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Europe.

LONDON, Feb 26.—In accordance with resolutions adopted by the Convention of the Chamber of Commerce a bill will soon be brought before Parliament legalizing the sale of all cereals by weight.

PARIS, Feb 26.—There was a demonstration on the part of conscripts at Lyons on Thursday, but the troops were dispersed without bloodshed. Archbishop D. Bonald, of Lyons, is dead. Two more editors have been arrested for publishing false news.

PARIS, Feb 27.—The Emperor declares officially and politically that perfect harmony exists between himself and the present military, and believes they have the sympathy of every honest Frenchman. France has made a new attempt to disengage the Ecumenical Council from acting against her interests.

HAMBURG, Feb 27.—Borsenthal says that a project is on foot for the establishment of a discount bank in this city, by capitalists here, and Berlin, Frankfurt and New York.

LONDON, Feb 27.—Oxford and Cambridge are so making preparations for the annual anniversary race.

MADRID, Feb 26.—The struggle between the Church and revolutionary parties is becoming more intense. Debates on the proposition to prosecute the Archbishop of Santiago for treason threaten to consume the session of the Convention.

Eastern States.

BOSTON, Feb 26.—Cable dispatches state that Minister Curtiss takes charge of the remission of the Chinese Embassy, in connection with members of the Chinese Embassy. The body is to be embalmed and his state at the American Legation and finally be sent to America in charge of the representatives of China and the United States.

NEW YORK, Feb 26.—The Liverpool agent of the steamer City of Boston had sent the steamer City of Boston to cruise off Madeira Island, hoping that something may be learned of the missing steamer. The opinion of old sailors is that she is disabled and making for port under sail. Another ocean steamer is missing, the Schmidt, which left New York on January 20, and had 238 passengers on board. Much anxiety is felt about her.

Private dispatches from Washington report the debt statement for the 1st March as likely to show a reduction of over \$50,000,000.

WASHINGTON, Feb 26.—In accordance with published notice, a meeting of the friends of B. Butler assembled at Union League Hall to-night. One orator spoke in eulogistic terms of Butler as having been of great service to the government by taking a regiment of Massachusetts troops at the commencement of the war; another said this was only the beginning of a movement to elect Butler to the Presidency. Another said that while he admitted Butler he thought the movement premature and would do more harm than good.

OXFORD, (Mis.) Feb 27.—A fearful accident occurred at 4 p.m. yesterday on the Mississippi Central Railroad. The regular morning train from New Orleans broke through the trestle-work forty feet high, over a ravine. The engine went over safely, but the remainder of the train crashed through the trestle-work, completely wrecking the cars. 21 passengers are known to be killed and a large number wounded, some seriously. A special train from Louisville was half an hour behind with a few passengers, among them J. W. Simonton, General Agent of the Associated Press, and wife. This party arrived safely and assisted in caring for the victims of the accident. At least accounts there were twelve dead bodies taken from the wreck. The Treasurer of the Company and his son are both fatally injured.

NEW YORK, Feb 28.—The rumored resignation of Rucker, General Superintendent of the Erie Railroad, is officially denied. Work at Brooklyn Navy Yard will be commenced with vigor, about 5000 men are to be engaged by Thursday.

Seward's banquet is set for Thursday evening, at the Astor House.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Returns from 454 postoffices, for January, show the number of free letters to be 666,000. The weight of printed matter sent was 346,191 pounds. The estimate in dollars of the total amount of free matter is two hundred and thousands monthly. The Postmaster General adds that the recent agitation for repeal has increased the sales of stamps and stamped envelopes in January 211,332 over the same month of last year. He recommends his recommendation for repeal.

Canada.

MONTREAL, Feb 22.—Yesterday's snow storm blocked the roads in every direction. The trains are all stopped.

TORONTO, Feb 23.—A dispatch from Halifax says the ship Orontea, which left Halifax for England two days before the City of Boston, arrived after a passage of twelve days. She entered fearful weather. All the horses of the 16th regiment perished. The safety of the City of Boston is almost disparaged of.

South America.

