The St. Albans Raid---Release of the Robbers. MONTREAL, Tuesday, Dec. 13.-The

case of the St. Albans raiders was reopened to-day before Justice Coursal.

At the commencement of the procee-dings, Mr. Kerr objected that the Court had no jurisdiction in the case. He de-nied *in toto* His Honor's right to sit there on this investigation. Derlin said that after having gran

ted a delay of a month, they had now met to hear evidence for the defence, not

the to their evidence for the defence, not to listed to a legal argument. Justice Coursal, said the matter in ques-tion was most important, since his authori-ty had been denied. He had given the argument on both sides his most serious consideration, and had come to the con-clusion that the case came under the Im-perial Act, and that he was bound to obey the Imporial authority. In a national question, like the one under considera-tion, the Imperial Act was absolutely su-preme, and must be his guide. Our own provincial act to carry into effect the Ash-burton treaty had not received the spe-cial royal sanction requisite. The case was amost exceptional one, and being a treaty functive between the two nations, of the President to respect that policy, not less in diplomatic negotiations then in the use of the national force when au-thorized by law, and the propriety of any declaration of forcign policy by Congress is sufficiently proved by the vote which pronounces it, and such a proposition while pending and undetermined, is not a fit topic for diplomatic explanation with any foreign power. This was of course in-tended as an assertion of the rights of Congress as against the famous declara-tion by Secretary Seward, in his letter to the French Minister of Foreign Affairs, disavowing last winter's house resolution treaty matter between the two nations, he could do no other than allow our own act to give way before that of the Impe-ria Legislature. The revised imperial act must rule horein; and that act requidisavowing last winter's house resolution about the Monroe Doctrine, that such subjects belonged to the President and not to Congress, Mr. Davis in order to red that the warrant under which the pri have reserved the point for a higher tri-bunal, it would most gladly have done so. But since the liberty of the subject was involved, there admitted of no delay; and since he had not had the warrant of the Government, he had come to the conclusion that the court possessed no ju-risdiction in the ease, and he must order the immediate release of the prisoners. Mr. Davis manifesto, feared it contain-ed some attack on the President and while others were opposed on principle to al-lowing anything to pass without debate except in ease of the prisoners. the Governor-Genersl. If the court could have reserved the point for a higher tri-bunal, it would most gladly have done so.

the Government, he had come to the conclusion that the court possessed no ju-risdiction in the case, and he must order the immediate release of the prisoners Mr. Derlin then arcse, and, in a most impassionel a peoch, implored His Honor not to discharge the prisoners upon the remaining indetiments, but, in fairness and justice, both to the counsel for the United States and for those of the private prosecutors, the banks, to allow of a hear-ticular indictment, and the court owed it to the counsel to the downesl, to allow of a majority, yet, if the House had no self-respect, he must himseef be permitted to where supposed to represent the general to the counsel to be heard on the others. Mr. Johnson, Queen's Counsel, arcse and said, that both those who represen-ted the United States and those who represen-ted the States and those who represen-ted the united states and those who represen-ted the states of the states of those who represen-ted the states of those who

had upon them a grave responsibility— But he thought Mr. Derlin was mista-ken in the view which he took of the judgment of the court. The eourt meant the prisoners were discharged on the one charge which had been investigated.
The court here said Mr. Derlin had understood the judgment right. The prisoners were discharged in every case before him.
Mr. Ross, coansel for the United States wished to speak. He said he did not in tend to speak. He said he did not in question.
The declined to hear further, saying that if he had no right to arrest the men on one charge, as he held that he had not, then neither had he a right to of the police, and now, when His Hono of the police, and now, when His Hono ris own jurisdiction was called in quest tion, becase his warrnts were nulli and not, he saw that he had been mistaken And it was the duty of every British Judge, on finding that, to reetify his er-w. The court, thereave, ordered that And it was the daty of every British Judge, on finding that, to rectify his er-ror. The court, theresore, ordered that the prisoners be immediately discharged, and was prepared to incur the responsi-bility of its own act.

The St. Albin Raiders.

