

SKIRMISHING SCOUTS.

THE NORTHWEST TROUBLES. Lord Melgund's Men Exchange Shots With the Half-Breeds—More of the For-Fit Men.

A Winnipeg (Man.) special of Thursday says: Fuller details of Fort Pitt's capture have reached here. The police who escaped upon a raft have rescued Battledore. They tell the story of the fight and give details of positions.

For two weeks the fort was surrounded by Indians, who persistently menaced the place, and an attack was constantly expected. The Indians demanded the surrender of the fort, but Inspector Dickens, of the police force, resolutely refused.

Inspector Dickens, even after the civilians had left him, refused to surrender, and, with his men, he was embarking on a raft for Battledore when a band of one hundred Indians, under Big Bear, attacked him.

The police who escaped brought no intelligence regarding the Frog-Lake massacre. The Indians about Frog Lake had been acting in a strange manner for some time, and on Sunday they invited the whites to attend church.

Not suspecting any danger, the people complied. There in the sanctuary for an hour sat the trembling women and children and much-scarred men side by side with their dusky enemies.

BATTLEFORD'S HARD STRAITS. Battledore dispatches to-day state that Frank Smart, the stockkeeper there, while on guard at the barracks, was killed by a bullet from a rifle in the hands of an Indian sharpshooter.

Lord Melgund and his scouts encountered several of Riel's scouts yesterday and exchanged shots with them, but as Riel's men retired into ambush, where it was probable half-breed reinforcements lay, Lord Melgund retired.

General Middleton telegraphed instructions to have the steamer Northcote bring on supplies with all haste. The steamer is now on her way to Prince Albert heavily freighted with provisions.

ENGLAND AND RUSSIA.

THE SITUATION YESTERDAY. Military Preparations Continue—The Crisis May Suddenly Become Acute—The Effect Upon the Mohammedans.

LONDON, April 24.—Military preparations continue unabated and the barracks throughout the Kingdom are preparing quarters for a possible call on the militia. The ammunition factories are being worked up to the present time have been unable to supply all demands, but numerous offers have been received from private firms capable of efficient work.

The Standard says: "The extreme tension in the relations between England and Russia continues, but as yet there has been no absolute diplomatic rupture. This is the least disquieting form in which the truth can be told.

The deadlock is not a whit less serious because the day passed without bringing a crisis. It is no longer a question of disputed frontier. We believe the negotiations on that subject are the moment set aside.

A deputation of dervishes is soon to be sent from Cabul to the Court of Bokhara and to the Khan of Khiva, pointing out the fact that when Russia and England will have a religious as well as political character, which will menace the independence of their faith.

LONDON, April 24.—In the lobbies of the House of Commons this afternoon it was said that Mr. Gladstone, pale and agitated, made almost a pathetic appeal to the members of Parliament not to press upon the Government questions concerning the situation in Egypt or the condition of the correspondence with the Russian Government.

LONDON, April 24.—The Armstrong Works, at New Castle, having received an order from Russia for a large quantity of war material, have declined to fill it, and have given notice to the British admiralty of the nature of the order.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—President Cleveland has refused to exercise the power of executive clemency in behalf of General D. G. Swaim, Judge-Advocate-General of the Army.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Richard T. Merrick and Attorney-General Garland (in his private capacity), as counsel for the State of Virginia in the coupon-tax cases will on Monday, May 4th, ask the Supreme Court for a rehearing of the cases with a view to securing a reversal of the opinion of the court given last Monday.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—The First Comptroller of the Treasury has recommended to the Secretary that the divisions in his office be reduced from nine to five, and that the force be reduced correspondingly. It is his purpose to simplify and systematize the work of the bureau.

GENERAL FOREIGN NEWS.

FRANCO-EGYPTIAN TROUBLE. Official Relations Suspended by France—The Canal-Related Leave Cairo.

CAIRO, April 24.—M. de Batroff, Consul-General of France to Egypt, has been instructed by his Government to suspend all official relations with Egypt, and to make declaration to the Egyptian Government that France declines to sanction the Egyptian Financial Convention and reserves to herself complete liberty of action.

LONDON, April 24.—A telegram from Alexandria to the Exchange Telegraph Company states that the French Consul-General has informed the Khedive and Nubar Pacha, Egyptian Foreign Minister, of his instructions to suspend official relations with the Government of Egypt.

PARIS, April 24.—The breaking off of the official relations between France and Egypt, the announcement of which rupture was made here this morning in a dispatch from Cairo, was entirely unexpected by the people, and the news has created a great sensation.

Execution in South Carolina. (By telegraph to the Dispatch.) COLUMBIA, S. C., April 24.—A dispatch to the Register from Union, S. C., says that Hampton Nethers (colored) was hanged in the jail-yard at that place to-day for the murder of Adolphus Abrams (also colored) in January last.

Murders Hanged in Arkansas. (By telegraph to the Dispatch.) ST. LOUIS, April 24.—A special to the Post-Dispatch from Dallas, Ark., says: Columbus L. Moffatt was hanged here to-day for the murder of William Welant. The execution was public, and was witnessed by a great crowd.

