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NEW ORLEANS:
FRIDAY MORNING, FEB. 8, 1867.

Thanks to the officers of the General Quitman for favors.

BUSTS OF LEE, JACKSON and JOHNSTON.—Messrs. Lee, Crandell & Co. invite the attention of the public to some splendid busts, modeled from life, of these distinguished Generals. They are from the hands of Mr. E.A. Poole, said to be a very talented young artist, of Baltimore. Call and see them at the office of Messrs. Lee, Crandall & Co., corner of Baronne and Gravier streets.

OBITUARY.—Mr. Steve Kerner, the Sheriff of the parish of Jefferson, died on Wednesday at 2 o'clock P. M. Mr. Kerner was about forty years of age, and by many capacities has served his fellow-citizens of Jefferson. He will be buried, at 3 o'clock P. M., by the Carrollton Fire Company, of which he was an officer.

DEATH OF JAMES F. OTIS.—We are pained to notice the announcement, by telegraph from Boston, of the death of Mr. James F. Otis, a veteran and talented journalist, long connected (till recently) when he left for the North for his health,) with the New Orleans press, having been connected most of the time with the *Picayune*. He was a man of finely cultivated mind, a most excellent critic and graceful writer, and was withal a courteous and gentlemanly man in every respect. He was the grandson of James Otis, of revolutionary fame, and was, we believe, a native of Essex county, Mass.

THE LEGISLATURE.—As will be seen elsewhere the bill calling a State Convention passed the Senate yesterday, after having passed the House the day previous.

There was another unsuccessful ballot for United States Senator.

SAILING OF THE VICTOR.—The steamship Victor, Capt. Gates, sailed last evening for New York, with a fair freight and 650 U. S. troops and officers, which she will disembark at Fortress Monroe.

Passengers per steamship D. S. Austin, from Brazos Santiago, February 2d:

Mr. Ball and lady, M. Fernside, Cabron, J. H. Knight, Mrs. Fernside, Roop, W. French, J. Segure, Baker—15 on deck.

STEAMBOATS SUNK.—The steamer Starlight, Captain Hays, C. F. Hays, Clerk, left New Orleans, February 1st, at 9 o'clock, P. M., with a full trip of freight and passengers. Made a good run and arrived at Alexandria on Sunday evening, at 7 P. M.; put off freight and passengers for that place, at 9 o'clock, P. M., started over the falls, and at the head of the town falls, boat shouted ahead and swung, and struck very heavy on the starboard aft of the after hatch, and about this snag, making two holes, one about coming in fast, and boat deep, drawing 6½ feet forward and 5½ feet aft, she commenced sinking fast and was headed on the right bank above where she struck, about 300 yards, and landed close to where she settled down to her plank shear, on the starboard side; about two hours after the water got up on the hurricane deck of her main deck above her upper cylinder timbers. Boat lying straight fore and aft, but careening. Pump working well, but not gaining on the leak. Got all the passengers off on the bank, for fear she would go over. Mate and crew working hard, getting cargo off the decks, cabin crew getting everything out of the cabin, the passengers assisting. Landed the ladies on the bank of the river, built a tent for their protection, and a mess, for as night was very cold, with a high wind. Engineers at work, her pumps working. At 12 midnight commenced to check the leak. Cleared away the [illegible] and [illegible] volunteered and went into the hold on a temporary bulkhead, with [illegible] the main carpenter and crew [illegible] working on the [illegible] wrecking. Two barrels [illegible] the freight bolster, and [illegible] her. At 5 A. M. commenced [illegible] to build a large [illegible] raised. At daylight [illegible] Rapids, minus Hand, passengers on [illegible] to Lake Providence, and [illegible] Monday morning [illegible] at the wharf [illegible] yesterday [illegible] Steamer Starlight is a [illegible] of the Red River trade, and is considered [illegible] Captain Hays is [illegible] Captain J. N. Kouns, [illegible] Monday morning, 5th inst., [illegible] New Shreveport, and sank [illegible] She had on board over 700 [illegible] a large quantity of beef in [illegible] of freight; also, quite number of [illegible] and their baggage [illegible] all saved, as the water only came up [illegible] cabin floor. Full particulars will be given [illegible] few days.

