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NEW ORLEANS:

THURSDAY MORNING, APRIL 20, 1871.

Amusements This Evening.

OPERA HOUSE—"Le Barbier de Seville."

ST. CHARLES THEATRE—Skiff & Gaylord's Albino Minstrels.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC—Miss Lydia Thompson's Troupe.

THE DRAINAGE ACT.

Mayor Flanders, in his place in the City Council, has pronounced the act requiring the city to accept the services of the Mexican Gulf Canal Company, in excavating canals and constructing levees for the drainage of New Orleans and its protection against overflow, to be "the most infamous of all the infamies perpetrated by the Legislature." Yet his associates in the Council by a two-thirds vote have adopted an ordinance in obedience to the act of the Legislature and giving effect thereto. The vote stood thus: For the ordinance—Messrs. Bonzano, Shaw, Delassize, Remick and Cockrem. Against the ordinance—Messrs. Walton and Lewis. It cannot be doubted that Gov. Warmoth, who is deeply interested in the Canal Company's scheme, brought a heavy pressure to bear upon his creatures in the Council and that their vote was not a free expression of opinion nor a dictate of judgment.

The Council had before them offers to do the same work by parties more responsible than the Mexican Gulf Company, and at a price twenty per cent. less than the latter are allowed. The restrictions imposed upon the Canal Company by the ordinance will not probably prove to be of much consequence to the city, because a company which can obtain such an act from the Legislature of the State, is not likely to pay much attention to the provisions of the city ordinance. In fact, we do not see upon what principle the City Council—a body created by the Legislature—gives legal effect to the will of the latter. It is a new doctrine to us, that a superior should require his acts to be confirmed by his inferior. If the Legislature was competent to authorize this work to be done, to name the parties who were to do it and the price they were to be paid; it was certainly competent to do everything else pertaining to the work.

What was there left for the City Council to do? The latter has adopted, as we have said, an ordinance in obedience to the directions of the Legislature. An act of legislation is supposed to be an expression of the will of those who purport to be its authors. The City Council hold themselves out to the world as legislators when they place the drainage ordinance on the city's statute book, but they are not entitled to the name. They are not the authors of this ordinance. They merely record the will of their masters when they adopt it. It was a law when the Legislature commanded it and the Governor approved it. It is well to understand this matter clearly and to bear in mind hereafter that the sanction of the City Council to this measure is an act of mere surplusage, if the act of the Legislature be constitutional.

The opposition of Messrs. Flanders, Walton and Lewis is doubtless quite sincere and may be commended, but it cannot be denied that they are parties to the enacting of a mere farce. They know very well when they go into a meeting of the Council to act upon any measure which Gov. Warmoth has determined upon, that the whole matter has been pre-arranged and their opposition will be over come. The vote is a mere form. Still we would not discourage those gentlemen in offering all the obstruction they can to this and kindred measures. We believe they have the interest of the tax-payers at heart, but Gov. Warmoth who is the real Mayor of the city, cares very little for them or for the tax payers. It is perfectly immaterial to him what the taxes amount to. He knows the finances of the city cannot bear the expenditure which this drainage scheme involves and yet he perseveres.

Benefit for Relief of French Artists.—The condition of France for the last nine months has very much interfered with the theatrical business there, and thrown many thousands of persons out of employment.

Miss Lydia Thompson, who has already shown deep sympathy with the sufferings of the French people, proposes to take part with her Burlesque Troupe in an entertainment for the benefit of her professional brethren and sisters across the water. The proprietors of the Academy of Music promise their co operation.

We shall hereafter announce the place and time of performance.

Crevasse at Bonnet Carre Point.—On Tuesday night, the levee below Norbert Looque's landing, near Bonnet Carré Point, 35 miles above the city, gave way, and when the Henry Tete passed yesterday, the water was rushing through at a great rate. Unless the crevasse be stopped at once all of St. John Baptist and St. Charles parishes (left bank) will be under water.

