

[SPECIAL TO THE DESERET NEWS.]

By Telegraph.

GENERAL

RALEIGH.—George Williamson, a citizen of Caswell county, went to serve writs of *habeas corpus*, issued by the Chief Justice in behalf of Hon. John Kerr and other citizens of Caswell, who were arrested by Kirk's militia. Kirk ordered him to leave or he would have him fired on. Williamson made a return in accordance with these facts. The Chief Justice decided that the writs were not properly served, first because Williams was not appointed by the Chief Justice to make such service; second, being a citizen of Caswell he was an insurgent and could not serve the writs. The Chief Justice reaffirmed the opinion that the *habeas corpus* act was not suspended, and ordered the Marshal of the Supreme Court to go to Caswell county and serve the writs. There has been no disturbance, or resistance to law, in any portion of the State. A telegram from Hillsboro states that Kirk's men arrested thirty citizens of Alamance to-day, and they hung William Patton, a respectable citizen, three times, cutting him down each time to make him confess who murdered the outlaw. The last time they cut him down he was over an hour before he recovered. He made no confession.

CHICAGO.—In a destructive fire at Bloomington, Ill., last night, a large livery stable, containing twenty-three horses and mules, with a large number of carriages was burned with its contents; a large wagon factory adjoining was also burned; loss heavy.

The Republican Congressional Convention in the eighth district of Illinois, adjourned to-day to Tuesday next, having balloted 122 times without a choice or the change of a single vote.

ST. LOUIS, 30.—An order has been received here to-day, by a prominent mercantile firm, from the French authorities, to purchase 50,000 tons of hay for the French army.

NASHVILLE.—Dick Hamilton, colored, was arrested here this afternoon, charged with the murder of Hale Ray, a white man; he confessed the crime, and was committed for trial.

CONCORD, 31.—A portion of the Round house of the Northern R. R., was burned, and three engines badly damaged; loss eighty thousand dollars. Insured.

NEW YORK, 31.—The Nathan murder remains a mystery. Many people seem to believe that a son of the victim is the criminal; while another theory is that the murdered banker was followed from Morristown, New Jersey, by an unknown man, who concealed himself in the house for the purpose of robbery.

The Irish Catholics are said to be organizing to prevent the Orangemen from celebrating the 5th of August.

Four hundred extra men will be engaged at the Brooklyn navy yard, to fit out the steamers *Albany*, *Minnesota*, *Tennessee* and *Washington*.

"Dexter" trotted half a mile, yesterday, in 106½ seconds to a road wagon.

A man named McLaughlin was attacked this morning by four persons, and stabbed five times with an old bayonet, by John Reed; the wounds are dangerous; the man's wife was badly injured. The outrage was incited by a woman named Shekan, who took part in it. The assailants were arrested.

WASHINGTON.—The Quarter Master General having declined to pay certain claims which occurred previous to July 1st 1870, the question has been referred to the Attorney General, who has given an opinion that all unexpended balances must be conveyed into the Treasury, and hence no old claims can be paid until further legislation by Congress.

The secretary of the treasury to-day, after receiving the opinion of the attorney general on the subject, the meaning and intention of the recent act of Congress, awarded to the Alaska Commercial Company the lease and privilege of taking the fur seals on the island of St. Paul and St. George during the period of twenty years, the bid of said company being considered the highest and best offered. The contract is substantially as follows: The company is to pay \$55,000 a year, and a rental of \$2.62½ on each skin taken, and fifty cents per gallon for each gallon of oil obtained. It is also required to furnish the inhabitants of St. Paul and St. George annually 25,000 dried salmon, sixty cords of fire wood, a sufficient quantity of salt and a sufficient number of barrels for preserving the necessary supply of meat, 200 barrels of oil and a sufficient number of seal skins to supply the inhabitants with boots, and

a sufficient quantity of sinews and membranes to supply them with waterproof garments, free of charge. The Company is further obliged to pay the expense of maintaining a school on each island. The contracting parties are responsible, and have been in the business since the cession of Alaska.

CHICAGO.—Full accounts of the execution of Joseph Myers at Shelbyville, Ill. executed for the murder of Shaw, say the scenes attending it were the most terrible and revolting ever witnessed in the country. The mob, who howled and clamored for admission to the enclosure within which the execution took place, succeeded in driving back the guards and tearing down the high close fences just after the body was cut down, and crowding around the coffin containing it, jeering and shouting, and finally placing it on the shoulders of half a dozen men, carried it through Main street, followed by an immense crowd of men women and children.

NEW YORK.—A lady of fortune residing here has volunteered as a nurse in the war. Immense sums have been subscribed for the wounded.

