The Press.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1861.

EXTRACT FROM THE LAST SPEECH OF STEPHEN A. DOUGLAS .- "The conspiracy to break up the Union is a fact now known to all. Armies are being raised, and war levied to accomplish it. There can be but two sides to the controversy. Every man must be on the side of the United States or against it. There can be no neutrals in this war. There can be none but patriots and traitors."

FOR SALE. The double-cylinder "TAYLOR" PRESS on which this paper has been printed for the last nine months. It is in excellent condition, having been made to order a year ago, and will be sold at a bargain. For terms apply at this office, or address John W. Forney, 417 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.

THE LATEST WAR NEWS.

The detailed accounts of the battle at Dranes ville, on Friday, fully confirm the first reports in regard to the gallantry of our noble Ponnsylvania Reserves, and the completeness of their victory over the rebel brigade that had the temerity to attack them. Two of the Union regiments, which participated in the battle, were commanded by Philadelphians-the Bucktails, who were under charge of Lieutenant Colonel Thomas L. Kane, and the Twelfth Regiment, commanded by Colonel Taggart. Lieutenant Colonel Kane is a son of Hon, John K. Kane, and a brother of Dr. Elisha Kent Kane, the famous Arctic explorer. Colonel Taggart is one of the proprietors of the Philadelphia

Sunday Mercury. The full list of the Union soldiers killed and wounded shows that our loss was at first underestimated, but it evidently fell far short of the loss of the enemy, who suffered severely. Letters found on some of the rebel officers state that the rebels expect that Gen. McClellan will soon be compelled to make an advance movement against Centreville, in which they believe he will be as unsuccessful as Gen. McDowell.

The late foreign news shows that the war feeling in England continues unabated. The letter of Smith O Brien will attract general attention. While expressing warm sympathy with the cause of America, he clearly points out the fearful embarrassments we would be subjected to if we were obliged to contend simultaneously against Great Britain and the Southern rebels. The necessity, at this critical juncture, of doing all that we honorably can to avoid a war with England, is becoming every day more and more generally acknowledged. We can easily imagine how that Power would have raged if we had shown the same tender regard for Nena Sahib and the Sepoys in the Indian rebellion that it has manifested for Mason and Slidell and the infamous Secession conspirators; but the first great duty of our Government is to crush the rebellion which aims at the permanent disruption of our great confederacy, and if we can benerably avoid giving these internal enemies the advantage of the active aid of a great payal Power, we should do so. The future will offord us ample appartunities to obtain reduces for the present ungenerous conduct of the hereditary

While there is now a strong probability that our difficulties with England will be amicably adjusted, yet that nation has, for a trifling cause, shown such a belligerent disposition that it is necessary to adopt precautions to guard against surprise. The defences of our Northern frontier and of our seaboard are rapidly being strengthened.

caused by a conflagration in that city. These extensive fires in the Southern towns and cities are so frequent that they can scarcely be attributed to

It is reported that a number of vessels belonging to the stone fleet were recently seen off Charleston harbor, and they have probably effectually closed that "rat hole" for the present.

Brigadier General Edward Otho Cresap Ord, who commanded the brigade that defeated the rebels near Dranesville, on the 20th inst., was born in the State of Maryland, and entered the Academy at West Point in September, 1835. He graduated in July, 1839, when he was appointed from the District of Columbia a second lieutenant of the Third Artillery. In July, 1841, he was promoted to a first lieutenancy, and on the 7th of September, 1850, received his commission as a captain in the Third Regiment of United States Artillery. In 1856 he was distinguished in several severe conflicts with the Indians near Rogue river, Oregon, and in September, 1859, was engaged in the conflict with the savages on the north of Snake river. Washington Territory. On his recent return from California he was appointed a brigadier general of volunteers, and in this, his first engagement with the rebels, he has distinguished both himself and

A special despatch to the New York Herald says that "the arrest of G. W. Jones, ex-Senator, Minister, &c., was based upon the positive information that he is not only a traitor at heart, but his own written record turned up against him the day before he had his long interview with Secretary Seward. Some of his official papers containing his accounts were opened, when a sealed letter fell out. It was addressed to Jefferson Davis, President of the Southern Confederacy. It recommends and endorses a gentleman for a high military position in the Confederate army, closing with the remark, 'I have two sons now in the Southern army, the only place where a patriot should be found, fighting against a tyrannical and despotic Government. As soon as I settle my accounts with the Federal Government, I shall also join the Confederate army myself.' Mr. Seward immediately, upon making the discovery, notified the Treasury Department not to pay Mr. Jones the balance appearing to be due him by the Government. By some mistake, however, the amount was paid. Mr. Seward afterwards received Jones, and conversed with him, but did not allude to his treason, not wishing to alarm him, but, learning that Jones was going to New York, put a detective on his trail, and caused his arrest, as already stated." The steamer Edinburgh has brought one day's later news from Europe. It is reported that Gen. Scott is the bearer of a proposition from Louis Napoleon to act as mediator between our country and England. The war feeling in that country con-

in effecting a peaceful adjustment of our existing The last steamer which arrived from Port Royal brings the important intelligence that heavy firing had been heard on Tybes Island. The guns of Fort Pulacki have probably opened on the Union

tinues unabated; but, if the runor that France is

anxious to prevent the commencement of hostilities

is true, we shall probably have no great difficulty

forces encamped there. Christmas Time at the Bookstores. Lindsay & Blakiston have published, by request of the members of the anatomy class to whom he delivered it, a Lecture on Baron Larrey, by Dr.

D. Hayes Agnew, of this city. It is a highly interesting resume of the life and labors of Napoleon's celebrated army surgeon. We notice critically, that Dr. Agnew speaks in the present and also in the past tense throughout these pages, thus giving his style a carelessness which a very little revision Peterson & Brothers have received, just in time juvenile books published by Crosby & Nichols,

to be bestowed as Christmas presents, several new These are "Florence Erwin's Three Homes," a tale of North and South; "The Bear- robes, &c.; faney goods for holiday presents; also, Hunters of the Rocky Mountains," by Anne Bowman, and "Round the World," a Tale for Boys, by | kerseys, cassimeres, &c., embracing about 1,000 lots W. G. H. Kingston. They also have Miss Yongo's of choice and desirable articles; to be peremptority new children's book, "The Stokelesley Secret; or, sold by catalogue, for cash, commencing this morn-How the Pig Paid the Rent," published by the ing at ten o'clock, the sale to be continued, without Appletons, New York. All these books are neatly intermission, all day and part of the evening, ending The booksellers, this Christmas, are selling more

books than on any previous occasion for years. Probably fewer expensive works are sold this time-very few new ones having been published—but there is a vast increase in the number. The greatest business in this line is done by Peterson and Brother, Willis P. Hazard, Lindsay and Blakiston, William S. and Alfred Martien, Perkenpine and Higgins, the Protestant Episcopal Book Society, and John McFarlan. The price of choice English and French books, for Christmas and New Year, has been reduced by McElroy & Co., South Sixth street, in order to clear off their large imported stock. G. G. Evans, originator of the great Gift Book Enterprise, and the only one in that line who has weathered the storm, is now doing more business than ever, having taken 25 per cent. off the price of all his books, and still continuing to give a gift to each purchaser, as before. His store is as crowded, from morning to night, as a fancy fair.

The mail from Washington, due at 12 HALIFAN, Dec. 20.—The steamer America brought despatches for the Colonial Government, and delivered them at this point. o'clock last night, had not arrived at the hour of our paper going to press this morning.

British International Law. Three gentlemen, each a Knight of the long

robe, have been advising PALMERSTON, RUSSELL and Company, in the matter of the seizure of MASON and SLIDELL on board of the Trent. These are Sir John Harding, Queen's Advocate-General, Sir William Atherton, Attorpey-General, and Sir Roundell Palmer, Solicitor-General. ATHERTON is such a mere common-law man that, last July, (when Sir RICHARD BETHEL was made Lord Chancellor,) it was a matter of grave doubt, among the Cabinet and the profession, whether it would not be politic to get rid of him, by shelving him into a judgeship. HARDING, created Queen's Advocate-General in 1852, is a civilian of good standing, and ROUNDELL PALMER, none the worse lawyer for being a rank Puseyite, has a high reputation in the Chancery

and Admiralty Courts. This legal trie have advised the British Ministry (the Times informs us) that the proceedings of Captain WILKES " are not justified by the law of nations," and the Thunderer adds: "It is, we understand, the opinion of these jurists that the right of the Federal Government, acting by its officers, was confined to the visiting and the searching of the mail packet; that if any men or things believed to be contraband of war had been found on board of her, the proper course was to take her into port and submit the question to the prize court, which would hear evidence and urgument on both sides, and would have decided the case according to precedent and au-

thorities."

It is sleeply an absurdity to imagine that the San Jacinto had a right to visit and search the mail packet Trent, and no right to do less than seize the vessel and take her into an American port, there to have a legal decision whether or not she were a lawful prize. Out of the kindest feeling of courtesy and humanity. Captain WILKES declined to go to the limits of his legal authority. He contented himself with capturing the Southern Ambassadors and their Secretaries. His offer to allow the ladies of this party to accompany the male principals was declined, as it now appears, to enable to said ladies to carry the despatches over to Europe. It is a novel accusation that an officer exercising a humane discretion did not inflict more annoyance than was actually necessary to effect his purpose. Yet, in the opinion of the British law officers, this constitutes the gravamen of Captain Wilkes' offence against the British flag. Let us imagine, for the sake of argument, that Captam Wilkes having ascertained that the Trent, a neutral vessel, had the two Southern Ambassadors on board - that, as the law enabled him to do, he had taken the Trent, with passengers, crew, and mail-bags, and brought her as a prize into Philadelphia-what an awful excitement

would that have caused in England! Yet the British law-officers gravely declare that this was what he should have done. In such case, not merely Mason and SLIDELL, with their Secretaries of Legation, must have been placed in confinement until the case was decided "according to precedent and authorities," but the other passengers, as well as the officers and crew of the Trent, must have been treated precisely in the same manner. Then, indeed, John Bull would have some cause for complaint, even though the seizure of the vessel

would have been strictly legal,

IN CASE of a war with England, the land engagements would probably be in the extreme Northeast, on the soil of Maine. In view of this fact, we are gratified to learn that the hardy men on our Eastern frontier are fully alive to the responsibility as well as the danger of their A telegraphic despatch from Fortress Menroe position. They are preparing to fortify their says that a great light has been observed in the coast, and to organize such a land force as direction of Norfolk, which, it was supposed, was would render invasion from Canada powerless and abortive.

