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THE VARIETIES THEATRE—The comedy of "Married Life," and the farce of "Slasher and Crasher" drew one of the largest audiences, last Saturday night, that we have yet seen at the Varieties. "Married Life, though devoid of plot or remarkable situations, is well calculated, by the remarkable and sudden separations that occur between the married couples in the play, to amuse an audience and its interest alive to the end. The various characters were well cast, and Messrs. Baker and Bowers, as *Mr. C. de Bid* and *Mr. Dove*, respectively, were excellent. Mrs. Gladstone as *Mrs. Downshire Bond*, Mrs. Baker as *Mrs. Coddle*, and Mrs Preston as *Mrs. Dove*, were also very amusing. Mr. Gobay was very good as *Mr. Longstaff as Land*. Altogether "Married Life" was a good success, and may well bear repetition.

Last night another fine house was present to witness "The Married Rake, a rather light, flimsy comedy, with just enough fun in it to make it interesting. Mrs. Gladstone, first as the *Widow Penstroke*, and then as *Cornet Fitz Acres*, was all that could be desired, and made a dashing handsome officer. It were a work of supererogation, however, to point out the excellencies of this favorite actress. She is as versatile as she is talented, and invests whatever role she fills with an interest peculiarly her own. We missed the good natured face of our favorite, Mr. Rver, but as we are to have to night the new comedy of "The Soldier's Daughter, we may look for him again. The performance tonight will conclude with the farce of "The Swiss Cottage."

THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC—The fine houses that Dupree & Green's talented troupe nightly draw at this favorite place of amusement, attest their popularity. The excellent songs of Green Bidaux and Scott—the humorous eccentricities of the sable comedians Slate and Campbell, and their mirthful excesses combined are greatly enjoyed by those who witness them. A feature of the minstrels is their conundrums, which they gaily dwinge amid peals of laughter. Many of the conundrums have great merit and although sometimes local in their nature are well chosen. They others fine bill for this evening's entertainment. Go and visit them by all means.

DEPARTURE OF THE REGENT—The steamer Roanoke leaves her wharf for New York via Havana on Wednesday. The Regent leaves on Thursday as had been at first announced.

S C HAYNES & CO—The room where place of business is at the corner of Peyeras and Tchoupitoulas streets, after this morning's issue and well selected stock of fresh goods, such as choice Goshen Butter, Western cheese, fine teas, new sugar cured shoulders, hams and breakfast bacon of extra qualities and other articles with which every well regulated family should be provided. See their advertisement elsewhere.

$2,000 FOR SALE—Bell, Davis & Co. advertise this morning $2,000 in U S Treasury notes for sale. See advertisement.

MR D W C FARRINGTON sells this morning at 11 o'clock, at No 61 Gravier street, a large stock of superior carpets and upholsterers goods, such as Brussels, tapestries, ingrain and Dutch carpets, rich damask curtains &c. The terms are cash in currency.

McCERREN & LANDRY are about to dissolve (Monday). Bar furniture, cutlery, mirrors, ale in wood of glass and hardware, and a gentle car riage horse.

From Washington.

MR SEWARD ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

The correspondent of the New York *Herald* writing from Washington, under date of the 25th ult., says:

I am informed that Mr Seward considers the proposed mediation of France and England as the act of a friendly power containing no propositions calculated to affect in the least our friendly relations with France. He thinks the unfavorable comments of the French on that subject are due to the imperfect translation of the French text—a translation which in the opinion, does not do justice to the ideas of the Emperor.

This idea is simply to manage an entrance to the belligerents, without prejudice of what they may do afterwards. As to prevent a continuation of the war, or to exercise the least pressure upon any of the contending parties by war or another, directly or indirectly, this is in no manner expressed or hinted at in the document. In other terms and to use familiar comparisons, I will say that Louis Napoleon offers the invitation of a sovereign to other sovereigns to invite the North to have a little conversation with the South, and that Prince Napoleon's conversation with the North before receiving instructions. Such is the most general interpretation I heard given to it among our public officers and in diplomatic circles.

Interesting from North Carolina.

Fortress Monroe November 14th—From the Newbern N C *Progress* of the 12th we take the following

The gunboat Ellis Lieut W D Pender commanding, made a successful reconnoissance into New Topsail Inlet on Tuesday morning, and destroyed seven vessels, twenty salt works, and the Rebel works opposite. Upwards of five hundred bushels of salt and a large quantity of the works was left. Some of the pans used for boiling salt water were of copper and fourteen feet in length.

The population of Wilmington N C before the war commenced, was 12,000. It is now only about 8000. Four thousand of the citizens have joined the rebel army.

The Newbern *Progress* of the 10th instant says Lieut J L Pennington, late acting navy predecessor, is about to start the Newbern *Progress* at Raleigh.

The *Progress* of the 31st instant says it is rumored that two gunboats are being constructed at Wilmington, N C., but they are short of iron for plating them.

The *Progress* of the 21th instant states that the gunboat Wamsutta from Port Royal on the 12th instant, arrived at Newbern on the 7th, and proceeded to the Navy Yard. Sue had on board the officers and crew of the British propeller steamer Onaskia, captured by the United States steamer Memphis, twelve in number. They report the loss of the steaming May Queen. Crew safe.