The murder of Mr. Nathans has created an excitement almost equalling that of the Burdell tragedy. The scene of the murder is an elegant brown stone mansion, near fifth avenue. He was covered with wounds; his face was discolored and swollen; his night shirt saturated with blood, and his body and legs smeared with it. The door and wall were also covered with blood, as though there had been a desperate struggle. The bones of two or three fingers of the right hand were fractured, as though he had been clutched violently to make him loose his hold. There were nine wounds and the skull in all parts was completely shattered. No arrests have been made, nor is there the slightest clue to the perpetrator. It is generally believed that robbery only was intended, but being surprised by Mr. Nathan, they beat him to death. The murderers, it is believed, concealed themselves in the house yesterday, as all the doors and windows were secured this morning except the front door, through which they escaped. Mr. Nathans is understood to be worth two millions of dollars. A coroner's jury has been empanelled for an inquest.

The great yacht race for the queen's cup, held by America, is fixed for August 18th. It is reported that the famous old yacht *Maria* will be put in trim and will enter the race. Measures will be taken for the relief of the families of the men washed overboard from the *Dauntless*. Ashbury signifies his intention of giving a purse to each.

The *Post* has a rumor that Captain Samuels of the *Dauntless* has disappeared, and it is believed that as he lost thirty thousand on the race, he has committed suicide; the *Commercial* contradicts the story and says the Captain is in town and in good health and spirits.

Congressman Cleveland and family were thrown from their carriage in Morristown, N. Y., last evening; all were injured but not serious.

Lady Franklin arrived to-night at the residence of Henry Grinnell.

The steamer *Angelina* for Glasgow, took two hundred Germans, who are to enter the German army.

The German patriotic Aid Society has determined to send six surgeons to assist the wounded Prussians.

SAN FRANCISCO 20.—General Canby left to-day, for Portland, to assume command of the department of Columbia.

Four North German vessels are here. The completion of the California and Oregon railroad to Chico places the largest orchards in California in railroad communication with the Atlantic States, and induces large shipments of fruit.

Jas. Dobson, a desperado, was killed in an affray in Montgomery street, opposite the Rufus House, to-day, by John Tylor.

NEWARK.—A sewer in course of construction in Broad Street, caved in to-day, burying three laborers.

MEMPHIS.—Another terrible tragedy in connection with the Bolton-Dickens vendetta, was enacted this morning. As Col. Thomas Dickens was returning to his home on Big Creek in this county, from a neighbor's house, where he had spent the night, he was shot from the bushes and killed. The detectives are working up the case, which creates great excitement; Dickens was an old man and, as will be remembered, killed Wade Bolton, of this city last fall. He is the tenth person killed in the feud.

MOBILE, 30.—A terrific storm passed over this city to-day; houses were unroofed, trees uprooted, goods in stores damaged by water, and steamboats sunk

and driven ashore. The dry dock was forced from its original position and driven about eight miles up the river. No lives were lost so far as known. The total loss is estimated at \$200,000.

BOSTON.—Well executed counterfeit tens are in circulation.

RALEIGH.—The Marshal of the Supreme Court has not yet returned from Yancyville, where he went on Saturday to serve the writs last issued by chief justice Pearson. The reports of the arrest of thirty more citizens of Alamance are confirmed. It is reported that Lieut. Col. Bergen tied up several persons by the thumbs, to make them confess that they were kluklux. Three companies of U.S. troops arrived yesterday from fort Washington, and two companies have been ordered to Yancyville.

The London cable special to the *Herald* says that preparations for war in Prussia are being carried on with great activity. Trenches have been opened two leagues from Cologne, and an entrenched camp established in the triangle formed by Cologne, Coblenz and Trevor. A fine park in Cologne and the magnificent chateau of the banker Oppenheim have been rased. Mayence is in a state of siege, and occupied by twenty-five thousand soldiers. Trenches have been opened in front of the city, and persons unable to provide themselves with six weeks provisions have had notice to depart. A large force is encamped on the heights of St. Hubert, overlooking the valley of the lake, which will protect an important group of coal mines in that place, and command the junction of the railroads from Bingenbruck to London. Large rafts descending the Rhine at all the piers are laden with provisions, and military munitions; and between Mayence and Coblenz, a formidable amount of war material and an immense body of troops have been collected. In consequence of new instructions from the war office there will be an entire change of tactics: henceforth, there will be no open campaign. The tactics will be similar to those hitherto employed in a siege, namely in advance and under cover of the entrenchments. The Rhine provinces are being covered with improved works. The country between Coblenz and Mayence is entrenched and cut up in this fashion. This news of the defence requires a new mode of attack, hence the delay of the French advance. A Prussian corps is stationed as a curtain to the Black Forest; the principal forces are concentrated in the triangular section of the country formed by the river Rhine, Moselle and Soar. The last two rivers form the line of defense. The left of the army rests on the Rhine near Loudon, and the right stretches out to the Moselle near Trevor. It is believed that Prussia will raise her army to a million and a quarter of soldiers, and that they will advance on France. The day after the declaration of war Gen. Von Molke stated that if Napoleon did not march to the Rhine by the 21st, he would never cross above Mayence. Soar Louis has been recently fortified, and will serve as the centre of operations, and in case of necessity the Prussians can fall back on Mayence and Coblenz, which will protect the passage over the Rhine, and behind which they have a formidable corps in reserve.

