

[SPECIAL TO THE DESERET NEWS.]

By Telegraph.

GENERAL.

CHICAGO.—The *Republican* has a special from Whitelaw Reid, stating that Richardson, at midnight last night, was in a critical condition, and that everything depends on the next twenty-four hours. The doctors have good hopes of his recovery and think the wound in his stomach is suppurating, which is favorable for the patient. Last evening, for the first time, his mind showed a disposition to wander and he became fretful and flighty. Skillful physicians are with him constantly.

Petitions for granting belligerent rights to Cuba have been signed very extensively, and will be presented to Congress.

Washington specials say that Vice President Huntington of the Central Pacific, President Ames and Secy. Rollins of the Union Pacific, met Secretary Boutwell and Government Director Wilson, on Saturday, and finally adjusted all difficulties. The Secretary paid the Central Pacific two and a half millions in bonds, which were immediately turned over to the Union Pacific, as part of the purchase money for the section between Ogden and the Promontory. This completes the Government issue of bonds for the entire road. The junction will hereafter be at Ogden. The Central Pacific gets no pay for grading this side of the Promontory; the Union Pacific gets nothing for the other side.

It is understood that the President's message will fill about three newspaper columns. This message and Boutwell's report will be sent to Congress in writing, and must be telegraphed from Washington. The other Cabinet and Bureau reports will probably be mailed through the Associated Press on Friday or Saturday. The Treasury, Navy and War reports are only half or two-thirds as long as last year.

Binkley caused a suit for libel, damage \$50,000, to be instituted against Commissioner Rollins while passing through Baltimore on Saturday. The complaint is based on Rollins' letter to Grant recommending Binkley's removal.

NEW YORK.—Early yesterday morning, Cornelius Stahl, a German, was murdered in a shocking manner at Newark, N. J. Five persons are in custody, but the supposed real murderer has escaped. The affair is involved in mystery.

Another phase of the drawback rascality, in the Custom House, is now under investigation by the District Attorney. The new frauds differ from those previously discovered in the fact that the goods on which the drawback was claimed were ostensibly shipped, although the packages were really bogus, barrels of water, for instance, being substituted for barrels of oil. The culprits seem to be a different set of offenders to those connected with the previous frauds. So far as known no officers are implicated. The extent of the frauds is not fully ascertained. No arrests have yet been made.

A set of sharpers, calling themselves Tasker & Co., having an office in William Street, have succeeded in swindling about 150 laborers out of \$5 each, under the pretence of furnishing them a passage to New Orleans, at which place they would be set to work at \$3.75 per day. On Saturday, the day of sailing, the office was closed and the Company failed to put in an appearance.

It is stated that the French government which refused to negotiate a new portal treaty with Senator Ramsey, on more liberal basis, has asked that the present treaty, which expires on the first of February, 1870, shall be renewed for one year; this request our Government has positively declined.

The *Times* urges the transfer of the negotiations relative to the *Alabama* claims to Washington, and doubts the report that negotiations have been reopened by Motley. It says: "However, we have reason to believe that the British government was officially notified some time since by the Secretary of State, that this Government is ready to receive any new propositions which the British Cabinet might choose to submit. This was a new formal notification, but was certainly not a reopening; it was simply a necessary formality on any event."

The *Tribune* says that in spite of the representation of the Captain General's questionable organ, it is reasserted that the Spanish Admiral, Compo, did intend reprisals upon American commerce and that Minister Roberts has not changed the demonstrative tone of his diplomatic

base. Admiral Compo, and Minister Roberts will now, perforce, await the issue of the gunboat litigation and the action of Congress. If by that time they wish to treat, to sell out or to make war, they will be in order.

A. D. Richardson this morning is thought to be gradually sinking; no hopes are entertained of his recovery. The ball was extracted from Richardson this morning and his condition is more precarious than ever.

The Assistant Treasurer has announced that the Government will sell eleven millions in gold and buy thirteen millions in bonds in December. The announcement caused considerable excitement in the Gold room with great pressure to sell; the price closed at 213. Government fell heavy and made a decline of two per cent.

ALBANY.—Henry Dunn, who was bitten by a dog in August, was taken with hydrophobia on Thursday afternoon, and after intense suffering, died yesterday.

Alex. McConnell, who was kicked in the abdomen a few days since by Lorenzo Murphy, died last night. Murphy is under arrest.

SAN FRANCISCO, 29.—Attention has been called to the condition of the United States marine hospital; the building has been deserted since the earthquake in October, '68. It is said that fifteen thousand dollars will make the building better than before the earthquake. The property is worth at least half a million. An impression prevails that a plan is maturing to obtain it from the Government for a nominal sum.

The State Officers have moved into the new Capitol building.

