

several men were shot, and carried off by their companions. The affair caused great excitement in Wexford county.

The internal condition of Italy is becoming critical, and fears are entertained that a coup d'etat is contemplated.

Florence.—It is believed in Paris that the relations between France and Italy will not be so cordial as they have been.

Paris.—It is now considered certain that the General Council of the Roman Catholic church will assemble at Rome in November.

Florence.—The *Unito Catholic* newspaper says, a special agent from the United States arrived at Rome on a secret mission to the Pope, and will be supported by Farragut's fleet, which is expected hourly. The *Naples Journal* gives no information in regard to the nature of the mission. The intrigues of the Bourbonists in Naples are causing much disquiet there.

Berlin.—Carl Schurz has arrived on a special mission from Washington, and has been received by Bismarck.

Copenhagen.—The upper House of the Rigsdag has unanimously ratified the treaty for the transfer of St. Thomas.

Chicago, 30.—The total losses by the great fire on Tuesday night amount to two & three quarter millions, about half insured. The Pacific Insurance Company at San Francisco loses ten thousand. It is thought all losses will be promptly paid, though some companies will be nearly ruined.

Naples, 29.—The eruption of Vesuvius culminated in an unusual and very fatal catastrophe, yesterday. On the side of the mountain opposite the gate of the Castello works, one of the fortifications of the city fell outwards and detached a portion of several houses, which were burned, overwhelming numbers of carriages passing along the highway. The scene was melancholy and full of ruin; there was considerable loss of life, the number was not ascertained.

The *Herald's* special believes that the President will veto the anti-contraction bill. Governor Jenkins is about to apply to the Supreme Court for an injunction to prevent General Meade from illegally appropriating the funds and Railroads of the State of Georgia. This will test the constitutionality of the present Governments of the Southern States.

The *World's* special says the Committee of Ways and Means have decided not to reduce the whisky tax.

The *Tribune's* special says the Committee on Appropriations will bring the appropriations within a hundred and fifty millions.

Chicago.—It is expected that Alabama will be fully restored and recognized in the Union within three weeks, and that Georgia and North Carolina will follow suit.

Albany.—Judge Peek Hall, of the Circuit Court, quashed the writ of Certiorari granted by Judge Wells in the Cole murder case. The District Attorney moved for the trial of the case tomorrow, but the defense asked for a postponement.

New Haven.—The Democratic State Convention nominated English and all the present State officers.

Berlin, 30.—Herr Twisten, a member of the North German Parliament, who was arrested some time since for language spoken in debate, has been discharged, having been subjected to a slight pecuniary fine. It is thought the decided position taken by the Parliament in relation to the privileges of its members caused this result.

Washington, 30.—House.—Scofield, rising to a question of privilege, called attention to a statement in one of the evening papers, that one of the Supreme Judges, in a mixed, but private gathering of gentlemen, spoke freely of the reconstruction laws, and declared in the most positive terms that all those laws were unconstitutional, and that the Court would be sure to pronounce them so. One of his friends suggesting that it was indiscreet to speak so positively, the Judge repeated his views in a more emphatic manner. Scofield offered a resolution directing the Judiciary Committee to inquire into the truth of the declarations of the newspaper article, and to report whether the facts constitute such a misdemeanor as requires the House to present articles of impeachment against such Justice. Several members wanted the name of the Judge inserted in the resolution. Blain said that in one of the papers the name of Stephen J. Field was given. Johnson said if this be a blow at Judge Field he wanted his name inserted. Scofield suggested that the gentleman from California move to amend the resolution by inserting the name of Judge Field. Johnson declined to avail himself of the opportunity. Higbee declared he had been familiar with Judge Field during the rebellion and that no man was truer

to the Union. The resolution finally passed.

Senate.—Harlan introduced a bill to grant lands to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the Union Pacific Railroad through Montana and Idaho to Puget Sound; referred. Patterson offered a bill entirely dispensing with special agents appointed under the acts of 1792 and 1846. The reconstruction bill was taken up, Cradon spoke in its favor.

Edward Thornton, the new British Minister, has arrived and will be presented to-morrow. There is no longer any doubt that the Sandwich Islands treaty will be ratified.

San Francisco, 30.—The Italian bark, Vittoria, laden with lumber, for Callao, went ashore at Point Wilson, Puget Sound, Jan. 27.

The navigation of the Columbia and Willamett rivers is still closed by ice.

St. Louis, 30.—Quite a panic occurred on the river this afternoon. Several hundred persons were crossing on the ice, when the ice suddenly broke loose and floated down stream. Great consternation ensued, and the people ran wildly hither and thither, but could not escape to either shore. Finally the cake drifted to the Missouri side, and all escaped. Nobody was injured.

Frankfort, Ky., 31.—A negro committed a rape yesterday on a young Irish girl, fifteen years of age, and then threw her down the railroad embankment, breaking her shoulder. The negro was arrested and lodged in jail. Last night the mob forced the jail and hung the negro to the tree where the rape was committed.

Chicago.—There was another destructive fire on Lake street last night. Loss \$20,000.

San Francisco.—A Victoria telegram says a public meeting was held on the 29th to discuss the expediency of the Colony applying for admission to the Dominion of Canada. A resolution to favor a consolidation with the overland wagon roads as an essential condition was unanimously adopted, and a committee was appointed to wait upon the Governor to ascertain the progress made and to take further steps for the union of the Colony with the Dominion.

