

said it would be well for Americans to keep their money in their pockets rather than invest it in Mexican enterprises. Letters published in newspapers grossly misrepresent the condition of Mexico. Correspondents dare not tell the truth, because they would be driven out of the country. The "famous" Sonora mines are not as good as the Comstock mines are even now. One cannot even establish a claim there because a higher bidder will step in after you have begun work, and the government will give him the mine.

WASHINGTON, 28.—The *National Republican* interviewed Blaine regarding Joseph Pulitzer's story about Blaine's relatives, the Saulsbury's and the Star route matters. Blaine knew nothing of the *Post-Dispatch* or any other dispatch, and didn't want to. Especially he did not care to talk to the *Republican* which had not changed its course of hostility to him under its new management. To his mind it represented a very low order of republicanism. It lacks something of the vulgar brutality, but it is more of a poltroon than when Geo. Gorham was its editor. If you publish an interview with me, use that; and by the way, give my remarks to Mr. Hatton and Chandler.

Minister Osborne of Brazil says the Brazilian congress has just reduced the export duty on coffee from 13 to 11 cents on valuation.

The memorial and protest against the bankrupt act, signed by 1,280 firms and individuals in New York city, representing all the principal branches of business, was presented in the Senate by Mr. Lapham of New York. The memorialists state the operation of the United States bankrupt law proved an injury to the business of the whole country.

Secretary Teller has suspended all prior orders in the T. D. Searl placer mining claim case from Leadville, Colorado, and directed all parties interested to attend a hearing at the District Land Office. The question at issue is whether the land is more valuable for placer mining than for other purposes. It is partly occupied at the present time by a depot in Leadville of the D. & R. G. R. Co.

It is thought probable the tobacco tax receipts the past sixty days will show a falling off of nearly two and a half million dollars as compared with the corresponding period last year. The decrease is owing to the agitation of the question of taxation.

The proceeds of the recent sale of articles accumulated at the dead-letter office amounted to \$4,497, which sum has been deposited in the Treasury, to the credit of the Post Office Department.

Judge Lawrence has decided that the direct tax act of July, 1862, does not, without a separate appropriation act, authorize the payment of money to the States or the Government.

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Stockbridge has resigned.

California representatives are making an argument to the ways and means committee against putting quicksilver on the free list, as the tariff commission propose.

Rosecrans maintains that California produces one-half the quicksilver used in the world, and that Rothschild controls all the quicksilver mines in Austria and Spain, and would, if quicksilver should be put upon the free list, ruin an American industry.

Admiral Ammen and Captain Merry, representing the commercial organizations of the Pacific slope, had an interview with the President this morning in relation to the bill to incorporate the Nicaragua canal. Captain Merry informed the President that the passage of the canal bill was earnestly desired by all the people of the Pacific slope. He said that the people of that section were producers, and in order to dispose of their wares, cheap freights were indispensable. He submitted figures showing the value of shipments from the Pacific coast, and urged the President to use his influence to secure the passage of the bill.

The President replied that he was in favor of establishing inter-oceanic communication across the Isthmus, and would do all that lay in his power in his legitimate sphere to aid in the passage of the bill. It is said that the Secretary of State will use his influence to pass the bill.

The speakership contest is unabated, though more in the nature of a still hunt. Randall is gaining every day, and is said to be parceling out the chairmanships. Carlisle is the most dignified of the contestants, but though his record is good it won't count in a fight like this; his principles are too high. South-

ern members said the fact that Carlisle is a Southern man handicaps him, for the democrats must concede to the still existing sentiment in the North, which shrinks from seeing ex-rebels in high places. Elect an ex-rebel and the republicans might raise the cry that the rebels are getting control of the government. Morrison is not making a very lively canvass. Blackburn is relying on a split. Springer has many elements of strength, and will make an active push.

Postmaster General Howe to-day addressed a communication to Senator Allison, chairman of the Senate appropriation committee, calling his attention to the fact that growers of seeds and bulbs in States along the Canadian border forward their goods to Canada and have them sent through the mails to persons in the United States, thus obtaining the benefit of the Canadian postage rates on such matter. He concludes his letter by asking whether we cannot afford to transport for eight cents per pound seeds which the farmer buys, as well as to transport seeds for nothing which the government buys? and if we cannot afford to carry seeds for one cent for two ounces, paid into our treasury, as well as carry them for the same price, paid into the Canadian treasury? He also calls attention to the need of legislation to prevent sending explosives and dangerous matter in the mails. Cans of dynamite, loaded pistols and bowie knives were among the articles taken from the mails last year.

