WHARTON-KETCHUM TRIAL.

GREAT EXCITEMENT AT ANNAPOLIS.

The Assemblage of Ladies in Court Representing the Baltimore Aristocracy.

Technicalities and Eloquent Arguments.

Evidence of Mrs. Hutton, Who First Detected the Prisoner's Attempt to Destroy Life by Giving Tartar Emetic.

How the General's Medicine Was Mixed.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 6, 1871.

The interest in the case of Ellen G. Wharton, now on trial here for the murder of General W. Scott Ketchum, increases as the cause progresses. The first two days' proceedings were stripped of a great deal of their interest to some of those whose curiosity was excited by the peculiar situation of the prisoner, and those personally interested in Mrs. Wharton, either as relatives or warm personal friends; but the jury empanelled, the statement of the prosecution put in, and the evidence already commenced, drape the proceedings with new and important surroundings that are of the greatest moment, both to the prisoner and the public generally.

OPENING OF THIS DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

At ten o'clock this morning the Court was called to order, with all the judges and other officials in their places. As yesterday, the crowd outside the space assigned to the bar was great, and, if possible, larger than on either of the preceding days of the trial. The space assigned specially for the ladies was filled to overflowing at least an hour before the Court was called with the feminine representatives of the aristocratic and fashionable society of Baltimore, all of whom seemed to take a deep and lively interest in their former associates. Therefore, indeed, it can be said that never was there gathered around a trial for murder such

AN AUDIENCE OF REFINED AND INTELLIGENT PEOPLE

as are here to-day to give this unfortunate lady their countenance and support in this hour of her dreadful peril. Immediately after the Court was called the prisoner, accompanied by her daughter and Mrs. J. Crawford Neilson and daughter, came in and took seats the same as yesterday in the rear of the counsel.

APPEARANCE OF THE PRISONER.

Mrs. Wharton, as also was her daughter, was dressed in deep mourning, and their careworn countenances were hidden from the gaze of the curious by heavy crape veils through which no eye could penetrate.

After the usual preliminaries of organization Judge Miller directed the counsel to proceed with the case. The proceedings yesterday were closed with the discussion of the admissibility of the evidence of Mrs. Chubb, as to what General Ketchum said to her in relation to the object of his visit to Baltimore to see Mrs. Wharton.

Mr. Steele, for the defence, having the floor, began his argument against the admissibility of the evidence, a few minutes after ten o'clock, and with much ability and eloquence laid down the points of his objection to the question. He alluded with much feeling to the mental condition of his client

WHEN GENERAL KETCHUM WAS TAKEN SICK

in her house. How earnestly she pleaded with the witness for the State, now on the stand, when these mysterious occurrences were taking place in her house, to refresh her mind with reference to their visits to the apothecary, when the tartar emetic was purchased, and said to her, "You know that only one dose of that drug was purchased, and that for my own infirmities." He dwelt with great stress upon the kind and generous impulses of heart exhibited by the prisoner at all times toward her friends, and closed his argument by asking the Court to rule the evidence as to what the deceased had said five days before his death, when on his way to Baltimore, as inadmissible.

Mr. Revels, State Attorney for Anne Arundel county, followed Mr. Stull, and the newly elected Attorney General of the State, Mr. Syster, who, it will be remembered, was associated with the Hon. D. W. Voorhees for the defence in the notable case of Harry Crawford Black, recently tried at Frederick, Md., for killing Colonel W. W. McKaig, a full report of which appeared in the HERALD at the time, closed the argument for the prosecution with a most eloquent and able effort.

Mr. Steele then took up the discussion again, and closed a few minutes after twelve o'clock.

The Judges, Chief Justice Miller and Associate Justices Hammond and Hayden, consulted for a few moments, when Judge Miller said the discussion before the Court upon the question at issue had been conducted with such ability, both for the State and the defence, as was rarely heard before a judicial tribunal; but that it was the opinion of the Court that the evidence sought to be introduced by the prosecution was not admissible at this stage of the case; but without expressing any opinion as to its future admissibility he would state that, after the documentary evidence was in, the question might again arise. This ruling of the Court gave much satisfaction to the friends of Mrs. Wharton, who looked upon the question as one of great importance to her case.

After the delivery of the opinion Mrs. Chubb, the first witness for the prosecution, was put upon the stand again and cross-examined by Mr. Steele for the defence at some length, but there was no material change in the direct testimony of this lady as published yesterday.

After she left the witness stand there was some little delay for consultation by the counsel for the prosecution, and the audience, with eager expectation, watched every movement of those engaged in conducting the case.

Presently the name of Mrs. Hutton was called, and at once every eye was fixed upon the seat where the witness sat. As she rose to take the witness stand every one in the assemblage watched her movements, as it was known that she

FELT VERY BITTERLY TOWARD MRS. WHARTON.

