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AN OUNCE OF MIRTH.

When we see a house on fire, we think of noted writers—Dickens, Howitt, Burns, and tell me what it means. "A good rest," replied the doctor.

Here, Jones, why don't you fence in your premises? "Oh, there's no need of it, as my wife's always a-railing around house, is there?"

For information," said a member of a slave body. "I am very glad to hear said a bystander; 'no man wants it."

Irishman, who was drinking the health of his wife, gave this toast:—"May your rivulet be to eat the old hen that crows over grave!"

An interesting marriage statistics are given in the *Galveston News*. It says that Shakespear was married when he was 18, Dante and Brigham Young when he was 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24 and so on.

One recitation from in natural history. "Mr. X., have you ever put your foot down on any one's breast and listened heart beats as Huxley describes them?" X., blushing, "Yes, sir."

There is a village in New Hampshire which produced twenty-six editors. It was in this town that a pious deacon remarked: "Yes, there's twenty-six of 'em, they've all left the town, I reckon the town won't lay it up again us."

A perplexed German who had made a garb for a youth, and found himself unable to give of the surplus fullness which appeared when trying it on the young candidate, roared vociferously that "de coat ish good, no fault of de coat." De pony ish too good."

There a letter here in a scented envelope to my wife?" he asked of the postmaster, the green fire from his eyes made the look like a leafy forest. "Yes, sir," replied the postmaster, as he handed it out. "The postman tore it open at once, when lo! behold! it was the milliner's bill for fifty \$s. No succeeding chapters."

When the prodigal son had returned home, his father the Cincinnati *Enquirer*, and the father was killed and placed before him on all fours, he turned up his nose at it and said: "At goodness! Haven't you got any other of meat but that? I allus did hate veal."

"I wish I were you about two hours," she said with great tenderness. "And why, my dear?" she asked, with considerable interest. "Because," she said, toying coyly and affectingly with his watch chain, "because I would buy my wife a new bonnet."

"Countess gets up on a chair to explain servant man how she wishes the chandeliers cleaned." "Beg your ladyship's pardon," says the dog respectfully, "but one leg of the chair your ladyship condescends to stand upon of repair, and if your ladyship doesn't put she'll break her darn neck!"

A tavern in Calcutta there is a notice on the walls: "Guests are requested not to eat at the waiters and servants." This is the notice in a London inn: "Do not let the servants on the stairs, it makes them the dishes;" and the solemn admonition of a Blue Dog Guide, Arizona: "Guests are earnestly requested to remove their feet before entering."

NOTES.

General Miles, the Indian fighter, has received \$10,777 insurance in the St. Louis steamer, which was sunk in the Missouri river. When the steamer Cameron was a snag.

The business of the Western Union is being so rapidly that additional wires are being laid out on all the main lines, they are being supplied.

Railroad *Gazette* says that 1,476 miles of rail have been made in the United States for this year, against 631 in 1875.

John Pratt, a leading Mormon, goes in for every gentle who svs anything at the institution. More than that, he to furnish the wood and light the fire. It is evidently a very liberal man.

A large portion of the emigrants to this State go to Texas, the emigrants being led to go to that State by promises of food and self-cocking pistols, made to agents who are visiting England in interests of emigration to Texas.

The Sultan of Zanzibar is getting very well. He has practically suppressed the slave trade, and with a determined hand, has dinner parties in a European fashion, music from an excellent band, decorated with all sorts of luxuries. His Highness drives out in a carriage and four, with attendants in scarlet and gold.

President Hayes will recommend in his message that Alaska be given a government similar to those now established in the territories of the United States. If his recommendation is adopted, Alaska will offer a field for enterprising men to go up and get offices. No country is inhospitable which a man can hold office.

Though as prone as "the army in blue," Mr. Chandler was a man of sincere convictions, and was as intolerant of them as he was on the subject of slavery. His wife and daughter are members of the Presbyterian Church, and Mr. Chandler was adherent of and believer in the doctrine of Calvin. He was always very reverent religious subjects were before him. He attended church regularly.

TELEGRAMS!

UNITED STATES.