CHICAGO, 28.—The *Railway Age* publishes to-day a table showing the number of miles of main track laid during the year 1882 was 10,821 on 316 lines, in 44 States and Territories. Fuel returns will probably make the grand total 11,000 miles, which is 1,500 miles more than in 1881, the banner railroad year up to that time. The number of miles constructed in the States mentioned was as follows: Iowa 953, Texas 817, New York 752, Colorado 500, Dakota 480, Pennsylvania 464, Minnesota 444. Of 316 roads noted, 140 are still uncompleted. Capital invested during the year, estimated \$270,000,000, exclusive of sums expended on preparation of road beds on which track is not laid. Building in the Far West was as follows: California 286, Arizona 192, Utah 175.

Montreal, 28.—The Bank of Montreal disposed of \$5,000,000 land grant bonds of the Canadian Pacific Railroad.

St. Louis, 28.—It is stated on good authority that Jay Gould will assume control of the Galveston, Houston & Henderson Railway on January 1st.

Chicago, 28.—The roads in this section are more and more inclined to abolish free passes, though none dare take the initiative; yet about 12 per cent. of the entire passenger business is said to be free, and all roads suffer immensely from the dead-head system. A prominent general manager said yesterday: "Until all passes of all kinds and all free or reduced transportation are abolished, it is useless to talk of curtailing this great and growing evil."

The first eleven months of this year, the Wabash system has earned \$2,280,000 more than during the same length of time in 1881. Estimated earnings for the year, 17,000,000; net earnings, 7,000,000.

New York, 28.—The *Post* says the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy suddenly dropped 3½ as the result of a scare among Boston holders upon the announcement that the aggregate stock and bonds were \$26,000,000; an increase, it is true, but it is represented by the cost of the Denver extension, and by the purchase of the Burlington & Southwestern railroad, important new property. The *Post* believes the scare unauthorized, and that, despite the failure of the corn crop last year in the Northwest, the Burlington is earning 8 per cent. Other stocks followed the Burlington, and the general market is affected.

New York, 28.—Elizabeth H. Bagley and son, farmers of Pointsville, Johns County, Ky., corresponded with Alex. Morse, a well known confidence man of this city. They came here and paid \$300 in good money for what they supposed was \$5,000 counterfeit. On the way to the depot with them, Morse was arrested. The supposed counterfeit turned out to be paper and salt.

Louisville, 28.—David Ferguson, late collector of back taxes, under indictment for malfeasance, confessed to the mayor and city attorney he used funds of the city both while tax receiver and back tax collector.

He claims he divided with George Levy late deputy assessor, but exonerates auditor Phil. Hinkle.

Chicago, 28.—Jas. Parry, bookkeeper for Beveridge & Dewey, private bankers, was arrested to-night and held in \$5,000 bail, on a charge of forgery to the extent of \$45,000 by a system of fraudulent checks, in collusion with a bar tender in a large saloon. The bartender is not yet arrested. The senior member of the firm is ex Governor of Illinois.

C. M. Stillman, manager of the freight and transportation department of the Furst & Bradley Manufacturing Co., has been missing some days. The firm claims he has absconded, and the partial examination of his books shows the embezzlement of \$500, accomplished by pocketing small sums in the way of rebate for overcharges by the railroads.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., 28.—The following are the particulars of the tragedy at Lebanon, Ala., yesterday: Two brothers, Dave and Henry Bullard, had a gambling saloon in town, and Thos. Jacoway, desiring to establish a school, undertook to compel them to close by instituting legal proceedings. The Bullards attacked Jacoway. The best citizens came to the rescue, and one of the Bullards was killed and the other wounded. Last night a brother of Jacoway went to his house, and he, mistaking him for a friend of the Bullards, shot him fatally.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., 28.—In a fight near Lloyd's between W. Lang and Richard Patrick, the latter killed Lang, after being himself fatally stabbed; old feud.

Houston, Tex., 28.—Yesterday at Columbus, a son of Capt. Stafford was shot but not killed. Friends of Stafford hanged the shooter.

New York, 28.—Captain Williams has verified the story that Oscar Wilde was "taken in" by bunco steers. The captain says: Two weeks ago, Oscar, while walking up Broadway, near Union Square, was accosted by a hatchet-faced young man, who introduced himself as a son of Drexel, the banker. Wilde was delighted. The two went to a restaurant. Mr. Drexel ate as if he was hungry. Wilde remembered this, and not with an aesthetic smile later in the day, when informed by the captain that Drexel was "Hungry Joe," a noted bunco steerer. Then followed the old winning lottery ticket scheme. At first it was \$60, then \$100, until becoming excited over the game, he played till he lost \$1,060. He signed a check on the Madison Square Bank for the amount, rushed into the street, jumped into a cab, drove rapidly to the bank and stopped payment on the check.

