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NEWS OF THE DAY.

The Burnett House, Cincinnati, Ohio, has been sold to S. N. Pike, for $500,000.

A number of minor officers in the Boston Custom House were discharged yesterday to make room for returned veterans.

The North Carolina Legislature yesterday ratified the Constitutional amendment abolishing slavery.

Five horse thieves were recently arrested in Chattanooga by a vigilance committee, composed of farmers, who had been the main sufferers.

Haynes, the detective, under trial at Norfolk, and who ran out of the room, locking in the guard, was subsequently recaptured.

The residences of Judge Barnard and Judge Emott, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., were entered by burglars on Wednesday night, and all the silverware in each building stolen.

Advices from Nassau, N. P., announce the presence of Lieut. Gen. Jubal A. Early in that place, where he is residing for the present, and is engaged in writing a history of his campaigns.

Late advices from St. John, N. B., apprize us of the death of Chief Justice Parker, who was one of the most highly and deservedly respected public men in that province.

Rev. R. J. Breckinridge, D. D., has declined to accept the Presidency of Washington and Jefferson College, to which he was elected last summer.

G. W. Warren has been nominated by the Democrats for the office of Mayor of Boston. The Workingmen's and Citizens' Committees endorsed the nomination.

Mr. Wm. Miller, a school teacher in Lynchburg, Va., while attempting to chastise one of his pupils, named Carroll, on Monday was cut by the boy, the knife penetrating to the bone.

The Mechanics' and Workingmens' Convention of the District of Columbia have prepared a memorial to Congress, asking that eight hours be established as a legal day's work in the mechanic and labor departments of the Government.

The British Consul General at Havana, Mr. Bunch, (well-known blockade runner), has been appointed Charge d'Affaires to Central America.—His successor will be Mr. Synge, of the Sandwich Islands.

The Treasury has now on hand, in coin, $41,718,000; and in currency, $36,102,000. There is at present outstanding $5,515,000 of old certificates, $50,316,000 of new certificates, and $5,160,000 of coin certificates.

It is positively asserted here, says a Washington special to the *Commercial Advertiser*, that General Butler has prepared a legal argument, showing how Davis and Lee can be tried by a military tribunal.

The 23d Army Corps Association assembled in Cincinnati on Wednesday in commemoration of the "battle of Franklin. An oration and poem was delivered, and the Association adjourned to meet at Indianapolis on the 29th of November, 1866.

Archbishop Spalding requests the Roman Catholic clergy of his diocese to comply with the invitation of President Johnson to observe Thursday next as a Day of Thanksgiving for the return of peace.

The stock market is reported to be devoid of life and animation, all sorts of "fancies" being particularly dull. Speculation is apparently at an end with most of them. Gold ran up from 148 to 148⅝@148¾, and left off at 148¾. The sales footed up only $135,000. A small lot of B. & O. RR. sold at $112.

The steamer Golden City sailed from San Francisco on Thursday for Panama with but few passengers, $874,000 in treasure for New York, $330,000 for England, and $20,000 for Panama. Among the passengers are Congressman Ashley, of Nevada, and Jas. W. Simonton.

The number of Fenians enrolled and now drilling in Canada is stated to be nearly eighty-two thousand, of whom nearly one-half are said to be already armed. It is also announced that clubs designed to agitate in favor of the annexation of the provinces to the United States are being organized all over Lower Canada.

Robert Toombs has escaped from Georgia and sailed for Europe. It will be remembered that the Government officers attempted to arrest him at the same time Stephens and C. C. Clay were nabbed. They proceeded to Toombs' house, but he disappeared out of one door as they entered at another.

An Arkansas correspondent of the Memphis *Bulletin* speaks of terrible suffering among many who were affluent before the war, now that the government rations are stopped. In Johnson county at least one-third are without means of subsistence. Society is much disorganized, but agricultural prospects are improving.

One thousand one hundred and twenty-five mechanics and laborers were discharged yesterday from government employ in the Brooklyn Navy-yard, there being no further occasion for their services. The dismissal of so many workmen occasioned a great deal of excitement among themselves and their friends.