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—News was received here to-day that the well known whaling schooner Florence, lately employed by Capt. H. H. Howgate, of the Signal Bureau in polar investigations, under command of Captain Tyson, has been lost in the Cumberland straits, to the east of Hudson's Bay. She parted her chains and went under during the gale. Nobody was lost. The Florence was owned by C. A. Williams, of New Bedford. On one trip to the South Shetland Islands, she made in 1877 three hundred thousand dollars by bringing in fur and seal skins. Her captain received \$60,000 as his share. She was less than 100 tons burthen. The crew were taken off by a Scotch vessel.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 8.—A report not fully verified was received this afternoon from Eureka, Humboldt county, that outlaws, who recently had a fight with the sheriff's posse in Mendocino county, had been overtaken near Red Mountain, where a fight ensued, resulting in the wounding of several of the pursuers and killing of all the outlaws.

The whaling bark Dawn arrived to-day from the arctic regions. On September 23, within twenty-five miles of Herald Island, saw the wreck of a steamer, supposed to be the Jeanette. The ice began to open rapidly; the bark saw Herald Island, and in October could go all around it. On the 7th of October, the captain's report continues, we saw Wrangle's land, distant less than twenty-five miles east, the coast line showing very little snow, but the mountains in the interior were covered with snow. Could not see any ice between us and Wrangle's land, and we were much surprised, as the outlook was very discouraging in the first part of September. I now think that the exploring vessel, the Jeanette, will reach land, and we may expect to hear from her next January.

CHICAGO, Nov. 9.—The organization of a mining board and stock board was completed in this city Saturday evening. A board of directors of fifteen substantial business men was elected. These men represent capital and active business, and their connection with the enterprise is an augury of success. The large amount of Chicago and Western capital that is being invested in mining property is understood to be the moving cause of the organization. It is announced that good rooms have already been secured, and that the board will open for business on the first of December.

NEW BEDFORD, Nov. 9.—The list of lost on the schooner Petrel includes eight passengers, only one, Benjamin Martin, being an American. The rest of the passengers and all of the crew were Portuguese.

TOLEDO, O., Nov. 9.—A special from Napoleon, Ohio, to the *Commercial States* that a disastrous fire broke out in that place at 2:30 a. m. to-day, consuming nineteen buildings. The loss will reach \$100,000; about one-half of which is covered by insurance.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 8.—News reached here at midnight that the west span of the St. Louis, Kansas City & Northern Railroad bridge, crossing the Missouri river at St. Charles, fell about half-past eight o'clock to-night. A stock train of seventeen cars with seven men on it was precipitated into the river and none of the men have been found. The telegraph wires were taken down with the bridge and no particulars of the accident have been received. A temporary office has been opened this side of the bridge and additional information will be obtained if possible.

Later—Three dead bodies and three badly injured men have been recovered from the river. At this late hour it is impossible to learn the names or residences of the unfortunate. The conductor, engineer and fireman escaped, by the breaking of the connection between the cars.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 9.—A visit to-day to the St. Charles bridge, one span of which fell last night, disclosed a terrible wreck and destruction of property. Conductor Kirley testified before the coroner's jury this afternoon that the train was all right when it passed on to the bridge. Another theory is that the bridge was struck by lightning, a very heavy storm having prevailed about an hour before the disaster. He heard a crash of timbers and iron and the great splashing of water, and then he sprang out of the side door of the caboose on to the floor of the bridge, and approached to within only a few feet of the chasm before he could regain his feet; saw the caboose plunge down the awful abyss of 80 feet. His escape is one of the most wonderful on record. Charles Irwin, brakeman, was on top of the caboose and went down with it. He was so terribly mangled that he died at noon to-day. Conductor Kirley swore that he has taken hundreds of more heavily laden trains across the one under which it broke; and that it had recently been inspected by competent persons and pronounced sound, and he could give no reason for the accident. Mr. Strahan simply related his experience. The damage to the bridge is estimated at \$75,000; value of cars and stock about \$25,000. A temporary wooden truss will be put up as speedily as possible, and in the meantime a track will be laid to the ferry landing, and passengers and freight transferred by boat.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 9.—The Indians at William's Lake, British Columbia, are reported starving. Their chief has had translated for publication a pathetic appeal to Her Majesty recounting how they have been deprived of their lands and means of livelihood by the whites and asking for relief, saying that his young men will not starve in peace.

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.—The *Herald* says: "At the Republican headquarters the greatest confidence was expressed that the entire Republican State ticket had been elected, including Soule, candidate for State Engineer and Surveyor."

