

CUBA. WASHINGTON.

Battle Between Insurgent and Royalist Forces at Mayari.

Twenty Spaniards Killed and Several Houses Sacked.

Fort Periquera Captured by the Revolutionists.

MANY SPANISH OFFICERS KILLED.

TELEGRAMS TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.

The Cuban insurgents attacked Mayari on the night of the 19th inst. The town was in a defenceless condition, the regulars and volunteers being absent. The Spanish man-of-war Hulva landed her marines and sailors, who drove out the insurgents—not, however, before the latter had sacked several houses. In the attack twenty Spaniards were killed. The insurgents succeeded in carrying off their dead and wounded.

BATTLE AT FORT PERIQUERA AND HEAVY LOSSES OF THE SPANIARDS.

About eleven o'clock on the night of the 19th, during the absence of the Spanish troops on an expedition, the insurgents, under the command of Vicente Garcia, entered the town of Holguin and captured Fort Periquera. The Holguin volunteers had been previously ordered to march into the fort to replace the troops withdrawn, and as they approached, not aware that it had fallen into the hands of the enemy, they received a heavy fire from the insurgents.

The Volunteers and a few regulars subsequently attacked the insurgents, and messengers were despatched to recall the troops.

Operations were suspended until daylight of the 20th, when the insurgents withdrew, after sacking six establishments and a number of private houses.

A Spanish lieutenant colonel, a major and several other officers were killed. The reports vary to the total loss of the Spaniards are conflicting—some placing the figures as high as sixty killed. The Spanish account acknowledges twenty killed. The troops are moving rapidly in pursuit of Garcia, anxious to avenge the death of their comrades.

Full particulars of the affair are wanting.

PERSONAL SURRENDERS. Seventeen insurgents surrendered at Trinidad on Friday.

HEADQUARTERS. General Riquelme has established his headquarters for the campaign at Puerto Principe.

LOOKING TO HOME. It is reported that General Ceballos will return to Spain upon the arrival of General Cordova.

Customs Revenue Frauds—The Epitaphy Seizes the Bull by the Horns and in the Bronchi.

HAYANA, Dec. 28, 1872. The Intendente has made public a number of fraudulent entries in the Custom House; also the names of officials implicated in the frauds. The exposures cause much excitement among officials and merchants.

It is reported that the Intendente will return to Spain shortly. His efforts to abolish revenue frauds have been partially successful.

FROM THE UNITED STATES. The family of Mr. Delano, United States Secretary of the Interior, arrived here yesterday from New Orleans.

DEATH OF A FINANCIER. Señor Puente, the President of the Spanish Bank, is dead.

The Epitaphy Seizes the Bull by the Horns and in the Bronchi. HAYANA, Dec. 28, 1872. The epitaphy has broken out among the oxen in the jurisdictions of Cardenas and Cienfuegos. It is of a malignant type, and in many cases death follows immediately upon the animal being attacked.

THE SANDWICH ISLANDS. Trouble Expected Touching the Election of a Successor to Kamehameha V.—United States Steamers Ordered to Honolulu.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28, 1872. Orders have been received from Washington, in cipher, directing the United States steamer California, Admiral Fenwick commanding, to proceed direct to Honolulu under steam. The reason given for the movement is that the government is apprehensive of trouble with several of the representatives of foreign Powers at the election by the Legislature of a successor to the late King, which takes place on January 8, 1873. The United States steamer Hensida is now there. The California left here this evening.

RUSSIA. The Palace Staff Unwell Concerning an Imperial Patient.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 28, 1872. The medical bulletin issued from the palace this morning, under date of eleven o'clock in the forenoon, states that His Imperial Highness the Czarowitz passed a quiet night, having had five hours of uninterrupted sleep. The fever had neither increased nor decreased. The patient's condition as to strength was satisfactory during the night, and remained so when the official paper was signed by the physicians.

AUSTRIA. Imperial Intentions Toward Count Von Suab.

LONDON, Dec. 29, 1872. It is reported that the Austrian government has determined to dispense altogether with the services of Count Von Suab.

Reflections for Members of the Forty-second Congress.

THE CREDIT MOBILIER SCANDAL. New England Desires the Whole Truth and Nothing but the Truth.

