

[SPECIAL TO THE DESERET NEWS.]

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NEW YORK.—The Spanish gunboats have been seized and are now in custody. The United States authorities are awaiting the action of the courts. The writs are returnable on the 14th of December, in the United States District court, before Judge Blatchford; but it is considered probable that the case will be opened immediately. Mr. Webster, son-in-law of Secretary Fish, and one of the counsel for the Spanish Government, called on Mr. Pierpont in relation to the matter, but the substance of the interview has not transpired. It is understood that Webster is now preparing the necessary bonds, preparatory to making application for the release of the steamers.

The Grand Jury in the United States District Court have found an indictment against Blatchford for complicity in the drawback frauds; also against the Caldwell express.

At a court held at Delhi, Ohio, Delaware county, an order was granted by the court, suspending Jay Gould, James Fisk, Jr., Fred'k A. Lane, Abram Gould, Leo. Hall, M. Smith and Chas. G. Desson, as Directors of the Erie Railroad Company. A referee will be immediately appointed in this city to take evidence with regard to the conduct of the affairs of the company.

An action has been commenced by Joseph H. Ramsey, a well-known citizen of Albany, on behalf of the stockholders and bondholders of the Erie Railroad. The plaintiff computes that the monies reserved by the defendants is no less than forty-one millions, two hundred and ninety-three thousand. Some of the items are: Earnings of the road nineteen millions; sale of new stock, sixteen millions; from Daniel Drew, Treasurer, \$554,200; new issue of bonds, \$750,000. He avers that there has not been kept among the books and records of the company any account of stock or the amount creating issue, or sales of bonds or stock, nor of persons to whom such sales have been made, nor of the price commanded or amounts received for the same, nor of the use made of the proceeds thereof; also that they have had the use of all said money and have employed an immense amount of the stock and gold in other speculations; and in the opinion of the plaintiff the said monies are not in safe custody. Among other things specified are that in the King's endeavor to acquire strength for its own purposes there has been for months an alliance with the Tammany politicians. The complaint sets forth in this connection that Gould, Fisk & Co., have been in the habit of interfering with political elections and movements, and have used this political influence in their official positions, and have applied the money belonging to the said company for such purposes; also further, compelling the company's agents and employees to use their influence in connection with such purposes.

A libel was issued yesterday against the Spanish gunboats, based upon the ground that these vessels are to be employed by Spain in carrying on hostilities against Peru. The claim that they are to be used against the colony or people of Cuba has been deferred. The amended libel continues. This charge has been prepared, but is withheld to await positive instructions on Peru from Washington, which are expected to-day.

A tin cash-box was found in the street yesterday, here, rifled of its contents. It is believed, from the papers found therein that it was taken from the Boylston Bank, Boston.

Albert D. Richardson, formerly war correspondent of the New York Tribune, who has long been attached to that journal, was shot and wounded, it is thought fatally, this evening, by Paul McFarland, a lawyer. The act is said to have been caused by the alleged intimacy of the former with the latter's wife. McFarland was standing behind the counter in the business department of the Tribune office engaged in conversation with one of the employees, at about six o'clock this evening when Mr. Richardson entered the office, and going up to the counter, entered into conversation with a young man who was in the habit of working for him. In a few minutes after Richardson's entrance, McFarland walked over to him, and without saying a word fired a pistol, wounding Richardson in the abdomen. The wounded man without saying a word walked up to the Tribune editorial rooms, whence he was conveyed to the Astor House to have his wound

attended to. He is not expected to recover. McFarland has been arrested. There seems to have been no recent incentive to this deliberate deed; the difficulty between McFarland and Richardson having occurred over a year ago. At the time it occurred Richardson denied the charge of improper intimacy with McFarland's wife; but published a card stating his intention of marrying her after a divorce had been procured.

This morning Marshal Barlow sent a number of deputies to take charge of the Spanish gunboat at Delameters. A contractor of vessels has applied to the State Department for their release on the ground that he was bound to deliver them to the representatives of the Spanish government on a certain day. His application is now on the file of Secretary Fish's office. The failure of the contractor to have the steamers placed at his disposal has, it is said, led the Spanish Minister to make final application for their release. The matter is now under consideration. It is reported that the seizure of the gunboats will throw 400 men out of employment at Delameters.

Fisk says that the telegraph reports that the French cable has fallen five shillings in consequence of an arrangement made with Germany to buy the use of the Anglo-American wire, are founded on a misconception of the case. The Prussian Government has made a bargain to lay a line over the English channel, in connection with the Anglo-American line, and the latter company having guaranteed a certain revenue on the channel line.

