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LORD PALMERSTON.

If we can believe the curt and rather explicit telegram brought down by the Enterprise on Saturday evening, Lord Palmerston is no more. The greatest diplomatist of the present century is dead. When a man arrives at the advanced period of life of eighty-one, we may naturally at any time look for his demise whether he be peer or peasant, and we have no reason to doubt the announcement of the grave event of the Prime Minister's death—more especially as it has been expected, from the nobleman's infirmities, at any time during the last five years. Lord Palmerston, like most great men in political life, requires no eulogy. The history of the country—its glory and its success—is the page of his exploits and his triumphs. His was the foremost figure in the last fifty years of England's existence and he above all English Ministers was the embodiment of England's national sentiment and aspirations. In every act, in every speech he showed that all things were to be subsidiary to the grand but not always profitable idea of making the influence of England felt throughout the globe. And he made it felt. Not a country in Europe but has had in some way and at some time or other to shape its conduct in accordance with the Palmerstonian dictum. Not a nationality throughout the world but has received an impress of his diplomatic power.

Lord Palmerston was born in 1784 and engaged in public life at the early age of 22. In 1807 he was made a junior lord of the Treasury. In 1809, on the resignation of Lord Castlereagh he became Secretary at War, an office which he held uninterruptedly for nineteen years. It was in his position however of Secretary for Foreign Affairs that he became so pre-eminently distinguished. His first great success in this department was in connection with the Belgium imbroglio. According to the treaty of Vienna Belgium had been annexed to Holland in order that a strong consolidated power should oppose the aggressive tendencies of France. But Belgium was Roman Catholic and Holland was Protestant and the union was one in letter rather than in spirit. On the first opportunity, therefore, Belgium rushed to arms to disannul the union, and succeeded in driving the Dutch out of every place but Antwerp. Here was a turmoil likely to draw the rest of the nations into war, for France was doing her utmost to assist the Belgians, in order no doubt, according to the usual mode of great powers assisting small ones, to swallow them at the first convenient opportunity. Lord Palmerston saw at once that to forcibly unite the discordant powers would be simply to postpone the evil day when France on the first disturbance would call the Belgium revolutionary tendencies into operation and make the country an appendage or part of France. He, therefore, wisely guided what he could not prevent and assisted the Belgians in becoming a separate nationality—going even so far as to sanction the final arrangements had been completed, the French driving the Dutch from Antwerp—a feat which the Belgians themselves were unable to accomplish. The natural bent of the Belgian mind was, like the French, republican, but Palmerston succeeded in making the country a constitutional monarchy, placed Prince Leopold the widowed husband of the late Princess Charlotte on the throne, and gained the approval of France by marrying the new monarch to the daughter of Louis Philippe. Every one expected a general European war at the commencement of the disturbance; for all the Catholic powers were ready to espouse the cause of Belgium; but Palmerston as we have shown took the matter into his own hands and guided it to a peaceful issue.

## TELEGRAPHIC.

### Death of Lord Palmerston.

The Cholera in Paris.

NEGRO RISING IN JAMAICA.

Fenian Excitement in Canada.

DEATH OF LORD PALMERSTON.

New York, Oct. 31.—The steamer City of Boston, from Liverpool 18th, via Queenstown the 19th, arrived this afternoon.

four days out from New York for Glasgow, arrived at Reithmillon with her machinery disabled.

Lord Palmerston is dead! He had been severely ill for some days, from the effects of a cold. His symptoms had been very alarming, but he steadily improved. On the night of the 17th, however, a bulletin was issued to the effect that he had become worse since morning, and that it could not be disguised he was seriously ill. Telegrams were constantly being sent to the Queen at Balmoral. Lord Palmerston would have completed his 81st year on the 20th October.

INSURRECTION IN JAMAICA.