The *Sun's* returns give Hotter, Dem., a majority of about 2,000. Horatio Seymour, Jr., Dem., has nearly 1,000 majority. It is probably that Washworth, Rep., for Comptroller, is elected. Ward, Rep., for Attorney-General, is elected. Carr, Rep., for Secretary of State, runs very close to Beach, with the chances in favor of his being elected. Between Wendell, Rep., for Treasurer, and Mackey, the race is very close.

LONDON, Nov. 9.—Sir Austin Layard has been instructed to enter upon negotiations immediately with regard to the reforms in Asia Minor. A Vienna dispatch says Prince Labanoff returned to Constantinople from Livadia. He advised the Porte to fulfill the

wishes of England relative to Asia Minor. A Madrid correspondent to a London paper telegraphs that he is informed that persons say if Premier Martinez Campos does not carry the abolition bill, and the reforms in the West Indies on a free-trade basis, he, with the support of Señor Canovas del Castillo, will ask the king to dissolve the Cortes, and in the meantime govern Cuba by a royal decree.

LONDON, Nov. 8.—The *Standard's* dispatch from Rome says the Vatican has determined to appoint Monsignor Yarden Brandon one of the Pope's secret Chamberlains, Archbishop of Malines, with the right of succession to that see. This important nomination indicates a conciliatory attitude toward Belgium.

A *Times* dispatch from Calcutta says there seems to be little doubt of the Ameer's treachery. The general opinion is that he will be sent as a state prisoner to India.

A Berlin dispatch to the *Times* says news has been received at Moscow from Baker that the troops on the expedition into Turkestan are in a pitiable condition. They have lost half their number.

Appearance to-day are more favorable to the maintenance of peace, but the danger of difficulties with Russia is not yet over. The threatened movement of the British Mediterranean fleet undoubtedly warned Turkey of her peril, and checked the intrigues of Russia at Constantinople.

Count Shouvaloff has received his formal letters of recall from the Russian embassy in England, and as no one has been appointed to take his place, this is regarded as rather ominous.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 9.—Saint Julian's tort to beat his own time, has been postponed one week, on account of heavy track from the rains.

One of our Rhode Island exchanges has a pertinent editorial, "The State at Large," debate sarcasm!

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10.—The following is among the business transacted in the Supreme Court to-day: Union Consolidated Silver Mining Company plaintiffs in error vs. Jas. D. Taylor in error to the circuit court of the United States for the district of Nevada. This was an action of ejectment brought to recover possession of an undivided interest equal to five feet of the mining claim on the Comstock lode in Storey county. Under agreement of the parties the case was tried by the U. S. Circuit Court with jury. A finding of facts was made and on that finding judgment was rendered in behalf of Taylor, plaintiff below. That judgment is hereby affirmed, no error appearing in the record. Justice Strong delivered the opinion. Field did not sit in the case.

Frank Saul et al. plaintiffs in error vs. the United States in error from the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of California. This was a suit on collection of bond for alleged failure to perform certain conditions. The errors assigned here all refer to the evidence admitted and instructions given to the jury in the court below. This court holds they were not errors and affirms the circuit court judgment. Clifford delivered the opinion.

Orlando North & P. Newman, assignees et al., plaintiffs in error vs. Wm. McDonald & H. Booth in error to the supreme court of Wyoming. Judgment affirmed with costs. Chief Justice delivered the opinion.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 10.—Mail advices from the interior says a tornado destroyed the railroad depot and two or three other buildings at Pageville, Saturday, and General Joe Shelby and Sharon, who were in one house, when it was torn down, were injured, the latter fatally. Two or three other persons were slightly injured. The town of Strasburg was also visited by the storm.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., November 10.—In Lancaster county, S. C., Saturday night, a white woman, Mrs. James Adams, cut the throats of her five children and then set fire to her clothing and burned to death. Reported to have been insane.

RICHMOND, November 10.—The Readjusters are firing cannon to-night over their claimed victory in the State.

ARGUSIA, Ga., November 10.—The venerable Dr. Lovelace Pierce, the father of Methodism in Georgia, died at his home at Sparta, aged 95.

FOUNTAIN MONROE, November 10.—The large academy hall at the Normal Agricultural School, near Hampton, burned. Loss, \$50,000; insured.

