THE FENIAN TRIALS.

Trial of General Starr at Canandaigua—Empanelling a Jury—The Case for the Prosecution Opened by the District Attorney—Arrest of a Witness on Charge of Perjury.

CANANDAIGUA, July 12, 1870.

The Fenians' trial commenced at eleven o'clock this morning. About fifty witnesses from Malone and vicinity have been subpœnaed. General Starr does not intend to call witnesses for his defence, but rely upon the prosecution being unable to make out a case against him. He is rather despondent.

The District Attorney moved the indictment against Owen J. Starr. J. P. Faurot, counsel for General Starr, said he appeared unexpectedly for Starr at a half an hour's notice. His counsel would be present to-day, but in his absence he had undertaken this case. He would be prepared at two o'clock, and was desirous for it to proceed.

The Judge said the defence could not claim a postponement by right. He gave them until two o'clock P. M.

A. J. Parker, of Albany, made application in behalf of W. T. Thompson for an adjournment until the fall session of the court at Albany, and read an affidavit that he was unprepared to proceed owing to the absence of one Terrance J. Quinn, who sailed for France May 28. The District Attorney said the case had been postponed once. The Judge said he was not satisfied with the affidavit.

The following jurors were called in the Starr case:—Robert R. Crowell, Luke Johnson, William Pratt, Lyman G. Lapham, Nelson Ogden, W. D. Burrell, Robert B. Ferguson, James B. Flower, Robert A. Johnson, William Meade, William Thatcher, James Worthington and Clark Recks. All are farmers, with two or three exceptions, and above the average in point of respectability and intelligence.

Mr. Faurot questioned them severally as to whether they had read or heard the particulars of the raid. They severally replied that they had read the newspaper reports, but that they had left no impression on their minds as to the culpability of the prisoners.

Mr. Faurot asked the jury if they had any prejudices of opinion as to the right or wrong of the Fenian invasion.

The District Attorney objected.

The Judge—You might as well ask if they had any prejudices as to the right or wrong of any other crime.

Mr. Faurot to the jury—From what you read in the papers did your mind receive any impression as to the justice of the cause, or the guilt or innocence of the prisoner?

The District Attorney objected.

Mr. Faurot—Has it left any impression as to the prisoner's guilt or innocence?

The Jurors—No, sir.

The defence was declared entitled to five peremptory challenges and the prosecution to two.

The defence challenged peremptorily Luke Johnson, Lyman Lapham, Robert Johnson and William Meade.

The following fresh jurors were then called:—Ira R. Peck, challenged by the defence, and James Walling, challenged by the prosecution. Gould Birdseye, J. S. Loveland and Henry Osborn, all farmers, were accepted. Jacob Warder admitted his mind had received an impression that Starr was at the locality of the raid, but he was not conscious of any prejudice. Challenged by the defence and overruled.

The jury were then sworn in. The court resumed shortly after two o'clock, and the jury having answered to their names the Deputy District Attorney proceeded to open the case. It became, he said, his duty to draw the attention of the jury to the indictment against Owen Starr for breach of the Neutrality law. It was a duty he would discharge briefly and, he trusted, with a spirit of moderation. In view of the extraordinary circumstances attending the crime charged, the indictment was framed under section six of the act of Congress passed in 1818. He drew attention to the date on which that law, passed for the preservation of peace, was enacted. It was when this now great country was in its infancy and had passed through the dreadful ordeal of war. He then read the section of the act which provides that if any person begun, set on foot, provided or prepared means for a hostile expedition from the territory of the United States against that of a nation, province, &c., with whom the United States were at peace, under that statute he would claim a verdict, inasmuch as an expedition was organized on the border line, between the State of New York and the Province of Quebec, and he could connect Owen Starr with the expedition. That established the offence. He would ask the Court to instruct the jury that under this act that constitutes "setting on foot a hostile expedition." The crime was an extraordinary one; but it had happened once before. A similar expedition, enacted by a similar organization, had actually entered Canada.

The prisoner's counsel objected to the statement of former acts, but it was allowed by the judge.

The counsel went on to ask the jury to give their very serious consideration to this matter, as the expedition was one of a very serious nature, and likely to bring the country into a disastrous warfare. It was vital to the interests of the country that peace should be maintained consistently with its dignity. It was a question that came home to every individual. It was a national crime also, as well as against individuals. As to the circumstances the jury would remember in May, 1870, the public press stated that large bodies of men, with concentrated forces, were proceeding northward towards the Canada border, and that numerous bodies were moving from place to place along that line. He would not be able to prove exactly the number present. It might be a few hundred or a few thousand. There were enough, however, to intimidate the border Canadians. The men were encamped a few days and moved across to the Trout river. There were two divisions, one in Canada and one in the States. On Thursday, May 26, General Starr appeared at Malone and was furnished transportation to Trout river, and there was introduced to the men by the officer of the day in command as General Starr. Friday morning the ill-fated expedition was led across the border by General Starr. At the first fire they threw down their arms and fled. No other evidence except that of two editors of Buffalo papers, to whom Starr has stated enough to convict him under the indictment. It was time to teach these gentry, so fond of prating of their country, and so ready to avenge its wrongs on a peaceful and unoffending colony, that, while on American soil and protected by its authority, they must respect its relations with its neighbors. He asked the jury to vindicate the majesty and power of the country, which has been outraged.