The Sutro Tunnel Company was incorporated to-day with a capital of twelve millions. The first trustees are Samuel Nerritt, Michael Reese, Abraham Seligman, Joseph Aaron, William H. Sharp, Jno. B. Felton and Henry Burrell.

WASHINGTON.—The Ways and Means Committee had a quorum this morning and proceeded to the business that the House demands, and will report on the tariff in two weeks from to-day.

INDIANAPOLIS.—Lewis Aritz, a freight conductor on the Toledo and Wabash Western Railroad, was instantly killed this morning by falling from the top of the cars, the train passing over him.

PARIS.—There was a reunion of the Senate and *Corps Legislatif*, to-day. The Emperor was present and made an important speech. He said that between those who would change all, and those who would grant nothing, a glorious course might be chosen; he announced himself as ready to grant reform. In closing he complimented the United States.

BOSTON.—Counterfeit ten dollar greenbacks, of excellent imitation, have appeared in Peabody.

On Saturday evening, Nathaniel Lord, a well known citizen, was knocked down and robbed, and, it is feared, fatally injured. The robbers escaped.

ST. LOUIS.—A young man, studying for the ministry, at McKendrie College, Lebanon, Ill., and who has exhorted the people of that vicinity for the past year, was arrested on Friday morning last for stealing twenty-two hundred dollars in bonds from one of the professors. The matter was brought to light by evidence received from a house of ill fame in St. Louis, where, it is alleged, the student was a frequent visitor. He confessed his guilt last evening, but during the night escaped.

NEW YORK, 30.—The suit of the Erie Company against Commodore Vanderbilt was resumed to-day before Judge Barnard. Judge Black moved to dismiss the complaint on the ground that no cause of action was made in proof of fraud, or conspiracy shown, and if in fact the Erie road had fraudulently paid out money it could not be sued to recover. After some argument Judge Barnard said the only ground on which the case could be maintained was that of fraud and collusion between Vanderbilt and the officers of the Company. It seemed to him that the Company's remedy was against Drew. Mr. Field called Daniel Drew, who testified at some length, detailing the circumstances during July, 1868. The further hearing of the case is adjourned until to-morrow.

A complaint was made against the son of Judge Smalley a U. S. District Judge; he was charged with complicity in the custom house frauds but has been honorably discharged.

On Thursday afternoon a motion to discharge the Spanish gunboats from custody, on the ground that no war exists between Spain and Peru, and that no proof exists that they were intended to act against Peru will be argued before Judge Blatchford. District Attor-

ney Pierpont gives his opinion that the motion will be denied.

The captain of the bark *Scottish Pride*, from Bordeaux, reports that he saw two sea serpents on the edge of the Gulf Stream, 200 miles east of Delaware Bay; one was twenty feet long and six or eight inches through, the other about five feet long.

A freight train on the Erie road, through the carelessness of the conductor, ran into another freight train at Mount Hope, on Saturday; twenty cars were smashed.

The through train from Washington, on the New Jersey Railroad, collided with a freight train standing on the track at Princeton, yesterday; considerable damage was done, but only one person injured.

James S. Brown, a veteran comedian, died yesterday, aged 89 years.

The State Temperance Convention is called to meet at Syracuse, December 22nd, for the purpose of forming a political organization with the temperance men of the State.

WASHINGTON, 29.—Senator Edmunds had an interview with the President this morning. Subsequently Secretaries Fish and Belknap and Attorney General Hoar were in consultation with the President. The Members of Congress who have arrived have considerable business to attend to in the various departments. A large proportion of them have already had an interview with Secretary Boutwell, the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Treasurer Spinner and the prominent Treasury Officials. The Secretary of the Navy is still engaged preparing his report. Commissioner Delano's report will be handed to Secretary Boutwell to-morrow.

Edward R. Ryar has been appointed Assistant Assessor Internal Revenue for the 2nd District of New York, vice McFarland, the person who shot Mr. Richardson.

WASHINGTON.—A delegation of Jews had an interview with the President this morning and appealed to him to use the efforts of this Government to effect the revocation or modification of the late ukase of the Czar of Russia, expatriating 2,000 Jewish families. The President stated that it was too late in this day of enlightenment to prosecute any race on account of color or religion and he would take great pleasure in using his influence to procure a revocation of the ukase.

The President has appointed John Parsons, of Ohio, Consul to Santiago, de Cuba; and Thos. A. Savier, Edward R. Geary, and Jesse Applegate commissioners to examine and report upon the road and telegraph line authorized to be constructed by the Oregon Central Railroad Company.

Burlingame several weeks ago, authorized a gentleman who has just returned from Europe, to make a statement that the constant reports of the dissatisfaction of the Chinese government with his mission originated in China among those who are opposed to the American policy of that Government, but that his diplomatic conduct has been in entire accord with it, and has therefore received its approval. His mission will be extended beyond two years. In February he will proceed to St. Petersburg. It is also stated that the completion of his mission would be a complete international triumph for China and would place her among the controlling nations of the world.