John Dahlbec has been appointed Postmaster of Newbern, N. C., and has taken possession of the office.

The Charleston *Mercury* of the 13th instant says that the South should not encourage themselves with expectations as to foreign recognition

Movements in the West.

The correspondent of the New York *Tribune* writes, under date of November 29th from Washington, as follows:

The low stage of water in the rivers still continues the main drawback to the commencement of aggressive operations in the various departments of the West. The insufficiency of transportation from the want of boating facilities is, however, about being supplied by a requisition for twelve locomotives and four hundred cars from Northwestern railroads, for use in the departments of Generals Rosencrans and Grant. The greatest portion of this rolling stock is intended for the Louisville and Nashville Railroad. It is expected that Generals Grant and Rosencrans will take the offensive about the same time.

The Delay of the Army.

Under this heading the correspondent of the New York *Times* gives the following reasons why the Federal army delay crossing the Rappahannock:

It is now generally admitted that the failure of the Army of the Potomac to cross the Rappahannock promptly on its arrival at Falmouth, was caused by the unexpected absence of the means for crossing, and of transportation. Gen Meigs, against whom the current of censure strongly sets, denies all responsibility, casting the blame on the engineer corps. The current rumors that he has been removed are entirely untrue, though the Government promises a rigid investigation and the prompt punishment of the guilty party. Among the officers of the Army of the Potomac the opinion extensively prevails that the Government purposely caused the failure, in order to delay operations, and afford the rebels another opportunity for an evacuation before the first of January.

Later from Mexico.

The Havana papers of the 7th instant have received advices from Vera Cruz to the 2d instant, and from Orizaba to the 24th ultimo, by the arrival of the English steamer Conway.

The news is not very important, but still it offers some features of interest, and we now lay before our readers the principal items.

The Mexican General Adrian Woll had arrived at Havana, on board the Conway. He was to proceed immediately to Europe to obtain an interview with the Emperor of the French, to give him an insight into the condition of affairs in Mexico.

PAY OF THE MEXICAN TROOPS OUT OF THE FRENCH TREASURY.

The *Diario de Veracruz*, published at Orizaba, under date of the 5th ultimo announces the following:

The Commander in Chief of the French forces has ordered in conformity to the intentions of the Emperor, that the Mexican troops shall be fed, equipped and paid out of the French treasury. The object of this judicious measure must not be understood, it is not to be looked upon as the stipend of mercenary soldiery, but as a loan out of the French treasury, which will be ultimately settled when a permanent Government will have been established in Mexico.

MARQUEZ IN FAVOR OF JUAREZ.

It was rumored that Marquez and his entire command had declared in favor of Juarez. That he had defeated the Zouaves and occupied Chapultepec, towards which point the French forces were advancing to give them battle. This rumor is described in the Orizaba paper which gives current credit.

PARTY MIRANDA IN NEW YORK.

The Orizaba *Diario* announces the arrival in that city of Pedro Miranda. He called upon the commander in chief of the French forces the day after his arrival, who expressed his fears that the presence of a place in which the headquarters were established might be variously interpreted by the respective parties to suit their notions, and desiring to free himself from all embarrassment in the matter, requested him to abstain from all measures which might defeat or impair the policy of the Emperor—a policy whose object is to unite all honorable men under the same standard, animated by a love of country. The establishing a permanent and moral government which would guarantee the rights of property, which would secure liberty of action without reference to party, are the fundamental promises to the nation. Therefore, to all parties desirous of peace and tranquility and to co-operate as speedily as possible the restoration of peace to the entire country.

MORELOS AND THE REBELLA CHIEFS.

The Supreme Government has ordered it known to the Governor of the command to pursue and shoot without any formalities all Jefes and to detach enough troops to establish order at Rio Verde.

In addition to the above the *Diario* contains pleasing items of news from various parts of Mexico, which we omit for our columns relieving us from the tedium of translation.

The Havana *Prensa* of the 7th instant brought to the Kanawha has a letter from a correspondent, dated Vera Cruz, Dec 2d, from which we translate as follows:

Gen Forey has just published the following proclamation, some months ago the guerrillas attacked the shores of the Rio Blanco on the frontier for their depredations, under the pretext of making war against the French to defend the holy cause of the national independence they harrassed their own citizens—plundered the traveling community and intercepted commerce. But the patience of the inhabitants of that portion of the country has at last been exhausted. They determined to follow the guerrillas. Captain Pablo Nay encountered the band commanded by Herrendia, killing nine and twenty of the followers, the victors capturing sixty stand of arms. This example should be imitated. The Sultan has arrived for the purpose of pacifying the country. Any person found with arms in his hands after the publication of this proclamation will be considered a traitor and shot.

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Proclamation to the Inhabitants of Jalapa.—A brigade of the French expeditionary corps has just entered this city. Its mission has no other object, in accordance with the generous operations of the war than to express with confidence our intentions towards you. Be confident and do not consider us as enemies. We will abide strictly by the proclamation issued by the General in Chief.

We will respect your independence. We will not oppress you in any way. We will protect any other party out that of order, peace and union, the wish of which we bring with us for the benefit of the country, for they are the bases on which a government can be supported in a powerful. Men of all parties, if you desire the happiness of your country come frankly to us, extend a friendly hand, and together we will endeavor to reorganize our unfortunate country.

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