

THE QUEBEC TRANSCRIPT.

He rose abruptly: at a sign given by him, the proper officer declared the court adjourned: the sufferers were hurried back to their cells—some went whither they would—others, whither they would not; but all dispersed.

A faint and solitary light glamed from a chink of the prison-walls—it came from the narrow cell of the Italian merchant and his daughter.

The girl slept—ay slept. Sleep does not always leave the wretched, to light on lids un-sullied. Reader, hast thou known intense misery, and canst thou not remember how thou hast felt and wept, and agonized, until the very excitement of thy misery wore out the body's power of endurance, and sleep, like a torpor, a stupor, a lethargy, bound thee in its chains? Into such a sleep had Emilia fallen; she was lying on that prison floor, her face pale as if ready for the grave, the tears yet resting on her cheeks, and over her sat the merchant leaning, asking himself whether, treasure that she was, and had ever been to him, he could wish that sleep to be the sleep of death.

The clanking of a key caught the merchant's ear; a gentle step entered their prison. The father's first thought was for his child. He made a motion to enjoin silence; it was obeyed; his visiter advanced with a quiet tread; the merchant looked upon him with wonder. Surely—no—and yet could it be? that his judge—Lord Cromwell, the vicar-general, stood before him—and stood, not with the respectful bearing in his eye—not with denunciations on his lip, but took his stand on the other side of poor Emilia, gazing on her with an eye in which tenderness and compassion were conspicuous. Amazement bound up the faculties of the merchant. He seemed to himself as one that dreameth.

"Awake, gentle girl, awake," said Lord Cromwell, as she stooped over Emilia. "Let me hear thy voice once more as it sounded in mine ear in other days."

The gentle accent fell too lightly to break the spell of that heavy slumber; and the merchant, whose fears, feelings and confusion formed a perfect chaos, stooping over his child, suddenly awoke her with the cry of "Emilia! Emilia! awake, and behold our judge!"

"Nay, nay, not thus roughly," said Lord Cromwell, but the sound had already recalled Emilia to a sense of wretchedness. She half raised herself from her recumbent posture into a kneeling one, shadowing her dazzled eyes with her hand, her streaming hair falling in wild disorder over her shoulders, and thus resting at the feet of her judge.

"Look on me, Emilia!" said Lord Cromwell. And encouraged by the gentle accents, she raised her tear-swollen eyes to his face. As she did so, the vicar-general lifted from his brow his plumed cap, and revealed the perfect outline of his features. And Emilia gazed as if spell-bound, until gradually shades of doubt, of wonder, of recognition, came struggling over her countenance, and finally in a voice of passionate amazement she exclaimed: "It is the same! It is our sick soldier-guest!"

"Even so," said Lord Cromwell, "even so, my dear and gentle nurse. He who was then the poor dependent on your bounty, receiving from your charity his daily bread as an alms, hath this day presided over the issues of life and death, as your judge; but fear not, Emilia; the sight of thee, gentle girl, comes like the memory of youth and kindly thoughts across the sterner mood that hath lately darkened over me. They whose voice may influence the destiny of a nation, gradually lose the memory of gentler thoughts. It may be, Providence hath sent thee to melt me back again into a softer nature. Many a heart shall be gladdened, that, but for my sight of thee, had been ad unto death. I bethink me, gentle girl, of the flowers, laden with dew and rich in fragrance, which thou usedst to lay upon my pillow, while this head throbed to agony of pain upon it; fondly thinking that thy sweetness would be a balm: and how thou wert used to steal into my chamber and listen to tales of this, the land of my home! Thou art here; and how hast thou been welcomed?—to a prison, and well nigh to death. But the poor soldier hath a home; come thou and thy father, and share it."

An hour! who dare prophesy in events? At the beginning of that hour, the merchant and his daughter had been the sorrowful captives of a prison: at its close, they were the treasured guests of a palace.

