

# By Telegraph.

## AMERICAN.

NEW ORLEANS, 28.—C. L. Patterson, republican member of the Legislature from Natchatoches, was shot and instantly killed on Sunday, by Cosgrove, editor of the *Vindicator*; the difficulty grew out of abuse of Patterson by Cosgrove in his paper.

WASHINGTON, 28.—The kingdom of Siam will expend about \$100,000 to display its products and industries at the Centennial.

CHARLESTON, S. C., 28.—A large and enthusiastic public meeting was held in this city this evening, in response to a call to sustain the action of Governor Chamberlain in refusing commissions to Whipper and Moses. Resolutions were unanimously adopted denouncing the action of the Legislature in electing them, protesting against their elevation to the bench, and avowing an unalterable purpose never to allow them to occupy the position. The resolutions further declare that the colored people shall be protected in all rights and privileges guaranteed by the constitution and laws, but the avowed purpose that there shall not be an equality but a domination of their race over property and rights of white people of the State will be resisted to the last, and under no circumstances shall it prevail.

WORCESTER, Mass., 28.—The suspension of James A. Smith and G. N. & S. A. Smith, woolen manufacturers, is announced. James A. Smith operates three mills, one in Cherry Valley, one in Leicester, and one in this city, and in connection with G. N. Smith has a mill at Millbury, Mass., and another at Graniteville, R. I. His liabilities are not known, but are variously reported at from \$300,000 to \$600,000; assets unknown. The creditors are mostly New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Worcester parties, who will meet on Thursday to hear a report of the liabilities and assets now being prepared. The mills are still in operation.

ALBANY, 28.—In accordance with the recommendation of the canal commissioners Governor Tilden has issued an order suspending Francis S. Thayer from his office as auditor of the canal department.

PHILADELPHIA, 28.—Centennial year will be ushered in on Friday night by a grand celebration in this city.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., 28.—The Alabama Legislature met to-day. The Governor's message is devoted entirely to matters of State interest. A report from the commissioners to settle the State debt will be made in a few days.

WASHINGTON, 28.—Theodore M. Vale, now assistant superintendent of the railway mail service, will be appointed superintendent, to succeed Col. Bangs.

It is asserted in prominent circles that if, as reported from London, there is a near advent of European intervention in Cuba, our government would inform such powers as might combine for this purpose, that their course would be highly offensive to the United States, as it would imply a design of controlling affairs in localities contiguous to this country, thereby injuriously affecting our commercial and political interest, and for this reason, apart from other considerations, the United States would continue to act on the spirit of the Monroe doctrine.

BALTIMORE, 28.—The Mayor of this city, in official recognition of the beginning of the new century in the life of our republic, has directed that the great bell on the city hall and the bells of the fire department be rung for half an hour, commencing at midnight on Friday. The dome of the city hall will be illuminated on Saturday; national flags will be raised on all public buildings, and citizens are requested to display the national ensign from their residences and places of business.

BOSTON, 28.—An investigation of the cause of the South Boston gas explosion, which has been conducted by experts under the direction of the coroner's jury, has discovered the fact that the drip cock of the gas main had been left open through the carelessness of an employee of the South Boston Gas Company, causing a rapid accumulation of gas, which led to the explosion, where, in some as yet unexplained way, it became ignited.

UTICA, N. Y., 28.—Governor Tilden has resided, for thirty-five days, Lodica Fredenburg and her son Albert, sentenced to be hanged on Friday for the murder of Orlo Davis.

NEW YORK, 28.—Alexander Duncan, to whom was conveyed sundry pieces of real estate, valued at \$150,000, at the time of the failure of Duncan and Sherman, has determined to place himself on a footing with the other creditors of the firm, by reconveying the property absolutely to ex Judge Sherman, assignee, for the benefit of the creditors.

Cippery and Collins, hat dealers, have made an assignment to Robert B. Gardner, for the benefit of all their creditors; their liabilities are placed at \$100,000 to \$200,000.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., 28.—An explosion of firedamp occurred to-day, in the Hutchinson mines, near Kingston, killing three men and severely burning a number of others; the explosion was in a portion of the mine not now in use, and a wall had been erected between the two parts, but an opening was made through it to-day, and some boys, against orders, went through with a burning lamp. A terrific explosion followed, and Dennis Foster and Martin Ryan were killed, while the boys and several others working near were badly burned. James Hutchins was blown into a pool of water face downward, and was held there by the debris until life was extinct.