The great mistake in the war of 1812 was in making the attack on Western Canada, and trusting the invasion of the Montreal and Quebec region to a general, never in hearty sympathy with the Northern expansion of the Union. and whose animus in this regard is fittingly reproduced by the service of his son in the rebel army. The mistake in making the principal attack in one quarter, or selecting a general for the other, will not probably be re-

New Publications. The January number of Harper's Magazine, (received from T. B. Peterson,) is of over average merit, but scarcely as good as the last. It contains illustrated articles by Bayard Taylor and B. J. Lossing, the latter supplying, with thirty-two engravings, a well-timed History of the United States The serials, by Thackeray and Trollope. are continued, and among this month's contributions are Alice B. Haven, Richard Grant White F. L. Sarmiento, (Philadelphia,) D. R. Castleton, J. B. Hagerty, Frank H. Norton, Dr. Wynne, J. D. Whelpley, and Maunsell B. Field. Next month the publication of a new novel by Miss Mulock, to be continued through the year, will be commenced in this magazine.

Dickens's "Extra Christmas Number" of All the Year Round has been received, and will appear in the next number of Marper's Weekly, which commences Vol. v. There are over 500 illus trations of the war in the volume for 1861. The circulation exceeds 120,000 a week.

From John McFarlan, sole agent for the book in this city, we have a handsome quarto, entitled "The Fallen Brave," edited by John G. Shea, containing memoirs by himself and others of twenty-four officers killed, in defence of the Union, with fine portraits, engraved on steel, by J. A O'Neil of General Lyon, Major Theodore Winthrop, Captain Ward, Lieut. J. T. Greble, Colonel Lowe, Major Sullivan Ballou, Colonel E. D. Baker, Col. E. E. Ellsworth, and Lieut. John W. Grout. Tae

memoirs are written with judgment as well as feeling and accuracy, and the book is every way seasonable and attractive. A thin 12mo., by Rev. F. E. Pitts, of Nashville. Tenn., entitled "A Defence of Armageddon, or our Great Country foretold in the Holy Scriptures, is an ingenious attempt to apply the prophecies o

Daniel to this country and time. Sold by J. B. Lippincott. A new series of the London Art Union (Zieber s to commence in January, in which will appear line engravings from selected pictures from the Galleries and private collections of Great Britain The December number, completing the twenty second annual volume, contains the last of the Royal pictures,-a specimen from Dusseldorf,-and the

closing part of Mr. Lossing's illustrated account of the Hudson River. Charles Desilver, 1229 Chestnut street, has just published an interlinear translation of Ovid, executed on the Hamiltonian system, and literally crowded with 287 engravings. An octave called Glimpses of Animated Nature," by J. W. O'Neill. This book, destined to supersede Gold-

smith's Animated Nature, cannot fail to interest young people, who generally are more or less natu Peterson and Brothers have become publishers of Eli Bowen's " Physical History of the Creation of he Earth and its Inhabitants," which we had the cleasure of noticing, with high commendation, on

its first appearance, a few months ago. It is a fine specimen of science made easy. CARTES DE VISITE.-McAllister & Brother have now on sale, besides all things belonging to their calling as opticians, an immense number of card photographs. Almost every person of note in this country and Europe is in this interesting collection.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS .- Planos and Melodeons can be bought from me, up to Christmas, at extraordinary reductions on all former prices. Call, and you will be satisfied. J. E. Gould, Seventh and

Chestnut streets.

CLOSING DRY GOODS SALE OF THE SEASON-ONE THOUSAND LOTS OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC DRY GOODS, FANCY ARTICLES, &c .- The particular attention of purchasers is requested to the large assortment of British, French, German, and domestic dry goods, Paris dress goods, 300 chain lain and broche long shawls, in colors only, and for the best retail trade; ladies' furs, wolf and buffalo on account of whom it may concern, army blue

& Co., auctioneers, Nos. 232 and 234 Market street. 3:5 SALE OF FANCY GOODS, TOYS, &c .- N. F. Pancoast, auctioneer No. 431 Chestnut street, has now arranged for examination, to be sold this (Monday) morning, at 10 o'clock, a most desirable assortment of fancy goods, china tea-sets, vases, figures, toys,

with the furs and fancy goods, by Myers, Claghorn,

PEREMPTORY SALE-FINE WINES, &c .- THIS DAY, Monday, at 12 o'clock, at the auction store. LAW AND MISCELLANEOUS BOOKS, this evening, including a number of ELEGANT ILLUSTRATED works, suitable for Christmas presents, added since the catalogue was issued. STOCK AND REAL ESTATE, on Tuesday, including the handsome residence (Arch street) of the late

Doctor Janey, several other dwellings, business properties, &c. See Thomas & Sons' catalogues and advertisements of the three sales. Despatches to the Canadian Government

From our Forces in South Carolina-Letter from Beaufort. [Special Correspondence of The Press.] U. S. S. GUNBOAT PEMBINA.

At Beaufort, S. C , Dec. 9, 1861. Information concerning the occupation of Beaufort by the "Hessians" has no doubt already reached you through Southern sources. It was long considered, discussed, decided, planned, and, on Friday last, put in execution. Shortly after dinner we received orders from Flag-Officer Dupont to get under way, and escort the brigade of General Stevens from Hilton Head to Beaufort. This order was rather unexpected, as the long delay existing since the bombardment of the 7th ultime had induced us to suppose that the project had been abandoned. But the extensive preparations visible at Fort Walker soon convinced us to the contrary; and at four o'clock we were steaming towards the enchanting little city, with the first letachment-about 900 men-in the transport steamer Ben De Ford. We arrived safely at 6.30 P. M., and by daylight the next morning Beaufort was again inhabited. But what a vast difference in the character of the inhabitants! One month ago it was a nest of traitors; to-day it s the camping-ground of patriots. About S A. M., on Saturday, the steamers Parkersburg and Winfield Scott came up with battalions, and at noon the Belvidere, Boston, and Delaware, of Sanford's line of New York and Philadelphia steamers,

brought up the remainder of the brigade, with their entire equipage. The town presented a stronge but beautiful sight that evening. The lights on the steamers, the bustle among the soldiers, and the blazing campfires, reminded one of home on an election night. Pickets were advanced, and the very first night a skirmish ensued among the outposts, in which one of our men was slightly wounded.

Saturday and Sunday were mainly occupied in removing provisions, tents, baggage-wagons, guns, and ammunition, from the transports, which was done very readily by mooring them to the wharves, where there is from ten to sixteen feet of water. Late on Saturday afternoon the May Flower brought up a detachment of light artillery, fully prepared to cope with the "B. V. A. C."-Beaufort Volunteer Artillery Company-a body organized in the early part of last year, and under drill ever since; another proof of the deep premeditation that has characterized the entire Rebellion.

Entertaining accounts of the fine location, ro mantic beauty, refined society, wealth and intelligence of the "Fifth Avenue" of South Carolina, have, no doubt, been furnished you long since. Suffice it to say that, excepting the intensely warm summers and fall fevers, it is one of the most enticing places I ever saw. Add to this the culinary products, oranges, figs, melons, peaches, and grapes, with game, fish, and oysters in profusion, and it becomes "altogether levely." Almos every house in the place has its piano and library with other accompaniments indicative of culture and refined taste.

Souvenirs of travel and scientific collections also attest the high-toned character of the former inhalics of the place; among them, military works formerly the property, and bearing the signature, of Brig. Gen. Thos F. Drayton, the commanding general of this department. Also, appointments and orders from the Rebel Secretary of War to the officers under Gen. Drayton's command. This is the sixth time we have been here since

our first visit on the 9th ult., and "nara rebel" have we seen yet. The darkies supply us with beef. poultry, fruit, potatocs, eggs, and milk in abundance, at very low prices. They report that Massis been come and burn de cotton on all de plantations," which has been corroborated, large quantities of the finest sea island cotton having been hurned within the last ten days. H. B. M. steam frigate Immortalite, that has been at Port Royal for several weeks, leaves to morrow for the Bermudas. The steam-corvette Racer, that came in on Saturday, will accompany her. Their stay has been very pleasant, and the interchange of courtesies, social and national, much heartier than usual. The weather is delightful, and straw hats are very comfortable. I suppose overcoats are becoming popular among our soldiers. The President's message is just received.

LATEST NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

FROM WASHINGTON Special Despatches to "The Press."

WASHINGTON, December 22, 1861. The Arrest of Ex-Minister Jones. It is believed that the inquiry which led to the arrest of George W. Jones, ex-Minister to Bogota, was caused by letters of a treasonable character, addressed by him to JEFF DAVIS, President of the Confederate States, and other parties in the insurrectionary States, which fell into the hands of the Government. It is said that in a letter to JEFF DAVIS, among other things, he makes an carnest appeal to him, as his old and valued friend and as President of the Southern Confederacy, in behalf of his brother, Gen. Augustus Jones, who resides at Columbus, Colorado county, Texas. He urges President Davis, whom he calls his "dear friend," to provide some office for Augustus. either in Texas, at the seat of Government, or somewhere else; and in another letter he says that his sons have gone down South to fight for the rights of the South, as he intends to do himself if obliged to fight anywhere, and if possible to leave his family. The treasonable letters were actually written by him while he was a minister representing the United States in a foreign court.

