

The jury in the case of the United States against twelve thousand bags of Sandwich Island sugar, rendered a verdict for the plaintiff. The sugar was valued at \$200,000 and was seized for attempted violation of the revenue laws. The case will be appealed.

CHICAGO.—A Washington special says the retrenchment committee find that great frauds have been committed in the shipment of goods to San Francisco, via the Isthmus, through the regulations respecting the seals on the packages, and Secretary Boutwell has issued new regulations, of an entirely different character, which will withdraw great temptations and undoubtedly cause a great saving to the Government.

The nominations for new circuit judges were presented yesterday and were generally favorably received.

Governor Palmer has respited David Walsh, the wife murderer, who was to have been hung here to-morrow, for thirty days.

A New York special says the grand jury will consider the case of McFarland, for the murder of Richardson, today, but the trial will not come off before January, owing to the manner in which the press is engaged in the discussion of the affair.

WHEELING.—Five bodies have been thus far recovered from the wreck of the *Rebecca*. These are all that are positively known to be lost, though it is reported that eight or nine are missing. The cabin passengers barely escaped with their lives, losing their baggage.

GALVESTON.—The returns from four counties give Davis a majority of 5,489. Flannigo is elected Lieut. Governor by 8,260 majority. It is also claimed that the members of Congress and both branches of the Legislature are elected on the Davis ticket.

WASHINGTON.—The Spanish gunboat question is in course of settlement by diplomacy. The Spanish Minister, today, presented a paper to the Secretary of State, giving a pledge that the gunboats should not be the means of carrying on war with Peru or any other nation with which the United States is at peace. This communication is somewhat similar to that heretofore presented by the Peruvian Minister to remove objections by Spain, the effect of which was to release two monitors, purchased in the United States for the Peruvian government. The Peruvian Minister, on receiving a copy of the paper, expressed himself satisfied with the explanation, and assured the Spanish Minister, therefore, that all cause for the detention of the gunboats was removed.

WASHINGTON.—The President has nominated N. F. F. Dillon, of Iowa, for the 8th judicial district.

NEW YORK, 9.—There was a collision on the Erie road this morning, between a passenger and freight train near Bergen tunnel; five freight cars were demolished. No lives were lost.

BOSTON.—The double turreted monitor *Terror* was put in commission yesterday; her destination is unknown.

NASHVILLE.—The Senate passed, to its first reading to-day, a bill providing that no person shall be indicted for any act committed while serving as a soldier during the late rebellion, and dismissing all pending prosecutions in such cases.

MEMPHIS, 9.—There was a bloody murder at a candy-pulling, in Franklin County, Arkansas, on Thursday night. A man named Eubanks was stabbed and beaten to death by two men named Wirt and Guilford; the latter was captured, but Wirt is still at large.

CHICAGO.—General Butler is perfecting a plan for the payment of pensions through the money order offices.

Statements from the Internal Revenue Bureau show that there are 1,175 grain distilleries in the United States, though only about 1,100 are now in operation.

The House Committee on Indian Affairs has agreed to report a bill abolishing the Indian treaty system.

Senator Harlan, Chairman of the Senate Committee, and other parties have been sounding the House Foreign Relations Committee with regard to Cuba, but they find the Committee strongly disposed to stand by the President's Message and let Cuba alone for the present.

CONCORD, N. H.—At the late term of the Supreme Judicial Court, for the counties of Merrimack, Hillsboro and Belknap, there were eighty applications for divorces granted.

CINCINNATI.—The Rev. E. O. Hammond, the noted Universalist, is preaching in this city. Unusual religious interest is manifested; over 100 persons rise for prayer daily. There are morning prayer meetings in all churches, which are crowded.

Hog cholera is prevailing in the south-

ern part of the State of Kentucky. The meat inspector, yesterday, condemned a drove of 200 hogs, from Paris, Ky., on account of having the cholera.

WASHINGTON.—The first reception of the season, by Secretary and Mrs. Fisk, took place this evening. There was a large attendance of ladies and gentlemen, including the Cabinet officers, foreign ministers, etc.]

Dr. Paul Schoeppe has presented a petition to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, earnestly asserting his innocence of the murder of Miss Steinecke, and asking a new hearing on a writ of error. Attorney General Brewster has consented to grant a writ of error, returnable on the first Monday in January.

The Committee on Reconstruction held a meeting to-day, on the subject of the admission of Virginia. There seems to be no doubt that the bill for admission will be passed next week, and that soon thereafter the Senators and Representatives will be sworn in, with the exception of Bocker and McKenzie, whose seats will be contested.

About eighty physicians and chemists held a meeting at the Medical Society Hall, for the purpose of reviewing the case of Dr. Paul Schoeppe. The meeting adopted a resolution to the effect that the published statement of the trial of Mr. Schoeppe does not contain any scientific or other evidence that the death of the lady, for which he is condemned to be hung, was by poison, but that the aggregate of the evidence points to natural death. A committee of five was appointed to prepare a memorial requesting Executive clemency in this case.