SAN FRANCISCO, 28.—The British ship *Ennerdale* arrived to-day from Newcastle, N. S. W., having on board Captain S. Kelly and the crew of the British ship *Khandeish*, which left here August 14th, for Liverpool. On the night of September 25th she struck a reef at Oeno Island; the ship and cargo were a total loss; the crew escaped in boats, reaching Pitcairn's Island September 28th. On November 18th, they were taken off by the *Ennerdale*, except one seaman, Peter Butler, an American, who chose to remain on the Island.

An official survey of the steamer *City of Peking*, to-day, found the repairs satisfactory, and the ship in a thoroughly efficient condition.

A dispatch from Los Angeles says that a large meeting was held last night, to take steps to extend the Los Angeles and Independence railroad to connect with the Union Pacific; a letter was read from Senator Jones, promising co-operation. A committee was appointed to proceed to Salt Lake in the interest of the road.

BOSTON, 29.—A lad answering the description of Charley Ross was placed on the Montreal train, at Nashua, on Monday night, by some men, who failed to provide him with tickets; he gave another name at first, but finally said the men made him tell a fictitious story, and that his name was Ross; that he had lived in Philadelphia; was carried away while playing with his brother Eddie, and that his mother's name was Annie.

A dispatch from Millford, N. H., says that the supposed Charley Ross proves to be James Blanchard, a precocious youth of that neighborhood, and the dispatch adds "a consummate liar."

Nathaniel Carr, a merchant, took a box of \$50,000 in bonds and papers from a safe deposit in the vaults at the Blackstone bank this a. m., and while examining the contents he had his attention diverted by a stranger, when a confederate stole the box; seven thousand dollars of the bonds are governments.

CHICAGO, 29.—The *Times* Washington special says that some of the American citizens who have claims to prefer against the Mexican government for losses sustained upon the border at the hands of Mexican depredators, are in a good deal of trouble over the fact of Sir Edward Thornton's great severity in the examination of all cases submitted to him. Mr. Thornton is the umpire who has the final decision upon all claims that have been passed upon by the Mexican claims commission; some of the heavier claimants who have had upwards of \$1,000,000 allowed them by the board of claims commissioners have had the misfortune to be thrown out entirely by the ruling of Sir Edward Thornton. Some of these disappointed ones look bitterly concerning the action of the British minister, and say that he has shown great prejudice against American claimants in his rulings. They give as one of the strong reasons for his more than ordinarily severe scrutiny of the claims that have already been allowed by the Commission

that Mexico is largely indebted to England, and that as the former's treasury is in a very poor condition, the greater the claims allowed to citizens of the American Government the more will England's chances be reduced for obtaining anything for her creditors. In view of the steady growth of the claims on the part of both Mexico and America, it is now felt by the government that something ought finally to be done if possible to put an end to the outlawed condition of affairs along the border. It is said on good authority, that the President is preparing a special message upon this subject, and that he will send it in at an early day to Congress.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., 29.—The sale of the Oil Creek and Alleghany Valley Railroad, under a foreclosure of the mortgages, was made at the Philadelphia Exchange, to-day, at noon, for one hundred thousand dollars; it was purchased by a committee for the bondholders. The mortgages on the road amounted to \$2,580,000.

NEW YORK, 29.—A special from Vienna says that the Secretary of State of the United States has transmitted to every European government a circular, asking an expression of views regarding American intervention in Cuba, in order to obtain data to be used in the preparation of Prest. Grant's supplementary message to Congress; all the governments have replied satisfactorily. England is ready to endorse intervention at the present moment; the other nations express willingness to support intervention, but hesitate to take the initiative.

A Madrid special states that Count Panonostro is in Paris, officially arranging for the return of ex-Queen Isabella to Spain. King Alphonso opposes the ministry on this important matter; he declares that his ministers may resign, but that his mother must have an asylum in Spain. Her residence to be in Valladolid, as Madrid is not considered a safe place for her. It is believed that this serious issue has been forced on Alfonso by Isabella, and that the results will be most disastrous. The Spanish army will be divided at once if the ex-Queen takes any part in the direction or counsel of state affairs. Isabella's return will even cause the loss of Señor Sagasta to the royalists.

