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Ominous Aspect of Affairs in Europe.

NAPOLON'S circular letter to the several powers of Europe to meet in a general Congress to settle the various questions that threaten to break the peace of that continent, is not likely to meet with such a response as will secure that end. Great Britain has certain questions to be answered before she will yield assent to the proposed meeting. Austria plays shy in the same way. Prussia is more unconditionally, as does the Pope and other minor powers, who can afford to offend Napoleon. But the Emperor of Russia will go into a Congress until he has cleared his difficulty with the Poles, the very thing all others that the Congress is expected to call in London and elsewhere consider the best.

The facts are briefly these: On the 29th of January, 1861, a colored woman, Margaret Garner, had six children, two other colored women, and two colored men, all slaves of Moses Gaines, of Boone County, Kentucky, crossed the Ohio river, on the ice, to freedom. They were followed by the master pursued, in a few hours after, and secured a warrant for their arrest from the United States Commissioner. The marshal, with a posse, accompanied by a sheriff, Margaret seized her children and attempted to kill them, so as to prevent them from being brought to trial, by cutting her throat from ear to ear; two others were severely cut across the throat, and one was cut through the nose, by blows from a revolver. She and the other slaves were arrested by the marshal, and placed for trial in the jail of that county. The Grand Jury found them guilty of treason on the 8th of February, brought in an indictment against her for murder, in the Court of Common Pleas, and she was condemned to be hanged, or to be sold into slavery.

The question of the ownership of the negro was tried before the Commissioner, for the purpose of ascertaining whether he was a slave or not, and the marshal, who had been appointed to execute the sentence, refused to do so, and left the country.

He said, "I am not a slaveholder, and I do not hold slaves." The marshal, however, would not be satisfied with this, and he then said, "I will meet you at the door of the Governor's office, to ask what course I should pursue. He immediately answered,

"Resolved, That as we gained our freedom by coming here, we shall carry it back with us; and while we bask once more in the sun of the South, our old masters may cool their hot blood amid the snow and ice of the North. The change will do us both good. The South was hot for them, but since they have come here to cool themselves, we will go back and warm ourselves, and then we shall be both where we ought to be."

The Strength of Grant's Army.

The St. Paul (Minnesota) Pioneer publishes the following extract of a private letter written from the Army of the Cumberland, pointing out some advance, which furnishes some interesting particulars as to the strength of Grant's forces.

The Army of the Cumberland has been entirely reorganized by General Grant. You would be surprised to know the number of regiments now in the Army of the Tennessee and Nashville. We have the old Army of the Cumberland, two corps of the Army of the Tennessee, and others are coming.

There are nine regiments in a division of the Army of the Cumberland.

No regiments were ever got into this country than are now on the soil of mid-Tennessee. I can see no room for Bragg, and he is not likely to be able to get his generals, I confidently look for a hasty withdrawal of his army, or a thundering big smash up of it.

Bragg missed it when he lay still around Chattanooga three weeks ago. Rosecrans' army is then on the opposite rations, with a force of 100,000 poorly armed and threatened daily. But now we are all right.

Our troops and steamer boats are running in full sail to the Cumberland.

They hope for no further opposition.

W. H. GUTHRIE.

NOTICE TO STOCK HOLDERS.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Pittsburgh Coal Company will be held on the 2d instant, at 10 o'clock, in the Hall of the Pittsburgh Coal Company, in the City of Pittsburgh.

DEAR NEXT, at 10 o'clock, for the purpose of

the election of three Directors.

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