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JAMES GORDON BENNETT, EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR. OFFICE N. W. CORNER OF FULTON AND NASSAU STS. TERMS: Cash in advance. Money sent by mail will be at the risk of the sender. Non-payment bills current in New York taken.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate yesterday, the bill providing a national currency was passed by a vote of twenty-three to twenty-one. The bill granting pecuniary aid to Missouri in emancipating the slaves of that State was passed by a vote of twenty-three against eighteen.

Our Relations with France—Important Diplomatic Correspondence Between Mr. Seward, Mr. Dayton and the French Ministers.

Some highly important state papers were communicated to the Senate yesterday, and are published in our columns to-day. They comprise a correspondence between Mr. Seward and Mr. Dayton, concerning the proposition of mediation by the French Emperor, and the communications which passed between our Minister at Paris and M. Drouyn de Lhuys.

Our Naval Disasters—Their Cause—Absolute Necessity for Fast Ships.

In the construction of vessels for our naval service during the past two years, the important point of obtaining the greatest possible speed appears to have been almost entirely neglected. The ability to carry a large number of heavy guns has alone been the object aimed at, and we have but little cause to congratulate ourselves upon the result.

Failure of the French in Mexico.

We are reliably informed that by the steamer from Vera Cruz of the 15th of November last General Forey wrote to the Emperor Napoleon that he should require reinforcements to the extent of sixty thousand men before he could undertake the capture of the cities of Puebla and Mexico, and that in view of the state in which he found the army he should make no formal movements towards the interior until the receipt of further instructions.

THE REBEL AGENTS IN EUROPE.

We find in the columns of the Paris journal La Patrie a statement which is published for the purpose of inflaming the minds of the French people against the North. The Patrie says it finds "in an American correspondence, worthy of entire belief, the announcement of a fact which will create great satisfaction in France and England."

AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.

- MILRO'S GARDEN, Broadway, - LEAN, THE FORSAKEN. WALLACK'S THEATRE, Broadway, - SEVEN YEARS KATING. WINTER GARDEN, Broadway, - HANLER.

THE LEGISLATURE.

In the State Senate yesterday favorable reports were made on the bills to appropriate the proceeds of State tax for the support of the public schools and to authorize the payment of the interest on canal drafts protested for non-payment.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS.

Captain Borden, of the schooner Warren A. Griffin, from Sombrero Island, which arrived at this port yesterday, reports the laborers at that island in a state of mutiny, refusing to work at loading the vessels in port.

THE CASE OF COMMANDER PREBLE.

In spite of his long and valuable services and his unblemished character, Commander Preble was summarily dismissed from the navy, some time ago, because he allowed the Oreto to break the blockade and enter the harbor of Mobile.

THE NEW FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO ENGLAND.

When Count de Persigny was recalled from the embassy at London to assume the Ministry of the Interior at Paris, the Emperor Napoleon appointed as his successor, in a most informal manner, Count de Flahault, a nobleman past the years of efficient service, but considered quite adequate to the requirements of the post.

A FRENCH BOMBHELL.

The French government has recently issued a curious work, known as the "Yellow Book." This work is not to be associated with the prevalent ideas connected with our ordinary yellow covered literature, because it is a real, bona fide, official session publication.

THE SITUATION.

The State documents which we publish to-day relative to the question of French mediation are about the most important features in the war news. The correspondence between Mr. Seward and Mr. Dayton upon this question is worthy of the most careful study of our readers.

THE STOCK MARKET.

The stock market was extremely dull yesterday, and prices were generally a fraction lower. Money was easy at 6 per cent. Gold fluctuated between 152 and 153, closing at about 154 1/4.

THE POLICE COMMISSIONERSHIP.

It is reported that Confidence Cassidy and a friend from the country are now in town, boasting that they have the appointment of the Police Commissionership under their control.

GENERAL McCLELLAN AND THE NEW YORK LEGISLATURE.

The complimentary resolutions inviting General McClellan to visit our State capital passed the Assembly yesterday by a nearly unanimous vote—ninety-five to four.

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