Alaska advices to January 25th say all is well. The Italian bark Vittoria is reported ashore at Point Wilson. She floated off at flood tide uninjured.

Washington, 31.—Senate.—The Chair presented a joint resolution from the Ohio Legislature, rescinding the ratification of the Constitutional Amendment. Sumner claimed that the State could not withdraw the approval once given. Johnson argued on the opposite side of the question. Finally the matter was referred to the Judiciary.

The supplemental tenure of office bill was taken up, the question being Sumner's amendment that the bill shall not abolish foreign agents in the State department. The morning hour expired, and the bill went over.

The supplemental reconstruction bill came up and Howe spoke in favor of the bill. Adjourned till Monday.

House.—The resolution from the Ohio Legislature was presented and referred to the Judiciary Committee, who were instructed to report whether a State has a right to withdraw assent.

Washburne reported the military appropriation bill, which was ordered printed, and made the special order for Monday.

Elliot reported the bill continuing the Freedmen's Bureau, a synopsis of which was previously telegraphed.

The report of the Conference Committee on the cotton tax was agreed to. It admits cotton free on and after November next. Adjourned.

London dispatches, giving an account of the caving in of the side of Vesuvius, causing loss of life, are unfounded, no such accident having occurred.

Harrisburg.—A fast passenger train on the Pennsylvania road this morning was thrown from the track by a broken rail. Three cars went down the embankment, took fire, and burned up. All the passengers, except one woman, escaped; she was burned to death. A number were injured, but none seriously.

Boston.—The Legislative Committee have reported a bill licensing liquor dealers. It gives the power to the Mayor and Selectmen of cities and villages to grant licenses.

Washington.—In the Supreme Court the Hon. James Hughes, for the Government, moved that the McArdle case be dismissed for want of jurisdiction. He argued that the courts have no right to interfere with the war-making power of Congress now being exercised in the seceded States. Black argued that the court has jurisdiction in this class of cases, given in express terms by the

reconstruction acts. The court then adjourned.

The House Military Committee have decided to report a bill establishing a military arsenal at Fort David Russell, near Cheyenne, the cost not to exceed \$50,000.

New York.—Vanderbilt is reported dangerously ill. The Protestant Episcopal House of Bishops will meet on Wednesday to choose a Bishop for Oregon, in place of Bishop Smith, deceased.

The meeting of publishers and authors has appointed a committee to prepare a system of regulation which may serve as a basis for international copyright.

Ten million dollars of Union Pacific railroad bonds were sold by the Company, to-day, and advanced the price to ninety-five.

London.—Dispatches from Florence allege that the Italian Government is about to send a naval expedition to Rio Plata. Nothing is known of the cause of this movement and Menabrea declines to give any explanation. It is reported that the Italian fleet now lying in the Bay of Naples is preparing to sail for South America.

Naples.—The Italian fleet now in this harbor has received orders to sail forthwith for Rio Parana, in Paraguay. All information with regard to the expedition is rigorously withheld by the Government.

London.—Dr. Arminnis Vambrey, the well known traveler in Central Asia, in a letter to the *Times*, proves the absurdity of the reports that the Chinese Government is preparing a hostile movement against Russia.

Savannah.—The schooner Lone Star with ten passengers and three deck hands, was blown to sea, and was overhauled by the bark Eureka: only three passengers were saved. Such was their exhaustion that they could not tell what became of the others. They were all negroes.

Leavenworth.—Four buildings on Delaware street were burned this morning: loss about \$150,000; two-thirds insured.

Little Rock.—The Convention has voted a memorial to Congress, asking an appropriation of \$39,000 to improve the levies of Mississippi, Louisiana, and Arkansas, the land benefited to be taxed twenty-five cents per acre to reimburse Government.

New Orleans.—The Convention has adopted articles of the Constitution as far as 131, still under the title of general provisions.

New York.—The *World's* special says it is authorized to state, most confidentially and decisively, that the legitimate demands on Great Britain which have been too meekly urged by Secretary Seward, are about to be enforced at whatever cost and hazard. The new British minister will be presented on Tuesday, and although the speeches may be guarded and serene, the fact yet remains that a speedy and satisfactory response, must be made by the British Government to the President's ultimatum, or a declaration of war will eventually ensue. The *Tribune's* special makes substantially the same assertion.

Chicago.—The diplomatic appropriation bill makes no appropriation for the minister to Portugal, and prohibits the salaries of Consuls or Consuls-General, except those specified in the act. No diplomatic officer will receive his salary for the time that he is absent, by leave or otherwise, when such absence exceeds sixty days in a year.

Montreal.—Specials say the anti-confederate movements in Nova Scotia, cause some sensation. There is a report that the Government have made overtures to Mr. How, to renounce his opposition to the new order of things, but have failed, How remaining faithful to the interests of his province.

A bill has been introduced into the New York Legislature, incorporating the Metropolitan underground railroad with a capital of six millions. It is proposed to build the railroad under Broadway to Central Park, also under other streets.

San Francisco.—Late advices from Arizona say the Indians made a descent on Beale Springs Station and Camp Willows, and shot or carried off all the stock. The mail carrier had to be escorted by military. Four men belonging to the railroad survey were lost in the wilderness for seven days, and came near starving. Governor McCormick and other civil officers of the Territory arrived at Tucson, December seventeenth. The citizens escorted them into the town, and gave a grand supper in their honor. The population of Tucson and vicinity, is rapidly increasing, and hopes of better times are generally indulged in.

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