







...the Directors are confident that only 22,000 Rs. at the outside are in jeopardy. A Committee of Inquiry has also been appointed here by the British Government and their report will be given in time for our next issue. An insurance office, the Atlas, which Messrs. Cookwell & Co. have been obliged to take over, will be sold in 1890 Rs. on such a basis as to be most immediately...

Lieutenant Burke, of the Bombay Engineers, has published a pamphlet, in which he states that one of the salt beds of India contains an area of 300 miles of salt, of an average thickness of three feet, or a supply equal to the consumption of 100,000,000 of people for 1000 years.

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TRAVELLERS' DAY AND NIGHT DREAMS. (From Dr. Leichhardt's Travels in Australia.) May 24.—It was the Queen's birthday, and we were occupied with what, as our only remaining luxury, we were accustomed to call a fat cake, made of four pounds of flour and some sugar which we had saved for the express purpose, and with a pot of sugared tea. We had for several months been without sugar, with the exception of about ten pounds, which was reserved for human nature to interrupt the monotony of life by the very days, on which we indulge in recollections of the past or in meditations on the future, that we all enjoyed those days as much, and even more, than when surrounded with all the blessings of civilised society; although I am free to admit that fat cake and sugared tea in prospect might induce us to watch with more eagerness for the approach of these days of festivity. There were, besides, several other facts interesting to the psychology, which exhibited the influence of our military life, and the unity of our purpose, on our minds. During the early part of our journey, I had been carried back in my dreams to scenes of recent date, and into the society of men with whom I had lived shortly before starting on my expedition. As I proceeded on my journey, events of earlier date returned into my mind, and all the fantastic associations of a dream, and scenes of England, France, and Italy passed successively before me. Then came the recollections of my university life, of my parents and the members of my family; and, at last, the days of boyhood and of school—at one time, as a boy afraid of the look of the master, and now with the independent feelings of the man, communicating to and discussing with him the progress of my journey, the courses of the rivers I had found, and the possible advantages of my discoveries. At the latter part of the journey I had, as it were, retraced the whole course of my life; and I was now, in my dreams, almost invariably in Sydney, canvassing for support, and imagining that, although I had left my camp, yet that I should return with new resources to carry us through the remainder of our journey. It was very remarkable that all my companions were almost invariably anticipating the end of our journey, dreaming that they were in the coast, and that they were in ships, or that they were in Port Essington, and enjoying the pleasures of civilised life; whilst I, on awaking, found my party and my interests on the place where I had left them in my dreams. During the leisure moments of the day, or at the commencement of night when seated at my fire, all my thoughts seemed riveted to the progress and success of my journey, and to the new objects we had met with during the day. I had then to tempt myself to think of absent friends and past times; and the thought that they supposed me dead, or unsuccessful in my enterprise, brought me back immediately to my favourite object. Much, indeed the greater portion, of my journey, had been occupied in long reconnoitering rides; and it was when it thus occupied in a continued state of excitement—now buoyant with hope, as I gazed on his more swelling some distant range of blue mountains, or as he follows the favourable bend of a river—now all despairing and miserable, as he approaches the foot of the range without finding water, from which he could start again with renewed strength, or as the river turns in an unfavourable direction and slips out of his course. Evening approaches; the sun has sunk below the horizon for some time, but still he strains his eye through the gloom for the dark verdure of a creek, or strives to follow the arrow-like flight of a pigeon, and the flapping of whose wings has filled him with a sudden hope, from which he relapses again into a still greater sadness; with a sickened heart he drops his head to a broken and interrupted rest, whilst his horse is standing hobbled at his side, unwilling from excessive thirst to feed on the dry grass. How often have I found myself in these different states of the brightest hope and the deepest misery, riding along, thirsty, almost blind, and ready to drop from my saddle, with fatigues, the poor horse tired, his rider, foot-sore, stumbling over every stone, running headlessly against the trees, and wounding my knees! But suddenly the note of Omilia Australis, the call of anooktoo, or the croaking of frogs, is heard, and hopes are bright again; water is certainly at hand; the spur is applied to the flank of the tired beast, which already parades in his rider's anticipations, and quickens his pace—and a lagoo, a creek, or a river, is before him. The horse is soon mounted, hobbled, and well washed; a fire is made, the soap is put to the fire, the meat is dressed, the enjoyment of the poor reconnoiterer is perfect, and a prayer of thankfulness to the Almighty God, who protects the wanderer on his journey bursts from his grateful lips.

H. M. Steamship Fery, Captain Willcox, sails for Shanghai and the intermediate ports this afternoon. Mails close at the Post-Office at 1 o'clock.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS. AT HONGKONG. 26, Gem, Young, from Sydney 11th February. 20, Valparaiso (Am.), Lockwood, from Philadelphia 16th November. 20, P. & Co. O's. Str. Pekin, Baker, from Whampoa. 30, Dart (Am.), Porter, from Cumingmook. 27, Denis, King, from Shanghai 19th March and Looking 22nd do. 27, John Cooper, Were, from London and Portsmouth 19th November. 27, Kelpie, Sims, from Calcutta 14th February and Singapore 6th March. 27, Poppy, Cole, from Cumingmook. DEPARTURES. PER VALPARAISO.—8 Missionaries. Per John Cooper, —Mrs Were, and Servant; L. Pereira, Esq.; R. Smith, Esq.; and J. Rowe, Esq. (Surgcon). REPORT PER "DENIS."—At Looking, it is stated that Captain Gutzell of the schooner Helus was imprisoned at Ningpo, for striking a Chinaman. Saw a Brigantine on the 26th bound to the Northward. The John Cooper touched at Pigeon Island off Lambeck, left on the 28th February. Saw Kite bound to Madras off Cape of Good Hope, and French brig Caesar from Montevideo to Cetta. DEPARTURES. FROM HONGKONG. Mar. 26, Laurens Koster (Dutch), Kline, Rotterdam. 26, Byron (Am.), Barker, Manila. 28, Cincinnati (Am.), Child, Whampoa. FROM MACAO. Mar. 23, Marquis of Hastings (Portuguese), Silva, Straits. 26, Boreas (Dutch), —, Manila. FROM SHANGHAI. Mar. 19, Enraptere, Wilson, London.

AUSTRALIAN SHIPPING. Arrivals at Sydney.—January 18, Eliza, Valparaiso, from Hongkong 1st Oct.; 23, Milohina, Fyall, Hongkong, Manila, and Hobart Town; 30, Emma, Smith, Hongkong and Manila. Departures from the Hobart Town.—January 20, Maggie, Hongkong. The new barque Fanny Fisher, from Sydney 15th December, arrived at Port Nicholson on the 25th, and was to sail for China on the 6th January.

SHIPPING IN CHINA.

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