It is rumored that a suit has been commenced in this city, in the name of the Erie Company against Ramsay and others, the exact nature of which cannot be ascertained; but it is further said in this suit, that Judge Barnard has issued an injunction the effect of which will be to restrain Ramsay and others, from the prosecution of his suit. If such be the case, another move may be expected on the opposite side almost immediately. It is thought scarcely possible that anything additional can take place until Judge Murray's motion to vacate is disposed of, which will not be possible for two weeks. It was reported late to-day that the friends of the Susquehanna railroad are determined to carry the war into the enemies' camp. The officers of the Erie railroads are strongly guarded, no one being admitted without a countersign. Fisk is said to have been to Boston.

Fisk & Gould have obtained, from the Supreme Court, an order staying proceedings in the suit instituted against them by Ramsay, on behalf of himself and other stock holders of the Erie railroad, with an order for the present directors to continue in force until the December meeting, of which they have given notice to have the injunction granted by Judge Murray dissolved, and the order of suspension vacated. The order has been served upon the plaintiff.

A. D. Richardson is in a very critical state. The ball passed through the stomach and lodged below the kidneys near the spinal column.

Judge O'Sullivan, well posted in San Domingo affairs, has interviewed President Grant on the subject, telling all about a meeting between President Baez and his ministers, in which they were unanimous that annexation would be for the best interests of that Republic.

Several ships of the navy have left or are about leaving for San Domingo.

Collector Grinnell and District Attorney Pierpont are taking steps to bring the defrauders of the Drawback Department of the Custom House to justice.

An armed tug-boat is watching the Spanish gunboats.

CLEVELAND.—The Western associated press meeting was largely attended. The board of directors was instructed to employ reporters in each branch of Congress to make special reports of the proceedings for the western press. The question of the removal of the headquarters of the agency to Chicago, after some discussion, was referred to the board of directors. A new board of directors, consisting of Walker, of Detroit; Medell of Chicago; Zebereck, of Pittsburgh; Fairbanks, of Cleveland; Knapp, of St. Louis, and Bickham, of Dayton, was appointed.

BOSTON.—By the robbery of the Boylston Bank many persons have lost all their property. There is no clue to the thieves yet.

WASHINGTON.—Captain C. H. Carlton has been relieved from duty as Professor of Military Science in the Mamie University, and has been or-

dered to report to the Commanding General of the Department of the Platte.

Lt. J. J. S. Hayden is relieved from duty in the Department of the Platte. To-night, at a public meeting, which was largely attended, the committee reported that after two days' canvassing they had obtained a subscription amounting to \$230,000, including \$5000 from Pres. Grant, in furtherance of the International Fair at Washington, in 1871. The announcement was enthusiastically received and was followed by an additional subscription of \$25,000, which, with subscription by the city, will make a total of a million and two hundred thousand.

CHICAGO, 25.—A New York special says that the injunctions that have been issued by Judge Murray, of the Supreme Court, against Gould, Fisk and others, of the Erie Railroad, has caused much comment among financiers generally. It is believed that the effort will not be successful; but it is admitted on all sides that the attempt is a formidable one, and the strongest ever made against the Erie management. The affair is practically a continuation of the quarrel between Fisk and the Albany and Susquehanna Railroad last summer. The principal mover is Joseph H. Ramsey, the President of that road. It is understood that he is backed up by a majority of the Erie stockholders, and by Drew, Vanderbilt, and other parties, who are opposed to the Fisk and Gould combination. Ramsey's complaint covers 91 printed pages. It gives the history of the Erie road from the commencement, and alleges that Fisk and Gould got possession of the road by fraud. Ramsey claims to be a stockholder, though he does not say to what amount. He states that he has further claims against the Company which he is unable to collect. He charges that the stock of the road has been greatly depreciated by the conduct of Fisk, Gould & Lane, and is practically valueless. The manner in which this has been done is set forth with great clearness. While some of the charges are very important and weighty, others are frivolous. Fisk and Gould will make an effort to have the case transferred to New York City, on the ground that the courts in Delaware County are prejudiced against them. It is rumored that they have transferred the books and papers to Jersey City and will make the fight there. The Erie offices were all closed last night. It is understood that Fisk, Gould & Lane were in consultation at Fisk's private residence, and that the papers were served on them last night.

A Washington special says it is generally believed that the Spanish gunboats will be released. The Peruvian Minister is, apparently, taking no steps to sustain the charges that they are intended to be used against Peru.

ST. LOUIS.—Captain Blake, of the steamer *Rubicon*, gives some particulars of the accident to his boat on Sunday. The fire was discovered in the pilot house, which with the upper part of the deck was furiously ablaze. The boat headed for the shore and the moment it touched shore the passengers, fifty-five in number, twenty-two of whom were women and children, were all safely landed. In the meantime the crew got the hose and several streams of water on to the fire and extinguished the flames and the boat proceeded on her voyage.

