

By Telegraph to Buffalo.

New York, Dec. 30-7 P. M.

Mr Clay reached Louisville on the 22nd inst., and was to leave on the 24th on board the Alex. Scott for New Orleans.

Cincinnati, Dec. 30-9 A. M. An early hour this morning the steamer Triumvir had run between this city and Louisville, took fire and burst to the water's edge.

Owing to the froshets in the various rivers we have not communicated with St. Louis either by mail or telegraph since the 18th.

The cholera reports from New Orleans have caused a general inactivity in the markets. The river has fallen five inches.

A despatch from Pittsburgh, of December 30, says: "Alarming reports in relation to the cholera reach us from below."

A telegraphic despatch dated the 23rd, in the Charleston Courier, states there had been a decrease in the mortality, the previous few days, caused by the thinning out of the population, who had gone, leaving in great numbers by all possible opportunities.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3. SENATE.—The Vice President called the Senate to order at the usual hour.

Sundry petitions and memorials were presented and referred to the proper authorities.

The credentials of Mr. Bulger, the newly elected Senator from North Carolina, to serve for six years from the fourth of March next, were presented.

Mr. Bradburn, submitted a resolution which was considered by unanimous consent and agreed to, authorizing the appointment of a select committee to inquire into the expediency of establishing a special board of commissioners to settle all claims against the United States.

Mr. Jefferson Davis, from the committee on Military Affairs, to whom had been submitted a memorial from Messrs. Aspinwall and others, in relation to the Panama railroad, made a report thereon which was read and ordered to be printed.

HOUSE.—The House was called to order by the Speaker. After the usual ceremonies, a number of petitions were copied.

Two thousand copies of Col. Fremont's report was ordered printed; also report of Lieut. Emory to be bound in one volume.

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on the state of the Union, and took up a bill from the committee on Ways and Means making appropriation to meet the deficiencies in the expenditures of government.

New York, Jan. 3-7 P. M. Two cases of cholera and one death at the Marine Hospital within two days ending 9 o'clock Sunday morning. Yesterday one new case and no death.

Capt. Venne of barque Josuam from Curacoa 12th st. says:—We learn from the blockading squadron at Maracaibo, that the American steamer George was captured while attempting to go into the harbor for wood.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2. The Union contains and endorses a letter from Detroit, stating that Gen. Cass will return to the Senate.

Advices from the Rio Grande are to the 24th Nov. Sloop of War St. Louis, Com. Cook, and U. S. Brig Perry were daily expected from Montevideo.

Reports of cholera on the rivers have been much exaggerated. No case yet at Vicksburg. A despatch from New Orleans of 26th ult. says 201 deaths have occurred within the last two days.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2, 1849. SENATE.—Mr. Baldwin moved to rescind the resolution passed at the beginning of the session, calling upon the President for a list of all treaties in relation to reciprocal trade with foreign nations.

HOUSE.—Mr. Vinton to report the bill for supplying deficiencies in last year's appropriation bill; they were considered and amendments were offered.

On motion of Mr. Rockwell, of Conn., the House went into committee of the whole, Mr. Burt, of South Carolina, in the chair.

PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE.—The House met at 12 o'clock to-day. The Secretary presented the returns of the election of the various members.

THE QUAKER CITY.—This is the title of a new weekly in Philadelphia, edited by that prolific writer of copy, GEORGE LIPPARD, Esq.

PITTSBURGH SATURDAY MORNING POST.—The first number of a paper bearing this title, has been received. It is issued from the office of the Daily Post, and edited by L. Harper.

LAST HOURS OF THE PATRIOT BLUM.

Correspondence of the New York Commercial Advertiser.

LIEPZIG, November 26, 1848. I take the liberty of sending you a sketch of the last hours of Robert Blum, the champion of German freedom, who was shot by command of the Court Martial at Vienna, on the 9th.