Mrs. Hutton is the sister of Mr. Eugene Van Ness, whom Mrs. Wharton is charged with attempting to poison, and was the lady who first suspected Mrs. Wharton of the foul crime whereof she stands charged, and who also bid the glass of punch offered her brother when sick at Mrs. Wharton's house, and had the contents analyzed, finding tartar emetic therein. When she was sworn the stillness in the court room was painful, and every one waited in almost breathless silence to hear what she might say. Mr. Revel conducted the examination for the prosecution. She testified that she had lived in Baltimore nineteen years; that she never knew General Ketchum till she met him at Mrs. Wharton's house on Saturday evening, the 24th of June last; it was about seven P. M.; she saw him open the front door and he came into the passage; Mrs. Wharton met him there and invited him up stairs; had met Mrs. Chubb before that time; about six o'clock she was going into the gate and had some medicine for her brother, Mr. Eugene Van Ness, who was then sick at Mrs. Wharton's house; she

SAW GENERAL KETCHUM AT THE TEA TABLE,

and he appeared very well; he asked her to take some tea, and she told him she did not desire any; Mrs. Wharton then handed her some tea for her sister, and she left the room; Mrs. Wharton, Mrs. Chubb and General Ketchum were at the table alone; General Ketchum said that she (Mrs. Hutton) was a poor, nervous creature, and that if she was as hungry as he was she would eat something; she saw him later in the evening in the third story front room; Mrs. Wharton and Mrs. Chubb were with him; she called Mrs. Wharton out of the room; she saw him (General Ketchum) on the following Monday morning, between seven and eight o'clock; he was then sick in bed; he told her he had been quite sick, but felt better;

THAT MRS. WHARTON HAD POISONED HIM

with a glass of lemonade. At this answer there was considerable excitement, and some sharp words passed between the counsel, the defence accusing the prosecution of attempting to introduce matter not evidence to prejudice the jury, and the prosecution disclaiming any such intention. The Court excluded the latter clause of the answer from the jury.

Mrs. Hutton, continuing her evidence, said that she saw General Ketchum on Wednesday morning, between nine and ten o'clock; left him; went into the dining room and gave some milk she had into the hands of a servant; she saw Dr. Williams and Mr. Hutton, her husband, about ten or half-past ten up stairs with General Ketchum; did not go into the room, but waited outside the door until he was laid on the bed; his eyes were wide open, and his arms were stretched out upon the bed; went in and sat down and began rubbing his hands; remained in the room rubbing his hands until Dr. Williams gave her a prescription for the General, when she left the room to call Mr. Sargent, who was in her brother's room, to procure it for her, and offered her purse to pay for it, when Mrs. Wharton came and said that it should be charged to her account at Gassman's.

MIXING THE FATAL DOSE.

She then returned to the General's room and watched at the window until Mr. Sargent returned; when she saw him enter the gate she left the room to meet him and get the medicine; she got the medicine, went into her brother's room and gave it to her sister-in-law, Mrs. Eugene Van Ness, who returned it to her when she went down stairs; she gave it to Dr. Williams, who asked her for a dessert spoon and a tumbler of water; she went into the dining room for it and received the spoon and water from the hands of a colored servant, and gave them to the Doctor; saw him drop the medicine into the table spoon and then put two teaspoonfuls of water to it; asked the Doctor if she should assist him to give the medicine; he said "No," and she then took a seat at the General's side, and remained there some time; Dr. Williams gave me directions when to give the next dose; Mr. Hutton was present at the time; the directions were

FORTY DROPS IN ABOUT TWO TEASPOONFULS OF WATER;

at one o'clock Dr. Williams thought there should be a nurse procured, and witness directed him to one, when Mrs. Wharton came in and offered to stay and assist until the nurse came; Mrs. Wharton asked what the Doctor had given General Ketchum; witness remarked she did not know, but at one o'clock she must put forty drops of the medicine in two teaspoonfuls of water; General Ketchum made efforts to rise when Mrs. Wharton left the room to call Mr. Snowden; the General made several efforts to arise and witness pushed him back on the bed; when Dr. Williams came in the room with Mrs. Wharton he ordered two bags of ice removed from the General's head, after which he became quiet; Dr. Williams said he should have to leave, and said we were not to forget to give the medicine at one o'clock; Mrs. Wharton was not in the room at the time; witness was going to see Mrs. Snowden, her sister, when Mrs. Wharton came in and said she would remain while she went to see Mrs. Loney; went and conversed with Mrs. Loney between twelve and half-past twelve, and just as she was leaving Mrs. Wharton came into the passage and asked Mrs. Loney if she would take a telegram for General Brice as she went down town; Mrs. Wharton gave the telegram and then returned to the room and said,