The store of Barrett & Co., at Spring Valley, Ohio, was entered through a front window on Saturday night, the safe blown open, and $10,000 in notes, government bonds and money abstracted therefrom. After securing the contents of the safe, the thieves appropriated a few bolts of broadcloth and withdrew without molestation.

The Gold Hill *News*, Nevada, states that on the 7th instant the overland stage, carrying nine passengers and the express of Wells, Fargo & Co., was stopped by five highwaymen below the Gould & Curry mill, in Six-mile Canon, a short distance this side of Flowery, and the treasure box taken, broken open, and its specie contents taken, and the passengers robbed.

There was another auction sale of surplus Government vessels at the Brooklyn Navy Yard yesterday. Twenty-five altogether were disposed of, of which all but three were steamers. The attendance was large, the bidding was animated, and the prices realized were considered very fair. The steamer Grand Gulf brought eighty-six thousand dollars, and the total result of the sale was over four hundred and forty thousand dollars.

We have later news of the Collins overland telegraph expedition. It appears that about fifty men have been scattered in detached parties along the American and Asiatic coasts, who will spend the winter in surveying routes. Next summer, it is hoped, this work will be so far completed that several thousand natives can be employed in planting poles. The vessel conveying Col. Bulkley to Petropaulowski has just returned to San Francisco, after a very rough voyage.

Governor Browlow's late course in rejecting the votes of several counties, on the ground of their illegality, causes much excitement in Tennessee. In the Legislature an excited discussion arose on a resolution offered by Mr. Brandon, of Stewart county, which was intended as a censure of Governor Brownlow. Mr. Brandon was a rebel colonel, and was wounded at Fort Donelson. He was sustained in his assault on the Governor by Herod, Steele, Garrett and other copperheads. The resolution was tabled by a decisive vote. Brandon and others were very bitter in their denunciations of the Governor.

The will of the late Madame Jumel, widow of Aaron Burr, has been offered for probate. The will was made in 1863, when the testatrix was ninety years old. The estate disposed of by this will is estimated at the large sum of one million dollars, though some valuations fall short of that amount. The property is distributed in five thousand dollar shares among the institutions for the deaf and dumb and the blind asylums, the Historical Society, the orphan and other benevolent institutions, and the pastor of the deceased, the Rev. Mr. Smith, of Fort Washington.

Following close upon the heels of yesterday we have to record another frightful railroad accident, by which seven persons were killed and eighteen or twenty more or less injured. The Western express train on the New Jersey Central Railroad ran into a coal train at the White House, New Jersey, at three o'clock yesterday morning. It seems that the coal train was ascending a grade, when the couplings broke and several of the cars ran back, and the express train, in rounding a curve at full speed, ran into them. The engineer and firemen jumped off, and were uninjured. A full account of the accident, with a list of the killed and wounded, may be found in our dispatches.

The *Tribune's* Washington special of yesterday says:

My information to-day, derived from the "very highest sources," is positively to the effect that the relations of our Government with France and England are "entirely satisfactory," and there is no prospect or probability of any serious disturbance of the present friendly relations. Napoleon's French speculation in Mexico is exceedingly unpopular with the French, and the public sentiment of France has already compelled him to look about for the best means of gracefully withdrawing from it. The policy of our Government will be such as not to offend the pride of France, as such offense would give Napoleon a chance to make the Mexican adventure popular with his people; but we will allow the Emperor quietly to slip out of the imbroglio without compromising his dignity. There is the very best evidence to show that he will "jump at such a chance," and that he is as anxious to embrace it as we are to have him do it. This is the true state of the case, and the public can readily understand that under such circumstances no trifling occasion will be allowed to make a rupture between the two governments, and the public can safely assume "in advance" that all the current Rio Grande stories are lies.