G. W. Dixon, the editor of the New-York *Polygraph* is held to bail, for various libels, to the amount of \$11,000.

MISCELLANEOUS EXTRACTS

MILITARY STATISTICS OF EUROPE.—In the *Annuaire de Gotha* for 1839, a publication of great authority and circulation on the Continent, there appears a very detailed and apparently correct statistical table of the military and naval forces of all the powers of Europe, which in the present rather momentous state of affairs, may not be without its value. According to this table, the preponderance of military strength lies decidedly in favour of Russia, which, with a population of 50,000,000 and in addition to keeping a fleet of 130 sail, maintains a standing army of upwards of 1,000,000 of men, nearly one half of whom, however, are distributed along the frontiers of the empire, with a view of overawing the different tribes which that power has from time to time incorporated in her dominion. Next in the scale of numerical military strength comes Austria, which country, with a population of 33,000,000, maintains a regular army of 400,000 men, exclusive of a Landwehr, or militia, of nearly equal number. France, with a population of 32,000,000, has a regular force of 350,000, exclusive of the National Guards, and in addition possess a fleet of 220 sail, of which more than one hundred are in commission. The military force of the kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, at 109,000 men, exclusive of the East India Company's, while the navy is rated at 530 sail, either in commission, or in ordinary, and mounted with 23,000 guns. Prussia, with a population infinitely smaller than any other of the leading states of Europe, maintains a very strong military force, the army being calculated at 250,000 men, with a Landwehr or reserve of 350,000. Being, however, a purely agricultural country, she possesses no navy.

THE STOLEN SERMON.—Two gentlemen who had attended a charity sermon, were talking of it afterwards in company: "Didn't you like our parson's sermon very much?" said one. "Yes," replied the other, "it was a good sermon, but he stole it." This was told the preacher, who resented it, and called on the gentleman to retract what he had said. "I am not," replied the aggressor, "very apt to retract my words, but in this instance I will; I said you had stolen the sermon; I perceive I was wrong, for, on returning home and referring to the book that I thought it was taken from, I found it was there."

BILL OF FARE OF THE GREAT WESTERN.—As a specimen of the dinners provided on board the Great Western, our readers may take the following bill of fare:—Breakfast—6 dishes boiled ham, 2 ditto fish, 6 ditto mutton chops, 100 eggs in omelets, 6 dishes devilled legs of poultry, 6 dishes Indian meal. Dinner—6 turkeys mock turtle, 2 dishes venison, 4 roast turkey, 4 couple of ducks, 4 dishes roast beef, 4 ditto cod fish, 4 couple of chickens, 6 dishes fried oysters &c., 4 ditto stewed oysters, 4 ditto boiled mutton, 4 ditto macaroni, 6 ditto potatoes, 6 ditto mashed turnips, 6 ditto raspberry pie, 6 apple ditto, 6 cranberry ditto, 2 cherry ditto. Choice wines in abundance.—*Bristol Mirror*.

The diamond necklace presented to the Queen by Reschid Pasha, on behalf of the Sultan, contains some of the finest diamonds that have been seen in this country. The value is estimated at about £5,000. Her Majesty thanked the Ambassador in French, and gracefully placed the necklace on her beautiful neck. The Duchess of Kent's necklace is also very fine, but the diamonds are smaller than those in the Queen's. Her Majesty has received a *cadeau* from the Queen of Belgium containing one dozen of velvet slippers, elegantly embroidered, under the direction of the Queen herself, by a first-rate artist at Brussels. They are worthy of the prettiest foot in Europe, which, by common consent, belongs to Queen Victoria, and are much approved by Her Majesty, who has for some time preferred velvet slippers to any other description of *chaussure*.

An extensive forgery, supposed to the extent of \$50,000, was committed on the house of Lizardi & Co. London, about the middle of November, by a clerk connected with the establishment, of the name of Macchiam.

The annual silk product of the manufactures of France probably amount to \$24,000,000. The brandies annually made from the French wines amount to about \$10,000,000. The olive oil trees yield annually in oil and olives, about \$1,000,000.

The London Examiner says, "It is the prevailing opinion of the Court circle that Sully, the American artist has succeeded in rendering the best and most graceful likeness of our youthful Queen."