"I HAVE DROPPED THE MEDICINE FOR YOU, MRS. HUTTON,

but it is not yet half-past twelve;" witness went to the bureau and found the medicine had been dropped in a tea cup, and at once told Mrs. Wharton that too much had been dropped, that it was not a right dose and that there were about two or three tablespoonfuls in the cup; Mrs. Wharton said that it smelt so strong that she added more water; witness told her General Ketchum could not swallow so much, and another dose had better be dropped; Mrs. Wharton insisted upon that dose being given him, but witness could not recollect what words she used; witness told Mrs. Wharton that it was not time yet to give the medicine; she then took her position beside General Ketchum and Mr. Snowden was on the other side; Mrs. Wharton asked what time it was, when witness looked at the watch and said, "Twenty minutes to one;" in a moment more she again asked the time, and witness replied eighteen minutes to one, and again she asked when it was a quarter to one; witness then removed her watch from her belt, and passed it to Mrs. Snowden and said, "You had better keep the watch;" she said, "it may be your watch is not right;" witness said she had compared it with Dr. Williams' and it was with his; Mrs. Snowden kept witness' watch until about five minutes to one, when Mrs. Wharton said,

"LET US GIVE HIM THE MEDICINE NOW,

as the first dose had relieved him so much;" she was anxious that he should get another as soon as possible; witness then went to the bureau and brought the cup to the side of the bed and said to Mrs. Wharton that a new dose had better be poured out; she said, "Oh, no, let me give him this one;" witness then asked Mr. Snowden if he could give the dose; he replied, "Yes, madame, my hand is steady, I will give him the dose;" witness then assisted to raise General Ketchum, and Mrs. Wharton handed Mr. Snowden a teaspoonful of the mixture; they had difficulty in opening his mouth, and after they forced the spoon in Mrs. Wharton told Mr. Snowden not to withdraw it, as she would pour the rest of the medicine in herself, which she did, and then stood by the bedside with the cup and spoon in her hand; in a very short time after taking the medicine General Ketchum began to worry and toss about and to strike witness on the shoulder while she sat upon the bed beside him; he would grab himself by the neck, chest and stomach and cry out,

"OH, DON'T! OH, DON'T!"

he grabbed his throat so hard that he made it bleed; witness went to the foot of the bed to take hold of his feet when he cried out, "Oh, don't! oh, don't!" Mrs. Wharton was at the time standing near the bed; witness asked her if she was not afraid he would go into convulsions; she said yes; witness and Mrs. Wharton then left the room; it was about half-past one; witness went to the office of Dr. Williams, wrote a message on his slate and ran back; the office was about a square from Mrs. Wharton's residence; on the way back found Dr. Williams on the corner and asked him to go and see General Ketchum; he went to his own house and witness went directly to Mrs. Wharton's, and found her husband, Mr. Snowden, and a colored man there, Dr. Williams came at once, and the witness went out of the room into the passage, and then returned; General Ketchum was then under the influence of chloroform or chloride, and she remained with him nearly all the time afterward

UNTIL HIS DEATH;

only left the room fifteen minutes before he died, which was at three o'clock P. M.; she had gone to call Dr. Williams when he died; Mr. Hutton and Mr. Crawford Neilson were in the room with the body when witness returned; was also present the next day when Mrs. Wharton said she had broken the bottle of medicine of General Ketchum's; when General Ketchum was taken ill on Monday witness' attention was called to the room he occupied by a noise as of some one falling, when she entered the room and found the General in convulsions; Mrs. Wharton seemed much excited. (Witness here detailed the circumstance of Mrs. Chubb's going for medicine.) On Monday, after General Ketchum's death, witness asked Mrs. Wharton where his (the General's) vest was, and she replied in her wardrobe.

The hour of adjournment having arrived the Court adjourned until to-morrow morning, at ten o'clock, when the examination of this important witness will be resumed and finished.

Mrs. Hutton upon taking the witness stand seemed much embarrassed, but soon regained her self-possession and gave her evidence in a clear and decisive tone of voice. She is a remarkably fine-looking lady, about medium height, and looks to be about twenty-six years of age. Her dress of deep mourning showed to advantage her beautiful blond complexion, and her easy grace and manners indicated her station in life to be with the highest rank of refined and intelligent society.

To-night the town is full of strangers, and the ancient city was never more full of life and animation than now. The trains all bring new faces to add to the general influx of strangers here, and each moment this important trial grows more intensely interesting. Rumors of all kinds are afloat as to what the prosecution will bring out to-morrow and what course will be pursued by the defence. At the hotels, places of business and around the family circle nothing but the trial and its results are thought or talked of; and, whatever may be the *finale* of this absorbing topic, the country may look within the next two or three days for highly interesting developments.

Mr. Eugene Van Ness, whose life Mrs. Wharton is said to have attempted, and for which she will be tried as soon as this case is finished, desires to contradict the statement telegraphed throughout the country that he was engaged in close conversation with Mrs. Wharton in the court room on Monday.

OBITUARY.

Colonel John D. Ashmore, Ex-Member of Congress.

Colonel John D. Ashmore, ex-member of Congress from Abbeville district, South Carolina, committed suicide in Sardis, Miss., on Tuesday, the 5th instant. He blew his brains out, literally, by discharging the contents of a loaded pistol into his skull.