—The temporary vault designed to receive the remains of President Lincoln, at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, will be completed shortly. It is located on the summit of the hill, immediately in the rear of the receiving vault of the cemetery, and in a few days the casket containing the remains of Mr. Lincoln will be transferred to it, there to remain until the national monument shall be ready to receive the precious dust.

—Two fishing villages on the Scotch North coast are again the scenes of lamentations and woe. By the recent storm the small village of Inver has to mourn the loss of eight men, and that of Golspie, five; in all, thirteen able-bodied fishermen. By this sad calamity, eight widows and thirty fatherless children, besides seven dependents, are left all but entirely destitute.

LATEST TELEGRAPH NEWS TO THE DAILY COMMERCIAL.

TERRIBLE RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

Collision on the N. J. Central Railroad.

NINETEEN PERSONS KILLED AND WOUNDED

Terrible Railroad Accident.

EASTON, N. J., Dec. 1.—The Western express train which left Harrisburg at 3 o'clock this morning, ran into a coal train at White House, N. J., on the New Jersey Central Road about 8 o'clock this morning, killing seven persons and wounding ten or twelve others.

KILLED.

The killed were as follows: R. S. Chidsey, Easton, Edward Johnson, Washington, N. J.; Mrs. Francis, Washington, N. J.; Jas. Tyler, Easton, N. J.; West Mettler, Phillipsburg; Edward Davis, Belvidere; S. W. Edinger, Carpentersville, N. J.

WOUNDED.

The following were wounded:—William Rey, leg broken; Mrs. Harvey, leg broken; Mrs. Harvey's child also injured; Andrew O'Neil, arm broken; W. W. Marsh, of Schooley's Mountain, and William Strekel, wounded about the head; George Walter, of Newark, New Jersey, slightly; A. S. Strong, of East Hampton, Massachusetts, badly about the head; Mrs. A. S. Strong, slightly; F. W. Lowthrop, Trenton not dangerously injured; Mr. John F. Stiger, Clinton, New Jersey, both arms broken; Wm. E. Narys, Washington, New Jersey, side and arms injured.

[SECOND DISPATCH.]

EASTON, Dec. 1.—The accident occurred west of White House in this manner. A coal train going up a grade broke in half, and the rear cars ran back down the grade. The express train came round the curve at full speed, and ran into it. The engineer and fireman jumped off, and were not injured. The first passenger car was driven through the baggage car, and all those killed or wounded occupied this car. The other passenger cars and sleeping car were not damaged.

The killed are horribly mangled and scarcely recognizable. Mrs. Francis, reported from Washington, N. J., is from New York city, and resided on West Twenty-seventh street. Mr. W. W. Marsh is but slightly hurt. James Tyler, killed, and reported from Easton, is the President of a Manufacturing Company, New York.

The following are to be added to the list of wounded: H. G. Smith, Clinton, New Jersey, arm slightly injured; Titus Richards, Rusonville, Pennsylvania, head and arm; A. Fletcher Johnson, Morristown, New Jersey, slightly; Harrison Butler, Allentown, Pa., slightly.

Daring Burglary in Waukegan Illinois.

CHICAGO, Dec. 1, 1865.—On Tuesday morning at 3½ o'clock, the sleeping room of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Harris, formerly of this place, but now residing at Waukegan in this State by a thief, who doubtless had a confederate on the outside, and property and money to the amount of thirteen hundred dollars taken—nine hundred and fifty of which was in cash, among which was a compound interest note of $500; the remainder in silk dresses, coats, pants, &c. Mr. Harris's watch was taken from under his pillow, but was dropped before it was taken from the room; also a diamond cluster scarf pin, valued at $.00 was taken.

Mr. Harris was roused from sleep by hearing a noise as of some person picking at his trunk, and cautioning his wife to remain quiet, reached for his pistol, which was between the matrasses, and as the room was very dark, he opened a door which gave light sufficient for him to see a man crouching in one corner. He immediately fired at him, when the thief started for the door, and while he was passing, Mr. Harris presented his pistol full in the face of the robber, but unfortunately it missed fire. The thief then turned and fired at Mr. Harris, the shot taking effect—though not severely wounding the little right foot; when Mr. H. again fired at the thief as he was leaving the house, and was on the point of following him, but supposing he heard his wife exclaim, "I'm shot," turned back to take care of her, and the thief escaped. As soon as light could be procured, the room was found to be in the utmost confusion; trunks rifled and their contents scattered all over the room; the floor was littered with partially burned matches used by the thief in his search.