PHILADELPHIA.—Early this morning the Presbyterian publication house was entered, and the safe broken into by tearing away the partition. The thieves found \$73,000 in registered bonds, but left them lying on the floor; all the plunder they obtained was two dozen gold pens and seventy dollars in cash.

LOUISVILLE.—The election of county officers was held in this city to-day. The negroes have polled a large vote up to this hour, and the returns, as far as heard from, indicate a close vote. There has been less excitement and feeling than in any contested election for years, quiet and order prevailing. No interference with the colored vote was attempted. Some negroes have been arrested for attempting to repeat their votes. It is thought that the greatest portion of the colored vote has been polled, and that this evening's returns will give a majority for the regular Democratic ticket.

CHICAGO.—Washington specials state that additional troops have been sent to North Carolina, and at present Governor Holden has ten companies of regulars at his disposal. Before any troops were sent to the State, Holden came to Washington and had a long conference with the President and Secretary of War, and explained the situation; both the President and Secretary regarded it as necessary that troops should be immediately sent. The troops have been as rapidly distributed

as possible, and they now hope the election would pass quietly.

The French Minister has communicated to the State Department the order or decree of his government, to the effect that no military officers of foreign powers will be allowed to accompany the French army on its campaigns. It is said that a similar order will be issued by the Prussian government.

The construction given by Attorney General Ackerman to the new law, requiring unexpended balances to be turned into the Treasury, is creating even more trouble than was at first feared. This construction has rapidly given it a much wider application than its framers contemplated. Their object was to prevent such payments as were made by Mr. Wells, Secretary of the Navy, when the pay of the navy was increased one-third by a simple order, and by which large extra services had to be paid for by several detailments out of the appropriations made for other purposes; but under the late decree, retired officers and those awaiting orders in the army and navy cannot be paid. The drawbacks on internal revenue or customs, unsettled prior to July 1st of this year, are in the same condition. The War Department finds itself in great embarrassment, as all pending transportations of military stores and troops are suspended; this affects the western lines of railroads and steamboats, companies transporting supplies upon the plains. A very large number of contracts for supplies, furnished to different departments, for which papers have been filed for settlement, which are nearly ready, are also affected. The matter has already deranged all branches of the public business.

A singular and terrible accident has occurred here. On Friday a young man went to a drug store for some nitric acid and some quicksilver; the druggist carelessly, or ignorantly, put both in one bottle. The young man got only half across the street when the mixture exploded, destroying his eyes entirely and terribly lacerating his face.

A man was killed, yesterday, by the explosion of a gasometer, in a soda water factory.

The German ladies, forming the Prussian Sanitary Aid Society, are making preparations to hold a great sanitary fair.

A call has been issued by a number of prominent Scandinavian citizens for a meeting of their countrymen to express sympathy with France.

CINCINNATI.—A German farmer, named Leupe, living twelve miles from this city, yesterday shot and, it is thought, mortally wounded his son, aged 18, who interfered in a quarrel between his father and mother; Loupe was arrested, and expresses intense sorrow and a desire to die, should his son's wound prove fatal.

SCRANTON.—The banking house of John Handley & Co., was robbed of thirty thousand dollars in currency, this morning.

NEW YORK.—The *Tribune's* London cable, dated 31st ult., says a special correspondent writes from Saarbruck, that on Wednesday the French and Prussian forces were in sight of each other, and on passing through Orenzeucht he found the English residents had fled from that place from fear of the French. At Forbach they are fifteen thousand strong. The numbers of the Prussian force at Saarbrucken are not given, but there is no apparent probability of severe fighting there immediately, as the French are not ready for hostilities. A fusilier, named Keraus, shot the first Frenchman killed in the war. Continual skirmishing has been going on since Saturday. The destruction of the French railway, at Bitché, was complete, and the viaduct was blown up. The Prussian forces are partly armed with new and lighter guns, with shorter barrels and smaller bullet, with the same needle arrangement. The chassepot was tried two years, but they preferred the needle gun. During the recent skirmishes the Prussians were able to fire quicker than the French. Their cavalry are splendidly mounted. The same correspondent writes that the railroad destruction at Bitché was extremely important. The line runs from Forbach and Saraguen to Hagwanay and thence to Strasburg. The order to destroy the road was given on the 18th to prevent a sudden concentration of the French from the South; accordingly a small number of picked men of the fourth Uplands, started under command of Lieut. Von Vogl, for Sewerbrucken, the nearest German town to the French viaduct! At Sewerbrucken the engineer with miners and workmen awaited the