COUNT CORTI'S EXPLANATION. Survey for an Interoceanic Canal on the Attrato and Bojays Rivers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29, 1872. The Forty-third Congress—Proposed to Clear Up the Old Credit Mobilier Scandal—Corporation Members To Be Looked After.

There is not much opposition to the assembling of the Forty-third Congress on the 4th of March next as at the beginning of this session. Influential members are now in favor of reviving the law requiring the new Congress to meet at the expiration of the present Congress. Letters have been received by members of the House remaining here for their colleagues who returned home for the holidays, stating that the feeling exists in New England, New York and Ohio in favor of a thorough exposé of the Credit Mobilier business. Massachusetts is particularly anxious about her ancient reputation, for never before was there such a charge made against so many members of her delegation in Congress. One of the government officials from that State, of unquestioned probity, recently said that he was almost ashamed to be known as a citizen of the Bay State. New Hampshire wants to know the worst, and Maine also demands the truth. The Senate cannot escape the responsibility of inquiring into the real position occupied by its incoming presiding officer. From his sick chamber Senator Sumner looks with profound grief upon the attitude his own proud and virtuous State is made to assume before the country by the commonplace men who have in later years set upon the political power of the State. Senator Patterson, when before the Legislature of that State as a candidate for re-election last Spring, unfortunately "pitched into" one of his competitors, ex-Representative Rollins, as being in the employ of the Union Pacific Railroad, whereupon Rollins responded that his position at that time as attorney of the road enabled him to state with certainty that the aforesaid Patterson was a recipient of pecuniary benefits from the aforesaid road. This was one of the means of defeating Patterson. If the investigation is fairly conducted it is contended that it will outlive this session. The testimony taken and report made would pass in that event into the custody of the Clerk of the House, who, by virtue of parliamentary custom of the rules of the House, holds his office until the new Congress is organized and his own successor is named. The papers would not lose their force and character by the expiration of this Congress, but a new committee would have the right to begin de novo, unless required by the new House to accept the work of its predecessor. In the Senate its committee could be continued by unanimous consent. So notorious has it become that Congressmen are elected for the benefit of great corporations or special interests that an effort will be made to exclude, by appropriate means, members of Congress from speaking or voting in committee or in the House upon any subject wherein they have a direct or indirect interest not of a constituent character. In this connection the notable case was cited of an ex-member from New England, who was engaged during his whole term as paid attorney for patentees seeking special legislation, while at the same time he was in his official capacity reporting their so-called relief bills to the committee of which he was chairman, and openly and privately advocating their passage in the House. If report is true Massachusetts alone will have in the next Congress three new members representing powerful monopolies, each of whom has had, prior to election, more or less experience in the lobby.

THE HEALTH OF ARCHBISHOP BAYLEY. In spite of statements to the contrary, the health of Archbishop Bayley, of Baltimore, is not improved, and although his illness is not critical in an immediate sense, his health is naturally concerned as to its duration and result.

GERMAN JAIL BIRDS NOT WANTED. An alleged case of a pardon by the Grand Duke of Hesse on condition that the criminal should emigrate to America having been brought to the attention of the Hessian authorities by our diplomatic representative at Berlin, assurances have been given him that pardons accompanied by a condition of that character will in no case be granted by the Grand Duke.

THE MEXICAN COMMISSION. The Commission to inquire into the depredations of Mexicans on the Texas frontiers expect to leave Washington on the 7th of January to resume their labors. Mr. Meade, one of the Commissioners, has resigned.

RESIGNATION OF JUDGE STRICKLAND, OF UTAH. Associate Justice Strickland, of the United States Court of Utah, called upon the President yesterday to explain the reasons for his resignation, which is soon to take place. It is \$3,000 per year.

THE INDIAN CHALLENGE UNCLE SAM'S BOYS—Troops Preparing for Action.

YAKA, Dec. 28, 1872. James Wheeler, of this city, came in from Hat Creek last night. He brings further particulars regarding the reconnaissance made by Colonel Ross and Captain Perry. After approaching Captain Jack's position as near as practicable, and when they were about turning back, an Indian shouted in the Modoc language, "Come out! Come out!" Captain Perry says Captain Jack's camp is not so difficult of access as was at first supposed.

