to raise the question and to complain of the conduct of the Government, and it is rumored that Prince Napoleon will play a prominent part in the debate likely to ensue. The Italian Convention will, also, no doubt, be eagerly discussed in the Senate as well as in the Representative Chamber.

The conscience of strict Catholics has been greatly shocked by the news that the Prince Imperial's banquet to 120 schoolboys was given on a Friday—a day on which, according to the rules of the Church, no flesh should be eaten. It has been endeavored to attenuate the serious character of this event by the remark that children under seven years of age are not required to abstain. But it is to be feared that many of the young guests were much older. The *Opinion Nationale* thus treats of the matter:—"Atomization of desolation! At the Prince Imperial's lunch to the lycées sandwiches were served. Think of that! Sandwiches—that is to say, slices of ham between slices of bread on a Friday, before midnight! Horrible, most horrible," as Macbeth says. It is in vain that extenuating circumstances are pleaded, and the question discussed whether all the boys were not under the fasting age. We are too scrupulous to go into these nice distinctions, and we tremble to think of the disasters which may be the consequence of this impiety. Unhappy prince! Unhappy France! For the first time in our lives we regret that we are not a bishop, and so entitled to evoke the shade of Nebuchadnezzar or Sennacherib!"

Rehearsal, Jan. 24.—Mr. Bethmont, the Opposition candidate, has been elected member of the Corps Legislatif for this town by 13,000 votes against 9,000 obtained by the Government candidate.

PRUSSIA.

The King of Prussia has made a very interesting reply to the loyal address of the Upper House of Parliament. He declares that he is striving to bring about a reconciliation between the Chamber of Deputies and the Government, and he hints that he cannot understand what the Deputies are about.

MISCELLANEOUS.

THE LATE CYCLONE IN INDIA.—I see that the news of 12,000 persons having been lost in the cyclone was received with incredulity in England. The estimate was wide of the truth, but only because it vastly underrated the calamity. As every one who knows this country will readily conceive, there is no possibility of ascertaining precisely the loss of life, because hundreds might be swept away and leave no trace behind. But we are not without data for arriving at a conclusion, and it has now been calculated that there cannot have been fewer than 60,000 persons drowned or otherwise killed by that fearful storm.—*Times Calcutta Correspondent.*

Marriages.

At Barrington, on the 26th Jan., by Rev. W. H. Riehan, Mr. Martin Forbes, of Wood's Harbor, to Maria D. eldest daughter of the late Joseph Kendrick, of Barrington.

At New Campbelltown, by the Rev. William McPhoe, Mr. Thomas Turner, to Miss Christianna Forrest.

At Lower Granville, by the Rev. Isa. Wallace, on the 9th inst., Mr. Stephen Blance, to Mrs. Naomi Hardy, eldest daughter of Solomon Farnsworth.

At Granville Ferry, on the 13th inst., by the same, Mr. John Robson Nixon, of Weymouth to Miss Mary M. Hill, of Granville.

Deaths.

On Monday morning, in the 26th year of her age, Eleanor Catherine, second daughter of the late Jas. E. Gray, Esq., Barrister-at-Law.

[The death of this young lady arose from a sad accident, on the previous Monday evening. Whilst sitting by the fire reading she fell asleep, and a spark falling out of the grate ignited her dress. She was awakened and ran screaming into another room where other members of the family were sitting. The flames were speedily extinguished, but not until fatal injury had been endured.]

On the 12th inst., Margaret E., beloved wife of Mr. Edward Wilson.

On Saturday 11th inst., Mary Elizabeth, youngest daughter of D. P. Allison, aged 5 years and 4 months.

At Richmond, on the 11th inst., Eleanor Jackson, wife of Alexander Macdon, aged 64 years.

On Friday morning, Mrs. J. W. Madden, aged 57 years.

At Dartmouth, on Saturday morning, in the 76th year of her age, Janet, wife of Mr. James Innes, Millwright.

On Saturday, Carl Frederick Schmetzger, aged 37 years, a native of Zwienbuck, Bavaria.