Steamer J. T. Moore.—That fine steamer, commanded by Captain W. T. Beardman, has made the trip out from New Orleans to Shreveport in two days and seventeen hours, beating the time of the Red Cloud, which was then the best on record. The J. T. Moore arrived at Shreveport on the 18th, at 12 M., and left yesterday at 10 o'clock P. M., to return to New Orleans with two thousand bales of cotton. She will take her departure from our port positively on Saturday, 22d inst.

FROM EUROPE.

(Special Dispatch to the St. Louis Republican.

Important Dispatches.

New York, April 18.—*La Capitale*, the Republican journal of Rome, prints in its issue of March 26th, the following remarkable statement: Saturday last, 25th, Prefect Bocks received a courier from France, bearing two dispatches, one from Col. Charette, the other from Thiers. Charette stated in his, that he had come to an understanding with Napoleon regarding the

Restoration of the Temporal Power

Of the Pope. Napoleon confessed that the French right had led him into error; that he was ready to give all the papers he held compromising certain ecclesiastics valid for their guilty intrigues; the only condition of the Papal restoration to be this: That Pius IX. should embrace liberal views with respect to the temporal power. Charette promises to lead

Fifty Thousand men to Paris

To restore the Napoleonic government. He wants the Jesuits to open asylums throughout Italy in which zouaves and other volunteers of the Catholic crusade may be sheltered so as to be ready at a given time to burst out at once all over the peninsular.

Napoleon to be Restrained.

"Rest assured," concludes Charette, that within three months time Napoleon the Second will be in the Tuileries." The Charette, in this Thiers is addressed to entirely in him, and that in exchange for this good office for the restoration he would be permitted to make the attempt to re-establish the temporal power of the Pope.

Election of Jerome Padoux

Was at once held. A reply was prepared for the courier and he left the next day. The Capitole adds this is in accordance with the letter of Napoleon, written to win the hearts of his soldiers. It is also known that Charette is collecting troops for an attack on Rome.

Thiers Trusted Bonapartists.

It will surprise nobody to hear that Thiers has trusted Bonapartist.

Death of Prince Frederick Charles.

London, April 18.—Prince Frederick Charles, or may leave his post, as Commander of the German forces in France, to return to Hanogan and Berlin.

Soldiers of the Army.

By the 1st of April the Government will have placed in the hands of the Governors of the States and Territories the commissions of officers of the Army, which will be issued to the soldiers who have served honorably during the war. The Governors will have to report to the War Department the names of those to whom commissions are issued, and the number of commissions issued to each State and Territory, by the 1st of May or June.

Gen. R. E. Lee, writing under date of January 19, 1867, says: "Whatever may be the result of the present struggle, I am fully convinced that the South will be benefited in the end." Gen. Lee's favorite is in my family. For sale at 8. Hedrick, 118 and 120 Canal street, New Orleans. feb25 1m eow

BY THLEGRAPH.

(To the New Orleans Bee.)

FOREIGN NEWS.

Particulars of the Fight at Neuilly.

The Roads Filled with Fugitives from Paris.

Provisions Still Arriving in Paris.

Nearly Every Church Pillaged.

Programme of the People of Paris.

Official Negotiations Pending.

Defensive Operations of the Insurgents.

HOME NEWS.

Congressional Proceedings.

Gov. Scott on the Condition of South Carolina.

Miscellaneous Matters.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

Paris, April 19.—The programme which appears to meet with general approval among the people of Paris provides for the maintenance of the Republic; guaranteeing communal rights to Paris and other cities and a dissolution of the Assembly, and the election of a National Communal Representative Assembly instead of the formation of *ad interim* governments for Paris and the provinces; declaration of amnesty for all offences against the government and the signing of an armistice.

The Versailles journals receive at Neuilly, but claim victories at D'Issy and Clamecart.

Gen. Okelow succeeds Gen. Dombrowski's brother, who was wounded at Asniers.

London, April 19.—A dispatch from Asniers, via Versailles, says the weather is raining, and operations to-day will be impossible, but adds the insurrection is falling to pieces.