CHICAGO, 28.—Jesse Spaulding, Collector of Customs at this port, has completed the reorganization of both the customs and custodians, including 153 employees, upon the civil service principle. Good conduct and general efficiency are made the standard for retention and promotion. Of 80 changes made 75 per cent. have been promotions of men already in the service.

Heir Johann Most delivered a most outspoken socialist speech in the northwestern portion of the city to night. The only thing to be done, he said, was to kill. The trouble in the French revolution was when the people had the upper hand they stopped killing. They should have kept on. People here must kill, must open banks and stores, and help themselves to whatever they wanted. Bankers and capitalists must be set to work on the streets. His talk was received with the most uproarious applause.

New York, 28.—The *Tribune* has the following: John Roach & Sons, shipbuilders, have closed the contract for building five iron sailing vessels for an American corporation, of which Wm. H. Hardback, of the Oregon Steam Navigation Co., and John Roach are stockholders. These vessels are to be from 1,600 to 2,000 tons capacity and ship rigged with three masts. The keel of the first vessel is now being laid, and the others are to be begun in quick succession, so as to have them ready for service in May. They will be run from New York to any part of the world.

New York, 28.—Coburn was asked: "What do you think of the coming Mace-Sullivan fight? Do you think Mace a match for Sullivan?"

"No, I do not; Mace is 51 years old; he is too old a man to fight a young fellow like Sullivan. I wish Sullivan was here to tell you what he told me. He says he will fight Mace or anybody else; that he won't

do anything that will send him to prison. He says he is tired of fighting, but will fight if crowded to the wall. Let them bring on their Australian, and if he looks like a man he can be accommodated.

Between 2,000 and 3,000 spectators assembled at Madison Square Garden, at the benefit of Joe Coburn, recently from Sing Sing prison, the well known pugilist. The sparring "wind up," by Sullivan and Coburn, to the spectators did not look like a friendly "bout." There were cries of "Go for him, Sullivan!" "Give it to him, Joel!" The two boxers stopped and turned to the people. Sullivan said, "I want to please you, and will please you by killing a man soon; perhaps Mace's unknown." Coburn and Sullivan then engaged in three rounds. There was no slugging, but much science displayed.

New York, 28.—A special from Wheeling reports the burning of a dwelling near there at which Mr. Currence and four children perished.

Prescott, Ark., 28.—A fire destroyed nearly two entire blocks of frame stores. Loss estimated on stores and stocks \$100,000, two-thirds covered by insurance. The flames were started by an incendiary, probably for the purpose of plunder.

JEFFERSON, Tex., 28.—The steamer *Welcome* struck a snag at Brush Point and sunk; no lives lost. Insured at \$5,000; cargo of cotton and cotton seed insured.

Darien, Ga., 28.—Five colored persons were drowned at Port Barrington, 12 miles above here. The ferryboat capsized.

New York, 28.—In the Western Union Telegraph litigation upon settlement, orders were made which embody the result of recent hearings in the suit of Hatch & Williams against the company. Application for injunctions against further transfer of any of the company's shares and the payment of any and all dividends, was denied as to all the features of their several applications, except as to the payment of the dividend of 1½ per cent. lately declared. This dividend, the court held, could be lawfully paid upon all except \$15,000,000 of the stock which had been distributed to old stockholders. When the company's representation that the innumerable transfers and re-transfers this \$15,000,000 stock became largely indistinguishable from the balance, the court considered, upon filing a bond equal in amount to 1½ per cent upon this \$15,000,000, conditioned if the court of appeals should finally hold the \$15,000,000 of stock was illegal or void, the treasury of the company should be made whole, the company should be at liberty to pay the dividend upon this \$15,000,000.

St. Louis, 27.—The latest from Indian Territory says: The Chicotee party in the fight Sunday last had seven men killed, and it is thought the Spiochee band lost as many more. Spiochee and band have gone on to the Cherokee Nation, but he is expected to return again and keep up the disturbance. Reinforcements are hastening to Okmulgee to protect the Capitol. Captain Bate, with a detachment of United States troops, is also there, and soldiers have been ordered to Eufaula, where there is considerable excitement, and many of the women and children have been sent away for safety.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., 28.—A special from Hope reports considerable alarm prevailing over a reported uprising of blacks, who threaten to burn the town. The streets are patrolled by a sheriff's posse.

