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# FIRST EDITION PRINCE ERIE'S GAME.

Remarkable Coup d'Etat by the Erie Railway Company-War with the Atlantic and Great Western -Legalized Burglary-The Sharpest Manœuvre on the Erie Records.

The offices of the Atlantic and Great Western Railroad, No. 40 Broadway, were entered last night, not by burglars, but by those well-known and desperate characters, Messrs, Fisk & Gould. Their object was plunder, of course, but not of gold, or bonds, or Erie stock, or anything that could readily be converted into gold, but the possession of the entire set of books of the Atlaptic and Great Western Company, from the smallest to the greatest. With their usual luck they met with their usual success: the books of the Atlantic and Great Western Rallroad Company-as many of them as could be found at the office-are in the undisturbed possession of these representatives of the Erie road.

The reason of this transfer of valuable property, why it should have been so peremptorily and forcibly obtained, what new or old developments or manipulations are involved in it, are not yet quite apparent. Enough, however, is known to excite a strong craving for more knowledge; and it is pretty certain that the directorate of the Atlantic and Great Western Road are powerless in the hands of the monarchs of Erie.

Last night one of the express carts of the Eric Railway, accompanied by about twenty men, stopped opposite the doors of No. 40 Broadway, and in the absence of the janitor proceeded to remove all the books in the office to the wagon. The crowd and the appearance of the men aroused the fears of a woman who was left in the temporary charge of the building, and she sent for the janitor, an old man, who was in the neighborhood. On his arrival he could not see any other line of duty, in his simplicity, than sending for the police, and to the police he sent. When Officer Woodward, of the First precinct, arrived on the scene he found a waroon filed arrived on the scene he found a wagon filled with office-books, a number of rough-looking men clearing out all they could find Ia the offices of No. 40, and altogether a general upset of all his notions of law and order.

To put those notions in a way of being put right again, and to have law and order vindicated, was the earnest endeavor of his life for the time being, and so he took the entire erowd, wagon, horses, books, clerks, helpers, and parti-cularly Mr. William Archdall O'Doherty, who was acting as a commander-in-chief of the ope-rations, into custody. Woodward therefore or-dered a march to the First precinct station, and told the janitor to lock the doors of the office. On the arrival of this unexpected throng, the captain felt himself unable to grapple with so much that was altogether out of the range of an ordinary burglary, and so he sent the following telegram to headquarters: --

From First Precinct, 645 o'clock P. M.-William A. O'Doherty, who claims to be receiver of Great Western Railroad Company, was brought here by Officer Woodward for forcing the door and board-ing and removing the books of the Erie Company. The janitor thinks that there is something wrong. The janitor thinks that there is something wrong, as O'Doherty has a force of about a dozen men with

After sending this telegram, the wagon, men, and police were taken to the Central office, and there it was not quite clear what was to be done with these desperadoes, and the telegraph ope-

| twenty years we have lived happily, and till Bird came to exert his hellish influence we never had the least difficulty. For the last four years I have had but a poor wife, and the children have had as poor a mother, and life has been a burden and a great one. "JOHN R. WILDER.

"Dear children, be kind to each other, be honest and industrious, and you will be re-spected, and God will bless you. Good-by.

"FATHER. "My Last-I am now ready, and will only say a few words in explanation:—I did not intend the least injury ten seconds before I used the knife; I did not wish the children any longer or any more with Catharine, as I have long known her a lying, treacherous person-a mere tool of Bird's: and the words cast in my face- that she should be retained-were too much, and I pre-ferred that the little ones should be orphans in ferred that the little officer of the preference to such training. "JOHN R. WILDER."

## THE CECUMENICAL COUNCIL.

Pro-Synodal Session-The Programme of Praceedings-Political Questions-The Council,

the Opern, and Actors. Rome, Dec. 10.—The Œcumenical Council is ield in the hall which has been arranged for its meetings, at the Basilica of St. Peter, where, on Thursday in Holy Week, the ceremony of the washing of the pilgrims' feet takes place. It comprises the entire right branch of the court, one-half the transept, and has been separated from the rest of the church by a wooden partition, nearly painted in imitation of the precious marbles by which it is surrounded.

One end of the parallelogram thus formed is reserved for the Pope. There stands the throne, with a species of grated enclosure in the rear whither he can retire when fatigued. Par parenthese, he is supposed always to be present, but a man of seventy-eight would be unequal to such an exertion, so his attendance will usually be simulated by the appearance of the helmets of his body guard. On either side are the tribunes for the Fathers of the Council, each of whom is provided with a movable desk, and also scats for the ambassadors or sovereigns who may wish to be present at the public sessions. Without are dressing and committee rooms, and around the walls are hung all the great works of art which record former councils, or acts of faith having reference to their decisions in former times. At this prosynod about five hundred bishops

attended, together with the two Roman Princes Colonna and Orsini, who are named Custodes and such eminent jurisconsults of the civil triunals as have been selected to aid in the deliberations on points where ecclesiastical law might clash with civil.

