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Amusements This Evening.

...HARLES THEATRE—"Jane Eyre."

...AND MY OF MUSIC—"The Gentle Grasps of ... ...ther."

Auction Sales Monday.

...offman, Marks & Co., at 10 o'clock, A. M., at ... Chartres street—Dry Goods and Fancy ... ...ooking Goods.

HOW THE BANKS MAY PREVENT FORGERIES.

Late developments call for the adoption ... bankers of safeguards against forgery of the signatures of their customers. We are informed that the system of making deposits and drawing against them as practised in the United States, is very different from that made use of in other commercial countries. ... banks in the different commercial cities of Great Britain, taught by experience the necessity of guarding in every possible way, against the schemes of the ..., take great precaution in the conduct of their business. Our house method of transacting business in New Orleans is similar to this city. Foreign bankers ... run any unnecessary risk in acting as the agents of their customers, nor are they averse to exchanges for custom as our domestic institutions. One of the means adopted ... safe, for the purpose of preventing the presentation of forged cheques and drafts, is to provide each depositor with a cheque book containing forms made exactly for the institution upon which they are to be drawn. This also saves ... the use of forms, common to the public ... such as are in use in New Orleans. ... any one can purchase at a station... store. When delivered, the customer is charged to keep the book carefully under ... and key. Sometimes each cheque is ... numbered, stamped and counter-signed by an officer of the bank before delivery of the book. It is ... obvious this lessens the risk of the ... being imposed upon by a ... cheque. In New Orleans every depositor has his own form and size of ..., which it is plain is in favor of the ... bankers.

Another safeguard insisted upon by ... foreign institutions is that only ... of the firm of a commercial firm ... sign the cheque of the house. We ... in every paying and receiving teller in New Orleans would prefer to handle ... cheques of a uniform size and form, containing some mark of genuineness besides ... signature of the drawer. In these ..., when every form of swindling has ... practised, the risk of paying ... cheques of money upon drafts apparently genuine, is far great. Every one ... conversant with the subject knows that ... statutes have been so successfully ... used as to defy detection even by their ...

We presume our bankers will object ... such precautions as we have suggested, or refuse to ... as cash from their customers' ... upon other banks. Our business ... would then either refuse to receive ... in payment of goods sold or would ... it over them into money before delivering the goods.

Thanks to the Purser of the steamship Yazoo, Capt. Cathcart, from Philadelphia, ... Washington, for late papers from the latter port.

COMPLETION OF THE LEGISLATURE. The *Telegram* publishes a list of the Senators ... Representatives in the Legislature of Louisiana, as taken from the official returns. It classifies them thus:

The following is the completion of the ... State and House, as compiled from the returns: Senate—Fusionists, 25; Conservative Republicans, 3; White Republicans and 7 Democrats. House—27 colored Republicans, 22 white Republicans and 25 Democrats. Total—Republican members, 86. Will be seen by reference to the list printed above, there were the election.

W. B. B. C. BALL.—The Washington Base Ball Club are to give a fancy dress and calico ball, at Carroll Hall. Third instant, on Saturday night, December 10th. The Washington boys know how to do things right and the ball will undoubtedly be a fine affair.

AMUSEMENTS.

THE ACADEMY.—This favorite place of amusement was full again last night, and the audience pleased and enthusiastic. The attractions are so numerous that we lack space to enumerate them, but must ... mention the lusciously lyrical ... of Adaline Dagle in her sensuous song ... and Burgess, who is unappreciable in his line; Carleton, the wildest of wild Irishmen; the pretty sopaics, Ada and Rosa Bashell, Minnie Jackson, Elise Scott, the Rouch Family and a score of others, all first class in their particular line, who ... to make up an entertainment that for novelty, variety and excellence cannot be excelled. From first to last the audience are kept in a state of hilarious excitement.

