

## TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The *Times* to-day has an editorial on the Alabama claims question. It charges Mr. Fish with arguing that England should apply different principles to America than to any other nation; that Great Britain should have let the Union have had arms and refused them to the confederates, and should have legislated, if necessary, against the latter. If the Union army were unable to repress the rebels at home, England was much less able to check them here. War is always a heavy burden on neutrals, and the civil war in America was a particularly grievous calamity to England.

*Times* to-day republishes the card of the Harvard boat crew, which lately appeared in the New York papers, explanatory of certain matters connected with the international race in August last. The *Times* rejoices in this manly card, as an answer to all charges of English unfairness about the race.

The revised treaty between England and China had been signed by the proper officials of Government, but had yet to be ratified and accepted by other foreign Governments before it would go into operation.

The following are the important changes: A modification of the transit dues; opening of two new ports to trade and commerce, working of coal mines by foreign appliances as experimented in two places yet to be selected, a reduction of duty on native coal and other articles; the establishment of bonded warehouses; the navigation of inland waters by vessels not steamers, and the temporary residence in any part of the Empire by foreigners. The ports to be opened by the treaty are Wuchin, on the lower Yangtze, and Wanchan, on the coast of Bowed Ningpo and Fuhchaur, both of which ports had been strongly recommended in all the memorials on the subject.

The Chinese Government had also agreed to employ an English Barister to frame a code of mercantile laws in conjunction with the Judge appointed by Her Majesty the Queen of England. The Supreme Court will govern all international civil suits. The advantages to be gained by the treaty are pronounced substantial and equally beneficial to the Chinese as to foreigners.

The Duke of Edinburgh received a cordial reception on his arrival at Shanghai, and was tendered the hospitality of the city.

Sir Rutherford Alcock, the British minister to China would shortly return to England, taking with him the new English treaty.

The steamship *China*, which arrived here yesterday brought 3600 cards of silk worm eggs from China and Japan for Lyons, France. They will be immediately forwarded to New York via the Pacific Railroad, for reshipment to France.

The following additional advices from China were received by s.s. *China*:

At the time Sir Rutherford Alcock, the British Minister, left Peking for Shanghai, the French Minister was preparing for his departure.

New translations of the Buchanan credentials show that he was accredited to the western nations or lesser states, and had no plenipotentiary powers.

The Protestant and Catholic mission houses at Nanking had been destroyed by a mob. The inmates barely escaped with their lives.

The arrival of Minister Low was anxiously looked for.

It was rumored that China had made large

concessions of territory on the north-west to Russia.

The reception of the Duke of Edinburgh and the farewell banquet to Admiral Eschepel were the principal events at Hong Kong. The Prince was received with great honor at Macao, and afterwards sailed for Calcutta.

The tea market at Foo Choo is quiet and prices nominal. Five vessels are loading for London and the *Resolute* and *Springfield* for New York. The *Jennette* has sailed for Boston with 475,000 pounds of tea.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—The steamship *Chim* arrived this morning, from Hong Kong Nov. 19, and Yokohama Dec. 2nd.

An attempt had been made to assassinate the late Tycoon, but he refused to punish the participants.

A treaty with foreign representatives had been ratified which will stop the trading of foreigners with unopened ports.

The English Minister to Japan had been notified of a plot existing among the Japanese to assassinate him.

MADRID, Dec. 27.—The *Iberia* newspapers say Spain will fully settle the matter of the new constitution during the month of January.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The funeral of the late E. M. Stanton took place to-day and was very largely attended.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—The heaviest earthquake ever experienced in Eastern California and Nevada, occurred about 6 o'clock last evening. The shock was felt with more or less severity at Sacramento, Marysville, Grass Valley, Nevada City, Iowa Hill, and other neighbouring towns. At Virginia City, Nevada, walls were thrown down, door bells rung and clocks stopped. The consternation was general. The shock was felt severely on the lower levels of all mines. The vibrations were north and south. At Bend, the shock was preceded by a low rumbling which lasted nearly two minutes, alarming the inhabitants. The express train bound West was detained an hour between Wadsworth and Reno, by large rocks and earth thrown on the track by the earthquake.

