

The Latest News

By Telegraph to the N. Y. Sun.

FROM WASHINGTON.

The National Debt. STATEMENT FOR DECEMBER.

An Increase of \$2,000,000.

Grand Total, \$2,716,581,536.

News From Mexico.

JAUREZ LOCATES AT CHIHUAHUA.

HIS CABINET WITH HIM.

Grand Ovation by the Citizens.

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FIRE AT HOBOKEN.

Two Children Burned to Death.

&c., &c., &c.

THE NATIONAL DEBT.

Statement to January 1st, 1866.

Washington, January 3, 1866.—The following is a statement of the public debt to the 1st of January, 1866:

Table with columns: Character of Issue, Amount, Total. Lists various bond issues from 1861 to 1865.

Table with columns: Character of Issue, Amount, Total. Lists interest-bearing debt from 1861 to 1865.

Table with columns: Character of Issue, Amount, Total. Lists non-interest-bearing debt from 1861 to 1865.

From Washington.

WASHINGTON, JAN. 3.

Semi-official news from the city of Chihuahua up to the 24th of November, has been received here. President Juarez, his cabinet, the members of the Supreme Court and other functionaries arrived at Chihuahua, the capital of the Mexican Republic, on the 20th of November. The President met with a very warm and enthusiastic reception and quite a popular ovation. Several ladies with badges of national colors received the President at the palace. In the evening a patriotic dinner was given. The Minister of the Interior issued on the 1st of November, a circular to the Governors of the States, informing them that the seat of the National Government will be Chihuahua for the present. The people at large were rejoiced at having bug got rid of the French troops. The news from the interior is reported to be encouraging for the national cause. Messrs. Stanton, Harlan, Chase, Sumner, and others, who went to Baltimore to attend the funeral of Henry Winter Davis, have returned to this

city. General Grant will be absent but a short time. He will soon make his trip to New Orleans.

All the Methodist preachers of the District of Columbia and vicinity were to meet this evening, in Wesley chapel, to adopt measures for the approaching centenary anniversary. The attendance will be large.

The Select Committee on Reconstruction have had only one meeting, merely on preliminary business. The next will not take place until the reassembling of Congress.

All the papers and credentials which have been referred to the Committee on Elections are being printed. The testimony in the contested election cases will make a large volume.

The Freedmen's Bureau to-day turned over to their owners three farms situated in Loudon County, Va., containing 1,236 acres, which had been held as confiscated property.

Four companies of the 5th United States Cavalry serving in the vicinity of Cumberland, Md., have been ordered to report to the commanding officer in North Carolina for assignment to duty.

The gold coinage at the Mint during the month of December was \$1,139,000; silver coinage nearly \$87,000, and copper coinage over \$103,000.

The amount of prize money that has been already paid amounts to about nine millions and a half dollars, and it is estimated that about five millions and a half remain unpaid. This is only one moiety of the proceeds of captures; the other going to the government. The following is a part of the list awarded:

- Vice-Admiral D. G. Farragut, \$55,443; Rear-Admiral S. P. Lee, \$39,456; Rear-Admiral D. D. Porter, \$30,548; Rear-Admiral S. E. Ingham, \$25,476; Rear-Admiral Thos. Bell, \$23,498; Rear-Admiral S. H. Stringham, \$14,441; Rear-Admiral H. H. Bell, \$12,207; Rear-Admiral T. P. Green, \$10,358; Rear-Admiral J. A. Delinger, \$9,371; Rear-Admiral Charles Wilkes, \$7,943; Rear-Admiral H. K. Thatcher, \$4,460; Rear-Admiral J. S. Palmer, \$4,510; Rear-Admiral L. M. Goldsborough, \$3,926; Rear-Admiral C. K. Stribling, \$2,251; Rear-Admiral William Serwin, \$1,473; Rear-Admiral H. Harwood, \$473; Capt. J. B. Marchand, \$12,499; R. F. Sledge, \$78,516; W. M. Walker, \$34,518; Commanders James E. Jonett, \$27,449; John J. Ains, \$24,431; D. B. Ridgely, \$14,354; R. H. Wyman, \$8,433; H. Collins, \$13,227; G. S. Glisan, \$30,426; George M. Ransom, \$29,190; William Burt, \$28,479; Pierce Crosby, \$23,096; W. O. Lundt, \$21,115; P. G. Watmough, \$24,279; S. D. Trenchard, \$18,569; J. R. Mullany, \$15,441; William E. Dennis, \$13,444; Edward E. Devaux, \$13,392; Lieutenant William S. Cheesman, \$19,178; Carl Knibb, \$18,318; R. H. Jamson, \$16,536; Acting Assistant Paymaster W. J. Colt, \$13,433; Lieutenant William B. Cushing, \$13,100; Acting Volunteer, Lieutenant Frederick D. Stewart, \$15,073; Acting Master Charles Potter, \$13,045; Charles Burdick, \$12,445; Alexander White, \$12,045; Acting Assistant Surgeon, A. Shick, \$10,057.

