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## By Telegraph.

Washington, 9.

The House to-day passed the Senate bill, fixing a quorum of the Supreme Court at five members, also, the bill striking the word white from all laws and charters of the District of Columbia.

New York, 10.

The *Herald's* Havana special has advices from Porto Rico to the 2nd, of a terrible earthquake. The shock occurred December 1st. In one place the inhabitants were at church, and the scene that ensued was most pitiable. The people, dashed together, were in consternation, and the cries of women and children were heartrending.

The panic at Santiago about the cholera has subsided.

A Lima letter says the revolution is spreading. Fresh risings are reported every day; and discontent and distrust are increasing in Lima.

The *Times'* special says the President has notified Theaker, the Commissioner of Patents, that his instant resignation will be acceptable.

A convention of whiskey distillers will be held to-morrow, the most important that has yet taken place. It is expected to be proven that the Government does not realize five cents on the gallon on all the whiskey made in the country. They will urge Congress to tax all whiskey before leaving the distilleries, and reduce the tax to twenty cents per gallon.

Drake's resolution, condemning the language of the President's Message, was taken up. Drake denounced the President's statement declaring the laws unconstitutional. He spoke at considerable length very severely upon President Johnson; and desired to speak further on the subject, but desired it postponed till to-morrow, which was accordingly done. Senate went into executive session.

Liverpool, 10.

The Fenian sympathizers are making great preparations for a funeral procession in honor of the Manchester victims, on next Sunday. The Orangemen threaten to break up the procession, and a serious riot is feared.

London, 10.

It is inferred from Minister Rouher's speech that the Emperor has adopted a policy, on the Roman question, which coincides with the views and desires of the clerical party. This impression is strengthened by the tone of the French press.

Paris, 10.

Rouher gives an official explanation with regard to the old Luxemburg matter, and affirms that Prussia made the first suggestion for a change of frontier. He declares that since the settlement of the controversy by the London conference, France has not entertained an idea of territorial extension by negotiation or conquest.

Berlin, 10.

The Prussian House of Deputies voted to transfer the expenses of the Foreign Office of Prussia to the budget of the North German Confederation.

A private treaty for indemnifying the displaced princes of Hanover and other provinces was announced in Prussia to-day, and approved by the Diet.

Dreigse the inventor of the needle gun is dead.

Atlanta, 10.

The Convention elected J. R. Parrott permanent chairman. This is regarded as a triumph to the more conservative wing. Parrott urged the convention to do nothing to throw additional obstacles in the way of the Republicans, nor put a weapon into the hands of their enemies.

Washington, 10.

It is probable that the House Judiciary Committee will report against altering the mileage of members.

House.—The Military Committee decided to report a bill abolishing brevet rank, only except during the term of actual war, and then for gallant and meritorious service in the face of the enemy.

Chicago, 10.

Latest advices show that the Convention is certainly carried in Mississippi and South Carolina.

Havana,

Advices from Porto Rico say the earthquakes have not yet ceased. There were 114 shocks in 8 days. Several buildings were destroyed since last accounts.

At St. Thomas the people have abandoned all effort to rebuild their habitations, or resume business.

Intelligence from St. Domingo says the brother of Montez at the head of 8,000 Haytiens, is on the frontier, and has threatened to invade the Republic. A sanguinary conflict with Salnave is expected. Salnave has resolved to set fire to the powder magazine and blow up the Capitol, rather than yield.

Nashville, 10.

The House has passed an Act repealing the laws disqualifying the negroes from holding office or sitting on juries.

Pittsburg 10.

The municipal election has resulted in the victory of labor and reform. The people's ticket has near three thousand majority over the Republican. The result is unprecedented and is the cause of great excitement.

New York, 11.

The *Times* special says in the House the Committee will report an appropriation for the purchase of Alaska on Thursday; which will probably pass by a small majority.

