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Upon our inside pages to-day, will be found two interesting foreign letters, together with important letters from Pottsville and Wilmington.

THESE AND THOSE.

That amiable gentleman, Mayor Fox, enjoyed a novel sensation, day before yesterday. "Two of his policemen did something,—we forget now what it was,—that was commendable, and the Mayor had the "bright particular stars" up before him, and said pleasant things to them, in that genial manner for which he is so justly celebrated. The occasion was an unusual one, and was naturally mentioned in all the papers.

The force, at large, evidently resents this infringement upon its record, and has promptly taken measures to re-establish its threatened reputation. The duty was an easy one, and was cheerfully assumed by a special committee selected from the large number of men competent to demonstrate the utter uselessness of Mayor Fox's police. Messrs. Patrick Carney, Thomas Morgan and John Bowlen formed the committee, and did their work in the most satisfactory manner. Mr. Levy distinguished himself by assaulting two peaceable citizens, who remonstrated against his abuse of a prisoner, preferring false charges against them and locking them up in cells of the station house. Messrs. Morgan and Bowlen were equally successful, if not more so. They appear to have acted as a sub-committee on the Fifteenth Amendment, invading a colored man's house, searching it without a warrant, beating the tenant and his child over the head with their clubs, arresting the daughter for getting frightened, and wind ing up with a grand effort, by locking the whole family up in jail, the daughter being kept there two days and nights, and the father and son one day and night.

The force is all right again. It has thoroughly reinstated itself in the bad graces of the community, and vindicated the low reputation which it has enjoyed ever since Mr. Fox took the seat which the people of Philadelphia conferred upon General Tyndale. Mr. Fox ought not to disturb the *immorale* of his police by making sneers of such little eccentricities, as the occasional fishing of a man out of the docks, or the fact of a policeman defending himself against a burglar. It discourages and discourages the men, to have the Mayor commending them for an un-Democratic attention to duty, and we cannot but feel some considerable gratitude and zeal with which Patrick Levy, Thomas Morgan and John Bowlen have performed the delicate task of setting our Democratic police right before the people.

THE ISTHMUS CANAL PROJECT.—VIEWS OF AN EXPERT.

Looking on the map of Central America, it would seem that there ought to be no insuperable difficulty in cutting a canal between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. The Isthmus is very narrow, and modern engineering and machinery have accomplished so many extraordinary works, that it would seem that if the capital could be furnished, a canal could be constructed. Then would follow the question of preserving it in good order, in a country of earthquakes, where there are frequent upheavals and depressions that totally change the surface of the earth. The preliminary rumors that come from the jungles and wilds of the Isthmus by the United States must not be accepted as entirely trustworthy. There are over-sanguine young men in all adventurous enterprises, and there are men who have an object in exaggerating or deceiving so that the enterprise which occupies and pays them may not be abandoned.

There have been some pretty thorough and careful explorations of the Isthmus of Darien in past times. Those made in the preliminary surveys for the Panama Railroad, and in its construction, threw a great deal of light on the question of the possibility of constructing a canal. Mr. John C. Trautwine, of this city, was one of the engineers employed in those explorations in the year 1852, and his professional reputation is such that his views on the subject are entitled to respectful consideration. In a series of papers called "Engineer's Notes," contributed by him to the *Journal of the Franklin Institute* in 1854, Mr. Trautwine gave some most interesting memoranda concerning the topography, the geology, the climate, &c., of the Isthmus. He made also an estimate of the cost of cutting a canal by what he called the "Napiqui route"—the Napiqui being a branch of the Atrato. He made the total amount \$50,400,000; but added that he regarded the sum as "totally inadequate for the purpose." He went on as follows:

"I have coasted and boated along both sides of the proposed canal, between the Pacific Ocean (from Panama to Buena Ventura) on the one side, and the Caribbean Sea, the Atrato and the San Juan on the other side, and have crossed it both at the site of the Panama Railroad, and at three points more to the South. From all I could see, combined with all I have read on the subject, *I cannot entertain the slightest hope that a ship-canal will ever be found practicable across any part of it.* When I employ the word *practicable*, it is meant in a pecuniary sense."

In other words he expresses doubts whether a ship canal would pay any company who would make it. The italics are in the original. The testimony against the practicability of the work is as strong and emphatic as any that can be imagined. The opinions of Mr. Trautwine do not seem to have changed; for in a recent conversation with him we have learned that he has no confidence whatever in the reports recently circulated that a summit level of but 150 feet, between the two oceans, has been found near Caledonia Bay, and that which asserts that an uninterrupted water communication has been found in about the latitude of Panama. He also regards in the same light the alleged discovery of a summit level of but 80 metres, or say 250 feet, between the river Tuyra on the Pacific side and the Cano Cacarica on the Atlantic side; and which is said to have been discovered by a French engineer who has been exploring the Isthmus for some years past. Mr. Trautwine states that the so-called rivers which enter Caledonia Bay, or any others in that vicinity which discharge into the Atlantic Ocean, are but mere brawling creeks, navigable for a mile or two, perhaps, by a small row-boat, and then becoming a series of mountain cascades. No Atlantic stream in that immediate vicinity is available, to any appreciable extent, for an interoceanic canal. He thinks that no summit level materially less than 1,000 feet above the sea will be found by the present United States expedition to Caledonia Bay. He is also of the impression that in the discussion of an interoceanic canal across the Isthmus of Darien a great overlight has been committed in the omission of the fact that wherever it may be located, it is in the direct range of the most active earthquake agency on the face of the globe.

