

fifteen, but there is only two or three minutes in the question. I must say that in that short interval the passengers were examples of coolness, calmness and resignation, and at the dreadful time of this lamentable occurrence, when 355 persons were justly alarmed at the thought of certain death at any moment, and their only hope of safety was disappearing, the women were first to give an example of courage and resignation. Captain Surmount's story of the failure to get the boats afloat does not differ from that told by telegraph. The rapid filling of the vessel and the falling of the masts were the causes. He also says—"I have the satisfaction, since the wreck, of learning, by questioning the survivors of the crew, that every one was at his post, that each did his duty and that all went down with the vessel, and were picked up from the sea. The loss of the unhappy officers who commanded the watch at the moment of the collision renders me unable to give an exact account of the occurrence before taking command myself, but I can declare that the *Loehearn*, to which I showed my ship's side, and which consequently had nothing to fear from me, struck directly against my vessel at the risk of smashing herself as well, when, by a slight stroke of the helm upward, for it was almost all ready, this terrible collision might have been averted."

WASHINGTON, 19.—The Secretary of War was before the House committee on military affairs to-day, concerning his charges against Gen. Howard.

Secretary Delano warns territorial and other officers that absence from their post without special permission will be considered as a resignation, and he says that any officer asking leave of absence will accompany the request with a statement of the cause for making such request.

The amendments reported by the Senate committee on civil service, to the House salary bill, are in the form of a substitute for the bill. It repeals the law of March 3, 1873, so far as it relates to the members, officers or employees of Congress, and fixes their salaries and compensation at exactly what it was at the time of the passage of that act; it fixes the salaries of the cabinet at \$8,000 and requires the Secretary of the Treasury to cover into the treasury all sums not withdrawn or returned, which are due or have been received under the act of March, 1873.

The Senate confirmed the nomination of Wm. F. Wheeler, as marshal of Montana.

An official dispatch from the Consul General at Havana, to the Secretary of State, says that Captain General Jovellar had informed him that the *Virginus* prisoners were yesterday delivered to the commander of the *Juniata*.

CHICAGO, 19.—A. J. Perteel, colored, convicted of the murder of his wife in this city, in September, 1871, was hanged at Joliet, Ills., where his second trial and conviction occurred, at 2.15 to-day.

ELIZABETH, N. J., 19.—Herman Krewing, who married Lucy Schlemman, in Hamburg, last summer, and brought her to this country and endeavored to murder her, was convicted to-day, and sentenced to ten years in the State prison, and to pay a fine of a thousand dollars.

SANTA FE, N. M., via Denver, 19.—A shooting affray took place a few days since in Lincoln Co., N. M., between Jack Guylum, former sheriff of the county, and a Mr. Harold, both of whom had been drinking freely. An attempt to arrest them by Mexican constables was resisted, and both Guylum and Harold were killed.

Unusually cold weather prevails throughout New Mexico.

BOSTON, 19.—Orders were received from Washington to-day, to cease all extra work at the Charlestown navy yard, and to resume the usual working hours; the work in fitting out the *Brooklyn* will proceed, but as the emergency is over a number of employees have been discharged. The *Franklin* is expected to sail on Monday.

NEW YORK, 19.—The jury in the case of Henry W. Genet, on trial for fraudulent practices in connection with the building of the Harlem court house, to-day, rendered a verdict of guilty. A stay of the sentence was granted until Monday, to give time to prepare a bill of exceptions. A motion to admit to bail was refused, and Genet was remanded to the custody of the sheriff.

WASHINGTON, 9.—The following

despatches were received here to-night:

"U. S. steamer *Worcester*, Key West, Dec. 19th.
"Hon. G. A. Robinson, Secretary of the Navy, Washington:

"Our consul at Havana telegraphs that the *Virginus* prisoners were delivered to the *Juniata* to-day, and she sailed immediately for New York. My dispatch to the commanding officer at Santiago, he says, was transmitted by telegraph, and mailed yesterday.

"(Signed)
"G. H. SCOTT, Rear-Admiral."

"Havana, 19.
"Secretary of Navy, Washington.

"Commander Braine telegraphs here as follows:

"Santiago de Cuba, 18.
"The prisoners of the *Virginus* have been delivered to-day, 18th of December. Shall sail to-day for New York. The *Kansas* and *Canandaigua* are here awaiting orders.