Departure of Secretary Seward.

Fortress Monroe, Jan. 3.—The De Soto passed out the Capes last evening. The Hon. Wm. H. Seward, and Assistant Secretary of State, F. W. Seward, were on board.

FROM THE PLAINS.

Severe Weather—Serious Loss of Life, Etc. Kansas City, Jan. 3.—Advises from Santa Fe by the coach, say that intensely cold weather prevails on the plains. The snow-bound trains had lost nearly all their animals. Several steamers were severely frozen, some fatally. Eleven men were picked up along the route in a helpless condition and taken to Fort Dodge for treatment. It is anticipated that there will be a heavy immigration to the plains to this place. It has already begun.

Immense Trade Across the Plains.

Atchison, Kansas, Jan. 3.—THE DAILY CHAMBERLAIN to-day publishes an accurate statement of the amount of freight shipped from here across the plains for the past year. Twenty-seven firms and individual freighters are engaged in this trade. During the year the aggregate amount of their shipments was 21,500,000 pounds assorted merchandise, requiring for its transportation nearly 5,000 wagons, over 7,000 mules and horses, and nearly 25,000 oxen, employing upwards of 5,000 men. Over half of this freight went to Colorado, and the remainder to different points in Utah, Montana, Nevada, Idaho, New Mexico, Nebraska and Western Kansas, including military posts. The capital invested in this business is over \$5,000,000. The value of the merchandise and machinery transported is not definitely known. The overland coaches, which leave and arrive here daily, have taken out and brought in over 4,000 passengers, and have also brought in \$2,400,000 in specie, and carried out 4,600 pounds of express freight. The Butterfield Overland Dispatch line has also carried a large number of passengers each way; but as that line was established late in the season, no accurate statement of its business is made. Freight business in the city is seven times greater this year than in 1861, five times larger than in 1862, four times larger than in 1863, and 5,000,000 pounds greater than in 1864. The most experienced freighters think that the trade in 1866 will be nearly double that of the past year.

POLITICAL INTELLIGENCE.

Maine.

Augusta, Me., Jan. 3.—The Maine Legislature met and organized this forenoon. William Wirt Virgin, of Norway, is President of the Senate, and James M. Stone, of Kennebec, is Speaker of the House. Governor Cony will be inaugurated to-morrow.

New Hampshire.

Concord, N. H., Jan. 3.—At the Republican State Convention, held in this city to-day, his Excellency Frederick Smyth was unanimously elected by acclamation for Governor. Lieut. Col. Geo. D. Savage, of Alton, was nominated for Railroad Commissioner, on the first ballot.

Concord, N. H., Jan. 3, P. M.—In the Republican State Convention to-day a resolution was adopted recognizing in Andrew Johnson, the just citizen, the sincere patriot and the distinguished statesman; and declaring that "the tone and temper of his recent annual message to Congress meet our warm approval and augurs well for the success of his administration."

Another resolution declares that the scheme to plant by foreign bayonets an Austrian despotism in Mexico had its origin in undisguised hostility to the United States and in a standing insult to our power and a menace to our republican institutions.

Massachusetts.

Boston, Jan. 3.—The Legislature met to-day. The House elected Mr. James A. Stone, of Charlestown, Speaker. The Senate chose Mr. Joseph A. Pond, President, by a unanimous vote. Governor Bullock will not, probably, deliver his message till Saturday.

