

In the same manner as a letter, it is transmitted in its regular order at a lower rate than an "express" message, which has preference and goes through more promptly. This is found of great convenience even in countries where the distances are comparatively trifling; but how much more valuable would it be when in operation between New York and such points as New Orleans, San Francisco, or even Chicago.

THE PRINCE OF WALES' ILLNESS.

Feverish Uneasiness and Irritation to Yesterday Forenoon.

The People Hopeful, but the Physicians Reticent.

He was less tranquil at eleven o'clock in the forenoon to-day. The symptoms which are now present show a gradual amelioration of the fever stage, despite its unfavorable alternations.

ENGLAND.

Fire in Warwick Castle and the Ancient Seat of the Earls Almost Destroyed.

The origin of the disaster has not been discovered, but the consequences of the conflagration are most extensive and sorrowful. The grand baronial hall of the Castle, the great dining hall and other apartments of state have been burned out completely.

AMUSEMENTS.

The pressure on our columns to-day compels us to take but a hasty glance at the bills of the week. "Mignon" was given for the first time at the Academy, and the curtain fell on one of the most pictures of musical and dramatic art that has been presented on our boards for many years.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

The area of lowest barometer has moved from Michigan to northern Maine, where the pressure is unusually low. The area of highest barometer has advanced from Kansas and Nebraska southeastward to Arkansas and Indiana, extending its influence to Virginia and Lake Erie, with clear weather at present from this region westward to the Mississippi.

GERMANY.

National Retaliation on the French for the Murder of Soldiers.

In consequence of the continued and frequent commission of murderous assaults on German soldiers in France all the provinces still occupied by the armed forces of Germany are declared in a state of siege, and the perpetrators of such crimes will hereafter be tried by German court martials on the spot.

FRANCE.

The National Assembly of France was re-opened in session at Versailles to-day.

THE CANAL BOATS FROZEN IN.

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THE NEW CITY GOVERNMENT AT CHICAGO.

The new city government was inaugurated this evening. Mayor Medill in his inaugural reports states the bonded debt of the city to be \$14,103,000, and the floating debt to be \$687,000.

SCIENTIFIC EXPLORATIONS.

The United States survey steamer Hessler, with its distinguished party of scientific explorers, sailed to-day from Boston upon its voyage along the Atlantic and Pacific coasts of North and South America.

THE FORTUNE HOPE.

The members and friends of the "Fortune Hope" will meet this evening at the Shakespeare, Broadway.

SPAIN AND CUBA.

Spanish Official Denial of the Foreign Intervention Rumor.

The general government has published an official denial of the truth of the rumor which prevailed here on Saturday to the effect that Great Britain and the United States had threatened to intervene in the affairs of Cuba.

AUSTRALASIA.

Stormy Weather and Marine Disasters Off the Coast.

Everything has been removed at Drury's Bluff Point, quite notable during the war, so as to give sixteen feet in channel at low water. Twenty-eight stone-flags crabs, each containing 300 cubic yards of stone; two iron-clads, the Frederickshavn and the Virginia; four steamers, the Northampton, Jamestown, Curtis Peck and the Beaufort; a brig, the Marcus; two large schooners, the Roach and the Wythe; two pilot boats, five or six scows loaded with stone, besides an enormous quantity of logs, trees and sandbar accumulated during the freshets, constitute the catalogue of obstructions which have been removed at that particular locality.

RECUANT SISTERS OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH—MISSIONARIES MURDERED BY NEW ZEALANDERS.

The following additional news from Australia comes to hand by the mail steamship Moses Taylor, which arrived at this port yesterday.

VICTORIA.

The unemployed persons in Victoria are to be placed to labor on the earthwork fortifications at nominal wages.

THE OCEAN MAILS.

The Intercontinental Conference has agreed to a contract for two postal services with Europe.

QUEENSLAND.

The bark Corypheus, of Melbourne, was wrecked at Ailee, in Marshall's Archipelago. The vessel and cargo will be a total loss.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

The Institute of the Sisters of St. Joseph, at Adelaide, has been broken up by the Roman Catholic Bishop, in consequence of the institute declining to accept new rules and a new organization.

TASMANIA.

Gold has been discovered in various parts of the South East Valley.

NEW ZEALAND.

Bishop Patterson, of Melbourne; Rev. G. Aikin, and a native teacher have been murdered by the natives near Turangia, in revenge for the kidnapping of natives by English vessels.

