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Great Events Around Paris.
 The news from France concerning the events of the last three days is so conflicting as almost to defy any intelligent conclusions. Whether the sorties from Paris have been partly successful or wholly unsuccessful—whether any part of the besieged army has really cut its way through the Prussian environments, and effected a junction with any part of the Loire army—whether the Loire army has been as a whole defeated or successful—are matters variously affirmed by news respectively from German and French sources; but the exact state of the case cannot easily be judged.

The people at Tours act as if they had good news, and a London journal thinks the French have gained important advantages. At the same time King William's dispatch indicates that the Prussians have easily defeated all attempts to raise the siege of Paris.

It is probably safe to conclude that the struggle around Paris is not yet over. The bloodiest part of it may be yet to come.

GENERAL SCIENCE has authorized the Republican Committee of his District to use his name in issuing a notice of contest to Colonel Campbell in his election to Congress, making the basis of said contest the rejection of the votes of the inmates of the Soldiers Asylum at Dayton.

A MYSTERY.
 With a Local Interest.
 From Thursday's Pittsburgh Gazette.

An incident of a very mysterious character was stated to our reporter several days since by one of the leading business men of the city, the facts of which he considered his personal property. The news was obtained from a source upon which he could rely, and he is therefore willing to vouch for its authenticity.

The facts related to us would indicate a case of abduction, yet there are circumstances connected with the affair, which have transpired in our efforts to "work the mystery up" that have a tendency to refute this idea. We give the facts as related to us and our readers can put their own interpretation upon them.

THE STORY.
 Friday evening last a lady of high standing residing in C—, West Virginia, arrived in this city on a visit to her friends and relatives, a number of whom reside in this locality, and shortly after her arrival at the residence of one of our leading citizens she related the following MYSTERIOUS INCIDENT:

She took passage at Wheeling on the express train on the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad, which arrived in this city about four o'clock on Friday afternoon, and some time before the train arrived at the Allegheny station she observed, a few seats in front of her, an elderly gentleman whose dress in point of elegance and neatness was faultless. The amount of silver which he carried with him appeared to be slightly gray and his clothing was in the height of fashion, from hat to boots. In the same seat with him sat a young girl not gayly but elegantly attired, apparently about twenty years of age, who from her appearance was in some serious trouble, her face—naturally handsome—was an expression indicating intelligence and refinement, occasionally gave tokens of fear and dejection as though some great danger was continually threatening her. In the seat in front of the parties last named sat two young men, who from their actions, had some connection with the old gentleman and the lady who appeared to be his charge. Nothing unusual or noteworthy occurred on the trip until the train reached the station at Allegheny, where, as soon as it stopped, the young lady made an attempt to leave the car, but was prevented by the old gentleman, who thrust her back in the seat, in an informal manner, rather a rude manner, as she intended to go. She then called her attention to the young man who was sitting next to her, and she was greatly distressed and wept bitterly. The train moved on to the Union Depot, where another scene occurred, which, instead of explaining the mystery which had increased it, and gave rise to suspicion in the mind of the lady from Va., whom, for convenience, we shall call Mrs. P—.

There was something wrong in the matter. When the train stopped the old gentleman and the two men who occupied the seat in front of him, to whom we have before alluded, arose hastily, and the old man seized the young lady by the arm and attempted to hurry her from the car, and he was assisted in his efforts by the two young men. The young lady drew back as if reluctant to accompany them, but was forced toward the door by the old man shoving her. She finally managed to get into a seat which had just been vacated, and the crowd in the aisle of the car prevented the men from getting near her. She remained there until Mrs. P—, who was leaving the car, came opposite to her, when she caught hold of Mrs. P—'s dress and inquired, "Are not you Mrs. P— of C—, Virginia?" Mrs. P— replied that she was that person, but that she had not the pleasure of the inquirer's acquaintance. The young lady replied that she had met her at the house of Mrs. Moore in Wellsburg. She then appealed to Mrs. P— to protect her and not let those men who were with her, to whom she had just been introduced, to do her wrong. Mrs. P— asked her what was wrong, to which she replied that she could not explain there, but for God's sake

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The Latest News.

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 FACTIONS BY THE EXECUTIVE.
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The President yesterday signed a pardon of Thomas C. O'Connell, ex-Speaker of the New York Assembly, sentenced for defrauding the revenue to two years imprisonment and a fine of \$1,000; the fine, of course, was remitted with the imprisonment. The pardons of William Hensley, convicted of illicit distilling in East Tennessee, and Andrew Scott, convicted of cutting Government timber on the Government reservations, were also signed yesterday.

