

THE RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER.

UNITED STATES.

Yards; considerable number of vessels ordered ready for immediate commission. Transport Melbourne would leave Woolwich 5th, for Halifax with 30,000 stand of arms; large quantities of ammunition and a battery of six Armstrong guns.

She will be convoyed by 'Orpheus,' twenty-one gun-brigade. Warrior will be ready for foreign service immediately; her destination depends upon answer from Washington. Royal Proclamation prohibits export of gunpowder and saltpetre, also includes wire, soda and brimstone. Shipment of rifles from England for New York continued.

Funds steady on 2d, but fell a half per cent on 3d. Times city article points out the task of American Executive against popular violence—ought to be lightened as much as possible. Great interest existed in Paris; appearances indicate that Government papers instructed to write in Anti-American tone. Article in "Patriot" attracts considerable attention as it argues pretty clearly that France will side with England and recognize Southern Confederacy, and also take decisive attitude in international question.

Liverpool Post gives rumor that Napoleon has been proposed as arbitrator of question. Americans in Paris paid complimentary visit to Gen. Scott. Dayton was spokesman.

We copy the following account of the capture of Messrs. Mason and Slidell from correspondent of the London Times:

UNITED STATES.

In the House of Representatives at Washington, on Monday, the 16th inst., the following Resolution was moved by Mr. Valladingham, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, by a vote of 109 to 16:

Whereas, the Secretary of the Navy reported to the House that Capt. Wilkes' conduct in seizing Mason and Slidell merited, and received, the emphatic approval of the Navy Department, and that he in a public letter, had thanked Capt. Wilkes for the act; and whereas this House, on the first day of this Session, passed resolutions tendering the thanks of Congress to Captain Wilkes for his brave, adroit and patriotic conduct in the arrest of traitors, and requested the President to confine Mason and Slidell in cells of convicted felons, therefore

Resolved, as the sense of this House, that it is duty of the President to now firmly maintain the stand thus taken, approving and adopting the act of Captain Wilkes in spite of any menace or demand of the British Government, and this House pledges its full support to him, in upholding the honor and vindicating the courage of the Government and people of the United States, against foreign power!

It is also stated that the Cabinet was in session for several hours at Washington on Tuesday, when the subject was fully discussed. "Whatever the demand may be," says the despatch to the New York Herald, "our Government is resolved that Mason and Slidell shall never be given up." The New York and Boston papers likewise urge the same course.

(By Telegraph to News Room.)

BOSTON, Dec. 17. The fire at Charleston destroyed 576 buildings in the best portion of the City; the loss is from \$7,000,000.

Government pays no attention to the newspaper reports from England, and the feeling seems to be that a war is impossible on the Mason and Slidell matter.

A despatch via Cincinnati, states that New Orleans has been attacked by a Federal force, and that the inhabitants were fleeing from the city.

Reinforcements were hastening from up the river to reinforce the place.

The rebels are generally jubilant on the prospect of a war with England.

It is reported that Fort Pulaski has been evacuated, and is in possession of Federal troops.

Stocks have generally recovered from the depression caused by first announcement of English news.

BOSTON, Dec. 18. The sad news from Havana at 8 o'clock on the morning of the 7th, and nothing occurred worthy of notice till about noon on the 8th, when, in the narrow passage of the old Bahama Channel, opposite the Parador Grande lighthouse, a steamer was observed ahead, apparently waiting, but showing no colors. On approaching her, Capt. Moir, of the Trent, hoisted the British ensign, which met with no response until the two vessels were within a furlong of each other, when the stranger fired a shot across the Trent's bow, and hoisted the American flag. This proceeding was quite contrary to all acknowledged law, as when a vessel of war wishes another vessel to stop it is customary to fire first a blank cartridge. The Trent was still holding on her way, when a shell was fired from a long pivot gun on the American's deck forward, which burst about 100 yards from the Trent's bow. Capt. Moir immediately stopped the Trent, as the American had her broadside of guns run out, and men at quarters ready to fire. Capt. Moir then hailed her, and the American captain replied that he wished to send a boat on board. A boat containing two officers and about twenty men, armed with muskets, pistols, and cutlasses, then shovelled off and boarded the Trent and demanded the list of the passengers which the captain refused to give. The officer commanding the boat stated that the name of the frigate was the San Jacinto, of which he was first lieutenant, and further they had received most positive information that certain passengers were on board, whom he would take out. This was also refused. Commander Williams, R. N., the naval agent in charge of her Majesty's mails, with Capt. Moir, positively objected to their being taken, denying their right to take any person whatever from under the English flag.

