

## PERSONAL AND IMPERSONAL.

The Greek government has set aside the sum of 1,000,000 francs for bestowal on those who perform deeds of gallantry at sea.

The Indian Government has granted the sum of 6,000 rupees (\$2,500 to the tea syndicate to help the opening of the tea trade with America.

Only ten per cent of the population of Italy are to-day beggars, the percentage having greatly decreased during the last quarter of a century.

A man named William Hensley was blown to pieces at Heidelberg Slope, near Wilkes-barre, Pa. He was making dynamite cartridges and had a string of them around his neck, and from some cause they exploded. The building in which he was at work was demolished.

It appears that Gen. Skobelev was recalled from the command of the Russian army in Turkistan because he desired to occupy a portion of the country south of Merv, in order to do which he would have to pass through Persian territory. The Czar did not want another war at this juncture.

The resolution requesting Bismarck to conclude an alliance with the European powers to suppress conspiracy and punish assassinations, is approved by the Imperialists, the German Conservatives, Nationalists, Liberals and Poles. Even the Progressionists and Secessionists will adhere to the principle.

Advices from Transvaal indicate that the terms of peace with the British are not generally acceptable. The Boers are said to be looting the property of the loyalists, and in Middleberg Joubert's orders and the conditions of peace are ignored and refugees warned against returning. It is believed that the peace will prove only temporary.

According to the Greek budget estimates, which are now voted, the expenditures for 1881 will be 124,000,000 drachmas, of which sum 71,000,000 are for the army and 5,000,000, for the navy. The revenue is estimated at 48,000,000 drachmas, showing a deficiency of 75,000,000 drachmas, (\$15,000,000). The strength of the army is fixed at 82,824 men, and of the navy at 3,000.

Many as were the attacks on the late Czar, they were equalled in number by those made on Napoleon III. There were the Marselles machine of 1852, the attack on the Opera Comique in 1853, Pianari's attempt in 1855, the London Italian plot of 1857, the Orisini bomb of 1858, and the conspiracy of three Italians in 1862. Emperor William has also had many like experiences, including the attempts of Bekker Hoedel, Nobiling, and an earlier one while he was Prince of Prussia.

An old miner, who has had 15 years experience under ground says that he has noticed one peculiar fact, that between the hours of twelve and two o'clock in the night, if there is a bit of loose stone or bit of earth in the mine, it is sure to fall. Says he: "About this time everything begins to stir, and immediately after twelve, although the mine has been as still as a tomb before, you will hear particles of rock and earth come tumbling down, and if there is a caving piece of earth in the mine it is sure to give way."

Sophie Plofsky, who was arrested for complicity in the murder of the Czar of Russia, is a woman of aristocratic connections, high social position, and superior education. She is the daughter of a former Provincial Governor, and niece of an officer in the army. She was the guiding spirit in the assassination, having undertaken its direction on the arrest of Jelahoff. Roussakoff and his associate were only tools, who were not told what was required of them until the day of the murder.

There is a story current that the late Mr. Carlyle was a terrible domestic tyrant. At breakfast time he would come down grumbling, and, glancing at the well-appointed table, declare the food to be unfit for a dog. Mrs. Carlyle thereupon would order the girl to take the despised viands back to the kitchen. Presently, when the philosopher was beginning to grow desperately hungry, his spouse would order the same dishes to be brought back, which her husband would immediately proceed to devour with infinite relish and without any more ado.

The Berlin society for training carrier-pigeons recently published some interesting details concerning the rapid flight of these birds. At the last meeting in 1880 the pigeon which won the prize flew in five hours and twenty-seven minutes the distance between Cologne and Berlin, which, as the crow flies, measures 296 miles. This is the most rapid flight which has ever been known. The Berlin society owns 1,500 old carrier pigeons, and during the last year bought 350 young pigeons for Paris, Aix-la-Chapelle and Belgium, with a view to ameliorate the breed by a mixture of new blood.

