

East, West, North & South. GENERAL NEWS.

BROAD. Late Foreign Advice.

Whether in State or National Councils the spectacle of personal wrangles instead of grave deliberations is daily afforded through the medium of the telegraphic reports. Personal ambition of political demagogues; crimination and recrimination between members of opposing factions; sectional and denial facts that ought to be a blush to every check, take up the time belonging to other duties, and all this in the face of a people watchful and observant. It is possible that the present is another illustration of the old adage, that "the gods would destroy they first make mad."

With a certain class of men the rights to vote, own land, and the ability to appropriate party spoils, even when the one is characterized by fraud and the other by corruption, is so strong that they lose sight of every minor consideration of mere abstract right, pursued, and that a result is, that "for party" means first. If they understand they certainly never acknowledge that the government is for any higher purpose than to minister to them and to their wants, and the idea that they are ever to be a blessing to the people seems never to be for a moment remembered. Reform is needed everywhere and certainly none the less because the party in fault is the dominant in the councils of the nation. If a change for the better is to come, no harm, while it otherwise the careful reform is all the more needed. But when an accusation of fraud or corruption is made and supported by prime fact evidence at least, any attempt to do anything but result in the greatest harm.

During the entire week the investigation into the sale of arms to the French, by one of our consuls, the French Prussian war has been continued. Amidst the charges and counter-charges some facts, at least, have been developed which are sufficiently grave to call for the most searching inquiry and the attempt to get the truth from the hands of honest Republicans—the more especially as a very similar cry was raised when the investigation into the abuses of the New York Custom House was first proposed. And yet this latter has ended in the same way, and has not been a success, so many, indeed, that their reform is now proclaimed as a reason for the support of all to be given to the Administration. At all events it is to be hoped that the present investigation will be more successful in that respect, and the ability of General Grant will be "imposed upon by bad and designing men."

In view of all the exposures that have taken place, and one cannot but think that the American Government has lost the power, and the right, to prevent "bad men" from abusing his confidence and thus serve their own ends by plundering the public. It is a matter of congratulation that the Anglo-American excitement has subsided but many effects developed during its continuance cannot fail to be deplored by all. Probably no settlement of international troubles was ever hailed with more satisfaction than the present Christian people on both sides of the ocean, than that of the so-called "Alabama Claims." It was looked upon as a proof of National advancement and a result of educational improvement. It was a triumph of the law over the power of the sword. It was a triumph of the power of the press over the power of the sword. It was a triumph of the power of the press over the power of the sword. It was a triumph of the power of the press over the power of the sword.

New Jersey, was declared the choice of the convention by a majority on the first ballot. After appointing committees to report on the various resolutions presented by the committee of one from each State, the convention adjourned subject to the call of the national executive committee.

THE SENATE.—Business for the week ending Feb. 28. On Wednesday a protest was made by the New Jersey delegation against the nomination of John Sherman to the office of Secretary of the Interior.

THE SENATE.—Business for the week ending Feb. 27.—On Wednesday, the Senate adjourned on the 27th of Feb. after a session of three days. On the 26th, the Senate passed the bill for the relief of the French, which was introduced by Mr. Sherman.

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REPORTS FROM THE WEST. The reports from the West are generally favorable. The crops are good, and the weather is improving. The people are happy and contented.

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