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NEW SETTLEMENT IN LOWER CALIFORNIA

[illegible]

In the newspapers [illegible] Magdalena Bay [illegible] the country [illegible] Spain [illegible] the Mexican [illegible] French [illegible] purposes of Magdalena Bay [illegible] Four months ago the [illegible] France is a [illegible] France today is a [illegible] war commenced [illegible] Paris [illegible] Prussia [illegible] powerless, she is [illegible] France [illegible] 1,200 [illegible] side [illegible] city [illegible] bay, three churches a vast [illegible] by 200 miles [illegible] to the [illegible] plains [illegible] This [illegible] verdure, white [illegible] find persons a pastime. Besides horses [illegible] beeves, there are innumerable herds of goats, antelope, deer, &c. the chance cuts so good for two and a half cents a pound. For [illegible] show much on the surface, but [illegible] everywhere at small depth [illegible] ant vegetation would [illegible] Great springs of soft water [illegible] the depths of the bay and form pools above the salty surface. M. de Rougemont [illegible] no doubt, from his long experience, that artesian water on [illegible] the whole of the vast plain. The company is now boring, and if successful many wells will be sunk. Meantime, there is everywhere surface water, and always wind enough to raise it. The current of [illegible] serves to moderate the temperature and to prevent the formation of fogs. It is one of the most [illegible] climates in the world, and free from epidemic diseases. The soil gives two crops a year. Wheat sown in January is cut in June, when a new seeding is done, to be cropped in January. To colonists in good faith land will be given free. It is expected that San Francisco will be supplied in winter with green vegetables, as Paris is supplied from Algeria; and also with oranges and lemons two months ahead of the Los Angeles crop. Cane sugar, cotton, dates, bananas, turtles, fine-flavoured oysters, gutta-gum, and pure salt, will be among the exports for San Francisco. Wild game, beef and mutton may also be sent here with profit. Whatever success may attend this colony, it will be a dependency of San Francisco, and it will contribute to our commerce. M. de Rougemont speaks of the mineral mountains that lie back of the plains of Magdalena, as rich in precious metals which are soon to be explored.

A SORTIE FROM PARIS.

Yesterday (Oct. 13) there was another sortie by a portion of the garrison, under the pleasing pretext of making a reconnoissance, but for two days the city was full of rumours that Gen. Trochu was planning an attack upon Versailles. As there had been three unsuccessful attempts upon the southern side of the city, the enemy seemed to think that a sortie was preparing upon the northern side, and a large number of men were moved to that side. I am of opinion that this, with the report of spies, led Gen. Trochu to think that Chatillon might be regained. For some reason or other, no kind of dependence can be placed upon the French scouts. "There are five thousand—at the very least—Prussian prisoners in the Place Vendôme," said one of them to me yesterday, and on going there I found fifty-two. They have a habit of speaking in this manner. An East Indian will tell you that his Prince has 10,000 elephants and 500,000 horses. He does not mean to lie, but wishes to give you a grand idea of the magnificence of his ruler. So here, the French scouts and spies nearly always use this Eastern hyperbole. The Governor of Paris was led to believe that the mass of the Prussians had been driven to the other side, and determined upon another attack, called a reconnoissance. Gen. Blanchard, with a part of the Thirteenth Corps, was placed in front, his right resting upon Clamart, and his left fronting Bagneux. Gen. Vinoy, the commander of the Thirteenth Corps, massed his men behind the Fort Montrouge, and supported the centre. The attack began early in the morning, the forts Montrouge, Vanves and Issy opening a hot and murderous fire upon the enemy stationed in Bagneux, and along the plateau. The left, composed of Mobiles from the Côte d'Or, went into the engagement with great spirit, and showed coolness and bravery worthy of old troops. They rushed into the village of Bagneux, driving the enemy out, and pouring upon them a deadly fire. Upon the right the Mobiles from the Aube were under fire for the first time; but they behaved admirably. At the head of the regiment fell M. Dampierre. The Prussians tried several times to use their artillery, but the admirable fire from the forts immediately silenced their batteries and forced them to seek shelter. It was only at the intrenchments beyond Bagneux that the French were checked. At the second intrenchment the enemy made a bold stand and drove back the French. At the same moment large reinforcements were seen coming up, and the order to retreat was given. At this time the marines from Fort Montrouge performed most excellent service, sustaining a calm attitude before the enemy, and preventing a disorderly retreat. The French retired in tolerable order, with a loss of about five hundred in killed and wounded. The enemy's loss was very heavy, for three hundred dead were found in the village of Bagneux.

Colorado has built 255 miles of railroad in the last nine months. When it is remembered that the territory has a population of but 55,000 and is almost separated from civilization by a stretch of 1,000 miles of barren plains, this improvement of the work becomes obvious. Other enterprises are contemplated which, when finished, will [illegible] miles, not counting various branches for building to Salt Lake or west [illegible] making 661 miles of the railroad which the people hope to have completed by the close of 1871.

A wooden railway is now in course of construction near Quebec, and a trial trip over the road was recently made for the distance of fifteen miles. The road is four feet eight and a half inches wide, and the rails are fourteen feet long, seven inches deep and fourteen inches wide, and each is rested on seven sleepers, to which they are fastened by wedges. The locomotive used on the road was weighed twenty-one tons without the tender, and the train passed over the road at a rate of from twenty to thirty miles an hour.

News from Marseilles, from Lyons, from Toulouse, from other centres, as well as from Paris, proves a state of things which is in the last degree discreditable to the French people. Nothing [illegible] so demoralized. The chiefs [illegible] which resulted [illegible] France today is a [illegible] war commenced [illegible] Prussia [illegible] powerless, she is