While carrying on the work in connection with the construction of the Fran-Saharian railway in the Algerian desert, recently, some discoveries of much archaeological interest were made by M. Terry, who was in charge of the work. A mound of sand was observed near Wargia which excited Terry's curiosity. He had workmen to dig into the mound and soon discovered a spherical dome. Digging still deeper, he discovered a square tower under the dome, then a platform of masonry, and finally a complete mosque. Excavations were continued for several days, resulting in the unearthing of nine houses in perfect preservation, and the discovery of a subterranean water-course, which, in itself,

will prove of great value. Further reports of Terry's excavations in that interesting locality will be anxiously awaited.

The revised census returns show a total of 25,520,588 males and 24,732,284 females in this country, an excess of 288,298 males over females, and a total of 50,152,866. New York has 2,506,283 males and 2,577,527 females. All the States along the Atlantic coast, except Delaware and Florida, contain more females than males. Alabama, Louisiana, and Tennessee also show an excess of females. All the other States have an excess of males. But Maine is very equally divided, it having 324,084 males and 324,861 females. The most marked cases of the excess of males is in the Territories and the newer States of the West.

A violent quarrel is said to have broken out in the imperial family of Russia. When the Grand Duke Constantine, the hero of the diamond stealing story, applied for permission to pay his respects to the remains of the late Czar, he received from Alexander III an open telegram addressed "To him who is unworthy the name of Grand Duke," branding him as a disgrace to his family and Russia, and ordering him to remain away from the capital. Consequently, it is said, Constantine will resign his post of Grand Admiral of the Navy and Minister of Marine in favor of Alexis. In addition to his other imperfections, Constantine is strongly suspected of Nihilism.

## THE RECENT FLOOD.

## Heroism Shown by Captains Lavender Noble.

YANKTON, April 14.—The river is stationary. Those who were drowned out are flocking hither and getting government rations and aid. Two thousand five hundred need aid here, and five thousand below Vermillion. The flood on the Dakota side covers 267,000 acres, and the whole region was being thickly settled.

Yankton was damaged only on the levee, where there has been a great deal of destruction to steamboats and warehouses.

Captains Lavender and Noble have returned from a four days cruise over the bottoms, having saved 420 people. They have worked night and day with personal peril amid the floating ice, and deserve the heartfelt thanks they get. Probably not over six lives have been lost by the flood, and the great disaster is shorn of the horrors of the loss of life by the heroic efforts of our citizens.

ROCK ISLAND, April 14.—The city is still trembling lest the flood from the gorge bring great disaster. The water is twelve inches deep in some parts of the city now. A very little change in the height of the river would cause an immense destruction of property.

## Gang of Desperadoes.

DENVER, April 14.—The *Republican* has advices from Durango that Ike Stockton and gang, nearly all of whom participated in the Lincoln county, New Mexico, troubles several years ago, are sending raiding parties toward Farmington, Rio Arriba county, New Mexico, to steal cattle and kill cow boys. A few days ago they drove thirty-five head of cattle into Durango, where they butchered and sold them. The town is in a state of excitement bordering on anarchy and is growing worse every day. The citizens dare not write an impartial statement of affairs to the papers for fear of death. A Denver newspaper man, who was suspected of writing an account for the Denver papers, was stopped on the street a few days ago at the point of a revolver by Ike Stockton. Six marshals are on duty, but are unable to cope with the outlaws.

Col. J. A. Broadhead, Paymaster U. S. A., who has just returned from White River Agency, thinks another Ute war almost certain.

## The Senate Dead-LOCK.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—The outlook for an early break in the Senate dead-lock is considerably less promising than it was a few days ago, and it seems to be now generally conceded that if the Republican caucus shall next week determine to allow one or more executive sessions to be held, it will be with the fixed purpose of holding the business entirely in Republican hands. The first step in the proper order of business if this course be adopted, will be to refer the pending nominations. Then, the committees being under the control of the Republicans, will report back such as they deem important to have confirmed immediately, and after they are disposed of the Republicans can renew their present effort to elect the Senate officers. It must be said, however, that this suggested programme does not as yet find favor with more than a few members of the caucus, and the time is apparently not ripe for its adoption.

