

The Alexandria Gazette

WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL 1.

ROBBERY OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH.—Some one entered St. Mary's church, south end of Royal street, yesterday evening, and stole from the altar, a large and handsome China vase, and an altar cloth. This being Holy Week, the usual adornments of the altar had been removed, and the above are the only articles as yet ascertained to have been taken.

April, the month of "smiles and tears," dawned upon us with wintry aspect and lowering brows. There was nothing, this morning, like the "spring of the year."

The following citizens of Fairfax county have been arrested and sent to the Old Capitol prison, charged with participation in Moseby's raid, or with expressing Secession sentiments, to wit:—P. Conrad, J. W. Safer, J. F. Padgett, Elliot Wilson, Robt. Power, J. L. Cross, E. N. Handley, Jas. Keyes, Jos. H. Whaley and Chas. Whaley.

Nathaniel Fillmore, the father of Ex-President Fillmore, died recently, aged 92 years.

The National Intelligencer argues that the "Monroe doctrine" was not in any of its aspects a pledge committing the Government of the United States to any line of policy beyond that which seemed expedient and necessary at the time of its announcement; and that it does not have any binding force now in reference to the French war in Mexico.

Mr. Joseph Coleman, of this place, who had recently returned from within the Confederate lines, was arrested this morning by the Provost guard, at his father's residence.

The Union Meeting held in Washington, yesterday, under the auspices of the City Councils, was largely attended. The Mayor presided. The president of the U. S. and most of the heads of Departments were present. Resolutions were passed supporting Present Lincoln and the administration for "stemming the tide of treason and allaying dissensions at home, and holding at bay the friends of treason abroad and striking at slavery, which is the main stay of the rebellion." Also, one proposed by Alderman Sargent for "sending disloyalists to their friends in Richmond," &c. Speeches were made by Judge Carter, Gov. Johnson, Admiral Foote, Horace Maynard, and others. The meeting is said to have been "one of the greatest popular demonstrations ever known in Washington."

It is difficult to account for the origin of the custom of playing tricks on the first of April. In England it prevailed extensively in the olden time; but of late years the practice has not been much observed, and is gradually going out of vogue.

George L. Duyckinck, the well known writer and friend of literature and the fine arts, died recently in New York. Mr. D. was the son of a leading bookseller and publisher of New York and with his brother Evert has long been engaged in literary pursuits. He was at one time a joint editor of the Literary World, and in 1856 assisted in the compilation of the "Cyclopedia of American Literature." Mr. Duyckinck has written several biographies.

LATER FROM EUROPE.

The steamer Hansa, from Liverpool with advices to the 15th, has arrived. Cotton has advanced. Bread stuffs firm.

The Gil Blas arrived at Havre on the 14th, and reports speaking the Alabama February 23d, which put on board two French seamen from the "Olive June," from Bordeaux for New York, which the Alabama had burnt on the 21st. She burnt on the same day a very large vessel bound to California from Queens-town.

The steamer Plata had arrived at Southampton from the West Indies. She reported the Alabama as off St. Lucia. She had captured two vessels. The Sumpter has been thoroughly repaired and is again ready for sea.

The "Southerner," a screw steamboat, has been launched for the Confederates, on the Mersey.

The ratification of the Confederate 7 per cent. cotton loan for £3,000,000 had arrived out, and would be introduced on the 16th at the stock board.

Intelligence had arrived that a great battle was expected between the Poles, under Gen. Langiewicz and 18,000 Russians.

The debate on Poland commenced in Parliament on 17th.

The emperor of Austria's opinion on Poland coincides with that of Napoleon.

The wound of Garibaldi, it is said, shows symptoms of aggravation.

The accounts from Poland say that the Russians have been reinforced at all points. The insurgents were at Konin and Warsaw. The councillors had resigned, and the municipality also. The insurrection was also breaking out in Podolia, and several thousand insurgents were posted at Bar. The Duke Constantine had left Warsaw.

General Langiewicz has issued national bank notes with which to supply his financial wants.