These are the views of an expert, who has visited and studied the region as thoroughly and conscientiously as any man living. They are entitled to consideration before the United States Government commits itself to any great expenditure of money in an undertaking that may be a total failure. Of the value of a canal across the Isthmus, not only to this country but to all trading countries, there can be no question. But let it be well ascertained that it can be made to pay, before entering upon any heavy expenditure. Mr. Trautwine thinks the most feasible solution of the matter would be for all the leading commercial nations to construct the canal at their joint expense, and then throw it open to the use of the world at large, exacting merely sufficient tolls to keep it in repair.

THE ASSAULT ON THE IRON INTEREST.

The iron masters of this State who will suffer ruin or prostration of their business if the reduction of four dollars per ton of the duty on pig-iron is permitted to go into effect, may expect no sympathy from the people generally. The proposal to reduce the duty from nine dollars to five dollars per ton was carried on Monday in the House by a vote of 90 to 64. When that vote was taken, six members from Pennsylvania, representing districts in which there are large numbers of furnaces, were absent from their seats and did not vote at all. If only three of these men had been at their posts of duty, the Free Traders could not have struck this terrible blow at one of our most important industries, but we should have had the duty continued at the old rate. Their negligence in this respect was simply a betrayal of the trust confided to them by their constituents. The tariff bill was under discussion, and they knew, or should have known, as everybody else did, that a fierce assault would be made upon the iron interests of this State. A recommendation to that effect was made by Commissioner Wells in his report, and it was the openly declared intention of the free traders to act upon this suggestion. If these recreant Pennsylvanians are fit to occupy their positions, they were acquainted with the fact that the iron manufacturers are not growing rich under the duty of nine dollars, but that when gold was much higher than it is now, the protection afforded by this duty gave them an opportunity to make only a fair profit upon their investments. The recent heavy decline in gold operated precisely as a reduction of the duty, and if any protectionists considered the tariff too high at first, this reduction in its shape should have satisfied them. The further reduction of four dollars a ton is a cruel blow at this interest, and if it is permitted to stand it will have a disastrous effect upon the industry in this State. It is the first movement of a deeply laid scheme to stop all the furnaces in Pennsylvania, to throw thousands of poor men out of work, and to flood the country with foreign iron made by cheap foreign labor. If this calamity should befal, the sufferers should tell the Congressmen who made it possible, personally responsible for it, and refuse to trust them again. They had no more right to absent themselves when this vote was taken, than they would have had to vote for the establishment of a provisional government in this State. The other protectionists in Congress may well be excused for declining to labor for the restoration of the iron duty, when they perceive that the representatives of some of the districts most deeply interested, are so careless of the subject. It is understood that an effort will be made to have the duty increased again to the old figures, and we sincerely hope it will be successful. If the absentees will attend to their duties properly and remain at their posts, this act of justice may perhaps be accomplished.

The vexed and tangled Georgia question was settled yesterday, as far as the Senate is concerned, by the adoption of an amendment offered by Senator Pomeroy, which remanded the State to a provisional military government, and provides for the election of a Legislature next fall. It is a disgraceful fact that all the legislation which has been undertaken for Georgia has been proved worthless; and it is deplorable that there should be a necessity to begin all over again with a military government as a foundation. But the wise men of Congress managed to get this Georgia business into such a hopeless mess, that the Schleswig-Holstein question was lucidity itself compared with it. Nobody in or out of Congress pretends to understand it exactly. The newspapers gave it up long ago; the people gave it up; were lost among the quagmires of the road before the subject got fairly on its journey towards its present hopeless perplexity, and most of the members of Congress never fairly comprehend it from the first. Mr. Pomeroy's plan is to abandon the tortuous and many path, and to start again in a new direction. We hope there will be no foolery this time. If the Georgians elect a Legislature next fall, it must be permitted to proceed with its work, no matter whether it has a Democratic or a Republican majority.

The cable despatches last week announced the adoption in the Ecumenical Council of the *Schema de Fide*, and most of the American papers fell into the error of supposing that it included the dogma of Papal Infallibility. The text of this *Schema de Fide* has been made public by the *Augsburg Gazette*, from which we translate it and print it in another column. It will be observed that it does not touch the infallibility question, but it, contains some other very extraordinary things, and its adoption by a large majority indicates that the Council is likely to adopt anything the Pope may demand.