New York, Oct. 31.—The Express prints the following: The Havana steamer arrived at this port this afternoon, and brings confirmatory news of the uprising of the negroes in Jamaica, against the whites. Her Majesty's consul at this port, it is said, is in the receipt of dispatches of the utmost importance. Many revolting murders had been perpetrated by the negroes; a white magistrate had been shockingly mutilated, his fingers and toes were cut off, and he was then murdered, after which a negro woman ripped open his bowels. The mutiny was spreading rapidly at last accounts, and the greatest alarm prevailed among the whites.

CHOLERA IN PARIS.

The Paris papers say the deaths from cholera in that city were averaging two hundred per day.

EASTERN NEWS.

New York, Oct. 28.—Rankin, alias French, the counterfeit was found guilty. During the trial the fact was elicited that nearly 400,000 in counterfeit notes had been sent to Ohio and other Eastern States. Several counterfeit notes on the Bank of New Haven and Fishkill were found on the prisoner.

The Post's special says the President has not yet made a decision in the case of Wirtz.

The President has issued his proclamation for a day of national thanksgiving on the 1st of December next.

THE FENIAN EXCITEMENT IN CANADA.

Toronto, C. W., Oct. 27.—The Leader to-day has an article advising the Government to take the arms from the vaults lest the Fenians should get them, and to establish patrols on the frontiers and inaugurate the passport system; a fearful state of alarm exists here.

The jury in Saunders' kidnapping case are still locked up. A raid upon the Canadian banks by Fenians is expected.

KOOTENAY AND BIG BEND.

[Despatches to the Columbian.]

HOPE, Nov. 3.—Several pack trains came in lately from Similkameen. The snow was rapidly disappearing on the mountains, only about an inch left. Packers expect to pack till the middle of November. The news from Big Bend continues very encouraging. The steamer building on the Columbia River, below Fort Shepherd, was nearly completed, and would be running shortly to within three miles of Gold Creek. A great many boats were constantly passing Fort Shepherd on their way to the new diggings. Fort Shepherd promises to be a prominent point for supplying the Big Bend diggings.

AFFAIRS IN MEXICO.

New York, Oct. 31.—A Messilia Mexico letter of 1st, to the Herald, states that Juarez was then at Elparso, and the French were on the way to that place, and expected in a few days.

NEW ISLANDS, Oct. 31.—Gen Steele arrived from Rio Grande to-day. Despatches from Wertzell to Steele of 25th, say: A fight occurred around Matamoras, which lasted three hours. The Liberals succeeded in capturing part of the works, but the Imperialists charged and retook the works, punishing the Liberals severely. The Imperial loss is fifty-nine, taken prisoners, a large number killed and wounded—Gen. Espinola, second-in command of Liberal forces, was killed. Reports from Brownsville, say,

the Liberals, at last accounts, were flying, closely pursued by the Imperialists.

CALIFORNIA NEWS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 30.—The Pacific Mail steamer Colorado sailed at one o'clock this evening for Panama, taking 600 passengers for New York, and \$1,141,288 84 in treasure. Among the passengers by the steamer to-day is Chas. Rule, Editor of the California Chronicle, and Moses Ellis, one of the leading merchants of this city. The merchants gave a splendid dinner in honor of Mr. Ellis on Saturday evening.

The funerals of John S. Benton, and Charles H. Belden, two of the Brother Jonathan's victims, took place yesterday.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 31.—F. M. Vestvali commenced suit to-day in the 15th District Court, against Maguire to recover \$30,000 damages for an alleged violation of contract.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 2.—The overland line is still down. The case of Vestvali vs. Maguire came up yesterday and was dismissed upon Maguire's promise not to put into execution the threats he had made.

U. S. Internal Revenue Officer of this port has released the 97 cases of matches belonging to Moses Ellis & Co., that were seized last July, as they were about being shipped to the Sandwich Islands, on account of their not being stamped—costs paid by Uncle Sam.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 2.—The California Steam Navigation Company's new river steamer Pacific will probably be launched on Saturday, from the Potrero. She is said to be the finest river boat on the Pacific coast.

