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FOUR DAYS LATER FROM EUROPE.

ARRIVAL OF THE CITY OF BALTIMORE.

ADVANCE IN COTTON.

RUMORED SUBMISSION OF PERSIA.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—The British steamship *City of Baltimore* arrived here last night, the 12th, bringing dates to the 29th ult., four days later than those brought by the *Africa*.

COTTON MARKET.

Cotton has advanced from 1-16d. a 1d. The sales for the last two days amount to 15,000 bales.

The market closed steady, with the following quotations: Middling Orleans 7¾d; Middling Mobiles 7 d; Middling Uplands 7¾d.

The Grand Chapter of R. A. Masons and the Grand Council of R. and S. Masters have likewise been in session, and have closed their labors. The officers of the Grand Chapter are as follows:

M. E. Comp. R. F. McGuire, G. H. Priest.
" " J. Q. A. Fellows, Dep. G. H. Priest.
" " Geo. D. Shadburne, G. King.
" " Samuel H. Todd, G. Scribe.
" and Rev. Comp. C. S. Hedges, G. Chaplain.
Henry R. Sweney, G. Treasurer.
Samuel G. Risk, G. Secretary.
F. H. Knapp, G. Capt. of the Host.
Luke Curtis, G. Prin. Sojourner.
A. S. Washburn, Gr. R. A. Capt.
J. Lemaux, G. M. 3d Vail.
R. W. Richardson, G. M. 2d Vail.
H. Regenberg, G. M. 1st Vail.
John Galpen, Gr. Guard.

The officers of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters are:

John H. Holland, Thrice Puissant Grand Master.
S. M. Todd, Dep. Thrice Puissant Grand Master.
S. F. Pennington, G. Three Illustrious G. Master.
J. Q. A. Fellows, G. P. C. of W.
H. R. Sweney, Gr. Treasurer.
S. G. Risk, Gr. Recorder.
M. A. Calongne, Gr. Capt. of the Guards.
Alfred Shaw, Gr. Steward.
Joseph Chellet, Gr. Sentinel.

CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—*Senate.*—On motion by Mr. Wilson, a resolution was adopted directing the Committee on Commerce to consider the expediency of authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to expend such sums as he may deem necessary, not exceeding fifty thousand dollars, for the further exploration of the La Plata river and its tributaries. After the usual morning business, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of private bills, when, after awhile, on motion by Mr. Collamer, the bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading. Mr. Collamer remarked that it was intended that a large fire was to take place in the city, and as the Senate was then, he would move an adjournment. The motion was accordingly carried, and accordingly the Senate adjourned.

House of Representatives.—The whole of this day's session was devoted to the private calendar. Nine private bills were disposed of.

NICARAGUA.

We find the following in the New York *Times*, of the 6th inst.:

Mr. E. N. Saligny leaves in the steamer of the 7th for Nicaragua, where he will remain for a few months, and then return to France. Mr. Saligny has been appointed Minister Resident to Nicaragua, and has been received there from time. Walker, to the 12th of that month, at which date he had been only seven days later than previous advices.

He states that the report, which reached here some days since, of Walker's flight from New Orleans, had originated in a joke. It was in possession of the Costa Ricans, was utterly untrue. He was himself there for some time, and knew. Walker was perfectly quiet at Rivas.

Fifty-one men who had served under Walker, and been discharged in the expedition of their time, had returned their way to Granada, and reported that Walker's position at Rivas had been and startled, and that he had come to Granada to see men much less numerous than he supposed.

Captain Scott was at San Juan, with about one hundred and fifteen men, fortifying the place with their pieces of artillery, for the purpose of recapturing the boats from the Costa Ricans. Four hundred men were expected from New Orleans, and ninety-two from California in the steamer *Nevada*.

A cartel is reported to have been agreed upon between the Commodores and Costa Rica, which in no manner the *private conduct* of the war, and impede the military operations.

ANOTHER FATAL MISTAKE.