THE LATE LORD DERBY AS A SPORTSMAN.—In the new number of *Billy's Magazine* there is an article on the late Lord Derby as a sportsman, from which we glean some interesting traits. As a partridge shot he was, we are assured, "bad to beat," keeping his pointers in the days of long stubbles, and walking well after them, but exchanging pointers for spaniels when modern farming and closely shaven fields came into fashion. Even when gout kept him at home he took a keen interest, if there were guests with him, in each day's sport. He had the record of the bags brought to him after dinner, and read it out aloud, with a running commentary of pleasant banter. He was an excellent walker, and once made a journey on foot from London to Knowsley, or at least to Liverpool. It happened in this wise—Lady Derby was in too delicate a state of health to travel by the usual means, either by rail or road. Her husband therefore, fitted up a barge for her accommodation, and she was taken by canal Lord Derby himself walking the whole way along the towing path. After a time, however, gout sadly interfered with his pedestrian propensities. He cherished the traditional devotion of his party for good old port. Once a wine merchant sent him some Amontillado to try, with the recommendation that if he drank nothing else he would never be troubled with the gout. "I have tasted your sherry," wrote Lord Derby in reply, "and prefer the gout!"—*Pull Mall Gazette*.

## GRAND TRUNK REPORT.

The London *Times* publishes a summary of the half-yearly report of the directors of the Grand Trunk Railway for the period ending the 30th of June last. So far as the summary indicates, there are two features of special novelty or importance in the report. The following is the financial exhibit. Revenue for the half-year, £674,621, which is disposed of in the following manner:

Working expenses.....	£455,958
Renewal of permanent way and works.....	77,039
Loss on American Currency....	24,841
Interest on Postal Bonds.....	17,206
do on certain loans and debentures.....	18,277
Rents of leased lines.....	51,776
Interest on equipment bonds.....	10,799
Leaving a balance of.....	18,755

This balance, however, is subject to the claims of the Buffalo Company, after meeting which, the directors hope to be able to pay the interest on the first preference bonds.

The working expenses for the half-year were at the rate of 67.59 per cent. of the earnings, against 65.93 for corresponding half-year. The excess is accounted for by heavy snow storms, which, it is estimated, caused a net loss to the Company of £36,000.

J. Flynn, stabbed by C. Moore in a Baxter Street saloon.

M. J. Kelly, struck down by a slung shot on Second Avenue.

C. Bartram, shot and seriously wounded by a saloon keeper in Division Street.

M. Halloran, garotted at the corner of Second Avenue and 27th Street.

J. G. Plattner, severely wounded by a pistol shot from a highwayman at the corner of Rector and Greenwich Street.

W. Green, beaten about the head with a club at 76th Street and Tenth Avenue, "receiving several serious wounds."

Patrick Clark, carried homewards helplessly drunk from a 31st Street saloon, and dying from the effects of liquor on the way.

PEACE ON EARTH, &c.—The following is a partial record of Christmas day observed in New York, culled from the press of that city.

Ann Griffith, found dead in her apartment, North Street, with marks of violence on her head and body. Her husband accordingly taken into custody.

In the face of which trivial record of little unpleasantness we can find a peculiar appreciation of the *Tribune's* cheering assurance that "the day was more generally respected than hitherto, and that nothing occurred to mar the pleasures of the great public."

Constantinople, in the hands of a civilized people, might become a whole empire in itself. In its present condition it is but a collection of Asiatic villages, interspersed with mosques, palaces and barracks. Athens is not a rich city, and never will be, but with its slender means, in the course of forty years, it has become a pleasant residence, has organized a university, having 1,000 students, a library of 100,000 volumes, well supplied with all the important periodicals of Europe. Athens makes the visitors regard it as a city of civilized people. Of Constantinople the contrary may be confidently asserted.