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Eastern States.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4—The Panama papers per steamer California contain little news. A rumor at Lima says the U S steamer Nyack has gone to the Gallipagos Islands with the intention of taking formal possession in the name of the United States.

The Postoffice Department has made permanent arrangements with the Bremen Line to carry an English mail to Southampton and a German mail to Bremen on Saturdays. The Hamburg line will for the present carry the French mail every Saturday, while the Williams & Guion line will carry the mails from Queenstown every Wednesday.

ALBANY, Jan 4—The Legislature organised to-day by the choice of the Democratic nominees for Speakers in both branches. Resolutions were introduced in the Senate by Tweed for the repeal of the XVth Amendment. Gov Hoffman's Message was read in both branches. He says: The sinking fund will extinguish the State debt, at the present rate, in 10 years. The interest on the debt should be paid in coin. He devotes considerable space to the canal, and urges such legislation as will insure cheap transportation, and speaks of the contract system on labor in prison; calls attention to the public charities of the State and commends them to the liberality of the Legislature; recommends a number of general laws and the avoidance of special legislation.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—The telegraph operators of 35 principal cities are now on a strike on account of alleged reduction of the wages of two operators in San Francisco. Nearly all the operators, male and female, in this city have joined the strike. Business has not been stopped, only retarded. The Western Union Telegraph operators struck yesterday afternoon, nearly all leaving work.

The Company says there is no ground in the fact charged for the strike; and that no salaries have been reduced; but they can permit no combination or organization of men to dictate who or how many persons they should employ for the transaction of their business; that they approve the action of Mumford in reply to the proposition of the operators, viz, that members and telegraphers of the organization who had already stopped work might be restored to their former positions in the Company's employ, in which he declined to act for want of official knowledge.

The operators in every part have struck, but the force on hand is enough to perform the service. The operators last night adopted a card to their brethren throughout the country, asking for unity of action.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan 4—The first regular meeting of the Cabinet since the recess of Congress was held to-day. All the members were present.

A colored child having been admitted to one of the public schools yesterday seven white children were in consequence withdrawn by their parents.

Minister Low has received his final instructions from the State Department and will leave New York to-morrow evening and the latter city for China *via* California next Saturday.

Considerable interest is felt in army circles concerning the contemplated change in the assignment of officers, whereby several who have been for years on duty in different bureaus of the War Department will be sent to posts in the West, while many now serving on the frontier and at other stations will be assigned to duty in this locality.

ST LOUIS, Jan 3—The strike among the telegraph operators here does not materially disturb or retard the business in this section. Six hours after the strike the office was competently manned. Yesterday and to-day, not only was there a full force of first-class operators on duty, but the Superintendent of this district has men to spare who will go to any point where their services are need d. The strikers published a card to-day, handling the Telegraph Company severely; charging them with a design to reduce salaries generally and thereby make the operators bear a portion of the costs of the war between them and the opposition lines. Privately the strikers acknowledge that their action was premature, but the step being taken they will stand by it, regardless of consequences.

CHICAGO, Jan 5—The situation of affairs relative to the telegraph strike continues unchanged. The office here is supplied with a full force of operators and is continually receiving new applications for situations. The officers of the company are fully confident of their ability to fill the places of all strikers with competent men, and declare their intention to re-employ none of those engaged in the movement.

The Stock Board declines to quote Erie Railway shares unless they are stamped by the Protective Board of Stockholders appointed to guard the interests of the stockholders.

ST LOUIS, Jan 7—There was a large meeting at the Southern Hotel last night to consider the Capitol removal question. The Chairman was authorized to appoint two committees to visit Washington and use all their influence in getting the removal question before Congress, and especially to prevent further appropriations for government buildings at Washington. Letters from Congressmen were read stating there was a Congressional organization at Washington among members, and it is constantly increasing, whose purpose is to defeat appropriations generally and to agitate the removal question.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan 7—Gov Warmouth's Message congratulates the Legislature upon the flourishing condition of public affairs and the good feeling existing between the people of both races.

CHICAGO, Jan 7—The *Tribune's* special says there will probably be some startling revelations regarding some of Johnson's revenue officers at New York. A partial examination shows that the accounts of one of the Collectors will probably be short $300 000.