London, April 19.—Dispatches from Versailles give some particulars regarding the fight yesterday at Neuilly. The incessant fighting around Neuilly, which lasted throughout Sunday, Sunday night and all day Monday was followed by an ominous calm Monday night, which was broken shortly after daylight Tuesday morning by the insurgent fire.

The conflict raged all day, with little advantage being gained by either side, every inch of ground being obstinately contested, and both sides fighting with the most determined vigor.

Houses on the line of various parts of the town, and the inhabitants had all sought shelter in the cellars, when many of them, both women and children, were burned to death.

Towards night the Nationals, from some unknown cause, became panic stricken and fled precipitately from the field, leaving many dead and wounded lying thick in the road. The Government forces did not follow the Nationals.

The wildest excitement prevails in Paris, and the inhabitants are leaving by thousands.

All the churches are closed, but the war of the sacred edifices still continues, and the priests are daily being expelled and imprisoned. Almost every church in the city has been pillaged.

The road to St. Denis is choked with fugitives from Paris. Provisions are more plentiful. The northern and eastern railroads are still bringing in provisions.

"*Brussels*, April 18.—It has been ascertained that the Peace Conference concedes nothing to France.

FROM NEW YORK.

New York, April 19.—*Tribune's* cable special:

Paris, April 19.—The Communs journals recommend that the Imperial mummy be removed from the Invalides.

Rochefort says, on trustworthy information, that some official negotiations are proceeding.

The Commune says arrangements are being made to provision Paris by the Northern and Eastern Railway.

A special dispatch dated Tuesday evening says: The insurgents met with a severe defeat yesterday.

Large defensive works have been completed at Asnieres within the last few days, and the Communne Generale believe their positions safe from attack. Even with the bridge over the Seine a strong barricade has been erected, fifteen yards from the railway stations, and is manned with twenty mitrailleuses. Another earth work was thrown up last night to cover an attack from the Charlesbourg road.

The Colombes road was protected by a barricade of paving stones covered with earth, two yards wide and 600 yards long, and connected with the principal insurgent posts.

Seven armor plated locomotives armed with American mitrailleuses were ready along the railway to defend the National Guard.

New York, April 19. — *Tribune's* cable special:

Paris, April 19. — The cannonade has slackened, owing to weather. The fighting was not serious enough to continue during rain, which was incessant for the past few days. There has been much moving of troops, with small result on either side.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Washington, April 19.—The House non-concurred in the conference report on the Ku-Klux bill. A new conference has been appointed.

The Senate adopted the new conference report on the Deficiency Appropriation bill.

Both Houses are in session to-night with the understanding that they adjourn finally.

In the confusion it is impossible to obtain the exact features of either the Ku-Klux or Deficiency bills.

President Grant goes to St. Louis for a week.

The deficiency appropriation conference reduces the appropriation to the Sisters of Mercy, Charleston, to $13,000, and strikes out the clause appropriating an attorney to represent the government before the Southern Claims Commission, and strikes out the clause increasing the compensation of Comme Missioner.

Mr. Sherman's amendment is the chief point of contention between the two Houses on the Ku-Klux bill. Thirty Republicans voted with the Democrats, defeating the conference Ku-Klux report. There were 50 absentees.

The House adopted the conference report on the deficiency appropriations.

The session now only hangs on the Ku-Klux bill.

It is understood the Senate will recede from Mr. Sherman's amendment.

Washington, April 19.—The House has taken a recess until the action of the Senate on the Ku-Klux bill, unless certain sign. Congress will adjourn some time to-night.

LATER.—Both Houses have taken a recess to wait for the conference report on the Ku-Klux bill.

The Democratic Caucus has not definitely agreed upon a line of action in regarding Banks's proviso regarding Presidential pardons.

Washington, April 19.—The following are confirmations of nominations by the Senate, as General of Marines: Quartermaster Alexander Murray, as Assistant Quartermaster General; Paymaster Charles Gibbons, with rank of Commodore; Frazier, Chaplain, with rank of Lieutenant; Maddison, Gunner; Hall, as Master, &c.