"Signed, HALL, Consul."
The *Virginus* conveyed by the *Ossipee* is now on her way to New York.

CLEVELAND, 19.—The *Leader* will to-morrow publish a letter written by Prof. Agassiz shortly before his death, positively denying the statement, so often paraded by the Catholics as an argument against the public school system, to the effect that Agassiz had investigated the houses of prostitution in Boston and found that a large majority of the inmates were natives of that city, and that they attributed their own downfall to the impure influences to which they had been subjected while pupils of the Boston public schools. The letter says—"The item regarding the cause of the women of Boston, which you sent me some time ago, is a base invention of slander, which I should long ago have exposed, did I not shrink from a discussion with that class of people who indulge in such insinuations. "Very truly yours,

"LOUIS AGASSIZ."
ST. LOUIS, 19.—H. E. Lasey, an employee of the Western Union Telegraph Co., and also of the Western Associated Press, has been detected in selling the commercial news of the association to the *Daily Globe*, which paper is not a member of the Western Associated Press.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., 20.—Two freight trains, on the Eastern railroad, came in collision at Kennebeck, last night; the conductor, brakeman and fireman were killed, and two others injured. The trains were badly wrecked.

NEW YORK, 20.—The bank statement: Loans increase to \$671,300; specie decrease \$331,600; legal tenders increase \$2,507,100; deposits increase, \$4,062,300; circulation decrease \$41,800.

It is now stated authoritatively that the transfer of the Pacific and Atlantic telegraph company to the Western Union Co., was completed yesterday, with its 5,000 miles of line and ten thousand miles of wire. By the terms of the lease the Western Union, which already owns three-fourths of the stock, is to pay four per cent per annum on the whole capital of two million dollars.

It is reported that frauds have been discovered in the coroner's office at Brooklyn, and that large numbers of fictitious inquests have been made, the physicians' certificates made out, and charged for as if the inquests had really been held. It is furthermore stated that within three years six hundred and twenty-three bogus cases of small-pox have been charged for. A committee of supervisors are now overhauling matters. They find that the moneys appropriated by the Brooklyn Commissioners of charities have been squandered in a most outrageous manner, double prices being paid in nearly every instance for purchases made, and no vouchers returned.

It is understood that the ring prosecutors, after the trial of the leaders, will commence suits against some well known law firms, to recover a portion of the enormous fees received from the city.

CHICAGO, 20.—The *Inter-Ocean's* Washington special says it is now regarded as certain that if the President fails to withdraw the nomination of Williams for Chief Justice he will be rejected; and if this takes place, it is the use of a number of senators to have the real reason for the rejection published. The expectation is that in case rejection is voted by the Senate, Mr. Williams will resign as attorney-general.

FOREIGN.

LONDON, 15.—Winterbottom, member of Parliament for Stroud, and under secretary for the home department, is dead.

The German government subscribes for twenty-four million marks of the new Hungarian loan.

The steamer *Beckton* has been lost in the Mediterranean, twenty-two lives were lost.

A Paris correspondent of the *Times* says that Bazaine intended to put himself at the head of the Alphonist insurrection in Spain if his sentence had been commuted to banishment.

Special dispatches from Paris represent that the conservatives are dismayed at the success of the republicans in the last election.

PARIS, 15.—In the Assembly, to-day, M. Dahierl, of the extreme right, presented a petition for the restoration of the monarchy, with 12,000 signatures.

MADRID, 15.—The bombardment of Carthage opened again to-day, with increased vigor.

It is said that the great powers have assured president Castelar that they will recognize the republic when the Carthage insurrection is suppressed.

PARIS, 16.—A rumor is current that, in consequence of the success of the republicans in the late supplementary elections, the Right has resolved to propose such an alteration of the suffrage law as will deprive four million persons of the elective franchise.

The cure of Santa Cruz is to be tried by a court martial.

LONDON, 16.—A dispatch from Sheffield says that city was visited to-day by a terrible storm. A large number of buildings and chimneys were blown down and many persons killed; one immense chimney was blown down, and the boiler thereupon exploded, killing and wounding several persons. In consequence of the great excitement and the crowds in the streets, few details could be learned.