Attempted Fraud on the Customs.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—William Chase Barney, Reignold Chauncey and Bentham Fabian, were recently apprehended by Police Captain John Jourdan, for an alleged attempt to defraud the General Government of $40,000 customs dues on 300 barrels of whisky. The whisky was in bond. If taken thence and shipped to a foreign port, the Government would be constrained to remit the customs duty of $2 per gallon. It is alleged that the accused passed papers through the custom house with the intention of removing this whisky from bond and loading it aboard the ship Ave Maria, consigned to a firm in Havre, but that they really intended, on getting the consignment into their own hands, secretly and at night to deliver it to their alleged confederates in Brooklyn, and thus cause payment of the Government dues. According to the testimony of Mr. Edwin B. Meeke, the accused made him a confidant, and he exploded the transaction; hence the arrest. Mr. John Sedgwick is acting as prosecuting counsel, and Messrs. Edwin James, Jas. T. Brady, Robert D. Holmes and Thomas Dunphy defending. Chauncey and Fabian await the event in their cells in the Tombs, and Barney is out under bail of $15,000. The examination of the case is still in progress before Justice Dowling. Several witnesses were examined to-day.

The Collins Overland Telegraph.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 30.—The steamer George S. Wright arrived here to-day, twenty-eight days from Petropolaski, bringing Colonel Bulkley and several others of the Overland Telegraph Expedition. From the reports furnished, it appears that about fifty men have been scattered in detached parties along the Northwestern American and Asiatic coasts, who will spend the winter in exploring, surveying and locating the telegraph routes, using the steamer Reindeer, as a means of transportation from place to place.

Bargains will be made with the natives to furnish telegraph poles wherever practicable. Next summer it is hoped, the surveys will be completed, so that several thousands of the natives may be employed in planting poles.

The ship Ne Plus Ultra, from Callao, has arrived.

The steamer Geo. S. Wright had quite a rough passage of twenty-nine days. Her memoranda reports: On the first fourteen days had a strong northerly wind, which on the 14th instant, carried away the smoke stack, and from the 17th to the 19th had very heavy gales from the southwest, which carried away the foresail and mainsail, stove in the cabin doors and filled the decks with water. Since then had a moderate west wind. Left the bark Golden Gate to sail in three days.

From Rio—The War with Paraguay.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—Advices from Rio de Janeiro to the 4th November have been received. It was expected at Rio that the war would soon be over. The victories of the allied forces over the Paraguayans were deemed decisive.

Gold was at par at Rio.

There is no further news relative to the movements of the Paraguayans. They had received another repulse at Corientes.

Professor Agassiz at last accounts was following the upward course of the Amazon River.

Colonel Wood and party, who went to Brazil to negotiate the purchase of lands for some six hundred Southern planters, had met an enthusiastic reception. The President of Brazil promises all aid in furtherance of the subject.

The United States cutter Lookout returned to Rio, Oct. 25. The gunboats Nipsie, Britannia and Shawmut were there Nov. 4th.

A Safe Blown Open—Fatal Injury of One of the Burglars.

WORCESTER, MASS., Dec. 1.—The railroad depot at Medford, Mass., was broken into last night, and the safe blown open and robbed of about $100. One of the burglars was found on the floor this morning with his skull fractured by a piece of iron blown from the safe. He cannot live. The man has not been identified, nor have any of his accomplices been discovered.

Strange Case.