On Thursday last, Henry C. Green, aged 25 years.

At the Poor's Asylum, Feb. 16th, Thomas McQueen, aged 62 years.

At Upper Prospect, on the 7th inst., Patrick Saul, in the 27th year of his age.

At Wood's Harbor, on the 6th inst., after a protracted illness, Sarah, wife of Henry Chute Esq., deservedly regretted by a kind husband, and many friends and relatives.

At Acadia Mines, Schooner Pond, on the 3rd inst., Catherine Anne, infant daughter of Duncan Buchanan and Isabella Ross Buchanan, aged one month and ten days.

Thou wert too fair to bloom below,
Midst groans and tears and sighs;
So ministering angels took thee hence,
To plant thee in the skies.

At Lewis Head, on the 21st Jan., Mr. Wm. Abbot, aged 76 years, leaving a widow and 12 children, and a large number of grand children, to mourn their loss.

At Milton, Queen's Co., Jan. 26th, Miss Sophia, daughter of Mr. Nathan and Mrs. Sarah Freeman, aged 31 years.

Of Yellow Fever, Dec. 12th, 1864, Amos, son of the late Francis Eisenharr, of North West, Lunenburg, aged 25 years. The deceased, though not a professor of religion, was a young man of steady habits, and moral character; and in his last moments expressed a hope in the Saviour. He took the fever while returning from a voyage to the West Indies, and lived only four or five days after he arrived at home, he leaves a sorrowing widowed mother and three brothers to mourn their loss.

At North West, Feb. 5th, 1865, Jacob Spidle, aged 70 years; for many years a member of the Baptist Church of the above named place.

At Truro, on the 17th inst., aged 31 years, Sarah S., wife of Frank Fort Davis, Esq. After a few weeks illness and much suffering, she fell asleep in Christ, who to her was most precious, and in whom she trusted.

At Lower Granville, on the 19th Jan., 1865, Mrs. Mary, relict of the late Capt. Thomas Muscels in her 82nd year. Mrs. Muscels was baptized by the late Elder James Manning about 62 years ago, and was enabled by divine grace to adorn her profession during that lengthened period. Shortly before her departure her faculties wonderfully revived, and she passed away to her heavenly home peacefully and triumphantly. She has left three sons and three daughters, and many grand children and other kindred to mourn her loss.

At Lower Granville, on the 27th Jan., 1865, Mrs. Eliza, widow of the late Capt. William Johnson, aged 54 years. Mrs. Johnson was a native of New York and came to this country when quite young. She was baptized with her husband about 10 years ago, by the Rev. James Spencer; and from that time until her death was a highly valued member of the Baptist Church. As a sympathizing friend in sickness and a warm-hearted and devoted Christian, Sister Johnson's memory will long be cherished. Her illness was very brief. In death she was sustained and comforted by the same precious gospel that was her joy and delight in life. She has left three sons and three daughters to mourn the loss of an affectionate and faithful mother. May the promises of the Bible be their comfort in their present sorrow and may all listen to the voice of God saying unto us in her sudden removal, "Be ye also ready."

At Lower Granville, Feb. 3rd, Mr. Joseph O'Ver, aged 68 years. He was a humble Christian, a member of the Baptist Church, and died as he lived—trusting in Jesus.

Shipping List.

PORT OF HALIFAX.

Arrived.

Wednesday, Feb. 15th.—Schr. Juliet, Simpson, St. John, N. B. 3 days.

Thursday, 16th.—R. M. steamer Europa, Moodie, Liverpool via Queenstown 11 days; schr. Tickle, Liverpool, N. S.

Friday, 17th.—R. M. steamer Africa, Anderson, Boston 47 hours.

Saturday, 18th.—Brig Rover, Ryan, Cienfuegos 20 days; brig Parry, Lassen, Matamoros 34 days; cotton America, (pkt.) French, Boston 4 days; Egret, Smith, Cienfuegos 17 days; molasses Arab, McCoy, do—molasses.

