

direction from Bismarck, and the air is heavy with rumors of bloody times between here and Deadwood. The report is that Deadwood is completely invested. A heavy wagon train on the Custer road has been captured and Bismarck's Josephs are banqueting upon the blood of defenceless men and women. The weather is cold and windy, and it will be a hard time for the troops if a campaign is the issue of the trouble.

The Seventh Cavalry battalion will not be able to leave until tomorrow night or Thursday morning.

Later, — The Deadwood stage, which arrived last night, reports a train of eight wagons, loaded with provisions, captured by Sioux Indians near Sulphur Springs. Four horses were killed, six driven off, and the provisions all taken.

The Indians, estimated at 600, passed the north stage, and its passengers were unmolested.

Capt. Edgerly's company of the seventh cavalry, recently posted at Sulphur Springs, is marching in, not having heard of the Deadwood troubles. Edgerly himself arrived by yesterday's stage.

WASHINGTON, 5.

General Ord, commander of the forces in Texas, was before the committee on military affairs, today. He stated that the Mexican people and authorities on the Lower Rio Grande were in sympathy with the raiders, and intimated that his present force was quite inadequate to guard the frontier and pursue and punish the raiders, as his orders require him to do.

The House committee on elections, to-day, heard the proposed reports upon the Colorado contested case, viz.: one by Cox, of Ohio, republican, in favor of referring the election back to the people. Another by Hiscok, republican, in favor of seating Belford, the republican contestant. The third by Springer, democrat, in favor of seating Patterson, the democratic contestant.

BOSTON, 5.—A dispatch received here states that the ship *Quintara*, from Iguique for Boston, sank, after a collision with another vessel, off Cape St. Roque, on December 3d. All the crew were saved but one. The vessel, cargo, and freight money were insured for about \$80,000.

CHICAGO, 5.—The 4th cavalry, from the Indian Territory, and the 20th infantry, from Dakota, the regiments which have been ordered to Texas for service on the Rio Grande, their places are supplied by other department changes. Those bodies of troops will be recruited up to their full regimental strength, and will materially strengthen the forces along the border.

WASHINGTON, 5.—During the extra session of Congress there were presented in the House of Representatives no less than 1,603 petitions, of which nearly 1,300 were of a private nature; 93 were for an increase of salaries of letter carriers, 40 related to currency, and 18 were for the repeal of the bankrupt law.

The Commissioner of the General Land Office is preparing a bill for the sale or disposal of timber and timber lands, in accordance with the recommendations of the Secretary of the Interior and himself, in their annual reports, which will provide for the withdrawal of all lands, chiefly valuable for timber and not suitable for agricultural purposes, from the operation of the homestead and pre-emption laws and from liability to be taken by any of the various kinds of land scrip heretofore provided for by law. The bill will also provide for the sale of timber of certain kinds, reserving the soil with a view to a renewal of forests.

A new democratic journal, called the *Washington Post*, will make its appearance to-morrow morning, starting with a specimen issue of about 10,000 copies. The staff consists of Stillson Hutchings, proprietor; John A. Cockerill, managing editor; O. C. Buell, editorial writer, and Messrs. Aiken and Marks assistants.

A democratic caucus was held in the House of Representatives to-day immediately after the adjournment, for the purpose of taking action upon the proposed endorsement of the new democratic paper to be issued daily in this city. After hearing statements concerning the matter, about two-thirds of the members present voted in favor of giving the journal their party endorsement and individual support.

A movement is taking shape here to induce the United States government to purchase the Palace

Hotel for use as a post office and military headquarters, and also to accommodate the courts and all other federal offices in San Francisco, excepting those connected with customs service. The details of the intended proposition are not yet disclosed.

CHICAGO, 5.—The *Times*' Washington special says Ewing said to a *Times* representative, to-day, speaking of the President's financial utterances: Wall Street all over, as usual. He protests loudly against the President's one-sided views on this matter. He believes that both branches will pass the silver bill over the President's veto, if the President interposes a veto, which Ewing regards as doubtful.

The general testimony of the military men before the House military committee has been that the Mexican depredations do not amount to an invasion, but are committed by petty bands, who cross the Rio Grande separately and unite at some remote point.