One of the workmen engaged in excavating on the south west corner of Kearny and Sacramento streets came across an old oyster can and a package; the two containing five fifty dollar slugs and quite a number of twenty dollar pieces. The discovery caused quite an excitement in the neighbourhood.

The dome of the Mechanics Pavillion, on Union Square, fell last evening with a terrific crash. The boarding of the pavillion had previously been taken down leaving the dome resting on stilts.

A slight shock of an earthquake is reported to have occurred this morning.

The celebrated dog "Bull Dog" who has figured in nearly every sketch of caricature of San Francisco life for several years, died last night.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE "COLONIST."

New York, Nov. 3d.—A Washington special dispatch of yesterday to the Times says: Gen. Briscoe's case is still before the Secretary of War.

Brig. Gen. H. A. Barnum, formerly of the Twentieth army corps, now commanding one of the districts of the East, has been brevetted Major General of Volunteers.

Secretary McCullough and the Commissioner of Internal Revenue has tendered considerations regarding a circular regulating trade between the United States and Canada. The circular will be issued in a day or two.

The Times' embassy entertained a large number of officers last night in this city.

The record in the Wirtz case reached the President this evening, but has not been acted upon yet. The Washington special dispatch to the Herald says the conservative people can take heart, the prevalent rumor in reference to the sentence of Wirtz has no foundation. Statements are made that the President has the Andersonville jailor's case under close advisement with a view to mitigate as much as possible his punishment. The Wirtz trial did not bring out as much as was expected to implicate the rebel authorities in the Andersonville atrocities. The trial was a sort of failure according to the reports of the Radicals. Those who know the feeling of the Executive authorities say that Wirtz's punishment will not be death by hanging. The Tribune's special dispatch says Wirtz has lately been fed on hospital diet at the Old Capital, but yesterday he was put back on regular army rations in consequence of the surgeon pronouncing him recovered. When breakfast was presented he flew into the greatest rage, pronouncing the feeding of a prisoner upon such food an outrage upon him and disgraceful to a great nation.

The Freedmen's affairs on the Western frontier of Arkansas are represented as unfavorable. Garratt Davis and Brutus Clay having sued Generals Palmer and Birdseye for abducting slaves. A counter suit has been brought before the Freedmen's Bureau against Davis and Clay for holding blacks to labor without pay in violation of the laws of the United States.

It is understood that Gen. Longstreet arrived in Washington on Wednesday and is anxiously desirous of obtaining a pardon in order that he may be a candidate for Governor of his State or be president of an express company.

One hundred females and twenty four males were discharged from the Treasury Department to-day, partly on account of work and partly to make vacancies for the soldiers. Similar discharges were made yesterday by Gen. Leslie, Chief Paymaster of the District of the East.

The World's special says the Navy department has ordered the sea race to take place between the Algonquin and Winooks, as soon as the former's engines can be put in order.

The Post Office Department yesterday transferred the great southern mail to the

Richmond, Fredericksburg, and Potomac line, by which it reaches Richmond nine hours sooner than by any other route.

G. W. Spinner to-day ordered that the tax upon the deposits of a defaulting national bank ceases the moment it fails to pay its liabilities. Up to the present time but one has failed.

New York, November 3.—The Richmond correspondent of the Herald states that B. Fabian, charged with frauds in the New York Custom-house, has been arrested there. It is alleged that he was connected with recent unlawful shipments of alcohol. Paymaster Binney has been offered the alternative of restoring to the Government certain funds and to be honorably discharged, or to take the chance of a trial.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 3.—The screw steamer Ajax returned from Monterey with the excursion party at an early hour this

morning and thoroughly seaworthy vessel.

One of the crew of the British ship Amita, while working at the main-top-gallant mast-head yesterday fell to the deck, striking the mizzen stay and as he went down. He was taken up injured fatally, and conveyed to the hospital.

Alexander Smith was arrested on Beale street last evening on a charge of incest with his own daughter being a witness in the case.