THE ST. CHARLES.—Miss Mitchell's *Jane Eyre* has proved a decided success. The peculiar character of Charlotte Bronte's heroine is one which requires a high capacity on the part of the interpreter, and Miss Mitchell has fairly proved her title to the power. She was well sustained by Mr. Although as *Rochester*, another difficult character. The incidents of the novel are followed and reproduced on the play with fair accuracy, and to the ... and who have admired the book, the play must be attractive indeed. It will be repeated to-night, and we advise all who wish to really enjoy an evening to go and see it.

ONE EXTREME HERE.—The Pavenports give another of their wonder causing ... to-night. They certainly perform ... startling and mysterious things, but how ... can tell. Prominent citizens watch ... every movement, but the mysterious ... agency at work seems to defy detection.

Mrs. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP FOR CHILDREN. Many sleepless nights of painful watchings to the anxious mother might be avoided by using this invaluable preparation.

If you desire any books and a complexion fair, and free from Pimples, Blotches and Eruptions, purify your blood and invigorate your system by taking Dr. Pierce's Alt. Ext. of Golden Medical Discovery, all has to equal for this purpose, nor as a remedy for "Liver Complaint," "Biliousness," and "Constipation of the Bowels." Sold by druggists. Pamphlet ... free. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N.Y. ... wed fri sun 1 w ow

Passengers per steamship Yazoo, from Philadelphia, via Havana:

From Philadelphia—Mrs Wm Anderson, Mrs Fanning and child, Mrs Wm Mason and ... Miss A Sarrah, Mrs Hoey, Mrs Bishop, Miss Beatie Gordon, Mr Hoey, Mrs Madden, Mr and Master Miss Madden, Master Madden, Packer, ... Miss Kimber ... Mr Cassidy, wife, 2 children and ... Fernandez, Francis Andrews, Wm ... and son, Margarita Valdez Pena, Capt Everett Rowe, Mrs Rose Jones, Mr Ellis, engineer, ... Cassidy, Christ an Walther, John Jose Lanz, Victor Thorndike.

GRANT IMPROVING IN HIS GRAMMAR.—The New York *Herald* says:

It is pleasant to see that the President has so far taken to heart our lessons on the proper nature and styles of the United States as only to make one slip in his whole of rather an extended message. "The United States *has* just cause of complaint," he says in one place; but this is where he forgets the Alabama claims, and something must be conceded to the hopeless newsbrewer of the administration upon the subject. Otherwise he uses the constitutional style with fine effect; as, "the true interests of the United States forbade that we interfere in European questions;" the United States *have* proposed to Spain;" "the United States *are* ready to make any reasonable arrangement as to the police of the St. Lawrence;" "the United States *should* not loan *their* credit;" "the obligations of persons residing within *their* territory to observe the laws," and so on, and so on—all of which leads to hopes. The sworn champion of the Constitution of the United States has evidently been reading that document, and—who knows!—has gained more than one idea of value from that particular portion which says that beyond his salary the President shall not receive "any other emolument from the United States, or *any of them*." He has gotten his grammar right; now let him eschew gifts.

Minister Motley says Grant is "the creature of accident." Very true, and never did creature have greater cause to be ashamed of the creature.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

The Libermann Concert.—The complimentary concert, devised to enable Miss Albertine Libermann to complete her musical education under the best European masters, will be given to-night, at the Deutsche Company Hall, at the corner of Bienville street and Exchange Alley. Several of best artistes have generously tendered their services, and the concert will be one well worthy of patronage.

The French Bazaar.—Last night a visit to the Bazaar was surely more enjoyable than on the opening night, as everything had become properly settled in its place, and the hurry, bustle and confusion of the beginning had settled down into a pleasurable enjoyment of the numerous attractions of the place. The attendance was excellent, and shows signs of increased interest, which we hope will not flag.

Among the numerous prizes to be won in the grand lottery, are two well worth mention. Two of our well known artists, Gonin and Bernard, each donated a canvas, which, immediately after the sale of the tickets drawing those numbers are entitled to have his or her portrait painted on the canvas, drawn by the donating artist.

Two other numbers entitle the drawer of each to a fashionable suit of clothes of the finest material, and from the hands of two of our best and most fashionable tailors.