The democratic representatives held a caucus this afternoon for the consideration of the absenteeism which has caused them two or three defeats on important measures lately. Some direct and strongly personal references were made and the delinquents received a lesson which will prove salutary. The Speaker said he was glad the newspapers mentioned the names of absentees, for never, since the House met, have the democrats been able to pass a purely party measure.

BENNINGTON, Vt., 5.—The incendiary fire of Thatcher & Welling's paper mill, at North Bennington, on Monday evening, was coupled with an attempt to destroy life as well as property. At the time the fire was kindled in the building, another train of paper was fired communicating with the gasoline tank, which fortunately, did not burn, or else a terrible explosion, endangering hundreds of lives, would have ensued.

GALESBURG, Ill., 5.—Rande has now been fully identified as Charles C. Scott, of Fairfield, Iowa. His brother, R. S. Scott, arrived from Fairfield, to-day, recognized Charles, and will bear the expense of the trial.

READING, Pa., 5.—A. F. Boas, cashier of the suspended Reading savings bank, was arrested this afternoon on a charge of embezzling, during the past two years, over \$25,000. A writ of *habeas corpus* was granted, the prisoner going bail in \$25,000.

SOUTH BERWICK, Me., 6.—John H. Burleigh, ex-member of Congress for the first district, and president of the South Berwick National Bank, was killed last night, by his horse shying off the bridge over the Salmon Falls River.

NEW YORK, 6.—The *Herald's* London correspondent in Rome telegraphs that the Pope, though still confined to bed, is cheerful, and able to take his food regularly. His leg is still very painful, and he also suffers from pains in his loins, but he is able to give audience in his bedroom. On Sunday he gave an audience to the Grand Duchess of Tuscany. Yesterday he received the cardinals and some intimate friends preparatory to a conclave. He appeared to rally through the animation caused by the frequent meetings with his friends, and engaged in conversation with some vivacity.

Francis Copitt, the reputed wealthy importer, and member of the Union League Club, was found dead in bed, his face in a pan containing chloroform. Whether his death was accidental or design is not known.

WASHINGTON, 6.—The fifty-fifth call for the redemption of 5.20 bonds of 1865, consols of 1865, is issued, and the Secretary gives notice that the principal and accrued interest of the bonds designated will be paid at the Treasury, Washington, on and after the 6th of March, 1878, and that the interest will cease on that day.

The President has re-nominated the New York customs officers who fell by reason of the expiration of the extra session of Congress.

The House committee on territories, to-day, heard Col. E. Brierly, delegate from the Black Hills country, in the advocacy of the organization of a new territory, to include that region to be known as the Territory of Lincoln.

Blaine has relinquished the chairmanship of the civil service and re-trenchment committee in favor of Teller, and taken the chairmanship of the committee on rules.

The democratic caucus of senators, this morning, assigned Vorhees to the finance committee, Jones, of Fla., committee on naval affairs; Butler, committee on military affairs; Harris, District of Columbia, and McDonald, committee on Indian affairs, with the understanding that he will give way to Eustis should the latter be seated.

OSWEGO, 6.—The schooner *Wayne*, from Milwaukee, with wheat, while making port early this morning, struck the east pier, and sunk. The vessel and cargo are a total loss; the cargo is insured.

CHICAGO, 6.—The *Times*' Washington special says, Senator Maxey, Congressman Giddings, and several Texas gentlemen, hand an interview, to-day, with the Secretary of War and Gen. Sherman. The meeting was for the purpose of communicating to them private information that the Texas gentlemen had received concerning the movements of the Mexican troops. Generals Canales, Falcore and Naraajo have command of the Mexican forces is believed by the Texas gentlemen, and was so represented to-day. That the Mexicans intend to resist, in every way, any attempt on the part of Gen. Ord, to cross the Rio Grande.

Mr. Jefford said to Gen. Sherman that he believed within the next thirty days a raid would be made from Camargo into Texas, and that he had received private information from Mexico declaring that it was the intention of the Mexicans to plunder the towns of Cuero, Texara, Vicars, and Corpus Christi. General Sherman pooh, poohed this raid. He said that he did not believe the Mexicans would dare attempt anything of the sort.

