

The Press.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1861.
EXTRACT FROM THE LAST SPEECH OF STEPHEN A. DOUGLASS.

FOR NAME: The double-edged "ATLANTIC" paper...
THE LATEST WAR NEWS.

By the arrival of the steamship Jura, at Portland, yesterday morning, and of the mails of the Empire, further information in regard to the temper of the English people, and the disposition of the English Government, has been received.

But all these remonstrances have proved insufficient to curb the belligerent tendencies of Great Britain. The violent passions of the people have reared upon the Government, and it has despatched a special agent to London.

Meanwhile, such preparations have been made that England is undoubtedly preparing to commence a war the moment that diplomatic negotiations are broken off and all hope of a peaceful adjustment of the existing difficulty is abandoned.

One of the latest English papers, speaking of the capture of Stanzas and Mason, says that this has caused a general feeling of indignation in London.

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LETTER FROM "OCCASIONAL."

WASHINGTON, December 18, 1861.
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Despatches from Gen. Beell.

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