

A sad misfortune has happened at Nordmore, in Norway. About thirty youths of both sexes were on their way to the priest's house for ex-amination and instruction previous to their solemn confirmation. They were in three boats. A storm arose; the little flotilla was overwhelm- ed, and every one perished.

CALCUTTA LIGHTED WITH GAS.—On the evening of the 6th of July, when the authorities at Calcutta had, or believed they had, occasion to inform the public through the newspapers that a British force at Cawnpore had been annihilated, by mutineers and rebels, a part of that city was lighted with gas. The natives were, of course, greatly astonished, and perplexed by this exhibi- tion of the new light. We will regard this introduction of the "wonderful lamp" into the metropolis of British India, at such a moment, as a happy presage that Britain shall still carry on her good work of enlightening this belated coun- try.—*Bombay Gazette.*

GENERAL HAVELOCK AND HIS PREACHING TEXT.—If we are not mistaken, General Have- lock, who has distinguished himself perhaps more than any other officer in the present campaign, carried with him a preaching tent, and officiated himself regularly, to the English soldiers at least during the whole of the Sikh campaign.—*News of the Churches.*

EPISCOPAL.—Exeter Hall is exerting its in- fluence upon the country. At Birmingham, special services have again been held for the working classes. The attendance was large; and five of the resident ministers, and one from Manchester, conducted the various meetings. Shrewsbury, too, has followed this example, with satisfactory results. In Clerkenwell, the new vicar is making vigorous efforts in the same direction. Everywhere men are approachable, and great good is resulting from these well- directed efforts.

ROMANIST.—Rome has witnessed the return of the Pope. His admirers speak of his progress through part of his dominions as satisfactory. In the capital of Tuscany the ludicrous pretension of the "Servant of Servants" were followed by results which must have mortified his pride. He that sits in the temple of God allows none but crowned heads to feast with him at his table. The ambassadors in Florence were invited to dine with the Pontiff. Lord Normanby, finding that he was not to be allowed the place at table which his rank as the representative of her Majesty demanded, declined going, and left Florence. Efforts are making to send out a number of chap- lains to the troops in India. Cardinal Wiseman has obtained full authority from Rome to facilitate their movements to China as well as India. The opposition made to what is called "The Street Preaching Humbug" in Belfast, is fully justified by the Romish press in Ireland. Its denunciation of these efforts is unmeasured, and it encourages the most violent means for their repression.

United States.

Much of commercial embarrassment exists in the neighbouring States. Twenty-seven banks have been smashed during the past month, and one hundred and eighteen private firms have failed. Six and eight per cent, per month, is readily given for money.

Our own banks, we are informed, have re- fused to discount notes with good names. Whether they have come to the conclusion to suspend discounting altogether we have not heard.

The *New York Chronicle* in its commercial leader speaks in the following terms of the present and the future:—

A fearful week has just closed. Many anxious hearts have been made to bleed in consequence of the misfortunes upon land and water. Misfortunes seldom come alone: the truth of which has been realized in most sad and solemn events. Let the occurrences of the past week be engraven upon our hearts and cause us to look up, in humble submission, to the great Author of all good, pleading for His mercies in behalf of an afflicted people. The darkest hour of the night precedes the dawn of the morning, and this, we believe, has been ex- periented during the week. It has been a dark week: no light to be discerned from the most lofty pinnacle; hope deferred, until the heart became sick and the spirit of man was depress- ed. Yet there is much to encourage us in the future, and we ought not to despair. We have a country producing more luxuries than any other under the sun. We have land with a vir- gin soil unsurpassed, inducing the fair sons and daughters of Europe to seek a home upon the Western prairie. We have crops of wheat and corn crowding their way to the Atlantic ports for a market. We have a prospect for cotton beyond that of any former season, with prices exceeding those of any period within the mem- ory of man. We have a supply of foreign mer- chandise lying in the hands of Government sufficient to carry us into the coming year; our crops in transitu for Europe, and exchange be- low par. But one serious difficulty is in the way of great prosperity, and that is the scarcity of money West to move the wheat to the Atlantic shores. That this difficulty will be speedily overcome, we have but little doubt. The margin in wheat between the West and ports on the Atlantic is too great to remain without attracting the attention of capitalists. The desire to make money so prevalent in this country, will create competition among capitalists, and wheat buyers will be as plenty in St. Louis and Chicago as buckwheat cakes in November.

Large subscriptions are being made for the sufferers by the loss of the Central America. It is expected that an annuity of £1500 will be secured for the Captain's widow and family. His life is said to have been insured for \$5,000.

THE STORM of week before last was most terrific on our Southern coast. It disabled and swept away many of our vessels. The *Central America*, with \$1,600,000 gold on freight, and how much more in the hands of passengers it is impossible to tell. The *Empire City* made a narrow escape from the same fate, by putting into Norfolk, Va, in a disabled state. Two other steamers were seriously injured, and two barks, three brigs, and four schooners were sunk. There are, no doubt, many other losses of the kind in this fearful visitation.

A large meeting, mainly of Irishmen, was held in New York, on the 17th, to express sympathy with the Sepoy mutineers.

It is estimated that Illinois this season, will produce two hundred and eight million bushels of grain; more than ten bushels for every man, woman, and child in the United States.

Two great failures in Providence, R. I. are reported with liabilities amounting to several millions.

A severe drought prevails in some parts of Iowa—but two slight showers having fallen since the 20th of March last.

Charles Sumner, at last accounts, was travel- ing in Switzerland and improving in health.

William St. Martin, of Baton Rouge, La., has invented an engine which can be constructed, boiler and all, for about £50.

Mr. John Graham, of Sacarrappa, Maine, has a pumpkin vine eighty feet long, and for every four feet of vine there is a pumpkin—some of them of an enormous size. The vine was plant- ed right above a spot where a large hog was buried last fall.

There are three bogus Burdell babies on ex- hibition.

The Bills of three medical gentlemen in New York for services rendered in connection with the Burdell inquest, amount to \$1050.

A young woman in Lowell, Mass., attempted to drown herself, but was saved by her hoops.

Nearly 4000 stray dogs have been carried to the pound in New York since the middle of June.

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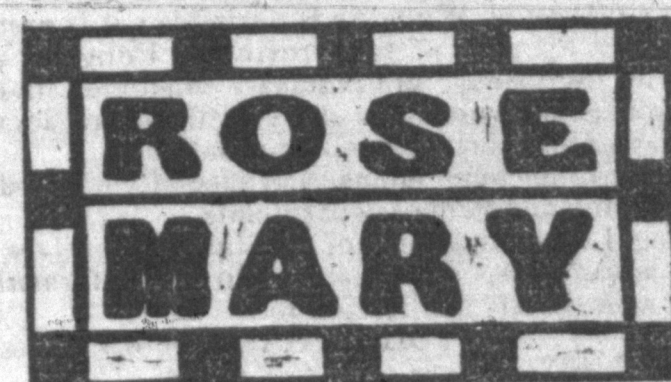
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