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We copy the following from the *Free American* of the 23d:

Lieut. Gordon, of the rifle regiment, was shot day before yesterday, near San Juan del Rio. Although twice struck by the enemy's balls, he is in a fair way of recovery.

ARRIVAL OF TROOPS.—The ship *Texas* arrived yesterday, in 6 days from New Orleans, having 270 recruits on board, under command of Lieut. Howard. Lieuts. Hulse, Conway and Woodruff came passengers on the T.

The steamer *Fanny* having experienced heavy weather at sea, was obliged to put back day before yesterday. She will leave as soon as the weather will permit.

The officers stationed at Puebla have resolved to present a medal to Gen. Lane. On one side of it is to be the General's likeness, and on the other side he will be represented entering the city of Puebla. The medal is to cost one thousand dollars.

We are indeed happy to see Gen. Lane rewarded by his brother officers. He is one among the great number who have, by their noble exploits, won the esteem of all their countrymen and the confidence of their subalterns.—Gen. Lane left this city about three months ago, and in a very short space of time, he fought and gained no less than five battles!

Gen. Pierce, Col. Smith and Mr. Peoples, (Editor of the *American Star*,) have all arrived at Vera Cruz. Gen. Pierce is bearer of despatches for the Government at Washington.—The *Free American* says that Gen. Lane had had a brush with a party of Mexicans, at a place called Matamoron, whom he completely routed, taking a number of prisoners. Gen. Twiggs has been appointed Governor of the department of Vera Cruz, and will hold that office until the arrival of Gen. Jessup; Gen. T. will then come home as Quarter Master General. Gen. Pierce, it is understood, will resign his commission in the army so soon as he arrives in the United States. During the skirmish of Gen. Lane with the Mexicans, Lieut. Ridgely, of the Artillery, and Assistant Adjutant General to Gen. Lane, were killed.

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CLEANING THE STREETS.—The Council of the First Municipality, at its sitting on Monday evening last, accepted the proposal of Mr. Ferrari for cleaning the streets of the whole Municipality. He proposed to do the work for the sum of $10,450 for one year. Mr. Ferrari will commence his contract on the 1st of January next.

BULL FIGHT.—On Saturday next, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, there will be, at the bull fight arena of the Third Municipality, a grand public exhibition for the benefit of the poor of the Municipality. The proprietor, Mr. Francisco Lopez, wishes to commence the new year by a charitable action. He relies on the benevolent aid of the citizens.

RECORDER BALDWIN.—Mr. J. J. Brigant, yesterday filed an affidavit before Recorder Baldwin, against George McChrisnan and John McCurran, charging them with having received a $10 bill, knowing the same to have been stolen. They were both arrested by officers McCloskey and Robinson. Their examination will take place on this morning.

Hugh Luckey was bound over in the sum of $500 for his appearance before the First District Court. He is charged with having taken on the 21st instant, from the store of Mr. George J. Jackson, one of Cabopolitous street, about 8 or 9 leather hats, worth $4 each.

The case of Simon Willard alias Bilard, charged by Mr. Young, with having picked his pocket of $8, on the 20th inst. at the Commercial Hotel, was indefinitely postponed. The prisoner was of course, discharged.

RECORDER SEUZENEAU.—On Sunday last, at about midnight, Commissary Guenan was grievously assaulted by one Harry Wilson alias Netcaff, who he was trying to quell a disturbance in a ball room, at the corner of Esplanade and Victory streets. Mr. Guenan was acting as Commissary of said ball room. He was severely wounded in the face by the aforesaid Harry Wilson. Yesterday, Mr. Guenan filed an affidavit before Recorder Seuzeneau for the arrest of said Wilson. A warrant was issued.

ROBBERY.—On Monday night last, some burglars have broken open the front door of the grocery store of Mr. Jean Baptiste Bourdon, situated at the corner of Toulouse and Chartres street, and a sum of about ninety dollars in silver and in bank notes, deposited in a drawer, together with a quantity of sausages, ham and other articles, was carried away. Mr. Bourdon informed yesterday Recorder Ramon of the fact, the police are in search of the burglars.

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE.—On Thursday night last, Mr. Edward Mitchell, being on the Levee, between Clouet and Montegut streets, saw an individual, whose name is Joseph Trep, who was beating another man in a most brutal and inhuman manner. The victim of Mr. Trep is unknown. Since the above rencounter, he has entirely disappeared. It is presumed that he fell into the river and was drowned. His friends, however, are not satisfied with this supposition. Recorder Seuzeneau will investigate this matter to-day, as Joseph Trep was arrested, and is now in the hands of justice. The mystery will probably be solved.