Secretary Chase's Financial Plan. Much interest is excited by the circulation of a pamphlet explanatory of Secretary Chase's system of finance, the argument and details going to show that by its adoption not only would the strength of the Union be increased, but the country rendered

entirely independent of foreign capital. Running the Biockade. Two vessels loaded with forage for the Government arrived at Alexandria vesterday, and two others to day, having successfully run the blockade. These are the pioneers of others to arrive under a

contract made with Col. INGALLS, during his recent visit North. Rebel Indignities to Mrs. Ricketts.

The rebel authorities not only treated Mrs. RICK-ETTS, who recently arrived here with her husband from Richmond, with indignity, but refused to reurn the carriage she took from Washington, in which to convey her wounded husband from the battle field of Bull Run, and of which she was robbed, or to make compensation for her loss, They gave her permission to pass the lines from Richmond to Norfolk, but were not generous enough to provide for the payment of her passage. This she was obliged to do herself.

The Committee on Contracts. Owing to an important typographical error, it becomes necessary to say that the recent report of the select Committee on Government contracts was approved of by Representative FENTON, one of the mmittee, with the exception of that part which refers to the military department of the West.

FROM MISSOURI. Damage to the North Missouri Railroad.

Bridges Burned and Track Torn Up.

St. CHARLES, Mo., Dec. 21.-A preconcerted movement was made last night by the Secessionists along the North Missouri Railroad, and the rebels recently returned from Price's army, by which about one hundred miles of the road were nearly destroyed, or at least rendered useless, commencing eight miles south of Hudson. They burned all the bridges, wood piles, tanks and ties, tore up the rails for miles, burnt them, and destroyed the telegraph line. This was continued to Warrenton, where the work ccased.

How many were concerned in this villainous work is not yet known, but there is no doubt that it was a preconcerted and simultaneous movement of the citizens along the road, as no single party could have accomplished so much in one night. Three hundred of the villains are known to have been engaged in the destruction of the bridge and track at Warrenton.

LATER FROM PORT ROYAL. ARRIVAL OF THE STAR OF THE SOUTH.

Heavy Firing at Tybee Island

NEW YORK. Dec. 22.-The steamer Star of the South arrived this morning from Port Royal, which she left on the evening of the 18th inst. On the morning of that day heavy firing was heard in the occeeded thither with reinforcements. No further particulars were ascertained at the time the steamer left Port Royal.

Important from the Upper Potomac. WILLIAMSPORT, Md., Dec. 20.-To-day, a large dwelling, near the burnt mill, opposite Dam No. 5, was discovered to be on fire. Four men from the First Virginia volunteers went over and extinguished the flames. They brought away many useful articles left by the rebels

An artillery duel, at the same place, has occurred between one of our Parrott ten-pounders and a rebel twelve-pounder. The latter was driven off. A squad of rebel cavalry made their appearance opposite Williamsport, but made no demonstrations. It is generally thought that Juckson's forces were concentrated to-day at Falling Waters. Refugees continue to arrive by the way of Hancock. They confirm the report of the morning, and add that Jackson's force is 15,000 men, 4,000 of whom arrived at Winchester on Sunday from the valley. Also, that it was his intention to cross over and sack Williamsport.

Arrival of the Teutonia NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The steamship Tentonia has arrived. Her dates have been anticipated.

FROM FORTRESS MONROE.

A FIRE AT NORFOLK.

A NEW MAIL ROUTE.

LATER FROM PORT ROYAL, THE STONE FLEET.

STOPPING UP ONE RAT HOLE. FORTRESS MONROE, Dec. 21 .- A bright light was seen from this place, last night, in the direction of

Norfolk, probably caused by a conflagration in that

The steamer Spaulding sails for Hatteras Inlet this afternoon. The weather to-day has been very blustery and inpleasant, and no flag of truce was sent out. A new mail route was opened to day from Old Point Comfort to Cherryston Inlet, on the Eastern hore, by the departure of the steamer George Washington for the latter place. The mail will leave here three times a week, on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays,

The steamship Ericsson, Captain G. Cole, from Port Royal, has arrived. The Ericsson left Port Royal on Wednesday. She towed seven of the stone fleet to Charleston on that day, and nine others followed under sail. When she left Charleston. at 10 o'clock P. M., operations were about to begun to sink the vessels. They were towed to a point about a mile outside of the bar, where six unboats were ready to place them in position. The operations against Warsaw Island were in progress, but nothing had been accomplished when the Exicsson left. She will sail for New York

FROM HARRISBURG.

THE ARMING OF THE STATE. DISTRIBUTION OF ARMS.

APPOINTMENTS.

DEPARTURE OF TROOPS.

HARRISBURG, Dec. 21.—As many persons appear o labor under the impression that the Governor has not complied with the act of Assembly of May last, equiring him to arm the State, and particularly the rder counties, it is proper to state that over 2,00 tand of arms have been given, from time to time to the border counties, as the case appeared to demand. The Governor has also addressed a letter to the commissioners of the counties bordering on Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia, informing them that

when volunteer companies are organized arms will he promptly furnished Wm. II. Keim, the present Surveyor General of Pennsylvania, having been appointed and confirmed a brigadier general in the army, it became the duty of the Governor to fill the vacancy, and the Hon. Henry Seuther, late Senator from Elk county, has been appointed. He is a gentleman of ability, and well fitted for the position.

Lieutenant Colonel James D. Potts, the gentlemanly and able chief of the transportation and telegraph department of this State, has retired. When it is remembered that this department is one which, previous to the rebellion, was unknown in the army, and consequently that great business capacity was requisite to systematize and conduct it State from imposition, and offer every facility for the prompt transportation of troops, the loss which the State has sustained in his retirement becomes apparent, and is the subject of general regret. dovernor Curtin, in order No. 33, has appointed Oliver W. Lees, formerly manager of the National Telegraph office, in this city, to fill the vacancy

Governor Curtin presented the State fing to the Eighty-fourth Regiment, Colonel Murray, of Gene-This regiment will leave for R MOTTOW OF The 110th Regiment, Colonel William D. Lewis.

Jr., of Philadelphia, is also full, and will leave for the same point on Tuesday or Wednesday. Governor Curtin has gone to New York to attend the dinner of the Sons of New England, to which he is invited. Most of the Governors of the New England and Middle States are expected to be

From General Banks' Column.

WILLIAMSPORT, Dec. 19 .- Yesterday the enemy recommenced their operations on Dam No. 5, and succeeded in breaking up the Virginia side, and at night they got among the log work and committed much damage. When daylight dawned, our battery opened on them, causing a suspension of operations. They then commenced a series of shelling, alternately on the dam and on our battery. A shell was fired into a house near the mill, and

about fifty rebels fled from it. LATE NEWS FROM EUROPE.

The English War Excitement Unabated.

ANTI-WAR MEETING IN DUBLIN. HALIFAX, Dec. 21 .- The steamer America, from Liver-

pool for New York, put in here this morning, at six o'clock, short of coal. She has forty-five passengers for New York, for which port she will sail about ten o'clock, and be due there on Monday. Her dates, via Queenstown, are to the 8th. Own, are to the other [By Telegraph via Queenstown]

Quernstow, Dec. 8.—Cotton at Livernool was firmer pestorday, but unchanged in prices, with sales of 10,000

adstuffs closed steady, and provisions firm. The British Government has sent a letter approving of the course of Commander Williams, the mail agent on board the steamer Trent. The Paris papers assert that the British Government, n answer to the petitions from manufacturing districts, stated that the cotton ports would be opened by February The steamer Niagara arrived at Queenstown on the 3th instant.

Consols, at London, on Saturday, were 89% 2090 for GREAT RRITAIN The Countess of Canning, wife of the Governor General of India, died at Calcutta on the 18th of November Parliament has been further prorogued till the 7th of anuary.

It is stated that orders for the purchase of half a milion quarters of wheat have been sent to the Black Sea ports from London, within the last few days, for present and future shipment.
The Hero, 86 guns, was to leave Portsmouth on the 8th, for the North American station.

The ship Silas Greenman, for New York, was stopped in the Thames, having one hundred tons of lead on board, the export of which was prohibited.

THE AMERICAN CRISIS. In London, with reference to the important question of the attitude likely to be assumed by France, the opinion continues to be, that, however desirous the Emperor might be to give some employment to his navy, and to remove public attention in France from the state of the French finances, he is not likely to do anything to cause adifference with the British Government, because serious results might follow in France it distrust there should increase and cause a further depression in trade.
The London Globe warms its readers that they must take the French version of the despatches sent to Lord Lyons for what it is worth, and purely as the French idea

of them.

The Shipping Gazette has an article on the question of the corn supplies in the event of a war with North America. It does not regard their future prospects with feelings of alarm Orders for the purchase of nearly five hundred thousand quarters of wheat have been sent within the last lew days to the Black Sea ports, both for present and future shipments. Immediate expert would within the last low days to the Black Sea ports, both for present and future shipments. Immediate export would not, of course, be made, but wentually there would be no went of vessels to bring home all the corn they required, and vessels trading to America would be released to bring grain from the south of Russia.

The Shipping Gazette is perfectly satisfied that their importations of food during the coming your will equal in extent those of the last four or five seasons.

The London Daily News' correspondent, writing from Paris, says that it is the very general opinion that the Patric was imperfectly informed of the intentions of the French Government when it spoke of France joining with Eugland in an armed mediation.

The effect of the war feeling upon the American shipping interest is already most disastrous. No charters are now taken for these vessels; and as for passengers and cargots, little or nothing is doing. Such is the state of affairs in this respect, that no insurances of this class have been offered at Lloyd's for several days past.

