Aews of the Week.

November 23-November 30.

General -The President has pub lished a proclamation abolishing import duties on goods imported into this country on all French vessels, the courtesy being reciprocal by France.

-The Secretary of the Treasury will continue his sales of gold and purchases of bonds, without change, during De-

-Members of Congress are beginning to arrive in Washington. Congress will meet on Monday.

New England -A case is before the Court at Boston, involving the right of an assessor to compel a citizen charged with false returns of personal income to show books of a corporation in which he is concerned.—The Cape Cod fishery catch has been larger, and the prices have ruled higher than for years.-The Vermont Legislature has passed a bill holding liquor dealers responsible for the damage to person or property done

by those obtaining liquors of them.

New York—Dr. Albert Day, Superintendent of the State Inebriate Asylum at Binghamton, was severely stabbed by a patient last week.—Albert D. Richardson, connected with the New York Tribune, was dangerously shot in the office of that paper by a jealous lawyer named McFarland. -Thirty young artists have organized a coöperative society, with a view to getting good work of their own production properly before the public. The charge made against Gen. Butler, in regard to Gen. Twiggs' swords, is disproved by the republication of a message of President Lincoln, announcing their reception in Washington, and dated December, 12,

-The Spanish gunboats at New York were seized on Wednesday by the U.S. authorities. Their cases are to be heard before Judge Blatchford, in the U.S. District Court. Mr. Delamater, builder of the gunboats, filed a claim to them as his own property, on Saturday, and made answer that the libels were not true. District Attorney Pierrepont, at New York, has been notified that a motion for the release of the Spanish gunboats will be made by the law agents of Spain

Pennsylvania.—In the case of the Credit Mobilier, at Harrisburg, the jury gave a verdict for the Commonwealth of \$407,582,39 of back State taxes under the charter. A motion was made for a new trial.

City. -The Spanish war vessels which were expected to rendezvous at New York, will come here for repairs as one dock at Brooklyn. There were 255 deaths last week, the same number as the week before. Thirty were from scarlet fever. Mr. Randolph Rogers, writes that the statue for the Lincoln monument had left his studio in Rome, for Munich, in May last, but the work of casting goes on slowly, in consequence of the care required. The to annexation to the U. S. Baez is at Sixteenth and Green streets. Over 200 delegates are present. Plans and specifications for the bridge at South street, are now being prepared, for commencing the work early in the spring. It is to be an iron truss, with a draw. an affidavit at the Mayor's office, charging that a gambling house was kept by one Williams and others at No. 929 Chesnut street. Charles Kane was arrested, and held for hearing.

The South. - Whipping day in Delaware was observed at New Castle, by the public flogging in the jail yard of five men-four black and one white.-A National Labor Convention of colored men is to meet in Washington on December 6th.—The subscribtions to the proposed International exhibition at Washington, to be held in 1871, amount to \$1,200,-000, including \$5,000 from President gaining ground. Grant.-In the Virginia Republican Convention, an address to Congress was adopted, declaring the election in Virginia "a Confederate triumph, achieved by intimidation and fraud," and asking Congress to order a new election on the constitution as a whole, or else to exact. the test oath from the members of the Legislature, and give the seats of those who cannot take it to their eligible op ponents. About sixty delegates seceded. and resolved that the Republican party of Virginia must accord with the party throughout the country, and that proscription must cease. All disclaimed had done, deferred all proceedings to the idea of abandoning their party, and the General Council.—Gales have taken a committee was appointed to call a con vention for its reorganization .- The President, on Friday, said to Governor Walker that Virginia having complied with the requirements of the laws, he saw no reason why she should be kept out of the Union.—The Senate of South Carolina had adopted a resolution refusing State aid to railroads.

Interior. - The full returns of the consin election shows that the Senate stands-Republicans 18, Democrats 12, Independent 3. Assembly-Republicans 57, Democrats 38, Independents, 5. The amendment to the Constitution, raising the salary of the Governor to \$5,000 per annum, was adopted by a large majority.—The total product of Northern Michigan for. 1858 from mines, quarries, forests, fisheries, and salines, amounted in value to about \$400,-000,000.—The National Woman's Suffrage Convention met at Cleveland, and

Beecher, announcing his willingness to be President of the national organization, and he was at once elected to that position.-A convention of liquor dealers of the United States met on Wednes day in Chicago.—The centenary of Uni versalism was celebrated in Chicago on Monday week, that being good news for that city. -The railroad suit at Akron, Ohio, bring out the fact that the Atlantic and Great Western road, worth about \$15 000,000, owes \$94,373,207, and earns \$1,492 714 per year. On Sunday week a party masked went to the house of Mr. Jones, near Tiptonville, Tenn, to disarm his negroes. They were fired upon by the planter and his men, and three of their number killed. Jones and six of his negroes were arrested, and while on their way to Troy a number of men stopped the Sheriff's posse and shot five of the negroes.—All the piers and centre span of the bridge across the Ohio River at Louisville are finished .-The Choctaw Legislature protests against the use of the funds of the Choctaw with those of the Cherokee, Creek or Seminole nations, for railroad specula-

Pacific -The Union Central Pacific Railroads have settled upon Ogden as the point of junction of the two roads, and the Union Company have sold to the Central Company 50 miles of road west of Ogden for \$3,000,000. Gen. Ihrie has been elected delegate to Congress from Alaska.

-In the Sandwich Island large meet ings had been held, and resolutions passed strongly opposing the importation of coolies.

-Vincent Colyer has arrived at San Francisco with a petition to General Grant, signed by forty prominent citizens of Victoria, asking that British Columbia be annexed to the United States.