The Pope opened the meeting with a short speech in Latin, pronounced with a firm, clear voice, which set forth his hopes that the august ssembly would, by its works, disseminate knowledge throughout the world, heal dissensions rally back all lost and stray sheep to the fold, etc. etc., etc., to the greater glory of God. In short, he spoke in very general terms. After this the doors communicating with the main buildng were closed, and an oath of secrecy was administered to all present, the plodge to remain in force until they are released from it by the proper authority.

ORDER OF BUSINESS IN THE COUNCIL. The mode of procedure is as follows:-Commissions, composed of twenty-four bishops each, will examine matters in detail. During the last six or eight months every question has been carefully elaboroted by preparatory com-missions sitting under the presidency of the Se-cretary of the Council, Bishop Fessler, so that no undue time may be lost in selecting those

worthy of discussion. An abstract of these separate matters will be submitted to the commissions of twenty-four, who will, in their turn, lay them before the congregations, with the summary of the views of each member, and a draft of the resolutions proposed. After due examination before the congregation, the entire question, with the various opinions, will be given to each member of the Council, and the vote thereon will be taken in general session, each member answering in the affirmative or negative, as his name is called; the purpose of the preliminaries being to get rid of unnecessary speeches, and so shorten the duration of the Council. With the exception of the sessions, when the vote is taken, all the deliberations will, as has already been stated, be secret; the first public session is to be held on the 6th of January, and then will

foundling hospital, the brave Fernando into in Greek pirate, and poor Leonora into au oda-lisque. This year, however, the heroine was allowed to resume her name, under which the opera itself was advertised; but now that Cardlnal de Bonnechose is coming forward to cleanse the stage of its impurities, it will probably be in the list of the proscribed. As to the ballet, doubtless the same restrictions will be enforced as at the San Carlo during the reign of Ferdinand II, of Naples, where the dancers were obliged to wear green pantaloons down to their ankles.

PHILADELPHIA, THURSDAY,

#### ACTORS.

The excommunication levelled against all actors and actresses, by which they were even denied a Christian burial and the offices of the Church for themselves and their families, on their deathbed, will be removed by a formal act, although for a century it has been a dead letter. On the contrary, the anathema on ducilists, whether principals or seconds, will be solemnly pronounced.

#### MIXED MARRIAGES.

The subject of mixed marriages will be disussed most carefully; although permitted, the Church, in making the concessions, has always done so very unwillingly, exacting very solemn promises before giving its consent; the difficulty of keeping these promises and the generally un fortunate results-taken from a Catholic point of view-will prabably lead, if not to an absolute prohibition of such unions, at least to a hedging around of the dispensation with so many restrictions and difficulties as to render it unattain able.

#### LODGING-HOUSE EXACTIONS.

Great are the complaints of all the fathers, as well as well as of the people, lay and clerical, about the shameless exactions of the lodging-house keepers. The ecclesiastics are most to be pitied; the others can go elsewhere if they are dissatisfied. As most of them have come from a great distance, they had commissioned agents to secure them apartments for the season; of course they have been robbed. The prices asked are heavier than in Paris or in London; from \$80 to \$200 for a suite of three or four rooms, which. in ordinary times, the proprietors would gladly have let for \$25 to \$100 a month. This race of harples don't seem to value one jot the holy call ing of their lodgers; they only understand that there is a capital chance to steal, and they are not slow in taking advantage of it. Carpe diem is their motto.

## WHISKY AND REVOLVERS.

#### Another Shocking Affair in Cincinnati-A Man Shoots his Friend.

Cincinnati is having its full of horrors. The Gazette of yesterday morning publishes the following painful story, intimation of which has been given in our telegraphic despatches: -

Close on the shock of the Cheviot tragedy comes the intelligence of another awful murder. which occurred yesterday in the village o Mount Pleasant, about nine miles from this city and two miles north of College Hill. This case, however, is lacking in most of the dreadful accessories of the Cheviot affair, being not the result of malice or revenge, but simply the un-fortunate issue of a reckless and wicked handling of firearms.