If ever a nation was gathering wrath against the day of wrath, it is Great Bri-ler against the day of wrath, it is Great Bri-tian; and the sentiments of the mass of her people are reflected with entire faith-fulness by the Canadian "subject of the Crown." Not content with getting out pirates and blockade-runners, and with supplying the rebels with arms and mu-nitions of war, they, by every means in their power, prevent the execution of the decreas of instice upon, rebel emession decrees of justice upon rebel assasing outlaws and pirates. Justice Coursel, of Canada, in the case of the St. Allanar raiders, gives the latest and folieet illus-tration of British insolence, injustice and lying. Thirteen scoundrels, where many department scale developed by the nack judge, Coursel upon one only. Scarcely giving decent ime to protect the discharged the entire number, on all the warrants! He had issued some of the write himself, yet forsort, he thought the had no jurisdiction? A many degar and discound target for the provent for the pr

some of the writs himself, yet forsooth he thought he had no jurisdiction! A analy clear and cloquent appeal from one of the counsel prosecuting the prisoners was treated with contempt, and the exul-tant pirates, greeted with cheers within and without the dishonored Cout-room, were liberated, once more to ply their trade of arson, robbery and murder. Though the presistent bad faith of British officials might have prepared the intention of Great Britain to protect reb-el murderers and pirates, on land and on sea, and under every possible combina-tion of discussion of the large dition of circumstances. It shows that their hatred of this Republic deepens and intensifies the nearer the restoration and intensifies the nearer the lows that of the Union approaches. It shows that they love slavery and hate free instituthey love slavery and hate free institu-tions, and that they will postpone the downfall of slavery until the latest possi-ble moment. Yet there will be a day of reckoning; and when it arrives a long and bloody account will be settled be-tween America and faithless England.— *Phila. Balletin.*

Our Relations with Great Britain. WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The discus-sion which sprang up in the House to-day on a resolution from the Committee on Foreign Aflairs, excited more interest than any thing thus far this session, and than any thing thus far this session, and indeed takes rank among the most inter-esting passages in the history of this Congress. The following is the full text of the resolution. It was drawn by Win-ter Davis, and lacked only one vote of the unanimous approval of the Foreign Relations Committee : Recolved, That Congress has a consti-tutional wich to an subtoritive voice in

utional right to an authoritive voice



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declaring and prescribing the foreign pol-icy of the United States as well in the recognition of new powers, as in other matters, and it is the constitutional daty of the President to respect that policy, BUTLER PA. WEDNESDAY DEC. 21,1864.

##" Liberty and Union. Now and Forever, One for European papers bring us the ews that the result of the November election has gone far to dispel the fond hopes of rebel sympathisers in that country, in the final success of their cause. There is little doubt now but that before the end of another year we will again be

a united people. ----tor As our hands, as well as ourself, will wish a few days recreation, there will be no paper issued next week. The glorious war news contained in the present number is sufficient for a holiday feast .---By our next issue we expect to record the fall of Savannah. We wish our kind patrops a pleasant time of it during the Holidays.

Attention All!

By reference to our local column, it will be seen that there is going to be a full opportunity given to all interested, to have

the rolls of their respective district cor rected, so that no future complaints may be heard. The board desire us to call special attention to the time fixed for our ounty-which is from Tuesday the 3d to Friday the 6th of January. Let com mittees from every township meet with the board and have the rolls made per fect. It is wonderful to notice with what co

ded galleries as they leaned forward to catch his words, recited the points of the case; passed Dowes by with a single contemptuous phrase; thanked the members for their generous expression of re-gard, and renewed his request to be re-lieved from further service. her citizens.

A very large majority voted against re-asing him, and so the matter was en-ed for the present. While it lasted the ded for the present. Wh scene was quite exciting.