NEW YORK, November 10.—Three hundred thousand dollars in gold were received to-day from Europe.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 10.—The rise in Hale & Norcross is based on reports of an ore strike in the cross-cut on the 2100-foot level. Assays have been made of some of the rock running from three to four hundred dollars per ton. These assays are made from rock furnished by Supt. Deidesheimer and it is not stated whether they represent a fair average or are selected samples. Stock went up to twenty-three in formal session this morning, but subsequently declined to figures given in the regular quotations.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10.—Mr. Bailey, U. S. Consul-General at Shanghai, China, in a dispatch to the Department of State reports there will not be more than half of a cotton crop in that district. This will probably make an unusual demand in China and Japan for cotton goods. The U. S. Consul at Odessa reports to the Department of State that the wheat crop of Russia will fall far short of the usual harvest, and that American wheat must be in great demand in all parts of Europe.

The Supreme Court of the District of Columbia to-day dismissed the petition filed by Thomas McBride, of Utah, praying for a mandamus upon the Secretary of the Interior to compel him to deliver a patent for certain lands in Utah which McBride pre-empted, and for which a patent was granted, but was recalled from the Salt Lake City Land Office before delivery, the Department having in the meanwhile discovered that the land in question had been covered by a town-site entry of the Mormon authorities of Grantville. Chief Justice Carter in announcing the decision of the Court said that this was a very interesting case, in which was presented a glaring attempt of the Mormons to monopolize all the soil of Utah capable of irrigation, and to swallow up all the villages by Mormon town-site entries, etc., but the sole question that could be considered by the Court was whether the title was consummated in the petitioner. The Court held that the title had not passed to him by the mere execution of a patent, and that the sending of the patent to a local land office did not pass the title for a local land officer is a constituent part of the Government.

The wife of Senator Davis, of Illinois, died at Stockbridge to-day.

Notification has been received at the Post-office Department that the Republic of Venezuela has become a member of the universal postal union, to date from the first of next January.

NEW YORK, Nov. 10.—Governor-elect Cornell and others have prepared to call a meeting of the National Republican Committee to be held at Washington December 17th, to take appropriate action upon the death of Hon. Z. Chandler, and to consider the time and place for the next National Convention.

Up to one o'clock this afternoon the offers of 6 per cent. bonds at the Sub-Treasury for sale to the government at not more than 1.06, the limit fixed by Secretary Sherman, amounted to \$7,170,000. The Cashier said some of these offers were from persons out of the city.

All hope for the missing ones of the steamship Champlain is not yet abandoned. There was a large quantity of food and boxes floating about, and some of the men at least might be able to hold on and be picked up by passing vessels.

The United States Sub-Treasury has purchased all amount of \$10,000,000 authorized by Secretary Sherman's circular, and has paid out therefor \$4,500,000 up to three o'clock; the remainder will be paid to-morrow. It is understood that the Secretary of the Treasury will soon issue another call for an additional \$10,000,000.

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—The official canvass occurs throughout the State to-day; meanwhile the Democrats claim the election of their Lieut-Governor and one or two other State officers, while the Republicans claim the entire State ticket except one. All doubt will probably be dispelled to-day.

EL PASO, Texas, Nov.—A desperate fight took place yesterday at Candelaria Mountain, fifty miles south of here in the State of Chihuahua, Mexico, between a large band of Indians, about 200, and a party of 50 men from Cariza, New Mexico, 32 of whom were killed and 18 escaped wounded. The Indians were the same party Major Morrow was after. They came from the Florida Mountains by Germans Lake to the Candelaria Mountains, where the party after them was ambushed by the Indians behind rocks. The fight lasted all day.

CHICAGO, Nov. 11.—The chief Chinese residents had a meeting to-night, and decided to advise the Chinese Six Companies that Wong Chin Foo, who is lecturing here on the decline of Confucius, is a bad man who was driven from China for his crimes, and that he should properly be returned to China and receive the full penalty of the law. Mr. Foo, who is extremely well educated and talented, has written a letter to the papers confessing that his intrigues in Chinese official circles caused him to leave the Celestial Empire, and stating that he has but little fear of extradition, as he is a naturalized citizen of the United States.