Duncan McDonald is an industrious, well meaning man, fond of an occasional drink, and in the habit of taking periodical sprees. With the holiday season came the desire for his accustomed jollification, and he indulged to an extent unusual even with him. While in an inebriated condition he procured a revolver, and, removing the cylinder from its place, amused himself by snapping it at every one he met. Between twelve and one o'clock yesterday he was sitting in a saloon on Main street, kept by one Samue Redish, when a party of his friends entered.

Calling upon them to "come up and take a drink," McDonald placed the muzzle of his pistel almost against the head of a man named THE QUEEREST CASE YET.

How a Bigamy was Perpetrated in Illinois. The Litchfield (Ill.) Monitor tells this spicy story:-LATEST BY TELEGRAPH.

DECEMBER 30, 1869.

About four years ago, as near as we can learn, there came to Litchfield from Missouri a man about sixty years of age, calling himself Cavolt. FOREIGN AFFAIRS. Here he engaged in the occupation of boarding-ing-house keeper and teamster. With him came a woman apparently about thirty-five years old, who presided over the domestic department of Cavolt. She represented herself as the widowed Another Great Speech by Castelar daughter-in-law of the man, and had two children who passed as her children and the man's grand-children. She was generally known in the neighborhood as the "Widow Cavolt." Both the man and the woman represented that her husband, dying, had commended her and the children to the care of his father, with the urgent request that he would always remain DOMESTIC AFFAIRS. with and protect and care for them. The family were considered by those who knew them a honest, respectable people, and the fidelity with which Cavolt fulfilled the trust reposed in him by his departed son was the subject of frequent

eulogium. As time passed on the Cavolts made many acquaintances in the town, and some friends. Among the latter was a young man named Reuben Akers, an honest and thrifty young workingman. Mr. Akers became a frequent visitor at the Cavolt house, till friendship ripened into a kindred and tenderer sentiment. templation of the young widow's many graces of person and domestic virtues was too many of person and domestic virtues was too many for him. The oft-quoted advice of old Welier to Samivel to "Beware of the vidders," it ever heard by him, was forgotten in the intoxication of "Love's young dream," and—well, last March he and the widow became man and wife. At least Reuben thought so, but, doubtless, The Installation of Dr. Temple as Bishop of Excter. the law would take another view of the subject him much joy was Cavolt, the aged and plous guardian of his deceased son's widow and children. The blushing bride received the salutations and congratulations of her friends, and

everything was as happy as-say twenty or thirty-marriage bells. The honeymoon passed-in fact, six months passed without any apparent dimination of the honey or its palling on the taste. At the end of that time a brother of the bride, who in the mean time had come to Litchfield, let an immense cat out of the bag; otherwise, he revealed the astounding fact that Cavolt was the husband of his daughter-in-law and the father of his grandchildren-that is to say, that he was husgrandennuren-that is to say, that he was hus-band and father, and not at all father-in-law and grandfather, the dead son and his dying charge being light and airy creations of the playful fancy of Mr. and Mrs. Cavolt. Naturally, Reuben Akers was considerably ex cited when he heard the brother's story, and he want immediately to did Cavolt to immediately to the

went immediately to old Cavolt to inquire as to its truth. The patriarch acknowledged the corn frankly. He said he was old, and had but few years more to live, and not wishing to leave a young widow destitute to struggle for a living or herself and little ones in an unfeeling world he thought it would be better to have her united to a worthy and industrious young man to whose tender care he could safely entrust her when he should be called to another and a better home. Instead of being overcome with emotion, or soothed and satisfied with this explanation, Reuben flew into a rage and immediately abandoned his half interest in the conjugal claim; whereupon, shortly after, the Cavolts, old and young, with bag and baggage, departed for parts unknown.

What sticks in Reuben's craw is the handshaking and congratulation of old Cavolt on the wedding-day. "Why," said he, "the old scalawag was the first to wish me much joy."

#### THE TORPEDO PROBLEM.

# DOUBLE SHEET-THREE CENTS.

SECOND EDITION

in the Cortes-The Trial of

Traupmann in Paris-In-

stallation of Dr.

Temple.

FROM EUROPE.

LONDON, Dec. 30 .- Rev. Dr. Temple was for-

mally enthroned as Bishop of Excter at that

place yesterday. The procession was loudly

cheered on its way to the cathedal, and the

ceremonies were of an unusually important

The New French Ministry. PARIS, Dec. 30,-M. Ollivier, the new Prime

Minister of France, has not yet succeeded in

forming a Cabinet, in accordance with the Em-

The Trial of Traupmann.