NASHVILLE, Nov. 28.—The case of Frank Gurley, who killed General Robert McCook, is a strange one. He was convicted by a military commission; his case was overlooked at Washington; he was exchanged at Point Lookout, and afterwards presented himself to the authorities here, and took the oath of allegiance. He was elected a few days ago sheriff of Madison county, Ala. His election discovered his whereabouts. The affair creates much excitement in North Alabama.

Assembling of Members of Congress.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—So far about seventy-five members of the House of Representatives have reached Washington.

A caucus of Republican members is called for tomorrow night to select candidates for the Speakership and other offices.

COLORADO.

The Election—Another Report—Gilpin Now Declared Elected Governor—Chilcott Chosen Congressman.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 30.—The *Democrat's* Lawrence special says: Returns from Southern Colorado insure the election of Gilpin for Governor and Chilcott for Congress.

Marine Disaster.

WOODS' HOLE, Dec. 1.—The steamer City of Bath, from New York for Boston, was sunk in Tarpaulin cove yesterday. The captain has left for Boston and the wreckers have gone to her assistance.

Convicted of Murder.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 1.—The jury in the case of Mary Ridey, charged with the murder of Jos. Sides, this morning returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the second degree.

The Price of Gold.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—Gold closed to-day at 148@148¾. The *Express* says it is understood that the Government was selling gold to-day.

FROM NORTH CAROLINA.

Important Despatch of the President.

The Raleigh *Standard* of Wednesday contains the following:

"Governor Holden has received the following telegram from the President, which is laid before the public for information:

"WASHINGTON, November 27, 1865.

"*Hon. W. W. Holden, Provisional Governor:*

"'Accept my thanks for the noble and efficient manner in which you have discharged your duty as Provisional Governor. You will be sustained by the Government.

"'The results of the recent elections in North Carolina have greatly damaged the prospects of the State in the restoration of its Governmental relations. Should the action and the spirit of the Legislature be in the same direction, it will greatly increase the mischief already done, and might be fatal.

"'It is hoped the action and spirit manifested by the Legislature will be so directed as rather to repair than increase the difficulties under which the State has already placed itself.

"'ANDREW JOHNSON,

"'President of the United States.'"

FROM NEW ORLEANS.

Accident to Steamers—The Legislature—Naval Matters, &c.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 30.—The work of rebuilding the levees is to be commenced immediately.

The steamer Ruby was sunk when about fifty miles above the city, and is a total loss. The passengers and crew were saved.

Several of the passengers on the steamer George Cromwell have arrived from Charleston, where she put in, leaking, and her machinery broken.

The Legislature has elected J. C. Nixon, proprietor of the *Crescent*, as printer.

The Legislature is engaged in the discussion of the Constitution of 1864.

Gen. Dick Taylor has arrived here.

Admiral Thatcher informs the Pensacola *Observer* that twenty war vessels at his station are distributed from Cape Florida to the Rio Grande.

The Shreveport *Gazette*, of the 17th, says the cotton trade will soon close on the Red River. The prospect of raising a crop next year by the freedmen is very gloomy.

Many of the Louisiana country papers comment on the fact that the freedmen decline making contracts to work on the plantations next year, and are averse to working with men, especially their former owners, and seem bent on some plan for the division of property.

There is much complaint in Texas about the collector of direct taxes on the lands, as oppressing the people.

A business men of Galveston expect a business crash in Texas next spring, thinking there is too much over-trading. The debt of Texas is $8,700,000, including all items, with interest compiled to Jan. 1st, 1866.

Gen. Gregory, at the head of the Freedmen's Bureau in Texas, is reported by the *Texan* as having made a speech lately to the negroes, wherein he condemned the President's reconstruction policy.

FROM LOUISVILLE.

Aid to Presbyterian Pastors in the South.

LOUISVILLE, Nov. 30th.—The Presbyterians of this city have, with great unanimity, organized the Kentucky Board of Aid for the Presbyterian pastors in the South who are in destitute circumstances resulting from the war. The Presbyterian pastors of the city, in connection with the foll wing officers, Wm. Garvin, President; L. E. Warren, Hamilton Pope, B. F. Avery, D. McCulloch, Vice Presidents, and James H. Huber, Secretary and Treasurer, will constitute the Board, and will receive and disburse the funds donated for this object.

