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Afternoon Reports.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

Crete Continues Warlike—English Government Determined to be Prepared for All Possible Circumstances—Fight Between Servians and Bash-Bazouks—Defiant Attitude of the Turkish Commanders—Russia's Military Situation in Turkey—Reviewed Critical—Negotiations Between England and Russia Thought More Hopeful, &c., &c.

The Russians are violating the Bulair lines of demarkation. The Thessaly revolution is subsiding. Crete continues warlike.

Mr. Cross, Home Secretary, speaking again at Preston, repeatedly and emphatically repeated the idea that Government were bent on war, but he said they were determined to be prepared for all possible circumstances.

A special agent from Belgrade, reports a fight between the Servians and Bash-Bazouks near Pristina. The loss on both sides was heavy.

An ultimatum to the Porte is not now imminent from Russia. The bear is looking before he leaps.

The impression prevails at Berlin and Vienna that England's *pour parler* are only intended to give Turkey and England time for concentration.

The Turkish commanders of the Danube quadrilateral are defiant.

Russia is evidently withdrawing her troops from abroad and recruiting at home for a home struggle.

Though Russia is believed to have secured Austrian neutrality, her military situation in Turkey is now regarded as exceedingly critical.

The attitude of the Turkish soldiery is reported to be more favorable than ever for an alliance with the English troops.

A month ago Russian influence seemed to be on the point of carrying everything before it, but now the Porte seems more intractable than ever, and the Turkish army is so strong that the threat of the Russians has little effect.

The Turks have entrenched positions, and are scarcely inferior in number to what the Muscovites can mass, so that not only can there be no question of surprise, but even a most serious attack will be resisted sufficiently long at any rate until help could come from elsewhere. It is not therefore considered likely that they will accede to the evacuation of Varna, Shumla and Batoum, even to get the Russian army from the neighborhood of Constantinople.

Gen. Todeben, therefore, will have to display considerable diplomatic talent in the attempt to overcome all difficulties, while the conciliatory disposition in St. Petersburg must be strong to be worn out by the tenacious policy which the Turks, feeling the strength of their position, will doubtless use with their well known consummate skill.

LONDON, May 3. Yesterday's Bank of England return is regarded as distinctly unfavorable, the proportion of reserve and liabilities having descended to an extraordinarily low figure. The Bank ought to, according to old rules, raise its rate of discount. Reasons for its not doing so are chiefly ascribed to the fact that the money market from it is wholly for international purposes.

This morning's *Financialist* says "should there be an active foreign drain of gold bonds, the minimum rate of discount might be expected to leap to five per cent. in a week."

There is a remarkable absence of news respecting the progress of negotiations between England and Russia, but the latest impressions are more hopeful.

The *Central News* states the steamship *Cimbric* was chartered on the 24th of last March by the Russian Admiralty for a year, to serve exclusively as a transport. The amount paid was \$14,800. The value of the vessel is secured to the owners by Messrs. Maclean, the Berlin bankers. Her principal work will be to supply provisions and munitions of war to the Russian fleet in the Pacific. Her present destination, after taking aboard war material contracted for in America, is North Japan.

LARGEST FLOURING MILLS IN THE COUNTRY DESTROYED BY GAS EXPLOSION—SEVENTEEN MEN KILLED—PROPERTY VALUED AT A MILLION AND A HALF.

MINNEAPOLIS, May 2. One of the great flour mills at this place exploded to-night, involving the loss of seventeen lives, and a million and a half of property. The cause of the explosion was gas generated by the manufacture of patent flour.

The flouring mills which were involved in the disaster here to-night form a group which composes the heaviest concern in the State. Chief among them were the two Washburn mills, the property of ex-Gov. C. G. Washburn, and the one of J. B. St. Paul.

The shock of the explosion in the Washburn mill, in Minneapolis, was plainly felt here, and the flames were distinctly seen, creating an intense excitement throughout the city. Pieces of the charred roof, paper, small timbers and cinders were picked up, having been hurled in the air by the explosion and wafted here, nine miles distant, by the wind.

MEXICO. Revolution Broken Out in Durango and Nuevo Leon—Great Excitement on the Lower Rio Grande.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, May 3. An official telegram to Gen. Ord says a revolution has broken out in the States of Durango and Nuevo Leon. Gen. Trevino has been ordered to quell it.

The garrisons at Matamoros and Mier are said to be on the point of pronouncing against Diaz.

There is great excitement on the lower Rio Grande. Gen. Escobedo is here.

KANSAS PACIFIC R. R. Annual Meeting of Stockholders—The New Directors.

LAWRENCE, Kan., May 3. The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Kansas Pacific Railroad Company was held yesterday. The following gentlemen were elected directors for the ensuing year: John D. Ferry, Robt. E. Carr, D. E. Edgerly, and Dwight Thoe, of St. Louis; Jay Gould, A. H. Holmes, and Sidney Dillon, of New York; and Fred. L. Ames, of Boston.

Our Night Reports.

CONGRESS.

