

## ARRIVAL OF THE SAN FRANCISCO MAIL.

The Cyphrenes with the Californian Mail arrived at Auckland on the 23rd ult. The following is a summary of the news by the files she brings:—

## GREAT BRITAIN.

Mr Disraeli announced, in the Commons, 17 domestic Bills, and urges diligence, to avert a protracted session.

Mr Gladstone has presented a petition, signed by 8,600 labourers, asking for assimilation of the country and borough franchise.

Forty deaths from cholera are reported from India.

## SUMMARY.

There have been extensive inundations in Hungary. Many villages are swept away.

Copies of the 'New York Herald,' containing Rochefort's letter, were seized in Paris owing to its attack upon MacMahon.

The Turkish steamer Kara, with 330 persons on board, was run into, in the Sea of Marmora, by an Egyptian vessel. She was sunk, and 320 lives lost.

The Emperor of Austria has summoned an International Congress, to consider sanitary measures for the prevention of cholera.

Despatches from Algeria state that the insurrection at Fez was extinguished by the Sultan bombarding the town. Ninety inhabitants were killed.

Despatches from India announce famine riots at Darjeeling. The troops fired on the rioters, several were killed.

A letter from a China missionary, published in Paris, states there were 80,000 Christians, in that country, but that 10,000 have been strangled, burned, or drowned. He adds he does not expect to escape from martyrdom.

The Pope, in answer to earnest solicitations from exalted political personages for reconciliation with the Italian Government, said he would yield nothing.

The Spanish Government solicit a loan of fifty million reals.

A London special despatch from Berlin says that the Government of Germany in the interest of Serbia and Roumania, confidentially inform the other European Powers that they have concluded an agreement to mutually protect their interest against the designs of Turkey.

Despatches to the 'Daily Telegraph,' from Berlin, asserts that the differences between the Khedive of Egypt and the Sublime Porte are serious, and intimate that grave complications in the East are probable.

The 'Times' Berlin correspondent says the Congress which assembles at Brussels next month, to consider the subject of international rights in time of war, will first codify the recognised usages of international law, and then enact a new code in the form of an international treaty, which promises to become a first law common to the whole. A draft of the treaty has been made. It has 76 clauses, stating the rights and obligations and mutual claims of belligerent States, and individually specifying what arms may be legitimately used. They are making a regulation for the treatment of prisoners.

A banquet was given in honor of the agricultural exhibitors. The Crown Prince William Frederick of Germany, in reply to the toast of the Emperor William, expressed the hope that foreign exhibitors would, on their return home, convey the assurance to their countrymen that nowhere was the wish for peaceful continuance of labour and civilisation stronger than in the re-united German Empire.

## AMERICAN SUMMARY.

There is great distress in consequence of the incessant rains since the disappearance of snow. The farmers have been eating seed grain. Many cattle have died. Fears of a famine are entertained.

Small-pox is very prevalent; it has broken out in an asylum containing 600 patients.

At Toronto, ladies' fairs and balls have been successfully held in aid of the Louisiana sufferers.

An excursion train, with 700 people, ran off the track at Louisville. Three negroes were killed and ten injured, and ten whites killed.

Another railway accident occurred at Syracuse. Thirty people were injured by one car jumping off the track.

Thirty disguised men entered the gaol at Louisiana, took out two murderers, and hung them in accordance with lynch law.

Mrs Moyer has been released from the lunatic asylum. A year ago she murdered her husband and children in a shocking manner. She says she loved them dearly, and wanted to send them to heaven before herself.

There was an explosion in a Pennsylvania mine, which killed three miners. Seven men, while fighting the fire, were overcome with the gas, and carried home unconscious.

The steamer Prince Alfred is totally wrecked.

In a duel between two editors, in the open street, in San Francisco, one of them was shot.

The small-pox is causing great distress in Canada.

The steamer Tartar has grounded on Caldwell reef. They lightened the ship, and got her off without injury. Left Honolulu on the 22nd June. Had been set 40 miles to the eastward by the current.

The sufferings by the Mississippi overflow continue; 20,000 rations are daily issued.

A hurricane at Kemperville unroofed and demolished a number of houses, and injured several persons.

There have been large fires in various parts of the States.

## ADDITIONAL MAIL NEWS.

A London letter says that a slave ship, with 275 negroes from Mozambique, bound for Madagascar, was captured by the English man-of-war Daphne, in March. Fourteen slaves were put on board with only two days' provisions, and the voyage was prolonged to eight. Their sufferings are alleged to have been indescribable. Many died in agony.

India telegraphic reports relative to growing crops are favorable. A "special" to the 'Times' says the Government continue to furnish assistance to 500,000 natives. There can be no crop in the Testool until December, and the Government admits that some people may die before assistance reaches them.

The prospect of a settlement of the lock-out in Suffolk and Cambridgeshire seems very distant. The Norfolk Farmers' Labor Defence Association contemplate an alteration in their rules.

A general meeting of Ministers has been called to consider the course to be taken. The 'Post' says: "The Public Worship Regulation Bill, now before Parliament, which is intended to restrain ritualists, threatens to lead to a coalition of the High Church Clergy and the Liberals, which may result in an attempt to replace the present members for Oxford University with Gladstone and Montagu Bernard. Gladstone heads the opposition to the Bill.