Boston, Jan. 3, P. M.—Gov. Andrew sent into the Senate a special message which states that the total expenditure incurred by Massachusetts on account of the war amounts to \$27,706,100. This sum includes only such expenses as have accrued under the direction and supervision of legislative enactments. As far as ascertained the expenses incurred by cities and towns for bounties and other

military purposes amount to nearly an equal sum. After the reception of the special message, the Governor and Legislature proceeded to the Old South Church, where the section sermon was preached.

Harrisburg, Jan. 3.—In the Legislature to-day, a brief message was received from Governor Curtin, dated November 27th, stating the necessity of his temporarily absenting himself and adjourning in Cuba, in consequence of bad health.

Wisconsin.

Madison, Wis., Jan. 1.—This evening the new State officers were sworn into office. Governor Fairchild in his inaugural says:

With the close of the civil war all dangers have not been averted, nor have all responsibilities ceased. Great political problems remain unsolved. Two great and important questions are, however, already determined by the late war. The right of secession, so strenuously claimed by the people of the South, has been forever decided against them and slavery has become a thing of the past. But not until Jefferson Davis shall be tried, convicted and hung for treason, and the fact that treason is a crime which cannot be committed with impunity, shall have thus been fully demonstrated, will the American people be content. It now devolves upon us to see to it that freedom shall be something more than mere name. It is a matter to regret that the citizens of our own State should have denied colored people in our midst the right of suffrage. Time will yet modify their opinions. This privilege, sooner or later, will be extended to that class. In reconstructing the States lately in rebellion it seems necessary that ample evidence be required upon their part that they are disposed to yield a ready and willing obedience to the Constitution and the laws. Each State ought also to be required to ratify further amendments to the Constitution forever prohibiting the payment of debts contracted in support of the rebellion, and affirming the sacredness of the national debt; also declaring all ordinances of secession null and void; apportioning representation in Congress upon the basis of the number of voters in each State. The power is in the hands of the President and Congress to make victory, so dearly won, a lasting benefit to the country; and, with full confidence in their wisdom and judgment, the people await their action.

Minnesota.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 2.—The Legislature convened at noon to-day. Mr. S. B. Wakefield of Faribault county, was elected Speaker of the House, and Mr. George P. Wilson was chosen Secretary of the Senate. No other business was transacted. The Governor will not be ready to deliver his message until Monday next.

North Carolina.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 3.—Governor Worth has issued a proclamation, by recommendation of his council, calling the Legislature to meet on the 15th of January.

THE KENTUCKY FREEDMEN.

Address of Gen. Palmer to 4000 Colored People.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 2.—Gen. Palmer addressed four thousand colored people in the open air yesterday.

He was glad that hereafter, before the law, there shall be no other difference between the colored race and others than that of color; that in the nature of things, for years to come, the colored people of this country must be laborers, but that their interests and the interests of white labor were to be identical—that all efforts to degrade the blacks is to degrade their labor, and in effect to degrade the labor of all others, and those who attempt it are just as much the enemies of the white laborer as they are of the colored laborer. He that counsels the black man to work for half price, compels the white man to do the same. The interests of every white man in the country. Hereafter, the legislation of the country has been very much in favor of wealth and owners of slaves, but hereafter—slavery being out of the way—it must be for the laborer, no matter what his color may be, to protect him from the despotism of capital. He expressed his gratification at the general kindness exhibited by the people of Kentucky for their black slaves, which he said was the rule notwithstanding there had been some cases of brutality and outrage committed, the work of abandoned persons in different parts of the State. He spoke of the right of colored persons to testify in the Courts, predicted that within a short time all disabilities would be removed, and that within a few years the question to be asked would be not "who is white, but who is most honest, intelligent and industrious."

The speech was enthusiastically received by the colored people.

NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE.

Senate.

Albany, Jan. 1.—Mr. Andrews gave notice of a bill to create the Metropolitan Sanitary District and Board of Health.

Mr. Ezra Cornell introduced a bill which amends the banking law of 1838, by declaring that the franchise or privilege of banking, under said act, shall be deemed personal property and be liable to taxation to an amount not exceeding the capital stock.