The Lieutenant then called out the names of the before-mentioned Commissioners and Secretaries, and said that those were the persons he sought, and that he would take them at all hazards. The four gentlemen, who were standing near, answered to their names, and requested to know what was wanted of them. The Lieutenant said that he wished to take them on board the man-of-war, to which they replied that they would not go until they were taken by force, and, turning to Capt. Moir, Mr. Slidell said,

"We claim the protection of the British flag." On the captain's again refusing to give up the passengers, the Lieutenant said he would take charge of the ship. Commander Williams, R. N., then spoke as follows:

"In this ship I am the representative of her Majesty's Government, and I call upon the officers of the ship and the passengers generally to mark my words when, in the name of that Government, and in distinct language I denounce this as an illegal act, an act of wanton piracy, which, had we the means of defence, you would not dare to attempt."

The Lieutenant then beckoned to the frigate, and three boats, containing 30 marines and 60 sailors, officered and heavily armed, came alongside. The men at once leaped on deck, sword in hand. After some more parleying Messrs. Slidell, Mason, Eustis, and Macfarland were taken and forced into the boat. The Americans went back to the cabins, and took possession of the baggage, and sent it with their prisoners on board the San Jacinto. Mr. Slidell said, as the boat shoved off, that he expected redress from the British Government for this outrage, while under the protection of its flag, and called upon the English captain to represent the case properly. The Lieutenant stepped on board, having ordered the boat to return. He then stated that he had orders to take Captain Moir and his papers on board the San Jacinto and that the Trent was to be moved nearer. Captain Moir replied: "You will find me on my quarter deck; if you want me you will have to come there for me," and he immediately walked on deck.

The Lieutenant, however, went into one of the boats, and told Capt. Moir that he could proceed. The boat pulled for the San Jacinto and the Trent steamed ahead for St. Thomas.

The indignation felt board the Trent by every person, of whatever nation, can better be imagined than described. A considerable number of foreigners of different nations were among the passengers, and it is affirmed that every man would have fought if called upon to do so; but with such an opposing force, and the unarmed condition of the Trent, it was deemed impossible to make any defence.

The officers of the San Jacinto asked for provisions to maintain the prisoners, as they stated that they were short of stores. Capt. Moir told the four gentlemen that at their request he would supply what was needed, and they having expressed a wish that he should do so, all the necessities were supplied.

The dispatches of the Confederate emissaries escaped the vigilance of the boarding officers, and they have all arrived safely here per La Plata.

(By Telegraph to the Colonial Empire.)

NEW YORK, DEC. 19TH.

At a Bank meeting to-day Secretary Chase stated that the present balance of the Government with the associated Banks was sufficient for its wants till the middle of January, after which time he was confident that our Military and Naval operations will give brilliant and decisive results. HE DID NOT DOUT THAT QUESTIONS WITH GREAT BRITAIN WOULD HAVE A PACIFIC SOLUTION.

EXCHANGE ON LONDON FIRM AT 110^c. @ 111. The British Ship "Cheshire" from Liverpool, with cargo salt, coffee, and army blankets, was captured off Savannah.

DOMESTIC.

ORPHAN ASYLUM.—Sermons have been preached and collections taken up in several of the Churches in the City in aid of the St. John Protestant Orphan Asylum. The sermon in the Centenary Chapel was by Dr. Ritchie, collection \$66. Dr. Gray preached in Trinity Church, collection \$144.56. We are glad to learn that such liberal collections were taken up for the support of this much needed institution.

The Morning News received letters by the last mail from the Colonial Delegates in England. Nothing had resulted at the time they were written in relation to the object of the delegation, but circumstances looked favourable. The Delegates had addressed several large and influential meetings on the subject, and the project, though opposed in some quarters, was favourably received in others. The opinion of the News is, "that something will be done to our satisfaction."

THE MARKET.—The Flour Market has been considerably excited since the arrival of the warlike news brought by the Europa and City of Washington. Prices have advanced since, 25 cents, and there is a general anxiety on the part of heads of families, to lay in a small stock at present rates.

Coffee has advanced somewhat. Provisions are unchanged, and also Fish. The Lumber and Freight Market are quiet. Salt is firmer at a very slight advance. Coal is a little dearer than last week.

The Country Market has been pretty well supplied with Mr. Luke Duffy, Golden Grove.

On the 17th inst., after a protracted illness of consumption, Mrs. Martha, wife of Mr. Bartram Manzer, of Nassau, aged 19 years. She died in full assurance of eternal life.

On the 25th ult., at the residence of James Ketchum, Esq., Woodstock, Mr. George E. Ketchum, in the 61st year of his age.

At Gaithersburg, on the 8th inst., Mr. Louis C. Dingee, Sr., at Long Reach, K. C., on the 1st Dec., Wm. L. Seely, eldest son of Mr. Linus Seely, aged 23 years.

At Studholme, K. C., on the 11th day of December, of George C. Campbell, the eldest son of Mr. John Campbell, in the 30th year of his age, leaving a kind Father, Brothers and Sisters and numerous friends to mourn their bereavement. He was respected and beloved by all who knew him, his walk was upright, his end was peaceful, and he died in full assurance of a glorious immortality.

O'DONNELL.—He would be staid with friends so kind; His grace that makes us understand That we must take the parting hand.

