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Eastern States.

New York Feb 16.—The question of sectarian schools excites much attention in the Legislature. Much opposition is shown to the taxation of the people for their support.

A petition for the repeal of the law authorizing the support of such institutions is receiving signatures.

New York Feb 17.—A man named Sheridan this evening shot and instantly killed his wife who had left him some time ago, and who had been living with another man.

At a meeting of the Cuban League tonight, Gen. McMahon presided and Gen. Frank Blair was present. The League have prepared a petition to representatives in Congress, claiming oblige rights for Cuba.

Burr, employed by the protective company of the English Erie bond-holders has arrived in Brooklyn.

The Master Mechanic and Master Builders at a meeting to-day expressed their determination to arrest the course of such midnight assassins as the murderer of Voorhies.

Several revenue officers while seizing a still in Brooklyn were attacked by roughs. The police dispersed the assaulters.

The funeral of Wesley Harper occurs tomorrow at Sand Street Methodist Church. Harper during his illness selected as pall bearers at the funeral four of the oldest employees of Harper Bros.

Chicago, Feb 18.—The Assessor at Salt Lake reports that Brigham Young refuses to make returns of church revenue. The Assessor has therefore assessed the church at \$60,000 and the taxes at \$2,000,000. Sherman says he will furnish all the force necessary to collect the tax.

Baltimore, Feb 19.—W Harper sues the Northern Central Co. for \$25,000 for injury received in crossing the railroad in his carriage. His wife will commence similar proceedings.

LONDON, Feb 19.—The Postmaster-General again alluded to the irregularity of the telegraph service and regretted that his hope of improvement had not been realized, and stated that recent storms interfered with the working of the wires while, at the same time, the lines were over-loaded with dispatches by rival news companies. Government was unable to forward all the news reports offered and some compromise was indispensable.

Mr Foster asked leave to bring in a bill providing for elementary education in England and Wales. He pronounced the present system deplorable and gave a sketch of the bill. Grants are to be made under certain conditions to be ascertained by inspection; education is to be entirely free and general. A debate followed, in which a number of members participated. Mr Foster made a speech in support of the bill. Fawcett wanted attendance at schools made compulsory. Sir J. Peckington argued against the bill. Foster met his objections and promised that the House should have time for deliberation. The bill was read for the first time and the house adjourned.

The bullion in the Bank of England has increased £114,000 during the week.

The Great Eastern had yesterday passed out 120 miles of the Bombay and Red Sea cable. A Fehian demonstration was announced to take place yesterday, but it was repressed by the authorities.

The Pall Mall Gazette reviews the history of the Freedmen's Bureau in the United States. After recognizing the immense good it has done it deplores its approaching end.

The merchants of Glasgow last evening held a meeting and denounced the present management of the telegraph system.

LONDON, Feb 19.—In the House of Lords a committee was appointed, Lord Cairns, chairman, to examine the returns as to the condition of agricultural laborers and the tenure of land in Ireland. Lord Salisbury regards this move as likely to lead to a great waste of time in the early part of the session. In the House, Mansel, under Colonial Secretary, stated the circumstances of the transfer of the domain of the Hudson Bay Company to Canada. He said the Red River difficulties will be speedily settled, though how soon would be premature to say.

Canada. Nova Scotia Feb 16.—The ship Rival was lost off the coast of Lunenburg, she was bound for Boston with coal. The bark Maine from Newport, was destroyed by fire at Rotterdam.

Washington, Feb 16.—The President sent to the Senate to-day a communication from the Secretary of the Interior, relative to the claims of the Central branch of the N P R R, for withdrawal of lands along the Republic fork of the Kansas river.

The complement of men for the navy allowed by law 8,500, having been reached, the Navy Department has directed that the only-timents cease. The effect of the order will be to detain the frigate Colorado, which has been ordered to relieve the Delaware in the Asiatic squadron, and to keep men attached to the latter ship over their time.

New York, Feb 16.—Private letters from prominent banking houses in London say the scheme for the Pacific Railroad through British territory is favorably received, and there is little doubt that the necessary capital will be forthcoming.

St. Paul, Feb 12.—The Winnipeg News of Jan 28th is received. It says the Red River convention met at Winnipeg on the 22d. A list of three days' session is decided to draw up a list of rights demanded by the people and submit it to the Canadian Government through Donald Smith, the Canadian commissioner as the basis of their becoming part of the Dominion of Canada.

St. John, N. B. Feb 15.—John Monroe was hanged to-day for the murder of Catherine Vall, his mistress, and their child in September last. He left a written confession.

Ottawa, Feb 12.—A proclamation places American silver at 20 per cent discount. Gen Windham, commander of forces, is dead.

Mexico. City of Mexico Feb 9.—The Haynes, Feb 16.—Gen Escobedo is largely reinforced against the insurgents of San Luis Potosi. In a telegram to President Escobedo declares the situation reassuring, but he had made no attack. The merchants are fleeing from San Luis to escape the continued exactions and

robberies. Gen Ney in command of the fort troops has occupied Zacatecas. The revolution in Puebla continues. Yucatan protests against the revolution. It is reported that French emissaries have secretly fomented insurrections at San Luis and elsewhere. Farlow declares that he will take no part in any movement against the port and refuses to allow any of the disloyal parties to use his name.

