

recommendations on which nominations were made, declaring the Senate co-ordinate in appointments, and had a right to know the reasons why nominations are made. The President informs the Committee he has not been guided in the matter of nominations by the quantity of recommendations.

The *Times*' special also says that Hoar's confirmation to the Supreme Bench is somewhat doubtful. The Democratic Senators are all opposed on account of his opinions in regard to the reconstruction laws, etc., and the Georgia and other Southern Senators are not pleased with the nomination, as the vacancy is from the Georgia district.

CHICAGO.—There was a narrow escape of a serious accident at Westminster Presbyterian Church on Dearborn Street, last night. The church was thronged with worshippers, when the floor gave way, precipitating from fifty to a hundred persons into the basement below, a distance of only four feet; nobody was seriously hurt.

The Coroner held an inquest yesterday on the body of Patrick Colton, who died from a fracture of the skull, caused by a blow from a club inflicted by his wife in a drunken quarrel.

NEW YORK.—An unsuccessful attempt was made to throw a passenger train on the Erie Railroad off the track in Bergen tunnel. Several of the recently discharged men are suspected.

Ben Wood in the *Daily News* denounces Judge Barnard as utterly corrupt and unworthy of the office he holds. Barnard says he recently investigated Wood's lotteries and found numerous frauds. When a large prize was drawn the managers generally threw it back again. The fight between Wood and Barnard promises to reveal all the rascalities of the lottery business.

The frigate *Albany* arrived yesterday from St. Domingo, having on board Commissioners Porter, English and Caskett, three gentlemen who have succeeded in the name of the United States in leasing from the Dominican authorities the Bay and Peninsula of Samana, for a period of fifty years, at the rate of fifteen thousand dollars in gold per annum. The first payment has been made.

Members of the New York bar have petitioned Congress to increase the salaries of the Judges of the Supreme Court.

A special dispatch says that Motley has actually proposed the transfer of the Alabama claims and negotiations to Washington and that the proposition has been accepted by Great Britain. Motley proposed to include the question of neutrality of the seas also in the subject of the negotiations. The British government will accept that also. No time is fixed upon for opening the negotiations.

The German Democrats of the 10th Ward held a mass meeting yesterday, denouncing Tammany in strong terms and warning the Democrats of the county not to trust the leaders of Tammany Hall, and calling upon Congress to pass stringent election laws under the power given by the 15th Amendment. As soon as it was adopted, a letter was received promising aid and purporting to come from the vigilance committee.

NEW YORK.—The Mormons of Williamsburg, were addressed by Brigham Young, Jr., and Bishops Hammond and Potts, [Sheets?] also spoke. The substance of Young's address was the abuse of the press.

It is reported some firemen and engineers of the Spanish gunboats, who are in the Cuban interest, will make an effort to destroy the vessels after they have left American waters.

The New York Bible and Common Prayer Book society celebrated its sixty-first anniversary last night at the chapel of the Savior.

There is a rumor abroad that the recent active transfer of Fenian arms and men from this city to the South-west, is with an unlimited reference to Cuba; New Orleans, Key West and Mobile will be made the base of operations. Some leaders of the brotherhood are known to be present in the South. Geo. Abbot, the leader of the expedition, whose aim will be to destroy and disable the gunboats, sailed last night in pursuit.

NEW YORK.—The details of the expedition of the frigate *Albany*, carrying Generals Babcock, Ingalls and Sackett for negotiating with Suez for the lease of the bay of Samana have been received. Over a week was consumed in negotiations before a final ratification was affected. All the ordinance aboard the *Albany*, besides a thousand breech loading muskets and several thousand stand of small arms, with a large amount of ammunition, were paid to the Do-

minican authorities. On Dec. 6th the United States flag was hoisted on the Island of Carrirero in the bay of Samana amidst general joy. The lease is made for fifty years at \$150,000 in gold yearly.

Geo. Francis Train found the doors of the Cooper Institute closed against him last evening, by order of the Board of Trustees. The expected lecture, therefore, didn't come off. Train demands \$50,000 dollars damages.

PHILADELPHIA.—An old locomotive on Reading Railroad exploded to-day, killing the engineer, Joseph Nagle and injuring three others.

The story about the lease of the Bay of Samana is largely fictitious and sensational. The island has not been transferred to the United States. Gen. Babcock merely went to investigate and he probably brings an official proposition regarding the lease from President Baez.

DETROIT.—Jemmy Elliott, the noted prize fighter, who robbed a man recently, and subsequently escaped to Canada, has been surrendered by the Canadian authorities.

VIRGINIA.—The Legislative Council which is unanimously Democratic, today rejected Governor Ashley's appointees for Territorial Auditor, Treasurer and Superintendent of Public Instruction, who are Republicans.

To-night is the coldest of the season. MEMPHIS.—A shock of earthquake was felt here at two this morning, lasting several seconds.

