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## FRENCH ATROCITIES IN ANAM.

A London special says: Pierre, late officer of the French expeditionary force in Tonquin, sends to the Paris *Figaro* the following description of the fall of Hue: The beaten Anamites were cooped in the burning village. The only road to escape from the flames lay under the guns of the fort, which which was filled with sailors armed with repeating rifles, with sights carefully adjusted to the distance. The magazine rifles were duly loaded. The men looked on, waiting until the flank movement of the other troops and the firing of the bamboo huts should drive the human quarry out before them. We saw them halting at the end of the village, with singed hair and garments. After a few moments' hesitation, tucking their flowing robes as high as they could and trying to protect their heads with planks against the impending shower of bullets, they rushed on to the great butchery which then commenced. Two volleys were fired.

It was a terrible sight to see these fan-like streams of bullets sweeping down on the fugitives. They were poured in twice in one minute at the word of command and to insure methodical movements. It was like a jet from a huge watering-pot, which mowed them down by dozens. In the cloud of dust and gravel we could see some who seemed driven mad picking themselves up, limping now one way, now another, like wounded animals, gathering up their robes in a comical manner, and their long hair unfastened and streaming down their backs made them look like women. Others tried to escape by swimming a lagoon. They would remain a long time under water. Our men continued to kill them all the same when they came up to breathe, like seals. The men then amused themselves counting the dead. In the village there were small heaps of those killed. In the southern forts about 800 or 1,000 must have been disposed of. The soldiers made bets as to the number destroyed.

About 9 o'clock in the morning all was over and the rout of the Anamites was complete. The heat was intense and the soldiers, maddened by the sun and the noise, and quivering with excitement, rushed out of the fort after the wounded. Some were crouching in holes, others were feigning death, while others at the last gasp were stretching out their hands and pleading for mercy and shouting "Han! Han!" in heartrending accents. Our men slaughtered them with their bayonets or brained them with the butts of their muskets. The Anamite servants, diminutive, effeminate lads, who had followed the infantry from Saigon, were hunted out. When a fugitive was unearthed, the sailors would call out, "Here's another, come, give him his death." These sailors were quite unrecognizable; they were absolutely madmen. The officers attempted to restrain them and said to them, "You ought to be ashamed of such cowardly, dirty work." They replied: "The Anamites are savages. They carried the head of Captain Riviere on top of a pole, and if they had carried the day they would have cut the French into pieces or sawed them between two planks." There was no reply possible to this. It was true, and so they were left to their grim work.

The individual wealth of Great Britain is the highest in the world, France coming next and the United States third.

## A Strange Case.

A curious case was recently developed in Butte county, Cal. Briefly stated, some five years ago an old man named B. W. Taylor was convicted there of arson, for burning a barn belonging to one Daniel Bidwell, near Chico, and sentenced to ten years in the state prison. He stoutly maintained his innocence, but the jury could not be convinced thereof. Finally, in 1880, he was pardoned by Governor Perkins, who had become impressed with the belief that the man was innocent. Taylor then had one Mitchell, on whose testimony he was convicted, arrested for perjury, and he was convicted and sentenced to eight years' imprisonment. Daniel Bidwell appealed Mitchell's case to the Supreme court, and a new trial was ordered. This time Mitchell was sentenced to ten years. Again his case was appealed and another trial ordered, which took place about a month ago. He was urged to tell the truth about the affair, and he now did so, admitting that he had sworn falsely against Taylor. For his perjury he was sentenced to three years in the state prison. He had testified against Taylor merely to save himself, knowing that suspicion had rested upon him, although at the time of the fire he was lying drunk some two miles from the place. The last chapter in this interesting story opens with the statement of the commencement of a suit for \$75,000 damages by Taylor against Bidwell, the owner of the barn, whom he charges with conspiracy against him and malicious prosecution. It is certainly a strange case.

Concerning some of the cargo of the *Queen of the Pacific*, A. J. Smith writes to the Port Townsend *Argus*: The Indians have had a rich time getting "ocean potlach"—clothing of all kinds, boots and shoes, sewing machines, jewelry, bed room sets, one large looking-glass twelve feet long, willow chairs, cane bottom chairs, alcohol, paint, oil, lard, butter, honey, kerosene, China nut-oil, seal skin cloaks, lace, sea otter, trimming, all kinds of toys, soap, and most everything that floats, and many things that would not float unless boxed. Many Indians are now merchants and many of them are now in the wholesale business. All the articles were more or less damaged except the whisky. They got very rich in a short time. One died happy—has gone where fish are plentiful—is a good Indian now. Some of the whisky was rescued by order of the agent and emptied on the ground to the sorrow of the Indians. Several barrels were taken and treated thus. Most of the Indians, however, were very joyful, and even resented the powers that be; but they had to come to time. It is now "all quite on the Potomac." Mr. L. is closing out his stock of dry goods, and will return to his old vocation—fishing, hunting, gambling, etc.

A Michigan court has decided that the acts of a public official are fit subjects for comment by newspapers, if the comments cannot be shown to be malicious and untruthful. This is justice and common sense. When a man accepts a public position, he is responsible for his duties, and it is the right and duty of newspapers to inform the public whether he is doing so or not.

Alaska girls have a trick of cutting button-holes in their upper lips. But no Alaska man has yet had the nerve to sew a button on his wife's lower lip.

## Massachusetts Platforms.

Republican platform: Butler must go!  
Democratic platform: Butler must stay.

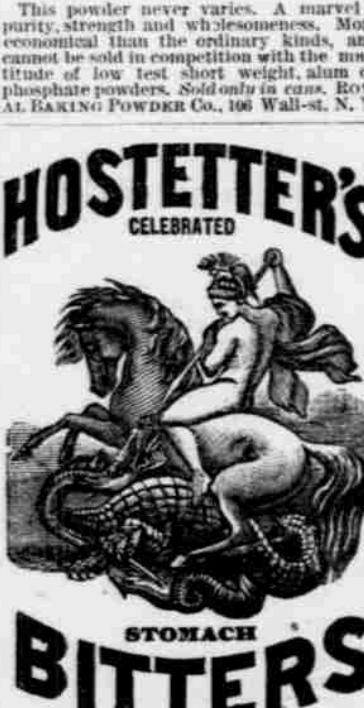
Dr. J. M. Williams, an old army surgeon, who went to Salt Lake with Connor's command, died in that city last Tuesday of apoplexy. He passed through some trying ordeals in endeavoring to secure the exercise of the rights of an American citizen in Utah. For daring to claim land in that neighborhood, as a preemptor under United States law, he was tied in a sack and about to be thrown in the Jordan river, when he told them he would like to have a chew of tobacco before being drowned like a cat. His cool manner abashed them for the moment, and they parleyed with him. He told them he would fight them single-handed with any weapon they might choose, but they declined, telling him he was too good a man to be thrown in the river in a sack, and let him go on condition of leaving Utah.

The *Northwest Enterprise* says: Four different companies are now engaged in the salmon and Skagit fisheries. Among these are the Brown Bros., Beale, etc. They are taking large quantities at the mouth of the Skagit river. Jno. Elwood carries the fish to the Semiahmoo cannery in his schooner. When this disposition is not practicable the fish are salted.

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