PARIS, Dec. 30 .- The excitement attending

the trial of Traupmann for the murder of the

Kinck family increases as the evidence grows

stronger against him. The medical evidence

adduced this morning declares that Traupmann

is capable of committing all the murders with

which he is charged, and this is generally be-

lieved, notwithstanding Traupmann still persists

Castelar Denounces the Spaulah Ministry in the Cortes. MADRID, Dec. 30.—In the Cortes this morning

Senor Castelar, the leader of the Republican

party, delivered a strong and impressive speech

in which he severely denounced the Govern-

ment Ministers as "being ready to throw the

Crown of Spain, as though it were a fragile toy,

The Sucz Canal Again "a Success." PORT SAID, Dec. 30 .- The steamer Sterling

passed through the Suez Canal yesterday in

twelve hours. She left immediately for Bom-

bay. Several other steamers were following.

This refutes the statement that the passage of the

canal is impeded, and every confidence is now

expressed in the complete success of the enter-

in saying he had accomplices.

to a mere boy king."

pulse.

By the Franco-American Cable.

character.

peror's command.

# FROM THE PLAINS.

Travel on the Pacific Railroad-Indian Ont-Despatch to The Evening Telegraph.

Омана, Dec. 30.-The trains on the Union Pacific Railroad are running regularly, and there is but little snow.

A herder, named King, was murdered on the Sth instant, near Grand River Reservation, by two Indians who were fed and allowed to remain in camp. They escaped during the night, taking four horses with them.

FROM THE WEST.

Murders in Arkansas. MEMPHIS, Tenn., De . 30.-Young Clifford, who was confined in the Arkansas Jail, charged with being implicated in the killing of a young man at a party some weeks since, was shot through a window by a gang of ruffians.

During a difficulty between two planters named Elkins and Nash, in Pike county, Arkansas, Elkins shot Nash three times, while running, killing him instantly.

#### FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

OFFICE OF THE EVENING TELEGRAFE.) Thursday, Dec. 30, 1853. 3 Third street and the vicinity of the banks were menced calling in their loans preparatory to the usual disbursments of January. The result is very perceptible in an increased demand for call loans. The rate was quite firm at 6 per cent at the bank counters, and 7 per cent, outside, on safe stock or overnment collaterals. The applications for discounts are only moderate, and borrowers of good credit find no difficulty in getting any accommodation they require. The rates way considerably, according to the credit of appli-cants and other conditions. The range is 9612 per cent.

cent. Gold is weak, the sales opening at 119%, declining to 119%, and advancing to 119% about noon. Governments were dull and weak, but prices are ittle changed.

Ittle changed. There was an active demand for stocks to-day, but prices were rather drooping. Sales of City 6s at 99 for the new certificates, with 9934 offered for Lehigh gold loan.

gold loan. Reading Railroad was in demand, and sales were made at 49:56 cash and 49 si b. o. Pennsylvania Railroad continues steady at 54: Lebigh Valley Rail-road was taken at 53%; and Camden and Amboy Railroad at 118%. 70 was offered for Norristown; 34%, b. o., for Catawissa preferred; and 28%, b. o., for Philadelphia and Rrie. There was some movement of Canal stocks. 33% was bid for Lebigh, 61 for Morris preferred, and 45% for Delaware Division.

The balance of the speculative list was entirely ignored at the board.

PHILADELPHIA STOCK EXCHANGE SALES. Reported by De Haven & Bro., No. 40 S. Third street. FIRST BOARD

\$3000 Pittsburg 5s., 7236	100 sh	Reading R 49 . 56
\$1000 Pa & N Y CI 78 89	100	do
\$3300 City 68, New. 99	200	do
9 sh Leh V R1s. 531/	1400	do is. b30, 49-61
7 sh Cam & Am.18.11816	100	do rg&i. 49.56
130 sh Penna Rls. 54	100	do 1s. b30.49.81
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# The Washington Authorities and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad-More Indian Outrages-Boy Thieves-Destructive Fires. Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc.

as, in fact, Reuben does now. The ceremony over, the first to grasp Reuben's hand and wish

rator was directed to send for Superintendent Kennedy. After a short delay-indeed, so short as to look as though this rear guard must have had a pretty clear eye upon the main army-there appeared in the Inspector's room those citizens (if so simple and prosaic a a name may be allowed to such distinguished personages) Mr. James Fisk, Jr., and Judge Barnard.

