

NEWS ITEMS

A Paris paper asserts that a diplomatic correspondence of an unfriendly tone has been going on for some time past between the German and United States Governments.

John Thompson, a private of the 2nd Massachusetts volunteers, and who lost a leg in battle during the war, has been allowed to starve to death on the streets of New York. The poor fellow could find no employment, a hence his sad death.

It is reported that some sixty Yankee fillibusters and whiskey traders have established themselves in Manitoba and built a fort there, and that they have expressed their intention to hold the place against all comers. We have no doubt if the report be true, that these gentry will meet with the punishment that is due for such a daring outrage.

Capt. Robertson, of the ship *Loch Earn*, which sank the *Ville du Havre*, has written to the London "Times" giving an emphatic denial to many of the statements made before the French tribunal which investigated Capt. Robertson's story of the disaster. Captain Robertson is borne out in his denial by all of his own crew and by the look-out man on the *Ville du Havre*.

Cuba still continues in a most unhappy condition. The Captain-General has proclaimed the island in a state of siege and consequently all rebels taken will be tried by court martial. Active steps are being taken to increase the efficiency of the militia force. One volunteer out of ten is to be put into active service, and all the males between twenty and forty-five years of age are to be enrolled in the militia. In addition to these, other severe measures are ordered.

A most diabolical outrage was perpetrated in Montgomery County, Ky., on Saturday night last. A gang of masked ruffians, visited the house of a man named Carter. There was no one in the house at the time but a little boy aged seven years, a son of Carter, who becoming alarmed at the appearance of the gang ran towards a neighbour's house. The cowardly ruffians fired at the child as he ran away, and wounded the poor little fellow so that he died.

A bold attempt to escape from prison has just been made at Douai (Nord) by two convicts named Hoel and Hermans. They had succeeded in climbing to the roof of the building by means of a knot of rope, and had thence reached that of the chapel, and intended to pass on to the gendarmery barracks adjoining, from which they might have gained the street. They were, however, perceived by the son of the chief warden, and the building having been surrounded, they were forced to surrender and descend by the same rope.

Mr. William Edward Nightingale, the father of Florence Nightingale, died a few days since at his residence in Hampshire, England, in the eightieth year of his age. His paternal name was Shore, but on attaining his majority he assumed the name of Nightingale, after his maternal grand uncle, whose estates he had inherited. He had two daughters, Parthenope, the wife of Sir Henry Varney, M.P., and Florence—so called from the place of her birth in Italy.

Auckland, New Zealand, advices of the 20th December state that the local steam packet company, having a steam service to the Fiji Islands, will procure additional steamers to supply their increasing coasting trade. A steamer is also to be placed regularly on the passage between Auckland and Poverty Bay; and the *Napier*, another steamer purchased at London for a private owner, is on her way out to engage in the coasting trade. Trade with the Islands of Fiji and other groups in the South Sea is increasing. The sugar trade is to receive an impetus by the establishment of sugar refineries. The Union Steam Shipping Company, with a capital of \$250,000, has been organized at Dunedin, to meet the growing requirements of the shipping trade of New Zealand; and the New Zealand Navigation Company will enlarge its capital; in order to provide additional steamers to Fiji. The feeling is growing stronger in favour of the annexation of Fiji. Continued disturbances are reported among the natives on the East coast of New Zealand. There are seventy miles of railroad open; the first part of the Auckland and Wairoa line was to be opened on the 24th of December. The action of certain German residents at Leonkar, on a recent occasion, in preparing to resist the Government by force of arms, and the proceedings at Nasoca, where about one hundred armed white men were driven back and maltreated by twelve hundred Fijians armed to the teeth, has elicited a feeling in the colonies that England should at once assume the sovereignty of these islands.