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The frigate Warrior is taking in seven hundred and sixty tons of coal, alongside the Portsmouth Dock Yard, preparatory for service on the North American coast. The following troops at Aldershott are ordered to be in The following troops at Aldershott are ordered to be in readiness to proceed to Uanada:
Lesile's Sixth Battery of Royal Artillery, the Second Battalion of the Twentieth Regiment, the Second Battalion of the Sixteenth Regiment, the Second Battalion of the Forty-fifth Regiment, and a detachment of the Sixteenth Regiment of Lancers. The battery attached to this force served in the Urimian war, and is furnished with Armstrong gams. with Armstrong guns. Colonel Gordon, of the Royal Engineers, is ordered to be in readiness to proceed to Canada in the Melbourne.

A large force of engineers, it is stated, will be sent immediately to Canada. one-hundred-pound Armstrong guns are now being rap dly distributed among the ships preparing for sea.

The Defence, an iron-plated frigate, is to have a crew of four hundred and fitty. She will be manned without the lenst difficulty. The Cunard steamships Australasian and Persia are to convey troops to Halfax.

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The steamer Orpheus, carrying twenty-one guns, called last evening at Plymouth Sound, whence she is to convoy the screw steam transport Melbourne, with troops, arms, and stores, to the St. Lawrence or Halifax. The London Heradd says that the first battalion of the Rifle Brigade, now stationed at Dublin, and the first hattalion of the Sixteenth Regiment, stationed at Sheffield, received orders yeaked by the minuse.

The naval editor of the London Times states that although they are strong in large ships, the class of vessels which would be of the greatest service to them in a war with the United States are the corvettes and sloops, a great number of which require heavy repairs before they would be fit for sea.

The greatest activity has prevailed since Saturday last at the Tower of London. The whole of the workmen and laborers employed in the various departments there have been engaged from an early hour in the morning until a late hour at night in racking up fire-arms and every kind of article necessary for active service abroad.

On Sunday last the interior of the ancient garrison presented an unusual and bustling appearance, in consequence of an order which had been received from the officials at the War Office to prepare for the immediate transmission of 25,000 stand of artist, which were packed in baxes, contuning thirty rifles each, with the tistal editates. transmission of 25,000 stand of arms, which were packed in boxes, contuning thirty rifles each, with the usual adjuncts. The men worked through the whole of Sunday in packing, and the same night eight barges were filled with boxes, which were conveyed to Woolwich for shipment to Canada—Queboc and other places.

On Menday evening a similar amount of arms was conveyed to Woolwich, and on Wednesday preparations were being made for the transmission of every kind of munitions of war down the river in barges and other craft, which were conveyed by steam to the several Government depols, where orders had been received to forward without delay every kind of defensive missile. Additional hands have been employed daily in the various departments of the Tower, which has not assumed such a bustling appearance for many years.

The militia immediately available in Canala may be stated at 20,000, which may be increased to 200,000. It has been stated that a battallon of the Guards is under ders for embarkation. It is reported that the Government will charter the It is reported that the Government will charter the City of New York, as well as the new steamers coming round from Glasgow on Tuesday evening.

A great mass meeting was held in the round room of the Rotundo, at Dublin, to take into consideration the aspect and position of Irish national affairs at the present momentous crisis. The following resolutions were

passed:

Resolved, That the population of the great Republic, from the St. Lawrence to the Gulf of Mexico, and from the Atlantic to the Pacific shores, being largely composed of men of Irish birth and Irish blood, it would be unnatural to suppose that Iroland could romain an indifferent spectator of the struggle between England and merica.

Resolved, That the events of the hour imporatively interted to all Irishmen a forgetfulness of their past ifferences, and a united raily for the old cause of their country. untry.
Resolved. That a chairman, two secretaries, and

committee of twenty-one members, each having been duly and separately proposed and seconded; be chosen by a majority of voices, at this mass meeting, to take into consideration the advisability of the advisability of the advisability of the control of the contr a majerty of volves, as the mass meeting, to take mu-consideration the advisability of an organization in the present state of affairs at home and abroad.

The Liverpool Post says the whose purpose of the meet-ing was to express in every variety of phase and demon-stration sympathy for America. It is quite natural that this should be the tendency of the Irish, even apart from their hatres to England, for scurcely any Irish family is unrepresented in the United States. The meeting, how-ever, was useless and needless. unrepresented in the united states. The meeting, now-ever, was useless and needless.

The Liverpool Mercury says that the only item of im-portance in the latest news from the United States is the brief abstract of the address of President Davis to the Confederate Congress. The address, it adds, is hopeful and determined in tone, and shows that a war so stupidly persisted in by the North enunct possibly produce the effect of the subjugation of the South. It is stated that evidence will be land before the European Governments to prove that the blockule of the Southern po ts is ineffectual and consequently illegal. It is also stated that the State Legislature of Missouri has passed a Secession ordinance.

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The London Times' city article says. "It must be kept in view that the designs of Mr Seward are reported for some time to have been the cause of disagreement in the Whahington Cabinet, and that the decision of the present question, therefore, is not entirely to be left to that personage. Later advices are awaited with great anxiety, as it is seen that the course of circumstances may be much modified by anything that may take place believen the organizaremia in the interval from new and the arrival of the British demands. A victory of the Federalists might perhaps so far satisfy the mob as to enable the Government to act independently, and, on the other hand, a defeat might be equally productive of a peaceful tone. At the same time, however, there is danger that the bad features of the situation may be aggravated by intelligence of some new offence on the part of the Federal cruisers."

London, Friday Evening.—Consols opened weaker today, and which lower. Owing to sales and the nows from America, coupled with a generally easy feeling, at the close prices showed a fractional rally. Railways were heavy in the morning with consols, but a reaction of a half or quarter per cent. from the lowest point took place. Poreign stocks were heavy in the morning. Mexican became rather better than their worst, while Turkish were much lower. Bank and miscellaneous stocks were dull at previous rates. Mining stocks were also dull.

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Consols closed after official hours at 90%, being a shade finner. Foreign exchanges were again higher. Bills were less abundant, but they were not all negotiated in consequence of continued distrust. Money was abundant in the discount market at rates from 2% to 5% affects, the former for short dated paper. Bullion transactions were unimportant. The total value of the importations and exportations of bullion and specie for the week ended December 4, is as follows: Imported, £435,875. The Manchester markets were firmer, but quiet.

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Breadstuffs.—The market closed dull. The circulars report Flour dull at a decline of 6ds21s per bbt, and is quoted at 30\alpha34s. Wheat is quiet, and declined 2d per cental; red Western 11s 9d\alpha12s; red Southern 12s 9d\alpha

31s; white Western 13s\alpha13s 6d; white Southern 13s 9d\alpha

314s 3d. Core is heavy at a decline of 1s\alpha1s 6d per quarter; mixed, 33s. FRANCE,

The Paris papers assert that the despatches sent by the British Government to Lord Lyons, although couched in moderate language, are, nevertheless, inflexible in their couclusion, which is "the restitution of the commissioners." If this is refused, Lord Lyons is to leave Washington, with all the members of the British Legation.

The same journals affirm that the English war vessels, which are now being prepared for sea, will leave for America at the beginning of January.

The Patrie publishes the following, under the head of the "Latest Intelligence:"

"It is stated that the despatch addressed by the Brithe "Latest Intelligence."
"It is stated that the despatch addressed by the British Cabinet to Lord Lyons, to be communicated to President Lincoln, is based exclusively on legal considerations. This decision establishes that the commander of the San This decision establishes that the commander of the San Jacinto, by acting as he has done, has committed a flagrant breach of maritime law, and insulted the English flag; that the only right that officer (Wilkes) possessed was to compet the Trent to not to some American rort, where the case could have been brought before the proper authorities, in presence of the British consul.

"That if, in this search, desputches had been found establishing that Messrs. Mason and Slidell were on a mission directly or immediately connected with military operations, the commander would have been justified in operations, the commander would have been justified in seizing it ess despatches and arresting the envoys, send-ing in a detailed report of the transactions, with such notes and observations as the English consul might think fit to unnox. That these formalities not having been fulfilled, no charge can be established against the two

rbitrary act, contrary to every principle of right, Eng and, acting in a conciliatory and friendly point of view iand, setting in a conciliatory and triendly point of view, has asked, as the only reparation for this grave act, the liberation of Messrs. Slidell and Mason, and that, if she does not obtain it, Lord Lyons will leave Washington, with all the members of the Legation.

"We are assured that the despatch is drawn up with great moderation; that it carefully avoids any hurtful expression, but that it is firm in its conclusions. From information we have received up to the present moment, we do not believe it likely that Mr. Lincoln will give up ral James' Mountain Brigade, yesterday afternoon.

This regiment will leave for Romney to morrow or The very general opinion now is that the Patric was

Government when it went in so strongly for immediate war with America, France joining England as an armed mediator.

PARIS, Dec. 6.—The Bourse continued flat. The Rentes opened 69f. 5c., and closed at 69f. 10c., or one Mentes opened byf. Sc., and closed at 691, 10c., or one quarter lewer than yesterday. There is a difference amongst the members of finance, which may lead to some changes. The Emperor will probably send two frigates to rein-force the French fleets in American waters.

SPAIN.

The Government will shortly present to the Cortes do-cuments relating to the affairs of the Neapolitan srchives. The *Epoca* states that Spain will pay the debt of twen-ty-five millions francs contracted with France in 1823, PRUSSIA. The election for members of the Chamber of Deputies,

which took place on the sixth throughout the k resulted in favor of the liberal party. ITALY. The debate on the Roman question was resumed on the fifth. Signor Buoncompagni argued that it was still necessary to act with France. Italy, he said, would go to Yenice when she had three hundred thousand men, and then Rome night be obtained.

It was asserted that Garibaldi will return to Caprera.

The Nationaillies announces that the financial report which Signor Bastogi is about to present to the Chambe of Deputies will show a difference in the expenditure of the Chamber of the Chamb

two hundred millions of france as compared with the ordi INDIA. The overland mail has brought intelligence from Bombay to the 12th of November, and from Calcutta to the The cholera was still raging in Cabool, though not so iolently. The victims of the disease were said to num-

violently. The victims of the disease were said to number fifty daily.