Washington, April 19.—Final attempt to confirm Mr. E. F. Beale as Minister to Austria failed to-day by a decided majority.

WEATHER REPORT.

Washington, April 20.—Synopsis for the past twenty-four hours: The storm centre which was yesterday over Kansas, has moved northeastward to Lake Superior, and is now attended by brisk to high winds from the Mississippi valley to the Atlantic coast. Rain has fallen during the past twenty-four hours in the Mississippi valley, Tennessee, Ohio valley, Lower Lake region, Middle Atlantic States and New England. Brisk to high winds have prevailed on the Atlantic coast, and on the Lower Lakes. Cautionary signals have been displayed from Cape Hatteras to Eastport. Clearing weather has set in from the Mississippi valley eastward to the Atlantic coast, and the storm is probably over. Probabilities: Clearing weather, with brisk to high winds from the northwest, will prevail on the Atlantic coast to-night and to-morrow morning. Cautionary signals will be displayed from Cape Hatteras to Eastport. Clearing weather will prevail in the Mississippi valley to-night and to-morrow, with brisk to high winds from the northwest. Clearing weather will prevail on the Lower Lakes to-night and to-morrow, with brisk to high winds from the northwest. Cautionary signals will be displayed on the Lower Lakes to-night.

Washington, April 20.—Probabilities—It is probable that the storm will move northeastward, and that the winds on the lower lakes will veer to the northwest, and on the Atlantic coast to the northeast. Cautionary signals will be displayed on the Atlantic coast from Cape Hatteras to Eastport.

AMUSEMENTS.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—The Academy was thronged again last night, when "Lurline" was rendered by the Lydia Thompson troupe. We repeat, their burlesque performances surpass anything of the kind hitherto seen on the New Orleans boards. "Lurline" will be performed again to-night.

ST. CHARLES THEATRE.—The Skiff and Gaylord Company of "Albino Minstrels" are the attraction at the St. Charles, and their entertainments are equal to anything in the ethiopian line that has been yet presented. The dissolving panoramic views, at the close of the entertainment, which include scenes in the Franco-Prussian war, are themselves well worth a visit.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

Heavy Damages Claimed.—William McKenna has sued Charles Morgan, as owner of the steamship L. C. Harris, for $10,000 damages. He avers that owing to the carelessness and unskillfulness of Charles Smith, first officer of the ship, on which plaintiff was employed as seaman, his left hand was crushed and mutilated in putting on the iron covering of the capstain, and that the mutilation will incapacitate him hereafter from working on board a ship, which is the calling that he has been trained for.

Damages Against a Railroad Company.—A suit instituted in the Seventh District Court for the recovery of $6000 damages from the City Railroad Company, for Martin Haley, has resulted in the jury who tried the case giving a verdict against the company for $600. A car belonging to the company struck Haley's cart, by which he was standing, and a shaft of his cart striking him; his chest was contused and one of his ribs was wrenched from its cartilage.

Queer Doings by Policemen.—Upon the complaint of Gaston Francisco, porter of the Second District Recorder's Court, a warrant has been issued by Recorder Stacs for the arrest of two mounted policemen, the name of one of whom, Cartwright, is known to Francisco. He alleged that they assailed him at the City Park, lassoed him, and forced him to follow them, at a sharp pace, all the way from the park to the police station, opposite the City Hall, from which he was discharged on parole, as soon as Recorder Houghton became acquainted with the circumstances of the case.

Coroner's Inquest.—Coroner Jackson yesterday held an inquest over the body of an unknown man, found in the river at the head of Pauline street, and a verdict of "found drowned" was returned. The remains were identified before burial, but parties in search of a missing friend were seeking to have the body disinterred. The body was greatly decomposed, and appeared to have been in the water about two months. Deceased was about 35 years of age, 5 feet high, of a light complexion, and wore a check shirt, flannel drawers, dark jean pants, and boots.

