

## UNITED STATES.

Affairs in Mexico are beginning to assume a threatening aspect and the indications are, as would lead us to fear that the diplomatic relations between the United States and France may be disturbed. About 5,000 French troops have been dispatched to Matamoros, an important city on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande, which river constitutes the boundary between Mexico and Texas; this doubtless is done as an offset to the expedition recently sent from New Orleans to Texas, by the Federal Government. The gunboats of both these powers are on the Rio Grande, and a late dispatch announces that fears are entertained that a collision may take place and plunge the two countries into war. Mexico seems peculiarly an unhappy country; since the establishment of her independence her history has been a series of intestine troubles, intrigues and civil commotions. The important part she is now playing in the history of this continent will be our excuse for directing attention to the past history of this remarkable country.

Mexico was conquered by the Spaniards under Cortes, A. D. 1519; at the time of its conquest the country had attained to a remarkable degree of civilization and prosperity; it contained many large and flourishing cities which revelled in wealth and splendor, while the original magnificence of the equipments of its king and rulers excited the cupidity of even the Spaniards. Mexico remained a colony of Spain for three centuries and that sufficed to strip it of its wealth, and reduce the country almost to beggary. Upon the decline of the Spanish power it asserted its independence and modelled its Government after that of the United States; each state was independent, but the general affairs of the country vested in a Federated Government. The changes the government of the country has undergone, have done much to fetter its prosperity and disturb its relations with neighboring and foreign states. During the war it waged with the United States, from 1845 to 1848, much of its original territory was lost and became incorporated into that of its rival. At present Mexico contains 900,000 square miles, or a territory twice the size of Canada; it consists of 32 states, 8 territories, and a Federal district. Its population is about 7,000,000. Mexico, the capital, is one of the finest cities on the continent.

Should Napoleon gain an ascendancy over this country it would have a great influence upon the politics of the whole of North America; it would counterbalance England's ascendancy in the North, and fearfully cramp the ambitious nation that aimed at universal dominion in North America. It is not the first time a Bonaparte had to do with a Mexican crown. Joseph Bonaparte, the former king of Naples and Spain, when an exile in America, and when enjoying life on the beautiful Delaware as a private gentleman, under the assumed name of Count Surcouf, was waited upon by a deputation of leading men from Mexico, who sought him out and tendered him a crown, which he refused to accept; doubtless his former experiences did much to influence his decision. The Mexicans have always been favorable to the policy of the Bonaparte regime. The object of Louis Napoleon, in nominating Maximilian, his old rival in Piedmont, as ruler of that country, was to impress the Mexicans with a conviction of his distastefulness, knowing that in all probability the Archduke would decline this doubtful favor, and then he could with apparent good grace hand over the country to the tender mercy of Prince Napoleon. The Federalists fear that these Franco-Mexican complications may lead to an acknowledgment of the Southern confederacy by Napoleon, in order to secure the good graces of his neighbors in America. What will grow out of the anomalous position occupied by France on this continent, it is difficult to divine, but it will be conceded by all that affairs are shaping themselves rather ominously.

Rumors are prevalent, that Admiral Dahlgren has been superseded and Admiral Farragut called to the command of the monitor fleet at Charleston. The Government, having been divided to the alternative either to accept the resignation of Gen. Gillmore or remove Dahlgren, preferred the latter. Preparations are being made to shell Charleston. The Federalists have sustained a defeat at Crawford's Springs, Ga., but as yet nothing definite has reached us as to its magnitude or importance. The sudden rise of gold would seem to indicate, that it was a telling reverse. On the other hand Gen. Burnside, after a severe seven hours' fight, finally drove the enemy before him, inflicting a severe defeat.

New York, Sept. 20.—A Morris failed letter reports that the rebels are extremely busy repairing Fort Sumter and steamers are constantly plying between the city and there with materials therefor. A deserter says that after strengthening Sumter and planting new batteries on James Island, Beauregard intends to assume the offensive, in order, if possible, to gain possession of Morris Island. Charleston is said to be full of rebel troops.

Other accounts state that it may be a week yet before the rebels can open fire upon Charleston. The mounting of guns on the north and of Morris Island proves very slow work, but our losses there are trifling.

The following is Gen. Gillmore's recent order: "Dep't of the South, Headquarters in the Field, Morris Island, S. C., Sept. 18, 1863. It is with no ordinary feeling of gratification and pride that the Brigadier General commanding is enabled to congratulate the army on the signal success which has crowned the enterprise in which it has been engaged. Fort Sumter is destroyed. The scene where our country's flag suffered its first dishonor you have made the theater of one of its proudest triumphs.