CARDINGTON, OHIO.—S. F. McCurdy, a citizen of Cardington, killed his son to-day, by shooting him through the head; a family difficulty is the alleged cause of this act.

BUFFALO.—Claude Brim, book-keeper of the Union Iron works was accidentally shot by a friend, while target shooting yesterday.

CLEVELAND.—The National Women's Suffrage Convention adopted a Constitution and elected Henry Ward Beecher President of the organization.

Mr. McHenry arrived per special car from New York, to-night, on business connected with the Atlantic, Great Western and Erie imbroglio. McHenry and party will move in the Court of Akron to-morrow, to postpone a further hearing of the case for two weeks. This is to give Gould time to parry the blows of Vanderbilt, who instigated the Ramsey movement. It is not his policy to wholly alienate the Gould and Fisk party, but so to get the control as to compel them to come to his terms.

AUBURN, N. Y.—On the second day of the Centenary Convention of Universalists the attendance was very large and great interest was manifested in the proceedings. This evening the Convention adjourned sine die.

WASHINGTON.—The National Labor

Convention meets in this city, on Dec. 6th, and promises to be the largest that has ever assembled in this country. Delegates from all the Southern States have been elected. General Butler will address the meeting on the first day, Senator Wilson on the second.

The entire speech of Gladstone, at the Lord Mayor's dinner, has just been received here, and is regarded as friendly to the settlement of the Alabama claims question, in a manner satisfactory to the United States. This view is strengthened by letters from a distinguished source in England making inquiries and suggestions, which give an indication of continued improvements in the state of feeling on this subject, and strongly expressive of a desire that the dispute be promptly adjusted. There has, however, been no official action as yet; but the aspects lead to the belief that negotiations will be resumed at an early day.

The visit of District Attorney Pierpont to Washington, last week, was not with special reference to the Spanish gunboats; but while here the subject was brought to his attention. A voluminous protest from the contractor who built the vessels has been received by the Government, complaining of the conduct of Peru and of the United States for their detention, and laying a foundation for a claim for damages. It was in consequence of this protest, and with a view to the decision of the question by the courts, that legal proceedings were ordered, instituting the libelling of the vessels, which will be preliminary to the suit. Contrary to the recently published statements, there was no protest by the Spanish Minister against legal proceedings. The truth is he is not dissatisfied with them, and certainly his conferences with the Secretary of State have been altogether free from excitement.

WASHINGTON, 26.—The question whether a girl, of one-eighth negro blood, can attend the public schools, is creating much controversy at Washington. A late act of Congress abolishes distinctions of color, in the district of Columbia, but the question arises under the corporation laws.

The latest Arizona advices say there are Apache depredations throughout the Territory.

ST. LOUIS.—McCoole will publish a challenge to Tom Allen to-morrow. He charges Allen with attempting to throw all the blame of the late fiasco on him, and says that in order to test Allen's willingness to meet him in the ring he desires to fight for anything or nothing. He proposes to choose one man to select ground, and with five more on each side to fight the battle.

Two more bodies have been recovered from the Fifth street ruins, making six killed and seven wounded by the disaster.

COLUMBIA, S. C.—The Senate to-day adopted a report refusing State aid to railroads.

The Richmond Republican State Convention adopted an address to Congress setting forth that the election in Virginia was a Confederate triumph, achieved by intimidation and fraud, and the true secret of the Republican defeat was submission to a separate vote on the test oath and disfranchising clauses. The address says that the Convention has confidence in Republicanism, in the President, and in the majority of Congress, but they have been deceived in regard to the true state of affairs in Virginia. That the present legislation is a disloyal and illegal body, and even if it ratified the 15th Amendment it will enact such educational and property qualifications as to entirely destroy the influence of colored suffrage and prevent colored voters holding office and serving as jurors. The report asks Congress to order a new election, with the Constitution to be submitted as a whole and to send a military force sufficient to protect the Republicans in their rights; require the test oath of members of the Legislature, and the vacation of seats by members unable to take it to their eligible opponents, who received the next highest vote. This report is signed by six out of eight members of the Committee appointed to prepare it; the other two supported a substitute asking Congress for immediate admission as a State; and at the same time exacting guarantees that every person shall enjoy every right under the federal estate and Constitution. The substitute was defeated, and Governor Morgan signed it, and will forward it to Congress.

HARRISBURG.—Governor Geary has signed the death warrant of Adam Titus, sentenced for the murder of Henry Statem, and Dr. Hard Schappe, for the murder of Miss Streecks. The day appointed for the execution of both is December 22nd.