At a punch table in the rotunda, presided over by Misses Esther and Sidonia Levy, is to be found a complete firemen's hat of solid silver, and richly chased, which the various fire companies of the city are to contend for. Knowing as we do the spirit with which our gallant firemen enter upon all contests which have for their object a display of their great heartedness and generous sympathy with all others, we are sure that the struggle for this magnificent hat will be a lively one.

The restaurant under the direction of Col. Denechaud, and under the tasteful supervision of Mesdames Harper, Delery, Legardeur and Ducatel and their hosts of fair assistants, done a thriving business last night, and the many dainties showed not only their supreme satisfaction but expressed their delight with the exquisite manner in which the delicious viands had been served.

The tableaux last night were a decided success, the large parlor being literally crowded, and the entertainment will be varied by substituting a Grand Concert for the Tableaux. The programme will be found in our notice to-day, and offers in itself more than sufficient inducement for a visit to the Bazaar. The popular music will be by Gilmore's band.

We were glad to notice last night the presence of hundreds of strangers in our city, all of whom expressed themselves delighted with the evidences of praiseworthy object, its excellent managements and brilliant display. The Bazaar has, from the moment of the opening of its doors to the public, established its claims as a fashionable resort, and without last night, and the many generous donations which produced it, or the pleasing means offered whereby to while away a leisure hour the gathering of beauty and fashion bids fair to attract all who wish to see the Crescent City at its glory.

Sons of Louisiana.—We are indebted to the managers for a polite invitation to attend the grand mask and fancy dress ball, to be given by the Benevolent Association of the Sons of Louisiana, for the benefit of the tomb fund, at Stonewall Jackson's Hall, Elysian Fields street, on Saturday evening, Dec. 17.

Eighth District Court.—P. C. Mahon vs. Indian Bend.—This case in which it is sought by plaintiff to recover possession of the State, warrants of several thousand dollars value, which have been sent to the late absconding Auditor Wickliffe to be used in his impeachment trial, and which he has refused paying over, was up yesterday morning upon an exception. The counsel of plaintiff prayed to have the warrants, which had been handed by the State Treasurer, brought before the court; the counsel for Frizzell, interposed, objecting.

After argument upon both sides, the Judge ruled that the warrants should be filed in court, in order that all parties could examine them, which was done.

Our readers will remember that, a short time since, a suit was entered in the Eighth District Court against the Mobile & New Orleans and Chattanooga Railroad, in which an injunction was asked for to restrain the company from blocking up, with their new track, Bienville street. Under direction of the counsel of the petitioners allege is a *bona publicum*.

Judge Dibble, for certain reasons given, refused the injunction prayed for.

Today the plaintiff, through counsel, has filed a supplemental and amended petition, in which he sets up especially that the acts of the Legislature passed in 1867 and '70, by virtue of which certain alleged exclusive rights of way are awarded to the company, are unconstitutional, null and void. He claims that these acts are in violation of article 45 of the Constitution of the United States, and the first section of the Fourteenth Amendment to said Constitution, and that they are in violation of section 26, article 6, of the Constitution of Louisiana of 1868, article 166 of the Constitution of 1845, and article 110 of the Constitution of 1852.

U. S. Circuit Court.—In this court U. S. District Attorney Beckwith, a few days ago, called up the case of Perry Fuller, ex-collector of revenue of New Orleans, who is under indictment in nineteen cases for fraudulent entries of sugar and coffee during his term of office. The amount of sugar and coffee fraudulently entered is alleged to be about $1,000,000.

On motion of Mr. Beckwith, an alias capias was ordered by Judge Durell.

Swindling.—A well-known Carondelet street broker was arrested yesterday on the serious charge of having obtained $6,500 by false pretenses. He gave bonds for his appearance to answer to the charge, and as it is claimed that there is a possibility of an explanation, names are withheld for the present.

Coincident and Suspicious.—The police of the First Precinct have been kept busy for the past week arresting new comers who, after a term of intoxication, as earned in their coarse manners, do not pass current with our authorities. Some half dozen of the "confidence" and "dangerous and suspicious" kidney are in durance vile at present.