was any cause for Capture of Col. Dick Morgan. WAR DEPARTMENT, Dec. 17-10 p. m. -Major General Dix :- Dispatches have een received to day from General Foster,

state that the Provost Marshal at Louis-ville, reports five thousand prisoners and thirty-nine pieces of artillery as being al-ready secured. It is ascertained that in transmitting Gen. Thomas' report last night a mistake was made at Louisville or Nashville in the estimated number of our casualties. The dispatch written by Gen. Thomas stated that his whole loss would not exceed 2 000 and that norm badly beaten, loosing about 5000 men. and 39 pieces of Artillery. Gen. Canby with a well ordered corps has gut off Hood's communication with Mobile, while Foster has done a similar service at Savannah by cutting the Rail Road between American people for any outrage on jus-new insult will stir up indignation ten-fold deeper and hotter than any which has preceded it. It shows the deliberate intention of Great Britain to propert sul-l murdieren red that place and Charleston. The same fate has befallen Brackenridge in East Garolina, sixty miles south of Petersburg a hundred and fifty miles north of Wil Tennessee So that upon a view of the renuessee So that upon a view of the entire situation glorious victory perches upon our hearners. Thanks to the cell rail. It is the key of the system upon our banners. Thanks to the gallant Union armies and their brave commanders-they will bring us peace by and killed, wounded and prisoners, and their train. Dick Morgan, brother of John, was captured. Signed EDWIN M. STANTON, by ; let us not, by word, thought or action, throw a hindrance in their way.

regret by many in this community, whose good fortune it was to be acquainted with the Dr., and therefore, to know his many philanthropic and christian virtues. As

his own comfort and health.

Surely the last end of such an one is peace.

Presidential Election.

Official Vote of Pennsylvania. The following is the official vote by ounties of Pennsylvania, home and soldier's votes included, at the Presidential election, held November 8, 1864 :

Gen. U. S. Grant:

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The Campaign.

News in the Richmond papers of the oth contradicts the telegrams of yester-ay as to the direction and object of Gen. Warren's movement. It now appears that his force, instead of turning northwest after crossing Stony Creek, pursued his way still to the southward and toward Weldon, and that Gen. Warren's expedition is really directed against that most important and hitherto inaccessible front. the instruction in the state of the state of

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LONDON, Dec. 2.—Consols closed at S91; stocks, Illinois Central 51@52 dis-count; Erie 39@40. Bullion in the Bank of England has decredsed £241,-000 000.

WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, December 16th.

Gen. Dix, New York: The following official report of the battle before Nash-rille has been received from General Thomas : Nashville, Dec, 15, 9 p. m.-I attacked

the enemy's left his morning and drove it from the river, below the city, nearly to the Franklin pike, a distance of about to the Frankin pike, a distance of about eight miles. We captured Chalmer's headquarters and train and a second train of about twenty wagons, with between 800 and 1000 prisoners, and 16 pieces of artillery. Our troops behaved splendidly, all taking their share in assaulting and charging the enemy's breastworks. I shall attack the enemy accin tennerow

all taking their share in assaulting and charging the enemy's breastworks. I shall attack the enemy again to -morrow, if he stands to fight, and if he retreats during the uight, I will pursue him, throwing a heavy eavalry force in his rear, to destroy his trains, if possible. G. H. THOMAS, Maj. Gen. No intelligence has been received from Sherman later than the published dis-patches transmitted by Major Gen. Fos-ter and Admiral Dahlgren. (Signed) E. M. STANTON. cing. A rather vagne dispatch from Port Royal announces that Gen. Foster's scouts were in communication with Gen. Sherman, and that Foster himself is firm-ly in possession of Pocotaligo bridge, on the Charleston and Savannah Railroad,

the Unarteston and Savannah Railroad, and thirty-five miles from Savannah. As we are certain to have definite news very soon, we forbear to speculate on this im-perfect intelligence, content to know that Sherman is having his own way,—N, Y. (Signed.)

Official Dispatch from Shorman

Tribute. **IATE WAR NEWS. ORIGINATORY AND STRUCT FOR SAFETTIAN ON BOARD THE DANELTON. Osabaw Sound, Dec.** 13-H:50, r. M. **To day at five p. m., Brig. Gen. Ha-zen's division, of the 15th cryps, carried** *To the President of the United States,* *Hom. Ethvin M. Stanton and Lieut.* *Gen U. S. Graut.* entre garrisons and stores. This opencer to us the Ossalaw Sound, and I pushed down to this gunboat for communications with the fleet. Before opening continu-nications we had completely destroyed all railroads running into Savannah, and in-vested the city. The left is on the Sa-vannah river four miles above the city, and the right on the Ogecehee at King's bidge. The army is in splendid order. Weather fine. Supplies abundant. Our march was most agreeable and not molested by guerrillas. We reached Sa-vannah three days ago, but owing to Fort McAlister could not communicate. But now we have McAllister, we can goahead. We have already captured two boats on the Savannah river, and prevented their gunboats from coming down. I estimate the population of Savannah at 25,000 and the garrison at 15,000. Gen. Hardee commands. This army thanks you for your ap-probation of its conduct yesterday, and to assure you that it was not mis-placed, I have the honor to report that the enemy has been pressed at

