MORNING STAR.

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WM. H. BERNARD, Editor and Proprietor.

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RAILWAY CASUALTIES.

In the United States there is a recklessness regarding human life, and a consequent want of provision for the protection of life against frequently occurring casualties, characteristic of no other country in the world. Americans, like other people, die by all the various methods of exit from earthly scenes, which Dean Swift hinted at, but the national preference is undoubtedly to excel rather than to be excelled in the number of those casualties and catastrophes by which people are unexpectedly deprived of their lives. Europeans, indeed, freely concede, now-a-days, our national claims in the matter of railway accidents, steamboat explosions, hotel-burning, disasters in mines and the various other incidents of the ordinary American calendar of casualties.

Accidents upon railroads always claim in each year's statistics a conspicuous rank among the agencies of violent and sudden death. Our railroads are far ahead of European and especially English railroads in their facilities for enabling passengers to collect the policies, issued by Accidental Insurance Companies, or giving to heirs the amounts insured upon the lives of late relatives. In some sections of the Union they appear to vie with each other in generous emulation as to the number of limbs they shall smash and lives they shall sacrifice. In these particulars some of the leading lines are apparently not less ambitious than they are zealous to conform to their schedules.

During the year ending with October of the past year, nearly seven hundred passengers were the victims of railroad accidents more or less serious. This statement does not include persons run over or employees in the regular discharge of their duties. In the case of the latter class it was perhaps deemed unnecessary to present statistics, since being in the pay of companies their employers have a right to dispose of their lives in any manner agreeable to themselves. Kansas leads the list in the number of persons killed within her limits, though New York presents statics of railroad holocasts by no means unworthy of the locality which boasts the Erie railway. As usual North Carolina makes no claim worthy of consideration, and is excluded altogether from the list of states visited by railroad calamities. We ask no sympathy, however, for this exclusion, and we shall continue to love the good old State all the more for her deficiency in this as in other features of American Progress, (with a big P always).

We suppose that the year recently begun can be expected to realize quite as largely in railroad accidents as that just closed. Usually the wonder is not that there have been so many casualties, but that there have been so few. Until railroad corporations and all their officers are held to strict and serious accountability, we may always apprehend an increase rather than hope for a diminution of these stependous human sacrifices. We shall have the comparative security enjoyed by railroad passengers in England, only when our courts shall hold our roads similarly accountable. In England verdicts of thirty thousand dollars, and in some instances much higher amounts for personal injuries received by passengers do not wholly prevent accidents, but they greatly reduce the perils of travel by compelling companies to adopt extraordinary precautions for the public safety.

A DECENT SCALAWAG.

However paradoxical the term, a decent scalawag is yet, not an impossibility, as would seem from a recent act of this scalawag Governor of Mississippi. A short time since Gov. Alcorn made a man named Flournoy, a Brigadier General in the Mississippi militia. Subsequently the cornstalk hero was the author of a scurrilous assault upon the memory of Gen. Lee. Upon becoming informed of Flournoy's conduct, Alcorn addressed a letter to the calumniator, revoking the appointment and saying: "I feel it to be a duty to the State, as it is certainly to my party, to refuse the issue of a commission that would even give an approval of your language on the death of Gen. Lee."

When it is remembered that Governor Alcorn is himself a scalawag, the noble rebuke he gave to the despicable creature, who so vilely slandered the man whose death a whole Nation mourns, will stand out in bolder relief, and do much to palliate the many political sins which he has committed since the war.

☞ The Italian Minister at Munich has called the attention of Victor Emanuel's Government to the intrigues of the reactionary party in Bavaria against the extinction of the Pope's temporal power.

☞ Alluding to Holden's profession of religion, the *Courirr Journal* thinks that North Carolina must be the most pious State in the Union if there be enough religion in it to save Holden.

SPECIE PAYMENTS.

The New York *Herald* announces as an "important rumor from Washington" that "the administration is perfecting a plan whereby the Government shall resume specie payments before the 1st of January, 1872." We observe that the Washington *Chronicle* is urging the resumption of specie payments. The preliminary step, in the opinion of some, will be taken when the Secretary of the Treasury uses the coin reserves, under his control, to lower the gold premium to at least 8 or 9 per cent. so that the *hoarded* specie now hoarded may be brought into general circulation. The reappearance of silver halves and quarters as currency would have a very healthy effect on the national finances, and facilitate the process that may be ultimately adopted for making greenbacks convertible, at the will of the holders, into gold.

MALMAISON.

The beautiful palace of Malmaison, near Versailles, where the Empress Josephine died in 1814, is said to have been destroyed by the guns of Mont Valerien. The other forts around Paris are silent. Once more Trochu is beset by political clamor, which calls for more "activity," but the energetic commander, who has taught the Parisians self control and patience during the past three months, no more permits himself to be interfered with by the mayors of the different arondissements than he did by the rioters of Belleville.

☞ His Bovine Excellency of Georgia begins to dread impeachment. Quite the equal of Holden in guilt, he is equally afraid of the rod of chastisement in the hands of a Democratic Legislature. Our Georgia friends doubtless know what to do with Bullock. We shall not urge them to "go for him" until they shall be ready.