Mr. Cornell also introduced a bill applying the same provisions as the above to all named corporations and associations in the State which are not organized under the act of 1838.

Mr. O'Donnell introduced the following resolutions, which lie over:

Resolved, If the Assembly concurs. That since the dispersion of the rebellion recent facts have demonstrated that the dangerous principles which culminated in rebellion and civil war still exist in the South to a large extent, it is now the duty of all good citizens to demand of Congress such wise and careful measures of reorganization as shall complete the work of restoring our Union upon the immutable principle of equal rights to all, irrespective of color.

Resolved, That, with proper safeguards to the purity of the ballot-box, the elective franchise, based upon loyalty to the Constitution and the Union, ought to be granted immediately to all loyal men in the District of Columbia, without distinction of color.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to each of the Senators and Members of Congress from this State. Adjourned.

Assembly.

The speaker presented the annual financial report of the Auditor of the Canal Department; also the report of the Superintendent of Banking; also the annual reports of the Comptroller; also the annual reports of the Canal Commissioner.

Mr. Richardson presented the petition of Andrew Williams for the seat occupied by Mr. Weed.

Mr. Jewett presented the petition of James S. Lyon claiming the seat occupied by Mr. Williams.

NOTICES.

To amend the Metropolitan Police Law.

To amend the suffrage act.

To regulate the fare on the Eighth Avenue Railroad.

To provide for filling vacancies in the offices of Surrogate and Recorder in New York city.

To incorporate the Broadway underground railroad.

To incorporate the cross-town railroad company.

To prevent gas companies from charging rent on metres.

To authorize divorce in certain cases.

To increase the fees of constables.

For compensation for causing death by wrongful acts, neglect or default.

For the survey of the Champlain Canal and Hudson River from Troy to Whitehall.

To limit the hours of labor to eight hours per day.

The New York Sanitary Bill.

To equalize the compensation of judges.

To limit the time of officers of the National Guard.

Relative to criminal offences in the Metropolitan Police District.

To amend the general insurance act.

To establish a book of forms.

To amend the charter of Police-juries.

To authorize the Kings County Supervisors to raise money by tax.

To prevent fraud in the purchase of breadstuffs in New York.

To incorporate the Atlantic Yacht Club.

To prevent non-residents from holding stands in markets.

For the better regulation of the sale of beer and other malt liquor.

For a railroad in Houston, Grand and Bond streets, New York.

To incorporate the United States Real Estate Credit Company.

To regulate the commissions of brokers. Adjourned.

Appointments by the Governor.

Albany, Jan. 3.—The Governor having nominated Mr. George W. Schuyler, or Tompkins, late State Treasurer, Superintendent of the Bank Department, vice Edward Hand, deceased, the Senate, in executive session, to-day confirmed the nomination.

GREAT FIRE AT YONKERS.

Loss \$50,000.

Yonkers, Jan. 3.—A destructive fire and the largest which ever occurred in this village, broke out in the four-story building on Getty Square, in the centre of the business portion of the village, owned by the Hon. Wm. Radford, about one o'clock this morning, which, in a few hours, was entirely destroyed. The postoffice, the STEAMER newspaper and job printing office, the grocery of Morris and Lee, the liquor store of Wm. Cumming, the news office of Daniel Burns, a lager-beer saloon and the National Guard Armory (which was the principal hall there), all were located in the said building. The total loss by fire is estimated at \$50,000, upon which there is an insurance to the amount of \$16,000.

From Japan.

San Francisco, Jan. 3.—Advises from Japan to Nov. 11th, state that a commission had gone to Oka to ascertain if the Tycoon intended to withdraw from Yeddo and reside near Keato, the dwelling place of the Mikado. If so, they would then be able to discuss the question of indemnity and the proposition of opening a new port and try to settle the difficulties created by Nagasaki, and demand a reduction of all duties to the ad valorem rate of five per cent. on imports and exports. It was also hoped that they might come to a clear understanding of the legitimate power of the invisible sovereignty of Japan, the Mikado.

News Items.

By Telegraph to the New York Sun.

The 7th Pennsylvania Regiment passed Cairo, Ill., yesterday, on its way home.