The grand jury yesterday dismissed the complaint against J. J. Ayres and P. B. Foster, proprietors of the Morning Call and F. Mariotti, of the News Letter, for libel.

A paragraph recently passed the rounds of the press announcing that orders had been received at Mare Island to prepare barracks for 7000 marines. Subsequently the story was denied. We learn from Washington that the Navy Department several weeks ago sent to the Mare Island navy-yard for plans and estimates for the erection of barracks to accommodate 7000 sailors, not marines.

The Monitor Camanche is still at Mare Island ready for service and in condition to be placed in our harbor at six hours' notice should there be occasion for it. Every few days steam is got up in her to test the working of her engines and machinery and to keep everything in proper condition. Target firing is also practiced occasionally to perfect the men in the proper management of the guns.

John H. Seranton, formerly a prominent steamboat proprietor in Oregon and Washington Territory, died at Madison, Conn., on Sept. 30th.

Legal tenders—69½ was bid and 70 asked, showing a slight falling off.

Merchandise Markets—Butter, 50 firkins choice N. Y. sold at 42½.

Coal Oil, jobbing at \$1.60. 900 cases Devons ex-ship Priority to arrive, brought \$1.20.

Market sales 569 kits No. 1 at 33. None held higher.

Soup, the market is heavy and lower, by auction 50 boxes at 21½.

Produce Market—Flour, demand is not quite so brisk, but previous prices are sustained. We quote the range, Extra \$6 62½ @ \$7 per bbl. Latter however on outside figures, and \$6 @ \$6 25 for Superfine in half and quarter sacks.

Wheat—Within a day or two 10,000 sacks have been sold on private terms. To-day 1400 sacks No. 1 sold at \$1.97½ per 100 lbs.

Barley is in brisk demand for export and market remains firm. Sales 1700 sacks prime chiefly for Squigon and N. Y. at \$1½; also 1500 do feed at 95c per 100 lbs.

Oats—Sales include 816 chicken gunnies at \$1.47½ @ \$1.45 per 100 lbs. for fair to choice.

Sailed November 3d—Bark Rival, Puget Sound.

POLICE COURT.

[Before A. F. Pemberton, A. C. Anderson, and Thomas Harris, Esquires.]

Saturday, Nov. 4.

A. J. Welch, arrested by virtue of a warrant issued by the Magistrates, was charged that he "unlawfully, wickedly and maliciously did publish a certain libel of and concerning the Bench of Magistrates."

Mr. McCright appeared for the accused.

Sergeant Wilmer sworn—A letter was published in the Chronicle of Friday last, of which I have seen the original and believe it to be in the hand writing of A. J. Welch, who applied for a wholesale license and a transfer of a retail license on Thursday last; and I charge A. J. Welch with publishing a libel which is likely to bring the Bench of Magistrates into disrespect.

Mr. McCright said his client had never intended to cast any reflection on the Magistrate.

The Bench stated that the course they intended to pursue was to bind the accused in bonds to be of good behaviour.

Mr. McCright said his client did not intend the heading of the letter "Ignorance, Impudence and Extortion" to apply to the Magistrates but to the person who objected to his license being granted, as would be seen by the general purport of the letter, which taken as a whole did not cast any reflection on the Magistrates.

The Bench said they had a duty to perform, and that letter, as read by the public would cast a reflection on them.

Mr. McCright said his client was perfectly willing to be bound over to keep the peace, and that he admitted the writing and publishing of the letter.

D. W. Higgins examined—I have the letter referred to; I have no objection to produce it if the Bench say I must do so but I do it under compulsion; (letter produced and read) I received the letter from Mr. A. J. Welch for publication.

The Bench said they did not take the letter personally but against the office they held and it would be as well for them to state that the proprietor of the newspaper publishing the letter was liable as well as the writer.

Mr. Higgins said he published it because he saw nothing libelous or scandalous in it.

The Bench bound the accused over to be of good behaviour for three months; himself in £100 and two sureties in £50 each.

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