☞ It is said that A. T. Stewart last year paid in income tax, more than either one of twenty-seven States and Territories, and more than Arizona, Colorado, Dakota, Florida, Washington, New Mexico, Utah, Idaho, and Montana combined. Mr. W. B. Astor paid more than the whole State of Vermont.

☞ Bret Harte is to receive $5,000 for twelve articles to be written for a prominent monthly. Ten years ago his manuscripts went begging among the magazines that are now anxious to secure his services.

☞ "England is determined to arm," says a London dispatch, and Lord Napier is about to succeed the Duke of Cambridge as Commander-in-Chief of the Army.

☞ Thirty-three large fires, involving in some instances loss of life, and in all great destruction of property, were reported in various sections of the country within the last week.

Palmetto Leaves.

.. Thomas Whitworth, Esq., a member of the British Parliament, is in Charleston.

.. Mr. Jacquelyn Gee, an aged citizen of Darlington county, died at his residence on Sunday last.

.. The fifteenth anniversary of the Charleston Typographical Society was celebrated on Saturday evening.

.. E. H. Bobo, Esq., retires from the *Carolina Spartan*, and Mr. F. H. Trimmier assumes the position of editor.

.. The Laurensville *Herald* records the death of Col. John Hudgens, a prominent, good and estimable gentleman.

.. A man by the name of Ned Campbell was frozen to death near Georgetown, a few days since, while out gunning. His body was found the next morning.

.. Mr. A. F. Dunbard, Esq., of Richland county, was shot and killed on the public highway about 13 miles from Columbia on Thursday evening last, and robbed of his watch and money.

.. The Charleston *News* says: Mr. Vachel A. Smith, of Edisto, died of congestion of the brain on Saturday night. He was found speechless in the road leading from Camden to Darlington, about four miles from the former place, and carried to a house where he soon expired.

.. An accident occurred to the freight train on the Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta Railroad, near Pine House Station, Thursday morning, by the breaking of a rail. The engine and several cars were thrown from the track and badly damaged.

.. The Columbia *Union* says:—Information has reached here, of the death of Strap Jeffries, a colored man of considerable influence in his neighborhood, about eighteen miles from Union Court House, and near the line of York County. Our informants state that on the night of the 29th ultimo, several disguised men took him from his house and shot him dead, within the hearing of his family.

Radical Projects for Additional Reconstruction.

[Washington correspondence of the New York *Herald*.]

The leading members of the Republican party have for some time past manifested considerable anxiety as to the part the Southern States will play in the next Presidential election. It is generally conceded that in the present condition of affairs there the Democrats are certain to carry every State south of the ancient Mason and Dixon's line, except, perhaps, South Carolina. This is a disappointment to those who have been engaged in reconstructing the Southern States in the interest of the Republican party, and the question now is how to bring them back and keep them under the Republican banner. Just before the holiday recess Senator Morton introduced a resolution calling upon the President for information concerning the recent disturbances in North Carolina and other States, where it is alleged the laws of the United States have been defied and resisted. This resolution was so worded as to allow the answer to embrace all the Southern States. It is understood that some time this week the answer to the resolution will be sent to the Senate. This is the special message on the condition of the Southern States which it has been stated the President would send to Congress. This answer from the Executive will show that the Southern people are far from being in a condition to deserve or appreciate amnesty. It will further show that a feeling of opposition to the Government exists which has not been equalled since the close of the rebellion. This information will probably be made to serve two purposes—first, to silence those who are demanding general amnesty, and second, to afford an excuse for something like a fresh reconstruction of the Southern States. The President's reply will likely be referred to a special committee, which will be instructed to investigate the facts and report what legislation is necessary to secure the enforcement of the laws and the protection of life and property. In the meantime several prominent Republicans from the South are here and others are expected to co-operate with the reconstructionists in Congress.

TROUBLES IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

An Ex-Confederate Soldier Brutally Murdered—The Town of Union Fired—Intense Excitement, Etc.

We learn from the Columbia *Phœnix*, that on Saturday night last, the 31st ult., while Mr. Mat. Stevens, a peaceable man, who lost an arm in Confederate service, was on his way to Union with a load of goods in his wagon, among other things a barrel of whiskey, he was halted by a party of militia, numbering about twenty five, under command of Captain Walker, and a demand made upon him for whiskey. Stevens gave them a bottle full, which was immediately consumed, and he was ordered to give them more. This he declined stating that the liquor belonged to other parties. They then threatened to take it, when Stevens told them it would be at their peril. The answer was a volley of bullets, which killed him instantly. A white man, named Robertson, was in company with Stevens, but succeeded in making his escape.

On Sunday the body of the poor drayman was found, about two hundred yards from the road, and underneath the body were two breech-loading cartridges—the same as used by the Governor's militia. Warrants were issued and fifteen colored men were arrested on suspicion.

Sunday night, acting Deputy Sheriff Daniel Smith, with a posse, went to a house to arrest a party of four, but they were denied admission. The inmates were informed that Smith had a warrant for their arrest, and they must surrender. The parties inside immediately fired, and Mr. Smith was severely wounded. Finding that harsh measures were about being resorted to, the inmates surrendered.

