

ENGLAND.

The Bank Rate of Discount and Speculation as to an Advance—United States Commercial Policy Towards Canada—Freedom of the Press—Fatal Collision of Steamships.

TELEGRAMS TO THE NEW YORK HERALD. LONDON, Oct. 21, 1872. It is probable—noon—that an advance in the rate of discount of the Bank of England will be made 40 days.

UNITED STATES COMMERCIAL POLICY TOWARDS CANADA. The metropolitan press generally praises the efforts of the American Board of Trade to procure reciprocity of trade with Canada, and are of the opinion that the success of the Treaty of Washington has led to this action.

A FREE PRESS IN FREE POSTAL CIRCULATION. The government has restored the right of registration for transmission abroad through the mails to Mr. Bradshaw's journal.

STEAMSHIP COLLISION AND LOSS OF LIFE. The steamer Batavia, while en route from Blackwall for the River Rhine, collided with an unknown vessel, and was so seriously injured that she soon after sank. All on board were saved except two persons, who went down with the steamer.

ATLANTIC ACCIDENT AND A DANGEROUS PANIC. The gallery of a circus at Sheffield gave way to-night while filled with spectators and was precipitated on the heads of those below. It is reported that seventy persons were injured by the accident and during the panic which ensued.

Professional Celebrities Embarked for New York. LONDON, Oct. 21, 1872. Mr. William M. Bryant, late Counsel of the United States before the Geneva Arbitration Tribunal, and Miss Neilson, the actress, sailed from Liverpool for New York last Saturday on the steamship Java.

FRANCE.

Political Triumphs of the Radical Reformers at the Election Polls. PARIS, Oct. 21, 1872. The radical candidates have been elected to the Assembly in the Departments of Colvados and Indre-et-Loire.

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COLONIAL BALLOT CONTESTS WITH UNIVERSAL TOLERATION ON THE FRONT BANNER. The election ballot returns from Algeria of the voting yesterday to fill the vacancy in the National Assembly are very incomplete. Those that have been received show that M. Cremieux is ahead of all the other candidates.

SPAIN.

Flight and Dispersion of the Insurgents After the Retreat from Ferrol. MADRID, Oct. 20, 1872. The insurgents who escaped from Ferrol fled in all directions. They were pursued by the troops and about five hundred were captured, without the shedding of blood, as they offered no further resistance.

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PORTUGAL.

The United States Fleet at Sea from Lisbon—Farewell Compliment by the Monarch to the Flag. LISBON, Oct. 21, 1872. The vessels of the United States fleet sailed from this port for Cadiz to-day, under command of Admiral A. S. Oen.

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THEIR MAJESTIES THE KING AND QUEEN MARIA PIA, OF PORTUGAL, VISITED THE FLEET ON SATURDAY AND INSPECTED ON BOARD THE SLOOP "SARIS".

ON SUNDAY ADMIRAL ALDEN AND THE CAPTAINS OF THE SQUADRON DINED AT THE PALACE AND WERE MOST CORDIALLY ENTERTAINED BY THE KING AND MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY.

THE WEATHER.

WAR DEPARTMENT. OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER. WASHINGTON, Oct. 22—A. M.

Synopsis for the Past Twenty-four Hours. On the northwest and thence southward to Illinois, northerly to westerly winds and rising barometer, cooler but partly cloudy and clearing weather prevail, with cloudy weather in the Mississippi and the Ohio Valleys. On the Gulf and South Atlantic coast, partly cloudy weather and northeasterly winds. On the Lower Lakes and over the Middle States, and New England, southerly winds and generally fair weather.

Probabilities. In the Northwest, extending thence over the Upper Lakes and to the Mid-Mississippi and Ohio Valleys, cooler and clearing weather, with occasional light rain and northerly to westerly winds; in the Gulf States and South Atlantic, winds northerly to easterly, with considerable cloudiness and occasional light rain; on the Lower Lakes the winds will continue southwesterly, with clearing weather and rain, extending to Western Pennsylvania; in the Middle States and New England, northerly winds, clearing and warmer weather will prevail, with occasional rain.

The Weather in This City Yesterday. The following record will show the changes in the temperature for the past twenty-four hours in comparison with the corresponding day of last year, as indicated by the thermometer at Hudson's Pharmacy, Herald Building.

Table with columns for 1871 and 1872, showing temperature readings for 3 A.M., 6 A.M., 9 A.M., 12 M., 3 P.M., 6 P.M., 9 P.M., and Average temperature for corresponding date last year.

BASE BALL. The Atlantic Beat the Eckfords by a Score of 8 to 3—A First Class Game.