all points to-day in his line of retreat to the Brentwood Hills. Brig. Gen. Hatch, of Wilson Corps of Cavalry, on the right, turned the enemy's left and captured a large number of prisoners-the number not

yet reported. Maj. Gen. Schofield's Corps, next on the left of the cavalry, carried several hills, captured many prisoners and six picces of artilleiy. Brevet Maj. Gen. Smith, next on the left of Maj. Gen. Schofield, "carnda

we have not lost a wagon on the trip, but have gathered in a large supply of negroes, mules, and horses. Our teams are in better condition than when we started. My first duty will be to clear the army of surplus negroes, mules, and hor-ses. We have utterly destroyed over ried the salient point of the enemy's line with McMullen's brigade of Mc-Arthur's division, captured sixteen pieces of artillery two brigadier generals, and about two thousand prison-

2,000 miles of railroads, and consumed stores and provisions that were essential to Lee's and Hood's armies. The quick work made with McAlister, and the open-Brigadier General Garraud's division of Gen. Smith's command, next on the left of McArthur's division, carried the enemy's entrenchments, capturing all the artillery and troops of the enemy on the line. the communication with our fleet, and the consequent independence for supplies, dissipated all their boasted threats to head me off and starve the army. I regard Savannah as already gained. Brig. Gen. Wood's troops, on the

Yours truly, W. T. SHERMAN, Maj. Gen.

ces of artillery, something over six hundred prisoners, and drove the en-emy one mile up the Bentwood Hill The following official reports were received this evening from Gen. Thomas, lated at his headquarters, near Frank-

Maj. Gen. Stedman, commanding HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENL OF THE CUMBERLAND, near Franklin, Dec. 17.— A report just received from Major, Gen. Wilson states that at 6 p. m., to-day he t attacked and dispersed Stevenson's Di-vision of rebel infantry, and a brigade of cavalry, capturing three guns. The 4th United States cavalry and Hatch's divis-ion of eavalry, handsomely supported by Knap's division of cavairy, did the work, Making several beautiful charges, break-ing the robel infantry in all directions. Had it only been light, the robel real guard would have been entirely destroy-ed. As it is, it has been severely pun-ished. The whole army will continue vigorous pursuit in the morning. This attack was made six miles beyond Frank-lin. HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENL OF THE detachments of the different armies of the military Division of the Mississippi, most nobly supported Gen. Wood's left, and bore a most honerable part in the operations of the day. I have ordered the pursuit to be continued in the morning at daylight. Although the troops are very much fatigued, the utmost enthusiasm pre-I must not forget to report the operations of Brig. Gen. Johnson, in successfully driving the enemy, with the co-operations of the gunboats un-

GEORGE H. THOMAS, Maj. Gen.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND, Near Franklin, Tenn., Dec. 17-8 p. M. Near Franklin, Tenn, Dec. 17-8 p. M. We hnive pressed the enemy to-day be-yond Franklin, capturing his hospitals containing over 1,500 wounded, and about 150 of our wounded also. Gen. Knipe, commanding a division of cavalry

Order to be Strictly Enforced. WASHINGTON, Dec. '18.—The follow-ing was to-day officially promulgated by the Sceretary of State :

The Societary of State: WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The Presi-dent directs that, except emmigrant pas-sengers directly entering from a port by sea, no traveler shall hereafter be allowed see, no travely shall hereafter be allowed to enter the United States from a foreign country without a passport. If a citizen, a passport must be from this Department or from some United States Minister and Counsel abroad, and if alien, from competetent authority of his own country, passport to be countersigned by a diplo-matic agent or counsel of the United States. This regulation is intended to

States. This regulation is intended to apply especially to persons proposing to come to the United States from neigh-bering British provinces. Its observance will be strictly enforced by all officers civil and military and na-val in the service of the United States, and State and municipal authorities are requested to aid in its execution. It is expected there that no enumicrate measure expected here that no emmigrant passen-ger, coming by sea, in the manner alore-said, will be obstructed, or any other per-sons who may set out on their way hither, before intelligence of this regulation could reasonably be expected to reach the coun-try from which they may have started. Signed, WM. H. SEWARD,

Signed, Secretary of State.

