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BY TELEGRAPH.

AMERICAN.

PARSONS, Ks., 24.—Walter Grayson, a wealthy Creek farmer, living near here in Indian territory, was robbed on Friday last of over \$30,000 in coin by a band who nearly killed Grayson, by hanging, to force him to disclose the place where his money was hid. Robberies and murders are increasing in the Indian territory since the marshal's forces were withdrawn, and Creek law seems powerless.

SIoux CITY, Iowa.—A prairie fire near Vermillion, Dakota, this afternoon, destroyed several barns and farm houses. Three men are reported burned to death.

CHEYENNE, 24.—Lieutenant J. R. Valerheimer, Fourth United States Infantry, committed suicide at Fort D. A. Russel this evening, shooting himself through the heart. Cause, mental depression resulting from illness. He leaves a wife and two children.

TROY, N. Y.—Mills in the vicinity, employing over five thousand hands, resumed work to-day.

The mills at Newburg and Poughkeepsie have resumed, giving employment to six hundred and fifty men.

WASHINGTON, 24.—The commissioner on Indian affairs sent the following telegram to Hayworth, U. S. Indian agent at Fort Sill, Indian Territory—

"Issue no more annuities to the Comanches. The demand for five raiders and murderers is not remitted, and if not complied within ten days after the receipt of this dispatch you will stop their rations entirely; and if they still refuse, they will be handed over to the military. Assure the Indians that the government is in earnest, and that arrangements are already being made to compel the Indians to do right."

NEW YORK.—Counsel in the Tweed case will present a bill comprising nine objections, on which they base arguments for a stay of proceedings. The prosecuting officer may ask time to consider the bill and Judge Davis may possibly take some time to consider the points presented. It is reported in the meantime that Tweed will not be placed on Blackwell's Island.

Commissioner Davenport, it is reported, will issue warrants for the arrest of a number of prominent politicians, charged with fraud at the last election.

It is stated that detectives will tomorrow make arrests of parties who lately floated half a million dollars' worth of forged United States bonds and securities. Facts of a startling nature are promised.

An earthquake was felt to-night across the bay, at Old Mission, San Jose.

NEW YORK, 25.—The people of Huntington, Long Island, have offered a reward for the recovery of the body of Charles G. Kelsey, who was tarred and feathered and soon afterward half of his body was

found. Now the people say they can only pay half the reward.

By arrangement of the Eastern R. R. of Mass., the Portland and Ogdetsburg, and Montreal, Chamby and Sarret railroads, a through trunk railway has been assured between the West and the Atlantic. Negotiations have been sometime in progress.

The Catholic Churches in the province of New York, which includes some thirteen dioceses, will all be dedicated in the name of the sacred heart of Jesus, on the approaching feast day of the immaculate conception.

The Times says Henry Clews & Co. have made arrangements with most of their numerous creditors and will soon resume business.

A Washington dispatch says the Secretary of the Navy has directed orders to be issued to suspend work on the ironclads and to detach from the large vessels recently ordered into commission all officers, to await further orders. The transportation of ordnance stores to Key West will also be stopped. There is no possibility, it is said, of settling diplomatic controversies between Spain and the United States for many months to come, which accounts for these orders.

Secretary Robeson left last night for Philadelphia on business connected with fitting out vessels. It is said at the Navy department that instead of orders being issued for suspension, the work of preparation of vessels is hurried.

The War department has issued a general order, requiring that all disbursing officers, so far as practicable, shall keep the bulk of all public funds advanced to them in independent treasury offices, and limit the deposits in local depository banks to such amounts only as may be absolutely necessary for small local payments.

ALBANY, 25.—An official examination shows the state of the Treasury detalcation through cashier Phelps to be \$331,772, \$200,000 of which was stolen in August last, and the remainder in September.

Work on the Colorado, at Brooklyn navy yard, has been suspended.

BOSTON, 25.—A drifting snow storm throughout Maine and New Hampshire interferes seriously with the running of trains.

John G. Whittier writes to Chas. Sumner thanks for the manly and just letter on Cuban difficulty, and says, "It was a word needed. The summary shooting of the passengers of the *Virginus*, filibusters as they may have been and probably were, was shocking and unjustifiable. There have been wholesale butcheries in France, both by the Commune and the Government, but in this case no man among us so regrets and deplores the bloody deed as do Castellar and intelligent republicans of Spain. If we seize this occasion to strike at them, we give direct aid and comfort to ultramontane Popery, to Don Carlos and the cruel priesthood who are fighting against republicanism in Europe; we do a deed in crushing out the republic of Spain, under its noble president, which I can only find its parallel of atrocity in the Roman republic of 1849. Heaven preserve us from such infamy. I hope and believe wiser and worthier counsels will prevail, and that the only demands of our government upon Spain shall be for the speedy emancipation of the enslaved in Cuba, and the rights and liberties pertaining to citizens of the Spanish republic secured to the people of all classes in her dependencies."