Consideration of the Legislative Appropriation Bill, &c. WASHINGTON, May 3. HOUSE.—Immediately after the assembling of the House this morning the Legislative Appropriation bill was taken up for consideration in committee of the Whole. The committee rose and reported a bill to the House. No action taken. The House is in session to-night.

WASHINGTON.

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The Attorney General has prepared an opinion in the case submitted to him by the Postmaster General, to prevent the Louisiana State Lottery from using the mails, and especially the postoffice at New Orleans, in the conduct of its business. He answers the question, as to the power of the postmaster at New Orleans to withhold from the mails letters suspected to contain advertisements of lotteries, in the negative, for the following reason, that under the revised regulations, in the case of such letters, which the postages has not been prepaid, there is no power conferred on the postmaster to withhold letters from the mails. He further says: "If the Postmaster General is satisfied, by evidence, that any person is conducting any fraudulent lottery through the mails, he may instruct postmasters at any post office at which registered letters arrive, directed to any such person, to return the letters to the post office at which they were mailed. This section applies only to registered letters. The persons authorized by law to seize letters from the mail are the Collector of the port, the U. S. Marshal, and a special agent of the Post Office Department, who may do so only upon such letters being libelled."

The committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate have reported a bill to refund to that government, on Commerce have agreed on a bill to improve the navigation of the twelve-mile bayou, and drain the lakes between Shreveport, La., and Jefferson, Texas. The corporation shall organize within twelve months and complete the work within five years, and shall have a title to the lands reclaimed.

CINCINNATI, May 3. Flour dull; family \$5.00 @ 5.25. Wheat steady—red \$1.15 @ 1.20. Corn stronger at 43 @ 44 cents. Pork quiet and steady at \$5.75. Lard dull—steam \$7; current market \$6.85; kettle \$7.75. Bulk meats quiet and firm—shoulders \$4.00; clear rib \$4.75 and \$4.74 for clear sides. Bacon inactive at 44 @ 45. Butter quiet and steady at 10 @ 11. Whiskey dull at \$1.04. Sugar in fair demand at \$2.04 1/2 cts.

ST. LOUIS, May 3. Flour dull and weak. Wheat dull—No. 3 red fall \$1.15 @ 1.18; No. 4 do. \$1.07 1/2; No. 2 spring \$1.08. Corn inactive—No. 2 mixed \$1.00 @ 1.01. Lard quiet at \$1.05. Pork dull—jobbing \$8.75. Lard quiet at 40 cts. Bulk meats quiet.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS.—Savannah, easy at 91 cents—net receipts 10,000 bales; Philadelphia, dull—net receipts 11,775 bales; New Orleans, quiet and easy at 84, 94 @ 104 cents—net receipts 10,200 bales; Mobile, quiet at 94 cents—net receipts 3,083 bales; Galveston, quiet at 104 cents—net receipts 744 bales; Boston, dull at 104 cents—net receipts 1,055 bales; Norfolk, quiet at 104 cents—net receipts 2,983 bales; Baltimore, dull at 104 cents—net receipts 518 bales; Memphis, steady at 104 cts—net receipts 2,983 bales; Charleston, quiet at 104 cents—net receipts 1,233 bales; August, quiet at 94 cents—net receipts 475 bales.

NEW YORK COMPARATIVE COTTON STATEMENT.

Table with columns for 1878 and 1877, showing Net receipts at all United States ports during week, Total receipts to this date, and Exports for week.

THE METHODISTS. Proceedings of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

ATLANTA, May 3. The morning session of the Methodist Episcopal General Conference was taken up in the discussion of the eligibility of the Rev. J. W. H. Hunt, delegate from St. Louis. The matter is still pending.

The Bishop's quadrilateral address was read by Bishop Doggett.

A communication from the Northern Methodist Church, relative to holding a Grand Ecumenical Methodist Council, was received and referred.

MINNESOTA. A List of the Mills Destroyed by Fire at Minneapolis.

MINNEAPOLIS, May 3. The following is a list of the mills destroyed by fire, with the number of runs of stone in each: Washburn, 42 runs; Galaxy, 18 runs; Hennepin or Diamond, 6 runs; Humboldt, 6 runs; Pettit, Robinson & Co.'s, 14 runs; and Zenith, 6 runs. In addition to these mills, there were numerous other buildings destroyed, including a large elevator and planing mill.

NEW YORK. Sale of Blooded Stock, &c.

NEWBURGH, May 3. The Alden Goldsmith sale of trotting stock, principally the get of Volunteer, at Walnut Grove farm, Washington, yesterday, was largely attended. Twenty-two animals were sold, netting \$7,680. The prices ranged from \$115 to \$1,025.

WEATHER REPORT. WAR DEPARTMENT, Office Chief Signal Officer, WASHINGTON, May 3.—7.30 P. M.

Indications. For the South Atlantic States, west veering to cooler northwest winds, falling followed by rising barometer, partly cloudy weather with possibly occasional light rains will prevail.

DOMESTIC MARKETS. NEW YORK, May 3.—Noon.

