

From Calcutta the news is that much dissatisfaction is expressed at the announcement that the Bengal and Madras troops are not to take part in the Abyssinian expedition. The famine in Orissa is virtually at an end, but there are 1,500 orphans to be provided for.

We have some details of the preparations for the Abyssinian expedition. According to the *Times of India*, the advanced guard of the Abyssinian field force, numbering about 1,400 troops, 700 camp followers, and 1,000 horses and mules, was to sail from Bombay on the 5th of October, and to be followed a month later by the rest of the expeditionary force. A small pioneer party was despatched on September 16th. The despatch-boat *Sind*, which left simultaneously with the pioneer force of Abyssinia, was compelled to put back through stress of weather. She has been replaced by the Peninsular and Oriental Company's steamer *Norna*.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—The mail which arrived at Plymouth on Tuesday was full of the visit of the Duke of Edinburgh and the doings of his Royal Highness, who seems to have entered into the spirit of such festivities as the colonists were able to provide for him with the utmost heartiness and good-will.

Mr. J. S. Moffatt, an African missionary, and the brother-in-law of Dr. Livingstone, has published a letter dated Claremont, Sept. 17, giving strong reasons for hoping that the latter is still alive. Mr. Moffatt states that a report has been received at Zanzibar of Livingstone's passage through a district more remote than the place where he was said to have been killed. In his letter he says:—"My own belief is that when the Jobanna men found that Livingstone was going into a region too remote for their taste, they did what many servants, black and white, have done before them—took to their heels some fine night when the explorer was asleep, and made the best of their way back to Zanzibar." In reference to this letter, Mr. Julius Kessler writes:—"I left Zanzibar on the 10th of September, up to which date the Sultan had received no information whatever, and Dr. Kirk assured me that he most fully and firmly believed that Dr. Livingstone was dead. The Cape steamer which brought the news left Table Bay on the 20th of September; by what means information could reach the Cape from Zanzibar in ten days it is utterly impossible to divine."

We have not received our usual file of Cape papers, but from information which appears in the daily journals, it would seem that Bishop Colenso had withdrawn the action against Dean Green and others, with the view of commencing a new one. The Bishop had lately officiated in Pinetown church, after ineffectual opposition.

#### FOREIGN MISCELLANEA.

Mr. W. Forsyth says that he dined off horseflesh in Paris, and liked it. It seems to be not a matter of taste, but of prejudice, and thus *solvetur edendo*. In reference to his experiment Mr. Forsyth says: "If we had not known what we were eating, we should in perfect innocence have supposed that our dinner was wholly taken from our old friend ox." Horseflesh is sold in Paris at 2d. a pound. M. Decroix, one of the veterinary surgeons of the Garde de Paris, a horse-eater of eight years' standing, informed Mr. Forsyth that he had never given on an average above 12s. for "a store beast." The tanyard was not defrauded of its part of the animal.

A Natal paper states that Colonel Towers and Captain Chaplin, of the Coldstream Guards, have returned from a hunting tour in the Zulu country, where they bagged 140 hippopotami, 23 **rhinoceroses**, 5 lions, 12 buffaloes, besides a great many antelopes and other small deer.

The Paris correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph* announces that a new Rachel is expected shortly to appear at L'Odeon. She is said to be a Mdlle. Montes, daughter of the too-famous Lola Montes, of whom Europe, and America too, heard too much some fifteen years ago.

A ghastly spectacle was presented a few days ago at Berlin. An American clown, called the Man-fly, was going through his part before 2,000 persons, when he took out a pistol, put it to his mouth, discharged it, and fell dead.

The war in South America appears drawing to a close. The Allies find it hopeless to attack Humaita. The Secretary of the British Legation at La Plata has been bearing despatches between the combatants, and it is hoped that peace will be shortly restored.

A few days back we announced the rupture of the marriage engagement between the Princess Sophia and the King of Bavaria. The foreign journals now announce her betrothal to the Archduke Louis Victor, brother of the Emperor of Austria.

The career of Elias Howe, the inventor of the sewing machine, whose death in America was announced a few days ago, should be an encouragement to disheartened inventors. He invented his sewing machine in 1847, but did not succeed in doing anything with it for seven years. Between 1854 and 1867 he received more than £400,000 in royalties.

The Countess Danner, morganatic wife of the late King Frederick VII. of Denmark, has just died. She was born in 1814, and was at first a teacher in Norway, and afterwards an actress in Paris. It was at a later period, in Copenhagen, in a *magasin des modes*, that Frederick, at that time Crown Prince, saw her for the first time. On his accession to the throne in 1848, he conferred on her the title of baroness, afterwards created her Countess Danner, and married her publicly in the church of Fredericksburg on April 17, 1850.

A young Scotchman named Hugh Crawford Pollok, who arrived in this city about two years since, and shortly afterwards enlisted in the Fifth United States Cavalry as a private soldier, has by the death of his father in Scotland fallen heir to a baronetcy and £5,000 a year. Through the intercession of the late Sir Frederick Bruce, General Grant has discharged Pollok from the service. For some months past the youthful Baronet has been discharging the duties of farrier of his regiment.—*New York Herald*.

A New York paper says that a brother of Burns's Highland Mary is an ordnance sergeant at Newport, Rhode Island, and is eighty years of age.