The fort has been in the possession of the enemy for more than two years, and has been his pride and boast. It has been strengthened by every appliance known to military science, and has defied the assaults of the most powerful and determined of our country's fleets. But it has yielded to our courage and patient labor. Its walls are now crumpled to ruins, its formidable batteries are silenced, and though a hostile flag still floats over it, the fort is a harmless and helpless wreck. Forts Wagner and Gregg, rendered memorable by their protracted resistance and the sacrifice of life they have cost, have also been wrested from the enemy by your persevering courage and skill, and the gratification of your fellow countrymen has been secured and consummated.

You now hold in undisputed possession, the whole of Morris Island, and the city and harbor of Charleston lie at the mercy of your artillery from the very spot where the first shot was fired at your country's flag, and the rebellion itself was inaugurated. To you, the officers and soldiers of this command, and the gallant Navy, which has co-operated with you, and the brave men of the land, I tender my warmest congratulations. You were called upon to encounter unaided privations and dangers, to undergo unrelenting and exhausting labors, to sustain severe and disheartening reverses. How nobly your patriotism and zeal have responded to the call, the results of the campaign will show, and your Commanding General gratefully bears witness.

Q. A. GILLMORE, Brig. General Commanding.

New York, Sept. 20.—Special dispatches from Washington state that the reported evacuation of Richmond may be accounted for by the rebels withdrawing their stores from the line of the Tennessee Railroad and scattering them South through North Carolina toward Atlanta, Ga. This is caused by the capture of East Tennessee by Gen. Burnside.

Advices from the Army of the Potomac state that the rebels appear in increased force along the line of the Rapidan, as though determined to resist its crossing by our troops, but showing no disposition to cross the river, and no intention of attacking our position. The rebels made a heavy attack on the corps of Gen.

Thomas, forming the left wing of our army, and at the same time they attacked the right wing, which was thought to be a feint. Gen. McCook's and Gen. Crittenden's troops were thrown into the engagement as convenience offered, the main portions of their forces being on the march at the time.

The fighting of the left was of a very desperate character. The enemy were repulsed, but on being reinforced regained their position, from which they were subsequently driven after a severe engagement of an hour and a half. Gen. Thomas' forces then charged the rebels for nearly a mile and a half, pushing them badly. About two o'clock in the afternoon the rebels made a fierce dash on our centre, composed of the divisions of Generals Van Cleave and Reynolds. Van Cleave's forces were struck on the right flank, and being vigorously pushed by the rebels, fell back until Gen. Carter's line was broken and the troops became much scattered. Gen. Thomas on the left and Gen. Davis on the right then pushed forward their forces vigorously toward the gap, and after a hard fight recovered the ground which had been lost. The fight disclosed the intention of the rebels, which evidently was to get between us and Chattanooga. The general engagement, which commenced at 10 o'clock, continued until 5 P. M. Gen. Palmer, who had gathered together our scattered forces, and Gen. Negley, who had been sent from the right flank to feel the centre, pushed forward and re-established our line as it had been before the battle began along the Chattanooga Creek. The country where the battle was fought is level, but thickly overgrown with small timber and brushwood, and is very unfavorable for the use of artillery, very little of which was used.

The National Republican says enemy attacked Rosecrans again on Sunday in overwhelming numbers, fighting lasting all day. Two Federal Divisions broke in panic, eight or ten thousand of whom rallied. Remainder did not give way, and at the latest moment were driving the enemy's advance back. Number killed and wounded on both sides estimated at 20,000. Tribune's special says general summing up of Chattanooga battle is that Rosecrans, with greatly inferior force, bore the shock of over 140,000 Confederates, and deemed it prudent to fall back on Chattanooga. At last accounts he had established communication with Burnside, and soon will resume offensive. In meantime being able to hold position. Rosecrans' loss estimated at 12,000 killed, 7,000 wounded.

A Memphis letter to the World says the banks of the Mississippi below Cairo are dotted on either side with towns over which the U. S. flag waves in emblem of their submission to its authority. Our rule is, however, confined almost to the surface of the stream itself, with the exception of an area of a few miles from the points aforesaid. The rebels in numbers great and small, swarm with impunity over all the rest of the territory, coming in some cases close up to the pickets of our garrisons. In the interior things are in a chaotic state. The rebel gangs are almost uncontrolled, and it is confessed to be unprofitable to run them down, even if we had the forces to spare for the purpose.

(Wednesday's Despatch.)

