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THE CAPITAL.

Pacific Railroad—Complaints from Panama—General Grant's First Message—Seward and Reverdy Johnson—Important Legal Opinion—Appointment—Case of Collector Cate—Arrival of Admiral Farragut.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

WASHINGTON, November 24, 1868.

A part of the Government subsidy to the Pacific Railroad Company is withheld for this reason, that the company have made report upon their part of the road recently finished, which it is claimed is not what has been promised.

Our merchants in Panama complain that the commercial taxes in that country have been doubled, and Secretary Seward has ordered an investigation of the matter.

General Stoneman's report that he could not find loyal men to fill the offices in Virginia is denounced here by prominent Virginians as entirely untrue.

General Grant will favor in his first message the election of President, directly by the people, in future, for the term of ten years, and not to be eligible for re-election Congressmen to be elected in all the States with the President.

Commissioner Rollins has completed his report. He opposes an increase of the whisky tax.

Mr. Seward has accepted Reverdy Johnson's plan for the settlement of the Alabama claims, with a few unimportant modifications.

Attorney General Evans has rendered an opinion to the Secretary of the Treasury, that to convey from the outlet of the worm the product of distillation to a still or doubler, through which such product has not passed before reaching the worm, is not a violation of the act. These conclusions refer only to proof spirits and not to the rectifying of the same, or the manufacture of other alcoholic compounds.

The new Postal Convention with Great Britain was today signed by the President, and goes into effect January 1st.

Mr. Crescy, retaining clerk in the Treasury Department, was today appointed Supervisor of Internal Revenue for Louisiana and Arkansas.

It is understood that nothing will be done with the case of Collector Cate of Philadelphia. Neither is it likely that the Secretary of the Navy will recommend his suspension under the Tenure-of-Office act.

General Grant arrived to-night, and in the grand of the Secretary of the Navy.

PHILADELPHIA.

The Hill Murder Case—Mr. and Mrs. Colfax Attend a Church Celebration—The Rathbone Oil Company—City Debt—Meeting of the Fenian Convention.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

PHILADELPHIA, November 24.—The murder of Mrs. Hill still causes great excitement. The station house in which Mr. and Mrs. Twitchell, the supposed murderers, are confined, has been surrounded all day, and some persons go so far as to threaten lynch law. The prisoners were taken out the back way at noon, and were present at the coroner's inquest. It is said that Mrs. Hill was murdered by her husband.

Mr. Colfax attended a church celebration in Camden last night and made a neat speech, in which he said he had been welcomed with kindness, for a while he was all over the country by his fellow citizens. The ladies presented Mrs. Colfax with a magnificent basket of flowers.

The Rathbone Oil Company have again been sued for false pretense, and this time will have to produce deeds and other papers to prove their ownership of the oil lands, on the strength of which they have hoisted a capital of half a million dollars at one time. The total debt of this city of all which is funded, amounts to nearly thirty-eight millions.

Stafford & Co.'s woolen mills, at Manassas, were totally destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon. The loss will amount to fifty thousand dollars, not half insured.

The coroner's jury in the case of the murder of Mrs. Hill rendered a verdict that she was murdered by her husband, George Twitchell, and his wife. The evidence today entirely destroyed the theory of robbery and murder by outsiders.

At the Fenian Convention today, only preliminary business, such as the appointment of committees, &c., was transacted.

Arrival of the Steamship China—Later from China and Japan.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

SAN FRANCISCO, November 22.—The steamship China arrived this morning with advice from Hong Kong to October 15th, and Yokohama to October 26th. She brings about four hundred passengers for San Francisco, New York and Europe.

The United States steamer Onida (the ram Stonewall), several English, French and Dutch ships of war were at Yokohama October 25th.

CHINA.—The Chinese gunboats fired upon a European steamer for the reason that she would not display her flag in passing. The matter remains unsettled.

The Cheevo gold diggings are reported doing well.

Faint advices report that the rebels were entirely dispersed.

The passengers and crew of the ship Hawaiian, a Chinese steamer, which was wrecked among the Philippine Islands in August last, arrived at Hong Kong.

JAPAN.—The Mikado having reached his capital, was crowned Emperor of Japan at Kioto.

A difficulty occurred between the Dutch officers and the Japanese authorities. The latter forbade the transaction of any business at the Custom House for Dutch subjects. The matter was finally amicably settled.

Yeddo still remains closed to foreigners. It is expected the opening of the city will not be postponed beyond the first of November. The event depends upon the result of the conference now being held between the Foreign Ministers and the Representative Mikado.