RAILROAD ACCIDENTS.

Another Railroad Accident Near Salmon River—Several Cars Demolished and the Occupants Greatly Bruised.

A special Halifax despatch to the Evening Traveller reports an accident on the Picton Railway, Saturday night, at Salmon River, seven miles east of Truro. An express train was passing an embankment twenty-five feet high when the postal and smoking cars were detached in some mysterious manner and rolled over the embankment.

A Fatal Accident at Indianapolis.

A frightful accident occurred last night on the Bellefontaine Railroad, near this city. A handcar, containing a party of laborers, was struck by an extra train. Thomas C. Connel was instantly killed, his wife had her back broken, and Mike Murphy had his skull crushed.

PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE.

General Alexander, of the United States Army, is at the Clarendon Hotel.

THE CASE OF MYRA CLARK GAINES.

In the Second District Court, Judge T. Wharton Colton, decided the case of Joseph Tuentest and others vs. Myra Clark Gaines. The opinion, which is lengthy, declares Mr. Gaines to be the legitimate child of Daniel Clark, her father's illegitimate child.

DEATH OF THE CELEBRATED HORSE GOLD DUST.

Yesterday's celebrated stallion Gold Dust died of dysteria of inflammation of the bowels.

SAINT NICHOLAS.

It was the custom of our forefathers in this country to celebrate the 6th day of December of each year as a holiday in honor of the patron of Holland, Saint Nicholas.

ACIDENTAL DROWNING.

Christian G. Smith, a German, aged thirty-five years, residing at the corner of Broadway and Eighth street, Williamsburg, while crossing the south seventh street ferryboat last night, accidentally fell overboard and was drowned.

CLEARING THE JAMES RIVER.

Professor Mallefer's Contract with the Government Almost Completed—A List of the Vessels and Other Obstructions Raised—A Channel Suitable for Large Vessels Will Shortly be Opened.

The contract for the removal of the James River obstructions between the United States government and the city of Richmond and Professor Mallefer, of New York, the contractor, has just been completed. The operations of the Professor, besides being of some historic interest, are of the greatest importance to mariners.

THE WAR IN VENEZUELA.

By the arrival of the Danish brig Jenny at this port yesterday, Maracaibo, Venezuela, November 15, we have the following report of the condition of affairs in that republic.

THE MURDERED MISTRESS.

Blackburn, the Chilean Murderer, in a Night Flare—His Plea of Insanity Not Admissible According to the Laws of Ohio.

MURDER IN MAUCH CHUNK.

Morgan Powell, general foreman of the Lehigh Coal Navigation Company, was shot on Saturday evening at Summit Hill, while on the way to the company's office, by an unknown man, who placed a pistol close to his breast and fired, the powder burning his coat. Powell died this morning. No arrests have been made.

THE BELLES OF THE CITY IN A FLUTTER.

A large crowd gathered in the neighborhood of the Continental Hotel this morning long before the hour set apart for the departure of the Grand Duke from the city. They say he is a really looking fellow and a republican rouser from Easton, one of the districts of Philadelphia which has quite as flattering a reputation as the Fourth ward of New York.

THE WHOLE AFFAIR SPLENDID AND SUCCESSFUL.

At ten o'clock the four-in-hand, furnished by Mr. Fairman Rogers for the use of the Grand Duke made its appearance, equipped in the most gorgeous style. Two coachmen and two footmen mounted the pedestals on either end of the vehicle, and created a decided impression on the minds of those who had not succeeded in effecting an entrance to the charmed circle.

THE GRAND BALL AT THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

The Grand Ball at the Academy of Music. The Grand Duke and Duchess arrived at the Academy of Music at ten o'clock, and were met by the Grand Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, and the Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Schwerin.

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THE GRAND BALL AT THE ACADEMY.

The Academy of Music decorations were begun on Saturday last, and a force of workmen have been engaged thereon since that time.

A platform was built out even with the surface of the stage and across the parquet to the first balcony circle. The stage was covered with hundreds of exotics, evergreens and native flowers, and hanging baskets were suspended from the first circle at regular distances all the way round.

THE GRAND DUKES' BOX.

On the left of the stage, second tier, was absolutely covered with flowers, carnations, japonicas, heliotropes and evergreens and the rarest exotics known to the horticulturist.

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