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ABOUT THE UMBRIA.

The Cunard Company Vindicate the Action of the Gallia.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The Cunard Company have issued an official statement of the Gallia-Umbria incident. In this statement Capt. Ferguson of the Gallia says that when his steamer approached the Umbria he saw a steamer lying in proximity to her, blowing off steam. The Umbria was lying like a duck in the water, and formed a perfeet picture of security, while the Gallia was rolling heavily. On reading the signal, "shafs broken," Capt. Ferguson consulted

with his chief engineer. The latter officer was satisfied from the cavalry and a fierce battle ensued. next signal, "Ready to proceed to-morrow," that the Umbria was in no danger whatever and that there were some weeks' more provisions aboard for all the passengers and crew. Captain Ferguson, the report continues, had to consider his own position, with the prospect of easterly Egyptians, including an officer, were killed weather leaving him an insufficient margin | and many others were wounded. in his coal supply. Should he, it asks, have expended a considerable portion of his fuel in standing by the Umbria for one and possibly two days?

HOT SCOTCH WORK.

State Aid For Emigration Has Been Withdrawn,

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The outgoing of Lord Salisbury's administration and the incoming of that of Mr. Gladstone has quite upset the policy and plans of state-aided emigration. The Secretary for Scotland has intimated

that there will be no further Crofter emigration to the Northwest under control of the state.

The British Columbia Crofter scheme is affected by this declaration, and as a consequence the Crofter company that proposed to establish a Crofter colony and provide the members with means for making a living, which would be to the mutual advantage of both the company and its settlers, is still unformed and the syndicate has been compelled to obtain an extension of time of one year for its formation.

Revenge of a Corsican.

LONDON, Jan. 4.- The Telegraph's Paris correspondent tells the story of the trial and acquittal yesterday of the Corsican, Masson, who shot dead a former friend, Belogodere, after having induced him to stroll out with him one evening. Masson is a shepherd near Ajaccio, and has a beautiful young daughter.

Belogodere seduced her and the murder was the consequence. Masson confessed that the deed was premeditated, but the jury after three minutes' consideration of the case pronounced him blameless.

A Long les Gorge,

PITTSBURG, Jan. 4.—An ice gorge three miles long has formed between Bellevernon and Favette City in the fourth Monogahela pool, and another gorge is said to be forming in the fifth pool. The river men will make an attempt to break the gorges, and are sanguine of success, as there is plenty of open water above both of them.

The river is still rising here, with nearly seven feet of water in the channel. The ice in this vicinity is all broken and floating down with the current.

Death in Jerusalem. London, Jan. 4.-A despatch from Constantinople says that the chief rabbi of Jerusalem is dead.

Look Out for Squalls. Paris, Jan. 4.—Bourse closed yesterday with a panicky feeling.

FIGHT WITH DERVISHES.

EGYPTIAN TROOPS ARE HAVING A LIVELY CAMPAIGN.

Captain Pyne of the British Staff Among the Killed-The Dervishes Were Repulsed With Heavy Loss-45 Egyptians and an Officer Killed.

CAIRO, Jan. 4.—The body of dervishes which recently attacked Gemai, near Wady-Halfa, was overtaken near Ambigot yesterday by a detachment of Egyptian

The dervishes, who greatly outnumbered the Egyptians, made several furious onslaughts on the Government troops, but were finally repulsed with heavy loss. Many dervishes were slain.

Capt. Pyne of the British staff and 45

A detachment of Egyptian cavalry with British officers have arrived at Ambigot since the battle took place, and further reinforcements have been despatched to the scene of the conflict.

COLD IN AUSTRIA.

Piled Ten or Twelve Feet High in Vienna

VIENNA. Jan. 4.-Violent snow storms have prevailed throughout Austria and Hungary all day. All kinds of traffic have been impeded and scores of villages have been completely isolated. All the Imperial shooting parties in Styria have been postponed indefinitely.

A despatch from Trieste says that all traffic in the city has been stopped by the

In this city the snow is piled 10 or 12 feet high between the roads and sidewalks. No market men have been able to come to town, and there is a great dearth of all farm products. A milk and butter famine has already been proclaimed by the produce

Pity His Wife, Too.

