News by the Atlantic Cable. LIVERPOOL, Dec.14, Evening.—The steam-Indus, bound for Philadelphia, which went ashore on the Irish coast, near Wex-

ford, is a total loss.

BARNSLEY, Thursday Night, Dec. 13.—A.

BARNSLEY, Thursday Night, Dec. 13.—A. third explosion took place at the Oaks Colliery at ten o'clock this morning. There is no longer any hope for those in the pit. They must now all be dead. It is estimated that three hundred and fifty human beings in all have lost their lives by this terrible estattophe. The mine is now on fire, and catastrophe. The mine is now on fire, and the flames have burst from the mouth of the main shaft with great violence. The work of drawing out the bodies is suspended, and the mine is to be flooded with water. The cause of the explosion will probably a superior of the control water.

water. The cause of the explosion will pro-hably remain a perpetual mystery. HAULY, Staffordshire, Thursday night, December 13th.—A fearful explosion oc-curred at noon to-day at Falkshill, near this town, in a coal pit belonging to the North Haffordshire Coal and Iron Company. Two hundred men went into the mine this morning, of whom only thirteen have been taken out alive, and they are badly injured. The rest, it is believed, are dead. Up to the present moment forty dead bodies have been brought out of the pit. The excitement is

LONDON, December 14th.—The awful ca-lamities in York and Stafford excite the most painful interest throughout the kingdom. A subscription has been opened for the suffering families of the victims. Rome, December 14th.—Another United States man-of-war has arrived at Civita

MUNICH, Dec. 14.—Baron Pfordten has resigned his position as head of the Bava-Han Ministry.
Paris, Dec. 14.—The mission of General

Fleury to Florence has reference solely to the negotiations between the Government of Italy and the Holy See.

The United States Government has commenced legal proceedings in the first tribunal of the Seine, to recover the amount of 2,250,000 francs paid M. Arman Fils by the agents of the Confederate Government, on account, for building five iron-clad vessels, alleged to have been constructed for the use of the Emperor of China, but actually intended for the Confederate navy, though the vessels were never delivered.

The latest advices from China state that the French expedition to Corea was meeting with no resistance.
London, Dec. 14.—Intelligence has been

received here from Japan, which announces that the civil war which has been desolating that country has been suspended, a truce having been declared between the contend-LONDON, Dec. 14, evening,—Consols closed

this afternoon at 88%.

AMERICAN SECURITIES.—The closing quotations for American securities are:

Cnited States 5-20s, - - -Illinois Central, Erie Railroad, - 474
LIVERPOOL, Dec. 14, evening.—The Breadstuffs market tends downward. Corn closed

at a decline, being quoted at 38s.

The Provision market also shows a clining tendency, and closet flat.

Mexican News.

General Escobedo has communicated to the Mexican Minister the following letter. received by him through a special courier. His report is dated at Matamoras on the

lst inst.:
MATCHUALA, Nov. 25, 1866.—Dear Sir: I have already written to you about my military operations, and the defeat of the regiment of the Empress at Booas, a place seven miles north of San Luis Potosi. The enemy isconcentrating at San Luis Potosi, on account of the heavy blow they suffered, but I have reason to believe that that place will fall into our hands before eight days. The troops garrisoning the city are deserting and proclaiming the Republic, and the number of French is not sufficient to hold the city. They have no hopes of salvation. You can rest assured of the occupation of the Capital of this State by our troops. The papers announce the flight of Maximilian, and several defeats sustained by the

In perialists, such as Jalapa, Pachma, &c., [Signed] G. FREUNO, General in command. MATCHUALA, Nov. 23, 1866.—Dear Sir:
I have received, this morning, the following intelligence from San Luis Potosi, which I hasten to transmit to you:
"A regiment of Imperialists coming from San Miguel El Grande to reinforce this city, proclaimed the Republic on the route. The

proclaimed the Republic on the route. The commander of the regiment of the Empress, after the defeat at Bocas, joined the Liberals and only the other officers were faithful to the empire. The French were to leave this city yesterday, and at Mejia's request they have delayed their departure until to-mor-They have made a requisition of all the wagons and means of transporta-

[Signed] G. FREUNO, General in command. MATCHUALA, Nov. 26, 1866.—Dear sir:
My next letter will be dated at San Luis
Potosi, for where I stand at this moment I have received intelligence from Durango. On leaving the advance of General Meanda. with 4,000 men, the garrison of Durango, about 1,700 French and traitors, abandoned the city and fled to Truxsillo and Gaca-

[Signed] G. FREUNO, General in command,

Territoriat Governments for Rebel States
Representative Julian yesterday introduced a bill providing civil governments for the districts lately in revolt against the United States, and for the restoration of said districts to their forfeited rights as States of the United States of the Arabina States of the Union North Carolina South Carolina the Union. North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisians, Texas and Virginia are to be erected into temporary and territorial governments. The Executive power is to be vested in Governors, to hold office until their successors shall be appointed and qualified unless sooner removed by until their successors shall be appointed and qualified unless sooner removed by the President of the United States. They are to have the veto power. All the abler machinery of territorial governments is provided, including a legislative assembly and delegates to Congress. The people, under certain rules, are authorized to form State governments; the constitution to be submitted for popular ratification. submitted for popular ratification. The electors are confined to the loyal population of the United States, who shall take and subscribe the oath of allegiance; but mo person who has held or exercised any office, civil or military, State or confederate, under the rebel usurpation, or who has voluntarily borne arms against the United States, shall vote or be eligible to be elected as delegate to the convention. as delegate to the convention.