A meeting of the united congregations of Presbyterians, in Louisville, will be held in the Second Presbyterian Church on the evening of the approaching Thanksgiving Day, at which time, as an appropriate thanksgiving offering for the return of peace, and as an earnest of "good will to men," efforts will be made to give help and comfort to their suffering pastors, and their wives and little ones.

The Board appeals to the Presbyterians throughout the North and West for prompt co-operation in this Christian work. "Whoso hath this world's goods, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him."

Hon. Schuyler Colfax—His Late Speech Endorsed.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 30.—At a meeting of the Union State Central Committee of Pennsylvania, held this day, on motion of General J. A. Ekin, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the principles enunciated at Washington in the speech delivered by Hon. Schuyler Colfax, late Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, meets the hearty concurrence of the loyal people of Pennsylvania.

GEORGE W. HAMMERSLY, Secretary.

Conflict Between Militia and Negroes.

GRENADA, Miss., Nov. 30.—A collision took place last night between a party of the State Militia, searching for arms among the Freedmen, and a squad of negroes assisted by some colored soldiers. Several of the militia were wounded, one severely. Large numbers of muskets, ammunition, &c., were found and taken from the negroes.

A freight train on the Mississippi Central Railroad ran off the track, smashing eight cars. No one was severely injured.

Convention of Colored People.

BOSTON, Dec. 1.—A Convention of the colored people of New England is in session here for the purpose of having the Constitution of the United States so altered as to fix the general qualification for voters in all States, to have settled what is citizenship in the American sense, and to look to all matters concerning the colored man and his status in the land. C. L. Remond presides over the Convention, which is quite largely attended.

En Route for Washington.

CAIRO, November 30.—The guerilla Quantrell arrived here to-day, *en route* for Washington for the purpose of obtaining a pardon.

Governor Sharkey passed through to-day, *en route* for Washington.

Thanksgiving in Providence—The Death of Commander Ayres.

PROVIDENCE, November 30.—Thanksgiving was observed in Rhode Island to-day. Most of the manufactories did not suspend, because of the near approach of the National Thanksgiving.

The Military Trial at Nashville.

NASHVILLE, Nov. 29.—No decision has been rendered in the case of the assassins now being tried by court martial, but the opinion is universal that they will receive the death sentence.

U. S. Senators from Alabama.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Nov. 29.—The two houses of the Legislature in convention yesterday, elected Messrs. Houston and Parsons United States Senators.

[For the Daily Commercial.]

Fair and Festival of the Ladies' Maryland Soldiers' Relief Association.

The Fair will open Tuesday evening, Dec. 5th.

For several months the Association has been ministering, according to its limited means, to the most necessitous of our soldiers' families.

Resources fast failing, with no certainty of supplies for the coming winter, and in view of the wretchedness we must see and not be able to alleviate, our hands were heavy and our hearts faint. In this crisis it was resolved to have a Fair, if the assistance necessary for that purpose could be obtained. Difficulties have been contended with too numerous to mention in this brief notice—"Ossa on Pelion piled."

The touching and graphic appeals recently published were calculated to rouse up all the sympathies of benevolent natures, apart from our gratitude, in behalf of those whose wants and sufferings were related, but there has been an indifference manifested to all calls for help on the part of those addressed, which is unaccountable, only on the ground that, like Thomas, *they do not see, therefore they will not believe.*

Donations have been so few that the Association was obliged to get up the Fair on borrowed capital.

A little light has broken through the thick darkness—our last two meetings were better attended—*some* interest has been excited; there is a troubling of the waters; so we "thank God and take courage."

Our last meeting before the Fair will take place on Monday morning, at eleven o'clock. We solicit contributions of money, ornamental and useful articles, and viands suitable for the supper table, which will be thankfully received at the New Assembly Rooms on Monday morning and on the days of the Fair.