STATE ENGINEER'S REPORT.—Mr. Wm. A. Freret, State Engineer, has submitted an interesting report to the Legislature.

Among other things he recommends the closing of Bayou Lafourche, and making a drain of six months; the deepening of the channel of the mouth of the Mississippi river, and an appropriation for the purpose, the appropriations by Congress being insufficient; the improvement of the navigation of Red river by the removal of the Torres Bayou; the preventing water from running into Bayou Pierre, the water of which is lower than that of Red river; the clearing of all obstacles during water from Red river, the widening of the "New Canal" of New Orleans, and extending it below the line of Carrollton to the Mississippi river, so as to open communication for direct trade with Cuba, Bahama and Florida through the Lake, and the construction of the Orleans and New Iberia Railroad, so as to connect with the Opelousas Railroad, and open direct communication with Texas.

All these are important suggestions for the reflection of the Legislature, and as Mr. Freret was for some time during the war Chief Engineer of the Texas Mississippi Department, and familiar from practical observation with the geography of the State, his suggestions are doubtless valuable.

THE POLITICAL AMENDMENT.—The telegraph yesterday brought us important intelligence from Washington, relative to the sentiments of our national authorities, and this morning additional and later telegrams advise us that the proposition is by no means dead. It is substantially a substitution of a clause in the Constitutional amendment guaranteeing impartial suffrage, without distinction of race or color, with an intelligence and property qualification, coupled with a denial of the right of secession, the national debt to be held sacred, and the Confederate debt to remain repudiated. The provision to stand in place of the present third had very objectionable section. President Johnson is supposed to broach this compromise in his message to the fortieth Congress.

The plan proposed is to let each State concerned vote for itself, and when it shall have voluntarily granted impartial suffrage, to admit its representatives chosen upon the above basis, and ignore all which it may reinstate a full panel. Chief Justice Chase, Speaker Colfax, Senators Wade and Wilson, and Hon. John Covode, together with some other leading Congressmen, favor the scheme. Governor Orr, of South Carolina, ex-Governors Parsons, of Alabama, Sharkey, of Mississippi and Marvin, of Florida, are also said to favor it, and the above telegraph tells us have started to their respective States to lay the proposition before the people. If this is true, we will soon hear from Sharkey with us in a few days, when the devoted friends of the Radical party on the question of recon[illegible] will become a close examination.—*Mississippi Champion, 3d ult.*

A STARTLING ANNOUNCEMENT.—Not long since we published an article in these columns in relegance to the frequency of destructive fires in this community, the origin of many of which was no doubt due in most instances to negligence and carelessness on the part of occupants of the buildings in which the fires occured. Many of those fires were charged to incendiarism, but we were inclined to put but little faith in such assertions, and were willing to believe that they were caused accidentally or carelessly, which was far less culpable. The following remarks, from an article of the Augusta *Constitutionalist*, on the subject of the terrible losses recently sustained by insurance companies, is of a very significant nature and would seem to [illegible] that we were not entirely correct in our suppositions:

A gentleman long connected with the fire insurance business said to us the other day, "I can take the register of losses of any fire company long enough established, and tell you, by the increase of losses, the years in which incendiaries were dull or harassed in the country." This is a startling assertion, but many insurance companies will support it by unquestionable testimony. Where losses fall by [illegible] disclosures of fire experience in the [illegible] of incendiarism, it is very special [illegible] or suggestive. In a very special [illegible] accomplished stock of goods will, when [illegible] there [illegible] a large stock. Directors [illegible] to the grasping avidities of our bold adventurer, or what the manufacturer cannot turn out his wares in a small, [illegible] are fire [illegible] particularly at stores and warehouses filled with goods for which there is no immediate demand, and in mills and manufactories where the expenses of ramping cannot be met by profits on the sales.—*Mobile Register.*

Guess nobody, since 1865, has given away $5,000,000.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