The Japanese Government has effected a loan of over four million dollars from the Oriental Bank corporation. The security is a lien on the Custom House receipts.

NEW YORK CITY.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

NEW YORK, November 24, 1868.

FIRE IN TRINITY BUILDINGS.

A fire this morning commenced in the roof of Trinity buildings, No. 111 Broadway. The building, which is a very large one, was badly damaged, the two upper floors being nearly all burned out, the roof destroyed and the remaining lower stories very badly injured by water. Two or three firemen were slightly injured by the falling of a ceiling.

THE ERIE RAILROAD AGAIN—THE FLOT THROKENS.

Henry B. Whelpley, a citizen of New Jersey, yesterday preferred a bill of complaint before Judge Blatchford, of the U. S. Court, asking inquiry into the validity of the issue of the 200,000 shares of the Erie stock in exchange for the convertible bonds under the resolution passed by the Board of Directors on the 15th of July last, and if it should be adjudged illegal, that the Company be compelled to make good to the holders the amount thereof, and that in the meanwhile an injunction be placed on the Company preventing their parting with the property, and that a Receiver be appointed, and the Company directed to do enough property to meet the claims of the plaintiff and others. On this complaint Judge Blatchford issued the injunction, and the Company, as Receiver of the road to the extent above mentioned, with sureties in the sum of one million dollars, and that eight millions in money and securities be placed in his hands, subject to the further orders of this Court, to protect the plaintiff.

THE ERIE COMPANY PLAYS TWO CARDS.

Two new suits have been begun by the Erie Company, one against Belmont and others, and the second against Richard Schell, Daniel Drew, and Frank Work.

In the first the Company claim one million dollars against the defendants, for damages done by means of suits last spring, and those recently begun for the second damages to extent of four hundred and ninety-five thousand dollars against Belmont and others, to settle the first named suits, and out of which said Work received one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and also bought from the friends of Schell, for the Company, five millions of his own stock, for which he paid one million more than the actual value.

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SECOND EDITION.

FOUR O'CLOCK, A. M.

FROM EUROPE.

Bismarck a Liberal—Fenian Demonstrations—Spanish Republicans Gaining Ground—Eruption of Vesuvius Subside—Gladstone Publishes a Pamphlet—Farther Elections—Important Death of Mazzini—Report Defeated—Elections in Spain—Prosecutions of the Press in France—Reply to the Hungarian Red Book—Spanish Troops Sailed for Cuba—Liberal Majority One Hundred and Seventeen.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

LONDON, November 23.—Mr. Gladstone, in a pamphlet entitled "Chapter of an Autobiography," just published, defines and defends his changes of opinion on the subject of church establishments. All the Liberal journals review the book; but apparently they are silent about it. The Times regards the publication as a voluntary and hazardous confession.

LONDON, November 23.—Evening.—Elections were held today in nineteen counties. The Conservatives carried the larger number of seats, and have somewhat reduced the Liberal majority in the House. The totals now stand as follows: Liberals, 343; Conservatives, 212; the Liberal majority being 131.

A rumor is in circulation that Joseph Mazzini, the great Republican leader, died on Friday last, at Legnano, in Switzerland. The Pall Mall Gazette urges the Alabama Claims Commission to sit alternately in London and Washington, for the convenience of both British and American claimants.

Mr. Gladstone, and his colleagues, Mr. Grenville, have been defeated in the election at Lancashire. At the conclusion of the poll, the vote stood: Cross, Conservative, 7,730; Turner, Conservative, 7,670; Gladstone, Liberal, 7,385; Grenville, Liberal, 6,598.

Among the candidates elected yesterday are Sir John Simpson, Liberal from the Isle of Wight; Patrick O'Brien, Liberal from Clingston; and John Brady, Liberal from Leitrim.

LONDON, November 24.—The funeral of the victim shot at Drogheda was the occasion of Fenian display there on Sunday. Great crowds were in the streets and fully 8,000 men in procession. The Fenian display at Drogheda was on the same occasion, was trifling affairs.

LONDON, November 24.—Midnight.—The coroner's inquest on the Fenian who was shot at Drogheda, was held today to return a majority of Conservatives. Middlesex has been carried by Lord G. Lubbock, Liberal, 1,800; and the Liberal, Cambridgehire elects Lord G. Mansel and Lord Rayston, both Conservatives; Messrs. Broderick and Cook, Conservatives; and Patrick O'Brien, Liberal. At this hour the total figures are: Liberals elected, 333; Conservatives elected, 246; Liberal majority 87.

LONDON, November 24.—The corporate authorities of this city have petitioned the Government for the pardon of the Fenian convicts.