Secretary of State-NEW YORK, Dec. 16—The Commer-cial Advertiser's Washington special says: Savannah is known to have been fortified in #a rear by a triple line of earthworks. It may therefore demand a brief sige ere it surrenders. The Revenue Department has detect-ed the Collector at Detroit in appropria-ting large sums of money for private spec-nlation. The Government will not be a loser as his bonds were ample. BALTIMORE, Dec. 16—The American has just received a dispatch from Annap-olis, stating that the steamer Varnan had just arrived from Charleston with news

ust arrived from Charleston with news that Gen. Sherman had captured Savan-nah, with 1100 prisoners, after eight hours fighting.

Bad Men in Office.

The Evening Journal (Chicago) has a leader deprecating the choice of immoral, lewed, intemperate men for responsible public trusts, that we heartily indorse. It is said to be a covert attack on some candidate in that State; yet we can see nothing in it that points to any individual, unless it be some one already made infamous by his vices, which we do not credit. But, whatever may be its impulse, the article itself is right, Its impulse, the article itself is right, and its sentiment should be every-where indorsed. A licentions intem-perate loose-living politician is at once an unfit executive or legislator of a moral, decent, self-respecting people; and they are wronged and shamed whenever such a one is thrust upon them. No richtcons and rable upon them. No righteous and noble cause is credibly represented by such a man ; and, if he is foisted into office in its behalf, he will certainly discredit and probably betray it. Let blacklegs and panderers to every form of vice be represented by their cro-nies and customers; but let the Good Cause be represented by men worthy ofitself

We do not reproduce The Journal's strictures, because they may contain personal allusions whech we are not sharp enough to detect : but we subscribe to its doctrine most im-

The St. Albans Raiders.

HARD St. A DEPARTMENT OF THE RAFT, New York Cirry, bee. 14. GENERAL ORDER, 97.—Information having been received at these Headquar-ters that the rebel marauders who were guilty of murder and robbery at St. Al-bans, have been discharged from arrest, and that other entorprises are actually in preparation in Canada, the Commanding General deems it due te the people of the frontier towns to adopt the most prompt General deems it due te the people of the frontier lowns to adopt the most prompt and efficient measures for the safety of their lives and property. All military commanders in the futere are therefore instructed, in case further acts of depre-dations and murder are attempted, whethcations and murder are attempted, wheth-er by maranders or persons acting under commissions from the rabel authorities at Richmond, to shoot down the parpetra-tors if possible while in the commissions of their crimes, or if it be necessary with a view of their capture, to cross the bound-ary between the United States and Can-ada said commanders are hereby direct. A mipe, commanding a driver of cavity drove the enemy's rear guard through Franklin, capturing about 240 prisoners and five battle flags with very little loss on our side. The citizens of Franklin tepresent Hood's army as completely de-I am glad to be able to state that the number of prisoners captured yes-terday greatly exceeds the number reported by telegraphs last evening. The woods, fields and entrenchments are stewn with the enemy's small arms, abandoned in their retreat. In conclusion, I an happy to state that all this has been effected with but a very small loss to us. Our loss probably, does not exceed three thou-sand, and very few killed. GEO. H. THOMAS, Major General. results a number of prisoners, the teet our cities and our people from rob-bery and murder, it is earnestly hoped that the inhabitants of our frontier diahopes of getting many more prisoners to-morrow. Gro. H. THOMAS, 'tricts will abstain from an arts of retalia-tion on account of the outrages committed by rebel marauders, and that the progress of redress will be left to the public authori-Majoi General.

called-under his rulings the U.S. Courts will be open to all, even the humblest of

> Glorious News11 For some weeks past the country has been full of anxiety, not because there serious apprehension but because the different movements then going on in the various parts of the vast

The Chief Justice.

field of military operations, were undevel-

Long may Justice Chase live, to adorn the high position to which he has been

Two hundred and fifty women and

not a man among them—refu-Georgia, recently arrived at Ingees from Georgia, recently arrived at Indianapolis, Indiana. They are pitiable objects, and enlist the sympathy of the kind-hearted.