New York evening papers say three large Cuban vessels are waiting outside for the Spanish gunboats.

Europe.

MADRID, Jan 5—The resignation of the Spanish Cabinet in consequence of Italy's refusal to permit the candidature of the Duke of Genoa is announced. It is reported that Admiral Lopez will return to the Ministry.

PARIS, Jan 4—It is reported that the new Ministry will declare for and accept the programme of the Right Centre. The Ministers were received this evening by the Empress who gave them a very gracious welcome.

The *Patrie* publishes some correspondence between Olivier and Pierre Mange, to prove that the latter advised the admission of members of the right and left centres in the Ministry.

MADRID, Jan 4—The ministerial crisis continues and telegrams from Florence announced the negative of Italy. It was received here on Sunday but its publication was suspended by authority until to-day. For two days the government has been in a state of indecision as to their course. The Duke of Montpensier was expected to arrive here this morning but his friends have telegraphed that he cannot come on account of the situation created by the action of Italy.

LISBON, Jan. 4—The mail steamer from Rio Janeiro Dec 11th brings the following from Paraguay. Igbatius was taken by the allies without resistance. Lopez had been driven from the soil of Paraguay. Prince D'Eu and Senor Paranhas were expected at Montevideo, on their return from the seat of war. The former could reach Bennos Ayres about the first January. According to the very latest accounts the war in Paraguay was at an end and Lopez has fled to Bolivia with his family. An agreement had been signed between Brazil and the Argentine Confederation according to which Brazil will withdraw 14,000 men from Paraguay. The entire contingent of the confederacy will retire.

ROME, Jan 4—A general congregation of the council was held at the Quirsnal yesterday. The Pope was not present and the cardinal presenting by right of age announced the recent death of four Cardinals and the appointment of Cardinal Biles as president of the Commission of Dogmas and and of Cardinal Caterinas as president of the commission on ecclesiastic discipline was promulgate. The council is in session again to-day; the business of organization continues.

LONDON, Jan 5—The bullion in the Bank of England has decreased £10,000 since last week.

The extract from Mrs Stowe's Lady Byron vindication, containing 1131 words, was received by the Anglo-American Atlantic cable last night and published in the *Pall Mall Gazette* to-day. The *Gazette's* correspondent adds—'here in America the indignation at the conduct of Mrs Stowe in the matter has only been intensified by the publication of this so-called defence.

MADRID, Jan 5—Advices have been received from New York that the Cuban insurrection has ended by order of the Cuban Junta in New York.

PARIS, Jan 5—During the week just passed the heavy outflow from the Bank of France continued. Amount in the vaults to-day is 31,800,000 francs less than last Thursday.

DUBLIN, Jan 6—Irish journals report that during the Parliamentary election in Longford, which was bitterly contested and attended with great excitement, the supporters of Martin, the Fenian candidate, and those of Nugent, had a sharp fight. The troops appeared and fired upon the Fenians, who quickly dispersed. A few men were wounded but none killed. At last accounts there had been no more disturbances, but measures have been taken to prevent a renewal of the conflict. The Fenian element is greatly exasperated over the defeat of its candidate.

MADRID, Jan 6—The *Imperial* states that two pistol shots were fired at Serrano to-day without effect.

LONDON, Jan 6—The residence of Mr Motley, the American Minister at London was entered by burglars last night and robbed to the value of over £1,000.

SOUTHAMPTON, Jan 5—The steamship West Philadelphia has arrived on her way to Hamburg.

PARIS, Jan 6—Advices have been received from Florence which indicate that on the opening of the Italian chambers there will be ministerial changes in favor of the left centre party.

MUNICH, Dec 6—The Anti-Prussian party have a considerable majority of the new Bavaria chambers.

LONDON, Jan 6—A correspondent of the *Morning Post* writing from the Suez Canal, says that anything drawing over fifteen feet of water must be lightened in order to pass through the Suez Canal. Dredgers are so obstructive that the passage is hazardous. The company decline to take any risk whatever. It requires a mint of money to keep the work in order.