New York, 28.—The *World* says all the republican Senators except Don Cameron and Miller of California voted against taking up the bill for the relief of Eitzjohn Porter. Inasmuch as there is no rational basis of opposition to the bill left, this sign of a disposition to make an act of justice a party question and delay justice as long as possible is bad for the republican Senators.

## FOREIGN.

ROME, 27.—England proposes to accredit a diplomatic resident in the Vatican on the same footing as the representative of Prussia. The Pope acquiesced.

Vienna, 27.—The entire population is preparing to celebrate the 600th anniversary of the founding of the house of Hapsburg. The Emperor, Empress and Crown Prince arrived this morning and will receive numerous deputations and addresses from prominent Austrian corporations.

London, 27.—Acting Governor of Iceland, the Bishop and other persons of note, in a communication to the *Times*, says that notwithstanding the large donations received there must be great distress from want of food in Iceland during the winter.

A sugar refinery at Greenock burned; loss \$25,000.

St. PETERSBURG, 27.—Russia and the Pope have arranged a *modus vivendi*, one of the first results of which will be, the Pope will reappoint a Catholic Bishop to Poland.

Suez, 27.—Arabi and fellow exiles embarked this afternoon for Cyprus. No demonstration.

Paris, 27.—The government introduced into the Chamber a credit of 1,275,000 francs for Debrazza's expedition.

The Chamber of Deputies to-day rejected, by a vote of 352 to 110, the amendment of Camille Pillatan, reducing the Tunisian credit. A vote of credit was adopted—424 to 52; The bill creating a mixed corps or Tunis was adopted. The Senate adopted the budget of expenditures in its entirety.

City of Mexico, 27.—Gen. Estanislao Canedo is appointed plenipotentiary *ad hoc*, to negotiate, in conjunction with Romero, a commercial treaty with the United States. He will sail from Vera Cruz for New Orleans on the 2nd of January. Canedo has a good military record, has served in six congresses, and is now a member. He has been chairman of the committees on interior, war and foreign affairs. He was educated in France and the United States, and is very American in ideas and sympathy.

CONSTANTINOPLE, 28.—The Russian force now concentrated along the Kars frontier consists of 7,000 men with 80 guns.

London, 28.—A dispatch from Rome to the *Times* authoritatively contradicts the statement that England will appoint a minister to the Vatican.

Bradford, Eng., 28.—This morning a tall chimney fell upon a building full of operatives, many of whom it is believed are killed. Twenty-two were removed and two were dead. It is ascertained that 24 operatives were killed and 40 seriously injured.

Paris, 28.—During the debate in the deputies on the Tunisian credits, Guillaud accused the *Republique Francaise* of a stock jobbing campaign in favor of the Tunisian loan. Thompson, member for Constantine, Algeria, declared this an untruth. The seconds Guillaud have been sent to Thompson.

A man by the name of Lether, was found strangled in a compartment of the express train from Nice to Marseilles. The motive for the crime was robbery.

St. Petersburg, 28.—The Chief of ordinance has ordered all the Krupp guns required by the artillery reserves. The German government raised no objection to the execution of the order.

Berlin, 28.—The Russian ambassadors at Berlin and Paris have been summoned to St. Petersburg. It is reported that the latter during his return journey visited Bismarck.

Lima, Peru, 28.—The *Dario* official says: A skirmish has taken place between the Chilians and Montoneros, near Chichas Alta.

Gladstone has had a slight attack of lumbago.

Cardinal Newman has recovered. Parliament is summoned to meet February 15th.

Her Majesty's ship *Undine* captured eight slave dhows on the east coast of Africa.

The recent rainfall caused floods in the midland counties, and great mortality among sheep in Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire.

By that falling chimney at Bradford thirty-six persons are known to be killed, and 50 others injured, mostly women and children. Owing to the amount of debris, the exact number of killed cannot be learned for two or three days. The total damage is estimated at over £60,000. About 3,000 persons are thrown out of work. Eight mills having flue connections with the fallen chimney are brought to a standstill.

Sydney, N. S. W., 28.—The steamer *New England* was wrecked in the Clarence River on the 24th. The passengers and crew were lost. The construction of a railway across Australia, from Brisbane to Port Darwin, is decided upon.

Geneva, 28.—Rains flooded St. Ursuline and several towns in the valley. Doubs is inundated, and the Jura & Berne railway seriously damaged.