A report from Washington in reference to the impeachment of Judge Triggs, of the United States District Court in Tennessee, creates great surprise among all classes and parties, as he is a universal favorite.

LAWRENCE, 19.—R. S. Stevens, managing director of the Southern Pacific Railroad, bought, on Friday, of the State all the lands set apart for this road.

There will be an excursion, to-morrow, to Emporia to celebrate the completion of the road to that point.

MAUCH CHUNK, 21.—Up to yesterday thirty bodies had been found in the mine.

NEW YORK, 20.—The steamer *Bienville* from Havana, reports this morning that she exchanged signals on the 17th with the Spanish gun-boats, under convoy of the steamer *Pizarro*, running under all sail with light wind.

Thurloew Weed publishes a letter vindicating the course of the late George Peabody during the rebellion. He gives an account of an interview with Peabody during the first year of the war, at which Peabody said his devotion to our Government and the Union was so strong, painful as was the thought of war with brethren, he should stand by the Government, and whatever he could do, then and there for the Union cause, he would do cheerfully. The letter further says, that during the attempt of the Confederate sympathizers in Parliament to induce the recognition of the rebel Government, Peabody manifested a devotion to the North, and he never, directly or indirectly gave aid, comfort or encouragement to the rebel representatives.

The first annual ball of the Fat Men's Association was given to-night. No member is under 185 lbs. in weight and the aggregate over 25 tons. With such an amount of fat there was a corresponding display of good humor and jollity. The affair was conducted most respectably, and a large number of ladies were present.

McFarland was arraigned to-day at the Court of General Sessions, for the murder of Richardson. He pleaded through his counsel, "not guilty." No day is fixed for the trial.

It has transpired that the project was matured for the blowing up of the Spanish war vessel *Pizarro* and the gun-boats. Two tug-boats were chartered and lay out in the river on Saturday night, having a line of torpedoes stretched between them which were to be manipulated from the tug-boats.

The storm of Tuesday prevented the attempt.

NEW YORK, 21.—J. A. Wamley, Congressman from Georgia, published a card this morning claiming that in his correspondence with Wogan & Co., on the subject of supplying Georgia with counterfeit money, was only actuated by a laudable desire to entrap the rogues into some act by which they could be brought to justice.

NEW YORK, 21.—Rosa Celtina, the noted Contralto, who sang at a brilliant house at the Academy of Music on Friday night, died suddenly of heart disease.

SAN FRANCISCO.—A shock of earthquake was felt at Downville and other mountain towns last evening, and was

perceptible in the valleys. The shock was felt at San Luis Obispo on Dec. 15th.

The California, Oregon and Yuba Railroad Co's, have consolidated under the name of the California and Oregon Railroad Co., with a capital of fifteen millions. Work on the road is being vigorously prosecuted. Three hundred and fifty additional Chinese laborers were placed on the work last week. Fifty-one miles are completed and in running order from the junction with the Central Pacific at Roseville.

WHEELING.—A freight engine on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad exploded last night killing the engineer instantly and seriously wounding the fireman.

PITTSBURG.—The Fifth Ward School house of Alleghany City was burned last evening. The loss will amount to \$60,000.

NEW YORK.—The brig *Alecca* is reported, to have sailed on Saturday with arms and ammunition for the Cubans.

A first class steam frigate the *Senora* arrived at the Brooklyn navy yard yesterday, for the purpose of taking the balance of the stores and supplies; she will leave immediately for China.

The crew of the iron clad *Meantono-map* have been ordered to Vermont.

An order has been issued to put up the *Guard* and *Saratoga* as quickly as possible, they will both be used as store ships.

In the case of Mrs. Allen, charged by her son, an Episcopalian minister, with being demented, on high church doctrines, the counsel asked for an order from the court yesterday to prevent an extravagant waste of her property, as he said the lady's very underclothes were being held. Judge Carliso offered to issue an injunction if the counsel would show evidence to that effect. The case was adjourned until to-day.

Heavy railway robberies during several months past on the line of the Hartford, New Haven, Erie and New York Railroads, have come to light; the heaviest losers are on the New York Central. Among the victims on that road was the Baroness Olga Demaluta, of this city, who, last November, was robbed of over fifty thousand dollars worth of lace and jewelry from her trunk between Albany and Niagara Falls. Expert detectives are now engaged in fathoming the mystery.

Nelson, President of the New York Stock exchange, writes that no propositions have been extended by that body to buy St. Paul's Church, and that the idea of perverting to any secular purpose the ground on which stands the sacred edifice is as repugnant to the feelings of the Brokers as to those of the Reverend Dr. Dix, who has written so indignantly about it.

Colonel Robert Clark, formerly of the 13th Brooklyn regiment, who was confined in Ludlow St. jail, for the alleged manufacture of counterfeit tobacco stamps, attempted to escape at about day-break yesterday morning, but was detected.

