

LATEST MAIL NEWS.

Latest from California.

The Georgia arrived with over \$1,000,000 of Gold, and 250 passengers, among whom were Senator Guinn, Fonda and Dows, also Horace Morse, LeSere, and Judge Ballard, of the House of Representatives, and Gen. Herron and Don Ramon Herrera.

Terrific Disaster and Loss of Life—Ex- ploded at Steamer Sagamore.

From the Alta California, No. 1.

On Tuesday afternoon, at a moment when our citizens were rejoicing in a general jubilee, the festivities were marred by the announcement of a disaster, the most destructive to life which has fallen upon our city. At 5 o'clock, just as the steamer Sagamore was casting off from Central Wharf, with a large number of passengers, bound for Stockton, her boiler burst with a terrible explosion. Masses of timber and human bodies were scattered in every direction. Many bodies were blown into the water, from which they were rescued by the numerous boats which thronged about the scene of the disaster. The boat was a complete wreck, and from among the fragments were taken the dead and the dying, mutilated in every shocking detail.

The cause of this sad affair is perhaps unknown. The Sagamore's boiler was nearly new, and was pronounced by the boiler inspector to be the best in the port. It may have been caused by a lack of water, and we are informed by one of the passagiers on her last trip down from Stockton that her pumps were very much out of order. One of the passengers on board at the time of her explosion informs us that steam had not been blown off for half an hour previous to the accident. Whatever the case may be, a rigid investigation is necessary in order to prevent, if possible, similar accidents in future.

Capt. Cole, the master of the boat, was blown a distance of fifty feet into the water. He is consciousness, injured.

The number of persons on board at the time of the accident cannot be accurately ascertained, as the passenger list has not been found. We have heard it variously estimated from seventy-five to a hundred. Many bodies were so much mangled that it was found impossible to identify them. Lungs and trunks were gathered up in baskets, a shocking sight.

The number of killed, 21, wounded, 13, saved unscathed.

Capt. Gilfillan held an inquest on the bodies of the dead yesterday.

The Sagamore was built in this city about five months since, and was thought, next to the Mariposa, the most in that trade. Her loss will be \$9,000.

The Chubot had appeared at San Francisco, and was connecting with the steamer.

Wreck of the steamer "Helenia"

NINE LIVES LOST!

One Hundred and Seventy-Five Pass- engers Rescued.

The packet ship Devonshire, Capt. Berry, which arrived at New York yesterday morning, brings intelligence of the total wreck of the steamer Helenia, which ran between New York and Hampton.

The following are the names of the crew deceased:

John Johnson, 33 years, New York; George Riley, seaman, Liverpool; John Hass, 2nd seaman, Liverpool; Frank M. Astor, 16 years, Liverpool; A. C. Clark, 17 years, passenger, of Ger-

many; above are the particulars of the disaster.

From the time of the steamer's departure from Southampton till the 19th of November, the weather was rather moderate and variable than usual, even for the time of year. On the evening of the 19th, when in the latitude of 11 deg. 10 min. N., and longitude 160 deg. 40 min. W., the wind which during the morning had been bl. wing fresh, from the N.W., increased till 7 P.M. and became a most fearful gale. About 11 P.M. a heavy cross sea struck her on the stern and larboard quarter, sweeping the deck, flooding the cabin, and causing her to quiver some moments throughout her whole length.

The next morning, (Thursday) as soon as it was day-light, a boat was lowered, and a thorough examination made of the storm, inside and outside, when it was found that not only was the rudder gone, but that it had carried with it about twelve feet of the stem of the outer or larboard stern post, the lower part of which being attached to the keel, had, in breaking away, damaged that also, causing a considerable leak.

Beside this, the end of the ship, by means of which the propeller was worked, being made to rest on that stern post, was, by its giving way, deprived of its support, and was considerably bent in an oblique direction, causing the tail of the propeller to incline inward towards the stern, thus enlarging the stuffing box in the inner stern post, (or that built in the ship,) causing a second leak.

Thursday, the 20th, at daylight, all the pumps were worked, but the water flooding the previous twelve hours, gained from ten to twelve inches in depth. At half past 8 o'clock she was seen by the Devonshire, who came to their relief.

Additional damage was lost by the starting of the Devonshire.

John P. Nelson, aged 49, of Mechanicburgh, wife and five children on board; Dr. Edward Luis, 35, of Mechanicburgh, wife and two children in Germany; Augustus Rosenbach, aged 19, of Mechanicburgh; John Ponck, aged 28, of Mechanicburgh; Henry Oberberg, aged 38, of Hanover—all storage passengers by the Helenia.

The Helenia was built in Hull, England, 1840, and was six hundred tons burthen. She was a propeller and was built of iron. Her original cost was probably about \$120,000, and her cargo may be estimated at about \$60,000 or \$70,000, which is heavily insured in Wall street.

Letter from Birmingham.

New York, Dec. 3.—The steamer "Murdy," from St. Thomas and Bermuda, arrived here this morning, bringing news from St. Thomas to the 23d, and from Bermuda to the 26th ult., being one week later than those previously received.

Among the passengers is the Secretary of the Mexican Legation.

Montreal, Dec. 3.—A new cargo, just received by

I. V. BULLARD.

The steamer Clyde arrived at St. Thomas on the 19th from Jamaica. No papers had been received from that place, but verbal accounts from the officers and passengers of the Clyde state that the ravages of the cholera are increasing to a frightful extent. The loss of life was very great, and the utmost consternation prevailed. The deaths are reported to average from one hundred and fifty to two hundred per day.

The inhabitants were dying so fast that coffins could not be furnished fast enough to supply the demand, and in some instances pits were obliged to be dug into which the dead bodies were hurriedly flung.

Every precaution was being used on the part of the authorities to check the ravages of the disease.

FOREIGN NEWS.

The steamship Arctic arrived at New York, Wednesday last. The news is still brought of little general interest.

THREE DAYS LATER.—The steamship Arctic arrived Saturday last after a passage of 13 days 23 hours. Of the news brought, the Tribune of Monday says:

"Of the news from Europe there is nothing to say, except that it is the season of the year when the Arctic is at her best." The submission of Prussia to Austria is fully confirmed, while there is nothing to show that either people or arms design any serious resistance to that consummation. We expect soon to hear that older religious triumphs in both Russia and Silesia will be followed by a signal victory of Prussia.

In Original Paper.

The German Department, we are informed, will not be expected to yield any concession to the Austrians.

CHARLES TINGLEY, of 15, Lower Gt. George-street, London, died on Friday evening, at his residence, having been ill for several weeks.

CHARLES TALISMAN, of 10, Grosvenor-grove, London, died on Saturday morning.

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