Jefford simply contented himself with reiterating his information, and added that the United States forces could not now be massed with sufficient rapidity or strength to prevent the raid.

Intelligence has been received here of Diaz ordering 4,500 men to be moved up in the neighborhood of Camargo. It is not known whether Diaz' intentions are friendly or the reverse. It is believed, however, that the pressure that has been brought to bear upon Diaz is so great that he has been forced to move his men to resist any invasion of Mexican soil by the Federal forces in pursuit of marauders.

Judge McAllister, in the criminal court of Cook County, rendered a decision this morning in the case of application for a writ of *habeas corpus* for a woman committed to the bridewell by a city justice for vagrancy, under an act passed by the last legislature. He declared the act was unconstitutional and atrocious to the last degree, in that it denies to a person the right of jury trial guaranteed by the State constitution.

NEW YORK, 6.—In compliance with a special order issued from the office of police on June the 8th, which has not been observed, a general raid was made to-night on the liquor dealers violating it, and between 200 and 370 arrests were made. Platoons of police were sent out, attired in citizens' dress, and so full were the station houses that homeless men and women were turned out to make room for the arrested liquor dealers.

WASHINGTON, 6.—The House committee on education and labor, this morning, decided to report adversely upon the bill introduced by Judge Buckner for the establishment in the District of Columbia of a national university for women.

Judge McArthur, to-day, granted a motion for a new trial in the case of ex-Assistant Treasurer Sawyer, ex-Commissioner of Customs Haines, and Brooks, some weeks ago convicted of conspiracy to defraud the government. The defendants are released, with the understanding that they give bail on Monday next.

The executive session of the Senate, to-day, was mainly devoted to a discussion of the requirements and effect of the tenure of office act. It had its origin in the criticism made upon the phraseology of certain renominations of persons appointed under that act, whose cases were pending at the adjournment of the extra session. In renewing these nominations the President has not referred to the original suspension, but has merely stated in effect that they are made in lieu of the respective nominations heretofore transmitted to the Senate, but not acted upon by that body. For instance, the nomination of Alexander Reed as postmaster of Toledo, which was laid before the Senate, to-day, proposes his

appointment to that office for the regular term of four years, in place of himself (being the person nominated to the extra session), instead of in the place of Dowling suspended. The opinion of the Senate was practically unanimous that such nomination was not in accordance with the usage and requirements of law.

ELIZABETH, N. J., 6.—Mrs. John Riley, wife of a prominent citizen in the outskirts of the city, who has frequently brutally beaten an orphan girl in her employ, this afternoon, in a fit of rage, poured a pailful of scalding water over the girl, from the effects of which she will probably die.

DEADWOOD, D. T., 6.—There will probably be a lively contest between the old and newly elected county officers. The old board of commissioners having failed to qualify the officers elected in November the new board organized to-day and qualified them.

Passengers arriving on to-day's Bismarck coach report that while crossing the Missouri River the coach and horses broke through the ice; the four horses drowned, but the driver and passengers escaped.

A man named Spiegel, who formed one of the party of six that were attacked by Indians a short time since, rode up to Meyer's ranch yesterday, six miles from Crook City, with an Indian corpse dragging at the end of a lariat, the other end of which was fastened to the pommel of his saddle. He reports having engaged in a running fight with three Indians, two of whom he wounded and the third accompanied him as above stated.

This evening about eight o'clock, Samuel Curley shot and killed his wife and then shot and killed himself with the same pistol. Jealousy was the cause.

NEW YORK, 7.—The *World's* Washington special says army officers are in a considerable state of excitement over the immediate prospect of serious trouble on the Mexican frontier. Four foot companies of the second artillery, which were ordered to Texas from Carlisle, are directed by orders from here to leave their families behind, as no ladies could be permitted to go.

