

FROM JAPAN.

CHARGES AGAINST NAVAL OFFICERS—THE JAPANESE EMBASSY—ITS TITLES AND ATTRIBUTES—EFFECT OF THE VISIT.

From Our Own Correspondent.

KANAGAWA, Japan, Feb. 15, 1860.

The Powhatan has finally left these shores, bearing away the Japanese Envoys to America and their numerous retinue. Whatever doubts there might have been whether these Envoys would indeed go—and many such doubts there were here—were resolved to certainty when, on the evening of the 9th inst., the Powhatan steamed down from Yedo with her living freight aboard. Her departure from Yedo Bay was announced for the 10th; but, unfortunately, just at this juncture her Majesty's Consul-General Alcock signalled his recent appointment as Minister Plenipotentiary to the Court of Yedo by throwing an apple of discord into our gallant steamer more perplexing to Commodore Tatnall than all the balls and bullets of the Peiho. Mr. Alcock had complained to the Prime Minister at Yedo that officers of the Powhatan had used their position to obtain from the treasury department of the Yokuhama, when at the same time their Majesty's liege—amounting to \$15 each per diem. The Prime Minister forwarded the complaint to Minister Harris, who, in his turn, passed it over to Commodore Tatnall, as the fittest person to inquire into the acts of his officers. So the Powhatan was delayed two or three days, while notes and dispatches flew thick and fast in all directions. Alcock was blamed for his interference in the matter, and particularly that the dispatch making the complaint, and which bore the date of a week or more back, was withheld till the American steamer was within twenty-four hours of her intended departure. Then Commodore Tatnall is quite as much blamed for waiting a day to listen to a charge which came to him unbacked by a single proof or affidavit, or anything but a naked charge made by a British official. But wait he did. The Governor of Yokuhama disavowed that any undue means had been used to obtain tributes, and if the officers of the Powhatan did receive more tributes than the merchants, it was his own right to grant them, or to extend any other courtesy to the Powhatan, which was attending so many to his countrymen. Such was the prompt answer of the Governor. That some of the Powhatan's officers did receive in exchange for dollars many thousands and tributes is undeniable. Whether the receipt of these tributes involved any officer-like conduct, and whether the large grade transactions made therewith were unbecoming the service, will undoubtedly be looked after on your side of the water. The Governor's disavowal of any wrong done settled the question here as between the Japanese authorities, and Com. Tatnall got up steam again, and I trust, has long before this reached you touched American shores. All the incidents of the embarkation, as well as those of the voyage to America, will doubtless be amply supplied by the reading public by those who had the best opportunities of knowing them, and are *compagnons de voyage*. The Japanese seemed to regard the whole affair about as children would a promised visit to the circus under paternal guidance. It was a grand play got up for their benefit. They would have loaded down the steamer with their chow-chow and intended presents if they would have been permitted. They applied for rooms to place 200 boxes of large average size as presents alone. Then they wanted to carry rice and charcoal enough to supply their needs for the whole term of absence, and were hardly prepared to believe that America could furnish the indispensable articles. But they were more exercised as to the probability of their sail's remaining good for so long a period. They were satisfied on this point when one of the officers produced some that had bottled two years ago, and which they declared to be really old particular sake.

Thus, their apprehensions in that direction were quieted. There was no other privation that even the ingenuity of the obliging naval officers could not supply—the loss of their favorite female society, the noise of the charms of the live-finned damsels of Nippon. I hope our worthy hunting party at home will soothe by their blandishments the mourning hearts of the Embassadors. I can well imagine what banquets and junketings will follow the arrival of these gentlemen. What shows and spectacles will be got up! What speeches would be made, but fortunately the envoys cannot understand the eloquent English of an after-dinner oration. All these attentions will be received on their part with great urbanity of manners and great self-composure. What a feature will not these gentlemen be in the White House levees! Winesburg, Essex and Fox will be at a discount. Let me give you the names of the three chiefs of the embassy as they are known in Japan. They are Shimizu, Bizeu, no Kami; Moorangaki, Avadi, no Kami; Ogree, Bingu, no Kami. The two at the head of the list have both been Governors of Kanagawa; Moorangaki was lately Governor of Hakodadi. Ogree occupies the post of Royal Spy or "Censor," as the modern interpreters render it. His duty is to take note of all the sayings and doings of the other two, and make report thereof to the Emperor, on his return. Looking on the map of Japan, you will see the Provinces of Iizen and Bingu in the Island of Kiu-siu, and the Province and Island of Avadi, between Sikok and Nippon. From these provinces envoys take their titles respectively, *Kami* signifying Prince or Lord, and so meaning of. But there are two kinds of *Kami* in Nippon—those who are hereditary Princes and are Daimios in their own right, and those who are titular *Kami*. The title of the latter dies with its possessor, it having been originally bestowed for merit or service. Our envoys belong to the *Kami* by title, and are not to be mistaken for the Princes of the Realm, the great Daimios of Nippon. Of such *Kami*, Nippon is full. There was a Bingu no Kami in the Embassy to Pope Gregory XIII., in 1584, the only other Embassy Japan has sent to the Western Powers. The present Embassy can scarcely be received with more honor, or favor, or pomp, than that received at the court of the great Pontiff.

