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WASHINGTON.

The Seal lease awarded—A legal opinion.

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 \$50,000 a year, and a rental of \$2.62 1/2 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 water-proof 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.

ILLINOIS

Abominable proceedings at an execution.

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 a dozen men, carried it through Main street, followed by an immense crowd of men, women and children.

NEW YORK.

Excitement over Mr. Nathan's murder.

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. Nathan 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 hit 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. Nathan's is understood to be worth two millions of dollars. A coroner's jury has been empaneled 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 *Comet*. Ashbury signifies his intention of giving a purse to each.

The Post has a rumor that Captain Samuel of the *Dauntless* has disappeared, and it is believed that he has 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 seriously.

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.

CALIFORNIA.

SAN FRANCISCO 29.—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 orchard 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 Taylor.

NEW JERSEY.

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

TENNESSEE.

More murder.
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.

ALABAMA.

A Terrible Storm.
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.

FOREIGN NEWS.

SPAIN.

Neutrality proclaimed.
MADRID.—The *Gazette* publishes the proclamation of neutrality issued by the Spanish government.

DENMARK.

The Baltic Fleet.
COPENHAGEN, 30.—The French Baltic fleet arrived here yesterday afternoon.

PRUSSIA.

Intense feeling against England—England's violation of neutrality complained of—Belgium enlightened—The French repulsed.

BERLIN.—Berlin correspondence, semi-officially, says that Belgium has been enlightened as to the greed of France and her own interests; if Germany is conquered by France, Belgium is in a position to oblige Napoleon, to pursue, without result, a war he has begun without a motive; if she is firm Germany will protect the Belgian frontier.

England's violation of neutrality, in supplying articles contraband of war, to France, is bitterly complained of. The feeling against England is still most intense, and it seems to be shared by people of all classes, the press inspiring them by its attacks on England. The *Journal* says England evidently wants another Alabama question.

This morning the French attacked Saarbrücken in a largely superior force, but were vigorously repulsed.

FRANCE.

Will pay in gold—Prussian journals suppressed—Newspaper men arrested—Organization of local guards—Cable connection complete—Napoleon assumes command—More about the secret treaty—The French side of the question.

PARIS.—The cable connecting France with Algeria has been successfully laid. The French will pay in gold for everything they take in the enemy's country.

The Prussian government has suppressed a large number of journals. At Metz, to-day, several newspaper correspondents, most of them American and English, were arrested as spies; they were liberated, but warned away from the army.

Large bodies of French troops are moving north-east from Metz, and it is said General Trochu is to lead the corps into South Germany. The Prussians are concentrating heavy masses of troops at Nieuen, near Coblenz.

The *Journal Officiel* contains the following report from the Ministers of War and Interior:

"To the Emperor:—The government authorizes the organization of local national guards for the frontier towns, north and east; but the government thinks it necessary to renounce the idea of the organization of the general national guards. In the meantime the government believes that companies of volunteers and sharpshooters, if established more extensively, than at present, would constitute a valuable reserve for the protection of the national territory. The ministers propose that the engagement of companies of sharpshooters shall be limited to the actual term of the war, and that volunteers admitted into these bodies shall be especially charged with the local defence."

The Emperor approves the organization of these corps, which are destined to replace the national guard.

PARIS, 30.—Emile Ollivier, Prime Minister, had an interview, yesterday, with the principal editors of Paris, during which he explained the position of the government on the several questions relating to Prussia. He gave some explanations of the secret treaty project, which Benneditte had previously given, and some relative to the measures taken by the Cabinet some time ago to effect a general disarmament. He said these efforts were merely intermediate to those of Earl Clarendon for like purposes.

Bismarck replied to Clarendon that King William refused absolutely to disarm.

Ollivier said he gave the honor of his name and that of his colleagues that no offer was made to Prussia than that made to Clarendon on the Romish

question. Ollivier said it has seemed equitable to the French government to evacuate Rome, because Italy kept her promises, which unites us more closely with Italy and Austria.

To-day the Emperor assumed the command-in-chief of the army. He has been hard at work to-day with General Lebouf, arranging the necessary details. The Prince Imperial visited the camps to-day and was received with great enthusiasm. The health of the army is perfect. No serious engagement has yet taken place, and rumors to the contrary are false.

The *Journal Officiel* publishes Benneditte's explanation of the secret treaty affair. It is well known that Bismarck made France an offer both before and after the war with Austria, the substance of which was France should take Belgium as compensation for the aggrandizement of Prussia. The Emperor in all cases declined the proposition. The very moment the treaty of Prague was concluded Bismarck again betrayed a desire to restore the equilibrium, and made several proposals looking to combinations affecting the integrity of nations bordering on France. During one of these conversations Bismarck dictated to Benneditte this secret treaty project, of which has just been made public, and which Bismarck has kept ever since. Benneditte gave notice of the contents of the proposed treaty to the Emperor's government at the time, but the proposition was promptly rejected. Benneditte adds that the King of Prussia was not favorable to Bismarck's plans.

CANADA.

Amnesty to the Red River rebels.
TORONTO.—A dispatch from Ottawa says the Queen has granted an amnesty to all parties connected with the Red River rebellion.

AUSTRIA.

The Concordat no longer binding.
VIENNA, 30.—Austria consults Italy on the attitude to be preserved. She is said to contemplate sending a notice to the Pope that the Concordat will no longer be considered binding.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Death of a professor of Arabic—Proofs of Napoleon's peridy—The "Times" on Motley's recall—The Austrian Protestants threaten secession—Popular feeling—Disatisfied with the government.

LONDON.—Rev. Henry Griffin Williams, Arabic professor at Emanuel College, Cambridge, died yesterday. Count Bernstorff, the Prussian ambassador, to-day, makes public the statement that France in 1866 offered to send Prussia 300,000 men to use against Austria if Prussia would surrender to France the territory between the Rhine and Moselle. The rejection of this proposition awoke the Emperor's sympathy with Austria. These offers, which Napoleon now finds it convenient to repudiate, have been repeated since 1866.

The *Times* has an article on the recall of Motley, in which the writer says Dickens the reproach of the republic. Motley has been here two years, long enough to be endeared to every Englishman, and he is now recalled. Motley is respected, not particularly because he is an American, but as a man. It is a matter of congratulation that his recall, however unworthy the motive, gives him back to literature.

There are further rumors in circulation that the Catholics of Austria will embrace Protestantism unless the doctrine of papal infallibility is considerably qualified.

The British government is quietly but actively preparing to meet any emergency. All the dockyards and arsenals are busy day and night, and supplementary estimates for the army and navy are expected. The story is repeated that France promises Italy sixty million livres for her fidelity, besides the evacuation of Rome.

Popular excitement at the course of the British government in the present war is very great. The people want a peremptory notice given to France that England views with grief and displeasure intrigues, evidently having for their aim the violation of the independence of Belgium, and will oppose with her whole strength any attempt to extend French power on the continent, before or after the war. The British government on the other hand, while condemning France for breaking the peace, closes her eyes to large amounts of coal, and ammunition made in England for the use of the French army.

LONDON, 30.—Winslow, an English officer in the British service, was killed in the skirmish at Neiderbrour.

There is great activity in the defense of Antwerp.

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