London, Jan. 4 .- A despatch from Boutells a curious story of a French soldier captured in the war of 1870 and repeatedly re-imprisoned for attempting to escape. He was released but a few days ago and reached Boulogne yesterday, to find his wife married again and the mother of several children by her second husband.

Legislation in Spain.

LISBON, Jan. 4.-King Carlos yesterday opened the session of the Cortes. The speech from the throne promised that the Government would submit bills Monday for electoral reform, measures to remedy the deficit in the country's production of cereals, and to increase her export trade in wine, and measures for reform in the pub-

Gladstone's Gratitude.

London, Jan. 4.-Mr. Gladstone has sent out a card expressing his gratitude to his friends throughout the world who sent him congratulatory letters and telegrams on his birthday. He regrets, he says, that the largeness of the number of these friends renders it impossible for him to acknowledge the kindness of each through individual

Dublin's Lord Mayor. DUBLIN, Jan. 4.—The new Lord Mayor of Dublin was installed in his office yester- bishoprics in Mexico. day with all the pomp and ceremony that

nciently attended the taking of office by the city's chief dign tary. Interest wa added to the ceremonies by the presence of the Lord Mayor of London, who is the guest of Dublin's Mayor, and who rode in the procession.

BRIGANDS IN POLAND.

A Notorious Leader and His Followers Are Captured,

VIENNA, Jan. 4. - The authorities at Warsaw are excited over the spread of brigandage in Russian Poland. The province of Radom, adjoining Austrian Galicia, has recently been infested by a band of 20 brigands, led by a notorious robber chief, named Julian Voyte.

These robbers attacked the residence of a wealthy land owner, named Vetchkodo vitch, slaughtered the live stock found on the place, and after plundering the house set it on fire. Vetchkodovitch succeeded in of troops went in pursuit of brigands and overtook the robbers in a forest, when a sharp fight occurred. The robbers made a fierce resistance and wounded several of the soldiers, but the bandits were at length subdued and taken

The troops then made their way to the abode of Voyte, the rubber leader, where they found a large quantity of stolen asant was found whom the robber chief was holding for ransom.

Another band of 16 masked brigands attacked the mansion of Baron Khevokh, near Alexandrovo, about 60 miles west of Warsaw. A severe conflict ensued, the baron aided by his servants and by peasants from the estate making a brave resistance to the banditti. Several persons were repulsed. A number of land owners in the packed in Montreal this season than in residences sacked by brigands.

Sir John Abbott's Health.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—Recent reports show that ex-Premier Abbott's health is far from good. He is now in Italy, journeying south by easy stages. He has made no gain in strength since his arrival in Europe; on the contrary, if anything, he is weaker. He still hopes. however, to benefit materially by further rest in the source

May Be Rescued Yet.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 4.—The steamer Sandhill, from Wilmington, N.C., reports that on Dec. 21 she vainly attempted to rescue the crew of a dismasted Norwegian bark, that a lifeboat which she lannened in the attempt was demolished and that she was unable to make further effort to assist the men on the boat.

Ice in London.

London, Jan. 4.—The weather in London has been very wintry for several days and much ice has been formed in the Thames. Traffic above and below London bridge is seriously impeded by pack ice. The upper reaches of the river are trozen over and further obstruction of navigation

ROME, Jan. 4.—The Pope has decided that the feast of the Virgin of Guadalope, Mexico's patron saint, shall be observed as a general feast in Mexico. His Holiness has also appointed Mgr. Dioz, Moza and Gozoambrus to three new

Mexico's Patron Saint.

Little Britian. Special to the WATCHMAN.

TEA MEETING.—The Methodist tea Northwest may therefore account in a meeting at Little Britian, on Monday great measure for the unprecedentedly Fall Wheat per bushel, old \$0 00 to 0 63 evening, was well attended, not withstand- large supplies in sight, as compared with was enjoyed by all who participated.

