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ALEXANDRIA: TUESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 15, 1859.

THE OUTRAGES AT BROWNSVILLE.—The New Orleans Delta of the 12th contains a letter, dated Corpus Christi, Sept. 7th, which says it is almost certain that Brownsville has fallen into the hands of Cortinas, and that the Mexican flag was flying four miles from the town.

The steamship Arizona, which left New York on Saturday morning for Brazos Santiago, via Indiana, took out a company of fifty regulars, whose destination is Brownsville.

Dr. Cheever, a mad abolition preacher of New York, has been writing a very long begging letter to Rev. Mr. Spurgeon, endorsing a Miss Johnston, a member of his church, who is soliciting aid from British abolitionists.

In the Circuit Court at Lynchburg, on Wednesday, Wm. Woodall, charged with maliciously stabbing Ezekiah Ford, was found guilty, and sentenced to one year's imprisonment in the penitentiary.

A writ of habeas corpus was granted on Friday last in the case of G. W. Burnham, the Massachusetts Liqueur Agent, who was imprisoned by the Legislature because he refused to lay before it all the books of the agency.

A telegraphic dispatch, to the Baltimore Sun, from New Orleans says:—"Very full returns of the election on Tuesday have now been received, and not only has the democratic ticket been successful, but the friends of the Hon. John Slidell have also secured the Legislature by a large majority over their American opponents."

The Legislature of Tennessee is taking some action upon the John Brown conspiracy. It has resolutions before it declaring that this outbreak is the natural fruit of the treasonable, irrepressible conflict doctrine, and that it is the imperative duty of all national men of all parties, to denounce the authors of such doctrines as deadly enemies to the public peace, the rights of the States, and the preservation of our republican institutions.

The Washington Star, in alluding to the appointment of Col. Brown, of Virginia, as Commercial Agent of the United States at Monrovia, says:—"Mr. B. has always been a strong friend of the colonization movement, and this appointment will particularly gratify the friends of the cause."

A dispatch to the Charleston Mercury, says that Ex-Governor Brown, of Mississippi, has delivered an address before the Legislature of that State, at Jackson, in which he expressed more respect for the opinions of Mr. Seward than those of Mr. Douglas.

The steamer Hungarian, with Liverpool dates of the 2d instant, arrived at Portland, on Sunday. The substance of her advice were telegraphed on Thursday from Cape Race. The steamer Teutonia arrived out on the 29th ultimo.

The Postmaster General has decided to postpone all action on bids for carrying the mail from Portland to New Orleans, until Congress shall indicate its course with regard to the appropriations for the department.

Francis Jackson Merriam, of Boston, who was reported to have been with Brown in the Harper's Ferry insurrection, and subsequently to have died of his wounds in Philadelphia, is alive, and at present in Canada.

It has cost Uncle Sam some \$80,000 to substitute benches for desks in the House of Representatives, when a thousand ought to have been more than enough to cover every expense.

A sale at auction was effected by the government on the 25th ultimo at the navy yard at Washington, of upwards of 40,000 pounds of copper scale, (oxide of copper), at 194 cents per pound, yielding upwards of \$8,000.

The steamer Arago sailed from New York on Saturday, for Havre, with \$835,439 in specie, and one hundred and twelve passengers.

News of the Day.

The Republicans are said to be confident of electing Mr. Sherman, of Ohio, as speaker of the next House of Representatives, on the first ballot. They calculate on the co-operation of Messrs. Reynolds, Haskin and Clark, of New York; Schwartz and Heckman, Pennsylvania; Morris, of Illinois and Adrian of New Jersey, and others.

The building known as Phoenix Hall, which "rose from the ashes" of the old Petersburg Theatre, on Bollingbrook street, has been just sold by its owner, Richard J. Alford, Esq. It was knocked down to Mr. J. P. Branch, for \$10,000, at ten equal annual payments, with interest added.

The Shepherds Register says:—Col. J. Lucius Davis, Aid-de-camp to the Governor, inspected the arms of the Hamtramck Guards of this town, on Saturday last. Before inspecting the arms of the company, Col. D. delivered to them a very soldier-like and patriotic address, complimenting them very highly for their accuracy in drill, and for their bright and clean manner in which they kept their arms.

At the seamen's convention held in New York last week, resolutions were adopted in favor of the measures now being adopted in Baltimore, and under discussion in Massachusetts and New York to provide suitable school ships for boys; also approving of well conducted sailors' homes and good temperance boarding houses, and directing a registry book to be kept in which the names of seamen, their places of birth, and other particulars about them, should be entered.

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The United States frigate Wabash was at Naples.

The Paris correspondent of the Daily News says the recent meeting of the Emperor of Russia and Prince Regent of Prussia, was the subject of great anxiety at Paris. It was the general impression that they agreed not to oppose the annexation of Central Italy to Piedmont.

The conservatives of Liverpool gave a grand banquet to Lord Derby, and the principal members of the last administration.

A letter purporting to be from Napoleon to the King of Sardinia, dated October 20th had been printed, and was generally regarded as genuine. The Emperor observes that the question is not now whether he did well or ill at Villafranca, but rather to obtain from the treaty the results most favorable to the pacification of Italy.

