STEAMER SAN FRANCISCO.

FOUNDERED AT SEA.

TERRIBLE LOSS OF LIFE.

The dreadful suspense which hung over the fate of the Steamer San Francisco, has at length been partially dispelled, and her fate made known by the arrival of the barque Three Bells at New York, on Friday, with one hundred and sixty persons saved from the wreck. She left New York on the 21st December, and on the third day out became disabled in the storm, which prevailed about Christmas; she continued afloat until the fifth instant, when she foundered. The barque Kilby, bound for Boston, and the ship Antarctic, for Liverpool, were both alongside the steamer before she went down, and have on board an additional number of the rescued. Capt. Watkins, her commander, and the crew, were among those saved.

The New York papers of Saturday are filled with accounts of the wreck of the steamer San Francisco, brought by persons taken from on board her by the ship Three Bells.

The following statement of one of the passengers in the ill-fated steamer San Francisco, is the most comprehensive we have seen.

On Monday, December 21st, the troops consisting of eight companies of the Third Regiment of Artillery, were embarked from steamtugs on board the steamer, then anchored in the North river. They numbered, rank and file, some five hundred men. The officers, with their families, together with the soldiers' wives and females—a certain portion of whom were allowed to each company—brought up the number to about six hundred. There were twenty or thirty other passengers.—The crew numbered from one hundred to one hundred and fifty, so that all told, we were between seven hundred and fifty and eight hundred souls on board.

On Friday morning, the 23d, rose brightly on our course. We had entered the Gulf Stream and the weather, which yesterday had been chilly, and caused the ladies and children to gather about the stove, had become mild. The wind still ...

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THE STAR AND BANNER.

GETTYSBURG.

Friday Evening, Jan. 20, 1853.

☞We devote several columns to a thrilling sketch of the recent terrible disaster to the steamer San Francisco, which will be read with interest.

New Post Office.

☞A Post Office has been established at Middletown, in Butler township, this county, to be called "Bigler"—Henry Koser, Postmaster.

☞Court is still in session, as we go to press, engaged with the re-trial of the Bragtown School case. The Jury in the case of Thaddeus Haneway, charged with burning the Stable of Mr. Samuel Miller, deceased, in 1848, yesterday returned a verdict of *Guilty*, recommending the prisoner to the mercy of the Court.

☞David Wills, Esq., has been appointed Counsel to the Commissioners, in the room of Wm. M. Stevenson, Esq., resigned.

Delegates.

☞The following persons have been appointed delegates to the State Temperance Convention, by the County Executive Committee, with power to fill vacancies. The State Convention will assemble at Harrisburg on Thursday next:

Wm. W. Paxton,	Prof. M. L. Stœver,
Adam Wirt,	A. W. Maginly,
E. W. Stahle,	Thomas Warren,
Robt. Sheads,	Rev. D. D. Clarke,
Maxwell Shields,	Wm. Morrison,
Abel T. Wright,	A. K. Myers,
John L. Hill,	J. B. M'Pherson,
Rev. I. N. Hays,	John W. Hill,
George Swope,	Dr. C. N. Blish,
Rev. R. Johnston,	Rev. Dr. Baugher,
Jacob Cover,	Wm. B. Meals,
Frederick Diehl,	Robt. M'Curdy,
C. H. Buehler,	Robt. Smith,
J. F. Fahnestock,	Solomon Powers,
Rev. W. Black,	Rev. Jacob Ziegler,
C. W. Hoffman,	Jacob Brinkerhoff,
James Bigham,	Wm. B. Brandon,
Albert Vandyke,	John Dickson,
Rev. Dr. Schmucker,	Rev. Prof. Jacobs,
Rev. Dr. Krauth,	Rev. John Ulrich,
Samuel Durboraw,	Lewis Wertz,
James F. Felty,	Peter Diehl,
Joseph Coshun,	Joseph Dysert,
Eli Horner,	David Chamberlin,
John Diehl,	Wm. B. Wilson,
R. M. Hutchinson,	Robt. M'Ilhenny,
James J. Wills,	John Weikert,
Elias Sheads,	Jacob B. Meals,
Col. Wm. F. Bonner,	Hamilton Everett,
Daniel Markle,	D. M'Conaughy,
John Scott,	John L. Burns,
Joseph Bayly,	John M'Ilvaine,
John Wilson,	Wm. H. Wright,
D. Chamberlin,	Dr. M. F. Robinson,
E. R. A. Moore,	John Musselman,
Rev. J. R. Durboraw,	Rev. M. Aurand,
Joseph R. Henry,	George Ickes.

From Europe.

☞The news brought by the Europa exhibits no important changes in the position of the Turkish question. On the Danube the armies are quiet in winter quarters, though there are reports of a movement by Gen. Dannenberg toward Kalefat with a view to expel the Turks from Lesser Wallachia. The allied fleets have not entered the Black sea, on account of storms now prevailing there, it is said, but more probably for want of orders.—From Asia there are rumors of Turkish reverses on the Georgian frontier, but nothing positive enough to enable us to judge as to what the truth is in the premises. Meanwhile the Western diplomatists continue to negotiate and the Russian Government to prepare for a vast campaign in the spring. The Scandinavian powers are also making ready for the worst. In England the Ministers have again postponed the meeting of Parliament—a shrewd measure on their part, for they could hardly hope to survive the first fortnight of the session. On all the horizon there are no other signs of peace than the timidity of the Western Governments.—They desire quiet at any cost, but there is nothing besides their desire to make a peaceful settlement possible.

☞The Report of the Superintendant of Common Schools is, as usual, an interesting document, showing the gradual improvements in the system. The reports from all the districts are not included, but the Superintendent estimates the number of schools open during the year at over 10,000; the average time they were open was five months. The average pay of the teachers has increased, that of males being $19,25 per month, and that of females $12,64. The whole number of pupils in attendance was about 480,000. This does not include Philadelphia city and county, in which there were 286 public schools, with 59,085 pupils, at an expense of $411,308 85. The amount of school tax levied in the State, exclusive of Philadelphia city and county, was $1,021,337, 34.

Dams Broken.

☞We are informed that during Wednesday the 11th inst., about 60 feet of Horner's mill dam, on Rock Creek, was carried away by the high water and floating ice. This is not only a considerable loss to the proprietor, but will prove a source of much inconvenience to the neighborhood.

M'Allister's dam also received injury.

A portion of John Boyer's clover mill dam, on Conowago, was swept away the same night.

☞Mr. Gadsden, our Minister to Mexico, has returned to New Orleans, having made a Treaty with Mexico, which, it is alleged, cedes to the United States the Mesilla Valley, settles the questions of the Garay grant, the Tehuantepec grant, and the claims of Mexico for Indian depredations.

☞Ex-Governor Foote, of Mississippi, is in Washington city.

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