Mr. Clinton Stevens, of Malone, was the first witness called. He knew Starr; saw him at Malone, May 27; started with Starr for Trout river; did not remember hearing him order any men forward, heard him advise a squad to return. Nothing of great importance was elicited from this witness.

Several other witnesses were called, but their evidence was not very strong, with the exception of the Canadian witnesses.

Patrick H. Shields, one of the witnesses produced against Starr, was arrested immediately after giving his testimony by the District Attorney's order, on a charge of perjury, owing to a variance in his testimony to-day with that given before the Grand Jury.

The defence will open to-morrow.

CURIOUS CASES OF SWINDLING IN CONNECTICUT.

Important Search and Arrest.

[From the New Haven Register, July 11.]

On Saturday afternoon Captain Catlin, with officers Roller, Carpenter and Arnold, made a thorough search of the Adams House, in Union street, for stolen property, without success. As soon as the search commenced deputy sheriff Stevens attached the household furniture for debt, and removed the same for safe keeping. The place was kept by James T. Coughlin, who is now confined in the Springfield (Mass.) jail for swindling. Some time during the last part of June an old man, who gave the name of White, visited several manufactories in Springfield and arranged to purchase a quantity of goods for his son, who, he said, lived South. He then went to Smith & Wesson's pistol factory and bargained for 100 pistols—small patterns of seven shooters—giving in payment a check drawn by a well known party for $1,600, and endorsed by White. The goods were ordered to be sent to the first factory which he had visited and as soon as they arrived at the place designated a young man calling himself Hayle drove up in a carriage and, taking in the pistols, drove off. In the meantime the clerk at Smith & Wesson's not liking the looks of the check took it to the bank, where he learned it was a forgery. He at once went to intercept the pistols, but the thieves were too quick for him and had driven away. An officer was at once sent to New York to find the men if possible. Hayle, who afterwards was found to be James T. Coughlin, went to New York and on the following Thursday, while engaged in selling the pistols in a store in Beekman street, two doors from the Second police precinct, detective officer Stillwell, who had been notified of the transaction in Springfield and had received a bill containing a description of the parties and an offer of a reward of $500 for their arrest and conviction, stepped in and arrested him. The Springfield officer passed through this city on Friday forenoon with Coughlin and returned here on Friday night to find the man White, who, on leaving Springfield went to Northampton and stayed all night, under the name of Allen and then disappeared. A description was furnished to officers Roller and Carpenter, and also the fact that Coughlin was one of the parties, and was arrested. During Saturday, officer Roller searched the Adams House, in hopes of finding some of the missing pistols—eighty-three were recovered on Coughlin in New York—but without avail. On Sunday his suspicions fell upon a man named Wm. Birch, as the man, and as he perfectly answered the description of the old man who did the job in Springfield, Birch was arrested, and did not deny his guilt. He was taken to Springfield by officer Carpenter on Monday morning. The Adams House, at the time of the search, was in charge of John Coughlin, who was taken into custody and is now in the lock-up to await events. The place has been a den of thieves for months past, and we are glad it is broken up.

THE OCEAN YACHT RACE.

The Run from Cowes to Cork.

[From the World of July 12.]

A gentleman on board of the yacht Dauntless writes to a friend in this city as follows:—

QUEENSTOWN, June 30, 1870.

FRIEND ———A line or two, I am sure, will be acceptable in regard to the Cambria and ourselves. We have had a trial of speed with her on our passage from Cowes to this port. She left Cowes on the 25th, at seven A. M., passing us at anchor off the club house, the wind fresh from the southward. We left the club house at quarter past four P. M. of the same day, with the same breeze. We fetched close in by the Bill of Portland, when the wind headed us. We worked down with short tacks close in shore, cheating the tide as much as possible. At quarter to twelve o'clock P. M. of the 26th we came up under the Cambria's lee, and she tacked and crossed our bow off the "Longships." In two short tacks we weathered her, and at six A. M. of the 27th, the wind fresh from north to north-northeast, with quite a little jump of a sea on, we made her bearing south about three miles, and she tacked after us. At half-past seven P. M. of the 27th she was hull down clear to leeward. We tacked several times during the night, and at eight A. M. of the 28th we fetched into the mouth of Cork harbor. There being a strong ebb tide running and the wind light, we took steam in to the anchorage, the Cambria in sight dead to leeward, with her sails half dripping, having beaten her fifteen miles dead to windward from the "Longships," a distance of 140 miles. She arrived the same day at half-past one P. M., being beaten by us on the whole passage from Cowes fourteen hours forty-five minutes. I do not think, however, that she did her best, as all hands on board of her were strangers, she having just shipped a new crew. We sprung our foremast the day before we met the Cambria; it had been shifted aft three and a half feet and raked two, making five and a half feet in all, while the rigging had only been shifted two feet; consequently when the boat gave a jump in the sea the mast brought up against the partners, and before the after shroud could take the strain it was sprung. This was done before Captain Samuels took charge. He has had the mast well fished, the rigging shifted aft and a preventer backstay added, which makes it stronger than ever; and, if not bothered by calms, we expect to make the passage in less than twenty days, and are confident that we shall beat the Cambria.