A circular has been issued from the Indian office forbidding the visits of delegations of Indians to Washington for the purpose of transacting the business of their respective tribes. The Department is of the opinion that their business can be much better accomplished by their agents, and that the money which would be expended on them coming here might be used to advantage in buying them provisions, agricultural implements, and annuity goods.

The subject of the French cable has been briefly considered by the Committee on Foreign Affairs. The Committee will unanimously sustain President Grant's views, and will report a new bill with a remedy for the complaint.

The Committee on Banking has not yet held a meeting owing to the engagements of General Garfield in relation to the census bill.

The Internal Revenue Bureau issued during November, stamps for distilled spirits valued at \$5,000,000; tobacco stamps valued at \$18,000,000.

NEW YORK.—Col. John King, a lawyer from Arkansas, committed suicide at the New York Hotel last night, by shooting himself through the head with a pistol.

There was the largest and most brilliant assemblage ever gathered in the Academy of Music, this evening, to hear a lecture by Pere Hyacinth. Every seat was occupied and hundreds were compelled to stand. After a short reference to the occasion of his visit to this country he proceeded with his lecture. He did not speak directly of his relations toward the church of Rome, but favored the idea of an unsectarian church and the reconciling of religious and liberal ideas. The lecturer concluded as follows:—"In modern society celibacy exists for the sake of good, but these exceptions, if you make them a rule, are against God and against nature. Celibacy is cowardice if it does not glorify marriage. The Apostles have said marriage is honorable. Marriage is spotless before God and man. The great object in view is the reconciliation of heaven and earth, of the present life with the future; to secure union on earth, union in the city, in the nation, in humanity. The foundation of your people is the Bible, the book that speaks of God and of Jesus Christ loving the world. I admire the manifesto from your President; there shines through his words Christian faith. Belief in Jesus is at the root of this nation. May Jesus Christ protect and develop your country. Old Europe is preparing, amid strife, for unity of religion and material prosperity. When I return I shall tell Europe I have found here, liberty associated with Christianity, and have been among a people who do not think that to be free they must be parted from God."

John O'Mahoney, a Fenian, applied to the court for five thousand dollars of Fenian funds, held by Belmont, to be used in carrying on war against England; the decision was reserved.

NEW YORK, 11.—There was a large meeting of Tennessee bond holders to-

day. One gentleman, just returned from Tennessee, said the State debt was about ninety millions, of which thirty millions had been issued to railroads; half of these could pay on demand. It was proposed to appoint a committee to go to Tennessee to endeavor to induce the Legislature to place the defaulting roads in the hands of the Commissioner to benefit the bond holders.

The *Herald's* Washington special says that Justice Greer, of the special Court, will, to-day, tender his resignation as, the second oldest Justice, he having been appointed by Polk in '46.

The Pennsylvania coal dealers protest against repealing the duties on coal.

The Tepantcheship canal and Mexican Es Paierer Co., have presented a claim of \$324,000,000 against Mexico, before the committee sitting at Washington. Among the items are 128,000,000 for what are known as the woodhouse bonds; \$2,000,000 for mines; \$650,000 for supplies furnished Juarez, &c.

The House judiciary committee has agreed to report a bill repealing the tenure of office act; there is no doubt of its passage in the House. There are indications that the House committee on Territories will report against the establishment of a Territorial government for Alaska, and in favor of allowing the country to remain longer under military control. A bill regulating the seal fisheries will be brought in after the holidays. There are reports that the Darien canal treaty, rejected last winter by the Columbian Senate, will be reconsidered shortly; interested parties profess to believe that it will be ratified.

The *Herald's* special in London says that Burlingame has just received information, assuring him that the Chinese treaty lately concluded between the governments of China and the United States has been ratified in China and that C. Levy Brown, Secretary of the American embassy, is on his way to Washington from Peking via California, carrying attested copies of the treaty and other documents.

The same special says that telegrams from the continent report that at the opening session of the anti-papal Congress, at Naples, yesterday, there were present 500 Italian delegates and 20 members from other parts of the world. The inauguration address was delivered by President Richardi. Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from Victor Hugo, Garibaldi and other distinguished persons, leaders of the radical reform party. These communications were received with great enthusiasm, which endured to the close of the proceedings.

An unknown assassin attempted the life of Chas. L. Woodward, last evening, by firing through the basement window; the bullet grazed his head.

