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Special despatches to the "Colonist."

Later Eastern News.

J. Davis and others said to have instigated the Murder of Lincoln.

Rewards for their Apprehension.

FROM MEXICO AND CANADA.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—The President has issued a proclamation in substance as follows:

Whereas it appears from evidence in the Board of Military Justice that the atrocious murder of the late President, Lincoln, and the attempted assassination of Secretary Seward were instigated, concerted, and procured by and between Jefferson Davis, late of Richmond, and Jacob Thompson, Clement C. Clay, Beverly Tucker, Geo. N. Sanders, N. C. Cleverly, and other rebels, traitors against the United States, harbored in Canada. Now, therefore, in the end that justice may be done, I, Andrew Johnson, President of the United States, do order that the first of said persons, or either of them, within the limits of the United States so that they can be brought to trial, the following rewards:

One hundred thousand dollars for Jefferson Davis, twenty-five thousand dollars each for Clay, Thompson, and Tucker, ten thousand for Cleverly, late a clerk of Clay.

New York, May 3.—The Tribune specially says: Hayne, the assassin of Seward has confessed his guilt. He said it was useless to withhold it any longer as he had been fully identified by six persons. The Government had when evidence in its possession that he was the party assigned to do that terrible

crime. Friends of Seward pardoned him.

The Secretary of State is feeling very well now. Fred Seward's condition is more encouraging.

Chicago, May 2.—The most terrible steamboat disaster in the history of navigation occurred on the morning of the 21st, by the bursting of the boilers of the steamboat *Sultana*, eight miles above Memphis. 2300 people were on board; 786 of whom only have been found alive. 1900 of the passengers were paroled soldiers on their way home from the rebel prison at Andersonville. The accident occurred when all were asleep except the officers of the boat. The first mate thinks it was some infernal machine in the coal as the boat was running very steadily under very little steam. He describes the scene as terrible in the extreme. He was standing in the pilot house and was blown into the river where were struggling a living mass of drowning humanity, some just with limbs broken, some scalped, and side which some of the wrecks took fire, the light of which threw a ghastly gleam over all. No sooner was at hand, and only the best swimmers, aided by fragments of the wreck could hope to be saved. There were fifteen women on board, but two are saved. Some of the bodies floated down after as Memphis, thus being the last intelligence of the disaster that reached that city. The steamer *Boston* on her way down, arrived at the scene about three-quarters of an hour afterwards.

Among the soldiers on the boat were 36 commissioned officers. The troops belonged principally to Indiana and Illinois. In 20 minutes after the explosion the boat was a sheet of flame. A crowd of passengers estimated at five hundred took refuge in the bow of the boat while the flames were driven astern by the wind. The boat soon turned stern down stream reversing the flames when the panic mass rushed together, many being entirely roasted while clinging to the boat. The wreck floated down five miles before sinking.

Gen. Washburn has ordered a commission to investigate this terrible disaster.

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G. B. Lemar, a nullification man, and one of the most successful aiders of the rebellion in Georgia, has been arrested.

St. Louis, May 3d.—It is officially contradicted that any of Jeff Thompson's troops are in Southeast Missouri, and that the rumors are without foundation.

New York, May 4th.—A Jacksonville, Ill., letter says 1200 Union soldiers, formerly imprisoned at Andersonville, have been transported down the Florida Central Railroad to Adlin, ten miles from Jacksonville, and conditionally released. Several hundred others on our lines the same night, and presented a very pitiable condition, many of them barely able to walk.

Hartford, May 4th.—The constitutional amendment abolishing slavery in the United States unanimously passed both Houses of Legislature of Connecticut to-day.

New York, May 3.—The Herald's special despatch of the 19th says: The officers of Dick Taylor's staff arrived last night with a flag of truce at Canby's headquarters to make terms for the surrender of himself and command.

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Washington, May 4.—General Sherman was at Point Lookout yesterday en route to Washington. The principal portion of the army of the Potomac is already on the march here.

Washington, May 3.—The Executive order of April 21, 1863, prohibiting the exportation of arms and ammunition from the United States, and the Executive order of 1863, prohibiting the exportation of horses, mules and live stock, being no longer required as public necessity, aforesaid orders are hereby repealed and annulled by order of the President.