Minister Sickles, under date of Nov. 28, telegraphs to the Secretary of State, "I am authorized by the Minister of the Colonies to inform you that the Government measures for Porto Pico will include a free press, public schools, impartial suffrage, the gradual but speedy abolition of slavery, civil and political rights without distinction of color, and foreigners to vote after six months' residence. These reforms are, in good faith, to be extended to Cuba when hostilities shall cease. Deputies will be chosen in accordance with the provisions of article eighteen of the Spanish Constitution."

Alexander Delmar has purchased the *National Intelligencer*.

ST. LOUIS, 30.—The total loss by fire at Topeka, Kas., on Sunday, was \$75,000, insured for \$26,000.

MEMPHIS.—The Mississippi election returns are meagre. A Columbia dispatch says the election passed off quietly; the negroes voted for Alcorn. In other places the majority of the negroes voted for Dent.

RICHMOND.—A large number of delegates to the National Board of Trade have arrived, representing the boards of New York, Philadelphia, Boston, St. Louis, Louisville, Chicago and other cities. There seems to be a general feeling among the people to welcome the delegates, as it is the first national body that has met here for years.

NEW YORK, 1 p.m.—Richardson's condition is more critical; he is weak and exhausted. The doctors are hopeful but fearful.

ROCHESTER.—The Alabama and Susquehanna railroad case is again postponed through an urgent appeal from Gould and Fisk's counsel.

The suit of the Erie Railway vs. Vanderbilt was, to-day, postponed until January 2nd.

There is no doubt, notwithstanding contrary statements, that the *Miantonmah* has been ordered here with express reference to the expected visit of the Spanish fleet. The ironclad *Roanoke* is being thoroughly overhauled for vice at short notice. The *Express* learns from the navy yard that several vessels have already sailed and others are preparing to sail under secret orders, the prevailing opinion at the yard being that their destination is Cuban waters.

The District Attorney has received no further communication from Washington relative to the Spanish gunboats.

Petitions, for signatures, are being posted at the ferry houses and elsewhere, praying the Government to immediately recognize the independence of Cuba.

A suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Orange Co., against the Erie road for \$20,000 damages, by one of the sufferers at the Carr's Rock disaster.

General Gercous has been dishonorably discharged by the Cuban Junta.

The *Express*'s Washington specials say the Ways and Means Committee, to-day, agreed to reduce the tariff twenty millions. Coffee will be reduced to 4 cents, tea to 20 cents a pound. They are also enlarging the free list.

A sudden change in the movements of Secretary Boutwell to-day, who was just on the eve of inaugurating the programme of the Treasury Department for December, is the absorbing topic of conversation in financial circles. All bids for gold under 22 have been rejected. The only bids offered were at twenty, and there were sixty-three hundred of these, and twenty hundred at twenty-one, but all were rejected. One firm deems the right of the Secretary to reject their bids under the present advertisement, and it is stated that some of the bidders for gold will go to Washington to-night and make a formal demand for the amount for which they bid. The Stock market is unfavorably affected. The Pacific mail fell to 47, the lowest price for ten years; the Western Union to 35.

OSWEGO.—Thomas Kingford, founder of the celebrated Starch Manufactory of Kingford & Son, died yesterday, aged 70.

James W. Marshall, of N. J., has been appointed first assistant Post Master General; he enters upon his duties on Wednesday.

Mrs. Sanglers and daughter of Jersey City, were burned to-day by an explosion of camphine, the former fatally.

ROCHESTER.—The important action, commenced by Attorney General Champlain, in the name of the people, against the Albany and Susquehanna railroad Company and Joseph Ramsey, James Fisk, Jay Gould and forty-two other persons, for the purpose of determining who were legally elected directors of the said Company in August last, to-day came up for trial, and was adjourned to the Circuit Court in this city.

The *Republican*'s special says that at one o'clock this morning Richardson was apparently much better, and his physicians were confident of his recovery.

In Wall Street there was a greater panic yesterday than since September 24th, caused by the decline in gold to a point lower than any since '62. There was much alarm among holders of produce and dry goods on account of the shrinkage of values.

Banking houses, which have discounted business in paper were uneasy, and there were decided fears of a financial crash. Some of the advocates of speedy specie resumption have become alarmed, and beseech the Secretary to sell no more gold.

PHILADELPHIA.—In the General Synod of the Reformed Church, the presence of the Rev. Dr. Holmes, delegate from the Reformed Dutch Church, was announced. The committee of finance reported the assessment of the Synod at a hundred and thirty thousand dollars, which was proportioned among the district synods. The special committee, to whom was referred certain memorials, in which the General Synod petitioned to withdraw the permission given by the last General Synod to use a certain order of worship, reported adversely to the petition. The report was tabled for the present. The special

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