The steamer Minnie, yesterday, collided with one of the Monitors lying off Cairo, Ill., and sunk. She was valued at \$45,000.

The double-ended Agawan exploded her steam chest near Norfolk, Va., on Tuesday, and was obliged to return to Fortress Monroe.

A fire broke out, on Tuesday, on the corner of Race and 91 streets, Cincinnati, destroying several buildings. Loss about \$20,000.

The restrictions under which the Episcopal clergymen have been laboring under in Alabama have been formally withdrawn.

The Wood Growers' Association assembled at Columbus, Ohio, on Tuesday. Matters of much interest to sheep farmers are to be discussed.

A fire, Tuesday night, in Lockport, N. Y., destroyed the block of buildings in which the office of the Western Union Telegraph was situated.

L. Baxner & Sons's store, in Cleveland, Ohio, was robbed, Tuesday night, of several thousand dollars' worth of furs. No arrests have been made.

Tax total loss by the great fire in Philadelphia, on Tuesday, amounts to half a million of dollars, upon which there is an insurance of about one-third that amount.

Some commotion was created, a few nights ago, in a theatre at Mobile, by some persons blaspheming the tune of "Yankee Doodle," and the soldiers applauding it. The tune was ordered to be played by the military commander.

New Years day passed off very quietly in Virginia. The colored population in Hampton turned out en masse in a grand procession, headed by a band of music from the 5th N. Y. Artillery, garrisoning the fort, and were reviewed by Major-Gen. Miles, commanding the post.

General Intelligence.

[By Mail to the New York Sun.]

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An Italian girl in Parma lately committed suicide because her lover declared that he felt more affection for his mother than for herself.

THE FOUGHKEEPSIE (N. Y.) PRIZE of Tuesday says that for four days previous only one arrest was made in that city, and that was for drunkenness.

THE LATEST Boston notion is a "paper hat" company, which is now forming. Waterproof paper hats are to be made for from eight to twenty-five cents.

A CITIZEN of Atlanta, Georgia, has sent the editor of the WYANDOTTE KANSAS GAZETTE \$50,000 in rebel money, and in return wishes the paper for a month.

A DIAMOND PIN, containing thirty diamonds, and worth many hundred dollars, was found at B-nor, Me., the other day, in a lot of rags imported from Suymra.

swine. The disease is uncontrollable, and the death a dreadful one.

THE King and Queen of Portugal have arrived in London after a pleasant visit to France and Italy. The King is twenty-five years old and the Queen twenty-one. They are the guests of Queen Victoria at Windsor Castle.

THE Providence, R. I. BULLETIN says that the hog cholera is quite prevalent in various parts of Rhode Island. Two men of North Providence have lost two thousand dollars worth of hogs by the disease within a short time.

TWO ramblers in San Francisco, condemned to pay a fine, tendered the amount in greenbacks, but the Court is considering the question whether coins shall not be required of them. Long legal arguments have taken place.

FUNDS CHRISTIAN, of Schleswig-Holstein, had left England for the Continent. This unfortunate fact is chronicled at great length in the London papers, because the Prince is now betrothed to the Princess Helena of England.

THERE appears to be considerable difficulty at the Mint, in putting on coins the motto, "In God we Trust." The officers are afraid that everybody will read it "In Gold we Trust"—which is much nearer the fact.

DURING the last forty years Mexico has had thirty-seven different forms of government, thirty-two of which were "Republics," with seventy-five different Presidents. Its revolutions during that time have amounted to over two hundred.

By order of Gov. Andrew the great event of the abolition of slavery was celebrated at noon on Monday, by ringing the church bells and firing salutes on Boston common and at Cambridge, Lexington, Dorchester, Charlestown and other localities.

THE LIBERATOR of last week contains the valodictory of Wm. Lloyd Garrison, who announces that this is the last number, the paper having been published thirty-five years. He says the object for which the LIBERATOR was commenced has been gloriously consummated.

A DELEGATION of six Indian chiefs of the Kiowa and Arapaho tribes, passed through Indianapolis a few days ago, with two interpreters. They are on their way to smoke a pipe of peace and confer with their Great Father, the President. One of them, a hideous-looking old fellow, is reported to have been married eighty-five times.