[Queenstown (June 28) correspondence of the Liverpool Post.]

The Dauntless and Cambria, which left Cowes on the 25th, have arrived at Queenstown. The Dauntless left the club house, Cowes, at a quarter past four P. M., arriving this morning at eight. The tide being ebb she was towed into harbor. The Cambria sailed nine hours before the Dauntless. Brisk breezes from the northwest prevailed during the passage. The Dauntless fell in with the Cambria at half-past eleven P. M. on the 26th off Longships, the latter having crossed the bows of the Dauntless. They did not sight again till this morning, when the Cambria was fifteen miles astern of her rival. The Cambria entered the harbor at half-past one P. M., having waited outside for flood tide, with which she fetched to moorings. The Dauntless, which beat the Cambria by some hours, sprung her foremast, which will be repaired by Thursday.

The Winner of the Ocean Contest to Be Hailed in Triumph—Grand Preparations by the New York Yacht Club—Nautical Ovation at the Lightship.

A generous welcome is in store for the winning yacht. Now that the competitors are under way, tossing upon the rolling billows of the Atlantic, the excitement of the people of both continents is hourly being increased. There have been more opinions ventured regarding this oceanic struggle than, perhaps, any event of the kind ever elicited. Luck and good seamanship will at all events not be amiss, but a three thousand mile race will unquestionably give both yachts an opportunity of testing their capacities. As will be seen by the subjoined orders, a grand nautical exhibition of welcome is now at hand for the yacht that will first pass the lightship. American yachtmen are deeply interested in this international contest, and there is no doubt whatever that the brilliant display upon the arrival of the victorious craft will excel anything of the kind ever witnessed in the country:—

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE NEW YORK YACHT CLUB,
41 WALL STREET, NEW YORK, July 9, 1870.

SIR—I am directed by the Commodore of the New York Yacht Club to suggest to the owners of yachts belonging to the squadron that in view of the arrival of the Dauntless and the Cambria in our waters from their ocean contest, and also in consideration that the latter vessel comes as the representative of the Royal Thames Yacht Club to contest for the future possession of the Queen's Cup, that it would be proper, provided the contingencies governing their arrival would render it practicable, that as large a number as possible of the vessels of the New York Yacht Squadron should rendezvous in the vicinity of the club house, between the 20th and 25th of the month, at Clifton, S. I., for the purpose of meeting and welcoming the said vessels.

I am also instructed to invite the vessels belonging to the various yacht clubs in and around the harbor of New York to unite in such demonstration of welcome with the New York Yacht Club at the place and on the day above named.

Arrangements are being made to receive intelligence from Sandy Hook when either of the said vessels are first sighted from the light ship or the Highlands of Neversink, which will be promptly announced by hoisting the flag of the Royal Thames and that of the New York Club, under the American Ensign, at City Hall, and by firing minute signal guns from the Park—three for the Dauntless if she is ahead, and two for the Cambria should fortune favor that vessel.

By order
H. MORTON, Secretary New York Yacht Club.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE NEW YORK YACHT CLUB,
NEW YORK, July 9, 1870.

SIR—I am requested by the flag officer of the squadron to communicate to you the following order of Commodore H. G. Stebbins:—

To enable the commodore of the squadron to inform the committee having in charge the matter of the challenge of Mr. Ashbury, and his yacht Cambria, the representatives of the Royal Thames Yacht Club, to compete with the squadron of the New York Yacht Club for the possession of the cup won by the yacht America, and to put them in possession of the numerical force and prepared condition of that force, which may be calculated with certainty to be placed at their disposal, it is

Ordered—That the owners of every schooner yacht belonging to the squadron report personally to the commodore at his office, 50 Exchange place, on or before the 25th inst., his intention of having his yacht fully prepared for duty on that occasion, and ready to enter an appearance for the day that may be fixed upon for the race. By order

C. H. STEBBINS, Flag officer.
H. MORTON, Secretary N. Y. Y. C.

YACHTING NOTES.

At the regular meeting of the Atlantic Yacht Club, held on Monday evening, the date of the annual cruise was by a unanimous vote changed from July 30 to August 3, when yachts will rendezvous at Whitestone on that day, and, on the arrival of the afternoon steamboat from this city, will sail for Glen Cove and from thence the fleet will be governed by the order of Commodore Wm. Voorhis.

