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## Latest News.

From the Richmond Whig.

*Loss of a Ship at Sea—Forty Lives Destroyed.*

Washington, Dec. 30.—The steamer Constitution, Capt. Greenman, from Savannah for New York left Savannah on the 23d with 54 passengers and 700 bales cotton, struck on Southern Point of Lookout Shoals, on Tuesday, 4 a.m., where she remained forty-eight hours, then broke up. The Captain with twelve of the crew and one passenger, W. P. Levy, of Brooklyn, N. Y., saved themselves on cotton bales, landing at Cape Lookout Lighthouse, at 4 p.m., Thursday; thence they proceeded to Morehead City. Forty persons perished. The survivors left Morehead City for New York this evening.

New York, Dec. 30.—Private advices state but fourteen of the crew saved from the wreck of the steamer Constitution, leaving forty passengers lost. Among the passengers was J. Fitzgerald, lately attached to the Sacramento *Herald*.

[This is circumstantial enough to be true, but the *New York Times*, of Saturday, has the following:]

A despatch from Raleigh, N. C., very briefly announces the loss at sea of the steamship Constitution from Savannah for New York. It is said that all the passengers (about forty) were lost, and but fourteen of the crew saved. The report is said to have come from a responsible source, but it seems the "responsible" has rather overdone it. The Constitution sailed from Savannah on the 23d, in company with the Leo and the San Salvador. All of them put into Port Royal in consequence of bad weather, and all of them arrived here safely last Wednesday. The Constitution was withdrawn from the line, and the Nightingale took her place to sail at 3 o'clock today. Any boat is foolish enough, but one so wickedly foolish as this, ought to be severely punished.

*The Governor of Georgia to Secretary Seward.*

Washington, Dec. 31.—The following despatch was received here yesterday.

MILLERVILLE, Dec. 22, 1865.

*Hon. Wm. H. Seward, Secy of State:*

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram, of the 10th inst., together with a copy of your communication to His Excellency, James Johnson, Provisional Governor of Georgia. Be pleased to tender to His Excellency, the President, my grateful return for his recognition of the official position in which the people of Georgia have placed me, and assure him of my fixed purpose to observe and obey as well the Constitution of the United States as the Constitution of the State of Georgia. Express to him also my thanks for the offered co-operation of the Government of the United States in effecting the earliest restoration and permanent prosperity and welfare of the State. Upon its co-operation our people could earnest hopes of a speedy return to their suspended relation with the other States of the Union. I dare say, the honor to be, very respectfully, your most obedient servant.

CHAS. J. JENKINS, Gov.

*Speculations from Washington—Received forthcoming Message from the President in favor of Southern Representation.*

Washington, Dec. 31.—It is rumored that President Johnson, at the meeting of Congress will send a special message in regard to the admission of members of Congress from the Confederate States. The course of Henry J. Raymond, it appears, has somewhat alarmed the ultra radicals. It is understood that Mr. J. Raymond has publicly expressed himself holding that, since the rebellion has ended and slavery is abolished, the North and South should have equal representative power in Congress. He argues that the North, under the Constitution, has no right to legislate for the South, unless the South is represented in Congress. He believed that the majority of the Southern members have been legitimately elected, and should be admitted to seats. Mr. Raymond, despite the machinations of the ultra-Stevens party, when Congress gets to work, will be an earnest supporter of President Johnson, and the leader of the House.

*Negro Robbers Punished.*

Washington, Dec. 31.—A telegram from Augusta, Ga., says that on Thursday night a squad of U. S. colored troops and discharged colored soldiers made an assault on the house of a widow lady, residing six miles from Augusta, supposing her to be unprotected. They, however, met an unexpected resistance—three of them mortally wounded and two seriously.

*Looking after Cotton Bummers.*

Washington, Dec. 31.—Assistant Secretary Chandler and Hon. Harvey Watterson, of Tenn., have been sent on a special mission among the Treasury cotton agents in the Southern States to investigate many charges of fraud and corruption.

*Prospect of Peace Between Spain and Chile—Mr. Seward on a Cruise—Navy Action.*

Washington, December 31.—The Government has been advised that the representations made to Spain in favor of peace with Chile, have so far prevailed that the good offices of France and England have been accepted upon the terms proposed by them and the United States.

Under the advice of physicians, the Secretary and Assistant Secretary of State embarked last night on board the United States steamer De Soto for the warmer latitude of the South Atlantic. They expect to be absent two or three weeks. William Hunter, Esq., Chief Clerk in the Department of State, has been appointed acting Secretary of State during the interval, and H. N. Conger, Commissioner of Emigration, has been appointed acting Assistant Secretary.

An arrival at New York from the South Pacific states that a Chilean man-of-war had captured a Spanish gunboat. The engagement was brief. There was great rejoicing at the event among the Chileans.

Sandy Hook, Dec. 29.—The steamship Australasia from Liverpool, on the 16th, via Queenstown, on the 17th, passed this point on the way to the city, which she will reach about one o'clock this afternoon.

The steamships China and Louisiana arrived out on the 15th instant.