Mysterious Disappearance. (By telegraph to the Dispatch.) LYNCHBURG, VA., April 24.—Isaac Martin, a young farmer near Salem, Va., left his home Wednesday and went into the fields to work, and nothing has been heard of him since.

Ex-Secretary Frelinghuysen's Condition. (By telegraph to the Dispatch.) NEWARK, April 24.—There is very little change to-night in Mr. Frelinghuysen's condition. His pulse is slower and more feeble and his stupor increased. It is evident that he is very slowly growing weaker.

Conducting Fraud Through the Mails. (By telegraph to the Dispatch.) WASHINGTON, D. C., April 24.—W. M. Landers, of Atlanta, Ga., was arrested to-day by a post-office inspector for conducting a fraud through the mails.

Base-Ball Yesterday. (By telegraph to the Dispatch.) PHILADELPHIA: Philadelphia, 11; Newark, 6; New York: Metropolitan, 8; Athletics, 13; Brooklyn: Brooklyn, 5; Baltimore: Providence, R. I.: Providence, 16; Hartford: Boston (League), 7; Hartford, 1; Cincinnati: Cincinnati, 6; Pittsburgh: Pittsburgh, 10; Columbus, Ga.: Chattanooga, 1; Columbus, 13; Birmingham, Ala.: Birmingham, 9; Atlanta, 7; St. Louis: St. Louis, 12; Louisville, 2; Springfield, Mass.: Springfield, 11; Trenton, 9.

THE DE LONG SEARCHERS.

Rewards Which They Are to Receive from the Government. A Washington (D. C.) special says: Lieutenant William H. Schute, of the navy, who has been selected to carry the present expedition to the Lena delta, has made his report to the State Department upon the most desirable articles to purchase for presents. Lieutenant Schute is about thirty-two years old. He weighs about two hundred pounds, and is a man of splendid physique.

LONDON, April 24.—At a great meeting of rich and influential land-owners held in this city to-day, and attended by such persons as the Duke of Argyll, Earl of Carnarvon, and Marquis of Ripon, it was resolved to take steps for the immediate formation of a large corporation to be called the "National Land Company" for the purpose of securing the gradual breaking up of the large parcels of land owned by the nobility now prevalent in Great Britain.

PARIS, April 24.—The Suez-Canal Commission to-day agreed that no fortifications shall be erected along the canal. The Commission also discussed the rules in connection with the passage of belligerent vessels in time of war, especially in regard to questions whether prize-vessels should be allowed to remain in the harbors of Port Said and Suez. No definite action was taken in regard to these questions.

THE INSURRECTION IN PANAMA. (By telegraph to the Dispatch.) PANAMA, April 24.—This afternoon while a strong barricade was being erected, entirely closing in the Central and South American Cable Company's office, and great preparations were being made for a fight, the American army knocked down the barricades, and took charge of the town. The insurgents were recalled to their barracks by bugle.

RACING IN ENGLAND. (By cable to the Dispatch.) LONDON, April 24.—At the Newmarket Craven meeting to-day the Newmarket handicap of \$1,000 was won by Mr. Manley's four-year-old bay colt Pizarro; Lord Hastings's three-year-old bay colt Barnacles second, and R. B. Prett's three-year-old chestnut colt the third. They were ten starters.

ASSAULT BY POISON. A Brockton (Mass.) special says: The body of Andrew G. Lawson, a Stoughton, was found in his room Wednesday. It was at first generally supposed that death resulted from heart-disease, but it now turns out that his death was the result of a persistent and studied attempt at suicide. To-day when his friends arrived and prepared to take charge of the body his effects were examined, and among them was found a paper written in the Swedish language and entitled "My Biography." It covered twenty-seven pages of foolscap, and was intended to be an extended account of his life, in which he describes the various means tried for suicidal purposes, including shooting, hanging, poisoning, eating ice when heated, trying to get gold in order to have a severe case of pneumonia, &c. It states that when only five or six years of age he heard his mother tell of going to a river to drown herself a month or two before he was born, but thinking she had no right to sacrifice two lives she did not make the attempt. It is the wish of his wife that she should be buried in the same grave as her husband, and she has been informed that there will be war between England and Russia. At any rate the British ship is keeping a sharp watch on her neighbor, and will not let her escape if war should be declared. The captains of the two vessels are on the best of terms, and dined together to-day on board the Russian ship Strelok.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY IN NEW ORLEANS. (By telegraph to the Dispatch.) NEW ORLEANS, April 24.—A terrible tragedy came to light to-day when three gentlemen made their appearance at the office of chief of police and reported that something mysterious had occurred at No. 146 Orange street. They had gone there for the purpose of seeing Mr. Evans, and were informed by the waiter that Mr. Evans was not at home, and that the house was all locked up and she could not get into it. The girl did not suspect anything wrong, and seemed very much surprised when the police visited the house. Upon the arrival of the officers the front door was forced open, and upon a bed lay two lifeless bodies. They were those of Mrs. Amelia Evans, wife of Sam. Evans, and Caspar Wentz. In the right side of the woman's head just above the eye was an ugly wound, from which the brain protruded and hung out upon the pillow. The bullet which caused the death of the man had entered his left temple and had passed completely through his head.