THE INDIAN CHALLENGE UNCLE SAM'S BOYS—Troops Preparing for Action. A LETTER FROM THE FIELD. HAT CREEK, Dec. 19-3 P. M. Mr. Wheeler, Ed Bull and Jerry Crooks have this moment returned from Van Bremer's, and say the officer in command there informed them that no more despatches or reports could go through from there to Lost River, as all the preparations for the movement of the troops would be completed to-day, and that the attack upon the Indians, Fairchild's well fortified. The Indians showed themselves on the first battle ground, on Lost River, a few days ago, and dared the soldiers on the opposite side of the river to attack them. A few hours were exchanged without effect. The Indians were seen last night on the mountain, about half a mile from Van Bremer's, and they were seen to be watching the soldiers camp there. No work is going on here, and all are waiting in suspense. Yours, ALEX. McKAY.

GENERAL CROOK'S MOVEMENTS AGAINST THE HOSTILE INDIANS IN ARIZONA. SAN DIEGO, Dec. 26, 1872. The Tucson Citizen of December 16 says:—"The Indians of Camp Grant were possessed of an idea that General Crook wanted them to camp near the mouth of the Colorado, as far as we can learn, with the General, and if they are not interrupted the movements now in operation will be continued all the winter, and large bodies will no longer be seen in Arizona. It is now settled that Cadye, Chief of the Mesquero Apaches at Fort Stanton, was killed by Juan Gomez, Indian of the tribe of the Gila, who is a man of whom he was chief are behaving themselves very well, and no outbreak is feared."

A CARGO OF COTTON ON FIRE. CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 29, 1872. The British bark J. B. Duffus, at this port for Bremen, with 2,249 bales of upland cotton on board, took fire on Saturday night in the cotton forward. It was filled with water by the engines and sunk at the wharf. The cargo of salt water is large. It will be declared.

ger than Healy's painting of "Webster's Reply to Hayne in Faneuil Hall, Boston." The New Orleans Citizens' Delegation. The New Orleans Committee have printed their address to the people of the United States relative to the Louisiana troubles, accompanied with an appendix, quoting the laws in support of their position. Their memorial will be presented to Congress, and an appeal made for the appointment of a committee to proceed to New Orleans and ascertain all the facts in the case.

THE KANSAS SENATORIAL INVESTIGATION. The Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections will, on the 10th of January, resume their investigation of the charge against Senator Caldwell, that he was elected by the bribery of certain members of the Kansas Legislature. The testimony taken by a committee of the Legislature is already before them. They will, at the time above stated, begin the examination of witnesses, the Sergeant-at-Arms having summoned about twenty persons for that purpose.

ANOTHER SURVEY FOR THE INTEROCEANIC CANAL—A Route Proposed Via Attrato and Bojays Rivers. Commander J. O. Selfridge, who surveyed the route for an interoceanic canal via the Attrato and Napipi rivers, will leave New York to-morrow en route for the Isthmus, to survey a new route for an interoceanic canal, a little to the southward, via Attrato and Bojays Rivers. When he returns all the surveys are to be placed in the hands of a board of officers, who will decide on the relative advantages offered by the Isthmus of Darien, the Nicaragua and the Tehuantepec routes.

THE VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT PREPARING HIMSELF FOR DUTY. Senator Wilson, instead of going to Massachusetts after he had made his speech at the New England banquet, quietly turned his back on the Capitol and returned here, where he is said to be studying Barclay's "Manual of Parliamentary Law" and otherwise qualifying himself to preside over the Senate as Vice President. He is quiet on the subject of the Credit Mobilier scandal, and when questioned diverts the conversation at once to other topics.

MANIPULATING THE JUICE OF THE GRAPE. Strong efforts have been made recently to procure the abrogation or modification of the Internal Revenue circular No. 104, imposing tax on sparkling and other wines manufactured from native grapes, and providing for their confiscation whenever found without stamps. The Commissioner and Solicitor of Internal Revenue have now determined upon a plan to create a new wine which will, when issued, establish substantially the following rule:—Wine-makers may add to the pure juice of the grape whatever grain, and so much as is added in Germany, France and other wine-growing countries of Europe in making what are there sold, and with the knowledge of the additions are there accepted and used as pure wine, or, in other words, whatever is represented and accepted as pure wine in those countries will be regarded as pure wine in this country, and will require no stamps, the purpose of the Internal Revenue Bureau being to prevent the manufacturer from imposing upon the consumer by making a large quantity of wine from a small quantity of pure wine by the addition of foreign substances.