Liverpool, Dec. 16.—The steamships California, St. Patrick and Glasgow, have arrived from New York.

The Paris Bourne closed firm at 620.40z. for the renter.

## The Latest News.

London, Sunday, Dec. 17.—It is stated that the health of the Queen of Spain is still improving—the King of Belgium was buried yesterday. The new King takes the oath to-day.

The Message of President Johnson has been favorably received as it is regarded as friendly, and the U. S. bonds improved after its reception.

It is stated that the Queen of Spain has accepted the mediation of England in Cuban affairs.

Trial of Capt. McCafferty, the American Fenian, is progressing at Cork.

Manchester market was quiet, but closed firmer.

## Latest Commercial.

Liverpool, Dec. 16th—Cotton—Sales to-day 10,000 bales, including 3,000 to speculators and exporters, the market closing firmer, but quotations are unchanged. Beaufort dull. Provisions quiet and steady.

London, December 18—Evening—Consols closed at 82 & 82½. United States five-twenty 64½ a £1 3s.

New York, Dec. 29.—The bullion in the Bank of England had decreased £448,214 during the week.

It is stated that Admiral Goldsborough, commanding the United States squadron in European waters, will establish his winter quarters at Villafranca, near Nice.

The Fenian Special Commission adjourned its sittings at Day's Inn on the 13th, and commenced at Cork the following day. The trial of McCafferty, late a Captain in the Confederate army, is progressing. Strong precautions have been taken to maintain peace at Cork. The Cork Herald alludes to the recent departure of skilful pilots for America as evidence of contemplated naval operations by the Fenians.

The Times says the passage in President Johnson's message, which concerns England ought to be realized in friendly sport.

The Mercury says it evinces a desire to keep on good terms with those they acknowledge to be their friends.

The Telegraph is very eloquent, and says the document reflects the highest credit on its author.

## Later from Mexico.

Philadelphia, Dec. 23.—The New York Herald's Vera Cruz correspondent of the 13th, says:

Imperial papers announce that Don Manuel Ruiz, Judge of the Supreme Court of the Republic, has abandoned Juarez and protested against the latter continuing to act as President after his constitutional term has expired.

Events at and in the vicinity of Vera Cruz do not indicate any intention on the part of the French to withdraw from the country at an early day, but, on the contrary, are regarded as showing a disposition to sustain their occupancy of Mexican territory with the United States. Arrivals of soldiers from France continue—twelve hundred being landed at Vera Cruz on the 6th instant, and about three hundred more on the 11th, all of whom were immediately sent into the field. French cannon and carbines were munitions and supplies were still daily arriving, and the defences of the city are being greatly strengthened, and mounted with the heaviest and most improved guns. The work is being carried on secretly—principally at night.

The reader of dispatches from the Mexican capital was in Vera Cruz on the 13th instant, on his way to Washington.

Mysterious Disappearance of a Virginian.

Baltimore, Dec. 25.—John P. Blestle, a merchant of Stanton, Virginia, stopped at the Maliby House, on Pratt street, on the 13th inst., with a large amount of money about him, intending to purchase goods. He suddenly and mysteriously disappeared on the same night, and has not since been heard of. It is generally believed that there has been some foul play, resulting in murder and robbery. His partner, C. B. Wood, is here, anxiously looking after him.

During the recent heavy fog on the Chesapeake Bay, several schooners went ashore and were lost, with valuable cargoes.

Hon. Thomas Swain, Governor elect, will be inaugurated on the 10th of January. A grand time is anticipated at Annapolis. His address is anxiously anticipated.

## Arrival of Capt. Semmes.

Washington, December 29.—Captain Semmes arrived here last night by the train from New York, in charge of a guard of United States marines, and was at once taken to the Navy Yard, where he was placed temporarily in a room hastily fitted up in the dispensary building, where a guard was placed over him.

Semmes was arrested at his residence, about four miles from Mobile, on the 15th instant, on an order from the Navy Department. He expressed great astonishment, and claimed that the arrest was in violation of the parole. He was given until twelve o'clock next day to arrange his family matters, after which he was brought away. On the passage from Mobile to New York he was quite cheerful, expressing his readiness to stand trial and his belief that the arrest was entirely illegal.

## DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

Providence, R. I., December 28th.—A fire broke out in the railroad depot at Groton about one o'clock this morning, which destroyed the building and thirty long empty cars and six loaded ones. The flames spread rapidly to the steamer Commonwealth just arrived from New York, which was heavily loaded with freight, and was so grounded at the wharf that she could not be moved. She was burning in the water edge and nothing was saved. The flames spread rapidly and furiously, that men on board the steamer barely escaped with their lives. The loss is about one and a half million.

## FROM WASHINGTON.

Washington, December 29.—It is rumored that the Enoch and the United States Government have arrived at an understanding. France is to withdraw its troops from Mexico, and the United States agrees not to permit any attempts to be made from here to drive Maximilian out. He is to be left to his Austrian body-guard and the Mexican people.