That the visit of this embassy to any one of the great powers of the world would be productive of great benefit, I cannot doubt. I hope that the result of their visit to our own land, where the great lesson that Japan needs is best taught, will be of especial benefit. The lesson is that the strength and prosperity of empire consists not in rank and caste, but in the intelligence of the people and their freedom to aspire to any post of honor in the State which merit can win. Thus am I glad that these envoys are men sprung from the ranks, and not the great hereditary Daimios of the realm, who are not only sworn foes of the progress of the people but are the power in the State whence has sprung all the difficulties in the way of foreign intercourse. The departure of this embassy breaks down forever the barbarous edict that consigned to death every man who left this land, and sought to return. May we not hope, too, that the little Japanese steamer, the first vessel for centuries that has dared to sail away from these coasts, is but the van of a fleet—that the ancient maritime skill of this people is again to be restored to its former position in the peaceful pursuits of commerce?

FROM WASHINGTON.

MORE OF THE YACHT WANDERER AND HER MOVEMENTS—SINGULAR DEVELOPMENTS—SLAVES LANDED IN TEXAS.

Correspondence of The N. Y. Tribune.

WASHINGTON, April 29, 1860.

Within a day or two, some interesting developments in regard to the movements of the famous yacht Wanderer, in her piratical enterprises, have come to my knowledge. There is in the Land-Office a policy which converts, upon an occasion, certain clerks into secret agents of the Government, who are employed in a system of espionage upon individuals, or as detectives, as the case may demand. Last Summer or Fall, when the yacht Wanderer's affairs were attracting considerable

attention, an employe in the Land-Office, named Marshall J. Bacon, intimated a desire to be engaged upon secret service in that matter, and declared to Attorney-General Black and the President that he possessed information which would not only convict the owners and officers of the Wanderer, but also implicate certain prominent citizens in the South as to complicity with her movements, before and after her departure to the Coast of Africa.

Bacon's story was not at that time credited by the parties to whom he gave the information, or the Government was not anxious to prosecute the investigation. At any rate, no steps were then taken to obtain more light upon the subject. Recently, Bacon was discharged from the Interior Department, and almost simultaneously with his dismissal, the Executive has discovered that not only were the original statements in relation to the Wanderer correct, but that the relator's interest in every particular, and the important testimony being in relation to the Heads of Departments, to whom the information was first confided, are now considerably excited, and Bacon has been looked upon as a witness which will now be brought against all known and nefarious traffic. Bacon has been prominent here in other excitements. It was he who wrote the anonymous note to Mr. Daniel E. Sickles, and brought about the enclaves in the amour between Mrs. Sickles and Mr. Key. The nature of the evidence which he now has in the case of the Wanderer, and how he obtained it, have not yet been made known; but that he knows all he professes is not now doubted.

FROM UTAH.

From Our Own Correspondent.

GREAT SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 24, 1860.

WHAT HAS THE ARMY DONE?

Probably, by the time this reaches New-York, the subject of the removal of the Army of Utah will be occupying the minds of the M. C.'s, that is, provided a Speaker of the House will have been elected. If the whole, or the main portion of the troops, quit Utah the coming Summer, then the far-famed Utah Expedition will have completed three-fourths of James Buchanan's presidential term, employed perhaps double the number of men that comprise the national standing army, and will have cost probably one half the annual revenues of the nation, which would have done something toward laying a telegraph wire across the continent, or have given a vigorous impetus to a Pacific Railroad, or even have purchased Cuba. And what has resulted? Let us see.

Scrapping them together from all sources, I find the principal of them as follows: I will not enlarge. The thing is had enough, especially when the most grinding foreign economy acts as a perpetual and remorseless reminder.

