

Holland and Her Wars. (Continued from the Philadelphia Commercial.) It might have been thought, that some compensation would have been received by the Dutch by the late wars, which have frequently desolated the more favored portions of Europe...

THE SLUICE GATES WERE OPENED. Probably there is not in the language another sentence which conveys so much of history and terror to the reader as this. It means that "rather than our country be desecrated by a foreign foe, shall remain no country save what we shall retain as a result of our own arms."

THE NATIONAL DEBT IS ABOUT TWO HUNDRED MILLIONS, a large portion of the debt incurred in the recent struggle with Belgium. We were informed that fifty millions of the debt had been paid off within the past three years.

DAUGLAS AND HIS FRIENDS. In reviewing James Buchanan's "Defense" the New York Tribune says: "If Douglas had been elected President in 1860, he probably would have postponed the irrepressible conflict twenty years. If he had been elected President in 1860, he might have been the Danton of revolutionists, and ended it in two weeks."

He found California a grand Tammany Hall, and rose rapidly to the Presidency. In two years he became the President of the Senate; in seven years, he was chosen Senator, defeating Mr. Gwin, but with a melancholy record of reverses, showing that the Bowers taint was still in the veins of the Senator, and that he had not forgotten the education of the Ninth Ward, allowed the election of Gwin as his colleague in the condition that he would write a letter of submission, and would claim no patronage from the President.

Among those who stood at his side on the gangway of the California steamer John B. Haskin, then a ruddy-faced young lawyer, whose name was occasionally mentioned in the newspapers as a member of Democratic Party, was an elderly man, whose name was occasionally mentioned in the newspapers as a member of Democratic Party, was an elderly man, whose name was occasionally mentioned in the newspapers as a member of Democratic Party.

THE AWFUL HURRICANE of last October, which swept the entire Gulf coast and devastated the West Indies, was a terrible one. It was unexpected. From the beginning of August till the equinox, close observers of atmospheric phenomena had noted all the indications of a mighty tempest as time flew by, they began to ally their fears with the persuasion that the elements had scattered their fury in the remote regions away to the north and north-westward.

THE HOLLANDERS. The people of Holland are decidedly the best educated and most intelligent of any nation on the continent, even the Saxon-haired German must give place to the Dutch, who resemble the British so much that apart from their language, they might as well be English.

St. Louis—Great Damage Inflicted by Ice. St. Louis, Dec. 16.—The ice gorges in the river below the city gave way this afternoon, and the ice swept past the city with tremendous power, sinking or seriously damaging a dozen steamers, and a number of barges, involving a loss of about \$200,000. The following are some of the steamers that were sunk: Geneva, valued at \$25,000; Rosetta, \$20,000; Calope, \$35,000; Highlander, heavily laden, \$30,000; Highlander, \$25,000, both fully insured; Omaha, \$45,000; Admiral, value not ascertained. Some half dozen other steamers were badly damaged. Other boats will probably be sunk when the ice above the city begins to move down.

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