DESTRUCTIVE FLOODS IN TEXAS. (By telegraph to the Dispatch.) GAINESVILLE, TEX., April 24.—The most disastrous flood ever known in this vicinity visited Gainesville Wednesday night and continued with little abatement throughout Thursday. Pocat and Elm creeks, which empty into Trinity river just below the city, rose with fearful rapidity in the darkness of night. About 4 o'clock in the morning a number of houses in the bottom were swept away, the occupants fleeing for their lives, leaving everything behind. One child was drowned, but there is reason to fear the loss of several other lives. From above the town three houses passed down the stream, from which above the rush of waters, cries of distress were plainly heard. The loss of live stock in the vicinity was very serious. Carcasses of horses, cows, and sheep are passing by at frequent intervals. The engine-house at the water-works is submerged. The damage to the town, and property along the river aggregates many thousands of dollars.

VICKSBURG'S FATAL FIRE. (By telegraph to the Dispatch.) VICKSBURG, MISS., April 24.—Search for bodies was prosecuted all day yesterday among the ruins of the city. Six bodies have been recovered and laid to rest. They were recovered and identified by William H. Phelan, and Joseph Dent (white), Hayden Canada, Richard Johnson, and Ebb. Bell (colored). They were all found in the cellar of the

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCE.

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REVIEW OF THE BALTIMORE MARKET.

BALTIMORE, April 24.—Flour steady and quiet; Howard-Street and western superfine, \$3.25@3.62; city, \$3.87@4.25; family, \$4.25@4.65; extra, \$4.84@5.35; Rio brand, \$5.00; wheat—Southern steady and quiet; western lower, closing dull; southern red, \$1.04@1.06; amber, \$1.08@1.10; No. 1 Maryland, \$1.06; No. 2 Maryland, \$1.04; No. 3 Maryland, \$1.02; No. 4 Maryland, \$1.00; No. 5 Maryland, \$0.98; No. 6 Maryland, \$0.96; No. 7 Maryland, \$0.94; No. 8 Maryland, \$0.92; No. 9 Maryland, \$0.90; No. 10 Maryland, \$0.88; No. 11 Maryland, \$0.86; No. 12 Maryland, \$0.84; No. 13 Maryland, \$0.82; No. 14 Maryland, \$0.80; No. 15 Maryland, \$0.78; No. 16 Maryland, \$0.76; No. 17 Maryland, \$0.74; No. 18 Maryland, \$0.72; No. 19 Maryland, \$0.70; No. 20 Maryland, \$0.68; No. 21 Maryland, \$0.66; No. 22 Maryland, \$0.64; No. 23 Maryland, \$0.62; No. 24 Maryland, \$0.60; No. 25 Maryland, \$0.58; No. 26 Maryland, \$0.56; No. 27 Maryland, \$0.54; No. 28 Maryland, \$0.52; No. 29 Maryland, \$0.50; No. 30 Maryland, \$0.48; No. 31 Maryland, \$0.46; No. 32 Maryland, \$0.44; No. 33 Maryland, \$0.42; No. 34 Maryland, \$0.40; No. 35 Maryland, \$0.38; No. 36 Maryland, \$0.36; No. 37 Maryland, \$0.34; No. 38 Maryland, \$0.32; No. 39 Maryland, \$0.30; No. 40 Maryland, \$0.28; No. 41 Maryland, \$0.26; No. 42 Maryland, \$0.24; No. 43 Maryland, \$0.22; No. 44 Maryland, \$0.20; No. 45 Maryland, \$0.18; No. 46 Maryland, \$0.16; No. 47 Maryland, \$0.14; No. 48 Maryland, \$0.12; No. 49 Maryland, \$0.10; No. 50 Maryland, \$0.08; No. 51 Maryland, \$0.06; No. 52 Maryland, \$0.04; No. 53 Maryland, \$0.02; No. 54 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 55 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 56 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 57 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 58 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 59 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 60 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 61 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 62 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 63 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 64 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 65 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 66 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 67 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 68 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 69 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 70 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 71 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 72 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 73 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 74 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 75 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 76 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 77 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 78 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 79 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 80 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 81 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 82 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 83 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 84 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 85 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 86 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 87 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 88 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 89 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 90 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 91 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 92 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 93 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 94 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 95 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 96 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 97 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 98 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 99 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 100 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 101 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 102 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 103 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 104 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 105 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 106 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 107 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 108 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 109 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 110 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 111 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 112 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 113 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 114 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 115 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 116 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 117 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 118 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 119 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 120 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 121 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 122 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 123 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 124 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 125 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 126 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 127 Maryland, \$0.00; No. 12