Then came the transformation scene. Out of chaos came order, in all its glorious and significant array. The magician's wand was waved and the voice of Judge Barnard was heard to proclaim, "I gave the order for all this to be done, In the White House at Mulberry street, that will was all-powerful; the authority of the Judge of the Supreme Court of the City was supreme in its dictates as to supreme personal liberty, and a burglary in Broadway was at once condoned. Mr. O'l oherty, who up to that moment had been in custody was a free man, and walked down the steps with considerable case, considering he had been badly hurt in a "railway accident" about an hour before. The wagon containing the books, of course, was driven rapidly away followed by two coaches, one of which contained Mr. J. Fisk, Jr., Judge Barnard, Mr. tonia, and Mr. O'Doherty. The cause in this is, of course, law, The Eric road is light

ing the Great Western road on the question o receivers, and the version of Mr. Fisk gave our reporter at the Opera House last night is as follows:\_

On the 9th of April Messrs, Jay Gould & Co. were appointed receivers with Mr. O'Doherty, Mr. O'Doherty fell sick about two months ago, and he went down this evening with a wagon to move the books of the Great Western away, by order of Judge Barnard, who had granted that order vesterday (Wednesday) morning. The janitor, not having had any notice of this removal, got a little frightened and sent for the police, etc., etc., etc.

This is Mr. Fisk's version. We presume Mr. O'Doherty was sufficiently convalescent to return to the city, for he is reported to have sent the following telegram last evening to Mr. Gardner, manager of the Great Western offices, at No. 40 Broadway, and who, but for the telegram, would have been at the offices to receive Mr. O'Doherty, his wagon, and array of helpers:-

"Meet train that arrives in city 4'10 P. M., with close carriage. I am seriously injured by a railroad accident. WILLIAM A. O'DOHKRTY. 'December 29, 1869."

It is not unlikely the Grert Western directors may, in their simplicity, inquire as to the disposal of the \$5,200,000 acknowledged by the Erie kings to have been earned by the Great road since December, 1868.-N. Y. Western Herald this morning.

#### THE CHEVIOF TRAGEDY.

# The Husband's Statement-The Wife Will Recover.

The Cincinnatl Times of Tuesday evening has some later particulars of the tragedy reported in the TELEGRAPH yesterday, and which is now convulsing Cincinnati as no similar horror has ever done.

The Times says:-

From a reliable gentleman who has just returned from the seene of the terrible tragedy near Cheviot, we learn that Mrs. Wilder, although suffering greatly from her wounds, will recover. She received three severe cuts with the knife, one on each side of the neck, and a very severe one across the face, cutting her entirely in two. Mrs. Wilder then retreated to the yard, and after remaining a short time returned, supposing that her husband had gotten over his frenzy. As she entered the room he seized a hatchet and dealt her three severe blows on the head, one of which is quite serious, though not necessarily fatal.

On the door of the room in which Wilder took refage prior to taking his own life the following is written with a pencil, which we publish for what it is worth:-

'This is all owing to the damnable influence and rescality of Nicholas Bird. For nearly

#### be promulgated such acts as have already received the sanction of the Pope.

## POLITICAL QUESTIONS.

From a series of letters which have appeared in the Osservatore Cattolico, of Milan, attributed to Monsignore Nardi, a member of almost all the preparatory congregations, and particularly of the one to which, under the presidency of Cardinal Rauscher, is entrusted the examination of political matters, it seems that the "Syllabus will form the basis of the present Coun-" and that an intentional omission of political questions would be a quasi surrender of its precogatives.

The Pope himself has been heard frequently to declare that he was firmly convinced that the world would be regenerated by the works of the coming Council; that no attempt would be made to influence the bishops, who would have full liberty of discussion; but that he trusted they would not abuse this privilege by consuming valuable time in idle disputes. It would be better, he added, that all decisions should be unanimous: but in case of difference of opinion the question would be decided by the majority, except when that majority happened to be insignificant. Plus IX hopes, however, that no divi sions will arise, believing that the Holy Spirit will inspire the Council, and lead all its members to act in harmony.

#### DOGMAS.

It is also asserted that two dogmas will be proclaimed:-

1. The assumption in spirit and body of the Virgin Mary.

The infallibility (personal and independent of all councils) of the Pope, speaking *ex cathe-*bra, on questions of religion and morals.

The controversy on this last point is likely to e warm, and the grounds taken against it by Monsgr. Dupanloup and Monsgs. Marct, in their pamphlets, have produced so much excitethat it will certainly be the last subject ment discussed.

PROTESTANTS AND SCHISMATICS.

Protestant and schismatic ecclesiastics will be allowed no voice in the council. But the Pope has notified the Archbishop of Westminster, Dr Manning, that a commission would be formed of prelates of dogmatical ability, who would confer with all duly authorized persons of other denominations on such points of the Catholic faith as were rejected by them. In con-sequence of this, a committee of four English clergymen are aunounced as on their way to Rome.