James R. Osgood & Co. have sold the *Atlantic Monthly* and *Every Saturday* to Hurd and Houghton, of New York, and *Our Young Folks* to Scribner & Co., of the same city. The first named publications will be continued by the purchasers, but the latter will, it is understood, be merged in Scribner & Co.'s juvenile magazine, *St. Nicholas*. The transfer of these publications to New York is regarded as important in the literary world.

RICHMOND, Va., 23.—G. T. Brooks, late president of the Merchants' National Bank, of Petersburg, is charged with embezzling

the funds of the bank; he has been held in fifteen thousand dollars bail to appear in the U. S. Circuit court.

PHILADELPHIA, 25.—No orders have been received at the navy yard here to suspend work, but on the contrary it is being pushed with greater vigor. A dispatch has been received ordering the dispatch boat *Pinta* immediately to sea.

BOSTON, 25.—Mayor Perry has tendered his resignation, to take effect on the 29th inst. Alderman Cutter will be acting mayor for the unexpired term.

The United States Cartridge Co. commence, this week, to run their works day and night; they have pressing orders for several millions of cartridges from the war and navy departments.

WASHINGTON, 25.—The construction bureau of the navy department says that if work at any of the navy yards has been suspended, it is not because of orders from Washington; only to-day, orders were sent from the bureau to make some additional repairs on the *Colorado*, at New York. The *Roanoke* is not intended for the North Atlantic squadron, but for mouth of the the Harbor; and as for the *Dictator* there was very little work remaining to be done on her.

Dispatches were received to-night by both Secretary Fish and Admiral Polo, the Spanish minister from Madrid, of such a character as to give, more than heretofore, a promise of a peaceful solution of the present complications. These gentlemen were in private conference for several hours to-night at the residence of Secretary Fish, comparing dispatches and discussing, generally, the situation.

Orders were received at the Washington navy yard this morning to fit up the *Shawmut* for sea, with all possible despatch. All the men that can be employed to advantage will be put to work night and day.

The *Fortune* was launched this forenoon and will be ready for sea in a few days; she will carry two thirty-pound rifled guns, in addition to her torpedo attachment.

Hon. Richard C. McCormick, delegate from Arizona, was married this evening to Miss Elizabeth Thurman, daughter of Senator Thurman, at the latter's residence in this city. The wedding was attended by President Grant, several members of the cabinet, all the senators now in Washington, and many other distinguished persons.

SAN FRANCISCO, 25.—The jury in the case of Frank Harris, mate of *Sunrise*, returned a verdict, to the night, of guilty on twenty-nine counts of the indictment.

The trial of Toledo Moreno, one of the Vasquez gang of murderers, is progressing at Salinas City, Monterey county.

There was a boiler explosion to-night in the book store of A. L. Bancroft & Co., Market St.; the flames extended from the engine room to the furniture store of Henry & Company, damaging it to the extent of about \$80,000. Bancroft's loss was about ten thousand. During the fire James McGinn and two boys were suffocated nearly to death; they were got out and taken to their homes, but it is feared the man will die.

Navigation on the Hudson River, from this city to Albany, is suspended; the steamers are going into winter quarters to-day. This is the earliest closing of navigation during the present century.

Twenty-five hundred men were paid at the navy yard to-day, most of whom have been employed since the *Virginus* outrage.

The Spanish iron clad *Arapides* has not left the yard, but was painted to-day, and the last work upon her, in the dry dock, will be done to-morrow. Work in the yard was going on as usual this afternoon.

MONTREAL, 25.—It is estimated that thirty thousand French Canadians have returned from the U. S. during the past three weeks, owing largely to the stoppage of manufactures.

WASHINGTON, 26.—A special says the government at Madrid declares that it is willing and resolved to restore the *Virginus* and yield to the other claims of the U. S., its

only request now being that the fact shall be first established that the *Virginus* was entitled to the protection of the American flag.

NEW YORK, 26.—The plasterers of Brooklyn have struck, to force the employers to guarantee four dollars per day during the winter, which they generally reduce. The president of the plasterers' union was arrested on a charge of threatening the non-union men working.

CHICAGO, 26.—Lieut. General Sheridan left for Washington last night by the ten o'clock train; it is understood that he goes in obedience to a summons from the War Department, the complication with Spain being the subject to be considered.

There was a heavy fall of snow this morning, sufficient to delay the railroad trains.

Washington specials say, referring to the latest dispatches from Spain, it is authoritatively stated that the demands of the U. S. government are as follows—"That the *Virginus* must be surrendered; that the surviving members of her passengers and crew must be restored; that the United States' flag must be saluted at the port where it has been outraged; that a suitable indemnity must be made to the families of American citizens massacred."

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., 26.—The Hudson is filled with floating ice, and the Stuyvesant is frozen over.

PHILADELPHIA, 26.—In the United States district court, this morning, Jay Cooke & Co. were declared bankrupts, and J. Gillingham was appointed receiver.

FORTRESS MONROE, 26.—A careful inspection of the forts has been made, and the weak points are being strengthened. Rip Raps and Fort Wool can be put in a state of defense in ten days. These and a judicious use of torpedoes will protect the harbor.

FOREIGN.