First District Court.—Gus Bradley, an Algiers negro, was yesterday convicted of an attempt at rape. A new trial was granted.

A negro, named Johnson, charged with stealing from the mail carrier Silvester, demanded a colored jury. He got the colored jury and got convicted too.

The trial of Donnelly for the murder of Denis Gallaghan, on Bell st. Andrew street, in September last, was commenced yesterday.

Dangerous Tall.—About half-past two o'clock, yesterday afternoon, a youth named Henry Mortenhoge, aged 16 years, accidentally fell from a two-story building, at the corner of Jackson and Tchoupitoulas streets, where he was at work as a plasterer. He was seriously but not dangerously injured, no bones being broken. He was attended to by Dr. Dowler, and then conveyed home.

Run Over.—The horses attached to one of the wagons of the Southern Express became frightened, yesterday morning, at the Clay statue, and threw the driver, John O'Rourke, from his seat, run over him, injuring him severely.

Accidental Shooting.—About five o'clock, yesterday afternoon, Officer Policeman Frank Johnson, of the Third Precinct, was cleaning a pistol, in the yard of his residence, on Esplanade street, between Chartres and Royal, he accidentally shot a boy named Michael Clifford, four years of age, in the abdomen. Dr. Nagle pronounced the boy in danger, and Johnson was arrested.

Robbery.—Alfred Thomas was arrested yesterday on Baronne street, charged by Mrs Cecilia Aucoin with stealing pistols, cutlery, etc., to the amount of $200. Thomas, who is a porter, was locked up in the Central Station.

Passengers per steamship Victor, Gates, commander, from New York:

Louis Frank cmp, Johnson, M Peterson J Hathaway, Andrew Anderson, Wm Hathaway, C Sample, C Peters, S Mason, Hess Brothers, Chas Chaisson, Jas Hunt, Jas Campbell, J Kelly, Frank Thompson, Jos Welsh, and 12 on the steerage.

Louisiana Intelligence.

INDIA PARISH.—The *Sugar Bowl*, of Iberia, contains the following report:

We last week mentioned that Mr. Alex. Broussard had made a crop of forty hogsheads of sugar from twenty acres of cane, but since then we have visited the plantation, and learned some additional particulars. The crop was made by six hands, four of whom were white men, including Mr. Broussard himself, one of his sons, and Messrs. Joseph and Charles Laurence. Besides forty hogsheads of sugar, they made six bales of cotton, a large quantity of corn enough for three plantations, Mr. Broussard says, 1200 pieces, and cut wood for making the sugar, as well as cutting two hogsheads for Mr. Alcide Gonsoulin. The finishing touch to the crop, and paying all expenses of making it, Mr. Broussard had twenty-seven hogsheads of sugar left.

We were conducted through the field by one of his sons, who informed us that ten arpents of third year stubble-cane had made twenty-one hogsheads of sugar, and shown eighteen rows of stubble, 240 feet in length, from which plant cane had been cut in which quantity that *three hogsheads of sugar* had been made from it, and the usual quantity of molasses. This is the most remarkable yield we ever heard of, the ground measuring but a little over one-half acre; but the truthfulness of the statement is vouched for by the workmen who helped cut the cane and manufacture the sugar. The soil is a light yellow loam, and it is the first crop ever planted upon the ground, forty years ago, was covered with timber. We measured the land to gratify our curiosity.

LAFOURCHE PARISH.—The Thibodaux *Sentinel* says:

The sugar-house on Mrs. Ellis' Plantation, on Bayou Terrebonne, was burnt on last Wednesday night. We have no particulars of this disaster.

On the night of November 30th, Mr. Ed. Pugh, of Assumption, died after an illness of but a few days.

BY TELEGRAPH.

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THE FRANCO-PRUSSIAN WAR.

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Congressional Proceedings.

McCreery's Eulogy on Gen. Lee.

Miscellaneous.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

Bordeaux, Dec. 11.—Gambetta has gone to Bourges. He announces General Chanzy as making vigorous defense.

Advices from Paris represent that food will last until February.