Stocks firm. Money 5 per cent. Gold opened at 100 1/2 and closed at 100 1/2. Sterling exchange—long 48 1/2, short 48 1/2. State bonds quiet. Governments steady.

Flour drooping. Wheat 1 1/2 cts lower. Corn 1/4 cts lower. Pork firm at \$9.60 @ 9.85. Lard firm—steam \$7.25. Spirits turpentine firm at 29 1/2 @ 30 cents. Rosin unchanged at \$1.00 1/2 @ 1.01 for strained. Freight firm.

Cotton dull, with sales of 216 bales; middling Orleans 10 1/2 cents; futures steady, as follows: May 10 @ 10.85 cents, June 10 @ 10.92 cents, July 10 @ 10.99 cents, August 10 @ 10.92 cents, September 10 @ 10.71 cents, October 10 @ 10.55 cents.

NEW YORK, May 3.—Evening.

Money easy at 8 per cent. Sterling exchange 48 1/2. Gold 100 1/2. Governments firm—new issues 104 1/2. State bonds steady.

Cotton dull—middling Orleans 10 1/2 cents; middling Orleans 10 1/2 cents; sales 427 bales; weekly receipts: net 4,268 bales; gross 11,900 bales; exports to Great Britain 5,519 bales; to France 30 bales; to the continent 433 bales; sales for the week 4,000 bales; stock 167,194 bales. Flour heavy except for Minnesota, which are 10 @ 15 cts better in consequence of four mills destroyed by fire at Minneapolis; superfine western and State \$4 1/2 @ 4.70, the latter being extremely closing heavy for other than Minnesota; Southern flour favors buyers, with a little more inquiry—common to fair extra \$5.00 @ 5.50; good to choice do \$5.50 @ 6.00. Wheat 1 1/2 cts lower and fairly active at the decline, closing at \$1.18 1/2 @ 1.23 for ungraded spring; \$1.10 1/2 @ 1.35 for ungraded winter red. Corn 1/4 cts lower; 49 @ 57 cts for ungraded western mixed, the latter for choice; 54 cents for yellow Pennsylvania and Southern. Oats 1/4 cts lower. Coffee—Rio quiet firm at 13 1/2 @ 17 1/2 cents gold for

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WILMINGTON MARKET.

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STAR OFFICE, May 3. SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—The market was firm at 28 1/2 cents per gallon for country packages, with sales reported of 121 casks at that price.

ROSIN.—The market was firm at \$1.25 for Strained and \$1.27 1/2 for Good Strained, but without reported transactions in those grades. Fine rosins quiet, with sales of 15 bbls (E) Extra No. 9 at \$1.35, 35 do (G) Low No. 1 at \$1.40, 375 do (K) Low Pale at \$2 and 100 do (M) Pale at \$2.35 per bbl.

TAR.—Market quiet and steady at \$1.25 per bbl., the receipts of the day being disposed of at that figure.

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CHARLESTON NAVAL STORES MARKET, May 2. Spirits turpentine were in moderate demand, with sales of some 200 bbls, showing a slightly easier state of the market, viz: whiskey 24 1/2, oils 25 @ 25 1/2, and regular packages 25 1/2 @ 26. There have been no transactions of moment in rosins for some days past, and none to-day, we can, therefore, only quote nominally as per last sales: Strained to E \$1.30; F \$1.35; G \$1.50; H \$1.55; I \$1.65; K \$2; M \$2.75; N \$3.25, and window glass \$3.50. Crude turpentine may be quoted at \$1.23 for yellow dip at \$2 for virgin.

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MARINE.

Port Announcements—May 4.

Sun Rises ..... 5.04 A. M. Sun Sets ..... 6.49 P. M. High Water (Smithville) ..... 8.55 Even. (Wilmington) ..... 10.55 Even. Day's Length ..... 13.45

ARRIVED. Star Gov Worth, Worth, Fayetteville, Worth & Worth. Star Wave, Robeson, Fayetteville, Williams & Murchison. Star North East, Paddison, Point Caswell, master. Star J. S. Underhill, Latham, Smithville, O. G. Parsley & Co. Steam yacht Passport, Harper, Smithville, George Myers.

Schr B. M. Titton, Tison, Elizabeth City, 2,000 bushels corn to B. F. Mitchell & Son. Schr Clara, Auld, Elizabeth City, 3,501 bushels corn to B. F. Mitchell & Son. Schr Florence, Potter, Elizabeth City, 2,000 bushels corn to B. F. Mitchell & Son. Schr R. L. Myers, Lewis, Elizabeth City, 1,949 bushels corn to B. F. Mitchell & Son.

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EXPORTE. COASTWISE. New York—Schr Ruth Shaw—1,238 bbls rosin, 200 casks spirits turpentine, 20,956 feet lumber, 200,000 shingles.

FOREIGN. ANTWERP—Rus barque Ecliptic—3,175 bbls rosin. Span brig Juliana—2,875 bbls rosin.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., May 4, 1878.

BARQUES. Fritz von der Lancken (Ger.), 333 tons, Fresse, E. Peschau & Westermann. Harriet Upham (Br.), 352 tons, Put