COMING ELECTION FOR SENATOR IN SOUTH CAROLINA.
 The election for United States Senator from South Carolina takes place Tuesday next, and it is believed here that the contest will be between Senator Robertson, the present member, and Chief Justice Moses, with the chances rather favoring the latter. By a by-law the Legislature is compelled to meet on Tuesday next, with the affair, the only hypothesis upon which the mystery can be explained is that of the girl's insanity, a conclusion scarcely warrantable from the statement of Mrs. P—, whose statement was in part corroborative of the gentleman connected with the affair, who says he believes that the young lady was forced on the boat against her will, and that he called the attention of a gentleman from Brownsville, who was aboard, to the matter, and requested him to investigate it.

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EUROPE.

Franco-Prussian War
 Report that Trochu has Cut his Way Out—Great Battle Raging West of Paris.

LONDON, Dec. 2, 1870.

Private dispatches to the Stock Exchange and Lloyd assert that Gen. Trochu succeeded in cutting through the Prussian lines on the north of Paris in such force that the Germans were driven from all their positions with a general retreat. A great battle is now going on in the west of the city.

More about the Fighting Around Paris—King William Claims the French were Repulsed at All Points.
 BERLIN, December 2.

King William telegraphs the following to the Queen:

VERSAILLES, Dec. 2.

The Sixth Corps, yesterday repulsed a sortie near I'Hay, south of Paris, over one hundred French prisoners were taken. The French retreated on the heights of the Wurmberg and Saxons, at Bouvry, Champigny, and Villiers, to the east and south-east of Paris. The positions were taken by the French, but subsequently retaken by the Prussians. At the same time sorties were made at the north and west, and at St. Dennis, against the Fourth Corps and garrisons. The French were repulsed and driven back behind their works, in all cases. I remained at Versailles, as it was the central point.

Signed, WILLIAM.

Further Accounts—French Successes Claimed by Gambetta.
 LONDON dispatches from Paris dated November 30, say that operations by the French were commenced yesterday at different points around the city. General Ducrot, with a large force, moved out of Paris and occupied Montriels, which, however, he was soon compelled to evacuate. The heaviest fighting was done at Champigny, Vrie, and Villiers Surmarne. The French are now renewing the attack in the south. A dispatch from Tours dated Thursday, the 1st, says that the successful sorties around Paris has caused the most indescribable excitement.

LONDON, December 3.

The city is overjoyed with dispatches from Gambetta announcing the great successes at Paris, where sorties were made in force along the entire line. The line of battle was many miles in extent. A great number of prisoners and cannon have been captured by the French. The corps were commanded by Trochu, Ducrot, and Vergé. Gambetta in announcing the victory says: "One of the results of it has been the evacuation of Aurkus by the Prussians, who hastily started for Paris to reinforce the German army. The battle at Paris began on Tuesday, 29th, and at last accounts the garrison remained outside in the same positions as they had been captured from the Prussians."

Another Prussian Account—The French Repulsed Twice.
 BERLIN, Dec. 2.

The following dispatch from General Trimping, commander of the Seventh Prussian Corps, has just been received, dated Monday:

"A great sortie occurred yesterday. The French moved out against the Prussians and Wurtembergers early in the morning. They were supported by a heavy cannonade from their fort. Ducrot and Vergé, General commanding, leading a hundred and twenty thousand men. At eleven o'clock in the forenoon the French was repulsed by the Sixth Corps, and retired. Subsequently at three o'clock in the afternoon, the Wurtembergers, who were reinforced by cavalry and artillery, were attacked by the French. The latter were repulsed. The German losses were trifling."

Gambetta Claims a Success for the Army of the Loire.
 MOULINS, 28th November, December 2.

Gambetta has publicly announced that the Army of the Loire has successfully resisted the attack on Gen. Foville's position at Montigny, and are consequently retiring before the United armies. It is said Trochu has with him outside of the walls three hundred cannon. A dispatch from Prince George of Saxony has been received by the King of Saxony. It describes the fighting at Morsey and Villiers, in which the Saxons troops took 1,000 prisoners, and the French were repulsed and driven over the heights between the two villages, leaving behind hundreds of prisoners. The French attacking forces numbered 50,000. The loss of the Saxons 13 officers and 100 privates.

A Berlin dispatch says that a secret postoffice, maintaining a regular communication between Strasbourg and Tours, by way of Basle, has been discovered at Strasbourg.

Exasperation of the French Peasantry.
 The London Times has a special telegram from Berlin, dated yesterday, giving the state of affairs in the interior of France. The priests in the rural districts are preaching against the Prussians as heretics. They are consequently terribly incensed against the invaders. The German patrols in the Valley of the Loire are shot down from every hedge and building. The Prussian carriers of dispatches are killed when nobody but innocent looking plowmen are in sight. Many of these priests have been captured by the Prussians and will be brought to trial.

Conference Accepted by all the Powers.
 ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 2.

President Grant is warmly congratulated by the czar on his offer of assistance on the American fleet.