LONDON, 16.—Eugenie is visiting Victoria to-day.

Jean Luie, a witness for the defense in the Tichborne case, who was arrested for perjury and afterwards discovered to be a ticket-of-leave man, was brought up at Bow Street to-day, and when asked if he had anything to say before the revocation of his license, he replied that he was sorry for what had happened, but he was invited and encouraged to do as he did; he declined to say anything further. Luie was then removed to the convict prison at Pentonville, to serve out the unexpired portion of his sentence, after which he will be tried for perjury.

The Swiss government has reimbursed Count Staemfli for the expenses incurred by him as a member of the Geneva court of arbitration, the Count declining a testimonial.

Advices from Cape Coast Castle to the 24th ult., report that General Sir Garnett Wolseley had completely recovered his health and had resumed active duty. During his illness the expedition was at a standstill, and movements had since been difficult owing to the large number of sick. The authorities at Madeira were placing all the obstructions they could in the way of the establishment there of a sanatorium for British soldiers stricken with fever.

It is reported that the king of the Ashantees is dead.

The steamer *Celerity*, from Riga, bound for Stettin, has been lost; twenty-one persons were drowned.

LONDON, 17.—The storm has abated. The telegraph wires were prostrated in all directions, but the lines that are now working bring news that the storm extended all over the north of England and far into Scotland. Sheffield looks as if it had been bombarded. The loss of property is immense. Churches are unroofed and many factories are compelled to suspend work. The lowest estimate places the casualties to persons in that city at seven killed, and thirty wounded, many fatally. Dispatches show that the effects of the hurricane were felt at Glasgow, Halifax, Dewsbury and Nottingham, in all of which cities lives were lost and great damage done. At Leeds it is estimated that property to the amount of a hundred thousand was destroyed. Extensive damage was done at West Hartlepool and Durham. The shipping suffered severely at Newcastle and Shields. A steamer ran ashore off Ardrossan, and the railway station and several houses were blown down in Weeton,

near Harrogate, on the York and North Midland R. R.

SINGAPORE, 17.—The Dutch troops have had an engagement with the Achinese army, and have obtained a victory.

BERLIN, 17.—An ordinance was officially promulgated to-day, ordering that in future, all bishops upon their installation shall swear to maintain the completest subordination to the State, and to cooperate in the suppression of all disloyal intrigues.

ROME, 17.—The papal nuncio at Paris has been notified that the archbishops of Paris, Cambrai and Valencia have been elevated to the college of cardinals.

LONDON, 18.—The official inquiry into the *Ville de Havre* disaster on the part of the British authorities will open at Greenwich on the 30th inst.

HAVANA, 18.—It is reported that the *Virginus* will be taken to Washington, where the investigation into her right to carry the American flag will be held.

MADRID, 18.—The bombardment of Carthage continued all day. There was a terrible magazine explosion within the insurgent lines to-day. General Dominguez offers pardon to all who will surrender. The insurgents are able still to obtain provisions, but their ammunition is failing.

LONDON, 19, 6 a.m.—The wreck of the bark *Sultan* is reported, with a loss of twenty lives.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, 18, via Havana, 19.—The surviving passengers and crew of the *Virginus* were delivered to-day to Commander Braine, of the U. S. steamship *Juniata*. They were sent on board that vessel, which soon after took her departure for New York.

HAVANA, 18, via Key West, 19.—It is reported that a steamer named *Santiago de Cuba* has succeeded in landing a filibustering expedition on the southern coast of the island, between Guantanamo and Santiago.

LONDON, 19.—Dispatches from the gold coast announce that the King of Dahomey has joined the Ashantees. The fever continues among the British troops, and 100 invalids have been sent to St. Helena.

MADRID, 19.—The Cure of Santa Cruz has escaped into France.

PARIS, 19.—In the Assembly, to-day, a bill increasing the salary of President McMahon was passed.

CALCUTTA, 19.—One half the supply of food in Bengal is exhausted, and it is believed that famine cannot be averted.

PENANG, 20.—The Dutch troops in Acheen are in possession of all the country on the left bank of the Acheen river.

LONDON, 20.—Special dispatches from Madrid say there is great rejoicing there over the rumor that the government of the U. S. has decided that the *Virginus* was not entitled to carry the American flag. The *Times*, commenting on the report, says that such a decision would be consistent with truth and justice.