Secretary of War.

Heavy Loss to the Rebels.

days since.

Heavy Less to the Rebels. WASHINSTON December 14.—Admi-ral Lee reports to the Navy Department, nuder the date of December 8th, that Lieut. Commander Fitch defeated and drove the left wing of Hood's army on the Cumberland river, on the 4th inst., (pre-viously reported) with heavy loss to the rebels, including several of their promi-nent officers. Also captured two trans-ports from the enemy. No casualties are reported on our side.

Mrs. Choat, the widow of Rufus Cheat, died in Hanover, N. H., a few ted defense

Death of Hon. R. R. Reed.

Intelligence was received in the city esterday, stating that Hon. R. R. Reed, yesterday, stating that Hon. R. R. Reed, Representative in the last and elected to the next Legislature, had died that morn-ing, at his residence, near Washington, Pa. Deceased formerly represented the 20th District in Congress, and was an up-right, honorable and useful citizen. He took a large interest in many of the lea-ding nbilanthronic movaments of latter

oppose successing the architect divisions terday greatly exceeds the number of infantry and one of cavalry, and it is apparent that this force was so cautiously The woods, fields and entrenchments upon the vigilant enemy which has hith-erto guarded the Weldon Railroad as one of the indispensable means to its protrac-

What then is Weldon? A railway town on the Roanoke River in North railroads which unite the States and the

railroads which unite the States and the Atlantic with themselves, with Central Georgia, and thence with the rest of the Confederacy. The possession by our for-ces destroys the railway communication between the port of Wilmington and Richmond. From Weldon runs the Sea-board and Ronnoke Railroad north-east to Norfok. Westward extended the Ros

to Norfolk. Westward extends the Roanoke Valley Railroad to Clarksville, Va.

war by negotiation. The federal troops are to be imm Railroad ately withdrawn from Holstein under a reaches to Greensborough, thirty-five demand from Russia

took a large interest in many of the lea-ding philanthropic movements of latter dys, and by his untring industry and perseverance contributed greatly to their success. In his doath the people of Wash-sngton county suffer a great loss.—Pitts. The above, which we find in the Com-mercial of Friday, will be read with deep

Earl Russell and the Confeder-

Larl Russell and the Confeder-acy. PORTLAD, ME., Dec. 17.—The Hiber-na, from Liverpool on the 1st, via Lon-donderry on the 2d, arrived this evening. Her dates are five days later. Earl Russell had replied to the recent manifesto of the Confederate Congress, correspondence and find the features. Major General. Other dispatches, unofficial, from Nashville, state that 1,000 prisoners were captured by Wilson, and that General Rousseau, commanding at Murfreesboro, reports Forrest killed, and 1.500 of his expressing equal friendship for the North and South, deploring the war, and pledg-ing England to a strict neutrality. The London *Times* think that Mr Linreports Forrest killed, and 1.500 of his men captured. The Superintendent at Nashville will be open to Franklin to-night, and will rapidly follow Thomas, thus furnishing him supplies and enabling the totak of the supplies and enabling coln will make some attempt to close the

him to push on. E. M. STANTON, Secretary of War.

Be General Sherman's youngest child, about six months old, died last week, at the residence of Speaker Colfax, South Bend, Indiana, where Mrs. Sherman is sojourning.

tics. By command of Maj. Gen D1x. [Signed] D. VAN BUREN, Colonel and A. A. G.

the rebel papers, whose editors are engaged in proving that Hood won a great victory at Franklin, are unable to make room for the published list of one hundred and fourteen commissioned officers of the rebel army who were made prisoners in that engagement ...

Judge Rooke, in going the West-ern Circuit, had a great stone thrown at his head; but from the circumstance of Soluting. Solution of the second design furnishing Lee's army with a dinner on Christmas.