Colonel Ashmore was born in Greenville district, near Anderson, S. C., and lived there until about the age of fourteen years, when he went to Pendleton and became clerk to a mercantile firm. He afterwards left the district, and, locating in Sumter, pursued the study of law. Soon after being admitted to the practice of the bar he married. At an early age the citizens of Sumter sent him to represent them in the lower branch of the State Legislature, which position they repeatedly assigned him and which he filled with marked ability. For several years, although a young member, he was chairman of Ways and Means—the most important committee of the House. In 1853 he was elected by the Legislature to the responsible office of Comptroller General of the State, the duties of which he discharged with exactness and correct understanding. In the year 1858 he was elected to Congress, to succeed the Hon. James L. Orr. As a politician he upheld the principles of the Jeffersonian democracy. Colonel Ashmore was fearless in the expression of his views, a ready debater, and possessed of energy and great force of character. In person he was above the medium height, of commanding figure, with dark hair, and black, piercing eyes. Affable and courteous in manners, he won the affections of his fellow men. Colonel Ashmore had an honored career in the United States Congress before him—prospectively, at least—just at the moment of the breaking out of the Southern secession rebellion.

NAVAL INTELLIGENCE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6, 1871.

Commodore Reed Worden has been ordered to the command of the naval station at New London, Conn.; Captain J. C. Howell, to the command of the naval station at League Island, Pa.; Captain James F. Armstrong is ordered to duty as executive officer at the Mare Island Navy Yard.

Commodore James M. Pratley has been detached from the command of the naval station at League Island, Pa., and placed on waiting orders.

OCEAN STEAMERS.

DATES OF DEPARTURE FROM NEW YORK FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER.

Steamer.	Sails	Destination.	Office.
Donau	Dec 9	Bremen	2 Bowling Green
City of Antwerp	Dec 9	Liverpool	15 Broadway.
Anglia	Dec 9	Glasgow	7 Bowling Green
Wisconsin	Dec 13	Liverpool	15 Broadway.
City of Brisbane	Dec 14	Liverpool	15 Broadway.
City of Paris	Dec 16	Liverpool	15 Broadway.
Pereire	Dec 16	Havre	58 Broadway.
Atlantic	Dec 16	Liverpool	19 Broadway.
Rhein	Dec 16	Bremen	2 Bowling Green
Columbia	Dec 16	Glasgow	7 Bowling Green
City of Washington	Dec 21	Liverpool	15 Broadway.
City of New York	Dec 23	Liverpool	15 Broadway.
Australia	Dec 23	Glasgow	7 Bowling Green
St. Laurent	Dec 30	Havre	58 Broadway.
Europa	Dec 30	Glasgow	7 Bowling Green

ALEXIS' LAST DAY IN GOTHAM.

THE GRAND DUKE ALLOWED TO REST

Banquet to the American and Russian Naval Commanders Yesterday Evening.

FAREWELL VISIT TO THE OPERA.

HIS TRIP TO BOSTON AND THE EAST.

Plan of Future Movements—A Run Over the Border Contemplated—Destination of the Russian Fleet—Separation of the Reception Squadron—A Princely Gift.

The Grand Duke, wearied by, but not by any means tired of, his receptions in this great land of committees and freedom, passed a quiet day yesterday. New York had shown the best side of its society, and Philadelphia had indicated that, either in display or heartiness, New York is not the only city in the Union where wealth, culture and hospitality are to be found. Preparatory, then, to taking a plunge, *in medias res*, which a visit to the Hub may be made to symbolize, if Boston's opinion of Boston be worth anything, he was allowed to digest for a space the sights and scenes among us which have met his gratified eyes since his arrival here. In the morning

HE DROVE OUT

and took another view of our city. While on this point an incident of the day of the Duke's reception may be referred to. In one of the carriages in the rear of the Grand Duke were one of the commanders of the Russian squadron and a distinguished officer of the American navy. Many times the Muscovite expressed his astonishment at the splendor of the buildings along Broadway, remarking that although he had seen the principal streets of the capitals of European countries, he never saw one which could in beauty, diversity and extent compare with our Broadway. When the carriage arrived opposite Stewart's uptown store he asked what government office that was. The reply that it was a dry goods store, owned by one individual, astounded him. When further informed that the man who owned the great pile commenced life in this city within a quarter of a century with little more than a quarter of a dollar in his pocket, he remarked, in amazement:—

"WHAT A COUNTRY! WHAT A PEOPLE!"