The Rev. Henry Ward Beecher has made a somewhat lengthy vindictory explanation of his participation in the Richardson & McFarland marriage and the funeral ceremonies, which succeeded it. The explanation was drawn out by a number of his congregation at the weekly lecture last evening. He said, after making a statement similar to that in his late card, that at the time of the marriage at the Astor House he did not understand that the laws of New York declared null and void a divorce obtained in Indiana. He also said that if the parties were of legal age for marriage and presented themselves before him with a request for him to marry them, his duty in that regard was simply a magisterial one and he was bound to fulfill it. He had looked through the civil code of the State, but had been unable to discover any definition of the duties of ministers with respect to marriage, and it seemed to him that there was no defined law about it in the revised code. After the marriage and before the funeral of Mr. Richardson he had asked responsible parties as to the legality of the divorce, and it was stated to him that it was quite correct. He inquired also of another person whether the divorce had been obtained on more than legal grounds, and it was stated in reply that it was granted, not only upon legal but also upon moral grounds.

It is stated that the Adams Express Company propose to buy back the different lines surrendered by the Company when the compromise was made with the Merchants' Union. This prospective favorable action has caused a rise in the Adams shares. There are some lively rumors on the streets about a general consolidation of the express companies, and there is a talk also of the consolidation of all the coal companies in the Cumberland region.

Pere Hyacinthe has sailed for Europe; he expects to return again.

BUFFALO.—A petition signed by

prominent business men and citizens, asking Congress to abolish the duty on coal, has been forwarded to Washington.

NEW YORK.—Stoughton, counsel for Delameta, having moved the release of the Spanish gunboats, and District Attorney Pierrepont having made no opposition, having received instructions from Washington to proceed no farther in the matter, and it being officially shown that war no longer existed between Spain and Peru, therefore Judge Blatchford made an order granting the motion of Stoughton.

Among the passengers of the *Alomana*, from Europe to-day, were Senators Fenton and Dugher.

The laundry, gas works and a stable at the Nicholas Hotel, Mercer Street, were destroyed by fire this afternoon; one woman was terribly burned.

GALVESTON.—The returns from sixty-one counties give Davis 9,077 majority. Twenty of sixty-one counties voted the Hamilton ticket.

ST. LOUIS.—The steamer *W. H. Arthur*, hence for New Orleans, struck yesterday at Bennet's landing, 125 miles below here; it is supposed she is a total loss. She had a very valuable cargo aboard, including 350 head of stock. The boat was valued at \$75,000.

PORTSMOUTH.—A whale boat which left here on Monday for the Isle of Shoals, with 182 men, was picked up and taken to Holmes Hole; one man had been frozen to death.

SCRANTON.—Hugh Carmichael was stabbed to death by his brother W. Hayward; he leaves a wife and three children.

PHILADELPHIA.—The lamps in Independence Square, last night, were lighted and extinguished by electricity.

MONTGOMERY.—The House voted Brown, Dem., out of his seat and refused him the privilege of speaking. A motion to award the seat to his contestant was voted down. McKinstry, Rep., from Mobile, was admitted in place of McGee, recently expelled on the ground of ineligibility.

BOSTON.—A wooden building in Chapel place, occupied by several Irish families, was burned this morning; two children, a boy of 4 years and a girl of 3 years, were burned to death.

The past season has been unfortunate for Gloucester fishermen: sixteen vessels valued at \$86,000, have been wrecked. The minor damages to the fleet are also very great. Fifty-six fishermen lost their lives.

SANDUSKY, Ohio.—The County Treasurer's office was entered by burglars this morning, at about two o'clock, and the safe blown open with nitro-glycerine and its contents abstracted; the loss in money is not yet ascertained. The safe was a perfect wreck. The Court House building was badly damaged. The thieves were probably alarmed by the force of the explosion, as they left most of their tools and a considerable amount of money scattered on the floor.

AUGUSTA, Ga.—There has been no disturbance between the whites and blacks at Edgeville, South Carolina, as reported.

The press of Georgia is almost a unit in the denunciation of the measures looking to the recognition of the State.

NASHVILLE.—J. E. Sacey, late revenue detective, was arrested to-day at the instance of Supervisor Emory, charged with levying black mail on distillers. Affidavits from several distillers were read, showing that he had obtained large amounts in this manner.

FOREIGN.

ROME, 10TH.—The Pope delivered his allocution before the assembled Bishops. He expressed his satisfaction at being able to speak to the Council on the day which had been fixed, and at finding the Bishops come in such numbers to aid the Holy See.

[The remainder of the report is such a jumbled up mess that it is perfectly unintelligible. It appears as if the cable, or wires, or those working them were terribly muddled when the report was sent.—ED.]

The Ecumenical Council has adjourned until after Epiphany. Much opposition is expected on reassembling, but the Pope said he should be sure of the co-operation of the American Bishops.

PARIS.—The French Government has made known to the Ecumenical Council that infallibility, is an inopportune question from a religious view, and politically places France otherwise than according to the concordats, and releases her from the obligations then accepted.

LONDON.—A report from the Admiralty office says, for the distance of 35 miles the Suez canal is subject to sand drifts, reducing the depth, and to thick fogs, which are bewildering to pilots.