Though here on earth we'll meet no more, We hope to meet on Canaan's shore, There in that happy, happy land. We'll no more take the parting hand.

Preparations are being made to strengthen the defences of this Province. The Sackville Borderers are in the chaps of the channel.

Two ships-of-war have been ordered to the West Indies, as convoys to Mail Steamers.

Bright made a speech at the Rochdale banquet, strongly favoring Federal Government, and asking for a suspension of judgment.

Consols—Money 90 to 92.

Breadstuffs fluctuating—Flour and Wheat advanced.

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We are informed that the price of timber and deals has slightly advanced in the Liverpool market.

Joseph Mercer, Esq., was elected Alderman of Prince Ward in this city on Tuesday.

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.—We learn with deep regret that the eldest son of the Rev. Mr. Wilson, Congregational Minister at Sheffield, was drowned on Saturday evening last, while skating somewhere near his father's residence. The particulars of the melancholy circumstance we have not learned. He was, we believe, about twenty years of age.

TANGER.—A cave has been discovered under Strawberry Hill, said to be sufficiently large for "dining twelve men." There are about 150 men at the diggings.

ROMISH CONVENTS.—From a letter from our Canadian correspondent, intended for publication the week, we deferred our issue, we make the following extracts:

Our Governor and his family have been visiting the Ursuline Convent, Quebec, the papers tell us, accompanied by a party of Honorable, to whom the Grand Vicar and Chaplain did all possible honor. No doubt everything was presented in its most attractive garb. The Journal de Quebec describes the party as appearing exceedingly pleased with what they saw. It is not impossible. The writer has visited convents—that is, certain parts open to the public, and found much to admire. But neither he nor any other visitor had the opportunity of going through the whole establishment. It cannot be that all is as it ought to be. The system forbids it. It is disgraceful to a free country that it permits such irresponsible institutions to exist within its bounds. Every inmate should have the opportunity of testifying freely as to her love for the convent, and the protection of the law if she desired to escape.

ADMISSION 10 cents. Children half-price. DECEMBER 20.

FLOUR LANDING.—Ex Persia, Caledonia, Harlech and Lady Washington from New York; 500 bbls. Naper FLOUR; 550 bbls. Extra Ohio Flour; 300 bbls. Extra Premium Mills; 250 bbls. Salmon R. In Store—1000 bbls. Kite dried Corn MEAL; 30 bbls. Meek's. For sale by HALL & FAIRWEATHER.

CHEAP CARPETING.—Over 2000 yards Imperial 3-ply and superfine CARPETING selling off at cost at the Imperial Buildings, 2 King street.

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CENTRAL BANK.—The subscriber will take Central Bank Money at the face for Clothing and other Goods.

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HURRAH FOR MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Step in at R. S. STAPLES', No. 88 King Street,

and make your selection.

ONE case containing Birmingham Fancy Goods, now open and ready for inspection, consisting of Ladies' Fancy Hair Pins, Brooches, Finger Rings, Card Games, Umbrellas, Neck Chains, Albert Chains, Fob, Steel stands, Watch Holders, Handkerchiefs, a large lot of Dress Goods, Gloves, Berlin Wool Goods, &c. Printed Dresses, in variety, from 3s. the dress up; Coburg and Dalmatian Dresses, from 5s. the dress up. Call and inspect, E. S. STAPLES'.

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SILVER CARPETING!

A Tea, Dessert and Table Spoons, Forks, Knives, Spoons, Sugar Spoons, Butter Knives, Children's Knives, Fork and Spoon, in cases, Thimbles, Children's Mugs and Fruit Knives. BEST SILVER PLATED Goods—Tea and Coffee Services, Kettles with or without Stand, Pitchers, Dinner and Bedding, Crust Gravy Boats, Cake Knives, Fish Trays, Waiters, Sugar Bowls, Candy Knives, Butter Knives, Toast Racks, Salt and Mustard Dishes, Butter Caskets, Children's Mugs, Egg Stands, Claret Jugs, Scones, Butter Knives, Cess Scoops, Knives and Forks, in cases; Pickle Forks, Brimstone Metal Goods of all kinds. Ebony, Rosewood and Rapid Maple, Writing Desks, Drawing Cases, Jewel Cases, Note Books, Boxes, Writing Boxes, Baggagewards, Stereoscopes, Card Trays, Pearl Inlaid Stereoscopes, &c. Ladies' Case Cards, in Pearl, Papier Maché, and Tortoise Shell. Spectacles and Eye Glasses, Gold, Silver and Gilt Mounting. Gentlemen's Dressing Cases, in Leather and Rosewood. A splendid assortment of Ladies' Work and Travelling Bags. German Silver, Gilt and Steel Mounting. Cutlery, the best manufacturers. SKATES, Ladies', Gents', and Boys'. The above contain an assortment suitable for Christmas and New Year's Presents, and will be sold at low prices.

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PARISIAN COUGH MIXTURE.

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OTHER COUGH REMEDIES for sale by the subscriber, viz. F. BARKER.

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