The New York Associated Press despatches have not yet announced the death of the Duchess of Berri, which was made known by the American Press Association in their papers of yesterday morning. The New York courier, however, has learned that the legitimist papers of Paris appeared yesterday in mourning for her, and the presumption among the readers is that she is dead. But, as in other cases in which it has been beaten by the A. P. A., it will never announce the fact.

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Bleeched Muslins, Best Makes, 6c. to 81 25.
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Ladies' Genuine Balbriggan Hose, 37c., 75c. up.
Gents' Full Regular made Half Hose, 25c., 50c. up.
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Gents' Full Regular made Half Hose, 25c., 50c. up.
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Children's Extra Long Balbriggan Hose.
Gents' Linen Bosoms and Linen Shirts, 50c. up.
Ladies' Gossamer Vests, regular made, 50c. up.
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Later News from the London, Berlin, Munich and Vienna.

THE ALABAMA CLAIMS

Foolish Report About President Grant and Secretary Fish.

Serious Illness of Count Von Bismarck

Little Hope of His Recovery

Treaty Between Bavaria and the North German Confederation.

Francis Joseph Granting Amnesty to Political Offenders.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

The Georgia Bill as It Passed the Senate.

Its Fate in the House in Doubt

FROM EUROPE.

[By the American Press Association.]

Illness of Count Von Bismarck—Little Hope of His Recovery.

BERLIN, April 20.—Count Von Bismarck is lying dangerously ill at Varzadin. Eminent physicians have been summoned from Berlin to his bedside. But little hope of his recovery is entertained.

BAVARIA.

Negotiations for a Treaty with the North German Confederation.

MUNICH, April 20.—The Bavarian Ministry have opened negotiations with the Government of the North German Confederation, with a view to the formation of a treaty of jurisdiction.

AUSTRIA.

Amnesty Proclamation.

VIENNA, April 20.—Next Sunday being the anniversary of the Emperor's wedding day, it is announced that a general amnesty, granting full pardon for all political offences, will be proclaimed.

ENGLAND.

The Alabama Claims—A Fish Story.

LONDON, April 20.—It is currently reported that the Queen caught a tremendous fright at information from the United States announcing a disagreement between the President and the Secretary of State. Mr. Fish's sudden cool of a difference of views respecting the Alabama claims, which, it is said, will result in the withdrawal of Mr. Fish from the Cabinet.

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Special Despatch to the Phila. Evening Bulletin.]

WASHINGTON, April 20.—After a prolonged debate, the Senate, at one o'clock this morning, passed the Georgia bill. The bill, as it now stands, does not meet the approval of President Grant, and it is extremely doubtful, if the amendments of the House be present shape, whether he will give it his approval.

In conversation with your correspondent last night, Senator Pomeroy said that if the bill by the Senate, the President said he hoped the Pomeroy amendment would not be adopted. He was afraid it would be too much like a military bill, and added, with a good deal of emphasis, "I want reconstruction to end, and the only way to accomplish it is to have it. There will be a hard fight in the House to-day, whenever bill comes back from the Senate, and the fate of the passage are not considered very good. Legal opinion seems to be divided as to the constitutionality of the bill, and other members are also outspoken in their objections to the bill. The following is a correct copy of the bill, as it passed the Senate this morning:

An act in relation to the State of Georgia:

Whereas, no legal government has been practiced in the organization of the Legislatures in the States of Virginia, Mississippi, Texas and Georgia, and the admission of said State by law to representation in Congress; and for the purpose the State of Georgia shall constitute the Third Military District.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That in accordance with the provisions of, and under the powers and limitations provided in said acts, an election shall be held in said State, commencing on the fifteenth day of November, eighteen hundred and seventy, and continuing six days, for delegates, to a convention to be composed of the delegates elected in the manner provided for in the third section of said State adopted by in convention the 11th day of March, 1868; at which election all persons who, by said Constitution, are prohibited, shall be entitled to vote; and said General Assembly so elected shall assemble at the seat of war of said State, on Tuesday, the 30th day of December, 1870, and organize, preparatory to the admission of the State to representation in Congress; and the members of Congress and of the existing General Assembly shall cease and determine on the said 13th day of December, 1870.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That whenever it shall appear to the Commander, on application of the Legislature of any State, or of any portion thereof, that the civil and political rights of persons in said State have been secured, and are enjoyed in the Union with all persons in the State, and that a republican form of government will be established, upon the adoption of the Constitution of said State, and the ratification of the amendments to the Constitution of the United States, proposed by the Congress of the United States, and the same shall be duly ratified, the Commander shall certify the same to the President of the United States, and upon the admission of the Senators and Representatives of said State, the military jurisdiction of said State shall cease and