While in jail one of the militia made a full confession and statement of the case—charging Captain Walker and his militia with the whole affair. Walker attempted to escape but was overhauled about twenty miles from Union, as he was getting on a railroad train. He refused to give himself up at first, but when told that there was a warrant for his arrest and he must go back he gave in.

There is intense excitement in Union and on Monday night, as we learn, the town was fired in four places but no damage was done.

A prominent colored man, named Bates, who is now in Columbia—with the intention, as he declares, of laying the whole matter before the Governor—also charges Walker with the crime, and declares also that he knows who fired the first bullet.

If the arms are to be used for murdering unoffending whites, the sooner the militia are deprived of them the better.

More Trouble in Union County, S. C.

Passengers report to the Columbia *Phœnix* a renewal or continuation of the unfortunate state of affairs in Union county. It appears that on Sunday last Captain Aleck Walker, the colored captain of militia, applied to the parties who had charge of the guns belonging to the militia, but his demand was refused, and he was subsequently arrested—as stated in this paper on Wednesday—charged with the killing of Mr. Mat. Stevens. Fifteen of his militia were also arrested. On Wednesday evening a party of unknown horsemen went to the sheriff and peremptorily demanded the keys of the jail. They were given up and the party proceeded to the jail and took charge of five of the prisoners—Captain A. Walker, Charner Herndon, Joe Van Lew, Andy Thompson and Sylvanus Wright. The next morning the bodies of Walker and Herndon were discovered in the road, and it was afterwards found out that Thompson and Wright were badly wounded. We are further informed that Mr. Smith, the acting deputy, who was wounded on Sunday last, died on Thursday night. The teachings of bad men are bringing forth terrible troubles.

More Arms for France.

The French steamer Lafayette sailed yesterday, for Havre, with the following war material:

2 cases brass	$ 145
10 barrels flour	100
5 cases arms	390
4,671 cases cartridges	82,245
250 cases harness	30,000
25 cases meat	478
1,850 cases muskets	433,000
588 cases rifles	164,460
20 cases pistols	10,000
48 cases guns	20,000
70 cases bayonets	14,000
Total	$ 754,818

Total shipments since the war, $11,301,333

The steamer Concordia cleared yesterday for Falmouth, England, where she will await orders for proceeding to France. She takes as cargo for the French Republic 4,434 cases ammunition, 1,707 cases cartridges, 250 cases muskets, 1,000 cases rifles, 15 cases hatchets and 14 cases pickaxes. The total value of the cargo of arms is $834,200.—*New York World, January 5.*

SPECIAL NOTICES.

DEFENSIVE MEDICATION.

Investigation is as necessary for the protection of the human body against disease when unhealthy influences are abroad, as iron armor and granite casements are for the protection of ships and fortresses when assailed by shot and shell. Hence, it is desirable when those potent enemies of vitality, damp and cold, pervade the air we breathe, to put the system in the best possible condition to encounter them. The stomach is the organ by which every other organ is nourished and sustained, and therefore upon its vigorous and regular action depends, in a great measure, the capacity of the system to resist the assaults of the invisible enemies of health and life, by which, at this inclement season, it is surrounded. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, an admirable tonic and regulating medicine for all seasons, is never more needed than in winter, when the torpifying influence of a chilly atmosphere effects all the vital functions, and renders the body extremely susceptible. By toning the digestive organs, and the liver, and the bowels with this unequalled vegetable specific, a physical condition is attained which seems to be proof against all varieties of temperature, and that is inimical in the air of winter. Defensive medication is a precaution which should never be neglected when danger is present, and therefore a course of the Bitters at this season is particularly desirable, especially for the feeble and sickly. As a remedy for biliousness, dyspepsia, nervousness and bowel complaint, there is nothing comparable to this wholesome restorative.

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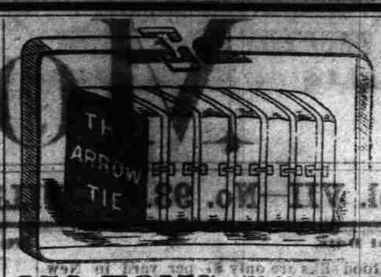

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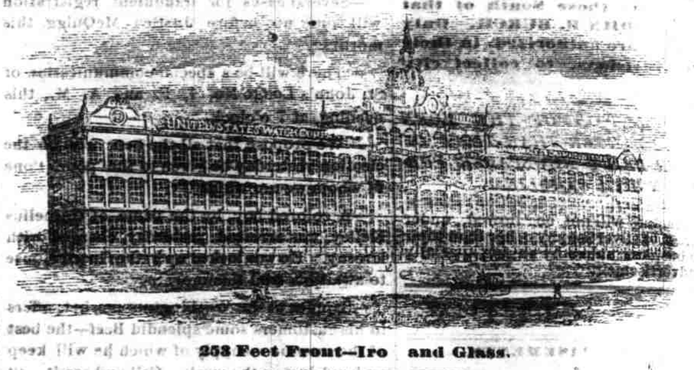

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