The Boston *Times*, gives an account of another fatal mistake in the Fourth Ward, which is the same as that recorded in the Fourth Ward, which is the same as that recorded in this paper a few weeks ago, namely, one in Philadelphia, the other in Baltimore and one in Chelsea:

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. George Wyman, of Chelsea, which event took place yesterday afternoon at Revere, under the most painful circumstances. It appears that during the forenoon she left out of health, and thought she would go and leave a little thinking, went to a recent and get what she supposed to be that medicine. This she took, and was immediately thrown into violent convulsions, which ended in death in the most intense agony for two hours, when death relieved her. It is supposed that she took by mistake a bottle of laudanum, and the way until a post mortem examination of the body can be made. Mrs. Wyman was a daughter of Andrew Hasseltine, Esq., and wife of Mr. George B. Wyman, the lively lumberman which is carried on by the unflagging exertions may be naturally inferred. Fortunately, the fire was confined to the basement, and although the *Union* office was several times on fire through the well-directed exertions of the firemen, with the generous aid of hundreds of our citizens, no serious injury was sustained.

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STEAMER SUNK.

The steamer *Buck*, which left Bassette Point, on the 20th ultimo, struck a log or stump and sunk in a few minutes in 15 feet of water. The boat was loaded with cotton, and had on board 300 bales, which belonged to Messrs. Hopkins and Travis of Vidalia. A greater portion of the cotton was saved, and the balance will be raised. The steamboat *Shreveport Southerner* is now on the ground for that purpose.

FIRE AND SUPPOSED INCENDIARISM.

We take the following from the Baton Rouge *Gazette* of Wednesday:

Fire.—At about 3 o'clock yesterday the kitchen attached to the residence of Mr. Buckley, on Church street, was discovered to be on fire. The firemen, with their appratatus, were promptly on the ground and prevented the spread of the flames. We regret to learn that quite a serious accident occurred to Frederick Tunnard, son of Captain W. F. Tunnard, who engaged in the duty before us. He was struck in the face in checking the fire, by a falling door from the building, receiving a severe bruise, but which, we are glad to hear, is not considered dangerous.

Rather Suspicious.—The wage is manufactory of Mr. Schaller, which was consumed by fire on Sunday night, was insured in our home agencies—three or four months ago for $5,000. We understand the owner of the property prevailed upon two of our worthy citizens to take an inventory of the building and its contents, and they accordingly did so upon their valuation. Yesterday the company was called upon for the insurance, but before paying it they deputed an agent to investigate the loss. Sustained, when in searching about the premises, discovered a quantity of tools, implements, etc., that were missing, and which have been found buried away in an adjoining building. When found, Mr. Schaller, one of the owners, and an officer sent in search of Mr. Schaller to bring him up for an explanation. The officer returned and reported Mr. S. missing, and the suspicions were now confirmed that he was the incendiary who applied the torch to his own house for the sake of the insurance money. Many articles, goods, and effects that escaped the burning are in the hands of magistrate, and the officers are looking after the owner thereof.

DESTRUCTION OF THE NATIONAL THEATRE.

The Washington *Union*, of the 7th, has the following account of this event:

At three o'clock yesterday afternoon a fire broke out in the upper part of the National theatre, and in a few minutes afterwards the whole of this spacious edifice was in flames. The alarm was quickly communicated to all parts of the city, and on the most incredible short space of time, engines, hose, and hook and ladder companies were on the spot, and engaged in the most earnest and daring efforts to extinguish the fire. From the combustible nature of the materials within the building, the fire spread with the greatest rapidity, and soon enveloped the whole of the immense edifice in one mass of flames. The efforts of the firemen were mainly directed to the preservation of the adjoining houses; and when we add that the printing and publication offices of the *Union* were only separated from the burning edifice by a narrow alley, the lively interest which we felt in their unflagging exertions may be naturally inferred. Fortunately, the fire was confined to the theatre and although the *Union* office was several times on fire through the well-directed exertions of the firemen, with the generous aid of hundreds of our citizens, no serious injury was sustained.

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JOHN PHOENIX.

JOHN PHOENIX THE GEORGE WASHINGTON.—From an oration reputed to have been delivered at Fort Vancouver, W. T., on the 4th of July, 1856, by "John Phoenix, *L. S. D.*, Sergeant Major Old Regiment Oregon Territory Light Mules," we extract the following:

"Although, for the time in which he lived, a very distinguished man, the ignorance of Washington is so profound and deeply incredible. He never traveled on a steamboat; never saw a railroad or a locomotive engine; was perfectly ignorant of the principles of the magnetic telegraph; never had a daguerreotype, Colt's pistol, Sharp's rifle, or percussion lock. He ate his meals with an iron fork, never used postage stamps on his letters, and knew nothing of the application of chloroform to alleviate suffering, or of the use of gas for illumination. Such a man as this could hardly be elected President of the United States in these times, although it must be confessed we occasionally have a candidate who proves not much better informed about matters in general."