Georgia Legislature.
MILLEDGEVILLE, Dec. 14.—The Legislatore adjourned to day sine die. The closing speeches of the presiding officers of both Houses were expressive of great determination not to succumb to unlawful demands.

The sentiment of the Legislature seems decided in favor of a Territorial Governn ent rather than the acceptance of the Constitutional Amendment or similar

The Speaker of the House, in his closing address, bade the country hope that the trial of fanaticism would exhaust itself, and that constitutional principles would yet prevail.

The President of the Senate said it was the duty of the people to obey all the laws, and eleave to the Constitution, but that human forbearance had its limits, and the worm would turn if trodden on. Great applause prevailed in both Houses at these sentiments. The veto of the extension of the Homestead act was sustained by five votes, and only that of the Stay law was over-

A great number of laws were enacted at this session of general importance,

The North Carolina Delegation. Governor Holden, John Poole, James F., Taylor and Mess of Harris and Jenkins, of NorthCarolina, who have beenin Washington several days, have left the city and are now on their way home. They were appointed a committee to come to Washington in the a committee to come to washington in the interest of the loyal people of that State, and they represent the views of about forty of the one hundred and seventy members of the Legislature. They say that the bill prepared by them, and introduced into the House on Thursday by Representative Stevens to remand North Carolina to a territorial condition, and to provide for a convention to form a Stare Constitution, stands a good chance of being passed, and that the leading Republican members have privately averaged the standard constitution. have privately expressed themselves in its

The delegates have distributed among Congressmen a circular showing that a test oath of loyalty in the insurgentStates is essential. Its application they say would effectually place the government of the Southern States in the hands of the Union men and exclude every secessionist, and no other test can do so without excluding thousands who were at first misled, but who repented and after-wards periled their lives and estates in support of the Union. There need be no apprehension that this oath would be falsely taken. The status of every man at that time was distinctly known to his neighbors.

The line was clearly drawn upon this test, and upon it hundreds were imprisoned, outraged and murdered. By the same measure let the persecuted Unionist have their reward. They are now discouraged and paralyzed, because, while the President would boldly deliver them over to degradation incurred on account of their adherence to the Union in the dark days of treason and blood. the Congress seems to make no definite dis tinction between them and their late and present persecutors and enemies; but should Congress recognize and uphold them by some just and discriminating law, they would take courage, and boldly and successfully work for the interests of the Union. Thus would the true element of the South stand prominently forward and make secosition and treason bow its head. Now secession and treason bow its head. Now. traitors are bold and arrogant, while the true loyalists are mortified and silent, and the peace of the country is still disturbed and the Union still unquestionably in danger.

Fortress Monroe and Vicinity. FORTRESS MONROE, Dec. 14.—The steamer Delaware, from Charleston, S. C., for New York, put into Norfolk this morning, short of coal. She experienced strong northerly gales during the entire passage. She put into Hatteras and remained there at anchor one day in consequence of a heavy sea. The supply of coal gave out below Cape Henry, and the captain was forced to burn the coal bunkers to make steam. She sails to-night

for New York. Also, the steamer Monterey. Both are coaling at Norfolk: The Baltimore pilot-boats Maryland and Invincible arrived here from the Capes, and report a heavy gale blowing outside from the north to the north-northwest. Two steamers and a large fleet of vessels have put into Hampton Roads in consequence of the heavy weather. The wind has been blowing fresh all day, and the

weather is cloudy and cold.

A serious riot occurred in Portsmouth last night, between parties of whites and negroes. Three whites were dangerously,

and others slightly injured.

Early this morning a fire broke out in a house of ill-fame, presumed to be the work of incendiaries, in the vicinity where the melee occurred. Before the fire department reached the locality and could stay the progress of the flames four buildings were burned to the ground. The parties engaged in the riot were arrested and held for trial, Great excitement prevailed at the time on account of others joining in and taking part

FORTRESS MONROR, Dec. 14.—The steamer Monterey, Captain Edward, from New Orleans, with passengers, &c., on the 5th inst., for New York, put into Norfolk this morning short of coal. She experienced southeast gales from the South West Pass to Tortugas, and northerly winds during the rest of the passage.

