

lies have by their immense fleet complete command of the Crimea on three sides, and it is contended that no alternative is left to Russia but to retreat into the interior.

RUMORS OF WAR.—Mr. S. M. St. Johns, of San Mateo, has politely favored us with the rumors of the Indian disaffection among the Colorado and Cahuilla tribes. That the movements of the Indians on the plains for several months past is of a very suspicious character, no one conversant with the facts we suppose will doubt, but we think, however, that there is not so much cause for alarm, as the proceedings of the settlers at San Geronimo would at first view indicate. As yet there is nothing tangible in the rumors to create any great uneasiness among the settlers except the loss of some of their stock. Mr. Washburn's surveying party may have been ordered off from completing their survey to the Colorado River, and Col. Washington may have had a fight as is reported, but these rumors needs confirmation. We hope the rumors have been displayed in more vivid colors than the circumstances would warrant.

CASE OF WM. B. LEE.—At the last term of our District Court, this case was sent to Santa Barbara for trial, but inadvertently, it seems, no order made for the removal of the prisoner. Lee obtained a writ of Habeas Corpus from Hon. B. Hayes, District Judge of this County, which was heard on Thursday. The Judge decided that the defendant, from the proof, not being entitled to a discharge, but the Sheriff of Santa Barbara county being entitled to his custody, he ought to be removed there by the Sheriff of Los Angeles, and accordingly issued a writ for that end. Lee left here yesterday on the steamer for Santa Barbara.

THE SISTERS OF MERCY.—We are pleased to see that an effort is being made by some of our most respectable citizens, to have a branch of this philanthropic and benignant society established in this city. The world-wide renown of the "Sisters of Mercy," their self sacrificing devotion to the sick and afflicted, without pecuniary reward, would seem to prompt us to give them a sincere and heart-felt reception. As ministering angels to the sick and the destitute they have no equals, as their deeds of charity and benevolent aid is extended to the Protestant as well as the Catholic, without regard to creed or sect. We believe a fine opening presents itself to establish amongst us, an order whose virtue and charity are their acknowledged characteristics, and who extend assistance and consolation to the indigent and the wretched "without money and without price."

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