NEW YORK, November 10.—The *Herald's* Washington special correspondent says it is understood that Sherman will urgently recommend in his annual report the repeal of the law making it mandatory upon the Treasury Department to coin standard dollars. He will show that not one fourth of the amount already coined has gone into circulation. Its accumulation is not only becoming a source of annoyance to the Treasury but the currency is being locked up in a most unsatisfactory manner by the provisions of the law requiring a monthly coinage of not less than two millions of standard silver dollars, besides it is a useless tax on the capacity of the mint. The discontinuance of the coinage of silver would enable the Mint at Philadelphia to coin the large amount of gold which has accumulated this fall.

General Raum reports that there would have been an alarming falling off in the revenues this year except for the increase of receipts from the taxation of whiskey, and gives facts and figures to strengthen the statement.

Nearly one hundred vessels, many of them being coasters, left their anchorage off Staten Island yesterday to go to sea.

Representative Buckner, chairman of the Committee on Banking and Currency, is in town to investigate the affairs of the national banks doing business here. The *World* made him a sharp lecture, concluding thus: "New York is not a provincial, but is the metropolis of the Union; her fate can not be swept from under her, either by cries of the 'Solid South,' or by the waving of the 'bloody shirt,' or by the Western patent medicine clamor for 'a new way to pay old debts.'" No man will be President without the vote of New York in 1880, and no man will get that vote, be he Democratic or Republican, who lacks a "solid" record for "honest money" and a temper which will make New York feel assured that he cannot be cajoled or bullied by communists or debt shirkers. If the Democratic party of New York had suspected Governor Robinson of sympathizing with the views which Buckner is reported to have expressed in this city, about 15 minutes would have sufficed to count his ballots one week ago to-night."

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 11.—An examination of the bark Lady Octavia shows that she was only slightly damaged by collision with the steamer Champlain.

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—The boat which Courtney intended to row against Hanlan, but which was saved into the night before, is on exhibition at a Broadway store.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 11.—Advices from North Martin, Arkansas, says that a tornado passed through part of Crawford county last Saturday, destroying nearly everything in its course, and killing several persons.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 11.—The distribution of the estate of W. S. O'Brien, deceased, amounting to nine millions of dollars, which was to have taken place on the 29th of August last, by a decision of the Probate court, rendered yesterday, has been indefinitely postponed. The estate was defendant in four of the suits brought by John H. Burke against J. C. Flood and others, amounting to \$38,944. Burke filed his opposition to a distribution, together with copies of complaints in all actions pending, and which was demanded by the executors and legatees of the estate. Judge Murdock, of the Probate court, says: "Sufficient appears in opposition to show that partial distribution should not be made until the controversy as to the rights of Burke is disposed of."

BOISE CITY, Nov. 11.—A dispatch from Captain H. C. Givins of company "A" of the Twenty-first Infantry, stationed at Fort Boise, was killed, yesterday afternoon, by the horses of the post ambulance in which he was riding, running away and smashing the vehicle.

LITTLE ROCK, Nov. 11.—A terrific storm passed over a portion of Crawford county, on Saturday last, about 3 p. m. At Van Buren hall fell in an unprecedented quantity; hail stones were found in the streets one by three inches in dimensions. The centre of its force seemed to be near the natural dome, 16 miles north of the track. It was half a mile wide, and a clean sweep was made of everything in its path. Trees were twisted like straw, houses were unroofed and overturned, and in places not even a sapling was left standing; one house was lifted and transported out of sight. John Newton was killed, and quite a number had legs or arms broken.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11.—A large amount of lumber has been recovered and considerable sums of money have been received as compromises on suits brought by the Government against timber deprecators, and many other suits are still pending.

At a regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees for the District of Columbia to-night, the question was settled of the application of Mrs. Belra A. Lockwood and six other women for placing a woman on the School Board, which was first sent to the President, and by him referred to the Attorney General, then to the District Commissioners' School Board. The latter to-night adopted a report admitting that there is no legal obstacle to women's serving as members of district school boards, but taking this ground, there are grave objections as a matter of policy, and therefore, the application should be refused.

The funeral of Mrs. Margaret Eaton, widow of Gen. John H. Eaton, Secretary of War under President Jackson, took place in this city to-day, and was largely attended.

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—A Washington special to the *World* says: "The notorious Fitz Hugh, well known as the bigger man than old Grant," recently told a reporter that the people of the South would be really glad to see Grant in the Presidential chair again.