SINGULAR CASE

A funny suit against an editor has been decided by the Circuit Court at Waukesha, Wisconsin. The Fays, proprietors of the *La Belle House* at Oconomowoc, brought an action to recover \$9704 for meals and cigars furnished Ashley D. Harger, editor of the *Oconomowoc Times* Harger set up a counter claim of \$160 for puffing the *La Belle House*. Judgment was rendered for the plaintiff and Mr. Harger appealed to a jury. The case excited much interest, Harger being well liked, and having a solemn, earnest manner of making very witty remarks. He testified that Fay would say to him: Harger I've got a nice dinner to-day—come in. No I thank you, I'm going home. Fay would prevail on him to stay, and after dinner the following colloquy: Everything all right, Harger? Everything excellent, Dessert all right? Delicious, Mr. Fay. Very well, remember this in your paper next week. In return for dinners and cigars, Harger says that he told a great many lies—editorially—worth more than a thousand dollars. He would never have presented a bill for lies had not Fay fallen out with him and wanted pay for the dinner. Harger pleaded his own case, and the jury found a verdict for him, which throws the cost on the hotel keeper.

NEW SONG.

We clip from an exchange the following new song, written by an editor in distress. He says "There is beauty, pathos, and truth combined in the following song, which all our delinquent subscribers should learn to sing with an understanding heart."

Oh how happy are they,
Who the printer do pay,
And have squared up the old year and more;
Tongue cannot express
The great joy of the Press,
When delinquents have squared up the old score.

Printers all the day long,
Labor hard for their song;
Oh, that their hard fate all could but see;
They have worked all the day
And of course want their pay
To buy sugar—bread—butter and tea.

Judgment was given last week by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in a consolidated appeal from Madras in which three widows of a man who had had six wives and died intestate, Naeker, claimed to be entitled to considerable property. There was however, a claim by a son of the fifth wife, and a question was raised as to his legitimacy. The first wife was called the royal wife, and the other widows junior widows. The royal widow had died, and under the Hindoo law the second and third widows would succeed, but there was a son of the fifth wife, and the contention was whether he was legitimate. The fifth wife had gone to the palace of the deceased Zemenda, and it was alleged that there was either no marriage or that the son was not born in wedlock.—Their Lordships held that the son had been born in wedlock and would succeed to the estate, and not the widows. Her Majesty would be advised to affirm the decision of the High Courts.

A few months ago thirteen residents of California organized themselves into a company for the purpose of sending a number of persons to this Province and Nova Scotia to hunt for the supposed buried treasure of Capt. Kidd. Four persons, including a former resident of New Brunswick, who professed to know where some of the treasures were hid, were appointed to come here. One of the number was appointed treasurer, and received \$1,950 to pay all expenses. After searching in vain through this Province, these men visited Nova Scotia where they met with no better success. The party returned to St. Johns last evening, when the treasurer discharged two of his number. These two, who are now dead broke, applied to Sergeant Ryder for assistance, and he procured a night's shelter for them. The treasurer and the other members of the party leave for home this morning.

Lord Derby, in distributing the prizes to the Students of Liverpool College, made an observation so sensible that it deserves to be here repeated. It is not, he said, mental labor which hurts anybody, unless the excess be very great, but rather fretting and fidgeting over the prospect of labour to be gone through. A man must accustom himself to take things coolly, and avoid hurry and nervous excitement by keeping well beforehand with what he has to do. Lord Derby thinks morning work better than night work, and that a man who cannot get through his day's labor without artificial stimulants had better consider whether that kind of labor is fit for him at all.

Latest Despatches.

LONDON, 9.
Gladstone declines active leadership of Opposition. The Marquis of Hartington is mentioned as successor.
The transport with the first of Wolsley's army, which is returning to England has arrived at St Vincent.
Serrano has arrived at Samarosto, near Bilbao.
Marquis De Noales is Minister of France to Italy.
Emperor William's illness causes disquietude.

FEW YORK, 9.
The death of Céspedes is confirmed. Ex-President Fillmore died at Buffalo last night.
The steamer "Phonician" has arrived at Portland.
Gold 111½

OTTAWA, 9.
The election of Sir John A. Macdonald has been protested against.
Wendell Phillips lectures at Montreal to-day on Daniel O'Connell.
It is believed that Auglin will be Speaker.
The Reformed Episcopalians held their first meeting yesterday in the Court House. Rev. Mr. Gallagher of U. S. preached; the building was too small to contain the meeting.

LONDON, March 10.
Elaborate preparations are being made by the Cockneys to receive the Duke of Edinburgh and wife.
The Queen will open Parliament in person. Grand display anticipated.
Charles Orton publishes the Claimant as being his brother Arthur.
The Cambridge crew arrived at Putney yesterday. The Oxford men will take up their places on the Thames next week.