## Track Laying on the Denver &amp; Rio Grande R. R.

PUEBLO, Col., April 14.—The Denver & Rio Grande railroad company begun the work of laying the third rail between Denver and Pueblo. This will give Denver another through broad gauge connection with the East, West and South, via the Topeka & Santa Fe lines. The prospective Denver & New Orleans road must be seriously embarrassed by this, as it is precluded from any interchange of business at its intersection at La Junta with the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, by reason of existing 10 years arrangement, and its route in Colorado can furnish no local traffic, as it is across uninhabited plains far east of the mining districts which supply business. The proposed scheme is here regarded as chimerical.

## NOTES OF NEWS.

In the Christianity divorce case further testimony was given to show that Mrs. Christianity could not have visited St. James hotel Christmas day, as testified by Giro.

All the Nihilists except Hessay Helfmann, who is *enclente*, and whose execution will be delayed until after her confinement, will be hanged at 9 o'clock on April 14th.

During a late storm at San Jose, Cal., a strange thing happened. The trees in that vicinity were covered with lizards, and some were also found lodged in the branches and stuck on the ends of lately cut trees. The lizards varied from two to four inches in length.

Spo Pee, the Indian murderer, convicted and sentenced to death by the United States Court, at Helena, last December, for the brutal murder of a man named Wormley, at Cut Banks, in the vicinity of the Blackfoot Agency, has had his sentence commuted to imprisonment for life in the Detroit House of Correction.

The killing of 2,000 Chinamen on the plantations of Peru, where their services were deemed of particular value, shows that the objections to this race are by no means confined to the mining camps of the west. Property to the value of millions largely owned by foreigners, went down in a general raid, in which the negroes and mixed races of laborers played the principal part. All this transpired but a few days since, on the heels of the war in which Peru suffered so much in both men and means.

It would seem that the Villiard party have counted without their hosts when they supposed twenty-five millions of stock would control one hundred millions. They certainly could not have known that the directors had a reserve of eighteen millions for just such emergencies. Going to law to stop the circulation of this reserved stock will only put them farther from getting the coveted control. The real object of the scheme is fast showing itself, and the whole country will stand by the directors, to whom it will look for the carrying out of the objects of the company. Such a great enterprise cannot be thwarted of its purpose by a few schemers for their own aggrandisement.

The *New York Times*, in reviewing Jeff. Davis' book recently issued, says he takes conspicuous pains to assure his readers that he has not changed his mind in regard to any of the questions which involved the country in a terrible war. He is evidently the same uncompromising and unrepentant rebel described by Zachariah Chandler in his memorable speech made to the Senate shortly before his death. Altogether his book, as a vindication of the principles which animated the Confederates, can only be regarded as a very dismal failure. For his own reputation it would have been much better had he never written it. He should not have again thrust himself into public notice. This country has had quite enough of the man who led the "Lost Cause."

## Conkling's Fight Against the President.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—The report that Senator Conkling and his friends have abandoned all hope of procuring the withdrawal of Judge Robertson's nomination is erroneous, but it can be stated on unquestionable authority that he has fully made up his mind to declare war on the President at an early day in open Senate, in case the nomination be not withdrawn. His speech in this event would of course be directed, in the first place, to the pending controversy concerning the Senate officers, but could really be turned into any channel he desired. He will, it is said, elaborately discuss what is known as the "courtesy of the Senate," its signal scope and usefulness, and will give to the country, without equivocation or concealment, all the facts, antecedents and circumstances connected with the nomination of Robertson, and the whole history from his standpoint of the quarrel between the New York stalwarts and their opponents, both in and out of office. Intimate friends of Conkling say that he fully appreciates the magnitude of odds in favor of the confirmation of this nomination, if it be persisted in by the administration, and he much prefers that it should be withdrawn, both for his own sake and in the interest of party harmony, but it is equally clear to his own mind that he cannot afford to shirk what he considers an invitation to measure swords, and if the challenge be maintained he is determined to make the fiercest and most effective attack upon President Garfield that his utmost resources can inspire.