The foreign powers have accepted the proposal for a conference, but the day of meeting has not yet been fixed.

England Reminded of Her Humiliation.
 LONDON, Dec. 2.

The Standard warns England that the Gladstone Ministry is preparing for an infamous and disastrous capitulation to Russia in spite of Granville's resistance. A conference has been accepted without the withdrawal of the Russian note. A mere meeting of powers will be a virtual submission to all that Russia asks.

THE EASTERN QUESTION.
 NEW YORK, December 2.

Gortschakoff's Rejoinder to Granville.

The steamship France, from Liverpool, has arrived at quarantine. The Tribune's correspondent at St. Petersburg telegraphs the full text of Gortschakoff's reply to Earl Granville, which, however, contains little that has not been touched

upon by regular cable dispatches. Russia declined, as is already known, to discuss the propriety of her former note to recall any proceeding or cite any example, as such a controversy would in no way promote the good understanding which is desired. After referring to the inevitable failure of the attempt made by the committee to assemble the powers in general conference, with a view to remove the causes of the difficulty which disturb the general peace, Gortschakoff continues: "The prolongation of the present war and the absence of a regular government in France postpone still further the possibility of such an agreement. Meanwhile the position in which the treaty left Russia, has become more and more intolerable. Earl Granville will agree that Europe of to-day is very far from being the Europe which signed the treaty of 1856. It was impossible that Russia should be an arranged ally, onerous as it was at the time when it was concluded, because daily weaker in its guarantees. Our august master has too deep a sense of what he owes to his country to force it to submit any longer to an obligation against national sentiment protests. We cannot admit that the abrogation of a purely theocratic principle is to be effected by the immediate opposition, and which visibly restores to Russia a right of which no good people could consent to be deprived, ought to be considered as a menace to fear, not that in avoiding one point of the signatory powers of that treaty, thereby to confirm its general stipulations or to renew them, or the substitution for them of any other equitable arrangement which may be thought suitable to secure the repose of the East and the equilibrium of Europe. There seems then to be no reason why the Cabinet of London should not, if it please, enter into an explanation with the signatory powers of the treaty of 1856. For our part, we are ready for any deliberation having for its object the consolidation of peace in the East."

Peaceful Solution of the Eastern Question.
 ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 2.

A pacific solution of the Black Sea question is assured to-day.

Berlin is assured that in a conference which has been called for a settlement of the eastern question, a new treaty will be proposed omitting all reference to the neutralization of the Black Sea.

VIENNA, December 2.
 Vienna was first selected as the place for holding the conference with Austria. The preliminary discussions will involve questions other than those connected with the Paris treaty of 1856.

ASIA.
 Revolt Among the Mongol Tartars.
 LONDON, Dec. 2.

A dispatch just received from Shanghai, to November 8, says that a Tartan insurrection had occurred in Mongolia. Twenty thousand insurgents were threatening the town of Urga, the capital city of the province. Forces were sent with Russian rifles had gone to oppose the movement.

BOSTON.
 BOSTON, December 1.

Hon. Wm. M. Everts delivered an address to-night at Music Hall, and Wm. Everett read an address on the occasion of the graduates of the Boston Latin School who fell in the late war.

The trial of Thos. G. Gerrish, late City Treasurer of Lowell, for embezzling the city funds, resulted to-day in his discharge, on an exception raised by his counsel to the form of indictment.

CHICAGO.
 CHICAGO, Dec. 2.

The Press Club of this city held their annual meeting last evening, and resolved to give a grand banquet within a few days.

James Duff of Pontiac, Treasurer of the State Reform School located in that place, failed with \$23,000 of the school funds in his possession. The State is perfectly secured by his bondsman.

Financial and Commercial.
 CINCINNATI Market.
 CINCINNATI, December 2.

Corn—Dull and drooping; falling at 15c. Flour—Dull and unchanged; family at \$3 00 to \$3 50.

GRAIN—Wheat dull and unchanged at 1 1/4 to 1 1/2. Corn steady at 50 to 55. Rye scarce and firm at 85 to 90. Oats scarce and firm at 45 to 50. Barley dull and unchanged.

COGNAC—Steady.

OLIVE—Quiet and unchanged.

ROSE—Dull and unchanged at 75 to 80.

BUTTER—Heavy receipts have depressed the market; at 25 to 30.

SEEDS—Clover seed steady at 10 to 12 1/2. Timothy seed quiet and unchanged at 14 to 15. HAY—Dull and unchanged at 12 to 13. Lard in good demand at full prices for steam to 15. New York contracts sales at 13 1/2. SUGAR—Dull and unchanged at 12 to 13. Bulk meals dull and nominal; no demand. Green meats firm at 25 to 30. Shoulders and sides 10 to 12 for heavy and 11 to 12 for light.

HOES—Advanced to 6 00 to 60; receipts 5, 100.

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