II. Acknowledgment of Federal authority by the Mormons. This is generally assumed as the result of the coming of the army. But is this really so? Have those who hold this position shown satisfactorily that Federal authority was not submitted to have previous to the Utah excitement and the subsequent march of troops to this Territory? There may have been, and may now be, violent persons and parties who are opposed to the Utah expedition, but the bulk of the people of this Territory, or even any considerable number of them, rebelled against any legal proceedings of Federal officials? I am not advocating the innocence of the Mormon community, but they are certainly not guilty of the crime of being unacquainted with the laws of the United States, and I think the American nation is great enough and powerful enough to be just as well as generous.

And it is perfectly clear that the peaceful reception of Gov. Cumming and his brother officials in this city, the fact of the proximity of 3,000 Federal bayonets? I do not see it. Unless I am seriously mistaken, not the slightest symptom of "backing down" was manifested in the Mormon people until the arrival in this city of a respectable, peaceable citizen, and that citizen was not before, the Mormon resolution for war weakened, and the star of peace was in the ascendant. Then negotiations commenced, and shortly after Gov. Cumming was quietly and respectfully received by the Mormon leaders. The fact of the peaceful reception of the army, and immediately entered upon the duties of his governorship.

It would be a very different thing for the most Mormon-enters to prove that Col. Johnston and his troops had any influence upon the minds of the Mormon people. Indeed, if the common report of that time be true, the gallant Colonel and his brave troops were rather opposed to the Governor's trip to Salt Lake City, and appeared to have a far greater desire to fight and force their way than to attempt to be peaceful. They would not be a very easy matter to prove that Gov. Cumming and his associate Federal officers could not have entered this city and performed their duties, had their trip from Missouri to this Territory been entirely innocent of the hounding of trumpets, the hounding of the thunder of cannon, the hounding of bayonets, and the escort of armed legions. I am rather of the opinion that the Federal appointees would have found no *chevaux-de-frise* in their way to Salt Lake City, if they had come unpretendingly as civil officers of the Government. I incline to the belief that the most of the excitement, and the expense of the Utah expedition might have been saved. The army should not have been sent until the appointees, or until special commissioners, had been rejected. This, I think, would have been sound, wholesome policy.

Since the coming of the army in Cedar Valley, the only thing which has happened is the expedition of a thousand men to Provo, in obedience to the requisition of Judge Cradlebaugh, a proceeding which drew forth the most unequivocal and severe rebukes from Gov. Cumming and from the President at Washington, as having a direct tendency to frustrate the ends of justice, and to establish a precedent which would establish a precedent of the most dangerous character.

III. The making of a new road from Camp Floyd to the Green River Valley, and another to Carson Valley. The people here think the credit for these works does all belong to the army, for the reason that only parts of the roads can be in any wise a section to the labor of the army. The major part of the roads were traveled by the Utah people, the army explored them. The road to Green River Valley—at least that portion of the road leading up the Timpanogas or Provo Canyon—was perfectly impassable by the army until the Mormons, during the "move south," opened the route, and the army, in consequence of this, did not, but before, troops and supply trains traveled on it.

FROM THE RIO GRANDE.

From Our Own Correspondent.

THE KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN CIRCLE—REMOVED MOVEMENTS OF CORTINA.

The Brownsville correspondent of The N. O. Delta, writing under date of April 18, says: Col. Lee, who has just arrived to take command on this frontier, has emphatically announced to the Mexican authorities that they must surrender Cortina's men whenever they can be found, and they must disperse all collections of men which Cortina may gather, or he will cross the river in force and capture all supplies and provisions, and he will be more frightened of Cortina than the army of Uncle Sam; and, therefore, it is altogether probable that if Cortina does return with an army, he will have to carry out his programme on his own responsibility.

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PERSONAL.

—Gardner and the brass band of the Massachusetts Delegation to Charleston are both looking out for the main chance. One or the other of them gives a concert each night, and the number of bored delegates and idle outsiders is sufficient to furnish crowded audiences. The editor of The Charleston News gives a flip to the ladies, thus:

"Delegates have been very courteous in permitting ladies to occupy many of their seats. But a little good sense and politeness should teach ladies that they should not put the members to the inconvenience, and the chief portion of the hall to the embarrassment, crowded conditions, which have resulted from the exercise of the 'privileges'—one of those female privileges which in many cases are but intrusions. Seats in the gallery, and immediately under it, can alone be spared."

The candidates for military appointments in England have now to be put through a rigid examination. Recently, a copy of the questions, in one branch at least, was procured, reprinted, and circulated surreptitiously among the candidates. Consequently, the exercises were all canceled, and a new examination was begun.

