

FROM EUROPE BY STEAMER

Full Particulars of the Awful Explosion on Board an ex-Confederate Steamer on the Mersy—Forty Lives Lost—Touching Letter from One of the Manchesters...

The following is published in the Manchester Guardian as the last letter of the Fenian O'Brien, alias Gould, addressed to his brother, just before the writer was executed:—

"New Bailey Prison, Nov. 14, 1867.—My Dear Brother, I have written to you but having seen a letter addressed to the Governor of this prison, by a dear friend of mine, I have thought it best to write to you by the state of suspense, therefore I may as well tell you how I am at once. With reference to the trial and all connected with it, I have nothing to begin to end, and if I should die in consequence, it will be my own fault, for I have not been more than half a year in prison, and I have not been more than half a year in prison, and I have not been more than half a year in prison...

"I should be ashamed of my manhood if I thought myself capable of doing anything mean to save my life, to get out of here, or for any other purpose that would benefit myself. Let no man think a cause is just because some suffer for it. It is only a proof that it is just when it is just, and not when it is just because some suffer for it. It is only a proof that it is just when it is just, and not when it is just because some suffer for it...

"The progress of the eruption is thus described in a Naples letter, dated the 21st ultimo:—'For one or two days it has been enveloped in such thick clouds that all we have witnessed from a distance has been at intervals the billowing up of the dense mass with a lurid red color. Yesterday, however, a bitter northerly wind swept and cleared the cloudy-capped summit, revealing a scene of extraordinary magnificence. Notwithstanding the storm and rainy state of the weather, many parties have ascended this week, as has been evident at a distance from the torrids glittering like snow-worms on the rugged sides of Vesuvius, and I borrow from the report of friends who have been on the mountain, the following as to its actual state. Starting from Naples at about eight o'clock, they got up to the Hermitage at half-past ten o'clock, well-soaked with the rain, and were by no means displeased to find an abundant 'spread' laid out for another party of mountain-providers. Breakfasting at a midnight picnic on Vesuvius, with pique and champagne ad libitum. Still the rain descended in torrents, and it was not until after 2 o'clock in the morning that, in sheer desperation, they emerged from their hospitable shelter, and commenced the heavy ascent of the grand cone. Yet all our sufferings and fatigues, yet ever increasing in proportions, the steady rolled steadily on and reached the bottom of the mountain. There were, however, last night many streams, presenting the appearance of an inverted band, so that the mountain on each side seemed all ablaze. The lava is now coming down towards the Hermitage. We can mark its red and sinuous course even from Naples; and there is a promise of greater splendor than any we have yet witnessed. We can hear to the thunder of Nature's artillery, while each charge is followed by a display which it is useless to attempt to describe. Different, yet scarcely less grand, are the day effects. Volcanic eruptions, and the smoke are shot up perpendicularly into the air, and then falling and circling and rolling on over the other, like live hove battalions towards Capri. The column of smoke is perceptible to the eye of all, and is ever diminishing horizontally until it derives a fresh impulse from each successive eruption. For eight days this brilliant spectacle has been exhibited with ever increasing grandeur, and the probabilities are that it will continue some time longer. Within twenty-four hours, the temperature has changed from a degree of heat inducing lassitude to a piercing cold. Every one is muffled closely up, but the bright sun above us will soon warm up the atmosphere."

Explosion on Board a Steamer at Liverpool—Grand Loss of Life.

From the Liverpool Times, of Nov. 31. An explosion involving the loss of a fine steamer, called the Babulna, and the destruction of a large number of lives, occurred early yesterday morning in the Mersy. The Babulna, once well known as the Confederate blockade runner Colonel Lamb, was a steamer in the service of the Greek Government, and was anchored off New Ferry on the Chesire side. She was intended to sail for Greece during the day. She was commanded by Captain Sartorius, and had on board a crew of about seventy men, five or six officers, and one passenger. The captain had given orders that steam should be got up at 6 o'clock; this was done, when a terrific explosion took place amidst the tender, the vessel in two, and parting by a distance of about 200 yards the after portion of the ship from the forward bulk-head, and the water-tight compartments where the magazines were placed. The after part sank, but the forepart kept afloat for some time in consequence of the water-tight bulkheads. When the explosion took place the crew were for the most part below, and it is feared that a large number of them must have perished. Attention was soon called to the disaster, for the noise of the explosion and the shouts and cries of the unfortunate victims were heard not only on the Chesire, but on the Liverpool side, and the first impression was that another Lott's Bleigh disaster had occurred on board some ship in the Mersy. The captain of the Rock Ferry steamer Ant, having from the Rock Ferry ship the cries and shrieks of the wounded and dying, hastened with his steamer

FIFTH EDITION

IMPORTANT FROM WASHINGTON.

Despatch of Commodore Boggs—The St. Thomas Disaster—Loss of the U. S. Sloop Monongahela—The De Soto Safe, Etc. Etc.

(SPECIAL DESPATCH TO EVENING TELEGRAPH.)

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The Fenian Excitement in Ireland.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Noon.—Several British soldiers who participated in the ceremonies in Dublin, in honor of the Fenians executed at Manchester, have been placed under arrest, and will be tried by court-martial. Despatches have been received from all parts of Ireland, giving accounts of exhibitions of popular sympathy for the fate of Allen, Gould, and Larkin. Funeral processions have taken place in quite a number of the principal towns, in which large multitudes, wearing national emblems, participated.

From Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 12.—A heavy northeast storm of hail and snow has prevailed here since one o'clock last night.

After the adjournment of the State Convention of Physicians yesterday, an informal meeting was held, and a memorial to the President of the United States was drawn up, asking the release of Dr. Mudd, now a prisoner at the Dry Tortugas. It was signed and a committee of the members of the medical profession was appointed to take such measures as may be necessary to procure the release of Dr. Mudd. The memorial to the President suggests that if Mudd was guilty of any wrong, he has suffered sufficient punishment, and has atoned for his offense.

From Georgia.

ATLANTA, Dec. 12.—General Ord has issued an order stating that the Convention has been carried in Mississippi and Arkansas, and orders the conventions to assemble at Jackson and Little Rock on January 7th.

The order says there are such irregularities at some precincts as to make it impossible to give the total vote in the State, for or against the Convention.

From Rochester.

ROCHESTER, Dec. 12.—The mercury fell to two degrees below zero this morning, and a block of buildings in Honey Falls, in this county, was burned last night. The loss is \$8000, with an insurance of \$4000. The Masonic Hall, with all its contents, was destroyed.

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