MADRID, November 23.—The Provisional Government has promulgated a decree, re-arranging the schedule of import duties, and making a reduction of many articles. The changes are to go into effect on the 1st of January. The following are among the provisions of the new decree: All vessels are permitted to import Spanish wine, paying tonnage dues from 50 to 150 reals per ton; reductions of the tariff made by the decree of October are revoked, and all duties on the same are to be as in the public debt is provided for.

It is officially announced that the election delegates to the Constituent Cortes will meet at the 15th of December, and the Cortes will meet on the 15th of January, 1869.

Large public meetings have been held in Barcelona by the Monarchist and Republican parties. Processions with bands of music paraded the streets, and other demonstrations were made, but through political feelings ran high, all proceedings have been peaceful and order is respected. The Monarchists are largely in the ascendancy, though the Republicans seem to be gaining. All parties in Madrid are preparing to make similar demonstrations, and there is every indication for a lively canvass before the coming election.

A transport with a cargo of war stores sailed from Cadix, on the 20th inst., with 1,000 men, and 200 transport vessels with troops for Cuba will sail on the second of December.

BERLIN, November 24.—Bismarck makes no secret of his design to leave the federal party and join the Liberal.

BERLIN, November 24.—The new Prussian Minister of War, General von Manteuffel, in a semi-official organ of the Government, in reply to the Hungarian Red Book, says: If war should ensue between the Schleswig duple, the Germans of the North would show the same enthusiasm, and the Germans of the South the same patriotism, as was shown in 1813.

LONDON, November 24.—Letters from Buenos Ayres report that Sarmiento is desirous of having the command of the army given to one of the United States Generals, who distinguished themselves in the war of the rebellion.

MADRID, November 23.—The advocates of Republican institutions are gaining ground in the city of Barcelona favors a Republic.

WALLACHIA.—LONDON, November 24.—All the great powers agree in condemning the course of Wallachia as false to the obligations of treaties.

ITALY.—NAPLES, November 23.—The eruption of Vesuvius is subsiding, and no fear is now entertained for the adjacent villages.

FRANCE.—LONDON, November 24.—The French Government continues its prosecutions of the press with unremitting severity. The editors of *Temp*, *Tribune*, *Nouvelles de Paris*, *Revue*, and *Havre* have been summoned to appear before the Civil Tribunal on Friday next, to answer charges made against them for prompting subscriptions for the Baudin movement.

MARINE NEWS.—LIVERPOOL, November 23.—The steamers Pennsylvania and Manhattan, from New York, arrived today.

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SOUTHAMPTON, Nov. 22.—The steamer America, from New York, arrived today.

LONDON, November 24.—Exchange—Consols, 94½; 5-20 are quiet and steady at 74½. Stocks are firm; Illinois Central, 96; Erie, 107; Erie & Western, 107.

FRANKFURT, November 24.—Bonds are firm at 77½@77.

PARIS, November 24.—Bourse is dull; Rente, 70; 5-20, 70; 4-1/2, 70.

LIVERPOOL, November 24.—Cotton is higher; sales yesterday were 20,000 bales. They are higher in price. Next following is brought in: Orleans, 11½; Breadstuffs—Flour sales at 23c. Wheat, while California, 11s 3d; and western, 9s 3d. Corn, 2s 10d; and barley, 2s 10d.

Provisions—Pork, 8s; Lard is quiet at 6s 6d. Cheese, 6s. Produce—Naval Stores remain unchanged; Petroleum is firm; spirits, 7d.

LONDON, November 24.—Sugar is firmer but not higher at 30s 6d on spot. Tallow, 31s; Beef, 10s; and mutton, 10s.

HAVRE, November 24.—Cotton to arrive sells at 12½ francs for low Middling.

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RICHMOND.—Editor of "Southern Opinion" Killed—Decision in the Supreme Court.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

RICHMOND, Va., November 24.—J. B. Pollock, editor of the *Southern Opinion* newspaper, was shot and killed at ten o'clock this morning, while passing near his office, by James Grant. The cause for shooting was a publication reflecting on the character of a member of Grant's family.

ROCKFORD, November 24.—The following are the particulars of the tragedy which took place this morning: On Saturday a report was published in the *Southern Opinion* that a member of Grant's family, the son of Wm. H. Grant, a wealthy tobacco merchant, had been killed. The report was published in the *Southern Opinion* on Saturday morning. The following are the particulars of the tragedy which took place this morning: On Saturday a report was published in the *Southern Opinion* that a member of Grant's family, the son of Wm. H. Grant, a wealthy tobacco merchant, had been killed. The report was published in the *Southern Opinion* on Saturday morning.

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