SUICIDE.—A well-dressed white man, named John B. Carter, committed suicide yesterday at noon, by throwing himself into the river from on board of the Second Municipality ferry boat. Previous to his death, he wrote a letter addressed to Mr. Hewlett of the city, in which he informed him of his fatal design. This letter was found in the pocket of his coat, which he left on board the ferry boat. The body was used to was, and we verily believe that many of them would contemplate the idea of our departure with feelings akin to sadness.

Taking every thing into consideration, barring the dullness of trade, we believe the city of Mexico never experienced palmier days than the present.

Padre Jaraute is said to be at work to recruit his band of guerillas, but with very little success. At Jalapa there are now about two thousand American troops. It is rumored that Gen. Marshall will soon leave for Orizaba with a division of the army.

Gen. Patterson's *division* has reached the city of Mexico; that of Gen. Butler remains at Puebla.

The Government of Mexico has appointed Gen. Quijano Commander-in-Chief of all the forces in the State of Mexico.

Capt. Auld of the "New Orleans," reports having experienced very rough weather during his outward passage. The steamship Portland, Capt. Spinney, had arrived at Vera Cruz, having experienced a heavy Norther on the 12th and 13th inst., in which she was compelled to throw overboard all the horses, and received considerable damage in her upper works—Her damages had been repaired and she was to leave for this port on the 24th, at 4 o'clock, P. M. A number of vessels from New Orleans and Brazos were out in the same gale, and were compelled to throw overboard their horses and mules. Three schooners were blown ashore in the Norther and are a total loss.

The steamship Fanny, Captain Scott, for this port, via Tampico, left Vera Cruz on the 20th instant, and put back again on account of the gale, and sailed again on the morning of the 23rd. The bark Brazil, had not arrived at Vera Cruz, on the 24th instant, and it was supposed at that place that she was lost, having been out then 28 days.

General Twiggs commenced his duties as Governor of Vera Cruz on the 24th inst.

Col. Barkhead was to leave immediately for the city of Mexico to join Gen. Scott.

Col. Wilson was to leave on the 25th inst., on the U. S. ship Germantown, for the North.

Passengers by the New Orleans.—Dr. Jackson, U S A; Gen. F. Pierce, U S A; Captain Magruder, Light Art'y; Capt. J. M. Scantland, 14th Inf; Capt. Pemberton, U S A; Capt. Pitcher, do; Capt. P. M. Crosbire, 11th Inf; Capt. L. Ford, 2d Dragoons; Capt. Wm. Blanding, S C Regiment; Capt. F. Sumner, do; Capt. McComas, 11th Inf; Capt. Jones, 15th do; Capt. W. A. Nichols, 2d Art'y; Dr. Barton, U S A; Dr. L. W. Jordan, 14th Inf; Dr. Scott, 3d Dragoons; Col. Wm. Smyth, Volunteer Aide-de-Camp; Col. Wm. Trousdale, 14th Inf; Major Talbot, Voltigeurs; Lieuts. McLain, U S A, Lincoln, do, McGowan, do, Love, 14th Inf, Williams, 3d Dragoons, H. C. Murray, 13th Inf, Thos. Smith, 14th Inf, L. D. Pitcher, Vol, A. Stein, 12th Inf, C. McCrae, 13th do, Bradford, do, T. P. Pierce, 3th do, L. Woodson, 9th do, Cantwell, 12th do, Breckenridge, U S A, B. D. Culp, S C Reg't, Mellett, do, F. N. Moyr, do, Clopton, 5th Inf, Boyle, do, Miller, do, Higgins, Mass. Reg't, Van Buren, Mounted Rifles, J. J. Stevens, Foster, and Longstreet—Messrs. J. W. Zacharie and John Peoples.

The *New Orleans* also brought over the remains of Col. Bartlett, Capt. Martin Scott, Lieut. Col. Dickinson, Col. J. B. Ransom, Lieut. Cols. Williams, Clarke, Adams, Graham, Capts. Thompson and Taylor, Serg't. Madison, Dr. Slade, Privates Frezevant and Kennedy.

Our thanks are due John H. Peoples, Esq., of the *American Star*, for his courtesy in furnishing us with copies of his paper of the latest dates.

The Americans and merchants in Mexico, talk of constructing a railroad to Vera Cruz.

From Queretaro there is nothing new. Congress cannot sit for want of a quorum. Santa Anna's spies and wire pullers are busy in that quarter, throwing obstacles in the way of negotiations, and seeking to recover popular favor for their employer. The Mexican Commissioners are still in the capital, but doing nothing. They must proceed to Washington, if they would be heard.

The city of Mexico is perfectly tranquil and healthy. The police seem to be doing their duty.

Gen. Lane reached the city of Mexico on the 7th; Gen. Cushing arrived the next day with his brigade; also Col. Wynkoop, with the 1st Pennsylvanians, and Major Webster with the Massachusetts Regiment of volunteers. General Patterson got in a day or two before.

