

FROM MEXICO.

Return of the English Soldiers.

TERRIBLE EXPLOSION IN A MEXICAN CAMP.

1,300 Soldiers Killed and Wounded. The French Sending More Troops to Vera Cruz.

THE SPANIARDS ALSO INCREASING THEIR FORCE.

HATANA, March 22, 1862.

Since my last, per Karmak, we have had little of interest transpiring here, and nothing of much importance from Mexico, which so short a time since was the theme of all our conversations.

The French expedition, and came in decorated with flags, it being the anniversary of the birth of the heir to the French Empire.

American Gunboats Building at Ogdensburg.

A correspondent of the Kingston News furnishes a statement which, if true, demands the immediate attention of the authorities, Provincial and Imperial.

Perhaps it is not generally known that the American Government are building at Ogdensburg, and at other points higher up the River, some 12 or 14 new Propellers, to be used as gunboats on the River and Lakes.

The Confederate Steamer "Merrimac."

The following sketch from the report of the surgeon of the Congress shows that the alarm of the Northern cities for their safety is not without foundation.

The first shell which pierced the Congress killed the crew of seventy gunners attached to gun No. 7.

I was informed, however, that once, as her ports were thrown open, our gunner succeeded in knocking her round into the bay.

Nothing has transpired in reference to the fire in which the vacancies, which are said to exist, will be supplied.

A Disgraceful Affair.

(From the Dundas Banner.) It is not often that we are called upon to publish anything derogatory to the morality of our townspeople; but a circumstance occurred the other day, which we feel compelled to allude to, and which, when told simply as it occurred, cannot fail to give to one of our prominent citizens, and a town councillor, an unenviable notoriety.

On Monday, a young girl, whose misfortunes call for the sympathies of every person, went into Mr. —'s Grocery, on King street, carrying in her arms an infant.

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Good Templars.

Last Monday evening H. Stovel, Esq., Mount Forest, D. G. W. C. T., for this County, organized a Temple of the Independent Order of Good Templars in the north part of Egremont.

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On the evening of a similar stamp, repaired to the place appointed for organizing the Temple, and refused to leave the room; and with shouts, obscene language, and boasts that they could be put out, rendered the place so intolerable that the respectable portion of the meeting—numbering nearly thirty—retired to a private dwelling near by and organized their Temple, which they named "The Pride of Egremont."

On the following day Ballantyne entered a private dwelling on the outskirts of this town for the purpose of making converts to the British American Order of Good Templars, and finding an unprotected young female in the house, he attempted rude liberties with her, but the screams of the latter attracted the master of the house, and Ballantyne beat a hasty retreat with the apology that "it was only in fun."

Another Steamer Lost.—The news by the America puts us in possession of the sad news that the steam steamer Spartan, bound with military stores for Halifax, has been lost.

FLAX SCUTCHING MILL.—One of the six Mills ordered by the Provincial Government for the use of Canada, is now in the Custom House at Kingston.

THE RIDEAU DIVISION.—Late Yesterday evening, it seemed to be an accepted fact—we presume predicated upon the declaration of both parties—that Messrs. Sheard and Griffin will contest the election for the Rideau Division; and that all doubts on the subject were now set aside.

THREE MILLIONS A DAY.—The New York Tribune says:—The war now costs the country three millions a day, cash expended, exclusive of its incidental cost in the losses of industry and commerce, the value of property and the like; and yet the friends of Slavery object to any measure which is likely to shorten it and render its recurrence impossible, and at the same time remove the burden of its cost from the shoulders of the loyal defenders of the Union.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

QUEBEC, 24th March, 1862.

The election of Speaker at the opening of a new Parliament has heretofore been regarded as affording evidence of the strength of the Government in the House, and of the Opposition, respectively.

The Upper Canada members who voted for the application of a modified principle of action. The Speaker is elected from the per and Lower Canada alternatively, and it seems to be very desirable that he should receive the majority of the votes from the section to which he belongs; at all events the sectional vote affords a good indication of the estimation in which a man is held by those who have the best means of information in reference to his ability or general fitness.

Mr. Jackson seconded the amendment. He said that in 1856 he offered to the House a resolution to the same import as that which he now had the honor to second, and that the arguments he had used in support of it were similar in tenor to those made use of by the mover of this amendment.

Mr. Scotte, the opponent of Mr. Turcotte, has, during a former Parliament, occupied the chair with great dignity and satisfaction. He is a deservedly popular man, possessing in a large measure those qualities which please and make a man a general favorite.

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CAUTION.

THE Public are hereby cautioned against purchasing or negotiating a Note of Hand drawn on the 27th March, 1862, by Alex. Kay & Thomas Smith, Egremont, for the sum of One Hundred and Forty Dollars, (or about that sum), payable about the 1st of March next, to Valentine Giebe, as the same has been lost or mislaid. It has \$5 75 cents endorsed on the back of it.

WANTED.

A THIRD CLASS School Teacher, for Section No. 4, Township of Proton, Co. Grey. Application to be made to the Trustees in their own hand writing. Application to be immediately to GEORGE STERROCK, Trustees. A. DINGWALL.

LIST OF LETTERS.

- Anderson, Sarah, Hugill, Joseph, Abby, Wm., Heaner, Chas., Andrews, Moses, Jones, Alfred, Burgess, Susan, Jackson, John, Black, Miss Isabel, 2, Jamison, James, Benson, Mrs., Ketch, W., Fonghis, George, Lea, Joseph, Bell, Jno., Lawson, Wm., Black, Jno., Livingston, John, Brown, Jno., Lotliana James, Brownlow, Jno., Montgery, Angli, 2, Prout, William, McNeil, Robert, Black, Jno. (Teacher), McWhirter, Andrew, Buckingham, Francis, McDonald, Neil, Baifour George M., Malcolm, Mrs. Agnes, Cook, Arthur, McDonald, John, Curran, Donald, Miller, George, Campbell, Chas., McNally, Robert, Croley William, McDonald, Duncan, Dods, Thomas, McGilvray, A. W., Davis, Jno., Monger, A. E., Donlin, Miss Catherine, McElroy, Isaac, Edge, John, McDonald, Donald, Hether, John jr., McElroy, Robert, Guiness, C., Mandie, Edward, Grant, Peter, McIntyre, Duncan, Greifsh, Richard, Murphy, George, Garnett, Thos., Murphy, Alex., Henry, Robert, Redford, Edward, Henderson, Mrs. Mary, Running, Benjamin, Hooper, John, Taylor, Robert, Hill, Elizabeth, Taylor, Robert, Hazlett, Thos. 2, Tepley, A. 2, Hibbs, James.

ALEX. B. MCNAB, Postmaster.

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