Arrival of Steamship Britannia—Loss of Her Captain.

The Britannia, which arrived here yesterday morning, sailed from Glasgow Dec. 13th, with 29 cabin and 212 steerage passengers, had throughout the passage very heavy westerly gales. On the 23d, while hove to under close reefed main mizzen, a squall under the terrific gale with immense sea, shipped large quantities of water, stove two boats, and lost two others; had wheel-house stove in and received other slight damage; at 11 o'clock on night, during the height of the gale, the ship lurching heavily, the barometer making 28.30, and large quantities of water on deck, the Captain John Campbell, was seen to pass all towards the wheel, and was not seen after, and it is believed he was washed from the deck overboard. He was about 25 years of age, and belonged to Rosse, near Scotland.

LOCAL NEWS.

NEW YORK AND THE VICINITY.

DISASTER IN THE LOWER BAY.—Two PERSONS KILLED—FIVE BADLY SCALDED.—The steamer tug Neptune, while in the lower bay, yesterday morning, burst her boiler, killing two men, and badly scalding five others. They were transferred to the tug Resolute and brought to the city, and while on the passage up an accident occurred to the Resolute's machinery, whereby the son of the Captain of the Neptune, who was the only one who escaped on the latter, was scalded. No one else on the Resolute was hurt.

FROM ANOTHER REPORTER.

At the time of the disaster the Neptune was fastened to the Spit Buoy inside of Sandy Hook. The explosion took place at about half-past four A. M., the vessel being instantly enveloped in a cloud of steam, and sinking in three minutes after the explosion. The pilot and cook were instantly killed, and the remainder of the crew severely, but not mortally scalded. Capt. Williams was on the deck at the time—but his son was on board the vessel—and was the only one that escaped without injury. The tug Resolute, lying near by, took the wounded men on board and brought them up to this city. When just below Governor's Island, the cylinder head of the Resolute flew out, the escaping steam loudly scalding Mr. Williams, who was standing in the engine-room at the time. The sufferers were tended at the Battery and every attention paid to their wants. It is expected they will all recover. One of the crew, Peter Atkins, states that on being relieved from his watch at 4 o'clock, he went below and retired to his bunk. He had not been asleep many minutes, however, before he was started by a loud explosion, followed by a severe shock which threw him from his berth to the floor. The cabin was instantly filled with water. With some difficulty he managed to gain access to the deck. He there found the vessel a complete wreck and in a sinking condition. The Neptune was a propeller, built and owned at Rondout, by Messrs. John Dillon & Co. She was a new vessel, and valued at \$30,000. She was 75 tons burthen, and about 125 feet in length.

LIST OF THE CASUALTIES.

- Henry McGinness, pilot, killed.
- George Kanise, cook, killed.
- John Araker, crew, scalded.
- Roger Williams, Captain's son, scalded.
- Peter Atkins, crew, scalded.
- John Cogswell, crew, scalded.
- Herard Quinn, crew, scalded.
- The wounded were at once removed to one City Hospital, where they were well cared for.

EDWIN BOOTH AT THE WINTER GARDEN.—

BRIGHT RECEPTION.—The audience at the Winter Garden last evening was no doubt the largest ever assembled in that theatre. As stated in the SUN yesterday morning, every seat had been sold long before noon on Tuesday, and yesterday only a limited number of standing places were sold. The doors were opened at seven o'clock P. M., when a regular rush was made, and soon the large building was crowded in every part. It was supposed by some that Mr. Booth's reception would be marred by an attempt to bias him from the stage, but those who knew better did not refrain from bringing wives and sisters to greet this young tragedian's first appearance after the Washington tragedy. In the audience our reporter noticed many of our most respectable citizens, belonging to all political parties, who united in welcoming again to the stage a talented young actor. Among the most distinguished gentlemen present were observed the Hon. George Bancroft, George W. Curtis, Esq., Col. Shaw of the first negro regiment marched into the United States service, W. T. Budget, Esq., Bayard Taylor, Robert D. Holmes, Grand Master of F. and A. Masons of the State of New York, Dr. Charles D. Brown, embalmers of President Lincoln's remains, &c. When the curtain rose there was a general burst of applause, derived from seeing the feat of a diseased

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