The announcement that both Houses of the Legislature have rejected the Constitutional amendment will not be unexpected, nor will it be a surprise to any one acquainted with the opinions of the people of this State. The event was considered a matter of course as soon as the Legislature should meet, although no one, we fancy, imagined that it would be rejected without some argument, and perhaps serious opposition on the part of a few men who were supposed to favor the views of the Governor. To me the question disposed of so quietly and with no dissenting votes was unexpected; but it shows better than anything else the light in which the measure is regarded by the people of Louisiana. It also shows how thoroughly the Governor has alienated himself from the people who elected him as their chief magistrate, and ostracted him with the honor and interests of the State. Although Governor Wells has been for some time opposed to the people, the warm endorsement that he gave to the amendment in his message, knowing well the feelings of the people regarding it, was not expected. It was thought that he would merely refer to the matter in general terms and leave it to the wisdom of the Legislature; but he was not content with this. In the face of public opinion he most recommend the measure as one eminently just and proper, and to which he could see no objection. As if acknowledging his spirit of antagonism he goes on to say that his words will have no effect upon the Representatives, since they had long since made up their minds upon the question. He sees the feeling regarding it and knows that a Legislative body, fresh from the people, must express the sentiments of the people when met in general assembly to discuss and provide for the welfare of the State. Both the Governor and the members of the Legislature knew the wishes of the people before the beginning of the session, and they knew that the amendment would not be accepted. The Governor's position, therefore, was taken in a spirit of contumacy or of opposition, and its effect was to alienate from him the few men who were supposed to be his friends and supporters. In a body composed of one hundred and forty members from all parts of the State, there must be many who were Union men during the war, and who were supposed to favor the Governor's political sentiments; yet we find every vote recorded against the adoption of the amendment, and consequently against the Governor. Is it possible that his course has deprived him of every friend? Has he not one supporter in either branch of the Legislature? If so, the circumstance is a singular one, and could have grown only from an outraged public opinion. Not one of the members who formerly stood with him in all important matters voted with him upon the proposed constitutional change. No stronger evidence of the unpopularity of the measure could be given than that afforded by this vote, where men of known Union sentiments voted with those holding quite different views.

Speaking of this curious position a contemporary very forcibly remarks, that "a Governor without a single supporter in the Legislature is without precedent in the political annals of this country. Considering the large patronage enjoyed by the Governor of the State, this is certainly a striking proof of the unanimity of this people." To what this state of affairs will lead, it is impossible to say, but all must agree that it is as unfortunate as it is unnecessary. For one, man to stand out against the united public is the heighth of folly, although that man holds the highest office within the gift of the people.

The constitutional amendment has now been rejected by nearly all of the Southern States and we may therefore consider it a feature. What next? The dominant party but a few weeks since presented the alternative of this amendment or far more severe measures. The latter course to have been chosen by the South —if, indeed, there could be more severe measures —and it only remains for the Radicals to carry out their threats. That these threats were made in earnest no man can doubt, but of late we have heard little of them. Indeed, since it became a certainty that the amendment would be rejected, there has been far less bluster and blood-and-thunder talking than before and some of the Radical organs have gone so far as to say that the South should propose some basis for a settlement. If this could come from the proper source it would be all very well, but its object is to gain time merely and to lull suspicion until the Radical party gets ready to apply its worst measures. Plans for reconstruction or rehabilitation come to us nearly every day, sometimes professing to be from Southern sources; but thus far we have seen none that would stand a better chance with the people than the rejected amendment.

We have more than once called attention to the singular position of the Radical party, and need not repeat the words; but none of that party have yet seemed to remark how absurd it is to say that the South has volition in the matter, and at the same time to say that the amendment must be adopted or the people of the Southern States will fare worse. The threat was too barefaced to have any effect. It was both illogical and silly, or it was a game of brag. At any rate it seems to have had no effect, and the South has virtually said that anything forced upon her would be far more preferable than to be a party to her own disgrace and political ruin.

LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE.

TENTH DAY—FEBRUARY 7TH, 1867.

SENATE.—The Senate met at 12 o'clock M., pursuant to adjournment, Lieutenant Governor Albert Voorhies presiding, and twenty-five Senators present.

Prayer by the Rev Dr. Palmer, of the First Presbyterian Church.

The journal of Wednesday's proceedings was read and approved.