## SHIPPING.

Arrived: May 30, Celsano, from Wellington. Sailed: For Lyttelton, Carisbrook Castle, May 31; St. Lawrence, May 22. For Otago, Columbia, June 2; Corano. Loading: For Canterbury, Cathcart, Merope; for Napier and Poverty Bay, Queen Bee; for Nelson, Celestial Queen, Fakaha; for Otago, Cordelia, Haddon Hall, Otago, Tweed; for Wellington, St. Leonard's, Strathnaver, Douglas, Auckland.

The 'Star' correspondent writes that the Tweed is to sail for Otago on 10th June.

The third ship of the New Zealand Shipping Company, the Waitangi, was launched on the 1st of June by John Blenner and Co., of Sunderland; tonnage, 1,143 register. She is to sail for Canterbury in August.

## ENGLISH COMMERCIAL.

LONDON, June 2.—Schwartz reports the wool market firm. Faulty fleece meets with a more regular competition. Prices are in favor of the sellers. There is an excellent demand. Greasy wool firm, without change. Foreign purchasers took two-thirds of the total on the 27th May. New Zealand realised 10½d to 1s 2d; greasy skins, 8d to 11½d. Jacobson reports: The New Zealand wool offered was mostly in heavier condition than last year's. Clothing parcels did not show much improvement. Lambswool and coarse half-bred fleece improved towards the middle of the month, but are now duller. Flax is very dull. The following marks were disposed:—Per Celestial Queen: Sound, D and S over K K, at £20. Ex Sam Wendel: DL, £18 to £19. Ex Halcione, Logan and Nicholson, £23 to £24. Ex Wild Duck and Ashley Gorge, £16 10s. Ex Excelsior, sound and damaged, O R and Co., £10. Ex Jessie Readman: R. and Co. in diamond, £12 10s; various marks, sound damaged, £9 10s. Tallow (sheep), fine in tanks, 39s 9d to 40s 3d; slightly veiny, 39s; veiny, 38s 9d. Hides, light average, 5½d; third class, 4d; leather, decline, 1s to 1s 4d.

## AMERICAN COMMERCIAL.

San Francisco flour market quiet. Extra, 5dol. 25c. to 5dol. 75c; wheat, 1dol. 65c. to 1dol. 72c; 23½ bushels barley, feed, 1dol. 15c. to 1dol. 20c; oats, quiet, 1dol. 70c. Liverpool wheat quotation, June 20: 12s 4d to 12s 7d for average per central. New York wool, fine, 25c to 26c. Boston wool market firm.

## ARRIVAL OF THE ALBION WITH THE ENGLISH MAIL.

THE s.s. Albion, with the English mail, arrived early on Wednesday morning. She left Melbourne on the 23rd inst., at 8 p.m., and has made the quick passage of four days twelve hours to the Bluff.

PARIS, July 20.—General Latour, Orleansist, has been appointed Minister of the Interior; and Bodet, Moderate, Deputy Minister of Finance. Other Ministers remain in office. The Executive, with the view of giving the Assembly time to deliberate, has postponed the Constitutional debate till Thursday.

BERLIN, July 20.—A priest, arrested on suspicion of being an accomplice to the attempted assassination of Bismarck, has been released.

MELBOURNE, July 23.—On Tuesday night, the third reading of the Constitution Amendment Bill was carried by a majority of two votes only, the numbers being 35 for and 33 against. Yesterday, when the Assembly met, the Treasurer asked for an adjournment until Tuesday, to enable the Government to consider their position, and the House adjourned accordingly. It is thought resignation will follow. The Chief Secretary is still very ill. The Navigation Board has suspended absolutely the certificate of the captain of the ship Oakworth. From the evidence at the inquiry, it was shown that after the fishing vessel was run down in the Irish Channel, and cries for assistance heard, there was an utter disregard for the safety of life.

The Financial Statement has been postponed for a fortnight.

The Government have stated, after making full inquiries, that no kidnapping occurred on board the Daphne in the South Seas.

Three candidates have been nominated for Collingwood, and two for Grenville.

The steamer Amoy, with a cargo of new teas, has arrived from Foo Chow.

SYDNEY, July 23.—The Sydney Parliament is further prorogued to the 23rd August. Mr Lee resigned his seat for Maitland.

The New Wallsend Company obtained the Imperial contract for supplying the Australian squadron with coals.

The Governor was informed by telegram of his mission to Fiji.

BRISBANE, July 23.—The Brisbane Parliament is prorogued. The speech, which referred to the work of the session, regretted the action of the Council with regard to the land measure, which left the demand for agricultural settlement unsettled.

TASMANIA, July 23.—The Tasmanian Parliament was opened by a speech, which spoke of the satisfactory state of the revenue. No fresh taxation is promised.

ADELAIDE, July 23.—The explosion aboard a river steamer killed two men, and injured several others.

The Speaker of the Assembly continues ill.

MELBOURNE, July 23.—Wheat and flour have improved. Oats are dull. Kerosene, 1s 5d. Large sales of sardines at an advance.