Look out, Ladies!—One Dr. John W. Hersey has recently been found guilty, in Ohio, of marrying three different girls within the last year. It is said he makes a regular business of marrying all the young girls he can, and then leaving them.

In Cleveland, Ohio, the lawyers appear to drive a fair business. At the last term of the Court of Common Pleas, "an immense number of civil causes have been disposed of," says the Herald, "and more than *twelve hundred* new cases entered!"

On a morning lately in the menagerie at Cincinnati, it was found that during the night the lion had killed and partly devoured a female leopard which was kept in the same cage.

By a statement of the number of arrivals of vessels at Philadelphia for the last fifty years it appears that the number of foreign arrivals now is no more than it was in 1778.

The Consul of France in Philadelphia has offered a reward of 36,000 francs for his Government to the discoverer of a paper calculated to prevent the fraudulent washing of the stamp, and falsifications in public or private instruments of writing.

Dr. Severn has discovered, in the library of the London Medical Society, an ancient diary of a former vicar of Stratford-upon-Avon, which is said to throw much new and interesting light upon the domestic habits of Shakespeare.

Mr. Weeks, the celebrated Irish comedian, died at Perth, in consequence of injuries received in the overturn of the Perth mail a short time ago.

Damages for a Heartbreak.—A young lady in Vermont has recently obtained no less than \$22,000 from her sweetheart for breaking his promise to marry her.

The population of Washington is 23,677. A bill has been reported in the Kentucky Legislature, making habitual drunkenness a sufficient ground for divorce in a Court of Chancery.

The convictions in the city of New-York during the year 1838, for all degrees of crime, were 714; the number of trials, 845; number of recognizances to answer, 3708.

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QUEBEC, SATURDAY, 26TH JAN. 1839.

Table with columns: From London, Liverpool, Bristol, From Paris, Latest Dates, From New York, From Halifax, From Toronto.

The packet ship *Albany*, 19th December from Havre, arrived at New-York on the 19th inst. bringing Paris papers to the 18th, and London to the 15th,—the former being three days, and the latter one day, later than those previously received.

They contain the speech of the King of the French at the opening of the Legislature. It is short, pacific, flattering, and destitute of interest.

We subjoin the only items of English news of moment:—

Lord Grey is exceedingly indignant at the treatment which his son-in-law, Lord Durham, has received—he openly states him to be, in his opinion, the most injured man alive; and will support those opinions in his place in Parliament. A report also prevailed that Lord Durham had called a meeting of all the merchants in London, who had relations with Canada, to explain to them the motives of his conduct whilst there.

There appears to be very violent attempts making to create a war between Holland and Belgium, but it will doubtless end in smoke, without the expenditure of much gunpowder; the Belgian army is to be increased instantly to 120,000 effective fighting men.

The French are sending out more vessels of war to Mexico, and increasing their army and navy.

Active preparations are still making all over England, to enrol soldiers and sailors for the Government. Fortifications are to be erected in several parts of the coast now considered defenceless, and the whole of the movements of the British Government decidedly indicate that they expect to be engaged in a fierce war before the close of the year.

MALTA, Dec. 1.—The Queen Dowager of England has arrived here in the *Hastings*, and has created great excitement for the first time the royal standard of England has been seen to float from the castle of La Valette.

The Empress of Russia has recently forwarded to Scotland a large order for tartan plaid. The Duke of Wellington has been dangerously ill.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 27.—The Queen Dowager of England is hourly expected here, and awaiting here are prepared for her. Mr. Bulwer is here dangerously ill. The Greek Patriarch is dismissed from office; this has occasioned great excitement. The plague has broken out in the suburb Kassim-Pacha, near the arsenal. This place is deserted in a commercial point of view. The Sultan is visiting all the Mosques. Russia has disgraced Abesia of the cordon of 16,000 men, who previously covered the coast of that province; they having been conveyed with the utmost expedition to Odessa, on board six ships of the line, and other smaller vessels, the number of which was daily increasing on the Black Sea, through the unexampled activity which prevailed in the docks of Sebastopol.