Mr. Munday, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled an act to authorize the Citizens' Bank of Louisiana to extend the time of payment of the bonds of the State issued in favor of said bank.

Mr. Munday presented a memorial from the President and officers of the Indigent Schools of the Third District of New Orleans. Referred to the Committee on Charitable Institutions.

By Mr. Foote—Petition of James Blake, Secretary of the Board of Currency. Referred to Committee on Business and Banking.

By Mr. Scruggs—Petition of Peter Burke, of Natchitoches, relative to school money. Referred to the Committee on Education.

By Mr. Egan—Memorial from citizens of Mount Lebanon, parish of Bienville, relative to the Mount Lebanon University. Referred to the Committee on Public Education.

Mr. Barthe, from the Judiciary Committee, reported favorably on an act to amend an act to organize the police force of the city of New Orleans, and to create a Board of Police Commissioners therein.

Mr. Munday, from the Committee on Claims, reported favorably on an act for the relief of N. Trepagnier, unfavorably on an act for the relief of L. M. Gonzales, favorably on act to amend an act for the relief of Ed. S. Moreheud and Patrick Wood, and favorably on act for the relief of John L. Pratt.

Mr. Hough introduced an act to repeal an act to organize the militia of the State, approved March 25, 1865. The bill passed its first and second readings, but a motion to suspend the rules to put it on its final passage failed for the want of the requisite four-fifths majority.

By Mr. Anderson—An act fixing the compensation of the State Engineer for the parish of Calcasieu. Referred to the Finance Committee.

The special order of the day was called for by Mr. Egan, being "An act to take the sense of the people on the expediency of calling a Constitutional Convention," and to provide for the election and for the holding of the Convention."

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Mr. Rogers, of Orleans—Bill to facilitate the taking of testimony in civil cases. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Anderson, of Madison—Bill to authorize the transfer of $200,000 from the general fund to the Public School fund. Referred to Finance Committee.

Mr. Head—Bill to authorize the Register of State Lands issue patents in certain cases. Appropriately referred.

Mr. Sims—Joint preamble and resolutions in accordance with previous notice, as follows: Whereas it is represented that $1,000,000 have been expended by the Board of Levee Commissioners, and in view of the magnitude of the work, and the peculiar emergency of the times: Resolved, that a joint committee of the General Assembly be appointed to inquire into and report upon the condition of levees on the Mississippi river, and the action and expenditures of the Board. Adopted.

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Senate bill No. 14, to authorize the reduction of the capital stock of the Louisiana State Bank from $2,000,000 to $600,000, was referred.

Mr. Scott for Mr. Ferth—Bill to incorporate the city of Carrollton. Referred to the delegation from Jefferson parish.

Mr. Engenlarg—Bill to change boundary lines between Union and Claiborne parishes. Referred.

Mr. Addison—Bill for relief of P. S. Starnes, Assessor of Livingston parish. Referred.

Mr. Addison called up bill No. 37 to authorize the transfer of certain funds for the benefit of Internal Improvement Tax Fund. Passed.

Mr. Addison—Bill to change seat of the Justice of the Peace of Livingston parish. Referred.

Mr. Saunbola—Bill for the relief of A. Cambray. Referred.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—The House met at 12 o'clock yesterday, pursuant to adjournment. Present Hon. D. B. Cage, Speaker, and 89 members present.

Prayer was offered by Rev. A. D. McCoy, Rector of Peter's Church.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Bills &c. were offered and acted on as follows:

Mr. Chiss—Memorial of J. C. Stafford, District Attorney, 5th Judicial District. Referred to Committee on Claims.

Mr. Gamser—Petition of bay dealers in New Orleans. Referred to Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Soch—Memorial of Mayor and city of Carrollton. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Fresaux reported as correctly enrolled, several bills.

Mr. Collins—Petition from the Directors of St. Anna's Asylum. Referred.

Mr. Harrison asked change of reference of a bill. Granted.

Mr. Thibaumel—Resolution that the report of the Directors of the Soldiers' Home be referred to Committee on Charitable Institutions. Adopted.

Leave of absence for ten days was granted to Mr. Hatch.