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London, Dec. 11.—Steamer Berlin, from Baltimore, has arrived at Great Grimsby, where she lies waiting a safe opportunity to proceed.

London, Dec. 11.—Total deaths from the Birmingham explosion, 58.

An affray occurred before St. Peter's, Rome, in which clubs and knives were used, but no fire arms. Serious consequences are threatened. People dispersed by Italian soldiers.

Arms destined for France were seized in Belgium.

The French made a violent attack at Meung, but were repulsed.

Reports from the secret Prussian army corps, which is pursuing the French, say progress obstructed by abandoned stores blocking the roads.

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Mr. Edmunds, of Vermont, hoped the leave would not be granted. The proposition to dig up the bones of our dead soldiers in order that some property might be given back to its rebel owners, was to his mind perfectly monstrous. While entertaining the highest respect for his friend, Mr. McCreery, he hoped the Senate would never entertain the proposition.

Mr. McCreery then occupied twenty minutes in support of his resolution, and eulogizing Gen. Lee.

Mr. Creery—Mr. President, presuming that the justice and courtesy of the gentlemen who compose this Senate, will accord fifteen or twenty minutes to me, I shall proceed to submit the remarks which I had intended to make presently.

The mournful intelligence of the death of General Lee reached us at our houses in vacation. The melancholy tidings of the death of General Thomas and the accents of sorrow in which his sorrowing friends uttered forth the bitter grief at his irreparable loss were still fresh in our recollection when we learned that yet another of the great actors in the drama, through which we have passed, had breathed his last; these great men were natives of Virginia, they were born almost the same time, and when one of them had finished his career a very brief period was allotted to the other, the God of Battles stamped the brow of each with the seal of command, and he had endowed them with faculties worthy of command. On the march and in the battle they had stood shoulder to shoulder in toil and common danger had probably endeared them to each other, for they appear to have been superior to the petty rivalries which embitter the existence of inferior mortals. But, when the South raised her standard and called upon her sons to rally in its defense, each man had to settle the momentous question for himself. The dignity and the strength of their understandings enabled them to survey the prospect, to realise all its terrible consequences. In their reflection they may have been perplexed by doubts and almost overwhelmed with anxieties, but their honest conclusions compelled their separation. Thomas resolved to follow the starry emblem of the Union, while Lee resolved to stand or fall by the State that had given him birth —with his kith and kin of the South. From the concurrent testimony of his most intimate acquaintances we are led to believe that Gen. Lee enjoyed a singular exemption from the faults and the follies of other men. He was a stranger and an enemy to extravagance, to dissipation and to vice. The vanity and flattery which usually attends success could not seduce him from propriety, while his inflexible virtue could defy defeat.

But his faults and his follies, whatever they were,

Be their memories dispersed like the winds of the air!

Gen. Lee was an American citizen, and the American people will never relinquish the property which they hold in the name and fame of the great Virginian. His modesty and solidity, his spotless integrity, his love of truth and his valor will be held up for the admiration and imitation of mankind as long as those exalted qualities shall have a friend upon earth.

Parties and partisans should never fail to recognise the fact that in the ranks of the opposite hosts may beat as good and pure of their own heresy in religious faith and treason in political action, have been the cries whenever men were to be led by the million to the slaughter.

Brilliant as had been the career of Gen. Lee, the closing scene of his life added renewed lustre to his fame. Lexington is situated in a valley of surpassing coolness, the mountains rising on either side like huge walls, inclosing a beautiful garden, here stood an institution of learning which bore an illustrious name, endowed by him by ancestral associations as well as by family connection; but what was a college without a student, in a country where the ravages of war laid waste all means of subsistence. The Trustees most wisely tendered the position of President to Gen. Lee, and he accepted it, actuated by the pride of Virginia. The son of "Light Horse Harry," penniless as a beggar, has completed a work which will endure to Washington's name as a shaft or an obelisk, whose cold exterior forbids the touch and repels the glance of the beholder. But it is a monument which will live in the hearts of hope, radiant with intelligence, the home of the arts and the sciences, of music and of poetry, will stand an altar dedicated to religion and to God.

