

FOUR MEDITATION

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

(Continued.)

The ports of Norfolk, Fernandina, and Pensacola have been operated by proclamation. It is a foregone conclusion that these ports will not be closed unless the Government can be shown to have a right to do so.

It is possible that if it were a new and open question, the maritime powers, with the lights they now enjoy, would not concede the progress of a naval warfare to the instruments of the United States.

Commissioners have been appointed under the treaty with Great Britain on the adjustment of the claims of the Hudson's Bay and Puget's Sound Agricultural Companies, in Oregon, and are now proceeding to the execution of the trust assigned to them.

In view of the insecurity of life and property in the region adjacent to the Canadian border, by reason of secret assaults and depredations committed by inimical and desperate persons who are harbored there, it has been thought proper to give notice to the Government of the necessity of the period conditionally stipulated in the existing arrangement with Great Britain.

The act passed at the last session for the encouragement of emancipation has, so far as was possible, been put in force. The necessary amendments, which will enable the officers of the Government to prevent the practice of frauds against the immigrants who are on their way, and on their arrival in the ports, so as to secure them here a free choice of avocations and places of destination.

A liberal disposition towards the great national policy is manifested by the European States, and ought to be reciprocated on our part by giving the immigrants effective national protection.

In regard to immigrants as one of the principal replenishing streams which are appointed by Providence to repair the waste of internal war, and its waste of material strength and wealth.

All that is necessary is to secure the flow of this stream in its present fulness, and to that end the Government must in every way make it manifest that it neither discourages nor designs to oppose involuntary military service upon those who come from other lands to cast their lot in our country.

The report of the Secretary of the Navy presents a comprehensive and satisfactory exhibit of the affairs of that Department and of the naval service. It is a subject of congratulation and laudable pride to our countrymen that a navy of such vast proportions has been organized in so brief a period, and conducted with so much efficiency and success.

DEPARTMENT OF THE GULF.

General Canby Getting Better.

MURDER OF A NAVAL OFFICER

Rise in the Mississippi.

New York, December 6.—A letter from New Orleans, dated November 26, received via the Mississippi river, states that General Canby is rapidly recovering, and is now able to attend to his official business daily.

Nim's celebrated 2d Massachusetts Battery is now stationed at Morgiana.

Lieutenant A. D. Valide, of the 84th United States Infantry, colored, of New York, was killed in an affair of the outpost on the 23d.

On the 23d of November, Acting-Lieutenant Thatcher, commanding the gunboat *Gauche*, was murdered by the Rebels while ashore on an island below the mouth of Red river, and his body brutally mangled.

The Mississippi river had risen eighteen feet at Morgiana in one week.

The report that Thurlow Weed was negotiating for the purchase of the Washington National Intelligencer is denied by the proprietor of that journal.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

A SAD CASE.—A case of some interest was heard before Alderman White yesterday. A young, beautiful girl, just entering the full prime of womanhood, appeared against her own husband, charging him with bigamy.

THE YOUNG LADY LOST.—A young lady, about 16 years of age, named ANNA KELLER, arrived in this city about one week ago, from Pittsburgh, in company with a lady named Mrs. DEVER.

ARREST OF ALLEGED BURGLARS.—About day-break this morning, two individuals were taken into custody under rather suspicious circumstances, upon the charge of being professional burglars.

THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE GUARD AND THE DEPT.—Major R. I. Dodge has received the following order from Provost Marshal-General Fry, concerning the organization of the Pennsylvania State Guard.

WAR DEPARTMENT, PROVOST MARCHAL-GENERAL'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D. C., November 20, 1864.—To Major R. I. Dodge, 12th United States Infantry, acting as Provost Marshal-General.

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THE FRAUDS AT THE NAVY YARD AND ARSENAL.

Colonel H. S. Groot, Special Commissioner of the War and Navy Departments, who is at present in this city engaged in a thorough investigation of the frauds and larcenies, both at the Navy Yard and Schuylkill Arsenal, makes a special report that all good citizens will communicate to him any facts relative to frauds, embezzlements, or larcenies of public property.

GRAND LODGE OF A. Y. M. OF PENNSYLVANIA.—A grand quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Pennsylvania was held last evening at the Hall, on Chestnut street.

CHOICE OF GOVERNMENT.—The following are the names of the candidates for the office of Governor in the State of Pennsylvania: J. A. COVENS, ROBERT F. SMITH, J. M. SMITH, J. M. SMITH, J. M. SMITH.

BURGLAR ALARM TELEGRAPH.—The Public are informed that I have succeeded in obtaining the concession of this valuable invention for this city and vicinity.

GEORGE STEEL & CO.'S PIANO.—MASON & HANLIN'S CABINET ORGANS.—Over 500 of these fine instruments have been sold in this city.

AMUSEMENTS.—EDWIN FORREST, MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND FRIDAY, "KING LEAR."

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—Lessons and Manager, JOHN T. FORD, No. 102 Chestnut Street.

EXHIBITION OF WORKS OF ART, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CHRISTIAN COMMISSION.—An Exhibition of a Private Collection of Works of Art, in Painting, Sculpture, Water Color, and other Drawings.

CENTRAL NATIONAL CIRCUS.—STAR WALKER STREET ABOVE EIGHTH.—The largest circus in the world. A star engagement having been made with the immense NICHOLS Troupe.

BUSINESS ITEMS.

Dr. Jayne's Expectorant.—All who have used this standard Medicine for ASTHMA, CONSUMPTION, BRONCHITIS, FLURIDY, WHOOPING COUGH, CROUP, COUGHS AND COLDS, HOARSENESS, and any Pulmonary Complaint, attest its excellence.

Dr. Jayne's Expectorant.—It cures the most obstinate cases of Asthma, whooping cough, and all other pulmonary complaints. It is a safe and reliable medicine.

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