

## LATEST MAIL NEWS.

ADDITIONAL BY THE AFRICA.

The Africa brings 33 passengers.  
The steamship America which had been chartered by Consul Hawthorne to convey home those rescued from the San Francisco by the Antarctic, was sent from Liverpool on Tuesday, the 31st January.

The clipper ship Red Jacket, excited great attention on account of her recent extraordinary passage from New York.

The Russian Japan squadron returned from Nanking to Hong Kong Dec. 11.

### THE TURKISH WAR.

There is but little news as to the Turkish war by this arrival.

The Czar's conduct is still evasive. He does not regard the entry of the allied fleets into the Black Sea as a declaration of war. He and his subjects what is their intention. He is not more explicit, than to say a reply to the Vienna note until the end of February. He has, however, appointed Count Gorchakov to visit the Courts of Vienna, Berlin, Paris, and London, to explain on what terms he really will treat. It is thought by all this object is to gain delay.

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The Indians at Durango have been defeated and a thousand head of stock recovered.

We have nothing later from Walker's Expedition, but a confirmation of the accounts already published.

Laredo has been declared a port of entry. Mating is to be suspended.

Tobacco revenues are to be formed in August. Not less than 1,000 troops will march in the course of the month on Sonora.

A Decree has been issued imposing a tax of two per cent. on every accommodation loan. Another tax on all doors, balconies and windows.

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Cornelius Johnson, the murderer of Dr. Cown, has been arrested in Allegany county, Md., and committed to jail.

### CONGRESS—TUESDAY.

**SENATE.**—The Chair laid before the Senate a report from the Secretary of the Treasury in relation to the sums that have been paid to the harbor of Baltimore for the defense of the harbor of Baltimore in 1814.

Also, a letter from the proprietor of the "Union," asking to be relieved from his obligation to publish the debates and proceedings of the Senate.

A Bill making a further appropriation for the improvement of the Cape Fear River, in North Carolina, was considered and passed.

The French legislation bill was passed—yea 26, nays 17.

Mr. Houston commenced his remarks on the Nebraska bill, but, without concluding, he gave way, and the further consideration of the bill was postponed to to-morrow.

After the consideration of executive business, the Senate adjourned.

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**—The Speaker laid before the House executive communications, transmitting from the department a report of the exploration of the Amazon river and its tributaries; a memorial from Chas. Homer in relation to the marine hospital at San Francisco; a report from the Commission of Indian Affairs, recommending creation of the Indian Territories and Washington Territories; and information relating to the survey of Crow Shoal; which were referred by the Senate to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

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