Mr. Williamson, of the Judiciary Committee, reported unfavorably on bills relative to divorces, and to incorporate the Bethel Baptist Church. Also, reported favorably on bill to amend Article 173 of Code of Practice. Report received

Mr. Richardson, of Committee on Buildings, reported favorably on Mr. Voorhies' bill for the completion or repairing of the State House.

Also, reported favorably on the petitions of the Anna Congregation, to hold services in the hall of the House of Representatives on Sundays.

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FROM WASHINGTON.

Pointed Discussion of the New Reconstruction Scheme.

"Universal Suffrage in Tennessee" Announced.

Bill for Calling Out the Militia.

Cotton Firmer—Gold 137 3-4 in New York.

From Europe by the Cable.

Miscellaneous Intelligence.

Washington, Feb. 7.—After some unimportant business the Reconstruction Committee bill was taken up. Stevens had not made up his mind beyond desiring a vote as early as possible. He would not agree to postpone the vote until Monday. Le Blond said the bill struck down civil government in the South, ignored State lines and broke down the judiciary. Raymond proposed in view of its importance to allow two hours' discussion on each side, finally agreed to hold a night session for discussion.

J. W. Ashley rose to a personal explanation regarding the newspaper correspondence, in which he took occasion to denounce Johnson as a dead, but denied complicity with Gen Butler or intention to stab Gen. Grant in the back.

The Reconstruction Committee have reported favorably on the official conduct of Mr. Van Dyke, the Assistant Treasurer at New York.

Senators Brandigee and Sumner made eloquent speeches in favor of the new reconstruction bill. The latter said the bill commences where stood Gen. Grant of two years ago. A new promise that the sword of the Republic was about to be again unsheathed. Le Blond and Finch opposed. Pike favored it. Farnsworth followed, saying on the same side. Logan spoke on hour in opposition, saying rather than see military government established in the country he for one would see the people fight again. He spoke of resisting an invasion of his liberties. Thayer interrupted Rogers about it costing his neck. Rogers continued: If the issue had to be the blood of Washington, Jefferson and Madison, of sages and heroes of the revolution, they would protest as their fathers protested by their blood and Patrick Wood, and favorably on act for the relief of John L. Pratt.

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The Senate then, without taking any further action on the amendment, adjourned to the hall of the House of Representatives on Sundays, in order to meet in joint session a United States Senator from the State for six years, from the 4th of March, 1867.

After taking two ballots in joint session, without having any Senator, the Senate returned to its own chamber and resumed the consideration of the Constitutional Convention bill.

The different sections were then adopted. Mr Parnell offered as an amendment an additional section, providing that no member of the General Assembly shall be eligible to a seat in the Convention.

Mr. Egan moved to lay this amendment on the table, which motion prevailed by a vote of 24 yeas to 6 nays.

The bill then passed its first reading, and a motion to suspend the rules for the purpose of the same to be put it on its second reading.

Mr. Hough spoke at some length against the passage of this bill, mainly on account of the unconstitutionality of calling a Convention, when it was ascertain whether we would derive any benefit from it, or be allowed to return to the United States Government. The people of Louisiana, he believed, did not want a Convention wanted nothing to do with politics. All they wanted was rest and one or two good crops. Mr Hough also objected to the basis of representation, as provided for in this bill. It was unjust, and gave the parishes where there formerly were large negro populations an undue number of delegates, as compared to the parishes where there was a large white population, and fewer negroes.

The bill then passed its second reading, the rules were suspended, and the bill put on its final passage. The yeas and nays were: Ayes 24 Senators; noes 7, Messrs. Bell, Burnsides, Hough and Purgell voted nay. So the bill was adopted.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table, and the Senate then adjourned till 12 o'clock M. to-day.

New York, Feb. 7.—The dry goods market is more cheerful. The prices of all staples have apparently touched bottom; standard brown sheetings 21½ to 22c; stock light. Bleached muslins steady. Printed colors in good request at fair prices. Victory advanced to 31c. Prints unchanged. Fancy woolens, medium styles, more active. Most kinds of foreign good inactive and irregular.

Madison, Ind., Feb. 7.—The great low pressure steamer "Richmond," was successfully launched from the marine railway here this afternoon.