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—The official canvass of the election returns, throughout the State began to-day, and will not be completed before Friday or Saturday.

Returns have been received from 14 counties. The *Times's* last table made out an apparent majority of 622 for Hoskins, for Lieutenant Governor, 2,068 for Carr for Secretary of State, 6,053 for Wadsworth for Comptroller, 7,220 for Ward for Attorney General, 4,040 for Wendell for Treasurer and 6,185 for Seymour for State Engineer.

All of the above are Republicans excepting Seymour. The fourteen counties above referred to, as compared with the *Times's* table, show a loss of thirty-six for Hoskins, one hundred and sixteen for Carr, a gain of thirty-three for Wadsworth, a loss of 574 for Wendell, and a gain of 1,545 for Seymour.

The *Sun* says the official returns from about half of the counties show slight Republican gains over previous estimates, enough to indicate that the vote for Lieutenant Governor will be very close, and that the Republicans may have carried the remainder of the State ticket except for Engineer and Surveyor. The *World* claims the election of Potter, Macken and Seymour.

UTICA, Nov. 11.—The canvass is made but not confirmed by the Supervisors on account of the returns of the Fifth Ward, Utica, not being filed. It is claimed they cannot now be received, and will be thrown out; if they are, Anderson, Republican, will be elected Senator over Stearns, Democrat, by eighty-six majority.

PETERSBURG, VA., Nov. 11.—It being generally conceded that the Readjusters have carried the State by a small majority, the leaders of that party are preparing for a grand celebration in honor of their victory.

LOS PINOS, Col., Nov. 9, via Lake City, Col., 10.—General Adams, a member of the Peace Commission, has arrived. Col. Hatch is expected to-morrow. The Commission will be ready to take testimony the 12th inst. If the Utes had been consulted on their choice they would have selected General Crook. Shavinwa, a chief, says: "Crook have new way fight Indians. He no tell lie. We like him." This is the universal sentiment among the Utes. The result of the Commission is idle to conjecture. A month will not see the end of their labors. A majority of the White River Utes are camped about seventy miles from here. They are afraid to accept the invitation of Schurz and chief Ouray to come.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—The following telegram was received at the War Department:

FORT SILL, I. T., Nov. 6.
To General Sherman:
Deputy United States Marshal Johnson arrested in this vicinity about ten citizens, three for receiving stolen United States property. Johnson started to Dallas, with the prisoners and was overtaken by the sheriff's posse. Johnson and the prisoners were brought before the local civil authorities and released, and Johnson was held to answer for false imprisonment. Johnson re-arrested the prisoners and was fined for contempt of court. He then went to Dallas and returned with warrants and arrested the local civil officers for resistance. The prisoners first arrested by Johnson, are armed and threaten to resist him and prevent a removal of the civil officers held as prisoners. The Marshal is powerless. All the citizens, headed by the local civil officers resist and obstruct him. I am satisfied he could not arrest the men taken from him by the local authorities, nor remove the civil officers held as prisoners. The ordinance store house has not been robbed by citizens, but, about a year ago, by a soldier, who is serving sentence therefore. I have declined to take any of the prisoners into custody, or take any part in the squabble, unless ordered by competent authority.

(Signed) ESKRIDGE, Commanding.

FOREIGN.

PARIS, Nov. 10.—A telegram received here states that the Chilians in taking Pisagua experienced a determined resistance from the Peruvians and lost 500 men killed and wounded.

LONDON, Nov. 10.—A Valpariso dispatch of October 7th says: "A combined attack by the Chilian land and sea forces was made on Pisagua, which was taken after a bombardment which lasted five hours. 300 Chilians were killed and wounded."

It is rumored that a revolution has broken out in Lima.

TORONTO, Nov. 11.—Hanlan will go to England and row the winner of the Elliot-Boyd match for the Challenge cup.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 11.—Prince Labanoff has informed Samar Pasha, Minister of

Foreign Affairs, that he does not bear any proposals from the Russian government.

Samar Pasha has declared to Sir Austin Layard that the attacks of the Turkish press on the policy of England are wholly unspirited.

Count Zichy, Austrian Ambassador, will have an audience with the Sultan on the 15th inst., when he will present his letters of recall. He will leave the city in three weeks.