LISBON, Feb 25.—The mail steamship from Rio de Janeiro yesterday reports that the vessel had been forced to evacuate Passafium and its commanding his sick and wounded. He moved towards Benacoara. At last accounts Count De was moving across the Alpar River in hopes of intercepting the retreat of Lopez.

Oregon.

PORTLAND, March 1.—The steamer Columbia is tied up awaiting for Victoria with the Bates theatrical troupe as passengers.

California. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb 28.—Gold 115 1/2. Legal tenders 86 1/2 @ 87. Flour—Local extra superfine, in sacks, \$4 50 @ 4 70; extra, \$3 25 @ 3 50. Wheat—Fair \$1 50; choice, \$1 65.

DELAYED DISPATCHES.

Eastern States.

CHICAGO, Feb 22.—The Tribune's New York dispatch says that letters from Salt Lake say Brigham Young has sent a party to select a location in Arizona to which Mormons favoring polygamy may retire, and that there is a probability that the polygamy doctrine will be abandoned soon in Utah.

Extensive preparations have been made at New York for the reception of ex-Secretary Seward.

Count Otto Von Bismarck, the Prussian Count and cousin to Bismarck, who succeeded in marrying a young and rich girl, the daughter of a respectable citizen of Elizabeth, N. J., and in swindling the family out of some ten thousand dollars, was arrested yesterday and is now confined in jail to await examination.

NEW YORK, Feb 21.—The trial of Reynolds, the murderer of Townsend, commenced to-day. In addressing the jury the District Attorney Gavin said: 'We are standing in an atmosphere of epidemic; with crime in the city and county, no one is free from the knife of the assassin in the violence of the highwayman. They should let the verdict rest that murder shall be punished.'

The Common Council have tendered the hospitalities of the city to Wm. H. Seward on his return to the United States.

Europe.

PARIS, Feb 22.—La Patrie has an editorial suggested by the birthday of Washington. It says it is as much a day of rejoicing for France as for the United States. It refers to the services rendered America by Lafayette, and concludes by saying the Americans can best show gratitude to France by placing at the public meetings side by side, the busts of Washington and Napoleon III.

In the Corps Legi latif, Jules Favre moved his interpolation of the ministry on their domestic policy, and supported the motion with a vigorous speech. He severely denounced the arrest of R. Chéfort, and the attempt to mislead the public mind by the pretended existence of a conspiracy. The majority here were not aware of the motives of the Prefect. If the ministry intend to be liberal he would support them, though not with implicit confidence, but if they continued to be the instruments of personal power he would oppose them. He accused the present majority of having voted for the Mexican expedition and squandering the finances of Paris.

Ex-Minister Pinard made a reply which the journals call weak and ineffective.

LONDON, Feb 22.—The estimates for naval expenses are £750,000 less than last year.

In the House of Commons Jenkinson gave notice of an inquiry into the policy of retaining the Fenians at Dublin, and the speeches of Green's counsel there.

A bill providing for the inspection of mines was introduced and after discussion read a second time.

A motion was made for the appointment of Commissioners for the distribution of local rates of taxes. Goehen explained the intention of the Government. The motion was opposed by Lopez, Bartlett, and Beach, and sustained by G. Astor and others. With out disposing of the bill the House adjourned.

Leeward lighthouse was literally carried away last night, by a ship which dashed against it during the gale.

The Pacific Steam Navigation Company have planned a semi-monthly steamer line from Panama to Liverpool by way of the Straits of Magellan.

Rt. Rev. Asa Turner, Gen. Govt. Bishop of Winchester, died yesterday, aged 84.

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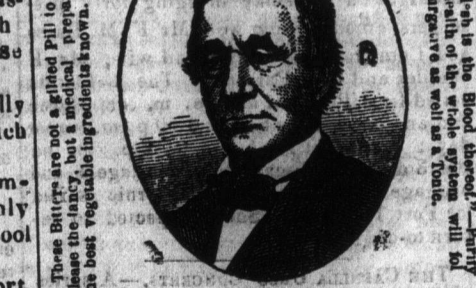
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