The long anticipated contest between the yachts of the Union Yacht Club of Long Island comes off today, July 13, at ten A. M. Thirteen yachts of the club will start from the club house off Unionville (lower bay). The course of sailing will be from the stakeboat off Unionville, to and around the buoy off Fort Hamilton, turning the same from east to west, thence to and around buoy No. 11, thence to and around the home stakeboat, this course to be sailed over three times. The allowance of time given will be two minutes to the foot. The race will be a most exciting one, and Dr. Robert Suier has left nothing undone that would contribute to its success.

The Manhattan Yacht Club will shortly hold their first annual pennant regatta.

The fine schooner yacht Madeleine (Commodore Jacob Voorhis, Jr.,) sailed yesterday on a flying trip to New London and Newport. She will return to Sandy Hook, there to await the arrival of the triumphant yacht.

Alterations have been made in the Joe Jefferson, recently successful in the Manhattan Club regatta, and she is now a first class cabin sloop.

A match has been arranged between the swift yacht Idle Hour, launched a few days since from the yard of Mr. Patrick McGlehan, and the Addie Taylor. An exciting contest is anticipated.

The annual regatta of the Bayonne Yacht Club will take place on the 8th of August. There will be open competition and a brilliant display will doubtless take place.

The new and elegant schooner yacht Tidal Wave, Commodore William Voorhis, has just returned from a trip to Greenwich, Conn.

The Palmer is now being slightly overhauled, and it is not unlikely that she will prove a formidable opponent to the British craft.

The Phantom (Commodore Stebbins), and Magic (Mr. Franklin Osgood) are anchored off the South ferry. These two splendid schooners are in excellent racing trim.

A contest between Mr. J. M. Sawyer's yacht Vivid and Mr. V. Livingstone's Flyaway will take place in a few days from off the Club House, Staten Island, around the Southwest Spit and return.

BROOKLYN CITY.

Brief Items of Local and Police News.

The Water and Sewerage Commissioners adopted the Eight Hour law yesterday.

The mortuary reports show the number of deaths the past week to have been 223, which is thirteen less than the previous week.

At a meeting of the Board of Education yesterday Mr. E. J. Whitlock was elected president and Mr. John W. Hunter vice president.

At the annual meeting of the Masonic Hall Association of Brooklyn, it was shown that $30,000 worth of stock had been subscribed for.

The residents of Gowanus complain seriously of the delay to which they are subjected every morning and night by the opening of the bridges across Gowanus canal.

William Corbet was held to await the action of the Grand Jury yesterday, by Justice Delmar, for stabbing Michael McMahon in Hoyt street. The injuries are not serious.

Thomas Mullaly, the proprietor of a liquor store in Third avenue, near President street, was arrested and locked up on suspicion of setting fire to his place. There being no evidence against him he was discharged by Justice Walsh.

The stench arising from some of the sewers near the street basins led the Sewer Inspector to make an examination. He found the sewers choked up with dead dogs, pigs, goats, cats and other animals, besides the offal from butcher shops, decaying meats, &c.

William Jones died at the Brooklyn City Hospital yesterday from the effects of a pistol shot wound inflicted on the 10th of June, by one J. McKenna, in a lager beer saloon at Greenpoint. McKenna was arrested by the Queens county authorities, and is held to answer. Coroner Whitehill will hold the inquest at the Seventh precinct station house, Greenpoint.

The inspectors elected for the next annual election are D. F. Gray, John Harron and Joseph J. Blacklin. The Board of Trustees now stands as follows:—L. V. D. Hardenburg, James E. Conor, Nathan B. Morse, Harvey Farrington, Albert H. Osborn, John M. Reilly, William E. Sprague, William B. Cameron, William Edwin Osborn, Cortland A. Sprague, Joseph Short, jr., Demas Barnes, Isaac Badeau, Andrew Otterson, John W. Hunter.

KINGS COUNTY POLITICS.

The Democratic General Committee—Coolie Emigration Opposed and the Eight Hour Law Advocated.

A regular session of the Kings County Democratic General Committee was held last evening. Mayor Kalbfleisch, the chairman of the committee, was, as usual, conspicuous by his absence from the meeting, which was held at the headquarters, No. 9 Court street. The Vice President, General Thomas S. Dakin, occupied the chair, and Mr. George Herman officiated as Secretary. The attendance was large, and the atmosphere of the hall quite oppressive, owing to the heat of the evening and the fumes of poor cigars, which filled the apartment with a sickening odor.