About two hours before the time appointed for his execution, a chaplain was deputed to visit him, and prepare him for death, which he had received no previous notice.

Blum begged a little time to write to his wife, children and mother, at Leipzig, which was granted. After some moments of conversation with the chaplain, during which he was perfectly calm, he said, "I am exceedingly happy to have made the acquaintance of a kind hearted Christian man."

At 7 1/2 A. M. they arrived at the place of execution. Blum stepped out of the carriage and asked who was to shoot him. On being told the "Jagers," he said, "I am glad that the Jagers aim well; on the 20th of October they wounded me."

On Monday the intelligence reached Leipzig, and produced the greatest excitement. A mass meeting was held in the Odéon, and many resolutions were passed, among which the following:—"That all the friends of Robert Blum, wear a badge of mourning on their hats or bonnets."

Such has been the end of a man of great talents, though of humble birth and self education. He commenced when a boy as a book binder, and "readle snuffer" at the market.

MONKS OF LA TRAPPE. The Steamer Martha Washington landed forty-four monks of the Trappe, who were on their way to the United States, and immediately reshipped on the Martha Washington for Kentucky.

There are six priests among them, evidently men of superior talents. Captain Hays of the Steamer Washington informs us that he never had a better behaved and more orderly set of people to travel with him in his life.

THE REVOLUTION IN ROME. There is hope that the Italian people have at last found the secret of their strength—a federal union. At Turin there is already a sort of Philadelphia Congress, and the new Roman Ministry declare that the safety of the empire is greatly endangered.

Those who are curious in comparisons may refer to the "letter to an American" in Italy, published some time ago in this journal, in which we declared that the Italian was the very best form of republicanism they have adopted.

But we have good faith that Pope Pius will continue to guide and govern the movement his own voice alone. Christian Rome, without its Pope, would be desolate as old Rome after its Caesars.

NO BACKING OUT.—The steamer Andrew Jackson, Capt. Eckert, on her last trip from New Orleans to Cincinnati, entered the canal at Louisville, and after passing through the locks, met another large boat in the canal, filling it from side to side.

A MISSISSIPPI WEDDING. The Natchez Free Trader announces a marriage which took place in the Court House there on the 11th inst., and adds the following description of the scene at the wedding:

BLACK LEAD MINES IS BUCKS CO.—The Germantown Telegraph says:—We learn that an enterprising company from Philadelphia have commenced digging for Black Lead or Plumbago, at the old mine on the farm of Edmund Plumley, in Southampton, Bucks county.

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THE MINNESOTA EXPEDITION.

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WE DO NOT know when we have been more gratified or surprised than on last evening. Just as the night was making dusk our office, in stepped our old friend Professor Randall, of Cincinnati, but late of Minnesota and the Indian country, with a beard flowing as wild as a Mexican.

Mr. R. presented to us two bags of rice from the lakes at the head of the St. Croix, one as prepared for food by the Indians, and the other in the rough state for sowing. As we gather from Prof. Randall, this wild rice, for such it is, (Zizania aquatica), is infinitely superior in taste and far more nutritious than the rice of the southern states, grows abundantly as an indigenous production, and can be cultivated to almost any extent in the rivers and lakes that abound in that territory.

It will grow in water from six inches to five feet deep, where it finds a muddy soil. The stalks, which are like those of our rice, have the same growing habits, both in appearance and manner of growing, the stalks are full of joints, and rise from 1 1/2 to 4 feet above the water.

Mr. R. was taken prisoner by the Sioux Indians, who robbed him of all his apparatus, and then sent him off on a four hundred mile tour without gun or provisions. He retained—and that only by wresting it from an Indian by main force—a flag presented by the citizens of Deming.

Before leaving his gun, he cocked their guns at him, and drew their long knives under his throat to show him their love of "law and order."

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FOREIGN NEWS.

ARRIVAL OF THE EUROPA.

FOURTEEN DAYS LATER FROM EUROPE.

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