Charles Dickens made another speech at Birmingham last evening. In the course of his remarks he alluded to the fact that a former speech of his had been misunderstood and said that he would therefore on this occasion restore his political creed, he had no faith in the people with small governments but had entire faith in the people with large governments, he put his trust in the masses, but none whatever in the so *called ruling classes.*

NEW YORK, Jan. 8—The telegraphers revolt appears to be slowly losing strength. The company facilities increase daily and the officers have refused several applications from the chief to be reinstated.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 8—Gold opened stiff this morning at 123, closing 122⅛.

Legal tenders irregular at 81¼ buying 82¼ selling.

LONDON, Jan 8—Mr William Douglas has issued a challenge to the world to race his yacht Sappho to Sandy Hook on the 4th of July next.

PARIS, Jan 8—Correspondents from Rome ridicule the story extensively prevailing that Pere Hyacinth, upon appealing to the Ecumenical Council, was not heard nor recognized.

It is announced to-day on the best authority that the French Ambassadors at London and Berlin have resigned.

It is rumored that the Ministry will propose a reduction in the contingent force of 75,000 or 100,000 men.

M. Ollivier to-day receiv d the Magistrates of Paris in a body.

Yesterday there was an important reunion of Ministers at the Ministry of Justice.

A circular has been sent by the Emperor's Minister of the Interior to the Prefects of Departments, making known the policy of the Government. It is further stated that the document is very liberal.

MADRID, Jan 8—Nothing is settled here concerning the Ministry. There is much political excitement throughout the country.

PARIS, Jan 8—The *Memorial Diplomatique* asserts that a compromise has been arranged in the question of infallibility of the Pope. Infallibility will be affirmed but dissent from the Articles will be allowed.

PARIS, Jan 8—Ollivier, in an address to the magistrates, said I will maintain intact the dignity of the magistracy and above all will keep justice clear from politics so that decisions will have all the more weight. Bouffit, Minister, replying to an address from great financial societies, declared they must conform strictly to their statistics to avoid such misfortune as that of the credit Mobilier and informed them that the Ministery of Finance would keep up relations as heretofore with great financiers. The ministery have decided that Algeria shall be represented in the Corps Legislatif by four deputies. Permission has been accorded for the sale of all journals in the streets all foreign journals are hereafter to be distributed without examination by the bureau of censorship.

Canada.

OTTAWA, Jan 8—Notice has been officially given in the Ontario *Gazette* that application will be made to Parliament at its next session for an act of incorporation for a company to build a railroad from Ottawa to Fort Garry on Red River, and thence to the confines of British Columbia; also, for the construction of a branch from Fort Garry to the most convenient point in the United States with power also to build steamers and other vessels on and to navigate the river Saskatchewan and its branches and the rivers and lakes traversed by the railroad. Also, that the credit of the Dominion be extended to aid such company by granting mortgages on wild public lands along the route in proposition as the work proceeds. The name of the company will be the Canadian Pacific Railroad and Navigation Company.

California.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan 6—Gold in New York to-day 120⅜. Legal tenders weak at 83@84½.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan 7—Gold has an upward tendency, closing at 121⅞, an advance of 1½ cents since yesterday. Legal tenders weak at 82, buying; 83, selling.

Oregon.

PORTLAND, Jan 6—The Cassie Telair arrived at 10 o'clock last night. The sailing of the Montana for San Francisco is postponed until Saturday.

LONDON, Jan 4—Granville Nugent has be n elected to Parliament over Martin, the Fenian Candidate.

PARIS, Jan 5—The Emperor was very desirous of retaining Baron Haseman in the position of Perfect of the Seine, but the Council of Ministers is decided upon his removal.

MADRID, Jan 5—It is rumored that the Regent Serrano will be invested with Sovereign power, but the Cortes believe to take such extreme measures. Partizans of the Duke Montpensier are very active.

DELAYED DISPATCHES.

Eastern States.

NEW YORK, December 28—The ferry boats Jay Gould and James Fisk collided with terrible force midway off North river to-day. The Gould struck the Fisk amidships, crushing in her sides and hull. The Gould had her bows partly stove. The Fisk was towed to the docks in a sinking condition. No passengers injured. Loss, $200,000

NEW YORK, Dec. 29—Foreign advices state that the Deistical Convention, which met in Naples on the 8th inst, in apparent defiance of the Ecumenical Council at Rome, was dissolved after two days' session by the Italian Government, the ostensible reason being that the delegates shouted *'Viza La France Republiqua.'*

NEW YORK, Dec 29—Terms have been arranged, by means of cable dispatches, for a race between James Gordon Bennett, Jr., of the American yacht Dauntless, and Mr. Ashbury, of the English yacht Cambria, for a stake of £250, from the old Hook of Kindale to Sandy Hook, New York, to start next 4th of July.

