

News of the Week.

THE EXECUTIVE.

The several presidents and agents of the blockade running companies at Charleston have been arrested by the Government.

CONGRESS.

Senate.—January 30th.—A bill was referred to establish a national militia. The Committee on Post Offices were instructed to report on the expediency of erecting Government telegraph lines along the post roads.

January 31.—The resolution of thanks to Admiral Farragut for services in Mobile bay was passed unanimously. The bill to protect freedmen in their civil rights was taken up and debated.

February 1.—The Reconstruction Committee was instructed to inquire into the expediency of attending the Convention so as to give Congress greater power over the States. The Judiciary Committee was instructed to bring in a bill to extend the judicial power of the United States Courts over suits arising out of the war.

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interval from November 30, 1860, to December 1, 1865. A reduction or repeal of the ordinary State tax of two and a half mills on real estate is recommended.—In the State Senate Mr. Connell presented a remonstrance against Sunday car travel signed by Judges Sharswood, Allison and Hare, and by 114 other persons, lawyers, merchants, &c.; also one from citizens, and one from T. H. Stockton's congregation. Mr. Nichols also presented a remonstrance against Sunday travel. On the 2nd of February a remonstrance was presented from Jay Cooke and other bankers; also one from 500 members of the North Broad Street Presbyterian Church.—A large fire occurred at Franklin, February 1st. The loss was \$500,000.—John Burns, of Gettysburg, has been chosen Assistant Doorkeeper of the Senate.

New York.—A car on the Erie Railroad, containing the freight of the U. S. Express Company, was burned January 28. The loss is nearly \$500,000.—The National Temperance Society held its first meeting in New York on Thursday.—James R. Spaulding, one of the editors of the New York Times, was stricken down with paralysis on Saturday.—Rents in New York this year are 33 per cent. higher than last.—The house carpenters of Brooklyn contemplate, if a complete union of the craft can be effected, a strike for the eight-hour system in April next.

Virginia.—What else will they have? Mrs. General Lee is making strenuous exertions to obtain the Arlington estate, and has secured the support of many prominent Southerners.—Efforts are being made in the Virginia Legislature to oust the present United States Senators, so as to elect Gov. Pierpont and John Minor Botts. Gen. Lee is talked of for Governor of Virginia, at the next election.

Alabama.—General Swayne writes that he has been obliged to interfere with the doings of the State militia there, which, he alleges, is against the interests of the blacks.—The Tombigbee river is infested with guerrillas, who fire into and plunder passing steamers.—The Alabama House of Representatives has passed the bill assuming payment of the United States tax on real estate in that State, and authorizing the Governor to issue coupon bonds for the payment of the same.

Arkansas.—Three persons have been murdered for their Union sentiments in Arkansas recently. The hostility to the Government in that State is intense.

Georgia.—Herschel V. Johnson has been elected United States Senator from Georgia, Mr. A. H. Stephens declining to accept the office.

Kentucky.—The Legislature of Kentucky, during its present session, has declared vacant the seats of ten or twelve Radical members, on the ground that they were elected by military interference.

Mississippi.—General Thomas C. Osborn, of Illinois, has been murdered in cold blood near Granville, by an organized band of Mississippians, because they were determined that Northern men should not settle in the South. This movement has shown itself in other directions. A distinguished gentleman who had spent in all about half a million in the South, and employed about 2500 negroes on three or four plantations, called them all together on the 1st of January, and told them that he must give it all up, because his life was in danger if he remained.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Texas.—The Galveston Civilian, a steady Union paper, denies the truth of the reports circulated North about President Johnson's brother being neglected by the Texas surgeons, when he died of an accidental wound. The other Galveston the Houston papers also contradict these reports.

Utah.—The anxiety of the Mormons to flee from the impending wrath of the Government to the Sandwich Islands is confirmed.

THE CITY.

The loss by the fire in Philadelphia, near Vine Street wharf, on January 29th, was \$100,000.—Christian Berger was convicted February 2d, of murder in the first degree, for killing Miss Watt of Germantown.—The Common Council has passed an ordinance, by a vote of 25 to 2, repealing the previous ordinance directing the purchase of the Coates Street and other property near Fairmount, to be thrown into the Park. This is the property assessed at \$50,000, for which the generous jury in the case requested the city to pay \$450,000.—The Supreme Court has decided that the Chestnut Street bridge may be built.

FINANCIAL.

Our exports, at a gold valuation, during the past two months, have exceeded the imports by \$11,000,000, while the excess for three months is not far from \$17,000,000.—The public debt of the United States on Jan. 31, was \$2,716,898,152 63: \$300,000 more than a month previous.—\$500,000,000 have been expended by the States for war purposes, besides the national expenditure.—The internal revenue for February 2d was over two millions.—Last week the internal revenue receipts were \$8,890,539 38. On Monday they were over a million and a quarter.

FOREIGN.

The British Government still fears Fenianism. Dublin and Tipperary are declared under martial law, and in London great precautions are being taken to protect the Government buildings from anticipated attacks.—The cattle disease in England continues to increase. Latest returns show that the number attacked in a week approaches ten thousand.

France.—The London Star says that Napoleon has positively intimated to the Washington Cabinet his willingness to withdraw his troops from Mexico at any moment, on condition that the United States will recognize Maximilian as the Emperor of Mexico. Napoleon has had our ultimatum already on that point.—The Paris press of January 19th announces that Baron Salard left Paris on the 15th, for the purpose of making necessary arrangements with the Emperor Maximilian for the return of the French troops from Mexico at the earliest date.

Spain.—The Montevideo says there are no further doubts entertained in Madrid that General Pizarro will be compelled to surrender to the Government of Spain has disapproved of the formation of a society in Cuba for the slave trade.

Mexico.—The French have retaken Bagdad, on the Rio Grande, and the Imperialists are murdering all Liberals who are taken prisoners.—Gen. Ortega, at San Antonio, Texas, has protested against Juarez holding the Presidency of the Mexican Republic.—On January 6th, President Juarez was still at El Paso unmolested. There are rumors that he has since crossed the Rio Grande into Texas.

Chili.—The only Chilean ports now blockaded are Valparaiso and Caldera. The Spaniards have made an unsuccessful attempt to capture a Chilean steamer at Caldera.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Democratic Members elect from Louisiana left Washington January 30, for their homes, convinced that the present Congress will not admit them.

Accidents.—The steamer Miami exploded on the Arkansas river, January 29th, and 150 lives were lost. By the explosion of the steamer Missouri, on the Ohio river, January 30th, 100 lives were lost. The boat was valued at \$100,000.—The steamer W. R. Carter blew up near Vicksburg on the 2d. Many lives were lost. The vessel and cargo were worth \$270,000.

More Favors for Neutral England.—Investigations recently made by the Commissioner of Customs relative to the smuggling on the Canadian border have exhibited the fact that the hostile Indians of Minnesota and Dakota, have for a long time been supplied with rifles of the Enfield pattern, by English smugglers.

Gen. Grant has given five thousand dollars towards the construction of a new Methodist Church in Washington, and Gen. Howard has one thousand to the support of the new Congregational enterprise.

A Georgia paper assures us that the disposition in the South to read new books is unexampled. We are glad to hear it. We hope also they will not wholly neglect the old books. Let us suggest the Spelling Book, Lindley Murray, and the New Testament. They are old, but they will be new down South.—Irbidum.

The Cholera still continues to rage at Guadaloupe.

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