The Emperor traces a plan for the Italian confederation with the Pope as honorary President, and says as this will increase his moral influence, it will enable him to make concessions in conformity with the legitimate wishes of the populations.

The Dresden Journal of the 1st, asserts that England will send a representative to Congress without making any condition. The same journal says that this Congress will probably meet at Paris.

The London Times, in an article urging dispatch in the China expedition, says:—"If private American letters from China speak the truth, Mr. Ward was, with a studied intent to ridicule him, drawn to Peking by a mule and a donkey tandem; and if his ratified treaty is found destitute of the only useful stipulation the draft contained, regulations for the trade and tariffs, then we conceive the Americans may by this time have concluded their humbly as not answered."

The Turin ministerial journal says the Cabinet had not adhered to the diplomatic arrangements by which Italy is disposed of at Zurich, and in case Russia is attacked, Piedmont will take the field to assist them.

The Pope is said to have accepted the principle of reform suggested, but desires to be himself the judge of the time they are to be applied.

Gen. Garibaldi in his speech at Turin, says:—"With a King like Victor Emanuel, and an army like ours, and with a people like you, Italy should not stop until she has freed the last inch of her soil from the heel of the foreigner."

It has been stated that the King of Abyssinia has advanced a bid for clean sorts, which are getting scarce. Lower qualities have improved and are all slightly advanced.

About one hundred of the Sons of Malta, headed by Pomp's Band, paraded through the streets of Easton, Pa., on Friday night at midnight, and created much excitement among the quiet inhabitants.

FURTHER FROM EUROPE.

NEW YORK, Nov. 13.—The steamer Asia, from Liverpool, with arriving though not so late as the advices per steamer Hungarian, telegraphed from Cape Race on Thursday last, yet her papers contain many items of interest.

The steamer Vige leaves Liverpool, December 20th, for Philadelphia.

The steamer Great Eastern was expected to leave Southampton on the 2d. It was reported that she goes to Liverpool in the spring, and that Scott Russell's services have been dispensed with.

The number of persons saved from the wreck of the Royal Charter was only thirty-nine. Four hundred and fifty were drowned. Great damage was done by the storm all round the coast of England.

The ship Tornado, at Liverpool from New York, was struck by a heavy sea, October 6th, which carried overboard the first and third masts, five seamen and two boats.

The divers, after the examination of the wreck of the Royal Charter, reported so unsatisfactorily as to the probability of the recovery of gold on board the ill fated vessel, that the underwriters have demanded 40 per cent of the insurance.

The ballion in the Bank of England has decreased £11,000. The money market was slightly more stringent, but active.

Lord Brougham has been elected chancellor of the University of Edinburgh.

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Romance and Reality.

Our Court record, to-day, bears testimony to the disgraceful fact that, notwithstanding the fulminations of our Anti-Slavery pulpits and politicians, against the proposition to re-open the African Slave Trade.

Well, quoth the reader, this is all very true, and very wicked;—but what has the Rev. Dr. Cheever to do with it? We answer, much.

The idea of reopening the slave trade, as we have said, has never been seriously entertained at the South, save by a few professional fire-eaters, and even they seem to be making use of that idea to stick pins in the abolitionists.

We make use of that phrase, "men-stealing," by the way, to enquire, whether these anti-slavery crusaders are aware of the fact, that kidnapping white men is likewise a regular branch of business.

When we reflect upon all the mischief and ruin that attend fearful crimes, which must have attended even your partial success—men everywhere should be thankful that you were so soon and so easily overpowered.

In spite of your offence against our laws, I cannot but feel deeply for you, and sincerely trust that you will sympathize with those who are in your predicament.

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Gerrit Smith's Insanity.

UTICA, Nov. 11.—The Hon. Gerrit Smith, ex-member of Congress, has been confined in the Lunatic Asylum here since Monday last.

It was only by stratagem that his friends succeeded in getting him here. He has been, ever since the arrest of Brown and Harper's Ferry followers, haunted with the idea that he was culpably responsible for all the lives that have been and will be sacrificed; and so much has this reflection and the fear of being called on to answer at the bar of justice preyed upon him, that his mind, never exempt from a tendency to be unbalanced, gave way, and reason deserted its throne.

For some days before the absolute necessity of restrictive measures became apparent to his friends and relatives, he manifested a most nervous anxiety to anticipate the requisition which he expected would be made upon him, and to proceed to Virginia and surrender himself into the hands of the authorities.

It is assumed that, although he sympathized with and sustained John Brown in Kansas, he is in no way implicated in the recent movements of that now distinguished individual. His position as inmate of the asylum here is, therefore, solely attributable to that peculiar sensitiveness of mind he is known to have possessed, and which has given way, started from its seat by the shock consequent on the sad events which have followed the mad course of this same Brown.

The late Harper's Ferry affair has revived the recollection of previous plots to produce insurrection among the slaves in the Southern States. These plots, however, have all been easily crushed.

The ringleader of the plot bore the name of Denmark Vevay. He was a free mulatto, cunning, active, restless, and possessing a talent of influencing negroes which he applied with great dexterity.

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Letter of Hon. Edward Bates.

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