The general health of India, and in particular of the town and island of Bombay, was good.

The horset was worreseing the property. The harvest was progressing favorably.

The America sailed at 10 A. M., for New York. It eported that she called at Halifax for the purpose of d ring Government despatches, as well as to get a supply of coal.

LATEST VIA QUEENSTOWN. LONDON, Dec. 8th.—The Paris Pays denies the report that President Lincoln had proposed to refer the Trent question to France.

The Paris Bourse closed flat. Rentes 67f. 50c, or dividend. Warsaw, 8th.—Suffragan, the archbishop, has been

Warsaw, 8th.—Suffragan, the archbishop, has been condemned to ten years' transportation to Siberia. Seven Jewish and eight Christian medical students of the University of Warsaw have been condemned to serve as common soldiers in the Russian srmy in Orenburg. Vienna, 8th.—The budget will be immediately submitted to the Council of the Empire. This is not attributable to any desperate financial position, because the wants of the State are covered for the next few months, Taxes are coming in well, and the deficit will be under 50,000,000 florins, to meet which the means are not wanting. anting.
The bill on ministerial responsibility will be simulta. cously presented. Print. 7th.—All the functionaries refusing to co-ope-PRSTI, 7th.—All the functionaries refusing to co-ope-ate with the Government will have eighteen soldiers olded in their houses until they resume their functions. Turns, 7th, P. M.—In the Chamber of Deputics, Dr., lertram made a lengthy spaceh against the Ministry. le asserted that it had on various occasions violated the ecrecy of letters passing through the post. A commis-ion was appointed to make an investigation into the natter.

below the usual who lesale prices. Mr. J. M. HAFLEIGH (Successor to L. J. Levy & Co.), No. 723 Chestnut street, offers, as a holiday annou NAPLES, 8th.—Nanco, the notorious brigand, has surment, his entire stock of winter goods (one of the richest in the city) at greatly reduced rates.

Mr. John W. Thomas, Nos. 405 and 407 North Second the Government is about to introduce an extensive system of furloughs, and that it intends to modify its attistreet, invites attention to his large and admir ably -assortude relative to the military budget.
Paris, 8th.—The Constitutionnel, Patrie, Debats, ed stock of dry goods, suitable for Christmas presents, a prices advantageous to buyers.

Messys. Eyre & Landell, corner of Fourth and Arch and several other French journals say that France wi remain neutral in the event of war between England an streets, offer their usual large and varied stock, of goods America. The *Debats* editorially states that France has no interest to weaken the power of the United States, and to suit everybody, at prices to suit the times. that French commerc Mr. J. R. CASSELBERRY advertises a splendid cataance of neutrality logue of new goods, desirable and usefu', at characteristic

The London Observer (Ministerial) ridicules the idea of submitting the *Trent* question to arbitration, and de-nies that Captain Wilkes would have been justified in low figures, and promises to keep open his store evenings nies that Captain Wilkes would have been justified in taking the ship into a prize court.
FORTSMOUTH, Dec. 8.—The Hero, carrying 38 guns, has received sailing orders, and is expected to leave today for North America.

Testerday the Admiralty advertised for three more large steamships for the immediate transport of troops.

HAMERG, Dec. 8.—The impression prevails in the Hanseatic towns that the blockade of the ports of the Cauthany States will soon he broken by England. The until the 25th instant. Messrs, Cooper & Conard, Ninth and Merket streets. have a capital stock of staple and fancy goods to selec Mr. GRANVILLE B. HAINES, No. 1013 Market street, in staple articles necessary for general consumption, offer a large stock at very moderate prices. Hansestic towns that the blockade of the ports of the Southern States will soon be broken by England. The Mr. John A. Mullen has now open, at No. 102 Chestnut street, a rich and varied stock of Laces, Em proideries, Linens, and White Goods, embracing elegant Commercial Intelligence. French Work Sets in great variety, and every possible

vorable.

Breadstuffs quiet and steady. Flour quiet but firm.
Wheat firm and quiet. Corn easier; mixed, 34s 3d 334s 60.

Provisions firm. Beef firmer. Pork firm. Bacon has an upward tendency. Lard is still advancing. Tallow easier at bis.

Produce—Asbes are advancing. Pots, 38s; Pearls, 37s;
common resin dull, at 13s 6d; Spirits Turpentine, nomi-nal. Sugar has a downward tendency, and is 6d@is lower. Coffee—no sales. Rice quiet at an advance of 1s 623.
LONDON, Dec. 6.—Flour firmer. Iron firm. Sugar has declined 6d@1s, and has a downward tendency. Common Congou Tea is still declining; sales at 1s id. Coffee st-ady. Rice has an upward tendency. Tallow buoyant at 52s. Spirits Turpenine still declining.

American Securities are flat and prices nominal.

THE LATEST.

Liverrool, Saturday, Dec. 7.—Sales of Cotton for the last two days have been 10,000 bales, closing firmer and unchanged; sales to speculators and exportors 4,000 bales. Breadstaffs are steady. Provisions firm.

Lordon, Dec. 7.—Consols for money 893 & 990. Illinois Central shares 49 & 248%; Eric R. R. shares 23 & 224%.

HAVRE COTTON MARKET—HAVES, Dec. 6.—Now Orleans tres ordinaire 127 2130f. Sales of the week 3.740 to 4,600 bales. Stock of Cotton in port 142,000 bales.

Shipping Intelligence—Antived from New York—Belvidere, at Cork; Bertha Jervett, at Scilly: J. R. Keller, at Deal; Union, at Queenstown; Advance, Mary Lord, Dara, and Underwriter, at Liverpool.

Arrived from Baltimore—Grand Turk, at Bordeaux; James and Ellen, at Cork; Ella and Virginia, at Plynouth. THE LATEST. nouth.

Arrived from Philadelphia—M. Felton, at Liverpool
The Hamilton Gray, from Liverpool for New York

STILL LATER FROM EUROPE.

STEAMSHIP ARAGO OFF CAPE RACE.

corner of Filbert, also offer a stock of fancy articles for GEN. SCOTT ON HIS WAY HOME. Christmas, and a large assortment of Rritannia Ware

very cheap. This stock is attracting much attention on that busy thoroughfare. TEN THOUSAND TROOPS TO BE SENT TO Mr. Tiller, large importer of Toys, has this season BRITISH NORTH AMERICA. surpassed himself in the novelty, extent, and variety of his stock. In it may be found what will please and St. John, N. F., Dec. 21.—The steamship Arago, from Havre, via Southampton on the 11th instant, passed off Cape Bace at 7 o'clock this evening, and was intercepted by the new yealt.

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Cape Race at 7 o'clock this evening, and was intercepted by the news yucht.

The Elma arrived at Liverpool, from New York, on the 10th, and the steamer Norwegian on the same day.

The Paris correspondent o'the Leodon Times says that the official opinion of the British Ministers on the outrage perpetrated by the officers of the United States steamer San Jacaino on the steamer Trant is most procless and positive, namely, that the violence committed by the captain of the San Jacaino is indefensible, and that, by regarding the commissioners, Messrs. Mason and Slidell, as contraband, Mr. Lincoln and his Cabinet contradict themselves, for they refused to admit that they were aware of their presence. are this season doing the most active business in the Toy department of the Christmas trade.

Under this head also may be properly embraced the large perfumery house of Messrs. 11. & G. A. Whicht, No. 621 Chestnut street, who advertice a splendid assortment of genuine Meerschaum, Brier-Root, and India Rubber Pipes-a most acceptable class of presents just now for entlemen who use the word fashionably. In French Plowers, Feathers, and general Millis ary contradict themselves, for they retused to minit that they
were aware of their presence.

The various military stations in Ireland have been ordered to complete the strength of the sixty-line regiments of the lite.

The British Government is negotiating for steamers to Goods, our readers will find the best assortment at Messrs KENNEDY'S, No. 729 Chestuat street. Mr. S. A. HARRISON, No. 1010 Chestnut street, offers s superb assortment of hanging Vases of novel and varied The British developed is negotiating of seasons and the state of the British and the Briti

ington of the San Jacinto outrage, and a surrender of Perfumery, &c .- suitable for holiday presents, and invites the Southern commissioners.

The Warrior is to be supplied with eight Armstrong
100-pounders, and to change her 40-pounders for 70pounders. She would be ready for a three-years service the attention of the retail trade. CLOAKS AND FURS.

Under this head, the announcement of Messis, J. W. PROCTOR & Co., No. 708 Chestnut street, will be found on the 11th inst.

The Black Prince was being fitted out as rapidly us usually attractive. Their stock in these elegant arti-The Chanticleer, carrying 17 guns, has been ordered cles of Ladies' wear is upsurpassed in this country, and, n immediate foreign service.

The first and third battalions of the military train, six The first and third battaions of the mutary train, six hundred strong, with a battery of six pieces, and the 18th company of the Royal Artillery, have been ordered to proceed immediately to Canada.

The Gronatier Guard are to hold themselves in readiness to embark at a moment's notice.

The Ningman & advices caused an advance of \$\frac{1}{2}\$ in the price of consols. solling regardloss of cost.
In Furs, Mr. George F. Womnath, Nos. 415 and 417

ing determined to reduce their stock as much as possible prior to their removal to 920 Chestnut street, they are Arch street, we need not say, presents an elegant stock, of the finest and richest quality. His prices have also been much reduced in anticipation of the close of the

In this department, also, Mesers. CHARLES OAKFORD k Sons, under the Continental Hotel, offer a rich and varied stock, which they are selling greatly below the Mr. Ivens, No. 23 South Ninth street, is one of the

rice of consols.

At Lloyd's there was less excitement, although little

The rate of discount at Hamburg had declined to 3 per

ent. The Bank of Amsterdam had raised the rate of dis-

20unt to 4 per cent.

The Bank of Holland had also raised the rate of dis-

count to 4 per cent.

