

DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE.

THE LAST NEW YORK SENSATION—FAILURE OF JOHN BONNER & CO.

Liabilities \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000—Credited Methods of the Firm—Recovery of Securities—Bonner a Failure.

New York, Dec. 31.—This morning Wall street was thunderstruck by the announcement of the failure of a prominent firm, and before the Stock Exchange opened its business doors were witnesses of a great financial disaster. The market opened firm, and shortly after a letter from John Bonner & Co. was read, announcing their inability to meet their obligations.

Mr. Griswold, the assignee, stated that the loss would certainly be over \$100,000, but the amounts were divided up among a number of creditors. Mr. Bonner was president of the Bankers and Brokers' Association, a sort of clearing-house for impetuous brokers.

When these facts became known the excitement in Wall street was intense, and an anxious crowd thronged the doors of John Bonner & Co. office, but Bonner was still absent.

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Highway Robbery.

RICHMOND, Ind., Dec. 31.—As Henry Amstutz was returning from Westfield at an early hour this morning, he was attacked by highway robbers about four miles east of this city.

The Barclay Street Victims. New York, Dec. 31.—This morning another body was examined from the ruins of the Barclay street fire, and at 3 p. m. two more bodies were found. They are charred beyond recognition.

The Netter Statement Not Ready. New York, Dec. 31.—Counsel for the Netters state that they are not ready to make a statement, and that he intended to sue John Bonner for infringing on a patent of his clients.

A Pauper's Luck. JERSEY CITY, Dec. 31.—James Murray, who has been in the city for some time, had his son caught in a trap, to-day notified that a dying relative had left him an estate valued at \$50,000.

Sudden Death. HARTFORD, Dec. 31.—J. Ward Fuller, agent for the Underwood Printing Company, and for many years a member of the firm of Fuller & Co., fell dead in his office this morning of heart disease.

A Small Fire. MILWAUKEE, Dec. 31.—There was a fire in Francis' rag and paper jobbing store on Sunday night, and a loss of \$400. Insurance on the stock \$500.

CAPITAL NOTES. WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The following important order was issued this morning in every signal report throughout the United States:

A New Cautionary Signal. WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The following important order was issued this morning in every signal report throughout the United States:

On and after January 1, 1878, an additional cautionary storm signal will be displayed, a caution may require, all active signal and display stations of the Signal Office.

The signal will be displayed at and on the regular place and staff, and the signal will consist of a square black center, a square black center by day, or a white light, shown above a red flag.

This signal will be known as the cautionary of shore signal, and will indicate when shown that while the storm disturbance is considered as being in the distance, the signal office has passed for the port or place at which the signal is displayed, and the winds may yet be high.

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WAR NOTES.

RUSSIA POSITIVELY REFUSES ENGLAND'S PROFFERED MEDIATION.

Excitement in London—War With Russia Considered Inevitable.

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MARK TWAIN JOKES. How the Memorialists Ventriloquized His Boston Friends.

There appears to be a great deal of talk in Boston literary circles, and there is certainly afloat in the newspapers a great deal of criticism of Mark Twain's contribution to the Whittier birthday festival lately held at the Hub.

It is said that the memorialists ventriloquized his Boston friends, and that they did it to be expected they would intemperately observe that decorum in his own honor.

There is a growing scarcity of supplies of all kinds, and a bread riot is apprehended.

Turkey Asks for an Armistice. LONDON, Jan. 1.—A dispatch from Constantinople says it is rumored that the Turks have been offered an armistice.

The Russians Appear in Force on the Sofia Plain. LONDON, Dec. 31.—A Constantinople dispatch says a large force of Russians, including 12,000 cavalry, have appeared on the Sofia plain, and are threatening the line of railway.

Hayes Silver Wedding. WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The formal celebration of the silver wedding of the President and Mrs. Hayes is in progress at the Executive Mansion to-night.

The First Silver Wedding in the White House. WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—In the Executive Mansion to-night was celebrated for the first time in its history a silver wedding.

The Socialists Congress. NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The Socialists Labor Congress met this morning at 5 o'clock at Turner's hall, and after a long session, adjourned at 1 o'clock.

Weather Probabilities. WASHINGTON, Jan. 1, 11 a. m.—Indications for Tuesday—In England, the Middle and South Atlantic States, rising barometer, stationary or lower temperature, north to west winds.

Marine News. PORT KANSAS, Dec. 31.—Arrived: Steamship Labrador, from New York to New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, December 31, 1877. Editor Democrat.—I note an editorial in the New Orleans Times of this morning in which it is stated that those truly eminent gentlemen, G. S. Barnard and Wright, have been sent here to ascertain if Mr. Jas. B. Eads has complied with the spirit as well as the letter of the contract which he and his associates entered into with Congress.

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EVERY YEAR.

GEN. ALBERT PIKE. The Spring has less of brightness Every year;

And the snow a ghastlier whiteness Every year; Nor do Summer flowers quicken, Nor Autumn's fruitage thicken, As they once did, for they sicken Every year.

It is growing darker, colder, Every year, And the heart and soul grow older, Every year; I care not now for dancing, Or for eyes with passion glancing, Love is less and love entrancing, Every year.

Of the loves and sorrows blended Every year; Of the joys of friendship ended Every year; Of the ties that still might bind me, 'Till Time to Death resigned me, My infirmities remind me, Every year.

Ah! how sad to look before us, Every year; While the cloud grows darker o'er us, Every year; When we seem to be growing faded, That to bloom we might have aided, And immortal garlands braided, Every year.

To the past go more dead faces, Every year; As the loved leave vacant places, Every year; Every where the sad eyes meet us, And to come to them untreat us, Every year.

"You are growing old," they tell us, "Every year; You are growing old," they tell us, "Every year; You can win no new affection, You have only recollection, Deeper sorrow and dejection, Every year."

Yes! the shores of life are shifting, Every year; And we are seaward drifting, Every year; Old pleasures never forget us, There are fewer to regret us, Every year.

But the truer life draws nigher, Every year; And its morning star climbs higher, Every year; Earth's hold on us grows slighter, And the heavenly lights brighter, Every year.

THE LEADERS AT EL PASO. Why Judge Howard and Cardis Hated Each Other.

(San Antonio Herald.) With the death of Judge Howard we presume will end the trouble and slaughter of men which for the last two months has kept the El Paso country in a state of feverish excitement.

Judge Charles Howard was well known in this city, having resided here and presided in several years, a short time previous to his appointment by Gov. Cook as District Judge of the El Paso District.

He was scarcely more than thirty years of age when he met his violent death, having been only about twenty-seven years of age when he received his judicial appointment.

He was a very bold and daring man, and reckless in his course. Mr. Geo. B. Simpleran, of Austin, the father-in-law of Judge Howard, located several years ago in the El Paso country, and obtained possession of others that had been located by S. A. Maverick.

These lakes are very valuable, and for a long time the people of El Paso county, many of whom are Mexicans had been taking and selling salt from them at will.

After their location Judge Howard, as the agent of Mr. Zimpelman, notified the people that no more salt could be taken from the lakes except with his permission.