Shortly after the meeting had been called to order Mr. ROBERT FUREY, Street Commissioner, arose and with a few preparatory remarks offered the following resolutions:—

Whereas an attempt is now being made by radical capitalists in the Eastern States—men who have grown rich and powerful through iniquitous special legislation secured at the hands of their radical retainers and partisans in Congress—to revolutionize and overthrow the American system of free labor, by bringing into competition against it low priced and debased Asiatic labor; therefore

Resolved, That the General Committee, representing the democratic party of the county of Kings, do hereby most earnestly and emphatically protest against and denounce the attempt now being made to introduce coolies into this country with their low priced labor and other incidents of a debased and heathen barbarism, with the avowed intention of bringing them into competition with the American workmen and their high Christian civilization; and further

Resolved, That the effort now being made by radical capitalists to import Asiatics per contract and by wholesale, formed openly or covertly by men highest in the councils of the radical party, will result, if not successfully resisted, in impoverishing and debasing the working masses of this country and deprive our federal Union of the chief distinction it labored for when under democratic rule—that the workingman here was better off than in any other land, and that, almost entirely free from its burdens of federal taxation, every dollar he earned was his own.

Resolved, That this General Committee do hereby fully approve of the resolutions adopted by the Common Council of the city of Brooklyn, requesting the Park Commissioners and Water Commissioners and all other persons having charge of work under the jurisdiction of the city government to comply with the law enacted making eight hours a legal day's work.

The resolutions were adopted unanimously, and after transacting some further business the committee went into executive session for the purpose of discussing the propriety of dropping Mayor Kalbfleisch from the Presidency of the General Committee for his neglect of his duties as chairman thereof.

JERSEY CITY COMMON COUNCIL.

A Batch of Vetoes from the Mayor—The Aldermen Show Fight Again—A Board of Education at Last.

At the meeting of the Jersey City Common Council yesterday Mayor O'Neill sent in four vetoes—one to each of the two resolutions authorizing the purchase of land for parks, one to the public bath appropriation and one to the police and fire alarm telegraph. The latter was taken up and passed over the veto by a vote of twenty-six to four. This decisive vote was the signal for the ordinance in regard to the Board of Education, on which the Mayor and the Board have been at loggerheads, and the new ordinance was adopted, with the understanding that every Alderman should have the privilege of nominating a member. This concession gives the republicans the same ratio of representation which they have in the Council.

The following Board was elected:—First ward, John McInerny, A. H. Watts; Second ward, M. Mulione, Jr., James Warner; Third ward, Patrick H. Nugent, J. J. Vanderbeck; Fourth ward, George Warren, John Van Vorst; Fifth ward, A. A. Gaddis, Harold Henwood; Sixth ward, Miles Tierney, George Beck; Seventh ward, J. O'Meara, P. Ryan; Eighth ward, A. J. Dittmar, J. Davis; Ninth ward, C. J. Rooney, C. W. Pierce; Tenth ward, T. W. Norton, J. S. Miller; Eleventh ward, J. B. Ginochia, N. Stickney; Twelfth ward, G. B. Brown, James H. Tate; Thirteenth ward, Dr. Buffet, Christopher Mills; Fourteenth ward, James W. Soper, J. Wells; Fifteenth ward, John O. Westervelt, A. De Witt; Sixteenth ward, Garret Vreeland, jr., G. Clark.

Corporation Counsel Brown, who had been suffering for two weeks past from a severe illness, entered during the proceedings, and was congratulated by the Aldermen on his convalescence. There are several important questions awaiting his opinion.

WHOLESALE SHOOTING AFFRAY IN ROCHESTER, N. Y.

Three Men and a Woman Shot by an Infuriated Saloon Keeper.

[From the Rochester Union, July 11.]

Between nine and ten o'clock last night a wholesale shooting affray occurred at a drinking saloon in Goodman street, in the town of Brighton, just over the city line, kept by one Orren Peters. Joseph Keller, Fred Keller and Charles Sems and his wife were shot by Peters. Joseph Keller is dangerously wounded. There are different stories regarding the affray. Peters alleges that some of the above named persons, with others who were not wounded, came to his house for the express purpose of making a fuss; that with the aid of his wife he turned them out of doors, when they commenced throwing stones through the windows, placing the life and limbs of the inmates in peril. Becoming exasperated, he seized a shotgun which he kept loaded and went to the door and fired at his assailants. The result was fearful. Joseph Keller was shot in the groin and hip, Fred Keller in the hand and Sems and his wife in the legs, severely. After firing he reloaded his gun, putting in a large quantity of shot, but his assailants fleeing he did not fire again.

News of the affray was sent to the police and Captain Sullivan and Major Cleary of the force repaired to the spot and arrested Peters. The officers found the place nearly a wreck, the floor covered with stones and other missiles which had been thrown in through the windows. The Drs. Preston attended the injured parties. Peters says he did not intend to shoot any of the party. He fired low, with the intention of frightening them.

This forenoon a warrant was obtained for George Farber, Joseph Siegler, Charles King, Jacob Wienberg, Joseph Keller and George Keller, and all of them, except Joseph and George Keller, who are wounded, were arrested by detective Rogers and policeman Burchell. They also took into custody several other persons who were present at the shooting and alleged participants in the row. The defendants claim that the shooting was done before any stones were thrown at the house, and immediately after they were put out of doors by Peters.