BERLIN, Nov. 11.—The *National Zeitung* says: "Bismarck is not only suffering from his old neuralgic complaints, but symptoms of a constitutional malady have appeared, causing some apprehensions."

PARIS, Nov. 11.—A private letter from Rome reports the Queen of Italy seriously ill with a fever.

LONDON, Nov. 11.—A Berlin correspondent hears from a well informed quarter in St. Petersburg that during the recent correspondence between the Czar and Emperor William, the latter assured the Czar in a special private letter that neither he nor his son would ever make war against Russia.

A Berlin dispatch says the measles, scarletina and diphtheria are making great ravages among the youthful population of St. Petersburg. In certain districts of the Empire the danger is so great that several colleges have been closed.

A dispatch from Vienna says the rumored resignation of Prince Gortschakoff has become a fact, and Gortschakoff is now about to retire. The Foreign Department will be conducted by Degess until a successor to the Prince is appointed.

A Vienna dispatch from Constantinople reports that to purchase four Turkish iron clads. The *Times* in commenting on Lord Baconfield's speech at the Lord Mayor's banquet last night, points at the absence of any reference to the Eastern question, or to the Anglo-Turkish Convention, and says: "But if the speech is not exciting it is not disturbing, and the explanations offered by the Chancellor of the Exchequer respecting finances will combine with Baconfield's account of the revival of trade, to produce a reassuring impression to the tone of disappointment which pervades."

PARIS, November 11.—Abdul Kader, the famous Algerian chief, died at Damascus to-day, aged 72.

CONSTANTINOPLE, November 11.—There is reason to fear that the reckless, dogged and passive resistance which has hitherto baffled all efforts of the British Ambassador to Turkey will be prolonged, and that country will continue to sink gradually as it has been doing for the last twelve months until the catastrophe produces a radical change in the situation.

BERLIN, November 11.—The editors of all the principal newspapers in St. Petersburg have recently been summoned to the Press Bureau of the Ministry of the Interior and instructed with reference to the conduct of their respective papers. They were informed that frequent complaints have been received from Lirada that articles in the St. Petersburg press have interfered with the Imperial policy and therefore they must not continue in the same strain. The relations of Russia with Germany or Austro-Hungary or with France must not be discussed. England may be discussed, but judiciously. These rules must be continued until the Emperor's return to St. Petersburg a month hence.

CITY OF MEXICO, Oct. 22.—A bank has been established in order to develop the mines of the Sierra Majada. Numbers of Californians are going to the mines. A rich gold mine and a quicksilver mine have been discovered in Oaxaca.

LONDON, November 20.—The steamer St. Louis leaves Liverpool to-day for New Orleans with 120 passengers, nearly all for Texas. There are many farmers among them, some with families, and a number of merchants.

A Vienna correspondent says it is announced from Constantinople that Midhat Pasha has indefinitely withdrawn his resignation.

A Bucharest dispatch reports the cattle plague spreading in Moldavia.

PARIS, November 11.—The press here is mostly disappointed in Baconfield's speech on account of its omissions and in diplomatic circles the speech has occasioned neither surprise nor disappointment.

BERLIN, Nov. 11.—Baconfield's speech has created an excellent impression here.

EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

The School Board of Woodstock, Illinois, contemplates establishing a cabinet of zoology and botany.

According to the forthcoming printed report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction for Illinois, for 1877-78; this State contains only 4,592 children between the ages of 12 and 21 who cannot read and write, 2,618 males and 1,974 females.

The whole number of male teachers employed in the public schools of Illinois in 1877-78 was 9,475; female teachers, 12,817; in Michigan, in 1876-77, 3,781 males, and 9,220 females; in Iowa, the same year, 7,348 males and 12,518 females; in Indiana, 8,100 males and 5,365 females.

Chinese schools are chary about conferring their degrees. They are slow to make progress, and still hold the idea that a degree ought to mean something. At a recent competitive examination forty-two of these degrees were conferred on candidates who had not obtained them until past ninety years of age.

The New Orleans schools cannot accommodate as now managed the large number of pupils applying for admission. The superintendent proposes, therefore, and very wisely, that only the lawful number of sixty scholars shall constitute a class in the primary department; and that applicants in excess of that number shall be organized into a separate class for the afternoon session, the others to be dismissed at noon.