

(SPECIAL TO THE DESERET NEWS.)

## By Telegraph.

## GENERAL.

WASHINGTON, 6.—The probable length of the present session of Congress is the common topic of conversation. Members of the House and Senate, who have canvassed the latter body, feel very confident that the resolution passed by the House on Saturday will, after an amendment fixing the time of adjournment for Monday, the 13th, be agreed to. The vote on the adjournment on Wednesday next will probably be very close. Those in favor of a short session will attempt to have the matter settled on Tuesday since, if no arrangement be made this week, so many bills will be introduced that it will be a month or two before the adjournment can be obtained.

A dispatch to the *World*, dated Versailles 6th says, numerous conversations, held at Bordeaux and Versailles, with deputies to the national Assembly show that Gambetta and Favre are compelled to the belief that civil war will soon occur, ending in the Orleans restoration. An extensive organized emigration, from the ceded provinces will occur immediately, by large bodies of Alsatisans, who will emigrate to America.

After an interesting debate on the resolution to appoint the committee of the House the resolution was tabled, and the House, at 1:40, adjourned till Thursday.

The French relief committee have received the following telegram from London: "Our agent is personally distributing the funds in the districts between Dieppe and Paris, where great distress exists." (Signed) Benj. Maron.

The *Herald's* cable special, dated Paris 7th, says the office of the Prefecture of Police will probably be abolished, and the service will be united under the direction of the Minister of the Interior. The departure of the provincial guards mobiles begins to-day; those within three days march of their homes are to go on foot, rations being given them for the journey. *Des Debats* calculates that the expenses of the war will be six milliards of francs. Favre and Simon have tendered their resignations, but Thiers won't accept. Two more regiments have arrived in Paris to reinforce the garrison. General De Paladine has arrived and will command the national guard. The payment of thirty sous per day to the National Guards will be continued in order to save trouble.

NEW YORK, 7.—The foreign cable bill suffered a defeat at the hands of President Grant for two reasons. First, the bill threw open our shores without requiring any reciprocal guarantees from other governments; it also prescribed a tariff not exceeding five dollars in gold for ten words, but left the companies at liberty to charge as much as they pleased for all over that amount. The manner in which the bill passed was somewhat peculiar. Over a month ago it was jammed through the House, one afternoon, in a fit of rage, after an angry discussion on the proposition to recall the resolution for the appointment of a joint committee on ocean cables, which had passed a few days before. A few days since Sumner called up the bill in the Senate, and two amendments were added, one prohibiting consolidation, and the other fixing the tariff above noted. On Friday afternoon it came up in the House and Gen. Banks quietly moved concurrence in the amendments, and they were agreed to without debate.

Governor Scott, of South Carolina, has called upon the President for U. S. troops to suppress outrages in Union and York counties, where he reports men are murdered and driven from their homes nightly on account of political opinions. The Governor says he has not a sufficiently armed militia, and if he had there are no funds in the treasury to pay for their transportation and subsistence. He says nothing but a permanent garrison in the disaffected districts will be sufficient. As an evidence of the condition of affairs it is stated that a company of U. S. troops that left Columbia for York, on Sunday last, had the railroad torn up before them by thirty armed men, and were obliged to march afoot. The roads leading to the capital have been picketed to protect the Legislature from an apprehended Ku Klux raid.

SAN FRANCISCO, 8.—Ben Holladay leaves for Portland in the morning, having just perfected arrangements for forwarding 50,000 German emigrants to Oregon, to settle on the lands of the Oregon and California railroad. A spe-

cial line of steamers is to be put on between Bremen and Aspinwall, connecting with the new line which the N. P. Co., will establish between Panama, San Francisco and Portland, in opposition to the Pacific Mail Co. Passengers from Bremen to Portland will be landed for seventy dollars.