Cuba .- Private advices say that sugar cane burning on the island has been more extensive than the authorities have stated. In the interior hunger and misery prevail. A column lately found the bodies of eight persons, who had died of starvation. The latest "reliable intelligence" by way of Washington, says the ebels do not hold a single town in the island.

Hayti.-The insurgents in the south are victorious. Some of Salnave's trusted Generals had gone over to the rebels and were trying to make him abdicate. Generals Vilaubin and Chevalier, formerly of Salnave's army, and Gen. Brice, have joined the insurgents, under Gen. Caliton, and all are marching against Port au Prince. Salnave is sick. The rebel steamers, Quaker City and Florida, are blockading Cape Haytien. Salnave's war vessels are unable to come out and attack them. In Hayti as in St. Domingo, Salnave and Saget favor annexaof them is too large to go upon the dry tion. The entire island can be purchased for \$2,000,000.

San Domingo.—The people of Sa mana favor the annexation of their bay and town to the United States. The revolutionary forces are still inactive. A filibustering expedition has sailed from Curaçoa for St. Domingo to join them. General Synod of the German Reformed ready to open negotiations when assured Church is in session in Christ Church, that Congress will make the necessary appropriation. The people oppose dismemberment, but favor annexation. The only opposition comes from parties under European influence.

South America. — A commission from the Cuban Insurgent Government On the 22d inst., John D. Creigh, made has arrived in Caraccas, for the purpose of inducing Venezuela to recognize them as belligerents, and to allow them to raise recruits for their army.

-Lopez has moved to San Joaquin and is said to have killed his mother and brother and other persons for conspiracy against him.

-In Venezuela Maracaibo has capitulated. The insurgents abandoned Gen. Pulgar, who escaped. Gen. Zulucta commanding the rebel advance, joined the Government forces. Panama has renewed the contract with the Isthmus Railroad. The rebellion in Bolivia was

Great Britain .- The King of the Belgians is expected in London on a visit to the Queen.—The Archbishop of Canterbury is seriously ill.—At a recent half-yearly meeting of the general council at the University of Edinburgh [the greatest school of medicine in the world], the question of the admission of females to the study of medicine, after a thorough discussion of the subject, was decided in the affirmative. The medical faculty had agreed to separate classes for females, and the University court, approving of what the faculty place around the coast, and numerous shipwrecks are reported.

The sailing of H. B. M. steamship Monarch, with the remains of the late George Peabody, has been postponed until December 2. The Times says, on the Irish question: "The Ministry must be prepared with a Land Reform bill, framed with an eye to justice and states. manship; at the same time authority must assert itself, and treason must not be permitted." The completion of the Suez Canal is seriously depreciating freights to Asia, around the Cape. Dr. Livingstone was safe and sound in Ujiji

on the 13th of May. France - The Times considers the election of Rochefort to the Corps Legislatif a last impotent protest of an angry populace. Also: "The Emperor has resolved to retain his present advisers in office at least until the meeting of the Chambers, when new men may be rea letter was received from Henry Ward quired to initiate the new relations be-

tween the Government and the Corps. At a reunion of prominent members of the Tiers Parti, to discuss the proposi tion of interpellation, a resolution blaming the Ministry was adopted. Ministers Bourbeau and Leroux have been reelected Deputies.

Spain.-The Ministry were disposed to give the prisoners taken in the in surrection their choice between military service in Cuba, and banishment to the Phillipine Islands. The Republicans in the Cortez protest that they were in no wise accomplices of the Cuban insur-The Bishop of Havana is arrested at Cadiz, on a charge of constructive treason. He was running off with money to Gibraltar.—A new Carlist uprising is feared. A constitution for Porto Rico as a Spanish colony, has been adopted. It prohibits the discus sion of slavery. Gen. Prim has assured the Cortes that the King of Italy favors the elevation of the Duke of Genoa to the Spanish throne. One hundred and sixty-five deputies are now pledged to the support of the Duke.-The republicans who recently withdrew from the Cortes have returned in a body.-The Government has announced its intention to restore constitutional guarantees, but it has been obliged to submit to the Cortes documents which implicate Spanish Republicans in a conspiracy with the insurgents of Cuba.

-A republican member's motion for a vote of censure against the Government for the arbitrary use of power, has been disagreed to by 146 yeas to 35 nays. —General Dulce, recently Captain General of Cuba, died at Madrid Nov. 24.

Italy.-Victor Emanuel is reported out of danger, but his abdication of the throne is expected. He was married "morganatically" while sick. Garibaldi has been elected to Parliament, and is expected to make revelations which the Government will not like. He is quite ill of rheumatism.—An amnesty has been granted to political offenders. - The heir-apparent - Prince Humbert-has an heir.-The entire ministry has resigned.

Denmark.-The official newspaper says: "The ratification of the sale of the island of St. Thomas to the United States has been postponed for six months."

"Turkey.—The Arabs of Bagdad have revolved.

-The (London) Times says: "We are aware that in Paris and Florence, and even at St. Petersburg, there is not allow ourselves to be discomposed by these prognostics. It was not the Eng-

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depth of water varies from 20 to 25 feet. -Some say that the differences between the Sublime Porte and the Khedive of Egypt will probably be compromised. On the contrary, the Journal Officiel, of Paris, says that Turkey has sent an ultimatum to the Khedive, and that several vessels of her navy are ready to sail for Alexandria. The Patrie says: "The ultimatum admits of no discussion. If the Viceroy refuses to comply he will be deposed, and his brother, Mustapha Fazel, recognized in his stead."

-The Inauguration of the Suez Canal is complete. The Emperor Francis Joseph returns by way of Cairo to Vienna. Eugene expects to reach Paris, Dec. 2d. The Sultan protests against the act of the Viceroy in proclaiming the neutrality of the Canal as a trespass on his sovereignty.

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