Court Martial Witnesses. The following order in relation to summonses to witnesses has just been issued: Officers or enlisted men receiving a summons to attend as witnesses before a courtmartial, or any civil courts outside of the limits of the department in which they may he serving, will prior to departure in obedi-ence thereto, forward the same through the proper channels to the commanding general of the department, in order that the necessary orders may be issued to enable them to obey the same. In cases of extreme urgency, and at remote posts, where the public interests would be liable to suffer by public interests would be liable to suffer by delay, post commanders may authorize immediate departure in obedience to the summons, making special report of the facts to the department commanders for approval of their action. Should a post commander be himself so summoned, his action will conform to the foregoing. It is strictly enjoined upon judge advocates of courts martial who may find it necessary to subpecha witnesses to send the subpocha whenever it is possessed. es, to send the subpœna whenever it is possible, through the known military channels.

MOUNTAINS AROUND JERUSALEM .-Jerusalem does not lie in the hollow of an amphitheatre; it is placed, on the contrary, on an eminence, with deep valleys running nearly all round it. But it is true, notwithstanding, that the mountains girdle it about, as the Psalmist describes. On two sides, the north and east, it is enfolded by the Mount of Olives; on the south, the hill of Evil Counsel—the reputed site of the country palace of Caiaphas, the High Priest, where the conspirators against our Lord met on the night of his seizure in Gethsemane—overhangs the valley of Hinnom, and looks right over it on Mount Zion. And, although upon the west the hills are at a great dis-tance they are on that side the highest of all. In that direction are Ramah and Gibeon, and not farther away than five or six miles is the re-markable height known by the name of Neby Samwil, upon which height tra-dition tells us that Samuel, the prophet, was bured. Of the truth of this statement there is no evidence, but recent inquiries and observations seem to have proved it to be the site of the ancient Mizpah of Saul. Standing on the top of Neby Samwil, the eye ranges from Jaffa on the Meditterranean sea on the west to Jordan, valley, and the mountains of Ammon and Moab beyond it on the east. Jerusalem is thus in the heart of a mountain land; for nearly twenty miles on either side there is nothing around it but hills.—Buchanan's Clerical Furlough in the Holy Land.

A CURIOUS APPLICATION.—A poor woman made a curious application to the Court of Queen's Bench in London last month. She stated that some years since a man who owed her some money was convicted of felopy, and consequently forfeited the whole of his property to the crown. The Treasury promised her that her debt should be paid, and she came to London about two years since to receive the money. She however. since to receive the money. She, however, had not yet been paid, and being in great distress she wished their lordships to make an order, so that she could be provided for until she received her money. She had been told that the peorhouse was not the place for her and she had no means with place for her, and she had no means with which to support herself. The Court in-formed her that they were very sorry they could not essist here.

Washington Washington was founded by George Washington, the "Father of his country," and we may remark, in parentheses, that although several step-fathers have endeavored to fill the place towards the orphaned country, made vacant by his death, yet none of them succeeded

to any considerable extent. Washington was probably induced to locate the Capital where he did on account of its central position. His patriotic heart never dreamed that the State which gave him birth would turn its hand against the nation's Capital. If he had he would probably have secured a tract of land on the barbarous shores of New Jersey.

The Potomac river runs near Washington. Our readers have heard of the Potomac. It was the only place that continued to remain "all quiet" during war. The rebels held the Potomacsome time after the war closed.

Vessels used to get up the river some-times in spite of the batteries, but it was at the expense of hugging Mary Land Shore, who must have been a frightful old maid, or the sailors would not have objected to hugging her. We don't hear that Mary (My Mary Land) objected

There is usually a good deal of travel to Washington immediately after a new Administration is inaugurated. They are mostly self-sacrificing patriots, who go there to pay their respects to the Chief Magistrate of the nation. If they return home with an official order to take charge of a custom house, or a small post-office even, their patriotism is greatly augmented by their journey. If, however, they return empty-handed, there are hints of inefficiency in the Administration, and forebodings that the nation is rapidly drifting toward the shoals of destruction. It is singular how a bit of paper with an official seal will enhance a man's opinion of a President's capacity, and with what sanguine hones for our country's future it will inspire

You must not infer that all the houses in Washington are red, or green, or brown, save one, because you read of the White House. There are numerous white houses there besides the one furnished rent free to the President.

That house is not so very pretentious, yet it has figured in the dreams of many who have aspired to go to housekeeping in it, some of the most worthy of whom failed to realize their dreams. No man who loves a quiet home, who values tranquillity of mind, who would escape the tongue of obloquy, and who would not have all his future movements targets for the prying eyes of a nation, should desire to have the White House fitted up for his accommodation.—Cincinnati Times.

NASBY'S LETTERS.—The famous letters of Petroleum V. Nasby, written by Mr. D. R. Locke, were first suggested during the early part of the war on the occasion of the funeral sermon, at Wingert's Corners, in Crawford county, Ohio, of a soldier who had given his life to his country. It will be remembered that until the last Presidential election all of Nasby's letters were dated at Wingert's Corners. The preacher, on that occasion, commenced his sermon with the remark: "Here lies another victim to this abolition war," and in all his education, habits, political belief, &c., is nearly allied to the character which Mr. Locke assumes. Mr. L. having a keen sense of the ludicrous, and knowing well the preacher and his foibles, was struck with the humor presented in the antagonism of his calling and practices, and at once assumed to represent the one and the other. Hence the Nasby letters,

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