Consols closed on the 10th at 90% \$\pi 90 \% for money,

Consols closed on the 10th at 90% 290% for money, and 90% 290% for account.

The French press, the Monifere excepted, say, that in he event of a war between England and the United states, Frence will be neutral.

There was much disturbed state of feeling at Warsaw, Poland.

The steamships Edinburgh and Canadian arrived at

verpool on the 7th instant. The steamship *Niagara* arrived at Queenstown on the

th instant.

The British transport Melbourne sailed from Woolvich on the 6th with troops, arms, and ammunition for

Janada.
The Hero, carrying eighty-nine guns, sailed on the

8th to join the North America a squadron, and the Sulley, carrying fifty-one guns, was to be despatched to the same destination forthwith.

destination forthwith.

The steumships Persia and Australazian were to sail for Canada on the 15th inst., with 1,000 soldiers, 5,000 stud of arms, 300 tons of stores, and two field batteries. Other steamers were to follow them soon.

A large staff of medical officers have been ordered to canada, and many sergeants as drill instructors for the

anadian militia. The Fifth Dragoon Cuards had also received orders to

embark immediately for Canada At Lloyd's risks on American ships were offered but

refused.

It is reported that ten thousand troops will be sent to British North America forthwith.

Commander Williams, R. N., the mail agent on board the steamer Trent when she was stopped by the San Jaccinto, is to have a public dinner given him at Plymouth as a mark of appreciation for his "noble and ppirited conduct."

fontgomery.

General Scott is a passenger by the steamer Arago.

LATEST LIVERPOOL MARKETS.—Cotton is firm-r, but quiet. Breadstuffs are dull and declining. Pro-visions are firm.

One Day Later from Europe

STEAMER EDINBURGH OFF CAPE RACE.

Gen. Scott the Bearer of an Offer of Medi-

ation by the Emperor Napoleon.

Warlike Preparations Unabated.

CONSOLS 90% @90%.

Liverpool, arrived off this point this evening, with Liver pool advices to Wednesday, the 11th inst., and by tele

graph to Queenstown to Thursday, the 12th inst. Her

The stramer Sazonia arrived at Cowes on the 12th.
The Edinburgh has 190 passengers and the America

apoleon.

It is reported that the General carries to America the

at is reported that the General carries to America the expression of the Franch Emperor's desire to bring about a pacific solution of the question lately arisen between the English and American Governments. The stewner Australasian was to sail on the night of the 12th, full of troops and munitions of war, &c., for the St. Lawrence.

the St. Lawrence. The Niagara was to sail on the succeeding Saturday,

taking 3f0 artillerists to Halifax.

There is no abatement in England of warlike prepara-

Commercial Intelligence.

PRODUCE.—Be market as steady.
PRODUCE.—Spirits Turpentine firm at 60s 6d.
LORDON, Dec. 12.—Consols closed for money at 90 1/20
901. American securities are nominal.
Surp News.—Arrived from Philadelphia—ship Achilles,

Arrest of Rebel Smugglers.

was permitted to proceed with a guard of troops.

Parson Brownlow in Prison.

FRANKFORT, Dec. 21.—The Nashville papers record the death of Dr. Griswold, of the Thirty

are kindly treated as prisoners at Nashville, and

doing well.

The Southern papers say that Parson Brownlow has been imprisoned since the 2d instant.

THE CITY.

FOR ADDITIONAL LOCALS SEE FOURTH PAGE.

Our Holiday Directory.

As to-day and to-morrow will be devoted to buying goods for Christmas, the following directory will be of

service to our readers. In shopping for useful presents,

DRY GOODS.

Under this head, the stock of Mosers. T. W. Evans &

Co., Nos. 818 and 820 Chestnut street, will be found to

contain a rich and extensive display of every class

of goods belonging to the trade. Their articles snituble

for presents are exhibited in endless variety, and always

Messrs. Sharpless Brothers. Chestnut and Eighth

streets, announce, a "full stock of Dry Goods for Christ-

mas." This house has many specialties not to be found

Messrs, PRICE, FERRIS, & Co., in the specialty of

White Goods, Laces, and Embroideries, being about to

close out their entire stock prior to the approaching Is

of January, offer their magnificent stock at retail, much

lescription of goods in the lace line, suitable for p

reds are securing bargains there daily.

precedented low prices."

usually low prices.

presents of a useful character.

and is selling them -- for reasons which we have not here

Mosses. H. Strul & Sous have a very superior stock

the season, which they offer cheap.

Messrs. Sheppard, Van Harlingen, & Arrison

No. 1008 Chartnut street are now offering their magnifi-

cent stock, chiefly of their own importation, of Frenc

mbroidered handkerchiefs, embroideries of all kinds

table cloths, and all kinds of Linen Goods (of which they

Mr. Rapson, corner of Eighth and Cherry streets, ad

vertises his superior stock of Sofa Cushions and Chair

Mr. Joun H. Stokes, No. 702 Arch street, offers a

superior stock of fancy and staple dry goods suitable fo

Messrs. Cowperthwait & Co., northwest corner of

Eighth and Market streets, are selling a large stock of

blankets and other goods in the dry-goods line, at un

FANCY GOODS.

In this department, Mr. W. D. GLENN, No. 26 South Fourth street, displays his usual magnificent stock, of his

wn importation. In elegance and variety, there is pro-

bably no stock in the country, in this beautiful class of

Christmas goods, comparable to this. In it may be found articles of beauty and utility, suitable for present-

ing either to ladies, gentlemen, or children. In articles

for the Toilet and Papier-Mache goods, his present stock

is rich beyond description, and his prices at retail are

about the same as are usually charged wholesale. This

by these times, is a consideration.

Messrs. Witters & Co., No. 35 North Eighth street,

amuse children, both old and young. This, and the popu

Messrs. Martin & Quayle, No. 1035 Walnut street

keep the largest assortment in the city) at greatly re

space to state—at less than importation prices. Hun

a prominent place must be assigned to

sold at fair prices.

nations unchanged.

advices are one day later than received by the Arago.

CAPE RACE, Dec. 21 .- The steamship Edinburgh, from

ng done in the war risks. da 5s had advanced 4 per cent. United States 5s w York Central shares also advanced on the 11th

largest manufacturers of Ladies' Cloaks in this country nd his present stock offers rare inducements to buyers. Mr. JACOB HORSFALL, Northwest corner of Tenth and Arch streets, also offers Ladies' Cloaks in great variety, t moderate prices. Messrs. Hough & Co., No. 25 South Tenth street, adrtises one of the "largest, cheapest, and best-assorted

tock of cloaks in this city." Messrs. Coores & Conard, Ninth and Market streets, have also a superior assortment of Ladies' Cloaks, of their wn manufacture, which they are selling at low prices. HOLIDAY BOOKS. In this important department of the holiday business there has been, within the last few days, much activity

mong houses having first-class stocks. Among those which deserve special notice in this connection we may name the following: Messrs. J. B. Lippincott & Co., North Fourth street, save an immense stock to select from. They now anovnee "in press" The Ambulance Surgeon; or, Pracical Observations on Gun-shot wounds, by T. W. Nunn F. R. C. S., and A. M. Edwards; also, The Field Manual or Company Drill, arranged in Tabular Form for the us f Officers of the United States Infancry, and adapted to

the authorized United States Infantry Tactics, by Captain ary Coppee. Military books now are popular, timely, and useful gifts. The PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL BOOK SOCIETY, No. 1224 Chestnut street, advertise an attractive catalogue, not nly for persons of that denomination, but for all who ppreciate really good and preservable books. To their ne stock of religious books they add a large assortmen Photograph Albums.

pirited conduct."

The British yessel Rover, from Barbadoes for London,
The British yessel Rover, from Barbadoes for London, Messrs, LINDSAY & BLAKISTON, publishers, bookellers, and importers, No. 25 South Sixth street, offer a hoice catalogue of miscellaneous books that are admiraily adapted for presents, and they announce that, during he holidays, they will sell at less than wholesale prices COTTON MARKET, LIVERPOOL, Dec. 11.—The sales of cetton on Monday and Tuesday, were 18,000 bales, including 5,000 to speculators and exporters. The mar-ket was firmer, and all descriptions had slightly ad-Mr. WILLIS P HAZARD, No. 724 Chestnut street, presents to his patrons his novel magnificent stock of fine illustrated and miscellaneous books, adapted for esents of taste and value. To his splendid line of pooks he has this season added a handsome assortment of the popular Photograph Albums, ambrotype pictu carte de visite photographs, and fine stationery; also,

Book fanciers and collectors of varieties in the book line can have their taste gratified to a nicety at the Philadelphia Bank Book Store of Mr. John Campbell, No. PROVISIONS.—The market is firm and unchanged Beef firm. Pork steady. Bacon has an upward tendency. Lard downward, with light transactions; sales at 48.051s. Tallow steady at 50.051s.
PRODUCE.—Rosin dull at 13.8 64 for common. Spirits turpanting nominal. Sugar auster. Mr. W. G. PERRY, corner of Fourth and Race

streets, adds to his large assortment of blank books a splendid line of diaries, Photograph Albums, and richlyound books, expressly for the holidays. Messrs. James Challen & Son, No. 1308 Chestnut street, offers a very choice and desirable line of books of their own publication; also, a good assortment of juve Messrs, T. B. Peterson & Brothers, No. 306 Chestnut street, make a brilliant Holiday announcement of their twenty-nine editions of Charles Dickens! Works, which they offer in single copies or sets, to send to per-

sons in any city or town in any part of the United States, free of postage or any other expenses. Mr. W. B. Zieber, No. 106 South Third street, general agent for the New York Press, advertises his complete catalogue of the various American and European oublications, of which he has the agency. A year's sut scription to either one of these would be a very sensible Messrs, William S. & Alfred Martien, No. 606 Chestnut street, offer, in addition to their large stock of religious and miscallaneous works, a splendid assortment

mails.

