

North Carolina. WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 28.—On Saturday last, a small boat containing three white men and two negroes, put out from Middle Sound, on the coast, opposite this place, for a pleasure excursion. They went to sea, and later in the day the boat drifted ashore empty. It is supposed that the white men were in a small and all on board were lost. One of the white men was named Gensell.

A disturbance occurred last night between the police and the colored sailors of the gunboat Teacy. The sailors were ashore on liberty, got drunk and disorderly, and when the police attempted to arrest them drew pistols and fired a dozen or fifteen shots. Their ammunition being exhausted they fled to their boats and put off to the vessel. The captain of the police was the only one wounded.

From Tennessee. NASHVILLE, Dec. 28.—The river is still rising with thirty feet of water on the shoals. The indications are that the river will overflow its banks. Cotton is being shipped to New Orleans actively by steamer, the rate of \$4 per bale, and from this port to Cincinnati at \$1 per bale. The price of cotton to-day is 40 cents, and holders are firm at these rates. Receipts to-day 321 bales, and shipments 420 bales.

A negro was killed by a soldier of the 16th Regulars, in the street, last night. Rumors of a riot at Pulaski reached here to-day, but were not tangible. The operator at Pulaski says that the tornado visited that town, blowing down a number of houses and killing many people, burying them in the ruins. One lady was killed, and her body has not been recovered. The telegraph is down between here and Pulaski, and no further particulars can be received.

Very few negroes were arrested on Christmas day, though there were hundreds perambulating the streets all day. The sheriff of the jurisdiction of punishment of offenders from the military to the civil law causes fewer arrests than formerly.

From Fortress Monroe. FORTRESS MONROE, Dec. 28.—The steamer Louisiana, from Fortress City, reports that the steamer Commodore, on Saturday morning Dec. 26th, the schooners Lotie, Virginia, Price, Pirate's Bride and Unit, were loading for New York. Passed the wreck of a vessel on Lookout shoals, and the steamer Unit ashore thirty miles northeast of Cape Lookout, with the sea breaking over her.

Mrs. Clement C. Clay has arrived here from Washington to visit her husband. American Engineering Society. A few months since, the prophets of evil in this country expected an extraordinary and sudden collapse of the great American Republic. The bubble was about to burst, and the mighty sham which boasted so much was about to go into a state of "everlasting smash."

No doubt the wish was far from the thought in most instances, and the prophets, as Ben. Disraeli says, are "balled and mortified." It is not our province, however, to point out the errors of our countrymen, or to speculate on the political destinies of the American Republic, but rather to offer a passing comment on the amazing industrial energies of Americans, as indicated by Sir S. M. Peto, at Bristol on the 18th inst. That prince of contractors went with others to America to endeavor to find fresh outlets for English capital.

The newspapers have already informed us that wherever they went they were warmly and enthusiastically received. Sir Samuel, who is accustomed to see great engineering works achieved with rapidity, appears to be startled by the strong, buoyant and multitudinous energies of our American cousins. He ascertained that when the Southerners destroyed the bridges throughout 150 miles of country, General Sherman only allowed General McCullum seven days to reconstruct them; one bridge, twelve hundred feet long and fifteen feet wide, was constructed in three days and a half; that in six days General Sherman was moving the whole of his army over the 150 miles.

Sir Samuel also states that on the termination of the war there were actually connected with the supply of the armies 2,500 miles of railway, 387 engines, 60,000 cars, and 70,000 employees. Well might the imagination of the speaker be almost overwhelmed with the power which produced such a state of things. Sir Samuel further states that Chicago, which a few years ago was a mere village, is dot upon the map—as has now a population exceeding a quarter of a million, "with public buildings surpassing anything that has ever been in any provincial town in this country; while its bridges, its roads, its hospitals, its universities and public works were of the most magnificent description."

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