

## THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

**Movements of Ex-President Davis—More Troubles in Mexico—The Reported Return from the Rothschilds—The President Warned Against the Supreme Court—Alaska Worthless—Various Items.**

### [SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE NEWS.]

WASHINGTON, October 17. Hon. Jefferson Davis changed his mind with regard to visiting Charleston, and sailed Friday evening in the steamship Cuba direct for New Orleans. The Sun says in this connection: "Mr. Jefferson Davis left the city in good health and spirits, the few days' repose he has experienced since arriving from Europe on Sunday evening appearing to have added to his already improved health. He goes to Mississippi on private business, and it is understood to be quite uncertain how long he may remain there."

The government has official news from Mexico that a revolution has broken out in San Luis de Potosi, and that the authorities regarded a rebellion in Sinaloa as imminent. Troops had been dispatched to the latter State.

The President to-day authorized a contradiction of the statement that a Mr. Frigate, who claims to be an agent of the Rothschilds, had been in correspondence with him, offering to negotiate a large loan with the United States at four per cent. Frigate's story was that the proposition was made direct to the President, and the scheme was deferred at his request. Secretary Boutwell also denies Frigate's statement.

Forney's Chronicle of to-day anticipates that the Supreme Court will grant a writ of *habeas corpus* in the Yerger case, and thereby declare the reconstruction acts unconstitutional. It calls the President's attention to "the grave duty that would devolve upon him in such a contingency." General George H. Thomas has just submitted a report to the President on Alaska, representing that territory as well-nigh worthless to the United States.

Proposals have been invited for the erection of a keeper's dwelling and two range lights on Morris Island, near Charleston.

The Cuban Junta here says it has articles from Spain showing that the new revolution in that country is so formidable as to prevent the government from sending the contemplated reinforcements to Cuba.

A special Cabinet meeting was held yesterday, but nothing of importance was done. Sherman took his leave of the Cabinet as Secretary of War.

The National Intelligencer changes its owners to-morrow and comes out as the organ of the workmen.

Official returns from all but three counties in Pennsylvania gives Geary, (Radical,) a majority of 4842.

## EUROPE.

### General Summary.

LONDON, October 17. The London Times, in discussing the policy of the French Government in respect to public meetings, says that if anything is likely to be fatal to France and to the dynasty of its ruler, it is the perpetual distrust of the capability of the nation for self-control.

Confidence in the ability of Spain to put down the Republican insurrection is said to be increasing in commercial circles in London. General Prim declared, in the Spanish Cortes Thursday, that the Home Government only awaited a favorable turn in the conflict in Cuba to grant all the reforms and liberties desired.

Negotiations for the submission and pardon of the Spanish Republican rebels at Valencia are pending between the two forces there. The attack on Valencia begins this evening, unless the insurgents surrender unconditionally. It is reported that the Spanish insurgents have fired the City of Cartagena. The Madrid Government has inaugurated a policy of arbitrary arrests and newspaper suppressions. It is estimated that the insurgents have twenty thousand armed men in the field.

It is feared that the Suez Canal must be deepened before it can be used. Daniel O'Donoghue, member of Parliament for Kerry, writes to the Dublin Amnesty Committee on the course of the government towards political prisoners. He states that the government, collectively and individually, commiserate with the Fenian prisoners, and are anxious to liberate them if it can be done consistently with their duty to the State. But he is convinced that the government cannot, without doing violence to its traditions and betraying its trusts, yield anything to the faintest semblance of unconditional pressure.

The Earl of Shaftesbury, supported by the Pusey interest, is organizing opposition to defeat Mr. Temple, as Bishop of Exeter.

The Saturday Review has a long editorial denunciation of the course of the government, concluding as follows: "Let pusillanimous concession be made, and from that moment every idea of government will be inseparable from ridicule and contempt."

### The Pope and the Council.

ROME, October 16. The Civita Cattolica says: "The Bishops have been summoned in council, not to deliberate on and decide questions by vote of majority, but to ratify decisions already resolved upon by the sovereign and infallible Pontiff."

### Cotton in Egypt.

ALEXANDRIA, October 16. The Nile is subsiding, and there is no longer any apprehension of damage to the cotton crop. The losses by the flood will not exceed five hundred bales.

### Spain's Reply to Sicilies.

MADRID, October 16. The Epoca of to-day publishes a synopsis of the reply made by Minister Silveira to Mr. Sicilies' note. Senator Silveira says: "Reasons dictated by national dignity prevent the acceptance of foreign mediation in our domestic affairs. The institutions made by General Bickles are received with the good will which one nation owes to another with which it is bound by ties of amity. It is presumed that the American Government only desires to strip the struggle in Cuba of its sanguinary character. The Washington Cabinet is urged to impede the departure of supplies for the insurgents, who prevent the Spanish Government from carrying out a policy in Cuba in harmony with that which the United States has adopted. The United States is in a minority, and by no means belongs to the wealthiest and most influential classes. The Epoca mentions conferences between Senator Silveira and General Bickles, in which the former urged the release of the Spanish garrisons building in the United States, protesting that they were only to be used to protect the shores of Cuba against expeditions in aid of the insurgents from foreign countries."

### A French Growth.

PARIS, October 16. The Sicilies has a general review of the policy of the Empire. France is in a position to give the temporal power of the Pope, contrary to agreement, and maintain guard around a Council in which the Jesuits propose again to outrage mod-

## THE VIRGINIA SENATORSHIP.

RICHMOND, October 17. All of the members of the Legislature arrived to-night. The Western members spoke of nominating Judge Pendleton for senator, while the Conservatives are in favor of Snowden, of Alexandria. The names most prominently spoken of are Lieutenant-Governor Lewis, Franklin Stearns, Judge Pendleton and General Williams.

### SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

The Catholic Bishop of Cuba sailed from Havana for Spain on Saturday. The merchants' clerks and the coachmen in Paris are threatening a strike. Fifty distillers, idle during the summer, have resumed work since October 1st.

A party of twelve surveyors are reported as having been killed by the Indians near Fort McPherson, Nebraska Territory.

The Louisiana State Seminary, near Alexandria, La., has been destroyed by fire. Loss \$150,000; no insurance. Cause incendiary.

Governor Warmouth will call an extra session of the Louisiana General Assembly to meet on the 1st of December at Mechanics' Institute, in New Orleans.

### SOMETHING ABOUT SUMTER.

Cotton Stealing—The Beauties of Radical Rule—Progress of the Town—The Coming Fair.

[FROM AN OCCASIONAL CORRESPONDENT.]

SUMTER, S. C., October 14. With the coming of the fall trade comes life, briskness and activity to our town. Sumter rises herself from her summer dozing and prepares for business. The trade has been very good so far, and would be better did not the planters keep back their cotton on account of the low price. Very few of the planters have carried on by some of our worthy citizens with the ebony faces, who bring in small quantities of good cotton, their own or some body else's, and are willing to sell at any reasonable rates. Early risers meet whole families coming into town, each bearing their bundles of cotton.

Monday was sales-day, and as we had quite a crowd in town and but three fights, may consider ourselves fortunate. We had further excitement, a few days ago, of the beauties of Radical rule. One of our policemen attempted to arrest a noisy negro who was creating a disturbance on the street. The negro resisted, whereupon the policeman applied to the Sheriff for instructions. The Sheriff ordered him to arrest the negro. This he succeeded in doing, after being obliged to use his club. Soon after the policeman was arrested by one of our "furry" men, and taken to jail by one of our gentlemen becoming security for him. An incident of the same kind took place some months ago. The same magistrate had not only a policeman, but the intended arrested for a similar offense. The matter was then referred to the Governor, who sent some one to inquire into the matter. The result was of course decided in favor of his brother by Radical rule. All from some justice while she slept from her eyes, and her sword falls sideways. There are several new stores being erected, most of them good, substantial buildings, one a very fine one. There has been a good deal of speculation in the town. A fair is to be held in the first week in November, for the benefit of the "Church of the Holy Communion" (Episcopal) of the same kind. The fair is to be held in the church, and has our best wishes for its success. We have here a miniature steam engine, the work of a boy of thirteen or fourteen, the son of an English citizen. We wear it displays decided mechanical genius, and is to be sent to the Columbia Fair.

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## THE COMMERCIAL CONVENTION.

**A Report in Favor of Chinese Emigration—A Message from President Grant—The El Paso Route Adopted for the Southern Pacific Railroad—A Report from the Committee on Taxation—The Next Convention.**

A correspondent writing from Louisville, on the afternoon of the first day (Tuesday) of this convention, shows that there had been a good deal of squabbling in regard to its relations to the late Memphis convention, and the committees of the latter were not accepted as those for the present convention. The same correspondent adds:

Despite these squabbles, the convention presents the appearance of a most intelligent and successful gathering. The members are such men as ex-Senators George F. Rains, of Iowa, and Underwood, of Kentucky; Senator Conkling, of New York; ex-Senator Jesse D. Bright, of Indiana; ex-Governor of Georgia, Rensselaer, of Ohio; Governor Anderson, of Kentucky; and a large number of leading members from various States. Delegations foot up one thousand and upwards. Twenty-six States are represented. Among those not represented are Maine, Oregon, Nebraska, California, Connecticut, Michigan and South Carolina. Active canvassing is going on for the light on many particular projects to be discussed beyond the Norfolk and Louisville and Louisville and El Paso Railroads. Both will be opposed by New York and Northern Easterners. Some other projects are not strongly favored by Georgia and other Southern delegations, who of course favor steam communication with their own ports.

C. Breckinridge and his representatives were both on the floor of the convention to-day as delegates, and attracted attention, though not taking an active part. Louisville appears to be full of peace and harmony, and the hotel is crowded with delegates. The St. Louis delegates were entertained to-day by the Kentucky Club, and the same club have placed a special party of delegates at the hotel. The press of other cities—a great favor, as every hotel has six beds or more in every room.

HOW SOUTH CAROLINA WAS REPRESENTED—A QUEER PROCEEDING.

The managers of the convention, in their desire to make the body a "National" Convention, inaugurated a very queer system of representation for some of the States. For instance—

South Carolina, from some reason unknown, refused or neglected to appoint delegates to represent that State in the convention. In order to remedy this state of affairs it has been determined that South Carolina should be excluded, and at the time I write the "Palmetto State" has a full delegation and is represented on every committee. This desirable end has been brought about by some of our worthy citizens with the ebony faces, who bring in small quantities of good cotton, their own or some body else's, and are willing to sell at any reasonable rates. Early risers meet whole families coming into town, each bearing their bundles of cotton.

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## THE GEORGETOWN RAILROAD.

**Meeting at Lancaster.**

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Captain Greene, the engineer of the proposed road, addressed the meeting. He said that the road was already graded from Georgetown to Camden, and that the road would be a great benefit to the country. He said that the road would be a great benefit to the country. He said that the road would be a great benefit to the country.

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