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The Collins Telegraphic Enterprise—American-Brazilian Banquet at Rio.

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Our Rio Janeiro Correspondence.

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THE COLLINS TELEGRAPH ENTERPRISE—INTERNATIONAL BANQUET AT RIO.

By invitation of Messrs. B. Caymari and Capt. Lefebre, a party of distinguished gentlemen of this city, including journalists, literary men, merchants, public functionaries, &c., met on board the American steamer South America on the 31st ult. After every part of this fine vessel had been visited, a splendid collation was offered to the guests, during which the most cordial harmony reigned, demonstrating once more how great is the sympathy of Brazilians for the alliance and influence of the United States. Among the many toasts proposed we noticed the following:—"To the President of the United States," by the Postmaster General of the Empire; "To His Majesty the Emperor of Brazil, and the prosperity of his country," by Capt. Tinklepaugh; "To the prompt and happy Reconstruction of the American Union," by Mr. Belfort; "To the Brazilian Press," by Dr. Rainey.

The chief editor of the *Diario do Rio*, Mr. Bocayneva, a very talented gentleman, and prominent in all enterprises for the benefit of the country, in proposing a toast to the success of Mr. Collins' telegraphic enterprise, made the following speech:—Gentlemen, I propose a toast to the American citizen Perry MacD. Collins, projector of the most splendid and vast telegraphic undertaking that has ever been known. If there is one principle to which universal homage has been rendered, and to which the United States have given the greatest devotion, it is that of human fraternity. To draw closer the relations among men, nations and continents, is to fortify this principle—to unify humanity in its aspiration for progress—to multiply the capital of intelligence, industry, commerce and labor. To destroy the obstacles that oppose themselves to social community and mutual approximation has been, from the remotest ages, the mission and providential tendency of man. I therefore propose a toast to the prosperity and realization of the great Collins enterprise, the advantages of which, in relation to Brazil, will be immense. I hope to see it, in a brief time, established in the American empire, thanks to the activity and intelligence of its worthy agents here—thanks to the sympathy and wishes of the Brazilian people, and to the zeal of the national authorities for the development of the riches, happiness and power of the country.

Terrific Dust Tornado.

(From the Buenos Ayres Standard, Mrch 25.)

On Monday evening, the 19th, our city was visited by the most terrific phenomenon ever known in this or perhaps any other country. No pen can attempt to convey to those who have not seen it even the faintest idea of this awful storm, which, while it lasted, seemed to indicate that the world was at an end and chaos came again. All that we read about sand storms in the East, or the darkness of Egypt in the time of Pharaoh, fades before the rememberance. Even the oldest inhabitants of Buenos Ayres, so accustomed to dust storms, were seized with the utmost terror, never having experienced anything approaching to it in horror and intensity.

For several hours previous there were indications of a storm all around the horizon, and at ten minutes past five masses of dust clouds passed rapidly overhead, coming from the southwest. Then almost as quick as lightning all was enveloped in total darkness; we cannot find a word to express the thick, palpable obscurity which hung over and around all. No one could attempt to move or even seek shelter, but all stood rooted to the ground. People in the streets had to remain there, most of the doors being shut, and the wind was so dreadful that the strongest brick edifices quaked and shook, as if about to topple over and bury all their inmates in the ruins.

It being dinner hour the hotels were crowded, and in the confusion no candles could be got; neither could the gas be lighted, as it was before the hour for turning it on. Meantime the zinc roofs, glass, &c., were blown about in all directions. At the Hotel de Paris when the glass roof fell in it was thought the house was falling, and people rushed about madly; some jumped from the corridor into the yard.

At twenty-two minutes past five o'clock daylight began to glimmer through the murky canopy of dust, and in five minutes more we could see ourselves distinctly. Then the rain poured down in torrents, absorbing the dust and running throughthe streets in streams of inky blackness.

The *Tribuna* states that a young man committed suicide from fright during the storm. In the suburbs numerous casualties are mentioned, as also in port.

The Northern Railway suffered much. Palermo platform blown away and two men killed. Belgrano station carried away and the electric wires broken.

The Western Railway has had the stations of Moron and Merlo unroofed; also a shed in the Plaza Once. Forty persons were in the Merlo station when the roof and pillars were carried away; but, happily, all escaped unhurt. The turret of Moreno church is blown down.

The loss in the river is very severe.

A small boat in the roads upset, and it is feared all hands drowned. The captain of an American bark threw out a buoy, but all to no purpose.

The schooner Cariotta capsized in the roads. Several vessels have gone to her relief.

A lighter, with wool bales, was capsized in the canal.

A pilot boat in the harbor was also blown over; captain and three sailors drowned.

Another pilot boat of Señor Hoevel also supposed to be lost; no trace of her.

The boat of a Spanish vessel, with pilot and three sailors, capsized in the roads; all lost but one man, picked up by an American outside.

Most people say that such a storm was never before felt in Buenos Ayres. The dust cloud had an angular extent of sixty to seventy degrees, and its force was "nine to ten," being equal to the strongest hurricane.