CONSOLIDATING THE INDIAN TRIBES SOUTH OF KANSAS. The House Committee on Indian Affairs will report favorably, in accordance with the President's recommendation, a bill consolidating all the Indian tribes south of Kansas under one government in the Indian Territory. Representatives of the tribes it is proposed to be concentrated are divided in sentiment on the policy of the plan. Some think that it will cause the government much trouble and oppose the scheme as hostile to the best interests of the peace policy.

THE NUMBER OF BOATS SUNK BY THE ICE HERE SINCE THE ICE BEGAN RUNNING IN WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28-31, 1872. Seventy coal and produce flats were sunk or carried away. The amount of coal lost is 20,000 bushels. The total loss of property is not over \$250,000, and not \$1,000,000, as some sensational dispatches have stated. Less than \$100,000 of the damage falls upon Memphis.

THE FATHER OF WATERS. Following the official sources that there is no prospect whatever for the payment of the January interest on Memphis currency notes. The amount is \$10,000, to be interest for the week ending yesterday the receipts of cotton were only \$2,000,000 against 1,000,000 last week. Usually the receipts about holiday time are the heaviest of the season.

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THE RESULT OF THE ICEBERGS IN THE MISSISSIPPI.

Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars' Worth of Property Lost.

Business in Cotton Paralyzed, Money Scarce and the Memphis Coal Supply Giving Out.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 29, 1872. Since noon to-day a light, warm rain has been falling, and ice which had shelled along either shore to a thickness of from twenty to forty feet has been giving way in immense cakes, some of them standing six and eight feet out of the water. The largest field is in a bend by the Navy Yard, just above the steamboat landing, and it is gradually breaking and floating down the channel in all shapes and sizes, some like icebergs. Several of the largest crushed and sunk the Helen Brooke, a small iron-hull pleasure steamer, and the Summer Coon, a small, low water or bayou packet. The hull of the former parted from the upper works and went to the bottom, while the cabin, decks, wheel-houses, etc., floated with the ice. Neither craft was of much value, but both are a total loss.

THE CITY OF AGUSTIA. A large and comparatively new stern-wheeler, that had suffered some in the late break-up, and lay embedded near the outside of the shore gorge near the Helen Brooke, had been towed out but a few minutes before and thus escaped the disaster, but is still in danger, the channel being both narrow and crooked and likely to fill up at any time from the breaking away of the shore ice, though ice from above is beginning to disappear. It is thought the river is now open to Cairo, and the James Howard has started for that place. All the steamers along the levee not wholly or partly wrecked have steam up constantly, in view of the danger of being parted from their moorings. The Rufus Walt and Belle Pike, both sunk near the shore, are being wrecked, as also are several smaller craft. It is likely all

THE SHORE ICE WILL BREAK AWAY WITHIN THE NEXT TWELVE HOURS, and steamboats are constantly on the alert for further disasters, though some opine that all danger is over. Old citizens have no recollection of so severe and prolonged a spell of cold weather or so serious an ice blockade since 1840, though one in 1856 was nearly as bad.

Following the epizooty it has greatly embarrassed business and prevented the collection of accounts, which is likely to cause much financial stringency with the advent of the new year. Over fifteen hundred bales of cotton have been sold within the last three weeks and not yet paid for, because bills of lading are not obtained, and await shipment in some cases bankers separated from their policy of not paying checks till bills of lading are passed in and have advanced some money for the great loss of the little relief, and the banks are as close run as the merchants, and will necessarily remain so until restrictions to cotton shipping are removed. Eastern exchange is as scarce as money from the situation of affairs, and bankers have been obliged to lay in Louisville and Cincinnati within the last two days, which is something unusual at this period of the season, the removal of the cotton invariably making a surplus. How to meet their obligations is a much troubling matter, and many have largely overdrawn and are heavily overchecked in bank, but there is no apprehension of any difficulty beyond a temporary pinch, and confidence extends fully as far as the money supply is concerned.

By the closing of navigation on the Mississippi the railroads are overrun with freight, and not only extra rolling stock, but the Memphis and Louisville and branches are so blocked as to interfere with their regular shipments of what little cotton is turned out by the presses. The latter have been unable to run regularly for some days on account of the cold, and are now embarrassed by the shortness of the coal supply.

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Owing to the above situation the receipts in cotton have greatly fallen off, and the holiday trade has been much less than