The gradations of grief and the duration of sorrow are managed comfortably in England. The fountains of tears are unsealed or dammed up by royal edict. The Court Gazette has the following bulletin:

LORD CHAMBERLAIN'S OFFICE, APRIL 16.—Orders for the Court's going into mourning on Thursday next, the 17th inst., for his late Serene Highness, the Prince of Wales, on Thursday, the 26th inst., viz: The ladies to wear black, fringed or plain white, white gloves, necklaces and earrings, black or white shoes, and white dresses. The gentlemen to wear black full-trimmed, fringed or plain white, black swords and buckles. The Court's change of mourning on Thursday, the 26th inst., viz: The ladies to wear black silk or velvet, colored ribbons, fans and tippets, or plain white, or white and gold, or white and silver stuffs, with black ribbons. The gentlemen to wear black coats, and black or plain white, or white and gold, or white and silver stuffs, with black ribbons, full-trimmed colored swords and buckles. On Thursday, the 30th of May next, the Court to go out of mourning.

His Serene Highness, the Prince of Hohenlohe-Langenburg, would feel flattered if he could witness the deep despair of the seven days from the 16th to the 23rd, and the softened anguish from thence to the 3d of May.

The Plaza del Toros, at Havana, was the scene of a novel entertainment, on Sunday, the 15th—a fight between a tiger and three blood hounds. One of the dogs was instantly killed at the commencement of the battle, and the other two disabled. Yet the unprovoked tiger was beaten. There was a large concourse of people in attendance.

It is generally supposed that Calcraft, who has been engaged in hanging so many miserable wretches during the last quarter of a century, in England, pursues some other less unenviable calling, whereby he gets his livelihood, when his services as an executioner are not called into requisition, but such is not the case. He has a regular salary from the City of London, upon which he lives, and the proceeds of his 'engagements' in the country are reckoned as so many additions to his stated income. He has carried on his present vocation between thirty and forty years; and he has lived in or near a quiet street in the suburbs of London, called "Devize street," for upward of twenty years.

A private letter from Naples, dated April 6, says: "Yesterday took place a most curious and interesting procession. For the first time, I believe, since 1848, the Court sallied forth in state to visit the churches. The young Queen was in full dress, with a large train of black velvet, and a dress covered with black lace, and wearing on her head the Spanish mantle, with the chief officers attached to the Royal service, civilians, and military, all in full costume; a large display of the body guard, and uniforms of every fashion; the gay pages in their Spanish attire; and all the ladies of the Court following, in close attendance, with their black velvet trains, in honor of the day, but with colored ribbons of flowers in their hair, in order to mark the absence of court mourning. It really was a gorgeous sight. The cortege issued from the Palace on the square, followed by a certain number of old-fashioned sedan chairs, which were carried in reserve for the Queen and Princesses in case of fatigue. The whole procession, describing a semi-circular curve, moved along one side of the square up to the Church of San Ferdinando, where the people subsequently had a sight of the decoration of the chief alleys. It was a magnificent sight, and the day was bright and clear. The decorations were very well lighted up from behind, and producing a fine effect."

There was, of course, a large concourse of people on the Place, but not half so many as one might have expected on such an occasion. There was not one there, nor did the bystanders take off their hats as the Royal cortege passed, in honor of the day, but with the exception of some of the balconies. The Royal park looked as though it might have been in honor of the day, but the news from Sicily that morning was surely of a nature sufficiently depressing."

A very bloody murder was committed in Philadelphia on Sunday evening. A colored man named James Whitaker, engaged at the discovery of his wife's faithlessness, cut her throat, and then endeavored to kill himself. The cries of the children alarmed the passers by, and he was prevented from completing his crime, although he was badly cut.

The Louville Republican says there is no truth in the report that Mr. Beverley L. Clark was divorced from his wife for the purpose of joining the Franciscan Monks before his death, in Guatemala.

The clown attached to a circus exhibiting at Nashville, Tenn., was on Wednesday last drawn about the Cumberland River in a wash-tub, to which a pair of geese were attached. The sublime spectacle was witnessed by a large crowd.

—Mr. Martineau is a great advocate of getting up early in the morning. He says: "I speak from experience here. For thirty years my business has lain in my study. The practice of rising early has been the cause of my long preservation of health, through many years of hard work—hours being given, many, not to book or pen, but to actual labor. I rose at 6, Summer and Winter, and (after cold bathing) went out for a walk in all weathers. In the coldest season, on the rainiest morning, I never retired from my study, and I never went to bed until I had detailed the pleasures of the Summer mornings. In Winter, there was either a fragment of gibbous moon hanging over the mountain, or some star quivering in the river, or iceicles beginning to shine in the dawa, or, at worst, some break in the clouds, some moon in the west, some gleam on the water, which I carried home in the shape of a snowflake, and I never went to bed until I had detailed the pleasures of the Summer mornings. 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