High Spin in the World.—The attention of wayfarers was attracted yesterday to a man working at the topmost part of the spire of the Presbyterian Church at Lafayette Square. He was working at the giddy elevation to which he had climbed, as composedly as though he were but a few feet above the earth.

Dismissed.—Officers Dispert and Capoze accused by a young man named P. O'Shaughnessy, from the West, with committing highway robbery upon him, in front of the beer saloon, at the corner of Conti and Chartres streets, were yesterday discharged by Recorder Stacs, O'Shaughnessy failing to appear. The officers said that they arrested him on suspicion that he was a thief, because in the beer saloon they heard him boasting of the days of thieves, and that because of his arrest he charged them with robbery. A curious case from beginning to end.

First District Court.—Wm. F. Freed, a clerk in the St. Charles Hotel, accused of embezzling the sum of $900, the property of Messrs. Foley & Rivers, lessees of the hotel, was tried by the jury yesterday all day and the plea was recorded and the prisoner remanded for sentence.

John Middleton, charged with burglary and larceny at the residence of Clemency Brown, from whom some silver ware and other articles were stolen, was found guilty of larceny.

Charles Warren, alias Stewart, was convicted of stealing the sum of $17 50 from the pocket of Mrs. Freeman, in the Baronne street cars. He had been previously convicted of a similar offense, and had just completed his sentence when he was detected in the case of Mrs. Freeman.

FRANCE.

Impudent Proclamation of the Paris Rioters—Their Excuses for Bloodshed—Contempt for the Government of the French People.

The *Cri du Peuple*, of the 25th March, publishes the following proclamation:

"Citizens—The cause of our divisions rests upon a misinterpretation. Acting as loyal adversaries should do, we wish to clear this up; and we will first state our position and our intent. The Government, as at present composed, is an object of suspicion to the Democrats. We have accepted it, reserving to ourselves the right of preventing their betrayal of the Republic after they had betrayed Paris. We have made a revolution. It was a sacred duty. We will prove it. What did we ask? The preservation of the Republic as being the only government possible, and that cannot be discussed; the right of Paris to have a municipal council; the suppression of the Prefecture of Police, demanded also by M. de Keratry; the suppression of the permanent army and the right of your National Guard alone to maintain order; our right to elect all our chiefs; the organization of the National Guard on a certain basis that will afford guarantees to the people. What was the reply to these legitimate demands? The government established the state of siege; established a bad council; appointed as chief and General Vinoy commander-in-chief, and General Vinoy commenced his command with a threatening address. Moreover, the government interfered with public liberty, suppressed six newspapers, organized in the patriot committee of the National Guard a general disliked by the people and whose mission it was to place it under iron discipline and to reorganize it on the old anti-democratic basis. At the prefecture we had a 'gendarme' in the person of General Valentin, an ex-colonel of gendarmerie. The Assembly did not fear offending Paris—Paris that had just her heroism. We wished to preserve until our reorganization the cannon paid for by us, which we had kept away from the Prussians. The Assembly tried to seize them from us in the night attack; and when its supporters had arms in their hands they would greet us as nothing. But it was necessary that we should obtain our rights, and we rose pacifically, but in a body. To-day we are told that the Assembly is in a state of fear, wishes to allow us to hold, at some time not fixed, communal elections, as well as the right of electing our chiefs, and that we have, therefore, no longer any pretenses for our resistance. The plea is bad. We have been deceived too often not to fear that we shall be again deluded; not to fear lest the left hand should retake what the right hand has given; lest the people should once more be put on one side, and deception and treason again be victorious. Is what the Government has already done! Through M. Jules Favre the Assembly has just made the most treacherous call for civil war, to have Paris destroyed by the provinces, and he culminates as most unwarrantably.

Citizens, our cause is just; our cause is yours. Therefore join us to see it triumphant. Take heed of a few paid men who are seeking to create division in our ranks; and, lastly, should you hold different opinions, come to the poll and protest by your blank tickets, as is the duty of all good citizens. To abstain from voting is not proving that you are in the right, but is simply making a shirt with your consciences, and assuming as votes of abstention those of citizens who are indifferent, or without any political faith. Honest men repudiate such compromises.