The *Tribune's* special says the Senate Committee has considered and will soon report on the treaties with Japan, the Sandwich Islands, Venezuela and Madagascar.

Liverpool, 11.

The proposed Fenian demonstration next Sunday is peremptorily forbidden by the authorities, who are fearful of the consequences of so violent an expression of ill-feeling towards the Government.

London, 11.

A late dispatch from Shanghai mentions a new and more serious outbreak in the province of Chili, near Peking. At last accounts the rebels were marching on the Capital.

Washington, 11.

Senate.—A number of petitions were presented on various subjects.

Willey introduced a bill to sell the land and water privileges of the United States at Harper's Ferry.

Anthony introduced a bill declaring null and void all acts of confiscation of the rebel government, and decrees of rebel courts.

Sherman called up the House bill, directing certain money in the hands of government employes, the proceeds of the sale of captured and abandoned property, to be paid into the Treasury. Some discussion occurred. Trumbull said the Secretary of the Treasury had paid thousands of dollars of this money to claimants without authority; and said such payment should only be made under an order from the Court of Claims. The subject was finally postponed without action.

Chicago, 12.

The National Republican Committee has called a Presidential Convention, to meet in Chicago on May 20th.

New York, 12.

The *Herald's* Havana special says, late Mexican news shows that the people generally are satisfied with the loans negotiated by Romero in the United States. The amount is considered insignificant, and the people generally are reconciled to them. The Government becomes stronger as the acts of its agents are vindicated.

The Government will present a bill to Congress, designating the payments of all outstanding Mexican bonds, also to determine what bonds are legitimate. All loans of the Emperor are repudiated.

The statement that Congress has repudiated the election of certain members to that body who served under Maximilian, and the reported revolution of Durango, prove canards.

Holders of bonds who were forced to advance to the Liberal Government during the intervention, taking bonds for security, shall allow the Treasury

four per cent. for cash payments on such advances.

Cholera reports for eleven days in Havana show 481 deaths out of 871 cases.

Richmond, 11.

Senator Wilson addressed a caucus of the Republican members of the Convention, advising moderation, and favoring the extension rather than the restriction of the franchise privilege.

The *World's* special says the Senate Finance Committee have agreed to report the House bill for the repeal of the cotton tax.

Chicago, 12.

McDevitt beat Dion, the champion, at the billiard match in Montreal, last night, winning by 12 points.

Worcester, 14.

A large reservoir in Douglas gave way last night, washing away 100 feet of the Boston and Hartford railroad track. It was discovered in time to prevent a serious accident.

Pittsburg, 14.

The Great Western Gun Works were burned this morning. The building contained a number of loaded guns, which discharged in all directions. One person was killed, and several others wounded. Loss heavy.

Chicago, 14.

The Henry Chauncey sailed with California passengers on the 11th, Ben Holladay and wife being among the number.

Havana, 14.

Advices from St. Thomas say the people are returning to tranquility, and confidence is being restored.

Chicago, 13.

The bill passed providing for brevet commissions only to be issued in time of war for gallant and meritorious conduct in the face of the enemy.

The Military Committee has reported adversely to the paying of the army weekly.

The same Committee reported back a bill declaring that no officer cashiered or dismissed by court martial can ever be restored except by fresh appointment and confirmation. After considerable discussion, the bill was recommended.

London, 13.

The *Times* counsels the acceptance of President Johnson's views on the disputed question of naturalization and allegiance expressed in his Annual Message.

The Government has decided to prosecute Martin and other persons who made treasonable speeches at Dublin on Saturday.

Washington, 13.

Senate.—Wilson presented a memorial from Warren, an American citizen confined as a Fenian in Dublin, who declares the offence for which he is imprisoned was committed in New York.

Cragin, from the Committee on Territories, reported a bill regulating the selection of juries in Utah. The bill forbids polygamy; makes the issue therefrom illegitimate, establishes election laws; and repeals the law exempting the Church of Latter-day Saints from taxation.