We invite all the friends of the defenders of the Nation, in the hour of *its distress*, to remember them in the time of *their need*. If the Fair is not a success, if our maimed and sick soldiers, if the widows and orphans of our slain, are to have no further mitigation of their sufferings, the ladies of the Association have, at least, the consciousness of knowing *they have done what they could*, and on the Union people of Baltimore must rest the *shame* and responsibility of their failure.

C. M. S.

Baltimore, Dec. 1st, 1865.

GEN. GRANT IN RALEIGH.—General Grant arrived in Raleigh last night, by the Northern train, accompanied by General C. B. Comstock, Colonel A. Badeau and Colonel O. E. Babcock, and is stopping at the Exchange Hotel.

General Grant is from Richmond, which city he entered on Sunday last week in the cars between St. Louis and Alton. He was a nephew of President Madison, and served in the United States Army as surgeon during the Florida and Mexican wars. When the war broke out he resigned his commission and was appointed medical director of General Magruder's army, on the Peninsula. During the last three years of the war he was the medical inspector of the rebel hospitals in Virginia and Tennessee. He was second in rank in the medical department of the rebel army.—He had just received his pardon when he died.

NEWS FROM CUBA.

Effects of the Gale—Soulouque, ex-Emperor of Hayti, Expelled from Jamaica by the British Government—Loan of $1,000,000 Called for—Capture of Bandits, &c.

The *Herald's* Havana correspondent, under date of November 23d, says:

The effects of the late gale have been very severe on the Cuban coast. On the 10th inst. the Swedish brigantine Oscar foundered at a distance of about three hundred miles from the coast of this island.

Three seamen of the Oscar were picked up in a small boat near Santiago de Cuba. The captain, named Peterson, with the first mate and four sailors, Swenson, Peterson, Andersen and Landstrom, took the larger of the two boats, while the second mate, Leng, and two sailors, Carlssen and Johansen, took the smaller one, with no provisions beyond a few biscuits. During the night, which was exceedingly stormy, the boats parted company, and those who have been saved express a fear that the captain's boat must have been swamped, since she was known to have been in a leaky condition. The poor fellows who were picked up were at the mercy of the winds and waves during ten days.

The British Consul General, Mr. Bunch—the famous Bunch of Charleston blockade fame—has been appointed Charge d'Affaires to the republic of Central America, to reside in Guatemala. He is to be succeeded here by Mr. Synge, from the Sandwich Islands.

A French war steamer, the Acheron, arrived here last evening from the mouth of the Rio Grande, but, after the most diligent inquiry, I am confident that she has brought no news beyond the fact that at Matamoras affairs were in *statu quo*.

The municipal authorities of Havana have called for a loan of one hundred thousand dollars to make the necessary preparations for the cholera, in case, as every one fears, it should make its appearance here. Yesterday was the day appointed for the sale of the bonds, and there is no doubt the loan will be taken up at once. One gentleman, a Mr. Terry, subscribed to the amount of twenty thousand dollars.

The movement is a very praiseworthy as well as necessary one, for if the cholera were to make its appearance now there would be terrible suffering and mortality among our population. In fact, the sum called for would be altogether insufficient.

A formidable band of robbers and outlaws in the central part of the island was surprised a few days since and dispersed, with the loss of three wounded and captured, one of them a woman, armed like her male companions, and as formidable as any of the band. The leader of the gang has for a long time been the terror of the district which he used to traverse. He has been badly wounded, and will probably cheat the gallows by dying too soon. The little party would have been captured but for their proximity to a dense wood, which enabled the majority of them to elude pursuit.

The sugar market is nearly bare and prices are high. Coffee has also advanced.

STATE AFFAIRS.