A Short Hog Crop. Ontario regarding the supply of dressed at present selling at. English buyers hogs has materially changed during the back of the enormous supplies in sight on past two weeks, as shippers claim that this continent were correspondingly large the late spell of cold weather brought out reserves, so that the question of supplies the bulk of the supply of winter hogs, may have led to a misapprehension all farmers being glad to avail themselves of round, in which event it would naturally the opportunity of marketing them, as follow that values have been unduly they complain of a great scarcity of corn. depreciated. Still, the spot market will escaping. Some of his employes carried The crop of spring hogs will also be light no doubt be governed largely by supplies word of the outrage to the authorities, owing to scarciety of feed, and on this in sight; but as soon as these diminish to Straw, per load ........... 3 00 to 6 00 attract the freely. It would therefore appear that advance materially as well as futures. It Montreal packers are not going to secure now seems to be more generally conceded their usual supply this season, as packers that the prices of breadstuffs have been say it does not pay to barrel pork at forced down beyond their normal status, present prices, it being claimed that and if this has actually been the case, the Chicago pork can be bought in and sold reaction will of course be the more proat less money than it cost to turn out the nounced. Such is the confidence which Canadian product. The hog crop of the some of our regular dealers manifest in Western States is also turning out very present prices that they have commenced salth. In the cellar of Voyte's house a short, but it is thought the high prices of quietly to make purchases, although the pork will curtail consumption both in the prices paid are beyond what the English Flax seed per 100 ...... 200 to 300 United States and Canada. During the market will warrant being paid at present. hogs in this market have been disposed of winter wheat have changed hands on this at \$7.95 to \$8.00; but at the moment rates. These are unusually high values, and could only result from an actual scarwounded on each side, but the bandits were city, and means that less pork will be neighborhood of Zavada have had their former years, as packers will be afraid to cut up hogs at such high figures. The packer who has taken a good quantity of late, contracted before the late advance set in. Unless prices recede very materially, there can be no doubt that more American pork will be required in this market than for several years past, as it will be too risky for local packers to operate at the big prices hogs are now commanding. It is said that most of the offerings of Canadian hogs will be need ed for butchers' purposes. - Trade Butletin.

The Supplies of Wheat.

It is quite possible and even probable, that the present visible supply of wheat on this continent, which has been accumulating at such a tremendously big ratio of late, may turn out very misleading; for throughout the West and Northwestern States are taken into account and the visible supply this year represents what was in farmers' hands in previous years. In fact, it is well known that besides the free selling on the part of farmers, they have availed themselves of elevator room in different sections of the country, preerring to store their wheat where it is eligible for sale at a moment's notice frather than have it in their own barns m winter time, when they might be precluded from conveying it to market owing to storage room throughout the West and

bad roads. The enormous increase in

ing the stormy weather. A pleasant time former seasons. Consequently, if it should prove that the present large Spring do ...... 0 00 to 0 60 increase in sight means 35,000,000 to 40,- Goose do do ........... 00 to 0 53 000,000 bushels less in farmers' hands Flour, new process...... 1 75 to 1 95 than is estimated, wheat is to-day worth Flour, mixed, roll...... 1 90 to 2 10 The tenor of advices from Western at least 10c per bushel more than it is market, at about 70c, which is an extremebe as cheap by the oldest dealers in the trade. This wheat, as has been intimated, was not bought for immediate shipment, but for a future market, as a great change is expected between now and the Oat Chop ............. 1 00 to 1 10 next crop .- Montreal Trade Bulletin.

Strong bakers..... 2 00 to 2 20 Barley, per bushel..... 30 to 0 35 Peas, do ...... 0 00 to 0 55 Peas, large do ..... 0 70 to 0 75 Oats, do ...... 0 00 to 0 25 Potatoes per bushel new.... 0 35 to 0 40 Butter per 1b...... 0 15 to 0 16 Beef ..... 0 05 to 0 07 Eggs, per dozen..... 0 15 to 0 16 Salt, per barrel..... 0 00 to 1 40 Hides . . . . . . . . . . . . 0 00 to 0 30 Wood . . . . . . . . . . . 2 00 to 4 00 Bacon . . . . . per tb . . . . . . 0 09 to 0 10 Mess Pork, per bb]..... 0 00 to 17 50 Hay, per ton..... 6 00 to 8 00 do extra Prime..... 0 00 to 00 00 Sheepskins. pelts..... 0 50 to 0 60 Live Hogs, " " ... 0 00 to 5 00 Dressed Hogs, per 100tb .... 6 00 to 6 50 Mixed Chop.... 1 00 to 1 10 Alsike Clover..... 7 00 to 8 00 Red Clover...... 3 75 to 4 25 Corn Chop. . . . . . . . . . . . 1 75 to 1 80 Pea Chop..... 1 10 to 1 20

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