The President is so well satisfied with the condition of the South and our foreign relations, that he has determined on a still further reduction of the army.

## FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 28.—The overland mail with New York dates to the 30th November, has arrived.

A slight shock of an earthquake was felt at Santa Clara last night.

The firm of Jakobusky and Warner failed to lay. Their liabilities amount to over two hundred thousand dollars. Greenbacks sell at 67½.

## NEGRO SUFFRAGE IN GEORGIA.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Georgetown following the example of Washington, opened the polls yesterday to test the sense of the citizens on the subject of negro suffrage. Of over seven hundred votes cast, only one was in favor of thus extending the franchise.

## A PLEASURE TRIP.

Washington, Dec. 29.—It is stated that the United States steamer "Desoto" will leave here in a day or two for the West Indies, having on board Secretary Seward, F. W. Seward and others, who are about to take a trip.

## LOSS OF THE STEAMER CONSTITUTION.

Raleigh, Dec. 29.—We have news here from Morehead City of the loss of the steamer Constitution, from Savannah to New York. Of fifty-four souls on board, all were lost but fourteen of the crew.

## DEATH OF AN ARMY OFFICER.

Boston, Dec. 29.—James Duncan Graham, a brother in law of Major General Meade, and Colonel of United States Engineers, stationed in this city, died suddenly last evening of disease of the heart.

## NEW YORK MARKETS.

New York, Dec. 29.—Flour quiet; Southern 81s 25. Wheat firm. Corn quiet. Beef firm. Pork heavy—sales 7,500 lbs at \$2.25-2.27 75. Lard firm. Whiskey dull. Cotton importat at 33 cents. Naval Stores dull. Gold 14½.

## WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.

*Five Cent Currency.*

The new five cent currency will be issued next week. About \$80,000 worth of defaced and mutilated currency is destroyed by burning, per day, and \$50,000 worth printed. Arrangements are nearly completed to make the amount of the latter to the former.

## Capt. Somers.

The arrival here of Semmes of the Alabama, who was arrested at Montgomery, Ala., on the 16th, is hourly looked for. Secretary Welles has ordered that Captain Semmes be tried by court-martial for violating the laws of war in a number of instances, and more especially when he hoisted the white flag on the 11th, all of whom were immediately sent into the field.

A magistrate in Brooklyn, N. Y., has been convicted of keeping a "gin mill," which subjects him to be sent to the penitentiary.

Much small pox among the negroes in Washington has created a great scarcity of philanthropists.

One brewery in Dublin turns out 15,000 hds. of beer per day. Each workman is allowed a quart daily.

An elephant and bull fight recently took place in Ubida, in Spain. The elephant stamp'd one bull to death, and crushed another with his trunk.

An editor says that the only reason why his husband was not blown away during the late gale, was because there was a heavy mortgage upon it.

A fat man in Paris sold his body to the surgeons for twelve hundred francs, went on a spree with the money, died, and was immediately cut up.

The Mississippi Legislature has passed a bill fining any white man two hundred dollars and any colored one fifty dollars, for an act of miscegenation.

A schoolboy being asked by his teacher, "Of what is the German Diet composed?" replied, "Sourkraut, sauerkraut, lager beer and mixtures."

A Birmingham, England, bricklayer's wife gave birth to a child with 2 heads, three arms and three legs. On one of the hands there are two thumbs.

The Seaboard and Roanoke railroad are now running their cars to the Roanoke river. The Weldon Bridge, however, is not yet rebuilt, and a ferry has been used in crossing.

Memphis is spreading her wings immensely. The Appeal states that upwards of 900 houses are in process of erection in that city.

The latest fashion in Paris for ladies to be accompanied in the drive or promenade, by immense dogs. One lady attracts great attention on account of a monster which follows her about. It is almost like a young pony, and imported from Wurtemburg, where the race is nearly extinct.

Lieutenant General A. P. Stewart, late of the Confederate army, is to take charge of the school of Cumberland Church, at Nashville. The school is the largest in that city, and is conducted by the General's brothers.

Capital punishment has been abolished in Austria.

A man in Fall River, Massachusetts last week devoured a nine-pound turkey with the usual fixings, at a single meal. He found that his companions at table had each one seized a pigeon, and, being disappointed at not getting one himself, he grabbed the turkey and ate it all, saying, "every man his own bird."

"Perley" says that "General Grant is to have as his Christmas gift the centennial mansion of the three known as 'Bengal Row,' built for Senator Rice, of Minnesota; the other two having been built for Douglass and Breckinridge. It will contain many tokens of the admiration entertained for him by the American people.

Gov. Patton, of Alabama, is what is known as a Douglas Democrat, and

and Southwestern State. The number of such distribution may be set down at two hundred per week. Yesterday Virginia, Louisiana, Texas, Kentucky and Tennessee were shared largely.

## Capt. Wix's Body.

The statements to the effect that the remains of Capt. Wix had been exhumed from their place of burial in the Arsenal grounds, and had been forwarded to the friends of the deceased in Richmond are wholly without foundation. The grave of Wix is undisturbed.</p