General Scott, previous to embarking in the steamer Arago for New York, had a long interview with Prince Newscott of favorite illustrated juvenilo books—very popular for presents for children and youths. They have also a superb stock of Photograph Albums.

A very valuable and appropriate book for presenting, the "new and elegant National Gift-book" advertised by Mr. John McFarlan, No. 33 South Sixth street, entitled "The Fallen Drave;" a memorial of officers killed in defence of the Union. Mr. McF. also very appropristely invites attention to Appleton's New Cyclopiedia, for the sale of which in Philadelphia, he is also the agent.

tions.

The ship Mary Ann, from New York, for Queenstown, has been abandoned at sea. The crewwere saved. biesers, McELEOY & Co , Importers of English books, No. 27 South Sixth street, now offer their large assortment of foreign books and fine engravings at grea-LIVERTOOL, Dec. 12, via Queenstown.—The Cotton sales yesterday and to day foot up 20,000 bales, of which 5,000 were to speculators and exporters. The market JEWELRY AND SILVER WARE. closed firm at unchanged quotations.

Breadstuffs.—The market is dull, but steady, and Of the beautiful and appropriate goods embraced un

der this head. Philadelphia offers several of the finest stocks in the Union.
Mr. THOMAS G. GARRETT, No. 724 Chestaut street, announces his elegant stock of ladies' gold watches; useful and fancy articles of silver; plated ware, and fine jeweley, at prices adapted to the times.

Messrs. FARR & BROTHER, No. 324 Chestant street, Arrived from Baltimore-ship John Clark, at Liveroffer, as usual, a very superior stock of fine jewelry, watches, musical boxes, et cetera, and at " prices much werthan ever before asked." BALTIMORE, Dec. 21.—The Deputy Provost Mar-hal this morning overhauled the steamer George Messrs. Lewis Ladonus & Co., 802 Chestnut street, advertise an elegant and varied stock of watches, jewelry, Weems, as she was about starting for the Patuxent river landing. He arrested an Englishman, named W. J. Wilson, who had secreted in his clothing and un a bleader in his hat a quantity of morphine and quinine. He also arrested, on suspicion, a man named Hanna, of Chester county, ra., remarks of silver ware, and fancy silver goods, for Christmas and New Year presents, to which we invite attention. Mr. Joseph H. Watson, No. 326 Chestnut, offers a large and new stock of watches, jewelry, and silver and plated ware, for holiday presents, at reduced prices. Mr. U. Avssey, No. 22 North Sixth street, advertises California. Both are supposed to be rebel agents. General Dix holds them in custody, but the steamor a splendid assortment of errusean. corat, and solid gold jewelry; also standard silver ware, and other articles

uitable for holiday gifts. Messrs. STAUFFER & HARLEY, No. 622 Market stroet, also offer a large and well-selected stock of this appropriate class of goods for presents. CLARE'S "One-Dollar Store," No. 602 Chestnut street is driving an active trade in jewelry and fancy goods ge-Messrs. WM. WILSON & Son, southwest corner of Fifth and Cherry streets, offer holiday presents of intrinsic value, in the form of Plain and Fancy Silver ware, for the manufacture of which they have an unrivalled repu-

tation. They have an elegant line of goods made up expressly for Christmas gifts.

Mr. I. B. Marter, agent for the American Watch Company's Time Keepers, for ladies and gentlemen, of-fers, at his salesrooms, No. 326 Chestnut street, a magnificent stock of watches to select from-a good place to OPTICAL INSTRUMENTS.

Mosers. McAllister & BROTHER, No. 728 Chestnut street, offer as suitable holiday gifts a very extensive assortment of optical instruments, artistic, useful, entertaining, and instructive, among which are the microscope, stereoscope, and field and opera glasses; also, a splendid assortment of Photograph Albums and Cards of distinguished persons to put in them, Under this head also, Messrs. JAMES W. QUEEN &

logue of "Useful presents for the season." In Photograph Albums they are doing an immense business, and their stereoscopes, magic lanterns, mathematical and drawing instruments, electrical machines, opera glasses, nicroscopes, with everything else in the optical line, offer great attractions to intelligent buyers. In this department also, Mr. C. T. AMSLER, optician. No. 635 Chestnut street, offers a good stock, which he is "selling off, at and much below cost, to close business after the holidays."

Co. No. 924 Chestnut street, offer an attractive cata-

GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING GOODS. To ladies shopping for suitable, acceptable, and useful presents for gentlemen, there is no department more initing than that of Gents' Furnishing Goods, of which our readers will find an elegant stock at the old house of dr. W. W. KNIGHT, No. 606 Arch street. His superb Wrappers, heavy woollen overshirts, first-quality under lothing, and every description of hosiery, are unsur-

In this department, also, Mr. R. C. WALBORN, Nos. 5 and 7 North Sixth street, offers, as usual, a capital stock, in which every gentleman may find something adapted to his taste and necessities. He is also doing a large business in Gentlemen's Wrappers. Sentlemen's Furnishing Goods are also a speciality at CHARLES CARPORD & Souls Hoder the Continental

Hotel. In their stock will be found all the finest articles Mr. J. A. ESHLEMAN, proprietor of the Cravat Store, northwest corner of Chestnut and Seventh streats, in making his holiday display of Cravate, Scarfs, Ties, and Sents' Furnishing Goods, has evidently done so with the determination to add another story to his acknowledged Mr. J. W. SCOTT, No. 814 Chestnut street, also offers very superior stock of Gents' Furnishing Goods. CONFECTIONERY. There could be no Christmas without sweetmeats, and

care should therefore be used to select only such as are pure and wholesome. These can be had, in best style, and in greatest variety, at the following establish Mr. A. L. WANSANT, under the Continental Hotel, has a stock of fine French and American Confectionery; also, of elegant and rare tropical and hot-house Fruits, such s no other single house displays in this country. Messes. E. G. WHITMAN & Co., Second street, below nestnut, have had what, in mercantile parlance, is echnically called "a rush," for several days past, for ieir delicious saccharine preparations. Mr. J. J. RICHARDSON, No. 126 Market street, is an extensive manufacturer, makes the finest quality of Contionery, and sells at remarkably moderate prices. Mr. W. A. ALEXANDER, manufacturer and imparter a ne American and French Confectionery, and dealer in

fine foreign and domestic Fruits, has a large stock, with beautiful fancy boxes, suitable for presents. READY-MADE CLOTHING. Among utilitarian people clothing is always made a prominent article in buying presents. In this departent, Philadelphia has several houses that cannot be too highly recommended. At either of the following establishments we know that buyers will find what they want, and be fairly dealt with: Mesers. ROCKHILL & WILSON'S, Nos. 603 and 606 Chestnut street:

Mr. GRANVILLE STOKES, No. 609 Chestnut street : Mr. CHARLES STOKES' elegant warerooms, under the Continental Hotel: Messrs. WANAMAKER & BROWN_"Oak Hall"_southast corner of Sixth and Market; Messis. Bennett & Co., "Tower Hall," No. 518 | Eastern manufacture; also, a large line of men's Market street; Mr. E. H. ELDRIDGE, formerly at Eighth and Chestnut streets, now at 628 Market; and Messrs. Jones & Co., who have long since adopted the one-price system," No. 604 Market street.

MISCELLANEOUS. In addition to the various departments above enumerated, there are several other establishments and branches of business deserving a liberal share of holiday Messrs, WM. A. Duown & Co , for instance, No. 216

Market street—the largest Umbrella manufactory in Philadelphia—offer a superb stock of articles in that line, that are just "the thing" for holiday gifts .-Messes, Warner, Miskey, & Merrill, No. 718 Chostnut street, invite attention to their large assortment of French and American Bronzes, Porcel in Lanterns. Flexible Drop-lights, &c. This is a superb and substantial class of presents, and should not be overlooked. Their porcelain lanterns are a new and exquisite article, and make a very next and valuable gift. The designs of these are varied to suit all tastes. Persons wishing to buy anything in the way of housekeeping articles will find a superior stock at Messrs, E.

Photographs are always in season for presenting pur poses, but more especially now. Mr. Reimer, of North Second street, takes them, beautifully colored, at the low price of one dollar each.

M.r GEORGE F. BENKERT, manufacturer of fine nie. ture frames and looking glasses, No. 826 Arch street, in prepared to meet the wants of the public in this line at

the shortest notice, in the best style, and at moderate

Hair dyeing and cutting is an odd enough thing to introduce under the head of "presents," we admit; yet hundreds of gentlemen and ladies in this city make a tenfold more presentable appearance after having their gray or discolored hair dyed a splendid black or a beautiful brown at the famous establishment of Mr. L. Guzzkunst, corner of Fourth and Branch streets. Aquariums, fern cases, et cetera, are offered in variety

at No. 144 North Sixth street. Mesers. Charles Oakvord & Sons, under the Continental Hotel, offer (in addition to their beautiful sets of Ladies' Furs) splendid now-style Hats, Paris-made Lalies' Shoes, Gents' Furnishing Goods, Hats for children, and a fine assortment of Regulation Hats, Caps, Embroileries, fine Swords and Sabres, Sashes, Belts, Canteen No. for officers of the army and navy.
The American Sunday School Union, No. 1122 Chestnut street, offers a large stock of beautiful medals for gifts or prizes, mainly of scenes in Scripture history.

A good portable lamp for burning Kerosene oil would be a serviceable present to young housekeepers. The place to get these is at Mesers. WITTERS & Co.'s, No. 35 North

Eighth street, corner of Filbert.