The *Star* gives but faint hopes of peace. Anaya, the new President, is a good man, but lacks energy. Congress is unable to get a quorum, and the Council of Governors assembled at Queretaro referred the subject back to the Supreme Government. If Mexico is really anxious for peace, she must act promptly. There are now 20,000 Americans on the soil of Mexico, and the idea of coping with them is preposterous.

FROM BRAZOS.—The U. S. Transport steamship *Telegraph* arrived last evening from Brazos Santiago, which place she left on the 24th inst. She brings no news of importance. The following is a list of her passengers:

Captain Duke, Capt. Stousburg, Mr. Pollard, Mr. J. Nizon, Mr. J. B. Fountain, Dr Haley, Lady and Child; Geo. Judkins, J. Maurer, Qr. M. Department, Messrs Stephenson and Sham, with the remains of Capt. Stephenson; Mr. Condes, and 40 discharged soldiers.

GEN. QUITMAN arrived at Charleston on the 22d inst., and was received with the utmost enthusiasm by the hospitable citizens of the town. He partook, in company with Gen. Shields, of a public dinner, at which he was toasted and made a very handsome speech in reply. The people of the Palmetto State are honoring their hospitality towards their distinguished guests.

☞ The steamer Louisville, Capt. Savage, from Louisville, arrived last evening, brought down the following passengers:

Col McClellan, Lieut Col Bowndes, Major Walker, Surgeon Penhall, Chaplain Rogers, Captains Powell, McClellan, Thomasson, McKing, Vaughan, Shafer, J. Powell, Fay, Dile, Lewis, Senier, Lillard, Brasbet, McCarley, Marshall, Brown, Young King, Anderson, Addell, Fulkerson, Waterson, Garnett, McCasney, Atkinson, Miller, Weir, Gaines, Shelton, Binjin, with 8 companies composing the 5th Regiment East Tennessee Volunteers, numbering 684 men, and placed them on board ships Tallmanroo and Mississippi, lying at the Point.

☞ The Philadelphia *Evening Bulletin* of the 18th, has the following paragraph:

HON WATKINS.—The Delaware is very high. The Jamaica has literally inundated the whole valley through which it passes. The West Branch, of the Susquehanna rose about eighteen feet on Monday night, and destroyed a great deal of private property. The loss on our State works cannot be ascertained until the waters fall.

There has been a very destructive freshet in the Connecticut river.

METHODIST CHURCH BURNED.—Yesterday morning, about half-past six o'clock, a smoke was seen to issue from the basement of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 27th street. The alarm being given, the firemen in the vicinity soon assembled in sufficient force to extinguish the fire, which was soon put out. The church was apparently set on fire by some malicious person, as the part of the edifice injured had not been used the previous evening. The damage done is trifling, and is covered by insurance. We understand that the considerable liberality the use of the Presbyterian church in 23d street was at once offered to the Methodists, until their own edifice should be repaired.—*N. Y. Post.*

George Miller, the broker who was charged with having committed extensive forgeries at Boston, has returned, and appeared on 'Change on Wednesday. Nobody noticed him. He published a card in the Evening Transcript, stating that he shall prove his entire innocence of any forgery whatever. The Boston Mercantile Journal, of Wednesday, says: "We have rarely witnessed a greater excitement on 'Change, not even upon the arrival of a British steamer, than was apparent on Saturday, at 1 o'clock, at the return of "General Miller," whose name has been coupled with recent extensive forgeries. He seemed in good health and excellent spirits.

By Telegraph.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18—6 P. M.

A very destructive fire occurred this morning in the town of Attica, in the western part of this State, which destroyed property to the amount of $30,000. No insurance. It is not yet stated whose property was burnt, or who were the sufferers.

The sales of flour to-day have not been over 3000 bbls at $6.25 for Genesee, $6.50 for choice Southern, $6 a $6.06 1-4. A sale of 4000 bbls Cornmeal at $3.37 a $3.50. The demand for flour is entirely for the home and eastern markets.

Wheat is in good request at 120 for mixed, and 128 a 140 cents for Genesee. Corn is in good demand for shipment. The sales to-day are over 30,000 bushels at 75 a 77 cents for mixed, and 80 a 81 cents for round yellow, oats 34 a 39 cents; rye as before; barley in fair demand.

Cotton remains firm, though dealers are holding off for foreign advices. No steamer yet.

Nothing is said of the steamships due. From Washington we learn, that—*In the Senate* on the 21st, a bill for the repeal of the pilot laws was referred to the Committee on Commerce. *In the House*, Giddings presented a petition, praying for the abolition of slavery in the District of Columbia. Mr. Jones moved to lay it on the table. The yeas and nays were called, and the