The *Evening Post* announces the death, yesterday, of the Rev. Henry Boehm, better known as Father Boehm, the oldest preacher of the Methodist church in this country, and probably the oldest clergyman in the world, at the house of his granddaughter, near Richmond, Staten Island. On the 8th of last June the one hundredth anniversary of his birth was celebrated at Jersey City, by the New York conference, when Father Boehm submitted an outline of his own life and labors in the Methodist church. He was chosen by Bishop Asbury as his travelling companion in the Spring of 1808, and travelled with him until 1813, when the bishop appointed Father Boehm presiding elder of Schuylkill district, comprising the whole territory from Wilmington to Stroudsburg, between the Susquehanna and Delaware. For more than thirty years Father Boehm has been in the New Jersey conference, and as early as 1842 was on the list of supernumerary preachers.

WASHINGTON, 29.—Collector Shaughnessy, of Miss., having reported to Commissioner Pratt that deputy collector Redmond was prevented by an armed band from discharging his duties, and that the Mayor of Summit, Pike County, had notified him to leave, as he and the other peace officers could not protect him, the President, to-day, sent an order to the Secretary of War to furnish him the necessary protection.

WASHINGTON, 29.—The Attorney General has given a decision that \$176,000 collected as the income tax on dividends of stock held by non-resident aliens was illegally collected from the Illinois Central Railroad Co., and should be returned to the company and not to the stockholders. He says the Government unlawfully exacted the money from the railroad company, and it should be paid back to the company from which it was unlawfully taken. The non-resident alien stockholders can recover it of the corporation, and it would be no defense to the company to plead that their negligence, ignorance, delay or other illegal act had lost the money. The right of the railroad company to the repayment

of the money which it paid the Government under an illegal exaction does not depend upon whether it has first paid the money to the stockholders; the Government cannot, by unlawful demands, deprive a trustee of money which he holds in trust for another.

The kingdom of Portugal is making preparations to be represented in a proper manner at the Centennial.

OTTAWA, 28.—Tenders are advertised for, to construct portions of the Lachine canal; the government is desirous of doing whatever is possible in alleviating the present distress.

ST. CATHERINES, Ont., 28.—The Italians at St. Davis, whom the contractor brought out to work on the canal, have joined the Stone Cutters' Association, and refuse to work until their scale of prices is accepted by the contractors.

LONDON, Ont., 28.—The Chamber of Commerce has passed resolutions recommending the adoption by the government of a policy of incidental protection, as most beneficial to the country under present circumstances, also for the renewal of reciprocity trade relations with the U. S.

CHICAGO, 29.—Officers of the government, to-day, seized eight liquor establishments in this city, together with all the books and papers found in the offices at the time of seizure. Those seized are the rectifying establishment of the Chicago Alcohol Works, the rectifying house and distillery of Dickenson, Able & Company, the Chicago Alcohol Works Distillery, the South Branch Distillery, William Cooper's Blackhawk Distillery, Mattheis' distillery, and Kelly and Kerwin's rectifying house. It is expected that other seizures will be made to-morrow, though the government officials are very reticent concerning the matter.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., 29.—There will be at least a partial suspension in the Wyoming coal region at the beginning of or early in January. The great amount of coal on hand, with the continuance of mild weather, is one reason for it; while another is the necessary annual repairs to the mines. The suspension will not be for more than two or three weeks, and will not extend to the individual operators of the valley.

PHILADELPHIA, 29.—At a meeting of the common council, this p. m., a resolution was adopted that the Board of Public Education be requested to inform the council by what authority the reading of the Bible has been discontinued in certain public schools in the city.

Fully 2,500 persons were present at the noonday meeting of Moody and Sankey to-day. The subject of Moody's address was, "The promises of God." He spoke of the certainty of all promises made in the Bible being fulfilled.

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., 29.—Southwick & Co's dry goods store was burned to-night; loss \$55,000, insurance \$25,000.

TYRONE, Pa., 29.—The Labor Convention, in session here, has appointed a national committee of thirty-seven, to issue a call for a convention of the representatives of labor and industry from all parts of the country, to be held in Pittsburg in April next.