Stereoscopic Views, at a great reduction in prices, in view f relinquishing that branch of his business. He has also many other articles of taste and utility suitable for In Blank Books and fine Stationery of every descrinion, Messrs. WM. F. MURPHY & Sons, No. 339 Chestint street. After a large and cleant stock. In fine holiday GROCERIES, our readers will find a omplete first-class stock at the well-known store of Mr J. H. MATTSON, corner of Arch and Tenth streets. In this department, also, Mr. Albert C. Ronnard, cor ner of Eleventh and Vine streets, offers a superior stock

Mr. Enward Panrish, corner of Eighth and Arch

treets, is closing out a large and varied stock of fine

Mr. JOSHUA WRIGHT, corner of Spring Garden and Franklin streets, also a dealer in fine family groceries, nvites attention to his celebrated "ne plus ultra Minced Meat," in large or small quantities Mr. V. QUARRE, southeast sorner of Ninth and Arch streets, is a large manufacturer of lamp shades of every sents. His retail store is at 831 Arch street. For Pure Liquors, of every brand and variety, we recommend our readers to the old and reputable house of Messrs. Cantwell & Keffer, southwest corner of Germantown avenue and Master street. Being among the largest dealers in fine liquors in this country, and possessing facilities enjoyed by few other houses, they can and

lis excellent mince-ment materials are especially season

do sell better liquors for the prices than probably any other house in the trade. Mesars. JAURETOHE & CARSTAIRS, Nos. 202 and 201 South Front street, offer a superior line of Ruchelle, Cognac, and Bordeaux Brandies—all prime and reliable. Skates are desirable presents for boys. One of the bast stocks of these will be found at Messrs. PHILIP WILSON & Co.'s, No. 432 Chestnut. In fine Hats and Caps for gentlemen and boys, the

splendid stock of Mr. WARBURTON, Chestnut street, be low Fifth, is worth of special notice. His new styles for the season are in Warburton's usual good taste, and the popular judgment in their favor is well expressed by the crowds of customers which daily visit his store Mesers. James B. Earle & Son. No. 816 Chestnut street, are offering their magnificent stock of looking-glasses, oil paintings, engravings, picture and photograph frames, at greatly below their usual prices. Their goods constitute a very elegant class of presents. In Furniture and Cabinet ware, Mesers. Moone & CAMPION, No. 261 South Second street, have the reputation of making the finest goods that are manufactured. They have now a princely stock of elegant furniture on

OPENING OF A NEW CHURCH. - The new church erected by the congregation of the Church of the Covenant, (P, E_n) at Eighteenth and Filbert stream, was formally opened vesterday with religious exercises. This formally opened vesterday with religious exercises. Tals congregation was formerly presided over by Rev. Dudley A. Tyng, under whose rectorship large accessions were made to its membership. Its career dates from the occasion of a division in the Church of the Epiphany, some four years since, from which time the congregation has been regularly worshipping in Concert Hall. The cities erected for their use is now completed, and presents an unique and unsteful appearance. The exterior is of rubble stone work, of a mixed style of architecture. The nable stone work, of a mixed style of architecture. The building bas a frontage of 73 feet, with a depth of 105 feet. The basement contains a lecture-room, vestry, and two class-rooms on eith side. The main audience is approached by four broad staircases, which afford an improved means of exit and entrance. The dimensions the room are 68 by 83 feet, inclusive of the chancel, wi

a height of 37 feet in the centre. The side and front windows are of neathy stained glass.

A peculiarity in the method of lighting the chancel is worthy of neitype. A semi-circular row of gas jets as arranged in a manner unobservable to persons esated in the body of the church, by which means the chancel is well lighted. Ten bronze five-light chandeliers, with brackets of an entirely new pattern, are suspended from the ceiling, and furnish rufficient light to enable the reading of a book in any portion of the main room. One four-light chandelier is supplied for the vestibule. The gas-faxtures, upon the whole, really constitute the most noticeable feature of the interior arrangement, and were manufactured and appropriately fixed in postition by the well-known firm of Messrs. Vankirk & Co., of Frankford, to whom great credit is due for the skill and tasterduness displayed in the manufacture. An iron railing, in front of the singers' apartment, connecting two side galleries, has been supplied by the same firm Messrs. Sydney & Merry are the architects.

The building has a capacity of seating one thousand persons, and has been effected at a cost of \$27,000. A portion of the paws are reserved for the use of strangers. At the morning service, yesterday, a sermon was delivered by Rev. Dr. Tyng, of New York. In the evening the rector, Rev. B. T. Noakes, efficiated. well lighted. Ten bronze five-light chandeliers, with

ming the rector, Rev. B. T. Noaker, efficiated.

MRS. C. M. HOODER wishes to inform the friends of the prisoners of Company N. California Regiment, that she has received a letter from her husband. Lieutenant Charles M. Hooper, from Bichmond, stating that he has been anxiously waiting for the Government to provide some necessary articles of clothing for forty men of the above-named company now in Richmond prison. As nothing has been done up to the present time, he has desired Mrs. Hooper to advertise, in order that those of the men who have relatives or friends anxious to send lifem lillings can do so, by leaving them either with Mrs. Francis Keifer, Spring Garden street, below Seventh, or with Mrs. C. M. Hooper, 28 North Eighth street, Philadelphia, to be forwarded. And as there may be some of these men who have no relatives, any contributions, either in money or clothing, from the citizens of Philadelphia, will be gratefully received and appropriated to delphia, will be gratefully received and appropriated to their use. Mrs. Hooper is anxious to send the things without delay, as the weather is becoming cold, and the men are suffering for want of them. Lieutenant Hooper will pay the freight and see that the men get what is sent

The articles required are as follows: 40 blankets; 40 flannel shirts; 40 pairs woollen drawers; 80 pairs of socks; also, the same number of towels, pocket handker-chiefs, tooth brushes, combs, also some soap, needles

CAVALRY SPURS FOR THE GOVERNMENT, ETC. —Messrs. Vankirk & Co, of Frankford, are about com-pleting an order for seventy thousand pairs of cavalry spurs, for the use of the army. The establishmen of this firm presents a fac-simile of an industrial bee-hive, over three hundred operatives being constantly employed within the building. The regular business of the firm, for some time past, has been the manufacture of the coal-oil lamp-burner, the demand for this ingenious article having greatly increased since the blockade of the Bouthern ports, whereby a large supply of turpentine has been cut off, and the price of fluid materially augmented.

Notwithstanding a Gavernment contract for source are Notwithstanding a Government contract for spurs, etc., and the turning out of fifty gross of burners per day, the firm have just completed the construction of ten bronz, five-light chandeliers, with accompanying fixtures, for the use of the new P. E. Church of the Covenant, in this city. The manufacture of the spurs will furnish en ment to the full number of hands now engaged, the entire winter, although the present order is

Interesting Celebration .- Last night, an INTERESTING CELEBRATION.—Last light, and interesting Christmas celebration tooks place in the basement of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. The exercises consisted of a shepherds' procession, in which the journey of the Wise Men of the East to the newly-born Saviour was skilfully and dramatically represented. A number of dialogues were spoken, and addresses delivered, all touching upon the events with which Christmas is connected. The room was filled to overflowing, and the greatest pleasure was apparently experienced by those who witnessed the proceedings.

NAVY YARD.-La Senorita Isabel Cubas, in company with several lady friends and Mr. Nixon, the lessee of the Academy of Music, will pay a visit to the navy yard at three o'clock to-morrow afternoon. The party will be received by Commander Thomas Turner, the accomplished officer who has charge of the yard.

FIRE.-Last evening about 6 o'clock, fire broke out in the smoke-house of John Shamber, Maschestreet, above Jefferson. The flames were extinguished before any considerable damage had resulted. The fire-Importations. - For the last few months direct importations have been very slim. The imported articles mostly consist of sugar, salt, and coffee; brandles

and other spirituous liquors being principally imperted in the New York harbor, and coastwise to this port. For this reason Collector Thomas has refused to full vacancies, as he deems the revenue insufficient to warrant such a ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—The third matinee, given on Saturday afternoon, was well attended, by a highly fashionable and intelligent audience. The graceful dapseuse appeared in the Hungarian national dance, and was received with the most enthusiastic applause from all parts of the house. She will take a benefit on Thursday evening. The benefit to the Volunteer Refreshment Saloons will be given on Saturday afternoon, January 4, which will probably be the last of the matinees. Mr. Forrest will appear this evening as Metamora.

He will not repeat this character during the prasent engagement. ARCH-STREET THEATRE.-A very attractive bill is presented for this evening. It embraces the comedy of "The Soldier's Daughter," the new burlesque entitled "Guilluame Tell, the Hero of Schwitzer Kase," and the comic pantomime of "Don Juan." On Christmas night Shakspeare's favorite comedy of "Love's Labor Lost" will be presented, with a brilliant cast and beautiful new

scenery. SIGNOR BLITZ, at the Temple of Wonders, Tenth and Chestnut streets, has made extensive preparations for the amusement of his friends during the holidays. Un Christmes day he gives three remarkable exhibitions of magic, ventriloquism, and the canary birds, commencing at 11 A. M , 3 and 7 P. M., and every afternoon and evening during

AUCTION NOTICE. - We call the attention of buyors to the large sale of boots and shoes, comprising an assortment of eight hundred cases of city and and boys' caps, manufactured for best city retail trade, to be sold this morning by catalogue, for eash, by Philip Ford & Co., auctioneers, commenc-at 10 o'clock, at their store, Nos. 525 Market and 522 Commerce streets.

SALE OF THE SPLENDID MARBLE MANSION AND

FURNITURE, S. W. CORNER OF THIRTEENTH AND

ARCH STREETS.-Pamphlet catalogues of the sale of the elegant furniture and residence at the S. W. corner of Thirteenth and Arch streets, by James A. Freeman, auctioneer, may now be obtained at the house or at the auction store. No. 422 Walnut street. The premises are now open for examina-SALE OF ELEGANT EMBROIDERED AND LACE

Goods, Choans, &c .- This morning, at 10 o'clock, Mersrs. Birch & Son, No. 914 Chestnut street, will sell a stock of rich embroidered and lace sets and handkerchiefs, collars, robes; also, cloaks and fursthe finest goods imported. SALE OF STOCK OF LOOKING-GLASSES and picture

frames, this morning, at No. 152 North Ninth street.