Sems and his wife were slightly injured. They were at Peters' place when the party named above entered.

Joseph Keller is reported this forenoon in a very bad condition. His scrotum was nearly shot away. An explanation of the case will be had in the Police Court this afternoon.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

An unknown man, while crossing the river in the Hoboken ferry boat Weekawken yesterday, jumped overboard, intending to drown himself. After a desperate struggle to destroy himself he was rescued by the officers of a police boat, who very humanely rushed to the man's assistance.

A STEAMBOAT SAVED FROM FIRE.

Remarkable Presence of Mind in a Little Girl Twelve Years Old.

[From the Erie (Pa.) Republican, July 9.]

Some two or three weeks since the propeller Fountain City had a narrow escape from being burned on her downward trip from Buffalo. The particulars of the case, which we believe have not been published, were furnished by a gentleman of this city. It appears that a Mrs. Fannie Lamb, who resides a short distance from the city of Chicago, took passage for Buffalo on board the Fountain City, taking her daughter Annie, a child twelve years of age, with her. The day after the departure of the boat the little girl, going into the kitchen, remarked that the stove smoked considerably, to which the cook replied that she was mistaken. The child had heard her mother often say that she dreaded going on a boat for fear of fire. With this in her mind, and taking another look at the place where the smoke seemed to come from, she discovered that it did not issue from the stove. Going on deck, she discovered the woodwork around the smoke stack on fire and the flames just eating their way into the cabin. Without giving any general alarm she went to the steward and told him the boat was on fire. He informed the mate, who called the deck hands aft and they extinguished the fire without one of the passengers being aware that anything of the kind had occurred. There were twenty-two ladies sitting on deck in the bow of the boat, among them the mother of Annie, while this was going on. After the work had been done Annie went to her mother and says, "Don't be frightened, mother; the boat has been on fire, but it is all over now." The Captain was so greatly pleased with the cool, calm and quiet manner in which the child performed her part that he refunded the passage money of both and offered to take them back to Chicago free of charge. It was a brave act, to say the least, and had she screamed "Fire," as most persons would have done, with so many ladies on board the consequences might have been of a very serious nature. She deserves a handsome testimonial of some kind. Both mother and daughter have been visiting their friends in this city during the past week and left for Buffalo Monday night.

HISTORICAL LETTER FROM GENERAL LEE.

[From the Columbus (Ga.) Enquirer.]

Some weeks since, *Harper's Weekly* having published a false and malicious charge against Virginia's noble son, that he remained in General Scott's service as a member of his staff until the last moment before joining the "lost cause," in order to obtain full knowledge of that officer's plans of future operations, Major Sidney Herbert, editor of the Troy *Messenger and Advertiser*, felt called upon, in view of his official knowledge of the facts of the case (he being at the commencement of the war a staff officer at Washington) to relate the false charge and defend the honor of General Lee. That he was right in his statements, and that his good intentions have been fully appreciated by General Lee, is clearly shown by the following very modest letter which Major Herbert has just received from the gallant old hero, and which he kindly permits us to give to the public through the columns of the *Enquirer*:—

LEXINGTON, Va., June 29, 1870.

DEAR SIR—I am much obliged to you for the kind sentiments expressed towards me in your reply from the *Messenger and Advertiser*, of which you are editor, to the erroneous assertion of *Harper's Weekly* respecting myself. Though it is difficult to learn the truth, the facts in the charge cited might, I think, have been easily ascertained, inasmuch as I never belonged to the military family of General Scott, or served near his person except when in Mexico, when I was attached to the general staff of the army in that country. Thanking you for the refutation of the charge and for your kind wishes, I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant, R. E. LEE.

Major SIDNEY HERBERT, Troy, Ala.

SHIPPING NEWS.

Almanac for New York—This Day.

Sun rises	4 39	Moon rises	eve 8 20
Sun sets	7 31	High water	morn 8 40

Weather Along the Coast.

JULY 12—9 A. M.

Port.	Wind.	Weather.	Thermometer.
Port Hastings	N.	Hazy	66
Portland	S.	Raining	67
Boston	S.	Cloudy	72
New York	SSW.	Clear	84
Philadelphia	S.	Clear	83
Wilmington, Del	SW.	Clear	82
Baltimore	SW.	Clear	83
Washington	SW.	Cloudy	80
Richmond	W.	Clear	76
Charleston	S.	Clear	84
Savannah	S.	Clear	90
Mobile	S.	Clear	87
New Orleans	S.	Clear	87
Key West	ESE.	Clear	85
Havana	SE.	Clear	86

OCEAN STEAMERS.

DATE OF DEPARTURES FROM NEW YORK FOR THE MONTH OF JULY.