The tournament of the New York Chess Club is still progressing. One hundred and sixteen games have already been played. The most successful champions, to the present time, are Captain MacKenzie, Mr. Ware, President of the Boston Chess Club, Dr. Barnett, B. Lissner and J. Thompson.

NEW YORK, 21.—Townsend's tea and coffee store, on Newark Avenue, Jersey City, was burned early this morning; loss \$12,000. A family living in the upper floor was nearly suffocated. The fire was accidental.

United States Senator Frelingheusen has made Dr. Haldich, Secretary of the American Bible Society, Rev. Dr. Noble, of the navy, Senor Rivera, of the City of Mexico, and himself life members of the Evangelical Association.

CHICAGO.—The *Tribune's* Washington special says that Supervisor Fulton, who went to California respecting a large seizure of Eastern whiskey, belonging to Kentucky and Ohio parties, has reported to Commissioner Delano, recommending the release of the whiskey. He has expressed the opinion that the shipment from New York was in regular order, and that the change in the color, complained of as an evidence of fraud, was due to the charring of the barrels. The evidence goes to show that the Deputy Collector was in the plan to deceive and keep out Eastern whiskey. It is also charged that the leading financial influence in San Francisco is combined for that purpose, and as a part of that scheme, no questions of which have appeared in the papers in that city for three months. When the late removals of revenue officers were made, three different names were submitted to Delano by the Ring, but on investigation it was discovered that

charges were pending against each, which, if proved, should send them to the penitentiary.

An Omaha dispatch says the completed portion of the Denver Pacific Road has been turned over to the charge of the company and that trains are now running from Cheyenne to Evans, thence by stage to Denver.

WASHINGTON.—It is reliably ascertained that yesterday's debate in secret session on the resolutions asking the President for the recommendations upon which the circuit judges were nominated was conducted in a spirit altogether friendly to the President.

The Superintendent of Indian Affairs in New Mexico reports, under date, Cimmaron, Dec. 7th, that the Ute Indians were almost all out on a hunt, and that they are said to be unanimously opposed to going to their reservation; their agent thinks they won't unless forced. It is thought the Apaches are also on a hunt and will make trouble when they return. The citizens of Cimmaron are insecure in consequence of this impression, and have asked for a company of troops.

Quite a number of naval appointments and promotions were confirmed by the Senate yesterday.

PARIS.—At a fete given at the Hotel De Ville last night, Baron Haussman, Prefect of the Seine, made a speech in which he pointedly referred to recent events in Paris; and declared that in spite of the fact that excesses had been committed by some persons in the name of liberty, his hearers might rest assured that order would be preserved.

M. Hauffman, a native of Germany, has been expelled from France for making violent radical speeches at political meetings.

La Marseilles, the new journal of Henry Rochefort; has already attained a circulation of 100,000.

The *Journal Official* has announced the wreck and total loss of the French war steamer *Georgon*, while on her way from Spain to Cherbourg.

PARIS, 21.—A dispatch received from well informed sources in Madrid says it is asserted that the Provisional Government at the next sitting of the Courts will fix a period, a delay beyond which it will not persist in advocating the candidature of the Duke of Genoa, if before the expiration of that time the King of Italy does not officially accept the crown for the Prince.

There is a rumor abroad that a reconciliation has taken place between Montpensier and Queen Isabella. The son of the Duke de Montpensier was ill, which occasioned the exchange of dispatches between Isabella and the Duchess, and a reconciliation followed. The rumor gives rise to much speculation, and should it prove true, new political combinations may be looked for. A plan is already talked of for placing the Prince of the Austrias on the throne under the regency of Montpensier, and it is generally believed that the Unionists will coalesce and agree with the progressionists should this news be confirmed.

It is not true that the French Government has made overtures for a general disarmament to Prussia, Austria and Russia; the French Government has taken no steps whatever in that direction.

General Rignalt de Aughty, Marshal of France, died to-day, aged 73 years.

M. Delongle, procurer general of the Court of Cassation is dead.

A subscription has been opened for the relief of the Spaniards recently expelled from the country by the French government.

Marseilles advices have come to hand which render it certain that the British war steamer *Deerhound* has been lost, on a voyage from Athens to Malta. Sir Stafford Northcote, Secretary of State for India, was on board and is believed to have perished.

Great excitement prevails among the merchants here on account of a report, received from the United States, that a duty of five cents will be imposed on all centrifugal grades of sugars, as sugars are classed differently at various ports in the United States; this measure has caused much confusion.

On Saturday the steamship *Eagle*, when about to sail, was visited by the police, who detained her an hour longer than the usual sailing time, for the purpose of arresting a passenger named Donaldson, who had been accused of taking part against the Spanish Government, but the Captain general issued an order directing the police to allow Donaldson to proceed unmolested.

Several plantations in the vicinity of Villa Clara, have been burned, and skirmishes are reported between the Spanish troops and insurgents in the same locality.