

RUSSIA AND ASIA.

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British Remonstrance of Caution with Respect to the Imperial Movement Towards Khiva.

Queen Victoria's Ministerial Notification to Prince Gortschakoff.

Anglo-Saxon Anxiety for Afghan Independence—The Czar's Treaties with the Khanates and Other Potentates—English Trading Interests in Turkestan—How Khiva's Policy Has Involved the Complications.

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ROME.

Papal Allocation Delivered in Consistory at the Vatican.

Political Proposition Against Italian Legislation on Hierarchical Affairs—A Counterblast to Germany and Spain—Schism Near the Orient.

His Holiness Pope Pius IX. held a consistory of the members of the Sacred College in the Vatican to-day. Twenty-two cardinals were present in obedience to the call of the chief pastor of the Church.

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SHIPWRECKS.

A Packet Ship Stranded on the French Coast—Her Crews Swept by the Ocean Fog—Exciting Rush to the Rigging—Thirty Persons Washed Into the Wave Waste.

A telegram addressed to this city from Bordeaux narrates the following melancholy detail of one of the sad occurrences which have resulted from the sweep of the recent storm:—

The Liverpool packet ship Germania went ashore on Saturday evening, during a violent storm, on a sand bank at the mouth of the River Gironde.

The water soon began to break over the vessel, and the passengers and crew were compelled to take to the rigging, from which thirty persons were washed away and drowned.

The remainder of the people on board were, after passing the entire night in their perilous position, rescued on Sunday morning by a French steamship.

THE STEAMSHIP GERMANY.

Rumored Loss of the Vessel.

It was reported at midnight that the steamship Germany, of the Allan line, was totally wrecked yesterday. No details were given, and up to this hour the report has not been confirmed.

ENGLAND.

The American Cotton Supply.

TELEGRAM TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.

Six thousand seven hundred and thirty-eight bales of American cotton were landed at Liverpool to-day.

FRANCE.

A Military Traitor Executed.

TELEGRAM TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.

Princess Bismarck Relieved of the Presidency of the Ministerial Council—Imperial Rescript Defining His Official Position.

TELEGRAM TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.

Spain.

The Porto Rico Slaves Manumission Bill before the Senate.

TELEGRAM TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.

AFRICA.

Responsible Government at the Cape of Good Hope—Diamonds and the Gem of Justice.

TELEGRAM TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.

UTAH INTELLIGENCE.

Washakie, the celebrated Shoshone chief, lately reported dead, is alive and well.

Mrs. Chantran is seriously ill and unable to fulfill her theatrical engagements.

THE FIRE FIEND.

Fire in Nineteenth Street.

A fire broke out last night, at half-past eleven o'clock, in the four story brick building No. 537 West Nineteenth street, which caused a damage of \$40,000.

Fire in Brooklyn.

Shortly after ten o'clock last night a fire was discovered in the upper part of William D. Barber's stationary elevator, on the river front, near the foot of Pacific street, Brooklyn.

A Public School Building Nearly Destroyed in Jersey City—Loss \$30,000.

At twenty minutes before nine o'clock last night a fire broke out in Public School No. 5, Bay street, Jersey City.

Seventy-five Thousand Dollars Worth of Property Destroyed in Boston.

The people of this city were greatly excited last night in consequence of the frequency of fire alarms, one of which was a general alarm caused by the fire on Washington street and Temple place.

Destructive Fire at Helena, Ark.

A special despatch from Helena, Ark., to the Atlanta says:—A disastrous fire broke out about four o'clock this morning.

Fire in Portland, Oregon.

A disastrous conflagration occurred in this city to-day. The fire broke out in a Chinese wash-house on the east side of Front street, between Alder and Morrison streets, and burned the entire block and nearly the entire block on the west side of the same street.

THE FIFTH AVENUE HOTEL FIRE.

The Coroner's Investigation Closed.

The Fifth Avenue Hotel Inquest was resumed last evening at the hotel.

THE BURNED TABERNALE.

Last evening Fire Marshal Ready, of Brooklyn, continued his investigation touching the fire at Taberna's Tabernacle on Sunday morning.

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Mr. Rowan, the Treasurer, makes the following statement:—There was a mortgage of \$30,000 on the property held by the North Brooklyn Fire and Marine Insurance Company, who hold it now.

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THE EVER FAITHFUL ISLE.

The Proposed Coalition by the South American Powers.

COLOMBIA'S PROPOSITION.

A Plan of the Republics to Set Cuba Free.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23, 1872.

The representatives of the South American republics at Washington have received from the newspapers the first intimation of the official correspondence passed between the governments of Colombia and San Salvador, proposing that a coalition be formed against Spain by the South American republics and the United States in order to force that Power to relinquish the Ever Faithful Isle.

THE MINISTER OF COLOMBIA.

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COLOMBIA AND SAN SALVADOR.

The two leading South American Republics being out of the field, there would remain only Colombia and San Salvador to form the proposed coalition with the United States.

THE UNITED STATES.

A high official remarked, in conversation with your correspondent, that the United States would not depart from their traditional policy, which is to defend alliances in every shape with foreign Powers.

SYMPATHY FOR CUBA.

The Colored Citizens of Massachusetts Determined to Aid the Struggling Patriots in Their Fight for Freedom—Gratitude and Thanks to the Herald for Investigating the Insurance.

BOSTON, Dec. 23, 1872.

An initiatory movement on the part of the colored people in aid of the prosecution of the anti-slavery cause in Cuba was inaugurated in this city this evening.

Audley W. Gassam, of the Late Firm of Upton, Gassam & Remington, has removed his law office to No. 20 Broadway.

A. Dr. Thomas J. Rice has Perfected his new Improvement in Atmospheric Pressure Perforated Artificial Teeth.

A. Herring's Patent CHAMPION SAFES, 251 and 252 Broadway, corner of Murray street.

A. Young Gentlemen on New Year's cards are invited to the Grand Ball at the Hotel de Ville, on Broadway, on the 29th inst.

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A. Royal Havana Lottery, Grand Extraordinary Drawing, J. B. MARTINEZ & CO., Bankers, 10 Wall street; Post office box 4,083, New York.

A Superior Assortment of Wines, Ales and Liqueurs; J. Jamison & Sons' Irish Malt Whiskey, 7 years old, at 25¢ per gallon, at 100 Broadway, corner of Nassau street.

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A QUAKER CHRISTMAS EVE.

Last evening in the sober Quaker tabernacle on Schermerhorn street, in Brooklyn, there occurred a very unique ceremony of the unveiling of the Christmas tree to the bewildered and wondering gaze of the little ones of the Quaker Sabbath school.

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