Steamer.	Sails	Destination.	Office.
Nevada	July 13	Liverpool	29 Broadway.
Holland	July 16	Liverpool	9 Broadway.
India	July 16	Glasgow	7 Bowling Green
City of Brussels	July 16	Liverpool	15 Broadway.
Colorado	July 20	Liverpool	29 Broadway.
Cambria	July 23	Glasgow	7 Bowling Green
City of Wash'tn	July 23	Liverpool	15 Broadway.
Erin	July 23	Liverpool	69 Broadway.
Lafayette	July 23	Havre	58 Broadway.
City of Antwerp	July 26	Liverpool	15 Broadway.
Parana	July 30	London	54 South st.
France	July 30	Liverpool	69 Broadway.
Anglia	July 30	Glasgow	7 Bowling Green

PORT OF NEW YORK, JULY 12, 1870.

CLEARED.

Steamship City of Baltimore (Br), Delamotte, Liverpool via Halifax—J G Dale.
Steamship Winchester, Jones, Aspinwall—Panama Railroad Co.
Steamship City of Merida, Deaken, Vera Cruz via Havana—F Alexandre & Sons.
Steamship Virgo, Bulkley, Savannah—Murray, Ferris & Co.
Steamship Niagara, Blackwood, Richmond, City Point and Norfolk—Old Dominion Steamship Co.
Steamship Volunteer, Jones, Philadelphia—J Lorillard.
Ship Henry (Ital.), Cecola, Bremen—H Koop.
Ship Oakland, Merrill, Havre—Funch, Edye & Co.
Bark Enterprise (Br), McIntosh, London—F I Nevius & Sons.
Bark Panola, Nickerson, Constantinople—Fabbri & Chauncey.
Bark Thos Dallett, Wicks, Lagunayra—Dallett, Bliss & Co.
Bark Gazelle, Black, Barbados—H Trowbridge's sons.
Bark Princess Alexandria (Dutch), Verdon, St Croix—Roche Bros & Co.
Brig Mexico (Mex), Latorlas, Campeachy—Funch, Edye & Co.
Brig Ella Maria, Berry, Havana—J B Phillips & Sons.
Schr Porto Plata, Montgomery, Truxillo—Rogers & Heinlein.
Schr Kate Carlton (Br), Munroe, Cardenas—Oliver Bryan.
Schr Welcome Home (Br), Hatfield, Halifax—Crandall, Berteaux & Co.
Schr Willie Dill, Howland, Savannah—Bentley, Miller & Tacoma.
Schr Nelly Potter, Gaskill, Washington, NC—W K Hinman & Co.
Schr Annie Borland, Morris, Richmond—Van Brunt & Sleight.
Schr H W Warford, Sprague, Bridgeport—J A Codington.
Sloop Wasp, Nash, Providence.
Steamer Annie, Haines, Wilmington, Del.
Steamer Tacony, Nichols, Philadelphia.
Steamer S C Walker, Sherein, Philadelphia.
Steamer Ann Eliza, Richards, Philadelphia.
Canal boat Dreadnought, Sarmens, Baltimore—Easton & McNaimi.

ARRIVALS.

REPORTED BY THE HERALD STEAM YACHTS.

Steamship Silesia (NG), Trautmann, Hamburg June 29 and Havre July 2, with mdse and 763 passengers, to Kunhardt & Co. Had fresh W and SW winds during the passage. July 4, at 2:10 PM, lat 49 40, lon 17, spoke bark Vinco (Fr), bound west. 11th, 6 PM, lat 41 06, lon 68 36, passed steamship Holland, bound east.

Steamship Ocean Queen, Conner, Aspinwall July 3, with treasure, mdse and passengers, to Pacific Mail Steamship Co.

Steamship San Jacinto, Atkins, Savannah July 9, with mdse and passengers, to W R Garrison.

Steamship City Point, Peck, Charleston, SC, 60 hours, with mdse and passengers, to James Murphy.

Steamship Louisa Moore, Salpear, Newbern, NC, with mdse and passengers, to Murray, Ferris & Co.

Steamship Eureka, Brown, Egg Harbor, with mdse, to master.

Ship Gallilope (Br), Dexter, Liverpool, 44 days, with merchandise, to J P Whitney & Co. Had strong westerly winds most of the passage; been 20 days west of the Banks; has had a pilot on board 5 days.

Bark Ceder (NG), Rohlifs, Cardiff, 82 days, with railway iron, to order; vessel to E Pavenstedt & Co. Had strong westerly winds up to the Banks; since light winds and fog.

Bark Idea (Ital) Romano, Leghorn, 41 days, with marble &c, to O Fabricotti & Co. Passed Gibralter June 12. Had fine weather.

Brig Sauk (Ital.), Jaccarino, Girgenti, 67 days, with sulphur to order; vessel to James Robinson & Co. Passed Gibraltar May 20; had light winds and calm.

Brig Monarca del Mare (Ital), Gargecio, Licata, 65 days, with sulphur to order, vessel to Siocovich & Co, passed Gibraltar, May 22, had light variable weather.