Sunday, 19th.—Brig Sarah, Munday, Cienfuegos 26 days; molasses.

Cleared.

Tuesday, Feb. 14th.—Steamer Osprey, Catford, Newfoundland; brig Fawn, Doug, Porto Rico; brig Elizabeth, Percy, St. John's, Nfld.; Alma, Jane, Phila, Africa; 3-masted schr. Okolona, Thacker.

Wednesday, 15th.—Steamer Commerce, Snow, Boston; brig Princess Dugmar, Bruce, Guysboro; schr. Geo. McKee, Hammett, Cuba.

Thursday, 16th.—R. M. steamer Merlin, Sampson, Newfoundland; Africa, Anderson, Liverpool; Europa, Moodie, Boston; schr. Labar, Kerr, do.

Friday, 17th.—Brig Ohio, Nickerson, Boston; schrs. Twin Sons, Forrest, Boston; Emblem, Green, Philadelphia.

Saturday, 18th.—Steamer City of Petersburg, Alkin, Bermuda; bark Halifax, O'Brien, Boston.

Monday, 20th.—Schr. Magnolia, Lockhart, New York; Pursue, McDonald, do; Kate, MacConnell, Yarmouth; Swan, Irl-h; B. W. Indies.

Memoranda.

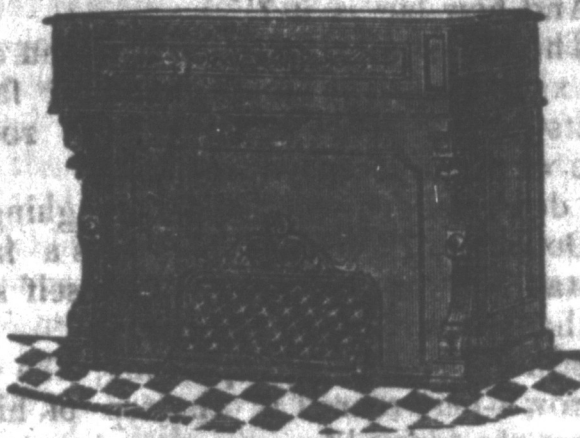
New York, Feb. 8th.—Arr. brig Annie Gelder, Windsor 58 days; schr. Volunteer, Jacmel. 9th.—brig Florence, (of Walton) East Harbor—split sails, carried away mainboom, and received other damage; schr. Truro, Halifax; Dundee, Bonafre. 10th.—brig Volant, Aux Cayes; Ida, St. Kitts—split sails and damaged hull and rigging, is bound to Philadelphia, put in for repairs and provisions. 12th.—Anson, Cienfuegos; J. W. Johnston, Barbados; brig Rosetta, Halifax. 14th.—ship Alexandra, (of Yarmouth,) London; schr. Sea View, Halifax.

Schr. Edith, from Cornwallis, N. S. with a cargo of potatoes for New York, recently cast away off Race Point, Provincetown, is high on the beach. The cargo has been saved in a damaged state, and sold at auction for 25 cents per bushel. The Edith was a new vessel of 120 tons. She will probably be got off soon, if the weather should prove favorable.

Capt. Munday, of brig Sarah, at this port on Saturday night, reports, spoke the ship Hattie Hartway, from St. John, N. B., bound to Liverpool, England, 8 days out, on Friday morning, about 40 miles off Cape Sable, having experienced the gale on 12th inst. had decks swept and lost provisions, clothing, chronometer, &c. Crew badly frozen, one man dead, only four men and the mate able to work, captain sick—wanted assistance. Capt. Munday supplied them with one barrel of bread, compass, chart, &c.

Captain Lassen, of brig Persia, from Matamoros, reports, left the following vessels in port, on the 15th Jan.: H. M. S. Phoenix; brig Tropie Bird, of Shelburne, with loss of both anchors; brig—of Liverpool, N. S., Capt. Gage, had lost all her yards; bark John Bull, loaded and ready for sea; was lost at Matamoros, on the 24th December—two men drowned.

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