Wilson called up the House bill securing an extension of bounties to the families of soldiers who died since the passage of the law. With a slight amendment the bill passed.

The House resolution of adjournment during the holidays, passed. The Senate then went into executive session. Adjourned till Monday.

Grant has just issued orders to muster out 124 officers of the veteran reserve corps.

New York, 13.

A Clearing-house clerk was robbed in the street of a satchel containing \$600,000 in checks, and five hundred in currency, by two men in a sleigh, who beat him severely. The payment of the checks is stopped.

Paris, 13.

It is said the Minister for Foreign Affairs has sent a dispatch to Florence with regard to the claims of Italy upon Rome, based upon the speech of Rouher in the Corps Legislatif.

It is reported that the Emperor will soon dissolve the present Legislative body and that a new election will be held in January.

London, 13.

Attempts made in Glasgow and Belfast to hold public funerals for the executed Fenians were checked by the interference of the authorities.

A daring attempt was made to-day to release the Fenian Col. Burke, confined in prison. Powder was exploded beneath the prison walls; the whole side of the wall was blown into the air, and three adjoining buildings were destroyed. It is rumored that 20 persons were killed, but the confusion is so great that nothing is definitely known. Two men and one woman are arrested on suspicion of complicity in the outrage. Burke was confined in an inner cell, and failed to escape. He has been removed to a place of greater security.

Florence, 13.

There are serious apprehensions of an insurrection in Naples, where the demonstrations against the Government have been unusually violent.

New York, 15.

The *Herald's* special gives details of the explosion at Clerksville Prison. No prisoners escaped. The street opposite the prison is narrow, and lined with three story houses. Twenty houses are almost entirely demolished; and forty persons, men women and children, have been found wounded, of whom four have already died. The house opposite has been suspected for a long time as being the Fenian head quarters. The street is ripped up a considerable distance by the force of the explosion. The whole city is terribly excited, and everybody is alarmed, not knowing where the next blow may fall. Government will resort to more stringent measures.

The *Herald's* Atlanta special says there was great excitement in the Convention to-day. Blount rose and charged the majority of the Convention with conniving at fraud, and being determined to do wrong to the people of Georgia. Great excitement ensued. Blount refused to stop, but finished his denunciation, and then tendered his resignation. There are prospects of a very stormy session. The mulattoes are very insolent to the whites.

The late storm swept with fury along the Atlantic coast, and there are many stories of shipwrecks coming in.

The *World's* special says the Senate refuses to sustain the President's suspension of Stanton. The President will probably issue an order removing Stanton, forcing an appeal to the Supreme Court.

Atlanta, 14.

A collision between a party of negroes and the civil authorities reported in Elbert County, in which the Sheriff was killed, and several whites and blacks wounded. The difficulty originated at a ball.

New York, 14.

The *Herald's* Havana special has authentic intelligence from Spain and says the Spanish Government made a formal offer to the American Government to sell Cuba and Porto Rico for one hundred and fifty millions in gold; terms, fifty millions in cash; fifty millions in one year; and the balance in six years. Great excitement prevails over the news, the extinction of slavery being one of the consequences of the sale. The national pride is somewhat disposed to grumble, but there is a general feeling of satisfaction; and it is regarded here that the bargain is certain to be completed.

Vienna, 14.

After a long debate the new Constitution was adopted by the upper house of the Reichstadt.

London, 15.

The Government has prevented the mock funerals at Liverpool and other places in England and Ireland yesterday. No open disturbance occurred. Large rewards are offered for the arrest of the guilty parties in the Clerkenwell explosion.

Fall River, Mass., 16.

The American Print Works were burned this morning, with all the machinery and a large stock of calico. Five hundred hands are thrown out of employment. The loss is \$1,500,000, it being the finest structure of the kind in the country. It will probably occasion the stoppage of many cotton mills.