#### THE OPERA AND THE COUNCIL.

One of the French Cardinals-De Bonnechose -has made a collection of the libretti of all the operas now on the stage, and proposes to sub-mit them to the examination of the "Fathers of the Council," who are to decide whether they are morally and religiously adapted to Catho lics: those whose tendencies are bad, or in which religion is attacked, in any of its institutions, to be expunged from the repertoire. In short, there is to be an expurgative edition of the lyric droma, where, if the music of Rigoletto, the Traviata, Beatrice de Tenda, and others of that stamp appear at all, it must be with a radical change in scene and incident. Already the Roman consure was very severe. Rober le Diable was only known as Robert of Pi-Lo Forza del Destino became Don vardy: Alvar, the Sicilian Vespers, Giavanna di Guzman ; and Donizetti's Favoritu La Dalia-where the convent was turned into a

Thomas Cameron, and pulled the trigger, when to his horror and that of the assembled crowd, bullet went crashing through Cameron's brain and he fell upon the floor, his blood and brains bespattering the walls and bystanders. Terribly frightened and instantly sobered by the fearful result of his recklessness, McDonald exclaimed: "My God, boys, I have done it this time ! What shall I do ?"

It is supposed that in his drunken condition McDonald had replaced the cylinder in his pistol, and, having forgotten that fact, snapped the weapon at Cameron in sport, with the above The two men were intimate friends, and result. there is no probability of any intention on the part of McDonald to commit the horrible deed for which he is responsible. He is represented as a peaceable, industrious man, a blacksmith by trade, and has been in the employ of P. om, Esq.

Cameron died at half-past 7 o'clock last evening. As yet we have not heard of McDonald's arrest, and no inquest has yet been held on the body of the murdered man.

## "THIS MAN DANA."

#### Grant and Hoar as Journalists. "Mack," in a letter to the Cincinnati Ea-

uirer, says: Senator Wilson the other evening pulled his eye-glasses off his nose, dropped the New York un into his lap, and remarked that General Grant had made a great mistake in not appointing "this man Dana" Collector of the Port. Herein is a very unflattering compliment to journalism, but one which I am glad to see is rapidly becoming undeserved-the idea that the favor and influence of a great newspaper may be purchased with an office. That's what Mr. Wilson meant; for he had been reading a trenchant article in the Sun against the adminis tration, or against one of its abuses, which as it consists entirely of that sort of thing, amounts to the same. In the case of Mr Dana I think he was mistaken; not that Dana, at one time, wouldn't have taken an office if he had been offered one, but that at present he would be a great fool to trade the editorship of the Sun even for the Presidency of the United States. The latter used to be a very good office, but since the 4th of March it has greatly degenerated, whereas the former is increasing in importance and influence every Besides, Grant has demonstrated that day. very dull and stupid person may be President and we all know that he and all his Cabine haven't an aggregate of brains sufficient to set up a third-class local reporter. If Grant could write better grammar than he uses in his mes-sage, and had a moderate command of language, he might get a place on the Enquirer to report races and horse markets; and Hoar, not too old to learn, might be educated up the qualifications of a law reporter. As for the others. I see no possible use that could be made of them on a first-class journal.

## DOES IT MEAN WAR !

## The Miantonomula Ordered to Sea-Rumors of Anticipated Trouble at Samana - Private Despatches Sent to all the Navy Yards.

The monitor Miantonomah has been ordered to proceed to sea as soon as she can be fitted out. This vessel, it will be remembered, was put in sailing trim at Philadelphia, and ordered to New York some two or three weeks since. While in the bay her steering apparatus became disarranged, and now private despatches from Washington order her to proceed to sea as soon as her rudde gearing can be put in order, which will probably take about three days. Her destination is said to be Samana, as it is said that the European powers are taking measures to prevent the cession of that portion of the Island of St. Domingo to the United States. Private desspatches were sent from Washington yesterday to all the navy yards, and work will be pushed forward vigorously on all vessels now fitting out.

satisfactory Test of the New American Torpedo Boat-Our Torpedo Fleet. For some time past the Naval Department has

een engaged in solving the problem of a torpedo boat, capable of firing rapidly and with certainty, under water, a torpedo of one hundred pounds or more. This problem has at length eached a satisfactory solution, and a boat has been completed which is proved by experiment to be faultless in machinery and arrangement Recently Secretary Robeson, Vice-Admiral Porter, and Commodore Chase, Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance, went to the Navy Yard at Washington, to witness the experiment with this new engine of destruction. After examining the workings of the machinery, and the manner of firing, one of the destructives was put in the frame, and the party proceeded to the shore to witness the result. A torpedo of only thirty-six pounds was first run out with rapidity and fired: but the result showed that this small amount of powder, even, would have been suffi-cient to destroy any ship by lifting her out of the water and breaking her back, even if her bottom was not knocked out altogether, and the concussion was felt far up in the navy yard, the ground being shaken by the shock of the powder against the bed of the river. The concussion felt on board the torpedo boat was not more than that caused by a wave striking a vessel at sea.