Brig Robert Dillon, Blatchford, Salt River, Ja, 15 days, via Delaware Breakwater July 11, with logwood to Henry de Cordova & Co, vessel to N L McCready & Co. Had variable weather.

Schr Carrie S Webb, Brewster, Georgetown, SC, 5 days, with naval stores, to Bentley, Miller & Thomas.

Schr Palmetto, Sanford, Georgetown, SC, 5 days, with naval stores, to Bentley, Miller & Thomas.

Schr Harry Landell, Kelly, Virginia.

Schr C F Hubbard, Loveland, Virginia.

Schr M J Kennedy, Jewett, Virginia.

Schr Montevideo, Lapincott, Virginia.

Schr Sarah Purves, Jones, Virginia.

Schr G P Bliss, Digby, Virginia.

Schr S J Hoyt, Cranmer, Virginia.

Schr Moonlight, White, Virginia.

Schr Czar, Hammond, Virginia.

Schr John J Housman, Brown, Norfolk.

Schr Nellie Brown, Higgins, James River, Va.

Schr Lottie Klots, Vaughn, Georgetown, DC.

Schr W W Pharo, Collins, Georgetown, DC.

Schr Yankee Doodle, Pillsbury, Wilmington, Del.

Schr Evergreen, Bunce, Bangor, 10 days, with lumber, to D Ripley & Son.

Sloop James Henry, Lane, Virginia.

Passed Through Hell Gate,

BOUND SOUTH.

Brig Volant (Br), Ganion, Glace Bay, CB, 10 days, for New York, with coal to Geo H Brewer; vessel to Hinton, Watson & Co.

Brig Eurus, Toothaker, Gardner 9 days for New York, with ice to C H Mathews. Off Cape Cod, night of 9th inst, in a thick fog, collided with fishing schr Valentine —, (the rest of the name could not be understood), of Provincetown, and carried away shrouds, bulwarks and stanchions of the schooner. The E had her jibboom, bowsprit and head rigging carried away.

Schr Grace Girdler, Smith, Richmond, Me, for New York, with ice to Knickerbocker Ice Co.

Schr Ada Ames, Adams, Rockland for New York, with ice to Knickerbocker Ice Co.

Schr Trade Wind, Ingraham, Rockland for New York, with lime to J R Brown.

Schr Alice Oakes, Marson, Gardner for New York, with lumber to J Boynton's Sons & Co.

Schr Albert Walton, Lowe, Gardner for New York, with ice to C H Matthews.

Schr Lucy Collins, Collins, Bangor for New York, with lumber to Holyoke & Murray; vessel to H W Loud & Co.

Schr Evergreen, Bunce, Bangor for Newark, with lumber to C W Whipple & Co.

Schr Graulte State, Burgess, Boston for Philadelphia.

Schr Richard Borden, Borden, Fall River for New York.

Schr North Star, Beckwith, George's Bank for New York, with fish to Baxer & Co.

Schr A J Chapman, Way, George's Bank for New York, with fish to S Miller.

Schr A M Smith, Harris, La Have Bank for New York, with fish to H C Rogers & Co.

Schr Isaac H Borden, Baldwin, Fall River for New York.

Schr R H Daly, Lamphier, Fall River for New York.

Schr Mary Elizabeth, Borden, Fall River for New York.

Schr Ney, Chase, Fall River for New York.

Schr Fountain, Bennett, Fall River for Albany.

Schr Wm M Everett, Moir, Fall River for Albany.

Schr Louisa Frances, Kelly, New Bedford for New York, with lumber to Macy & Wing.

Schr Fankie Hazard, Mayo, New Bedford for New York.

Schr Winona, Baker, Taunton for New York.

Schr J C Chaw, Philips, Taunton for New York.

Schr Whistler, Keefe, Taunton for New York.

Schr Sylvester Hale, Coleman, Taunton for Albany.

Schr Fakir, Hunt, Providence for New York.

Schr S F Wines, Hulse, Providence for Philadelphia.

Schr J H Bartlett, Harris, Providence for Philadelphia.

Schr Ellen M Baxter, Waterman, Providence for Rondout.

Schr M A Predmore, Hart, Providence for Elizabethport.

Schr C W Middleton, Campbell, Providence for Elizabethport.

Schr Connecticut, Stevens, Providence for Hoboken.

Schr Lady of the Ocean, Pitcher, Newport for New York.

Schr Lucy D, Higgins, Newport for New York.

Schr Redwing, Davis, Block Island for New York, with fish to D Haley.

Schr Agnes, Young, Mystic for New York.

Schr Reading Railroad No 47, Reed, Hartford for Philadelphia.

Schr Sam Weller, Brockway, Middletown for New York.

Schr Lookout, Pomeroy, New Haven for New York.

Schr Fashion, Carberry, New Haven for New York.

Schr Sarah Laverne, Averill, New Haven for New York.

Schr Shepard A Mount, Young, New Haven for New York.

Schr Jamestown, Bennett, New Haven for New York.