WHITE LABOR.—White labor from the North is beginning at last to seek this section of the State for employment. Within the last few days we have encountered some five or six young men from Northern States who were seeking to engage themselves as laborers with our farmers for the coming year. How many more there may be in the county on a like errand, we have no present means of knowing, but there are, doubtless, many others who are on the lookout for similar engagements.—*St. Mary's Gazette.*

BIG PRICE FOR A FARM.—E. M. Mealy, Esq., sold his farm recently, lying near Hagerstown, containing 100 acres, to Daniel Mentzer, at the rate of $140 per acre. Pretty stiff price.—*Boonsboro' Odd Fellow.*

ARREST OF BURGLARS.—On Sunday last the house of Geo. Biddle, near Warwick, in this county, was entered by a band of robbers, while the family were at church, and $81 in greenbacks, a gold watch and chain, and a small pistol, were taken. The burglars broke open every drawer about the house, ransacking and overturning everything. There was a small black boy in the kitchen at the time of the robbery, whom one of the rogues kept employed by cracking walnuts, and conversation. A white boy named James Wade, who was passing to the place, saw the gang while the robbery was being committed, who saw some of the parties leaving the house when he came out of the barn. Shortly after this, Mr. Biddle and family returned from church and found the furniture broken and the house in disorder. Making a rapid examination, the stolen property was missing, when Mr. Biddle and the boy Vaut started in pursuit and captured the robbers, five in number. They were committed to jail by Justice Torbert.—*Cecil Whig.*

Alleged Death of a Princess in a London Workhouse.

The following letter has been addressed to the editor of the the London *Pall Mall Gazette:*

"On Sunday morning, the 24th of September, the Princess de Gonzaga, of the ancient and illustrious house of Mantua, who was suffering from severe mental excitement, was conveyed to the workhouse by the medical attendant, with a request that if her illness was quite uncontrollable, she might be placed here for protection, her friends being unable that day to take any steps towards placing her under safer care. The lady was provided by the medical officer with a separate room, under the special superintendence of a paid nurse, until her removal from the workhouse on the 28th of September to an asylum where she died on the 9th of October. I am informed that after the death at the asylum a rosary of beads, which was proved to have been in the possession of the princess when she left the workhouse, was missing. As the connection of the unfortunate lady with the workhouse was owing to an outbreak of her malady on a Sabbath morning during the absence of her friends, and the inability of her physician to obtain assistance elsewhere, and as her friends have reimbursed the parish authorities all expenses incurred on her behalf, it is to be regretted that the relatives of the deceased princess should be pained by the publicity which has been given of her admission to the workhouse.

"I am, sir, your obedient servant,

"G. E. DOUGLAS, Master.

"November 14, 1865."

The Pope Presents a Corpse to a Bereaved Widow.

The following extraordinary paragraph appears in a Paris journal—the *Arenir National*:

"The Pope in his deep gratitude has just sent a souvenir to the widow of the late General Lamoriciere, which might, in our opinion, have been chosen with better taste. A captain of the Pontifical staff has brought the body of a holy martyr from the Catacombs as a consolatory present to the bereaved widow. As the remains are those of an unknown martyr—for in the sports of the arena many Christians whose names are not known were thrown to the beasts—the Pope has given him the name of Christopher, which was the name of that of M. de Lamoriciere. We cannot but acknowledge the delicacy of the gift and the kind attention of the Pope, who by an improved baptism unites under the same name the martyr of the circus and the martyr of Castelfidardo."

Threatened Mutiny.

A speck of a mutiny occurred at the Ohio penitentiary on Wednesday. It seems that certain prisoners, serving under sentence of military courts-martial, and engaged in what is called the dead-head shop, disobeyed the prison rules. Deputy Warden Dean sent word for the offenders to go to the office, intending to put them in the dungeon. Understanding his design, they sent word back to the deputy warden that if he wanted them he would have to take them by force. In the meantime they armed themselves with clubs, and when the deputy arrived they met him with defiance. The guards were sent for, and on their arrival the prisoners resisted, and in the affray Warden Dean broke the head of one of the men with his cane, and one of the guards shot another of the prisoners, wounding him severely. The determination and good fighting of the deputy warden overcame the mutineers, and the ringleaders were finally arrested and confined in the guardhouse.

A Genuine Conservative.

In a speech recently delivered before an