Yesterday evening, which was to be, perhaps, the last Alexis should spend in New York, was marked by an occasion which will tell a good deal of the friendly spirit in which the visit of the third son of the Emperor Alexander to this country was conceived and carried out. It was a quiet dinner at the clarendon

TO THE COMMANDING OFFICERS

of the American and Russian ships-of-war in New York Harbor. The dinner was gotten up in brilliant style, and in order that the amicable nature of the occasion might be undoubted, some gentlemen of the Citizens' Reception Committee were among the guests. Covers were laid for twenty-five, and the guests sat down with the Duke in his elegant *salle-à-manger* at half-past seven. Of the Russian officers were Vice Admiral Possiet, commander of the Russian fleet; Captain Oscar Kremer, of the frigate Svetlana; Captain Lieutenant Dmitri Shavroff, of the corvette Bogatire, and Captain Lieutenant Frederick Shautz, of the clipper Abreck. Of the American navy there were Vice Admiral Stephen C. Rowan, Rear Admiral Melancton Smith, Captain Henry K. Davenport, of the Congress; Commander W. E. Fitzhugh, of the Severn; Commander H. A. Adams, of the Iroquois, and Lieutenant Commander H. B. Robeson, Vice Admiral Rowan's aide. Of the Reception Committee were Major General Dix, Major General McDowell, Mr. W. H. Aspinwall and the Rev. Mr. Hale.

Mr. Catacazy, Consul General Bodisco, Secretary of Legation Danzas, Counts Olsoufieff and Schouvaloff and others of the Grand Duke's suite were also present.

Conversation was indulged in over the generous fare and many mutual expressions of esteem exchanged, but no toasts were given. In all respects the affair was agreeable—something which the absence of stiffness and formality rendered much more easy of attainment. Before the breaking up of the party the Grand Duke presented each of the American gentlemen with

HIS PORTRAIT IN VIGNETTE,

and no speeches were made, either in the presentation or acceptance. All the Russians were in citizen's full dress, the American naval and military officers only appearing in uniform. At half-past nine the party separated, and the Grand Duke and suite simply mounted their overcoats and entered their carriages, with directions to drive to the Academy of Music, where *la diva* Nilsson was warbling in "La Traviata." The short distance was soon traversed, and when the Grand Duke and party entered the proscenium box the house received him with applause.

At the Opera.

It is a difficult thing to choose between those four matchless creations of Christine Nilsson, namely:—The Traviata; Lucia, Marguerite and Mignon. She invests each with a grace, a nameless charm, a natural, yet seductive beauty, and a magnetism which leaves its effect long after the eye has been withdrawn from the memorable scenes which she impersonates as only a great artist can, and long after the ear has drunk in the intoxicating tones of one of the sweetest voices that ever charmed an audience. But the *Dame aux Camelias*, that naughty Dumas creation, is etherialized and refined by the Swedish Nightingale in such a manner that we experience only feelings of pity for the unhappy lady, and never think of the unpleasant character that would seem to place her outside the pale of society. Nilsson's Traviata, we think, is one of the very best *rôles* in her *répertoire*. Of course, Mignon is new and charming, besides, but then Thomas is as far removed from Verdi in an operatic point of view as Carl Bergmann's orchestra is from that of Theodore Thomas'. Nilsson seemed to realize on this occasion that it was her last performance in this city of one of what she calls her favorite *rotes*, and never was she so grand in the *rote*. The presence of the Grand Duke Alexis, who sat in Mr. Barlow's box, with Mr. Catacazy and a number of friends, and his unequivocally expressed enthusiasm, may have had the effect of rousing the Casta Diva even beyond her wonted spirit; but Nilsson is ever conscientious as an artist, and nothing short of severe indisposition can interfere with her artistic interpretation of a *rôle*. To Capoul and Barre a word of praise is due for their very excellent rendering of the *rôles* of the two Germonts, *fils et père*. We have spoken at length of this opera before, and these few remarks will suffice now. But volumes might be written without exhausting the subject on the exquisite impersonation of the Lady of Camelias of Christine Nilsson.

Future Movements.

Alexis bids farewell to Gotham at twenty minutes past nine this morning, *en route* for Boston by special train. Comfortable quarters have been provided for him at the Revere House. He will be escorted by a company of cavalry from the Revere House to the City Hall, where he will be joined by the Mayor and City Council and proceed to the State House, where a full battalion of cavalry are ordered to await his arrival. From the State House, after being presented to the Governor and State officials, the Duke and suite will be escorted to Cambridge. After visiting the colleges he will proceed to the Navy Yard, in Charlestown, where the escort will be dismissed and the Duke and party left to the hospitable care of Admiral Stedman.

ON LEAVING BOSTON

he will proceed East and will, it is understood, cross the border and visit Toronto and Montreal. He will then return to the United States and visit Niagara, after which he will proceed on his Western tour. In returning he will descend the Mississippi River from St. Louis to its mouth, learning something of the extent and resources of our country in the great cities along its banks; in the variety of climate and range of products, from pine to sugar, which teem along its course.

THE RUSSIAN FLEET

is under orders to sail for Havana, and from thence rendezvous will be given at Pensacola, where the Duke will embark for Europe.

The American reception fleet has already dispersed and Vice Admiral Rowan hauls down his flag from the Congress to-day. The Severn starts for Boston to-day, where her crew will be transferred to the training ship Worcester. The Iroquois goes to the Navy Yard, where the Canandaigua will receive her crew; the Kansas has sailed for Havana, and the Congress is awaiting orders to sail for Europe.