It is understood that Conkling is not averse to an executive session for the confirmation of such nominations as are not objectionable. It has been given out and repeated over and over again that he keeps the dead-lock fastened because he is afraid that Robertson's case might come up if an executive session were held. This has the effect of putting on his shoulders a greater share of the responsibility for the dead-lock than any other senator. It is claimed for him that he has no fear of an executive session, because it is certain that a majority and probably all of the Committee of Commerce will sustain him in his opposition to Robertson. At least two Democratic members of that committee are with him in agreeing to hold back Robertson's nomination until the next session. The only way by which the nomination can be taken from the committee is for the latter to be ready to report it by a major-

ity vote to the Senate, and no matter how the Republican senators may feel, they would carry discord into their ranks at this time, when harmony is necessary, by voting to take up Robertson's nomination in spite of the Commerce Committee. Hence the probable action of the caucus when it is held will be to agree upon a list of objectionable nominations, including the most important, and have an executive session for confirmation.

Should the Senate session last through the summer the Democrats consider that they have got the advantage of Mahone in opening and conducting the campaign in Virginia because no Democrats will pair with him. In Democratic circles it is held that his vote cannot be paired, and therefore he cannot enter the Virginia campaign in person unless he breaks the Republican majority. All evidence goes to show that even if an executive session should be provided for, the fight will be continued, as the Republicans intend to hold their control of business.

## VENNOR ON APRIL.

## The Weather Mapped Out for Another Month.

Mr. H. G. Vennor, the Canadian weather prophet, makes the following weather predictions for April: "There will be a sharp frost in the beginning of April, with a snow fall on the 4th or 5th, but the spring will open favorably, and everything will be pretty well advanced by April 15. Floods may be expected in Chicago about the first week in April, with high winds also prevailing in the early part of the month. Snow falls are probable about April 5th. Navigation is likely to open on Lake Ontario about April 7th. There will be warm weather just following the 20th, ending in thunder storms on the 24th and 25th. Snow storms are probable in the Far West on the 25th and 26th, and snow-falls are not unlikely to occur in England at the close of the month. The month will end wet and cold, but on the whole will be like a May day.

## A Plucky Girl.

A certain Marquis in Rome, much smitten with the charms of Marie Vanzandt, the American prima donna, arranged with the driver of her cab to take the little lady, after the evening's performance, to a restaurant where he and a half-dozen boon companions would be waiting. Marie was with her mother and when they were driven to the appointed rendezvous, Mme. Vanzandt was totally unnerved with amazement and alarm, but her spirited little daughter was quite equal to the situation. "How dared you bring me here?" she cried, turning to the cabman. "Mademoiselle, I had my orders," was the sulky reply. Then she turned upon the group of dandies, told them they were a pack of cowards to dare to insult a woman, and springing into the cab, she ordered the driver to take her home, and to dare to take her elsewhere than the address she gave him at his peril. One of the young men present attempted some explanation or apology, but she would not listen. Arrived at home, she took the number of the cab, and the next day lodged complaint with the prefect of police. American womanhood is at a premium in the Eternal City.

## He Was All Right.

[Detroit Free-Press.] Several people were making purchases in a Woodward avenue grocery recently, when an old man with a cane in one hand and a bundle in the other stood in the door and asked: "Did any of you drive up here in a sleigh?" "Yes, I did," replied one. "Was it an old white horse?" "Yes." "And an old woman in the cutter?" "Yes." "And can she manage the horse?" "I guess she can." "Then it's all right," said the man of the cane and bundle. "The old boss has run away and the old woman is hanging to the dashboard and yelling murder! with all her might, but if she can manage him there's no use of anybody getting excited over it. Let me inquire what the price of cranberries is to-day."

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