

useless encumbrances; the day after collars were generally discarded; on the sixth day pajamas were in full bloom, and before we had reached our destination a near approach to the summer garb of Eden had become the most popular costume.

On Sunday religious services were conducted in the morning by the Rev. Mr. Scott, who read the Anglican Church Service and a printed sermon. In the afternoon we passed the Belledune Mountains, whose peaks, at a height of nearly 6,000 feet, were imaged in contrary rays.

On the 11th we again started on our way, and reached the summit of the highest peak of the range at 10 o'clock on Monday evening, and remained the whole of Tuesday to take in water, some carelessness having caused the supply to run short.

Friday Island is nearly 200 miles long and rather less than 100 wide. It is a fine example of tropical vegetation we saw. It was clothed in a mantle of green from base to summit.

On Sunday, November 26, at about 6 p.m., seven foreign labourers, employed by Mr. H. Fraser, were out looking for gold about one mile from some of the more savage natives.

With the sun, and the sand, and the wild uproar.

At 2 a.m. on Tuesday the voyage was resumed by the light of the moon. Cape Tribulation, 1,454 feet high, and the Peter Bells, 1,400 feet high, are the highest peaks of the range.

OVERLAND TELEGRAPH.—Communication by wire is now established as far as the Alice Springs, north of the MacDonnell Range.

the day we were steaming past a barren-looking country and through numerous reefs and shoals. At 3 o'clock the two hummocks by which Cape Sidmouth, our original destination, is identified, came in view.

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to be erected on a piece of ground in Flinders-street, purchased for the purpose four years ago. The new edifice, which was designed by Mr. James Cumming, is in the early Gothic style, and built of dark rubble stone, with rusticated quoins and dressings of cement.

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