Louisville, Feb. 7.—evening.—Tobacco easier—sales 61 hhds. Low common logs $2 90; medium leaf $21 50. Superfine Flour $10. Wheat—prime red $2 85; white $3. Corn shelled 70c; ear 65c. Oats 55c. Mess Pork $21. Bulk shoulders 8½c.; packed bulk clear sides 11½c.; packed Bacon shoulders 10½c; clear sides 13½c.; Hams plain 15c. Lard in tierces 12½c.; kegs 13½c. Whisky $2 10. Sales 1,000 bbls.

The river is full of heavy running ice from bank to bank. There were no arrivals or departures to-day. There are no prospects of boats leaving at present. Enough river men think the ice will be all out of the river to-morrow night. Weather clear; mercury 47; barometer 28.65.

Brandford, Feb. 7.—The Senate has passed a bill legalizing the acts of James S. Lithgow as Mayor of Louisville.

Cincinnati, Feb. 7.—evening.—Flour—in good demand and unchanged at $7 75 to $15, the latter rate for choice family extra. Wheat firm at $2 40 to $2 90. Corn active for shipment; No. 1 in new gunnies 77 to 78c; in the elevator firm at 62 to 63c; in the ear 56 to 57. Oats firmer at 51 to 52c. Whisky $2 25 in bond. Cotton unchanged—holders firm at 29½ to 30c for Middling; receipts the last four days 2065 bales, nearly all low grades. Provisions less firm—little demand. Pork $21 50; sales 60,000 pounds. Bulk Meats, not fully cured, 8½ to 9¼c for Shoulders and Sides. Bacon dull Shoulders 9¾c; Sides 10¾c; Clear Sides 12½c. Lard 12¼c. Gold 137¼. Money quiet and easy at 9%.

Lawrence, Kansas, Feb 7.—Douglas county yesterday voted to subscribe $30,000 in county bonds to the capital stock of the Leavenworth, Lawrence and Galveston railroad, three hearing a brutal manner. While all of them bore marks of his fiendish cruelty and violence, one little fellow's head had been mashed in the face and the skin of his scalp even burned, the eldest sister present, Margie, stating that "pa had pinched little Jimmy's head in the fire," and that on Monday he had drawn a rope around Jimmey and Willie's neck to hang them, but was interrupted. One of them had his face burned nearly with a red poker, another one of his ribs broken. The rope and poker were produced in Court.

When asked for an explanation of such conduct, the accused merely replied that it was to frighten the children; he did not attempt to deny the charge. He referred to his wife, who has been dead but a few months, in most disrespectful terms—spoke of her as a "drunken thing."

He is represented by his neighbors as a man of violent and ungovernable temper, although sober and industrious in his habits. Corporal Lally made the arrest as the accused was returning from his day's work.

Riverside Complete.—Edward Thebis, whom we reported the other day as having cut his throat while laboring under the influence of liquor, died last evening at the Charity Hospital from the effects of the wounds since the infliction of which he mind remained in a state of delirium, bordering on the most violent insanity, so that he had to be bound to his bed with chords.

Commendable Donations.—Gen. Hood has acknowledged the receipt from Mrs. C. Ed mondson of three hundred dollars, proceeds of a sale of a piano donated by this worthy lady for the benefit of the Southern Hospital Association. Gen. Hood thanks the ladies with all his heart, but none of the stolen property was found.

Accident.—A man named Thomas Gannon fell down stairs and seriously injured himself, at a new building on Magnolia street, between Washington county, to represent the Fourth District in Congress.

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Cairo, Ill., Feb. 7.—evening.—The river rose 2 feet. There was some ice in both rivers this morning, but none in the evening. Weather clear and delightful: mercury 46. Business good. Arrivals: Lawrence, from Cincinnati for Arkansas river, at 2 P. M. Laurel Hill, from New Orleans, at 6 P. M. Departed, at 6 P. M., David White from Louisville for New Orleans at 6 P. M., Pauline Carroll, from Cairo, for New Orleans at 6 P. M., and the Arabian from Pittsburg for St. Louis, at 7 P. M.

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