[COMMUNICATED.] MISS LOGAN—IOH!

Editors of the Bee:

On Thursday night the actress of the age presented, to a crowded and *élite* audience, Talfourd's beautiful poem, "Ion."

In New York, many years since, Miss Ellen Tree produced this classic drama at the Park Theatre, and, by the magic of her genius, invested the creation of Talfourd with a sublimity so rare that even the most critical reader found new charms of poesy to revel in.

The perfectly faultless enunciation and action of that lady, and the matchless melody of her voice, placed *Ion* and "*Ion*" on the highest pedestal of the Muse, and left them there as monuments of wonder and admiration to every heart susceptible to the divine spirit of music. Since the time of Miss Tree many have aspired to "Ion," and all have failed except the child of genius whose name is at the head of this paper. Miss Logan's conception of the character seems to be faultless, while her enunciation and the very tones of her voice so closely resemble those of Miss Tree that in many passages it was only necessary to close the eyes for the greedy ear to bring back to the imagination that divine actress in all her freshness and glory. The pure simplicity and calm resolution with which Miss Logan invested "Ion" was wonderfully effective and true, while the subdued pathos and classic grace of her every action appealed directly to the heart. The fifth act displayed the brightest rays of her genius. Her two scenes with *Phocian*, and her last with Agasver, Medon, Clythes and the Arcives generally, were of surpassing beauty and effect—unequaled, save by the same lady, as he received her first. At last he was restored to a more elysian, without even the flow of ever fleeting relief, but by the advice of a friend, great Ellen, who has passed from the stage forever!

Miss Logan's character and title to the first place in the first class of dramatic literature is further fixed in this city, until the advent of a second Ellen Tree; and then the stage would only be the brighter from the light of two such matchless stars at the same moment.

Want of time prevents "Virginius" at this moment from indulging in an extended eulogium upon either Miss Logan's "Ion," or "Ion" itself, as enacted on Thursday evening, but he cannot close even this brief notice without expressing himself agreeably disappointed with the "Adoption" of Mr. H. Howard. This gentleman, in the character of "Ludovico," a few nights since, justly merited the most unqualified approbation, and on Thursday evening, has shown him to be an actor of much merit, who, if he first places him directly in a position to be dealt with *severely* on the first occasion that he may play by his carelessness or gross neglect.

VIRGINIUS.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

THE THEATRES.—The opera entitled "The Huguenots," which we noticed at the Opera Theatre the evening with the same cast as on last Thursday.

Mr. Crauford and Miss Vincent appear announced for a farewell benefit, and last night appeared at St. Charles Theatre in the comedy, which we have noticed at the drama. The farce of "Lucy Brown" and a local drama, of the kind we notice it. A drama at the St. Charles is a novelty, and we hope to see it well patronized. We regret to learn that Mr. Crauford is about to leave us, and we hope he will meet with success wherever he may go. Mr Martin is also about to leave us.

Mr. Farrington is to have a benefit this evening at the Varieties, and we hope he will have a crowded house. He is a universal favorite, and deserves to be.

THE CHILDREN'S BALL.—The Ball given by the Children of Mr. Thomas Hall, at the Academy of Music, on Thursday evening, was a very pleasant affair. The children, numbering about one hundred, were dressed in their best, and presented a very pretty appearance. The music was excellent, and the supper was all that could be desired. The children enjoyed themselves very much, and we hope to see them have another ball soon.

THE ARCHITRAVE AND MUSEUM.—Very few persons are aware of the existence of this establishment, which is situated on Royal street, between Conti and Bienville, and is a perfect curiosity shop. Here may be found specimens of almost everything, from a Chinese mandarin to a Kanaka war club. The collection is very extensive, and is well worth a visit. It is open every day, and is free to visitors.

CHARITY HOSPITAL.—The following is the report of deaths for the week ending last Saturday, February 14th at noon:

Males	104
Females	74
Total	178

OVERHEATING THE WORKS.—Two fires occurred yesterday morning, which were caused by the workmen having overheated the works. The first was caught on by the premises of Mr. Bruns, No. 17 Bienville street, and the second on the premises of Mr. Bruns, No. 17 Bienville street, and the second on the premises of Mr. Bruns, No. 17 Bienville street, and the second on