LONDON.—The agent of the Associated Press here is authorized by Minister Sickles to say that there is no foundation for the report published in New York on the 21st to the effect that he, Sickles, had broken off social relations with the foreign minister, and that he had expressed the opinion that war was inevitable. The agent is authorized to state that there is no foundation whatever for the dispatch, that official and personal relations between Minister Sickles and the Spanish officials are unchanged, and that Sickles has not expressed any opinion as to the result of the pending question.

Lord Kensington, Liberal, has been re-elected to Parliament.

The barque *Clyde* is reported lost off Valentia and nine of her crew drowned.

MADRID.—President Castellar has received a dispatch from Captain-General J. A. Villar, assuring the home government that the authority of the Republic will be obeyed in the Island of Cuba.

The Spanish press complain that the enemies of Spain telegraph false news to the United States.

BERLIN.—The explanations given by the French government in regard to the pastoral of the bishop of Nancy, ordering prayers for the recovery of Metz and Strasburg, are regarded as unsatisfactory.

A bailiff entered the residence of Archbishop Ledochowski, last week, in accordance with a decree of the court and seized the furniture. The Archbishop maintains an attitude of resistance, although surprised at the severity of the measure.

The Augsburg Gazette says the King of Bavaria has signed a decree repealing the Concordat with the Pope.

ANTWERP.—The American ship *Westmoreland*, which arrived here Oct. 29th, from Philadelphia, was destroyed by fire to-day.

ROME.—In the Chamber of Deputies to-day, Signor Marini made an eloquent speech in support of the principle of arbitration, and praised the conduct of the United States and Great Britain in the settlement of the *Alabama* claims.

After the speech of Signor Marini, a resolution, recommending the introduction of an arbitration

clause in all future treaties with foreign powers, was unanimously adopted.

HAVANA, 25.—The *Diario de Lamarina* has an editorial to-day, of which the following is an extract—"The Washington government knows, to-day, and the United States Congress will soon know, the justice with which the Spanish authorities have acted; they will take care of the national honor without suffering themselves to be influenced by the cries of the masses, who know not what these Cuban 'patriots' are. Far from our minds be a feeling of arrogance, farther still a feeling of fear from our hearts. We neither seek nor shun peril. If the Americans oblige us to fight, fight we will. If the mother country can aid us we will thank her; but if we must contend alone there are enough Spaniards in Cuba to keep our banners safe. We will sell very dearly that which was once the most brilliant flower of the crown of Castile."

LONDON, 25.—The steamship *Samaritan* has been chartered by the British government to convey a regiment to the Gold Coast.

VERSAILLES.—President MacMahon has accepted the resignations of members of the Cabinet, they having been again tendered.

PARIS, 25.—The cabinet, as reconstituted, is composed as follows: Minister of the Interior, the Duke de Broglie; Foreign affairs, the Duke de Cazes; Finance, Pierre Mague; Justice, Ernaul; War, General Du Banil; Marine, Admiral D'Harnoy; Public Instruction and Worship, Balbi; Public Works, Deseillizy; Agriculture and Commerce, Bouliere. The Duke de Cazes is a new member of the cabinet. M. Baule, who was minister of the interior, has retired, and the Duke de Broglie takes his place, relinquishing the foreign ministry to the Duke de Cazes. These are the only changes made in the cabinet as it existed before the last resignation of the ministers.

In the trial of Marshal Bazaine to-day General Boyer testified that Bismarck told him that he was willing to grant an armistice if the army of Metz would declare in favor of Napoleon.

BERLIN, 25.—A fresh sentence has been pronounced against archbishop Ledochowski, for continuing, unlawfully, to institute priests; he is condemned to two years' imprisonment and to an additional fine of 540 thalers.

LONDON, 26, 4.30 a.m.—Later dispatches have been received from General Wolseley commanding the Ashantee Expedition. They condemn the native auxiliaries as worthless. The Ashantees are in full retreat. Their main column is, however, within an easy march of the British advance, yet the general is unable to overtake and attack them, owing to the tardiness and cowardice of his native allies. He complains of the humiliating position in which he is placed in consequence of being obliged to depend upon such help.

The *Times*, this morning, speaks hopefully of a pacific solution of the *Virginus* question.

The *Daily News* says it is rumored that the ultimatum of the U. S. would be equivalent to a declaration of war.

MADRID, 26.—The Igraldan newspaper justifies the execution of the *Virginus* captives, and cites as a precedent for the action of the Spanish authorities, the circular issued by the U. S. government during the civil war, declaring the confederate privateers pirates.

Beaver.—The *Beaver Enterprise* of Nov. 25th contains the decisions of Judge Boreman, who had been hearing testimony, as an examining magistrate in the case of the shooting and killing of John Howarth on the 2nd day of October. The examination lasted nearly four days. Messrs. Riddle and Porter were discharged, it having been proved conclusively that they had nothing to do with the shooting. Messrs. Oakden and Farnsworth were held in \$4,000 bonds, although the Judge admitted, in his decision, that the evidence against them was weak; that the probabilities of their guilt were not strong; but he was not positively convinced of their innocence.