Several torpedoes were fired from the vessel, the explosion of which the party witnessed on board, as they desired to ascertain for themsolves the effect of the shock. The result seemed satisfactory, as no change whatever is contemplated in the machinery, which is very simple, and "works to a charm." The torpedo vessel is the Nina, a very strong iron boat of 350 tons burden, capable of crossing the ocean, and having a speed of seventeen knots an hour. She is not impervious to heavy shot, but can be made so, and is capable of resisting any ordinary projectile that could be brought to bear on her from the deck of a ship of war. Her decks will be made torpedo and shot-proof, and several arrangements will be applied, now that it is known that the torpedo system is a success. Such a vessel as the Nina, attacking an enemy's squadron on the coast some dark night, tering an enemy's port, could destroy half the vessels in the harbor, and easily escape, as few vessels could overtake her. Such a vessel could, for instance, enter the harbor of Havana and destroy every vessel of war in the port, under cover of darkness. A squadron supplied with such boats to be used to attack, after the fight began, and the ships were enveloped in smoke, would have a most decided advantage against an enemy not thus armed for torpedo warfare. It is reported that our torpedo navy will consist of twenty vessels, none of which will have a less speed than twelve knots, and the fastest of them will go seventeen knots.

## TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.

A Man Torn to Fragments by a Railroad Train.

On Saturday night a young man named John Donohoe, who lives near Walton, on the Short-line Railroad, was run over and killed by a pas-senger train near Walton. The engineer of train examined his engine, but could find no traces of having struck anything, and concluded he had been mistaken. On reaching the depot in this city, he again examined his engine, and found blood on the brake-locks. Train No. 7, going east, which passed shortly after No. 8, also rat over him, and when discovered he was horribly mutilated, portions of his body being scattered along the track for some distance. It is n known how he came to be on the track. He had formerly been in the employ of the company .-Lonisville Journal, Dec. 28.

# FROM WASHINGTON.

#### The Baltimore and Ohlo Raliroad Squabble. Despatch to The Evening Telegraph.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 .- The fight between the city authorities and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad still continues lively. A great deal of evidence was submitted yesterday, tending to show what would be the best grading of the railroad at the street crossings. The indictment is against the road for obstructing the highways. The evidence has been closed, and the case will be argued to-day.

#### New Year's Celebration.

The various State associations existing in the city are making arrangements to have a grand reunion on New Ycar's Eve. Speeches will be made by prominent persons, and the new decade will be ushered appropriately in. The members of the Richmond press will receive a splendid banquet on New Year's Day at the hands of their Washington brethren. It will be given at the Arlington House.

#### Waste Paper.

A question of considerable importance has been submitted to the Acting Secretary of the Treasury, as to what shall be done with the accumulated documents printed for the use of that department, no longer needed by reason of the modification of the laws, etc. The Superintendent of the Government Printing Office thinks the bindings might be reused, but the printed matter has no value except as waste paper. In one instance there is an accumulation of books that cost the Government over \$25,000 that are now perfectly useless.

## FROM THE STATE. Stables Burned.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 30 .- A fire yesterday destroyed the Allegheny City Poorhouse stables, with their contents. The loss is \$4000, partially insured.

## Sudden Death.

HARRISBURG, Dec. 30 .- Harry C. Schaeffer. Chief Engineer of the Harrisburg Fire Department, died suddenly at 4 o'clock this morning, of heart disease. The term of office of the deceased would have expired on Monday next, when his re-election was considered a certainty.

## FROM NEW YORK.

Highway Robbery-Boy Thieves. NEW YORK, Dec. 30 .- A drover named Augustus Norris, of Pittsburg, Pa., was attacked by five highwaymen in Jersey City last night, and robbed of a valuable watch.

Five boy thieves were arrested in Jersey City this morning on a canal boat, charged with stealing cushions and carpetings from St. Matthew's Church. Other stolen property was found on the boat.

# FROM NEW ENGLAND.

#### Fires in Bangor, Me.

BANGOR, Dec. 30 .- Two two-story brick buildngs on Main street were burned last evening. They were occupied by James F. Snow, dry goods dealer, whose stock, valued at \$15,000, was badly damaged by water. He had \$5000 insurance in various offices. The store was owned by Sylvanus Rich; insured for \$500. Burnham, photographer, lost all his stock. Todd's pictureframe factory was damaged \$500,

At a later hour an unoccupied house owned by Daniel McCreary, on the Levant road, was burned.