DUCAL MUNIFICENCE.

The sumptuous furniture and fittings of the apartments inhabited by the Grand Duke, and valued at $20,000, will be presented to the proprietors of the Clarendon Hotel. While the attentions of the hotel managers to the Duke may have been all that could be desired on his part, it may be said that the flunkeys behind the counter in the office have made the duties of the gentlemen of the press engaged in chronicling the movements of our national guest as disagreeable as possible in every matter where a civil word would be of service.

SMUGGLING.

Secret Service Seizure of Diamonds.

Breaking Up the System—A Chain of Six Weeks' Length—The Man on the Westphalia—Watching the Wary—The Arrest and the Examination—Revelations Expected—Ten Thousand Dollars' Worth Captured and More Expected.

That a vast amount of contraband goods is sold in this city every day is made more conclusive every hour by the revelations from the office of the Secret Service Police. The number of persons engaged in this nefarious trade and the amount of material clandestinely brought by them across the ocean are almost incredible. The tricks and dodges resorted to for the purpose of defrauding the government are wonderful in themselves, not only for the ingenuity displayed, but for

THE DARING AND COOLNESS

required to effectually carry them out. Unfortunately, however, for the regular smuggler the police are well up in all the little manœuvres of the trade, and seldom let a large importation go by without notice. The old adage of "honor among thieves" has been entirely lost sight of by modern rogues, and the professionals of the period generally think themselves lucky if they can save their own skins by sacrificing that of their friends. It is mainly through the detected rogues that the secret police get information of other transactions likely to come off at no distant period. Sometimes, certainly, they themselves go into the business a little for the purpose of getting at the principal in a large affair. They are constantly obliged to *ruse* and *finesse*

AMONG THE FRATERNITY

to obtain information that could not be got at in any other way. The present case is a striking illustration of this system and the manner in which it works on this side of the Atlantic. Some six or seven weeks ago Colonel Whitley received information that large quantities of diamonds were coming to this country from certain European cities by a set of people, some of whom were well known to him. Upon that knowledge he set his agents on the other side to work, and the result was that in due course of time the information came that the parties had started, carrying with them the valuable gems. One of these destrable people came out by the steamship Westphalia, and landed in Jersey City on Thursday last. From there the gentleman went to a prominent hotel down town; but his every footstep was narrowly watched by an officer from Colonel Whitley's office. The smuggler was allowed to get into the hotel, take a room, and remain in the city for several days before the police

INTERFERED WITH HIS MOVEMENTS.

By that time, however, they became convinced the man was in league with a regular band of smugglers in this city, and the places of residence and manner of working of these parties are now well known to the authorities. Some of them, it is hinted, are highly connected and hold prominent places before the public. Yesterday afternoon the man was arrested, and upon him was found about ten thousand dollars' worth of diamonds and other jewels. When the detective stepped up to him and tapped him on the shoulder he turned pale and showed such signs of being engaged in some

CLANDESTINE BUSINESS

that there was no longer any doubt of his identity. When taken to the office in Bleecker street, however, he completely regained his self-control, and complacently told the examining detective the value of each gem and how he had obtained the lot. Once or twice he laughed, and remarked jocularly to the officers,

"This a good job for you."

"Pretty good," was the answer.

"I suppose you would not care if you had a couple of those every week?"

"No. In fact, we should rather like them."

"You are very much obliged to me for being the first this week, ain't you?"

"Well, to some extent we are."

"This is pretty rough, ain't it; only ten per cent upon 'em?"

"Is that all?"

"Just as sure as you are there."

"This is a big risk for such a small percentage."

"Well, you see the big hands get all the pull and what's a fellow to do. There's a lovely stone, pointing to a large diamond; when that is mounted it will make a pretty ornament for some young lady."

"You seem to understand the business?"

"Well, yes, I know something of it."

The other side of the case is now in the hands of the secret service and undergoing that peculiar process known as "working up." It is supposed that within the next few days the whole system will be broken up and this organized band of contrabands destroyed.

The celebrated "Miner" case is to be soon brought into the courts, and the wonderful revelations he promised the public about the doings of some police authorities may possibly be forthcoming. These astonishing stories, however, look much more like the towering defence of some of his lawyers than any strong facts he can bring to light concerning the police.

SHIPPING NEWS.

Almanac for New York—This Day.

Sun rises	7 11	Moon rises. morn	1 38
Sun sets	4 32	High water...eve	4 11

PORT OF NEW YORK, DECEMBER 6, 1871.

CLEARED.

Steamship Algeria (Br), Le Messurier, Liverpool—C G Francklyn.

Steamship Colorado (Br), Freeman, Liverpool—Williams & Guion.

Steamship Tillie, Deering, New Orleans—C H Mallory & Co.

Steamship A S Terry, Salyear, Newbern, NC—Murray, Ferris & Co.