POUGHKEEPSIE, Dec 29—About 200 canal boats, loaded with coal, are frozen up on the line of the Delaware and Hudson Canal. They aggregate 37,000 tons and there are 900 tons on the Rondout docks.

Brigham Young, jr, did not address the Germans at Williamsburg yesterday as advertised, having been called to Philadelphia to persuade his third wife, who has left him, to return to his seraglio, which, however, she refuses to do.

WASHINGTON, Dec 30—Vincent Collyer yesterday handed to the President a memorial signed by a number of property holders and business men in Victoria, to be followed by another which will contain the names of all the British merchants and others at Victoria, Nanaimo and other places, in favor of the transfer of British Colombia to the United States. The President to-day returned Collyer a verbal reply that he had received it with great interest and sent it to the Secretary of State. Collyer also showed a memorial to Senator Sumner, Chairman of the Committee of Foreign Relations, who, after reading, said the movement was important and could have but one termination. Meanwhile the government waits the movement of England, which is fast seeing the uselessness and impracticability of European empire on this hemisphere. Both the President and Sumner desired their replies to be made known to the memorialists.

The Spanish Cuban war in this city waxes hot. The Spanish Consul and Senor de Conto, Editor of the Spanish paper, have received anonymous notification that they will be assassinated. Senor Roberts, Spanish Minister at Washington, is also to be put out of the way by two well-dressed emissaries, who are to decoy him into a dark corner. According to El Cronista, the Cuban Junta arranged all the bloody work in a secret session. Meanwhile it was reported that there has been another successful departure of another expedition for Cuba, with plenty of arms and powder.

Canada.

OTTAWA, Canada, Dec 30—Vice Chancellor Sprague has been sworn as Chancellor of the Court of Chancery.

The Cabinet has formally decided to recall Gov McDougall. He is expected here in the course of a week.

MONTREAL, Dec 29—A heavy shock of earthquake is reported at the city of St. Paul, forty miles below Quebec. It lasted one minute.

MONTREAL, Dec 28—The *Star* alleges that enormous frauds have been committed recently, in a private bonded warehouse at Montreal by the coalition of the officials, and it calls upon the Minister of Finance to cause a thorough investigation.

Mexico.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec 20—Seward and party, yesterday, were at Flascola, visiting the historic remains for which that place is celebrated. To-morrow they visit the monument of Cholua, and will go next to Orizaba, where they will arrive on the 23rd. Minister Nelson accompanies the party on this excursion. Seward sails for Vera Cruz for Havana on an English steamer Jan 2d.

West Indies.

HAVANA, Dec 86—Jose Crespetor and Jose Rubo, convicted of an attempt to incite rebellion among the Catalonian volunteers, were sentenced and garroted on Christmas day.

The news of the lease of the bay of Samana to the United States caused intense excitement among the people.

The San Domingo revolutionists are making arrangements to overthrow Baez before the American Congress can ratify the lease Baez's troops have taken Cartell Valla and two of Cabrel's generals who were captured were executed.

Reports from St Thomas say the negotiations for the cession of St Thomas and Santa Cruz to the U. S. have been reopened.

Advices from Hayti to the 9th Dec. are received. Salnave now holds only the city of Port au Prince.

Advices from Jamaica to Dec 8th say the Chief Justice refuses to grant a certificate to the Government declaring the seizure of the schooner Lahave and her cargo legitimate or forcible.

It is stated that a small garrison was left by the United States frigate Albany at Samana. Baez holds his position and declares that before he will resign he will annex the Island to the United Stases. The revolutionists are without arms, ammunition or vessels.

Shipping Intelligence.

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Jan 4—Brig Coquette, Fassmore, Callao
Stmr Olymsia, Finch, Port Townsend
Jan 5—Slp Lady Franklin, Pritchard, San Juan
Slp Ocean Queen, Dwyer, San Juan
Jan 10—Stmr Enterprise, Swanson, New Westminster

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