(Signed) STANTON.

Washington, May 15.—Information has been received from our Consuls and American Banks in Europe that there are now in the European markets three or four hundred million of U.S. Bonds and Vixas.

San Francisco, May 1.—A private telegram from Guaymas reports on March 29th that four French men-of-war arrived at that port, and as nobody expected them coming so soon the consternation of the people was general. The Mexican troops retreated from the city while the French force disembarked in launches taking possession of the town, which contains the following. Booth was originally the projector of the scheme and seconded by parties in Canada. He was furnished with a murderous accomplice in Payne. Mrs. Surrall was mother of the conspiracy. Booth found another bloody accomplice in Surrall. The route and escape were planned weeks previous to the act, when Booth escaped. Harrod escaped with him. They reached Surrall's at midnight, stopped at Lloyd's Hotel and got a bottle of whiskey. Booth remained on his horse at the door of Surrall's.

Harrod went up stairs and got a cabriolet. Lloyd offered him another, but Harrod said Booth had broken his leg, and could not carry him. As they rode off, Booth called out to Lloyd, "We have murdered the President and Secretary of State." They reached Dr. Mudd's house before sunrise, and Booth had the broken leg set. Among those under arrest as direct accomplices are Shangley, stage carpenter at Ford's Theatre; Samuel Arnold, of Baltimore, who claims to have backed out of the plot; Captain Jett, who took Booth behind him on his horse at Surrall's, who was assigned to kill the Vice-President; McLaughlin, friend and confederate of Booth; Dr. Mudd, who set Booth's leg; Lloyd, who entertained the assassin, and gave them a carbine; Sam Coxin, who concealed and fed Booth; Harrod, who was captured with Booth; Surrall, who shared the secret of meditated crime; Payne, who attempted the life of the Secretary of State; Mrs. Adams, who it is believed had assisted Booth; Wilson, of Newport, who it is said was cognizant of the crime, and did not assist justice.

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New York, May 1st.—In view of the fact that the rebel ram *Stonewall* is afloat, and supposed to be making her way to this coast, Government has made preparation for her reception by placing iron-clads in all our harbors. Grant, immediately on his return to Washington, set to making arrangements for contemplated heavy decrease of military force and consequent reduction of expenses. It is thought the army will soon be reduced to four hundred thousand men. The Tribune's special says Harrold has made a voluminous confession.

New York, May 2.—The Herald says

Jeff. Davis remained at Danville six days in suspense, failing to hear from Lee who was trying to reach that place and made Stanton River the line of defense. The news of surrender was brought in by scouts, but was disbelieved. It was kept a secret as long as possible, when it was known there was a great panic. Stoneman's command and as Davis left a large amount of valuable property was captured including railroad stock and machinery stored at Harper's Ferry. It is reported that the 6th corps will remain at Danville some time. Sheridan with his cavalry got as far as near Stanton and State rivers, but was ordered to return after the surrender of General Johnston took place.

New York, May 1.—We have news from Charleston to the 23rd. Governor William Aiken left Charleston on the 25th, with orders to report at Washington.

The expedition sent out under General Porter had been placed under orders to suspend hostilities, based on Sherman's first arrangement; but on the morning of the 28th, another party was sent out to notify rebels at Darien, Georgia, of the resumption of hostilities.

Washington, May 1st.—The Times' Washington special despatch says: Preparation

for conspiracy cases for trial has de-

volved upon Colonel H. Burnett, who con-

ducted the treason cases at Indianapolis. The

prisoners are closely guarded, among the

precautions adopted to secure them from

committing suicide is a padding cap, the

head of each thickly lined with cotton so

that they cannot bite their brains out. Benjamin

E. Harris, member of Congress, from Mary-

land, was arrested a few days since for per-

secuting paroled prisoners from Lee's army

to violate their parole, and go back to join

the rebels. If he fails, breaking down the

testimony he will certainly be convicted

of the punishment of death. The Times has an

account of the plot against the rulers of the

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