Er-Gen Knutzel has been found guilty of treason and will probably be shot.

The southern portion of Jalisco has proclaimed against Jarez and under arms, many pronouncements have been made in Michoachany other leaders of different parties.

The general condition of the country is deplorable.

VINNYA Feb 15.—The Free Press confirms the report that the protest of Austria and other Catholic powers against the Papal syllabus has been submitted to Rome.

MADRID Feb 15.—Duke Montpensier has arrived here and is in communication with Gen Prim. He has had long interviews with both Prim and Admiral Topete, which circumstances caused much comment during the session of the Cortes yesterday.

The Government urges a revision of the treaty with England on the slave trade; slavery now began to touch national consciences. The light of search which that treaty gave to England was leading to most interference.

Siviera replied that by a treaty England paid two millions for the right of search; so it was a fair bargain, but the Government would invite England to revise the treaty as Spain would not be content to allow the importation of negroes.

The Duke de Montpensier leaves Madrid to-day. During his visit here he decided to remain in the city, but his presence in the city became known. It is reported he will proceed to London.

Zurich, Feb 15.—Prussia has made a temporary demand of the Swiss Government for the surrender of certain persons who took refuge in this country some time ago, as there is no treaty between Prussia and Switzerland for extradition, the government will determine upon the matter.

PARIS, Feb 15.—The persons arrested during the recent disorders have nearly all had their preliminary examinations. Thus far one hundred and four have been held to appear before the courts. The Emperor and Prince Imperial visited the Bois de Boulogne to-day. The Prince is considered recovered from his illness. The Empress is quite ill and could not accompany the party.

The speech of the King of Prussia at the opening of the Federal Parliament was not well received here. Nearly all the journals considered it menacing. La Liberté says the family of King Louis of Bavaria met today to consider the question of recommending his withdrawal from the throne. La Liberté thinks the matter will become one of national importance to Germany.

In the Corps Legislatif of to-day, M. Hivonni, Deputy of the Left, asserted that his party in the Chamber really represented a majority only of the country. This called for an indignant denial from Olivier, who declared that the present ministry are the trust ever elected. The majority of the people support it. The Government expect considerable opposition, but it would not sacrifice its policy. The majority is not intangible, but the minority have no right to speak in the name of the nation. Jules Favre declared that the ministry had insulted the party of the left. Olivier concluded the discussion by stating that the Government would persist in a liberal course, but would resist dangerous agitation whether in words or press.

Advices from Constantinople represent that the Armenians by a large majority have decided not to recognize the authority of their Patriarch for the reason that he is too feeble to resist the encroachments of the Pope on the rights of Eastern Catholics. The Turkish Government supports the Armenians and is as yet undecided as to which between them and Rome.

Lisbon, Feb 15.—Rio Janeiro Journals contain accounts of an engagement at Rio Verde. The Brazilians under Col Taylor expelled and carried the Paraguayan intrenchments without loss. Lopez was near the scene of action. Some of his officers have gone over to the Brazilians.

LONDON, Feb 15.—In the House of Lords Earl Carnarvon moved for copies of correspondence with Canada and other colonies relative to the recall of troops. He desired that the colonial question should have careful consideration. He favored a confederation of which Albion would be the centre; he commented on Canada for her consistent conservatism and deprecated the theory that the colonies should be allied but independent communities.

Lord Monk explained his reasons for asking for more troops when he was Governor General of Canada. The battle of Shadow had been fought, and as the war in China was ended, the Home Government could spare the men. The Fenians, who were supposed to be armed with breechloaders, had just made a raid into Canada, the colonists were in a panic and clamored for protection. Under these circumstances he was led to call for reinforcements from England. He then discussed the subject of the relations of the colonies to the mother country and admitted generally the wisdom of self-protection.

Earl Derby congratulated Earl Granville that the colonies were not to be purely defenceless, and their relations with the home government were harmonious.

Lord Lytton asked that some consideration be given to the policy of colonial dependence.

In the House of Commons, O'Connell, Under Secretary of the Foreign Department, demanded the truth of the report that the United States had offered to re-open negotiations for the settlement of the Alabama claims. He added that a renewal of negotiations would be conducted at Washington instead of London.

HAYANA, Feb 16.—Seward and party have sailed for Baltimore.

WASHINGTON, Feb 16.—In the House the bill to punish polygamy in Utah was considered. During a debate on the President's Secretary Kelsey denounced him, his wife, and family as traitors during the war.

The Com on Ways and Means have reduced

the Internal Revenue thirty millions; the Income Tax to be reduced. The funding plan will be abandoned for this year, it being found impossible to fund the national debt at a lower rate of interest. It is probable the Neutrality policy of the Government will be sustained by Congress. Chicago and St. Louis will be made ports of entry.

The Spanish Government has paid in legal tender notes interest on claims of American citizens. The Attorney General of the United States has decided that the payment is legal.

California. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb 17.—At 12:12, p.m., to-day quite a perceptible shock of an earthquake was felt here. According to computation it lasted seven seconds and was from the southeast. No material damage was done, but everybody was pretty well frightened. Telegrams from several parts of the State show that it had a wide circumference.

The next steamer for Yokohama and Hong Kong will be the Japan, to sail the 1st March.

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Liverpool wheat—The market is steady at 9s @ 9 1/2 d.

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