General Lee was taken suddenly and violently ill. The paroxysm, however, was of short duration, and a gleam of hope relieved the apprehensions of his family and friends. But the disease instead of being subdued, was only gathering strength for a final blow. It soon became apparent to all that his hour was come. He alone was unmoved by the information, he was indifferent to the issue of life or death, he had no expectations and no desires upon this world. Here was perfect resignation. He had been a faithful soldier of the Cross, and if the order had been issued from Head Quarters he was ready to march over the border. The lamp of life burned low and dim, the scenes of earth were receding, and the dark precision of the present, the shadowy past rose before his vision, and his very latest utterance expressed a wish to cross the river and "Send for A. P. Hill." Hill, under the same circumstances Jackson had said "Send for A. P. Hill to the front." The battle ceased, the fight had finished, Napoleon, and so it may have been with Lee and Jackson.

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Mr. Creery—Mr. President, presuming that the justice and courtesy of the gentlemen who compose this Senate, will accord fifteen or twenty minutes to me, I shall proceed to submit the remarks which I had intended to make presently.

The mournful intelligence of the death of General Lee reached us at our houses in vacation. The melancholy tidings of the death of General Thomas and the accents of sorrow in which his sorrowing friends uttered forth the bitter grief at his irreparable loss were still fresh in our recollection when we learned that yet another of the great actors in the drama, through which we have passed, had breathed his last; these great men were natives of Virginia, they were born almost the same time, and when one of them had finished his career a very brief period was allotted to the other, the God of Battles stamped the brow of each with the seal of command, and he had endowed them with faculties worthy of command. On the march and in the battle they had stood shoulder to shoulder in toil and common danger had probably endeared them to each other, for they appear to have been superior to the petty rivalries which embitter the existence of inferior mortals. But, when the South raised her standard and called upon her sons to rally in its defense, each man had to settle the momentous question for himself. The dignity and the strength of their understandings enabled them to survey the prospect, to realise all its terrible consequences. In their reflection they may have been perplexed by doubts and almost overwhelmed with anxieties, but their honest conclusions compelled their separation. Thomas resolved to follow the starry emblem of the Union, while Lee resolved to stand or fall by the State that had given him birth —with his kith and kin of the South.

From the concurrent testimony of his most intimate acquaintances we are led to believe that Gen. Lee enjoyed a singular exemption from the faults and the follies of other men. He was a stranger and an enemy to extravagance, to dissipation and to vice. The vanity and flattery which usually attends success could not seduce him from propriety, while his inflexible virtue could defy defeat.

But his faults and his follies, whatever they were,

Be their memories dispersed like the winds of the air!

Gen. Lee was an American citizen, and the American people will never relinquish the property which they hold in the name and fame of the great Virginian. His modesty and solidity, his spotless integrity, his love of truth and his valor will be held up for the admiration and imitation of mankind as long as those exalted qualities shall have a friend upon earth.

Parties and partisans should never fail to recognise the fact that in the ranks of the opposite hosts may beat as good and pure of their own heresy in religious faith and treason in political action, have been the cries whenever men were to be led by the million to the slaughter.

Brilliant as had been the career of Gen. Lee, the closing scene of his life added renewed lustre to his fame. Lexington is situated in a valley of surpassing coolness, the mountains rising on either side like huge walls, inclosing a beautiful garden, here stood an institution of learning which bore an illustrious name, endowed by him by ancestral associations as well as by family connection; but what was a college without a student, in a country where the ravages of war laid waste all means of subsistence. The Trustees most wisely tendered the position of President to Gen. Lee, and he accepted it, actuated by the pride of Virginia. The son of "Light Horse Harry," penniless as a beggar, has completed a work which will endure to Washington's name as a shaft or an obelisk, whose cold exterior forbids the touch and repels the glance of the beholder. But it is a monument which will live in the hearts of hope, radiant with intelligence, the home of the arts and the sciences, of music and of poetry, will stand an altar dedicated to religion and to God.