BAXTER, Sept. 28. According to official despatches at Washington, on Monday, P. M. Rosecrans had information that Longstreet's corps reinforced Bragg before battle of Saturday, and subsequently stated by despatches, that the corps had also been sent to the aid of the Rebels. A telegram was received at Washington yesterday from Chattanooga that general result of Saturday and Sunday's fighting encouraging—Union army achieving substantial success.

Further details of battles says, Federals lost about 2,000 in prisoners, and about 1,000 wounded fell into enemy's hands.

Thirteen hundred Confederate prisoners have been sent to the rear.

Preparations by Gillmore for shelling Charleston in forward state. Eighty cases of shell containing Greek fire have been sent him.

Superfine \$4.70 to \$5.20. Extra, \$5.40 to \$5.50.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Scoury and diseases of the skin—Fever, restlessness, foul stomach, tainted breath, languor, depression of spirits, dryness of the mouth, and other symptoms of the system are speedily and radically removed by these medicines—the Ointment cures the skin, and the Pills purify the blood, stimulate the liver, and promote digestion.

MARRIAGES.

At Charleston, on the 10th inst., by the Rev. E. McNeill, Mr. William C. Clark to Miss Mary C. Carpenter, both of this city.

On the 11th inst., by the Rev. Canon Harrison, Erasmus B. Perry, Esq., merchant, to Miss Anna Maria Bell, daughter of the late John Longmire, of St. John, N. B.

On the 12th inst., by the Rev. A. W. Nicholson, Mr. Philip Brown, to Elizabeth, daughter of Captain McKellar, all of this city.

On Thursday morning, the 17th inst., by the Rev. H. Vaughan, James H. Dixon, Sumner, E. A. to Miss Anna Maria Bell, daughter of the late John Longmire, of St. John, N. B.

On the 17th inst., by the Rev. A. W. Nicholson, Mr. Hugh L. Francis, to Miss Eliza J., eldest daughter of John Longmire, of St. John, N. B.

On the 18th inst., by the Rev. Canon Harrison, Mr. John Lane to Miss Sarah Pyles, both of the Parish of Hampton.

On the 21st inst., by the Rev. A. M. Staley, John J. Bradley, Esq., of Lowell, Mass., to Lizzie J., daughter of Mr. Wm. Flagg, of Oak Point, Parish of Greenwich, K. C.

On the 22nd inst., by the Rev. A. W. Nicholson, Mr. Law, M. Wm. S. Hicks, of Wellington, to Miss Patricia McMillan, of Richmond.

At St. David, on the 18th inst., by the Rev. J. S. Thompson, Mr. Richard H. Waring, to Miss Maria L. Duck, of the same place.

On the 19th inst., at the Church of the Ascension, Norton, by the Rev. A. W. Nicholson, Mr. Wm. A. W. Nicholson, Esq., Barrister, of Andover, N. B., to Lucy August, daughter of S. H. Morse, Esq., of the same place.

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## 21st ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORDER OF THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

The Division in the City of Saint John, and vicinity, intend celebrating the majority of the Order by a PROCESSION of the Order of Sons of Temperance, and of the Order of Cadets of Temperance, and by a PUBLIC SUPPER, on Thursday, 29th September, 1863.

**PROGRAMME.**

The Brethren of the several Divisions, and Cadets, will assemble at the Hall of the Sons of Temperance, King Street, at 9 o'clock, P. M., and there form it a line of procession (with Bands of Music), starting from the Hall at 9 o'clock, proceeding to Sydney-street, down Sydney-street to Princess-street, down Princess-street to Germain-street, along Germain-street to St. James-street, along St. James-street to Prince William-street, through Prince William-street to Market Square, through Dock-street and Mill-street to Portland, up Portland-street to High-street, passing the Temperance Hall to Somerset-street, up Somerset-street to Portland-street, returning through Mill and Dock-street to King-street, up King-street to Charlotte-street, and along Charlotte-street to the north side of King's Square, to the Temperance Hall, and disband.

Officers and Members will appear in appropriate Regalia, as National, Grand, and Subordinate Divisions, with their respective Banners.

Divisions will form according to their number, preceded by the National and Grand Divisions, and followed by the Sections of Cadets of Temperance, according to their number. With the Grand Section of their Regalia, the Cadets will appear in appropriate Regalia, and with their Banners. Visiting Brothers, Divisions, and Sections, at a distance, are invited to join in the Procession, in Regalia, and with their Banners.

**SUPPER.**—At 8 o'clock, P. M., Members of the Order, in Regalia, and their friends, will join in a Supper to be held in the Temperance Hall, and disband.

Arrangements have been made to seat five hundred persons. An early application will be necessary to secure Tickets.