SPAIN.—A report, published on the evening of the 3rd, at St. Valencis, announces the defeat and complete destruction of a Carlist band of 300 men, by some mobilized Christian column in the village of Chova. The whole of the party were killed, with the exception of five, who were taken prisoners and three who escaped into the mountains.

HOLLAND, Dec. 14.—Troops were about to be marched to the frontier, on account of warlike preparations of Belgium. The Second Chamber of the State had just voted the Budget, by a majority of 48 against 18.

The Montreal *Herald* of Thursday last, received this morning, states, on the authority of a letter from London, U. C., dated the 14th instant, that Albert Clark from Ohio, one of the Brigands, was hanged that morning, making three who have been executed at that place. The total number of prisoners is forty nine, of whom seventeen have been tried and convicted, but their sentences were not confirmed owing to the absence of Sir George Arthur from Toronto. The brigands seem to have had plenty of officers, as one General, one Colonel and two or three Captains, fell in the field; one Captain and one Adjutant have been hanged, and two Majors await His Excellency's pleasure. Our correspondent says that a report was current at the time he was writing, and generally believed that an attack by about three thousand men was expected at Sandwich on the 14th, and that the sole force to repel the invaders consisted of four companies of the 85th regiment and about 500 men. We hope they will come over, for even that small body of men, disciplined as they are, and defending their homes, would be far more than a match for the invaders.

The following, from the Montreal Gazette, are all the particulars which we gather of the proceedings of the Court Martial at Montreal: The Court Martial met to-day, at the usual hour, when the prisoner Hindenlang entered upon his defence, urging some points of law as objections to the legality of the proceedings. It therefore only remains for the Court to pronounce sentence on the prisoner.

The following prisoners will be put upon their trial for high treason tomorrow:—Pierre Remi Narbonne, Amable Duissin, Constant Bousquet, Pierre Lavoie, Antoine Doré, Antoine Compal dit Loraine, Theodore Berchard, François Camgie, François Byoness, and François Nicolas.—These men are mostly from Napierville, and two of them, Nicolas and Daurins, were principals in the atrocious murder of Chartrand.

On Thursday evening, a Ball was given by the merchants of this city to the Officers of the Coldstream Guards. The ball-room of the Albion Hotel was employed on the occasion. About ten o'clock the dancing commenced, and was kept up with alternate quadrilles and waltzes until the supper hour. The band in attendance was that of the Quebec Artillery, and the number of brass instruments produced great softness of intonation, which was still more perceptible during the waltzes. The room had a most brilliant appearance, from the tasteful decorations, diversity of military dresses, and last, though not least, the extraordinary galaxy of beauty which graced the scene. At twelve o'clock, the party adjourned to the supper room, and partook of an

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Quebec has been, unusually gay this winter, numerous, and several are in contemplation.

Fifteen vessels are not only, most of which some hundreds of men at in their construction, of John Munn, Esq., has there is a steam-ship when finished will exceed in length. It is said to be in the spring with will receive her engine verpool.

At the request of Co Chartrand, whose husband murdered last winter, is a quota of the general fund widows and orphans of fell during the present we are happy to state, is a sabbath sun, and is n

At a meeting of the Society of this city, a model of a floating crane the loading of lumber to the Society by the Pigot.

The Caledonia Spirit Ottawa, Upper Canada, and we believe well their medicinal property cacy in curing various hotel built at these Sp destroyed by fire; and th town, and has submitted claims of which he ha them on a footing which venience and attraction make his enterprises, embark with him, ce another part of the Tri most respectable random from an immen cacy of the waters of t prior, who is favorabl best wishes for the suc we shall hereafter notic advantages to be exp public in these Provin

At Sandwich, Upper ult. one of the largest public meetings ever y the country was held i Grand Jury Room, for upon an Address to His Arthur, who was del there. Col. William E chair, and aft explain meeting, Col. Tince e vered a speech, whi nating from that ment man, was listed to with satisfaction; and it i exceed the warmth an with which the victor was cheered by all the then read the followi unanimously carried:

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