ST. LOUIS, 8.—A most terrific hurricane passed over a portion of East St. Louis, between two and three o'clock this afternoon. The wind first came from the south-east, accompanied by a brisk shower; but suddenly veered to the south-west, and came with a fury and force never before witnessed in this latitude. It first struck the elevator on the bank of the river, and took part of its roof off. Passing on in a due north-east direction, it totally demolished the freight depot of the St. Louis and Vandalia Railroad, 800 feet long by 100 wide, and a water tank 80 feet high; the freight and passenger depot of the South Eastern Railroad, two freight depots, a portion of a passenger depot, and the ticket office, and the large round house of the Chicago and Altoona road; the car house, scale office, freight office, and part of one of the freight depots of the Ohio and Mississippi road; the freight and passenger depots of the Toledo and Wabash road, and a number of dwelling houses in the vicinity; a portion of the roof of the Terre Haute and Indianapolis depot, was blown off, and nearly all the derricks and other appliances used in constructing the bridge were torn from their places and blown into the river. Everything within a width of from two to three hundred yards was actually torn to pieces. A whole train of cars, including a thirty ton locomotive, was blown from the track, and hurled some forty feet into a slough; another train of thirteen cars, laden with grain, etc., was also overturned and smashed, and one car blown into the river. A train coming in on the Terre Haute road, when at Brooklyn, three miles north-east of St. Louis, was blown from the track; and some forty cars, standing on a side-track of the Toledo and Wabash, and Chicago and Altoona roads, about nine miles out, were overturned. The round house of the Chicago and Altoona road, after being blown down, caught fire from an engine inside, and its ruins burned. The engineer of the locomotive was burned to death. The number of killed and wounded cannot be stated to-night, but seven are known to be killed and between thirty and forty seriously, and some dangerously wounded, and about as many more slightly injured. It is believed that a number of persons are still buried beneath the ruins. The scene is frightful. Houses are torn to fragments, others unroofed or upset, and still others carried bodily from their foundations. There is scarcely a building or tree or anything else, within the track of the storm, that is standing. The wreck and ruin is complete. The pecuniary losses are estimated as follows: Chicago and Altoona railroad \$500,000; Ohio and Mississippi \$200,000; Toledo and Wabash \$125,000; St. Louis and Vandalia \$50,000; Southeastern \$30,000; Wiggins Ferry Company \$25,000. Two or three steamboats lying on the eastern side of the river were also very seriously damaged.

ALBANY, 8.—A terrible tragedy occurred here this morning, at the residence of Dr. Samuel P. Vanhoosen, on Madison Avenue. The Dr. who is a man of intemperate habits, had angry words with his wife, and seizing an iron griddle, struck her with it on the top of her head, crushing the skull and causing her death at once. The circumstances becoming known to the neighbors, the police was sent for and the Dr. was taken into custody. The event has caused great sadness among the acquaintances of the family, by whom the Dr. and his wife were highly esteemed.

NEW YORK, 8.—At a meeting of the stock holders of the Union Pacific railroad Company, held in Boston to-day, the following board of directors was elected: Oliver Ames, Jno. Duff, E. Atkins, Oakes Ames, Gardiner Dexter, R. E. Robbins, of Mass., L. P. Morton, Jas. Brooks, Sidney Dillon, Andrew Carghrie of New York, Thos. A. Scott, Edgar Thompson of Penna., Geo. M. Pullman of Ills., C. T. Bushnell of Cincinnati, and G. M. Dodge of Iowa. At a subsequent meeting of the new board, Mr. Thos. A. Scott was elected President.

## FOREIGN.

TORONTO.—Advices have been received from Winnipeg to the 15th February, which state that a great deal of dissatisfaction exists among the volunteers, and a revival of difficulties in the North West is possible. The meeting

of the provisional Legislature has been delayed until after the selection of representatives.

The *Telegraph* has a special dispatch from Florence, announcing the settlement of the difficulty between Italy and Tunis. The demands of Italy are fully conceded, and the conditions imposed by the Florence government are accepted by Tunis.

The *Post* learns that the prospect of a settlement of all matters of dispute between the United States and England by the high commission at Washington is very promising. There is an evident disposition to treat all topics with fairness. Discussions will first take place on the fisheries, and afterwards on the Alabama claims.

BORDEAUX, 6, evening.—In the Assembly Louis Blanc, Victor Hugo and Guinet demanded the detention of the members of the September government, until they should return an account of their acts to the capitulation of Paris. De la Schurze demanded their impeachment and arrest on the charge of high treason.

A motion was made that the Assembly should not return to Paris, but sit elsewhere. At the request of Thiers the Assembly immediately went into committee on the question. A decision will be reached to-morrow.

LILLE, 7.—Gen. Faidherbe, on the disbandment of the 23d corps, composed of national guards, thanks them for the manner in which they fulfilled the duties imposed by the government of national defense, and tells them that they may now return to their homes honored by their compatriots. They have, in themselves, elements of a superior army. He denounced those who shrunk from their duty to their country, declaring that public opinion would pursue them with eternal infamy.

LONDON, 7.—A thousand workmen have struck at Newcastle, because the masters refuse to pay them weekly instead of fortnightly.

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