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Bogus and Worthless News.

A FEW SAMPLES, WITH COMMENTS.

OPINION OF PHILADELPHIA PAPERS.

They are Convicted Out of Their Own Mouths.

From last year's files of a few of the Philadelphia papers which are in the bonds of the Associated Press we have extracted a number of editorials condemning the Associated Press, and complaining of the meagreness, the ridiculous character and the unreliability of the news furnished by that New York monopoly. We have selected but a small number from a multitude of articles abusing the Associated Press. In the *Telegraph*, the *Press*, the *Inquirer* and other papers, there were last year constant complaints of the inefficiency of the New York concern; and if we chose to look back through the files of these sheets for the preceding half dozen years we could select many more of equal and greater bitterness, enough in fact to fill this page with fit type.

We intend to publish one or two of these articles every day or two until the public have a pretty complete comprehension of the estimation in which the Associated Press is really held by the papers which are now professedly its enthusiastic admirers.

It must be understood that these complaints were made at a time when the American Press Association was not thought of, when we were depending for the mass of our news matter upon our private correspondents, and when there seemed, to these unenterprising journals, no hope of release from their vassalage to the New York concern. These opinions, then, are the expressions of the honest convictions of the writers, and as the Associated Press has not improved in any respect since they were written, but rather has deteriorated, we present them now to refute the assertions of the excothelone of the New York news, made by these papers now, at the bidding of their masters. These are honest words, the most useful language used at this day in the insipid and fearful. The American Press Association is assuming a threatening shape, and the monopoly, foreseeing its ruin if the Association is successful, is compelling its creatures to open their batteries against its enemies.

To begin with we will give an editorial from the *Inquirer*. We are well aware that from the whole range of newspaper literature we could not, as a general thing, select any reading matter which would be of smaller interest to the public, or would supply less entertainment than the editorial observations of the *Inquirer*; but as it is the journal that controls the Associated Press in this city, and furnishes the snuff when the *Telegraph* wants to sneeze, this one article has momentary value. It refers to the famous "Sabine Hoax" perpetrated by some frolicsome middy upon the blockhead who acts as the agent of the Associated Press in France. This hoax was sent to the Associated Press over the cable, and was published in all the newspapers belonging to that organization. We reproduce it as a specimen of the enterprise of the monopoly.

Paris, August 29.—A desperate conspiracy has been discovered on board the U. S. frigate Sabine in the port of Cherbourg. Some of the crew attempt to set fire to the powder magazine, but the ship's commander, Lieut. Comdr. L. A. M. Smith, detected the plot, and proceeded so far as to light a fuse communicating with the magazine when the plot was frustrated by a cabin boy, who discovered the burning fuse, and extinguished it. The conspirators were implicated in the plot, and were put in irons, and seven have since been condemned to death and hanged at the yard.

This despatch created some excitement, but it also excited a great deal of ridicule. The *Inquirer* expressed our opinion very nicely, as follows:

"There should be a Reform in this Matter." [From the Philadelphia *Inquirer*, Sept. 27th, 1869.] The cruel hoax of the mutiny and execution on the United States frigate Sabine is at length receiving a thorough exposure. There have been details of the story before, but they have been from London, and have been contradicted without trenching on the verities of the matter, professing to give in detail the circumstances attending the revolt of the sailors, and their subsequent punishment. In a recent letter from Lieut. Comdr. L. A. M. Smith, the commanding officer attached to the Sabine, occurs the following paragraph:

"There has been a most ridiculous and untrue story published in London, and telegraphed home, which is a conspiracy to blow up the ship, and the hanging of seven men. In whose favor this story originated I cannot imagine. Nothing has occurred to give it the slightest foundation."

The judgments of the cable news agents on the subject of the *Atlantic* are proceeding at fault. Knowing the painful anxiety the publication of such a despatch as that of the Sabine mutiny and executions would occasion in this country, one would think that the agent who transmitted it would have taken the trouble to have it verified.

This could readily have been accomplished by telegraphing from Cherbourg, or by sending a messenger to the latter place to investigate the report. But no such course of action ever seem to suggest themselves to our European news gatherers. They transmit to the United States the wildest and most incongruous rumors and canards, and even after the falsity of their MISAPPROPRIATE NEWS is discovered, they leave us in the dark until we are enlightened by foreign papers. There should be a reform in this matter, and all the publishers of American journals are alike sufferers by the blunders and carelessness of their foreign news collectors. They should unite in securing and putting into effect some means by which the present cable reporters will exercise more care, or be replaced by more competent men.

Just so. The enterprising newspaper publishers have united in securing the services of better men. They have joined the American Press Association, and out of the organization of which the *Inquirer* is the "boss" in this city.

Having given a single opinion of the parent sheet, we will now reprint a short editorial from the *Evening Telegraph*, which echoes the cries of the *Inquirer*, and submits to its dictation in all things.

"A Great Lot of Twaddle." [From the Evening *Telegraph*, March 29, 1869.]

The Atlantic Cable informs us this morning that the question concerning the property of the Italian clergy has been definitely settled.

THE SAN DOMINGO SCHEME.

An Important Phase in the Dominican Negotiations.—Effect of Annexation on Times.

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