

Negro Disturbances in Virginia.
A Fairfax Monroeville despatch of Friday.

From California, Dec. 15.—A telegram from Victoria, B. C., says Her Majesty's ships Sutle and Otoe sailed from San Francisco for South America on the 14th instant, upon their arrival at Valparaiso, Admiral D'Amour will be replaced by Admiral Hastings, and will proceed around Cape Horn to Chile.

Colonel John C. Frémont, and found guilty of the murder of Mr. John Brown, the proprietor of a store at the Half Way House, situated on the road between Holton and Yorktown. On the night of November 2, body of this negro, presumed to be twelve years old, made an attack on the store of Mr. Wootton, who was sitting in his office when plundered the store of everything they could find and escaped to the woods. The body of Mr. Wootton, pierced by six balls, was found the next morning with all life extinct.

The negroes divided their booty and struck through the woods, designing to reach some of the upper counties on the Rappahannock river. The civil and military authorities combined against the pursuing parties of soldiers and civilians. One of the negroes was shot while attempting to escape, and five others captured and brought to Yorktown. The others made their escape. Those captured had a speedy trial, and the evidence is so strong against them as to leave no doubt of their identity. They will shortly be hung for their crimes.

A truly alarming condition of affairs exists on the peninsula, where fifteen thousand negroes are huddled together in villages, without work and almost destitute of the means of obtaining the necessities of life. The farmers and inhabitants are in constant dread of their property being stolen, their houses burned and crops destroyed. Bands of the negroes from the country around Richmond, organized with ring-leaders, have lately made frequent descents upon the peninsula, and there is not a store between Yorktown and Williamsburg which has not been robbed.

A serious riot occurred last night in Portsmouth between negroes and white men, resulting in the wounding of some ten persons, and resulted in a party of young men from Norfolk being at a house of ill-fame in Portsmouth, in the vicinity of which they met some negroes, and by some got into a difficulty with them. Bloody followed words, the excitement spread, and others became embroiled in the melee. The disturbance assumed serious proportions, but was quickly suppressed by the police, who had their hands full with the negroes. Three white men had their throats cut and faces injured by stones in the hands of the negroes, and several others wounded. Several of the negroes were wounded, and one woman. All the parties were arrested and will be held for trial.

Howley had the excitement subsided before a sharp fire was sounded, and it was ascertained that the fire had been visited by the young men on fire. The wind blew freshly, and before the fire department could reach the locality and stay the progress of the flames four houses were burned to the ground. The fire is presumed to be the work of some of the negroes, and occurred in the part of the town known as market square, near the Gosport bridge.

From Canada.

MONTREAL, Dec. 15.—A new steamship company has been projected, and will commence operations next spring, and carry on trade with Halifax. The most influential merchants in Montreal are stockholders.

The New York mail of December 1st, for St. Albans, not having arrived, search for it was instituted, which resulted in the finding of a bag near Essex Junction, it having been cut open and the contents abstracted.

A new trial has been referred at St. John, in the case of Vincenzo, accused of forging a notarial act. The prisoner is said not that it was necessary to carry him from his cell to the dock in the court room.

QUEBEC, Dec. 15.—The first curling of the season was indulged in yesterday at the Quebec Club.

The Relief Fund Commission has received a draft for an additional subscription of £2,000 from Liverpool. An anonymous subscriber in London gave another £1,000, while Dublin added £400.

A portion of the troops were out yesterday in winter dresses, practising the new running drill.

TORONTO, Dec. 15.—Colonel Roberts, of the Fenian Brotherhood, last week sent \$3,000 to Bishop Lynch, to be expended in procuring necessaries for Father McMahon and other Fenian prisoners in jail here. The money was remitted by the Fenian Brotherhood by their Lordship, who declined to have anything to do with the matter.

MONTRAL, Dec. 15.—The Minerva newspaper says Surratt was on his way from Montreal to Washington when he heard of the assassination of President Lincoln, and immediately returned to Canada. In conversation he asserted that the plot was to carry off President Lincoln to Richmond, and hold him at large for the southern prisoners. He always protested the innocence of his mother, and avowed that Jeff Davis knew nothing of Booth's intentions.

destructive Fire at Portland, Me.

The new brick mill of the Johnson Manufacturing Company was burned on Friday night. The old mill was also considerably damaged. It was owned by H. J. Lloyd & Co., of Portland, and Mr. Robinson, the manager. The loss is \$15,000, with an insurance of \$15,000 for both mills. Of this \$10,000 was on the new mill. The insurances were divided as follows: Lloyds and London and Globe Companies, \$10,000; Metropolitan, \$6,000; North American, \$5,000; Phoenix, \$3,000; Charter Oak, \$11,000; Home of New York, \$10,000; Putnam, of Hartford, \$10,000; Paragon, of Providence, \$5,000; Germania, of New York, \$5,000; Standard of New York, \$10,000; Philadelphia, \$12,000; International Home, of New Haven; Merchants of Providence; Connecticut; of Providence, and Roger Williams, each \$6,000; Security, of New York, 10,000; Atlantic, of Brooklyn, \$5,000.

Squirrels in Curacao.

We are informed by a friend, a resident of the State of William County, in this State, that through the general impetuosity pervading the entire Empire, he has lost his country, yet that the people there will have a currency of some description, and although the rebels have failed them, have resorted to a circulating medium. He mentioned the fact that upon a late occasion he was asked, at a grocery in a village in his county, by a fat squirrel, "a drink," after taking which, instead of money, his friend deliberately drew out of his overcoat pocket two dead squirrels, and depositing them on the counter, walked away, as though the same making animals were the recognized currency of the county. —*Alexandria (Va.) Gazette.*

STRANGER.—About eleven o'clock on last Sunday evening, our citizens were startled by hearing a dull, rumbling sound, like that produced by thunder or a wagon passing slowly over a bridge. The sky was perfectly clear, not a cloud being visible. Last year, we saw a similar phenomenon in this neighborhood, only the report was more violent, and was accompanied by the quivering of buildings and other objects.

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P. Italia newspaper says editorially that strong hopes are entertained that the important mission of Signor Torrelli, having begun auspiciously, will have a favorable result.

Mr. Hunter, Jr., Dec. 15.—The House has passed the address of M. Deak, in reply to the Emperor of Austria.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 15.—An Imperial Council has been resolved upon, over which the Emperor is to preside, for the purpose of considering and putting into operation re-

forms in Poland.

THE LAND OFFICE.—Return from Junto City, we see, show that 11,200 acres of public lands were disposed of in November, of which 8,000 were in agricultural settlement, and the remainder, with college scrip and military bounty land warrants.

Death.

THE COLORADO Legislature convened on the 4th, at Golden City. M. Ellsworth was elected Speaker of the House, and J. E. McDoyle Chief Clerk.

New and Extraordinary Cure for Cholera.

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