The Russians sacked and plundered Michalawice; massacres have been committed at Girska and Gielulke. The Poles have proclaimed their National Government at several places.

The first sitting of the Venetian Delegates to deliberate on the scheme of granting a Provisional Constitution to Venetia is announced.

The steamer City of Washington from Liverpool on the 18th, via Queenstown 19th, has arrived.

The Times' city article says the announcement of the Confederate loan has caused an unusual amount of attention. The last quotations yesterday was 2½ to 3 cents premium.—The affair is to be regarded almost exclusively as a cotton speculation. The degree of favor accorded to it in Liverpool, Manchester, Havre, and other centres of trade, must constitute the test by which London operators will be likely to be influenced. Should cotton remain at 1 and 9 a large number of persons will probably be disposed to run the great risk of getting it out.

The Herald says the first quotation was 1a 2 premium. It then advanced gradually to 2½ premium and finally improved 2 to 3 premium which was the latest quotation. The telegrams from Liverpool were reported to bring the prices to 1 premium.

There is every reason to believe that the loan will be a great success. The large share of engagements were completed in the French markets, where it may be said to have proved the great attraction throughout the day.

A Polish legion is forming in London. It consists of Poles who will shortly depart fully equipped for Poland.

A deputation from Ireland and Scotland, on the tobacco duties bill, had an interview with the Chancellor of the Exchequer yesterday.

The New York correspondent of the Daily News does not see the smallest sign of the North laying down its arms, or its confining the war to the question of a boundary. The confederate loan is formally introduced, and is very successful. It touched five per cent. premium, and attracts much attention and debate. The terms are as already stated. It will receive no official sanction by the Stock

Exchange.

A prize fight has been arranged between Heenan and King.

A secret organization of Secessionists is said to have been discovered recently, in Napa county, California. The conspirators, it is alleged "were about to make a night attack on the Benicia military station and Mare Island Navy yard for the purpose of capturing the arms and magazines." It is not stated whether any arrests were made.

The Mormon saints are indignant that Governor Harding and the Federal Judges, Waite and Drake should presume to interfere with the peculiar customs and usages in vogue in Utah territory.

The New York World complains of the falsity of the telegraphic dispatches from the west relative to military operations on the Mississippi, and enumerates with indignation, the various stories which have been circulated within the last week, all of which have been proved to be incorrect.

The high price of labor in the U. S., we see, is increasing emigration, and a large number are expected from England, Germany, and France, during the Spring and Summer.

The familiar designation by which Queen Victoria was accustomed to address her consort, it now transpires, was "Bertie," and that being one of the names also of the Prince of Wales, the latter presented his bride with a ring set with jewels expressive thereof, viz: a Beryl, an Emerald, a Ruby, a Topaz, a Jasper, and another Emerald.

It is said that Charleston is not to be attacked at present. The latest reason for the delay is given by the Buffalo Courier, on the authority of that novel personage, "an intelligent gentleman." The latter, "who came up from Hilton Head in the Arago," asserts that the Monitors are not fitted for the attack, and require to have their decks protected from the plunging shots of the enemy. Mr. Ericson, we are told, is now preparing in New York a second sheathing for this purpose. Other accounts say that Charlestown is to be attacked in a few days.

Shoes are now made in Lynn by steam.—The introduction of sewing machines and other machinery is working a change in the whole business, and shoes are now manufactured in large factories instead of being sent out to scattered workmen.

Miss Sarah Baxter, of Boston, lately deceased, bequeathed to the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions and to other religious and charitable associations, property to the value of about \$100,000, principally to the American Board.

One of the appropriations of the last Congress, under the head of the War Department, was for the compilation of a statistical and historical register of the volunteer forces called into the service of the U. S. during the present war, with a view to future publication. The Secretary of War has appointed to this work Mr. George B. Smith of Illinois.

General Beauregard recently sent a flag of truce to the blockading squadron off Charleston, demanding the surrender of the gunboats Mercedita and the Keystone State, which he alleged had surrendered during the raid on the fleet some time ago.

The vote in Western Virginia for the amended Constitution is very large in every county of the new State, and nearly unanimous.