Our Country Contemporaries.

Ogden Junction, Dec. 16—

The Union Pacific passenger train that left Ogden last Tuesday morning, four hours behind time, having been detained by the Central Pacific, arrived at Omaha only one hour and a half late.

A young woman accompanied by a fine looking man, not over thirty years of age, came in from the East yesterday, and remained in this city all night. Their history is full of interest, going to show a woman's faith and a man's constancy. Three years ago the young man, who was a farmer, in Daviess County, Ills., became attached to a maiden, the daughter of a well-to-do merchant. They plighted to each other their troth, but as the slender means of the young farmer prevented him from assuming the cares and responsibilities of married life, he abandoned his home and left for Nebraska. He afterward procured employment as carter in the coal mines of Rockville, W. T. While thus employed he met with an accident—the premature explosion of a blast, by which he was deprived of his sight. He wrote to his affianced bride relieving her of her engagement, but she determined not to desert him in his hour of need and helplessness. She converted her valuable trinkets into ready money, and left her home to meet him at Rawlins, where he had gone

expecting shortly to seek shelter in an asylum for the blind in California. The couple were married at Rawlins, and are now on their way to Helena, where the bride has relations living. As they are not destitute, they expect to get along very well on the journey of life.

Beaver Enterprise, Dec. 13—

The severe weather, the unusual snow and the horrifying aspect of the stage stock, combine to delay the mails and make things generally inconvenient.

Per mail stage on Thursday evening arrived Mr. S. A. Kenner, under engagement to the *Enterprise* as its manager. The gentleman was in good health, and entered at once upon his duties.

There is a fine opportunity for a Grange here. We don't know that there is any necessity for one, but the institutions are in fashion throughout the country, and if useful elsewhere why not here?

In the District Court the case of Ida Sullivan vs. Thos. Sullivan, being a petition for divorce, coming on for hearing and the Court being fully advised, decree was entered in favor of plaintiff.

Ogden Junction, Dec. 17—

We were visited by another snow storm last evening, which continued until noon. The snow is about eight inches deep. Several sleighs were to be seen this morning on the streets.

A little girl, not more than seven years of age, was going to the bakery store this morning, to buy bread, holding a dollar bill in her hand, when she was met by a ruffian, who threw a handful of snow into her face, which blinded her for a moment. He then snatched the money from her grasp and took to his heels. The miscreant has not since been seen, but a "big brother" of the girl is on the lookout for him.

An aged man may be seen during the day on our streets seeking work. He is sixty-five years of age, and his venerable locks and the well-cut features of an intelligent countenance denote one who deserves respect, even though his ragged weather-worn raiment proclaim his poverty. He has seen better days, when wealth and all the comforts of life were at his command. His conversation and address give evidence of gentle culture and good breeding. He is too proud to beg or to receive any gratuity, but he is willing to work. Even the rigor of the elements will not deter him from making himself useful. This morning when he was soliciting work, a gentleman offered him five dollars to supply his wants. He gratefully declined the bounty but offered to chop a cord of wood which the gentleman had bought, and to render other services to the amount offered. He commenced his task at noon, and if his dexterity with the axe be not very great, it at least corresponds with his good will. This veteran is a noble relic of the days gone-by.

Provo Times, Dec. 16—

Harrison Carter had an examination before Justice Whipple this afternoon, and was committed to jail to await the action of the grand jury.

The steam saw mill, situated in American Fork canyon, with all the appurtenances, was sold at public auction to-day, to the highest bidder, for \$3,000, Henry Brizsee being the purchaser.

A boy, supposed to be the son of John Van Waggoner, had his hand cut off at Smith's mill, about a mile and a half from the city. We could not get the particulars before going to press.

The board of directors of the Deseret Agricultural and Manufacturing Society for Utah county, met in this city at the Tithing office yesterday, and

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to inform the officers in the various settlements of the county, that the time had arrived for the election of one director and three sub-committee men, the returns to be made by the first of January.

Mr. Graves tendered the Society the free use of land for an agricultural park, race track, cricket ground, etc., which was accepted. Board adjourned.

—The two latest Biblical maxims—"Know yourself," and "Know the times, you live in."