The fresh outbreak of the Sioux has complicated affairs, and all army men unite in saying, "If we are to have any trouble with Mexico, our available force is too ridiculously small to effect anything." There is great anxiety to hear something authentic from Lieutenants Bullis and Young, who crossed into Mexico over three weeks ago with a command of Seminole scouts, but have not since been heard from. Many believe they have been captured and killed by Mexicans, and others that they have been sent as prisoners to the city of Mexico. All are in a state of excitement, and several requests have been made by officers to have their commands ordered to the scene of the expected disturbances. If an outbreak occurs, movements will be made simultaneously from Brownsville, Ringgold barracks, and Fort Clark.

General Ord, commanding on the Texas frontier, who is still here consulting with the authorities, told an officer, who asked why the officers could not take their families with them, that they need not worry about that, they would be glad enough before long, as he would have heavy work for them very soon.

It has become known that these four foot companies are to be mounted and furnished with field pieces, a military movement which foretells speedy action to army men.

General Miles, colonel of 5th infantry, who captured Chief Joseph and the Nez Perces, is here on leave of absence, and intended leaving this morning for his command, but was ordered to remain and await the arrival of Sheridan who will be here to-morrow morning, for consultation.

In the Court proceedings, yesterday, in connection with Robert L. Case, the convicted president of the Security Life Insurance Company, it turned out that Wm. C. Gilman, now convicted and in the State prison, was one of the grand jurors who indicted the case.

T. S. Lambert, president of the late Popular Life Insurance Co., and now on trial for a State prison offense, was called, yesterday, as a juror in one of the Criminal Courts. He was excused.

The steamship *City of Berlin* has not yet reported arrived out. She

is but three days overdue, however, and her owners and agents here have no fears for her safety. They say her machinery may have been disabled, and she is making port under sail or at half speed. The *City of Berlin* is one of the staunchest ships and is commanded by Capt. Kennedy, commodore of fleet.

AUBURN, N. Y., 7.—John C. Collins was hanged in jail this morning, for the murder of a fellow convict named Howard.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, 7.—Wm. S. Bregel, who murdered F. J. McBride, at Mount Vernon, Ohio, last June, was hung, to-day, at noon.

The *Tribune* says J. A. Chandor, traveling companion of Mrs. Ralston, is recognized here as a notorious confidence man. Detectives say that five years ago he was known as one of the shrewdest confidence operators in the city. His plan was to get acquainted with foreigners who were about returning to Europe, and pretend that he was going on the same steamer, and that his baggage was already on board. He would then borrow all the money he could get his victims to trust him with, and disappear. Lasallo Chandor, his father, was one of the most notorious confidence men in the United States about thirty years ago, and served a term in the penitentiary for defrauding Charles Joseph Aflner out of a large sum of money and jewelry. His trial occupied the court six days, and was quite celebrated. One of the defendant's counsel was Jos. L. White, at one time a prominent lawyer of California.

CHICAGO, 7.—The *Inter-Ocean's* Washington special says, the story that a white prisoner is held in Sitting Bull's camp had been supposed merely a camp fire story, but Gen. Terry, in a letter to the war department, gives it official attention, stating that during his recent visit to Fort Walsh, a half breed interpreter assured him that he had seen the pale face in Sitting Bull's camp; that his name was Martin Ryan, formerly corporal in the 7th cavalry, was captured in the action of June 25th, 1876, and had made several attempts to escape. The interpreter had been detected by Sitting Bull in talking to Ryan, and was ordered away. The Indians keep him painted like an Indian, and have married him to a squaw, the daughter of Spotted Eagle. His description of Ryan corresponds exactly with that of Corporal Ryan of company C, 7th cavalry, who was reported and supposed killed in the action referred to.

General Terry credits the story and suggests a movement for his release. Secretary McCrary sent this document to the Secretary of State, requesting an investigation and application for Ryan's release.

Accordingly Secretary Evarts has written to Sir Edward Thornton, at the British legation, who in turn has communicated with the Governor General of Canada, under whose supervision Sitting Bull now lives, and Major Walsh will be instructed to ascertain, in some way, if this remarkable story is true, and if true to demand the release of Ryan.

DIED.

In the 20th Ward, S. L. City, Thursday, December 6th, 1877, of typhoid fever and inflammation of the brain, ALBERT HOWARD, son of Geo. A. and Lizzie Wiscombe, aged two years and eleven months.

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