The fourth game of the series between the Atlantic and Eckfords came off on the Union Grounds yesterday afternoon. The ground was in good condition, the attendance large and the play excellent.

If these two clubs do not expect to finish the scores on ice they will have to wake up and finish the five remaining games before the Winter sets in. The game yesterday was well played throughout, with the exception of a few excusable errors. Appended will be found

Table with columns for Atlantic and Eckfords, showing scores for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, and Total.

KILLED ON THE RAILROAD. About eight o'clock last evening an employe of the Erie Railroad, named William Sheehan, attempted to jump off a train at the Grove street crossing, in Jersey City, when he fell under the cars and his head was crushed to a jelly. The body was taken in charge by the keeper of the Morgue, Mr. Brady, who conveyed it to the house where the unfortunate man boarded, in Thirtieth street, between Grove and Henderson streets. The county physician was notified.

SPANISH INSURRECTION.

The Arrest of Mr. Henderson, the Herald Correspondent. OPINIONS OF THE AMERICAN PRESS.

[From the Boston Post (democratic), Oct. 21.] Hardly has Dr. Houdard returned to the United States with the scars of Spanish fetters upon his limbs when another American citizen takes his vacant place in a Cuban jail. The reported circumstances in the case of Mr. A. Boyd Henderson mark this offense as even more flagrant than the former. While, as prima facie evidence, Dr. Houdard's long residence and business connections in Cuba gave color to the claim that he was a subject of the King of Spain, there is nothing alleged concerning Mr. Henderson to justify his arrest by Spanish authority. The gentleman, so far from being a Spanish subject, has never before set foot on the soil of Spain or of her colonies. He is an American citizen, travelling in Cuba for his own health and that of his wife, where, upon a charge, amounting only to a needless suspicion of having communicated with sympathizers with the Cuban insurrection, he has been arrested by the Spanish authorities and thrown into prison. This is in brief the story that comes from Cuba to enlighten the practical workings of the foreign policy of the Grant administration now on trial. Dr. Houdard was arrested in Cuba in response to the demands of a government operative with that committed the offense of his arrest, but Amadeus, a special favor on the part of King Alfonso, secured his immediate release. He is to leave Cuba by way of bound to return, and as if to leave another American citizen, who has been held up before the rights of the United States. The mysterious influence in the State Department which has made itself felt in all our relations with Spain under the Grant administration to the humiliation of the country, will doubtless be exerted to smooth over this outrage, as it has so many others, with special care and facilities of the Spanish government. With the popular sentiment strongly in favor of extending a moral support to the Cuban patriot, Mr. Fish has not withheld every expression of sympathy from those struggling for liberty, but has discriminated in favor of Spain, ever opportunely. When the freedom, the property and the lives of American citizens have been taken, the State Department has assumed the position of counsellor to the Spanish government, and has opposed all efforts to obtain redress until, as in the case of Dr. Houdard, an indignant public compelled heavy action. The natural result is seen in the contempt with which American authority is treated in Cuba, of which the imprisonment of Mr. Henderson is an illustration. Even with his abject subservience to the Spanish government, Mr. Fish has not succeeded in avoiding entanglement. A war cloud is gathering, and a great emergency is at hand. It is to be estimated the amount of damages inflicted upon Spain by the government that has for years humbled itself to do the behest of the Spaniards. Incompetence and pusillanimity have been the chief characteristics of the administration in its relations with Spain until we find no safety for American citizens upon Spanish soil. The natural result is seen in the contempt with which American authority is treated in Cuba, of which the imprisonment of Mr. Henderson is an illustration. Even with his abject subservience to the Spanish government, Mr. Fish has not succeeded in avoiding entanglement. A war cloud is gathering, and a great emergency is at hand. It is to be estimated the amount of damages inflicted upon Spain by the government that has for years humbled itself to do the behest of the Spaniards. Incompetence and pusillanimity have been the chief characteristics of the administration in its relations with Spain until we find no safety for American citizens upon Spanish soil.

Another Dr. Houdard case is threatened in Cuba. Havana correspondence tells us that one Boyd Henderson, of Pennsylvania, who was arrested at that place. The cause of the arrest is unknown; but it is said that he had been under suspicion ever since he arrived in Cuba, and that he had been in communication with suspected sympathizers with Cuban insurgents. It is further reported that he is a Cuban by birth, and claims to be a native of the United States, travelling on his own wife's health.

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WASHINGTON.

Cuban Antipathies and Sympathies in Official Quarters. THE PRESIDENT'S POSITION. Preparing for the Next Congressional Session.