Before the elections are held, after which we shall retire, we have closed to make this appeal to reason and truth.

THE CENTRAL COMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL GUARD.

Hotel de Ville, March 24, 1871.

Not a Parallel Case.

On one of the marches of the Army of the Potomac through Virginia, the horse of a well-known chaplain of a New York regiment "played out," and was left at the side of the road. Soon after, the chaplain's dominie espied a fine looking railroad grey horse in a field near the road. It required but a few moments for the preacher to saddle, etc., to his beast, and mounting him, he was riding out on the road, where he met a United States quartermaster, when the following colloquy occurred:

"Where are you going with that horse?"

"Riding, sir! Why? You going to ride him, perhaps? Would like to, eh?"

"Have you found a master to say that you're going to ride him, do you?"

"Certainly not, sir; my own horse has played out, and we are the enemy's property."

"Oh, that's very well, but you ought, as an officer, to consult me to take a horse from the enemy. I think I shall take him myself for a chaplain to be riding a horse if his own has given out."

"Rot, sir!" he said the chaplain, "don't you remember that only a few days since our Saviour commended one of His disciples for meekness and bringing him an ass, that he might ride into Jerusalem?"

"Yes, I know all about that, but this isn't a peaceful mission, sir. You can't do that; you've got going to be a soldier, and that animal don't belong to you, so you can get right down off his back, just as quick as you please."

The argument of the quartermaster was one powerful, and an unconditional surrender of the horse was at once made, the latter person having to be along on foot as that night.

Dr. Strange, convicted of the murder of John Sharkey, in Pennsylvania, is to be executed to-day. Governor Hartranft has refused to interfere, and the prisoner has made his peace with God. He will not be hanged.

MONETARY AND FINANCIAL

Wednesday Evening, April 19, 1871.

We have again to report an unfavorable money market, but no variation in rates. We quote 9@10 for call loans, and 1@1½ per week; 2@3 per month; 3@4 per 60 days; 4@5 per 90 days; 6@8 per 4 months; 8@10 per 6 months. All notes without collateral are considered 1@2 per cent. higher than the above figures. Money has been offered on call to first class borrowers as low as 6 per cent per annum.

The Gold market again showed considerable irregularity, though the fluctuations were not as great as yesterday. At 11 o'clock it was quoted at 111¼@111¾, but an order was received by the Cuba Mail Steamer from New York, quoting 111¾. It appeared to 111¾@111¾, but subsequent offers were 111¾, (against 111¾). The sales included $5000 at 111 ⅛; $5000 at 111 ¼; $5000 at 111 ⅜; $5000 at 111¼; $5000 at 111 ⅜; $5000 at 111 ⅛, and $5000 at 111 ¼; $5000 at 111¼@ 111 ⅜; $5000 at 111 ⅛, and $5000, cash, at 111⅜.

In Silver $5000 in American half dollars changed hands at 97½, and $5000 at 97¾. No quote there at 97@98 108 was offered. Dollars at 91@92 ¾ were proposed for $5000, as an advance of $5,000 of specie has been received from Brazos St. Iago within the past three or four days, making a total of $10,000, of which one-half or $5,000 is silver dollars. A portion of these receipts was offered to-day, but we have not learned any sales.

Sterling Exchange was again quite active, and under the advance in gold the asking rates showed a net improvement of half a cent. Sales of Sterling Exchange were $20,000, including $7000 bill of lading at 9 ⅜@9 ⅜; $2000 bill of lading at 9 ⅜@9 ⅜; $2000, $2000 Al bill of lading and clean at 9 ⅜; $2000 bill of lading and clean at 9 ⅜; $2000 Al clear at 9 ⅜; $2000 Al bill of lading and clean at 9 ⅜; $2000 Al clear at 9 ⅜; $2000 Al clear at 9 ⅜; $2000 Al clear