150 guests attended the Royal banquet at Windsor last evening.
A despatch from Wolsley, dated Feb. 16th, says: The King has sent me 1000 ounces of gold—first instalment of in demnity with a request for peace. The last detachment of white troops embarked for home on the 22nd inst.

SYDNEY, C. B., 10.
Hon. A. J. White has been re-elected to-day by acclamation, to Local House. He has accepted the post of Commissioner of Crown lands.

NEW YORK, 10.
Gold 111½.
LONDON, 11.
The Ashantee King agrees to pay 50,000 ounces of gold; renounce all claim to the territory under British protection; maintain a good road from Coomassie to the Prah, and protect the traffic over the said road; prohibit human sacrifices, and swear perpetual peace with England. A garrison will be kept at Prahusa. Wolsley recrossed the Prah on the 15th of February. Total British loss—16 killed, and 368 wounded.
Charles Orton confesses his having been bribed to keep silence.
A petition has been presented to the French Assembly, charging Gambetta with having sacrificed the nation and its defences to political designs.
Mariones, being ill, has resigned the command of the Spanish army.

NEW YORK, 11.
Charles Sumner died at Washington last evening. Both Houses adjourned.

LONDON, 12.
The weather is unfavorable for the Duke of Edinburgh's reception and the entry into the city. Three inches of snow down.
Gladstone will resume leadership of Opposition in 1875. The late Cabinet has agreed to accept the leadership of the Marquis of Hartington; but a section thereof proposes to be guided temporarily by Vernon Harcourt and Robert Lowe.
Serrano has resumed supreme command of the Spanish forces.
Bismarck is seriously ill.

NEW YORK, 12.
Sumner's remains will be embalmed for funeral in state Chamber to-morrow, after which the body will be taken to Boston, where it will lie in state for 2 days in Faneuil Hall.
Ex-President Fillmore was buried at Buffalo to-day.
Gold 111½.

OTTAWA, 12.
Bishop Lewis has excommunicated John Hodgins and John Clarke from the Anglican Church. The latter is in favor of Cummin's Government.

LONDON, 13.
The Duke of Edinburgh and wife entered the city yesterday; although it snowed all day, the programme was strictly carried out, and the Royal Pair rode in an open carriage. The police report casualties, 4 killed and 24 wounded sacrificed to the hymeneal juggernaut.
The Caledonia Railway blocked with snow; many trains are buried in the drift; station house covered, the chimney only appearing.

DIED.

On Sunday evening last, fortified with all the Rights of the Church, in the 32nd year of her age, Francis Mary, beloved wife of Capt. John Strapp,—"A.I.P."
On Sunday last, John Fitzgerald, Esq., Honorary President of the Benevolent Irish Society, aged 75 years, 59 of which were spent in this country.
The deceased by his kindly manner and urbane disposition endeared himself to all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. His remains were this morning conveyed to their final resting place, attended by a large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends.—"R.I.P."

LIST OF SEALERS, 1874.

VESSELS.	MASTER.	TONS.	MEAS.
Vanguard, (s.s.)	Munden	322	200
Commodore, (s.s.)	Jeffers	290	251
Mastiff, (s.s.)	Dawe	245	190
Glengarry	Fitzgerald	189	98
Confederate	Green	171	103
Isabella Ridley	Thomey	154	89
Ravenwood	Smart	136	81
Cabot	Keefe	126	79
Jessie	Geary	114	75
Sisters	Furlong	113	72
Escort	Walsh	135	68
Matilda	Doolling	115	62
Rescue	Dawe	136	80
Walrus	Dwyer	131	66
Gulnare	Vatcher	83	45
Atlanta	Perry	140	77
Union	Lindsay	105	65
Rival	Pike	79	45
Consort	Parsons	96	55
Sophia	Heater	89	50
St. Kilda	Parsons	70	41
Vulcan	Morgan	59	37
Selina	Noel	59	37
Margaret	Davis	73	43

By W. J. S. Donnelly.
Creole | Stapelton | 140 | 60
W. Donnelly | Stapelton | 125 | 50
Sneezor | Stapelton | 139 | 60

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