Balm of Gilead to Alabama Claimants. UTAH'S INDIANS PEACEFUL. WASHINGTON, Oct. 21, 1872. The President and the House Cases—Cuban Affairs in Government Circles. On the 23d of last December the President received an appealing letter from Mrs. Dutton, the sister of Dr. Houdard, then imprisoned in Cuba, and referred it to Secretary Fish with the following autographic endorsement:— I hope the Spanish government will give Dr. Houdard his immediate release. The atrocities already inflicted upon American citizens have turned the whole country against Spanish rule in Cuba to such a degree that the people are scarcely longer capable of judging impartially in matters between Spanish and American citizens. Mr. Roberts must see this himself and the danger to his government, unless more moderation is shown. U. S. GRANT.

The President certainly intended Señor Roberts, then Spanish Minister at Washington, should see this endorsement, but it was carefully kept from his view by the State Department, and through the personal entreaty of Mr. Fish, who made a hasty trip to the White House for the purpose. The President, at a later date, was turned from his purpose of publishing his opinion on Cuban matters by sending the endorsement to Congress with the rest of the correspondence on the Houdard case, called for by the resolution of the House, and was thus left in a false position before the country as to his attitude on the question then at issue with Spain. The gradual disclosure of the bold personal stand taken by the President at a time when the official policy was most obsequious to Spain and disatisfying to the country has induced some of the more sanguine partisans of Cuban independence to hope that the President might find occasion in the continued inability of the Spanish government to crush the insurrection, for taking in his hot forwarding message more advanced ground he did a year ago in speaking to the American people with respect to the fruitless devastation going on in their immediate neighborhood. It will be remembered that in his last annual message the President said that the existence of a protracted struggle in such close proximity to our own territory without the prospect of an early termination was a matter of concern to our people, who desire to see every country in the enjoyment of peace and liberty. After assuring Congress that our naval commanders had been instructed to protect American life and property and maintain the dignity of our flag, he closed with the hope that pending questions with Spain might be adjusted in a spirit of peace and conciliation.

It was freely remarked at the time that neither style nor sentiment was typical of the President, and when the substance of his endorsement to Mrs. Dutton's letter, a month later, began to circulate among Cuban sympathizers in Congress, it was perceived with bitterness that the only line of policy consistent with the dignity of our government at the time had been sacrificed to the exigencies of the State Department. But though the President in treating of Cuba at that time will not be criticized in his own way, regardless of what Mr. Fish may have to urge, modification, there is no probability that the hopes of Cuban sympathizers and partisans will be realized. The feeling against Spain has unquestionably abated materially in government circles since the settlement of the Houdard case and the recall of Valmaseda from Cuba, while the mismanagement of Cuban interests in this country, apart from the apparent sincerity of the existing Spanish government in its efforts and promises concerning reform, have largely alienated sympathy and interest from the insurrection.

Getting Ready for the Short Session of Congress—The Appropriation Bills. General Garfield, chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, has been making circuit of the departments to push forward the preparation of estimates for the next fiscal year. He expects to get advanced sheets of the estimate book by November 15, and has issued a call to the chiefs of his departments to get ready to have their bills in ready report at the beginning of the session. The session lasts only twelve weeks, of which half must be given to appropriation bills.

The Committee of Elections, which is a privileged committee, wants a great deal of time, and there are many bills made special orders for specified days. As all unfinished legislation dies on the 4th of March next, persistent efforts will be made to put through the special interests which have made any progress at all.

No dubious appropriations are to be reported by the committee, nor any corrupt or weak measures to be allowed to be put on as riders to general appropriation acts. Movements have already begun for raising salaries; but the committee will insist that salaries shall be fixed by specific law and not increased piecemeal in appropriation bills. The brevity of the session will prevent any change in tariff or internal tax legislation, except some simplification and retrenchment in the mode of collecting internal taxes.

Soothing Balm for Impatient Alabama Claimants. It is ascertained from inquiries received here that some of the Alabama claimants are fearful of sharing the fate of the French spoliation claimants, whose claims against France were used many years ago by our government to balance accounts with the government of that country, and the claimants left from that time to the present without any compensation. The two cases are, however, so different that all such fears are groundless. The government here recognizes the fact that in the transactions attending the settlement of the Alabama claims the United States acted in a trust capacity, and are bound by fair construction of the Treaty of Washington to account to the claimants for the proceeds of the Geneva award. No doubt whatever is entertained at the State Department that Congress will promptly provide for the disbursement of the money to be paid by England, and, as already mentioned in