Steamship Wamsutta Fish, New Bedford—Ferguson & Wood.

Bark Damon, Shaw, London—Arthur Starbuck.

Bark Pactolus (Br), Dalrymple, Havre—J F Whitney & Co.

Brig Irene (Br), Hale, Glasgow—G F Bulley.

Brig Wexford (Br), Patterson, Bordeaux—D R De Wolf & Co.

Brig Decidido (Port), Braz, Lisbon and Cadiz—C Ludmann & Co.

Brig W A Henry (Br), Taylor, Grenada—Middleton & Co.

Brig Oliver Cutts (Br), Nelson, Port au Prince—R Murray, Jr.

Brig Arctic (Br), Crane, St Johns, NF—J F Whitney & Co.

Schr Gersh Banker, Colton, Para—Francis Moran.

Schr Jeddie, Turner, Vera Cruz—E Sanchez y Doloytz.

Schr Clara Woodhouse, Russell, Brazos—Woodhouse, Southmayd & Rudd.

Schr Mary E Simmons, Gandy, Richmond, Va—Evans, Ball & Co.

Schr A M Aldrich, Swain, Richmond, Va—Van Brunt & Bro.

Schr Mary Ann McCann, Kavanagh, Norfolk—S C Loud & Co.

Schr Mary Edwards, Greenleaf, Baltimore—W Chalmers.

Schr Western Star, Crowell, Philadelphia.

Schr Geo Washington, Peck, Stamford.

ARRIVALS.

REPORTED BY THE HERALD STEAM YACHTS.

Steamship City of Antwerp (Br), Eynon, Liverpool Nov 23 and Queenstown 24th, with mdse and passengers, to John G Dale. Experienced moderate winds, with fine weather, up to the Banks, and strong WNW gales, with snow, to Sandy Hook; was in soundings on the Banks at noon on the 29th of November. Dec 1, lat 44 25, lon 55 22, passed a Hamburg steamship, bound east; 3d, lat 42 33, lon 61 43, steamship Manhattan, do; 4th, lat 41 52, lon 64 22, steamship Egypt, hence for Liverpool.

Steamship Russia (Br), Cook, Liverpool, Nov 25 and Queenstown 26th, with mdse and 166 passengers, to C G Francklyn. Nov 1, lat 51 18, lon 18 54, signalled a steamship of the Inman line, bound east; Dec 2, lat 49 25, lon 51 23, a National steamer bound east; 3d, lat 43 07, lon 60 19, a Guion steamer bound east; 4th, lat 42 34, lon 64 02, a National steamer bound east.

Steamship Wisconsin (Br), Freeman, Liverpool Nov 23 and Queenstown 24d, with mdse and 299 passengers to Williams & Guion. Nov 28, lat 46 23, lon 48 02, passed a North German steamer, bound east; Dec 1, lat 44 04, lon 54 51, a Hamburg steamer, bound east; 3d, 6:40 AM, lat 43 57, lat 56 01, steamship Scotia, hence for Liverpool; same day, 5:20 AM, lat 44, lon 55 51, steamship Idaho, hence for Liverpool; 3d, lat 42 28, lon 63 04, an Anchor line steamer, bound east.

Steamship Perlere (Fr), Daure, Havre and Brest, Nov 25, with mdse and passengers, to Feo Mackenzie. Had fine weather with easterly winds for the first four days; remainder of passage head winds and heavy head sea. Nov 23, lat 48 16, lon 31 50, passed ship Jas Foster, Jr, from Liverpool for New York.

Steamship Holsatia (NG), Meier, Hamburg Nov 22 and Havre 25th, with mdse and 496 passengers to Kunhardt & Co. Had moderate easterly winds and fine weather the first four days; since strong gales from SW to W, with high sea and much snow.

Steamship Mercedita, Marshman, Fernandina Dec 2, with mdse, to James Hand. Experienced strong NE and NW winds the entire passage. 4th inst, 30 miles south of Hatteras, passed steamship Clyde, hence for Galveston.

Steamship Montgomery, Fairchin, Savannah Dec 2, with mdse and passengers, to R Lowden.

Steamship Manhattan, Woodhull, Charleston Dec 3, with mdse and passengers, to H R Morgan & Co.

Steamship Niagara, Walker, Richmond, City Point and Norfolk, with mdse and passengers, to the Old Dominion Steamship Co.

Steamship Volunteer, Lowes, Philadelphia, with mdse, to the Lorillard Steamship Co

Brig San Pietro (Ital), Lauro, Denia, 30 days, with fruit to Chamberlain, Phelps & Co; vessel to French, Keys & Co. Passed Gibraltar Oct 28; took the southern passage and had heavy westerly gales; has been on this coast the last 15 days.

Schr Isabel (of New London), Dennison, San Blas 29 days, with cocoanuts to Owen Brennan—vessel to Miller & Houghton. Had strong variable gales for the last ten days. Nov 25, off Sand Cay, signalled steamship St Louis (Br), bound east. Left no vessels.