Stock Quotations by Telegraph-1 P. M. 

West, Vinon Tele. 3176 Mil. & St. Paul R com 714 Mil. & St. Paul R com 714 Mil. & St. Paul pref. 34 Adams Express. 60 Wells, Fargo & Co... 194 Con. Stock Scrip... do. scrip... N. Y. & Erie Rail. 85% 21 United States Co .... Gold. Market irregular. .120

#### Philadelphia Trade Report.

THURSDAY, Dec. 30 .- Seeds-Cloverseed is in steady request at the recent advance. Sales of 300 bushels good and choice at \$865.20. Timothy is nominal at \$4.25. Flaxseed sells in a small way to the crushers at \$2.25.

Bark-The last sale of No. 1 Quercitron was at \$30 per ton.

The Flour market is dull at previously quoted rates. There is no shipping demand, and the home consumers operate sparingly. About 690 barrels sold, including superfine at \$4.25@4.50; extras at \$475@5123; lowa, Wisconsin, and Minnesota extra family, \$525@625, the latter rate for choice; Pennsylvania do, do, at \$5.2565.5.75; Indiana and Ohio do, do, at \$5.75.66.50; and fancy brands at \$6.77 @7.50, according to quality. Rye Flour is steady at

There is but little doing in Wheat, and the receipts rimer is out intre doing in wheat, and the receipted and stocks are light. Sales of 1500 bushels good and prime Pennsylvania red at \$1.256130. Rye is un-changed, 500 bushels Western sold at \$1. Corn is very firm, but the offerings are light. Sales of old yellow at \$1; 7000 bushels new do, at \$76933., an advance; and 1000 bushels old Western mixed at \$1. Octo are unubacted Sales of Western mixed at \$1. Oats are unchanged. Sales of Western and Penn-sylvania at 55%51c. Whisky is quiet. 20 barrels iron-bound Western sold at \$1.01.

LATEST SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

#### For additional Marine News see Inside Pages.

(Bu Telegraph.) NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Arrived, steamships Hammonia, rom Hamburg: Manhattan, from Liverpool; and England, from Laverpool.

PORT OF PHILADELPHIA ...... DECEMBER 30. STATE OF THERMOMETER AT THE EVENING TELEGRAPH

ARRIVED THIS MORNING. Steamship Brunette, Tomlin, 24 hours from New York, with mdse. to John F. Ohl. Steamer H. L. Gaw, Webb, 13 hours from Baltimore, with mdse. to A. Groves, Jr. Steamer W. Whillian, Riggans, 13 hours from Balti-more, with mdse, to A. Groves, Jr. Scher William Wilson, Jenks, 1 day from Salem, N. J., with grain to Christiau & Co.

BELOW.

Earque, name unknown, with maintopgallantmast gone.

WENT TO SEA. Mr. Jacob A. Marshall, bilot, reports the following ves-sels from Philadelphia, went to sea yesterday:-Ship Riiza McLaughlin, for Hamburg; barques Kensington. for Bremen; Aden, for Rotterdam; Blair Athol, for do.; Hedwig, for Gibraltar; Heroine, for New Orleans; Abbie N. Franklin, for Savannah; brigs Home, for Havana; haby, for St. John, N. B.; John Aviles, for Havana; inabel Beurman, for do.; schrs K. B. Emory, for Matanzas; Sophie Wilson, for do.; and Sallis B., for Clenfueges, Brig Max, for Bristol, Eng., and schr H. B. McCauley, from Clentuegos, were at the Breakwater.

MEMORANDA. Steamship Norman, Boggs, honce, at Boston yesterday. Steamship Wyoming, Teal, hence, at Savannah yester-

Steamship Wyoming, Teal, hence, at Savannah yester-day. Steamer Ratilesnake, Mershon, hence for Portland, at Holmes' Hole P. M. Sth inst. Barque Ann Elizabeth, Norgrave, 18 days from Ragged Island, at New York vesterday. Had been 6 days N. of Hatteras with NE. winds. Brig Mary McKee, Sharp, hence, at Trieste 13th inst. 5 Dec. I, off Lizza, Strang foremast and jibboom, and cut away part of rigging. Schr M. E. Coyne, Facemire, for Philadelphia, cleared at New York yesterday. Beir James E. Hewitt, Welsh, for Philadelphia, eniled from Providence 37th inst.

No. 8, coming west, thought that he saw through the mist and gloom something lying on the track, but not touching either rall, but not in time to check the train, and when the train passed the spot he felt no shock, and did not stop until reaching the next station. There he