NEW YORK, 30.—News has been received here of a most reliable nature that President Guzman, of the Republic of Venezuela, will visit the Centennial at Philadelphia, and will also travel extensively in the United States. Mr. Pile, formerly minister there, will shortly leave Caracas, on board the steamship *Bolivia*, for Philadelphia, as Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary of Venezuela to the United States. One of the most important tasks he has been entrusted with is to facilitate the settlement of the claims of this country on the Venezuela Government. Pile will, it is understood, also solicit the intervention of our Government in the grave disputes which have lately arisen between Holland and Venezuela.

A Washington dispatch says that the prospect of a peaceable settlement of our difficulties with Spain, and her renewed energy and wisdom in the pacification of Cuba, is so good that unless a now unforeseen and unexpected change should occur, there is no probability of hostilities, or of the necessity of such intervention as was foreshadowed in the President's message. Spanish property owners in Cuba have but recently been made to bear a large part of the burden of the war, and their sufferings have dis-

posed them to urge peace, and good government as a means to peace. An expert financier is now in Cuba, with power to arrange the finances and make important reforms of all kinds, in which labors he will have the aid of Jovellar, the new Captain General. It is probable that the substance of that part of the President's message relating to Cuba was sent in advance, to the American ministers at the principal European courts, and that this was communicated to the governments to which they were accredited as a matter of information, and to draw out from them some expression of opinion.

A Boston dispatch says that a Frenchman named Charles Lagarlierle, has formed a Masonic Lodge of printers and pressmen, dog fanciers, and some persons of higher standing, independent of the Grand Lodge of that city. He initiated the men into various degrees for a fee of \$10, but differences arose between him and the brethren, and finally, on suspicion of being an imposter, Lagarlierle was arrested. He says the whole affair is a conspiracy, and that he will expose the miscreants of the Grand Lodge in court.

L. E. Grant, convicted of publishing the Toledo *Sun*, and sending it through the mails, has been sentenced to eighteen months imprisonment and to a fine of \$500.

One hundred and fifty thousand dollars in double eagles were shipped to Europe to-day.

Cornelius Vanderbilt, President of the N. Y., C. H. & Lake Shore Railroad Companies, was, to-day, elected president of the Canada Southern Railroad Company.

An application was granted, to-day, by Judge McEue, in the Brooklyn city court, for the appointment of a referee to take the evidence of Theodore Tilton in the other suit for one hundred thousand damages, brought by Henry C. Bowen, against the Brooklyn *Eagle*.

CINCINNATI, 29.—Mrs. Rachel Gordon and three children, aged 12, 10 and 8 years, were burned to death in their dwelling, ten miles north of Rising Sun, Ind., last Saturday night.

BALTIMORE, 30.—The creditors of H. J. Hall & Co., dry goods and notions, have attached the goods found in their store, No. 6 North Howard Street, and have removed them to an auction house; the claims against them are said to be nearly \$100,000; the property attached is valued at \$4,800.

MEMPHIS, 30.—Captain Harpham, agent of the underwriters, who returned from the wreck of the *Minneola* last night, reports that river pirates have gobbled a large part of the cargo; the hull lies about as at first reported. Captain Shallcross and a wrecker will try to recover the machinery and cargo. The latest report from Fort Gibson says that about three-fourths of the cargo have been saved, more or less damaged; the remainder, from St. Louis, is in the stern, which lies in sixteen feet of water, while the bow is on logs, some six feet under water.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

Branch Organized—Locations of the Elders.

SHADY GROVE, Tenn., December 20, 1875.

Editor Deseret News:

I have been in this part of the country the last seven months, laboring, a part of the time in company with H. W. Church, a part of the time alone, and lately with Elder J. D. H. McAllister. Some six weeks of this time I was sick and not able to attend to my labors as a missionary. We have labored here and in the surrounding towns and settlements, organized a branch of the church here the 16th inst., numbering seventeen members, calling it the Duck River branch, setting apart C. H. Church to preside. Elder McAllister and I, on the 23d inst., will leave here for Desare, Prairie Co., Arkansas, which will be our address for the winter. This is a part of the country where the Elders have never preached.

Elders Geo. Teasdale and J. R. Winder are at Bridgewater, N. C., which is their address. Elders D. P. Rainey and J. Standing have gone to Purdy, McNairy Co., Tenn., which is their address for the winter. All are well and feeling first-rate in the Spirit.

Yours respectfully,  
HENRY G. BOYLE.