Schr Albert Treat, Sawyer, Aux Cayes, 17 days, with logwood and coffee to C A Van Bokelyn—vessel to Snow & Richardson. Had fine weather to Hatteras; from thence strong head gales; split sails, &c.; was anchored outside the Hook for 18 hours during the late heavy blow.

Schr L A Edwards, Rowland, Jacksonville 13 days, with lumber to M A Wilder & Son—vessel to A Abbott. Had strong NE and NW winds the entire passage; was 9 days north of Hatteras; 5th inst, Samuel Gum, colored seaman, died; the body was brought to port for interment.

Schr Eugene Rodes, Young, Jacksonville 13 days, with yellow pine, to Alsop & Clark. Had heavy weather.

Schr Kate E Rich, Doughty, Jacksonville, 10 days, with yellow pine to Master. Had heavy W and NW winds; been 3 days north of Hatteras.

Schr Julia Floyd, Squires, Georgetown, SC, 7 days, with naval stores, to Evans, Ball & Co.

Schr Henry Allen, Talem, Georgetown, SC, with naval stores, to Van Brunt & Bro.

Sch Vrale, Price, Charleston 6 days, with naval stores, to Bentley, Miller & Co.

Schr Snow Flake, McDermott, Virginia.

Schr Jamestown, Allen, Virginia.

Schr D W Vaughan, Kane, Virginia.

Scur Sarah Lavina, Jones, Virginia.

Schr Mary Parker, Petty, Virginia.

Schr E R Bennett, French, Virginia.

Schr Prudence, Barclay, Virginia.

Schr Napoleon, Rulon, Virginia.

Schr J L Leach, Johnson, Alexandria.

Schr Eohraim & Anna, Green, Georgetown, DC.

Schr F A Boyd, Yates, Georgetown, DC, for Cohasset. Dec 5, at 2 AM, went ashore 14 miles north of Barnegat, and was got off on the 6th at 2 PM by the coast Wrecking Company's steamer Amanda Winans, after throwing 60 tons of coal overboard, and towed to this port. Received no damage.

Schr H K White, Finley, Philadelphia for Newburyport. Dec 5, during a heavy blow from west, carried away main boom and burst foresail.

Schr Waugoset, Staples, Philadelphia for Bridgeport.

The bark reported as the "Naitha" in Herald of 5th should have read Amalfi.

Passed Through Hell Gate.

BOUND SOUTH.

Steamship Glaucus, Walden, Boston for New York, with mdse and passengers.

Schr Sallie Burton, Palmer, Stamford for New York.

Schr Amelia, Mott, Rosyn for New York.

Schr Wm L Peck, Bunce, Oyster Bay for New York.

Steamer Albatross, Davis, Fall River for New York, with mdse and passengers.

Steamer Doris, Young, Providence for New York, with mdse and passengers, to Isaac Odell.

Steamer Galatea, Nye, Providence for New York, with mdse and passengers.

Steamer ——, Smith, New London for New York.

BOUND EAST.

Steamship Wamsutta, Fish, New York for New Bedford.

Ship Pactolus, Tobey, New York for Havre.

Schr J H Mitchell, Morrell, New York for Stamford.

Schr W D Mangum, Chase, New York for New Bedford.

Schr Fashion, Young, Elizabethport for Providence.

Schr E Nickerson, Nicherson, Philadelphia for Boston.

Schr D F Willetts, Dehro, Elizabethport for New London.

Schr Adele Felicia, Elliott, Elizabethport for Norwich.

Schr John Price, Nickerson, Philadelphia for Boston.

Schr Sparkling Sea, Farrell, Jacksonville for New Haven.

Schr George W Downing, Hutchings, Elizabethport for Boston.

Schr Chauncey St John, Parsons, Port Johnson for New Haven.

Schr Henry Gibbs, Hess, New York for New Bedford.

Schr Beula Sharp, Parker, Rondout for Providence.

Schr Connecticut, Cone, Elizabethport for New Haven.

Schr G L, Howes, Elizabethport for Boston.

Schr Amelia, Ayers, Rondout for Fall River.

Schr John Boynton, Mitchell, New York for Calais.

Schr Decora, Clark, New York for Boston.

Schr Daniel Williams, Mills, New York for Boston.

Schr H M Ridgier, Merrick, New York for New Haven.

Schr R W Haddell, Maloy, Alexandria for Bridgeport.

Schr Francis, Gibbs, Alexandria for Cohasset.

Schr Fisher, Kearns, Elizabethport for Plymouth.

Schr J H Yates, Kane, Philadelphia for Fall River.

Schr Sarah Jane, Fordham, Elizabethport for Milford.

Schr Joseph P Ross, Paul, Hoboken for Taunton.

Schr St Elmo, Davis, Amboy for Salem.

Schr Carrie L Hix, Hix, New York for Boston.

Schr Mary Marshon, Brightman, Hoboken for Hartford.

Schr J Palmer, Stevens, Philadelphia for