The police report gives a list of sixty three roofs and walls blown down in the city; but the fury of the storm was spent on the outskirts, and we hear fresh reports of widespread damage. In one place some shingles were carried a distance of three hundred yards, one penetrating a thatch roof and another cutting open a horse's forehead as though with a knife. Some carts were thrown into a ditch, and in one case a bullock cart was seen, with the oxen, suspended in the air. A friend of ours was carried off his balcony a distance of twenty yards, and then lightly deposited on *terra firma*.

Telegraphic Market Reports.

MOBILE, May 18, 1866.

COTTON.—Sales to-day 200 bales; sales of the week 4,150 bales; receipts of the week 2,274, and 3,045 bales last week; exports of the week 3,616 bales; stock 41,782 bales; unsold 27,000 bales.

PHILADELPHIA, May 19, 1866.

Flour—A declining tendency. Wheat dull. Corn quiet; sales of yellow at 81c. a 82c. Cotton active at 36c. a 37c. for middling. Provisions dull, with a declining tendency. Mess pork $31 a $31 50. Whiskey—Sales of Pennsylvania at $2 25 and Ohio at $2 27.

BALTIMORE, May 19, 1866.

Flour quiet; low grades heavy. Wheat quiet; receipts and sales light. Corn dull; yellow 81c. a 82c. Oats steady. Provisions firm. Sugar steady. Coffee dull. Whiskey firm at $2 26½ for Western.

BUFFALO, May 19, 1866.

Flour dull. Wheat quiet. Corn, No. 1 Toledo, 64c.; No. 1 Chicago, 65c. Oats 38c. a 40c. Barley, rye and peas nominal. Pork $31. Lard 22½c. Whiskey nominal. Canal freights dull and unchanged to New York—wheat 15c., corn 11c., oats 7c. Receipts for the week—Flour, 40,147; wheat, 40,147; wheat, 373,316; corn, 860,699; oats, 281,988; barley, 3,405.

OSWEGO, May 19, 1866.

Flour unchanged. Wheat dull; sales 2,000 bushels Canada club at $2 10. Corn in better demand; sales at 68c. a 70c., for new and old No. 1 Illinois. Other grains nominal. Canal freights dull; flour 40c., wheat 9½c., corn 8c., oats 5c., to New York.

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS.

Board of Councilmen.

OFFICIAL.

STATED SESSION—THURSDAY, May 17—2 P. M.

The Board met, pursuant to adjournment, in their chamber, No. 16 City Hall.

Present—J. Wilson Green, Esq., President, in the chair, and the following members:—

Councilmen Keenan, Long, Stacom, Flynn, Robinson, O'Brien, Costello, Hartman, Brinkman, Koster, Watts, Keech, White, Mackay, Kellogg, Tyng, Thomas, Halloran, Roberts, Pullman, Hettrick and Imlay—23.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

PETITIONS.

By the PRESIDENT—

Petition of C. Osterloh, relative to the establishment of public arsenals.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Councilman KEENAN—

Resolved, That a sewer be built, with the receiving basins and culverts, in Cherry street, from Catharine to Clinton street, under the direction of the Croton Aqueduct Department.

Which was referred to the Committee on Sewers.

By Councilman WATTS—

Resolved, That a sewer, with the necessary receiving basins and culverts, be built in Lewis street, from Houston street to Eighth street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Sewers.

By Councilman ROBINSON—

Resolved, That a free drinking hydrant be placed on the northwest corner of Broadway and Houston street, under the direction of the Croton Aqueduct Board.

Which was lost.

By Councilman THOMAS—

Resolved, That the vacant lots in Fiftieth and Fifty-first streets, between First avenue and East river, be fenced in, under the direction of the Street Commissioner, and the accompanying ordinance therefor is hereby adopted.

Which was laid over.

By Councilman TYNG—

Resolved, That crosswalks be laid across Fifteenth street, from the east and west sides of Livingston place, under the direction of the Croton Aqueduct Board, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was laid over.

MESSAGE FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

A message was received from his Honor the Mayor, relative to the number of permits for street stands, &c., issued from his office.

Which was ordered on file.

NOTICES.

Councilman TYNG moved that the Committee on Law Department be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution from Board of Aldermen as follows:—

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and he is hereby authorized and directed to take such action as will in effect discontinue all proceedings in courts or elsewhere in the matter of extending and widening of Ann and Fulton streets; done in pursuance of a resolution of the Common Council approved December 30, 1865.

Which was carried.

The resolution was then concurred in.

REPORTS.

Report of Committee on Roads, to flag sidewalk on One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street, between Third and Eighth avenues.

Which was laid over.

Report of Committee on Roads, to flag, &c., Seventy-fourth street, between First and Second avenues.

Which was laid over.

Report of Committee on National Affairs, to pay F. Wanemacher for music.

Which was laid over.

Report of Committee on Sewers, for sewer in One Hundred and Twentieth street, between Third and Fourth avenues.

Which was laid over.

PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Common Council be and he is hereby directed to cause to be placed on the desk of each member of the Common Council, in their respective chambers, one of Johnson's Rotary Drawer Locks, at a sum not to exceed three hundred dollars, the expense of the same to be taken from the appropriation for city contingencies.

Which was laid over.

Resolved, That Thirtieth street, between the Eighth and Ninth avenues, be paved with Belgian pavement, the property owners to pay one-half of the expense, and the city the remaining half, the work to be done under the direction of the Croton Board, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was laid over.

Report of Committee on Finance, with resolution as follows:—

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant in favor of Manahan's Band for the sum of $144, for music furnished on the evening of July 4, 1865, as per bill hereto annexed, and charge the amount to the account of city contingencies.

Which was laid over.

Report of Committee on Sewers, with resolution as follows:—

Resolved, That a sewer, with the necessary receiving basins and culverts, be built in Lewis street, between Stanton and Rivington streets, to connect with the sewer in Rivington street, under the direction of the Croton Aqueduct Board, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was laid over.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Mrs. Anna Maria Lent to flag, curb and gutter in front of premises known as lot No. 17, north side of 123d street, between Third and Fourth avenues.

Which was concurred in.

Whereas, the Common Council, by resolution approved September 2, 1865, did set apart the part of land bounded by Hoboken, West, Canal and Washington streets for the purposes of a public square, with a view to beautifying and improving the neighborhood, affording to those of our citizens residing in the vicinity an opportunity of enjoying the same, and

Whereas, the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund have authorized a sale at public auction on the 21st of May inst., of the said square, and

Whereas, by the provisions of chapter 9, article 4, section 25 of the Revised Ordinances of 1859, the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund are restrained from selling real estate belonging to the Corporation, which is used or reserved for public purposes, therefore

Resolved, That the Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to withdraw from the list of corporation property advertised to be sold by public auction on the 21st of May inst., the plot of land heretofore described, the same having been reserved for the purposes of a public park.

Councilman KEECH moved that said paper be referred to the Committee on Lands and Places.

Which was carried.

Report of Committee on Finance, with resolution as follows:—

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant in favor of the Reverend James L. Hodges, pastor of the First Baptist Mariners' church, in Oliver street, for the sum of five hundred and fifty-two dollars, as a donation to pay the assessment and interest thereon, for the work of building a sewer in Oliver street; the amount to be charged by the Comptroller to the account of donations.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Report of Committee on Finance, with resolution, as follows:—

Resolved, That the building lately occupied by Hose Company number Eleven, adjoining Jefferson Market prison, be and it is hereby assigned to the use of the Commissioners of Charities and Correction, to be used as a female prison, and in order to relieve the overcrowded condition of Jefferson Market prison, and the Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to carry into effect the provisions of this resolution, transferring the said building to the said Commissioners of Charities and Correction.

Which was concurred in by the following vote:—

Affirmative—Councilmen Keenan, Long, Stacom, Robinson, O'Brien, Costello, Hartman, Brinkman, Koster, Watts, Keech, Green, White, Mackay, Kellogg, Tyng, Thomas, Halloran, Roberts, Pullman, Hettrick and Imlay—22.

Report of Committee on Finance, with resolution as follows:—

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant in favor of David Van Linda, for the sum of $300, as a donation, and to be in full compensation for loss of horse by stepping into hole in the pavement in West street, the amount to be charged to the account of donations.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Report of Committee on Finance, amending resolution of Board of Councilmen to read as follows:—

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant in favor of John George Otto, for the sum of $200, to be in full compensation for music furnished the Twelfth regiment, N. Y. S. N. G., for the parade of July 4, 1865, the amount to be charged to account of city contingencies.

Which was referred to the Committee on National Affairs.

Resolution of Board of Councilmen, as follows:—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given R. H. Schlinsinger to erect a bay window in front of his premises, southeast corner of Thirty-fifth street and Madison avenue, providing the same does not interfere with the public travel, and that the same to remain only during the pleasure of the Common council.

(By Board of Aldermen, amended by adding thereto the words following:—"Providing the said bay window does not extend more than three feet from the line of the building.")

Which was concurred in.

Resolution of Board of Councilmen, as follows:—

Resolved, That a free drinking hydrant be placed on the northwest corner of Broome and East streets, the same to be done under the direction of the Croton Board.

(By Board of Aldermen, amended by adding thereto the words following:—"Provided that the water is stopped at 12 o'clock every night and on Sundays.")

Councilman KOSTER moved that this Board do adhere to its former action.

Which was carried.

Report of Committee on Streets, with resolution as follows:—

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and he is hereby directed to take the necessary legal steps to open Fifty-third street, from the Tenth to the Eleventh avenue.

Councilman KOSTER moved that said paper be referred to the Committee on Street Openings.

Which was carried.

MOTIONS AGAIN RESUMED.

Councilman KEENAN moved to suspend the regular order of business for the purpose of permitting him to call up a general order out of its order.

Which was lost.

GENERAL ORDERS RESUMED.