General Lee was taken suddenly and violently ill. The paroxysm, however, was of short duration, and a gleam of hope relieved the apprehensions of his family and friends. But the disease instead of being subdued, was only gathering strength for a final blow. It soon became apparent to all that his hour was come. He alone was unmoved by the information, he was indifferent to the issue of life or death, he had no expectations and no desires upon this world. Here was perfect resignation. He had been a faithful soldier of the Cross, and if the order had been issued from Head Quarters he was ready to march over the border. The lamp of life burned low and dim, the scenes of earth were receding, and the dark precision of the present, the shadowy past rose before his vision, and his very latest utterance expressed a wish to cross the river and "Send for A. P. Hill to the front." Hill, under the same circumstances Jackson had said "Send for A. P. Hill to the front." The battle ceased, the fight had finished, Napoleon, and so it may have been with Lee and Jackson.

Wood engravings from photographs at Meung, the 9th, that the Duke of Mecklenburg had three days fighting with the 16th and 17th French corps. The fighting commenced in the 7th, near Meung. The French fought with wonderful obstinacy. The German loss was very great, but the French loss much greater. The French are now retreating toward Vierzon, pursued by Prince William of Mecklenburg. More fighting is expected to-day.

Mackleau reports: On the 10th the centre of Frederick Charles' Army at Orleans left wing at Beaugency, the right resting near Gien. A cavalry division, followed by infantry, proceeded south from Orleans to Vierzon.

Manteuffel is operating to occupy Dieppe, Havre and Rouen.

New York, Dec. 13.—*World's* special:

London, Dec. 11.—The *Morning Post* tells the exact truth of affairs on the Loire, since the Germans have compelled the retreat of the French army, with a view to the speedy meeting and efficiency of the coming congress on the Eastern question.

That an armistice be pressed by neutral powers in order to allow elections of French to the Assembly. Of course no credit or weight to the presence of the French Plenipotentiary in said Congress whatever was made by Bismarck, nor has the suggestion had any result.

Revolutionary party at Rome attempted to commute on the 8th inst., threatening to sack St. Peters and attack the Vatican. It was quelled by Gendarmes, aided by military.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Admiral Boggs relieves Gibson in command of the European fleet. Gibson will be retired.

The President nominated Alfred Pleasanton as Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

The Senate again discussed Porter's nomination, but with no result.

The Hon. C. C. Bowen, member of Congress from South Carolina, was indicted in the District Court to-day for bigamy.

Washington, Dec. 13.—It seems to be the purpose of the Southern members of the House to prevent land grants for railroads until some Southern Pacific Railroad bill is passed.

In the House, to-day, on motion of Sheldon, of Louisiana, the St. Croix and Lake Superior Railroad bill was postponed for the purpose, it is surmised, of forcing an early passage of the Southern bill.

The Republicans held a caucus last night on the amnesty question. It is understood that the Louisiana and Mississippi delegations are opposed to universal amnesty, but the caucus came to no definite conclusion. The caucus meets again to-morrow night. The indications in caucus indicate that the present Congress will not pass a clean amnesty bill.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Gov. Bard writes the President an eight page pamphlet. Bard says: I cannot follow the President into support of the extremists. I could not be known that Dr. Pierpont was to be kept in a state of perpetual bondage, the prey of irresponsible demagogues, associate in misery with South Carolina and Louisiana, whose records Scott and Warmoth, form with Bullock a triumverate of unmitigated political scoundrels, with whom I cannot associate. The latter days of the Roman Empire, and have cursed the States over which they rule with plagues worse than the frogs and lice of Egypt. This is my creed, and truth is eternal.

Washington, Dec. 13.—House.—The franking privilege has been abolished, but the papers are allowed free exchanges, and the circulating of weekly and semi-weekly papers to county seats where they are published. The vote stood 103 to 65. The bill then passed.

The Ways and Means Committee have been directed to inquire into the expediency of taxing manufactured tobacco uniformly 16 cents.

Mr. Bird presented a petition from 3000 New Englanders asking non-intercourse with Canada for the alleged fishing outrages.

Two Virginians were relieved of their political disabilities. House adjourned.

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