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THE SLAVE TRADE.

While Southern politicians of the extreme school are boldly advocating the repeal of the laws interdicting the African slave trade, we perceive that Northern papers are just as boldly declaring that the traffic is in regular and active operation. Perhaps the one flows in some measure from the other. It is quite natural that when men are acquaintanily engaged in defending the lawfulness and propriety of certain doubtful practices, they should be suspected of participating in them.

Be this as it may, there is no lack of confident assertion with respect to the revival of the trade. The Washington correspondent of the New York *Herald* affirms most positively that large cargoes of imported Africans have been recently landed on the coast of Florida, and that this contraband business is carried on very extensively. He refers to the silence of the Southern press in proof of the truth of the charge, declaring that had it been groundless, every journal south of the Potomac would have opened its fire upon the *Herald* for aiding in circulating false reports. We think this conclusion unwarrantable. The silence of the Southern press arises simply from the fact that it deems loose accusations from anonymous sources hardly worthy of attention, especially when entirely unsustained by the slightest plausible evidence.

As a specimen of the bold averments of the *Herald's* correspondent, take the following:

I have no doubt that time will develop some startling facts in the history of slavery since May, 1858. There are said to exist depots of "cargoes" in the interior of cities or towns at the South, in some of which the initiated may find them, at times, to the number of several hundred. Among the places where these depots are to be found, Charleston, Memphis and Columbus have been named to me by a person whom I think trustworthy and reliable, who informed me that he had visited them, and that he had seen slaughter in these three places, about nine hundred imported blacks. He said that it was notorious, throughout Georgia and Alabama, six weeks ago, that quite a fleet of slavers was expected to land cargoes within a month or two in one of the Florida inlets not far from Key West. You will recollect I told you before that a gentleman of the highest character and veracity had informed me that the boat had been made to him, semi-confidentially, by an interested individual, whose name is known throughout the United States, that five vessels would discharge their living freight upon our shores within ninety days from the 1st of June last, and he said that his estimate of the number of the cargoes of slaves that had been successfully transported into the interior, within eighteen months, was between sixty and seventy. Supposing each vessel to contain, deducting losses, say, two hundred and fifty blacks, the late increase of slave population at the South by importations from the coast of Africa must have been over fifteen thousand. Startling as these facts must appear, and incredulous as many readers may be concerning them, I have not ventured to communicate them to you without being fully satisfied in my own mind that they cannot be successfully gainsayed.

Well, if these statements are reliable, we cannot see the necessity of discussing the revival of the slave law, or of recommending Congress to abrogate the penal statutes on the subject, since it is clear and manifest that those laws are so lax in their operation, or that United States officials are so negligent in their enforcement, as to render them practically null and void. If twelve cargoes of imported negroes have been landed on the Southern coast since the 1st June last, we fancy that the United States and Great Britain may as well withdraw their squadrons from the African station. They are certainly of no earthly use, if twelve vessels can in a few weeks elude their vigilance, and contrive to bring their living cargoes to our cotton and sugar plantations. With due deference to the writer's circumstantiality of assertion, we must pronounce the story apocryphal, until further and more convincing testimony is adduced.

There is, however, one statement of the correspondent which we deem highly probable. It is to the effect that a large proportion of vessels engaged in the slave trade are not only but at the North, but are fitted out there, with a full knowledge of the use to which they are destined, and with an eye to a share in the profits of their nefarious expeditions. We have not the least doubt that if there are vessels engaged in the slave trade, they are constructed and equipped and owned at the North. Nothing is more perfectly characteristic of the cold-blooded and detestable hypocrisy of the Abolitionist than such conduct. He will steal away slaves from Southern owners under the philanthropic pretext that they are entitled to freedom, while he is kidnapping them on the African coast, or purchasing them from the King of Dahomey, to be consigned to servitude in the South. He will, as the *Herald* says, pingle in his pocket the dirty gold received from the profits of a slave cargo, while preaching by the hour the atrocities of Southern slavery, and the imprudent demands of the "slave oligarchy." The Southerner who enters into the slave trade manfully avows his creed, and distinctly proclaims slavery to be a blessing; but the Northern double-faced scamp puts on a sanctimonious face of horror at the idea of enslaving black men, and at the same time secretly chuckles over the thousands added to his wealth by direct participation in a commerce he professes to abhor. Which is worse?

Advices from Rio de Janeiro to the 19th of June have been received by an arrival at New York, but there is no news of importance. Only one death from yellow fever had occurred. Sales of coffee were limited.

From Monte Video we have advices to June 10. The local news possesses no interest, though we learn something with reference to Urquiza's intentions and expectations in waging war against Buenos Ayres. He had published a long manifesto, in which he declared that the province was tyrannized over by a set of bloody executioners, and his intention was to free the country from their influence and dominion. He expected that his army would be received as brothers and liberators. On the other hand, advices from Buenos Ayres represent that the people there were determined to oppose Urquiza by every means in their power. To that end the fortifications had been garrisoned, and other means of defense were being prepared. Urquiza was represented to be short of money, while the credit of Buenos Ayres was good.

We rejoice to learn, says the New York *Tribune*, that the Coroner's jury who have had the Schaghticoke massacre under consideration at Albany have rendered a verdict which means something. They say that the bridge where the slaughter took place was "rotten, unsafe, and known to be so;" and that the Superintendent and Directors should be held responsible; in other words, that they should suffer the penalty of the law. It is now for the District Attorney within whose jurisdiction this case of homicide falls to act at once on the verdict, and bring the matter before a grand jury, with a view to the indictment of the parties pointed out as in fault. Experience has proved that civil remedies are no remedies at all; let us see what good can come of a criminal proceeding.

CALIFORNIA MINT STATISTICS.—The number of gold deposits during the year ending June 30 was 8300, worth net to the depositors $14,627,030, and averaging $1506 each. The weight of all this gold after the first melting was 771,755 ounces, or 64,312 pounds, or 32 tons of 2000 troy pounds each, and after having been reduced to the standard of the coin—that is, alloyed with nine hundredths of copper and one hundredth of silver—it weighed 757,797 ounces.

The number, total amount, and average amount of the gold deposits were largest in May, June and July, and smallest in December, January and February; and these two terms come pretty near to indicating the quarters wh the mines are most productive and profitable.

The Norwich *Bulletin* tells a story which the world may exercise its judgment in believing or doubting. It is this: at a clambake of a Sunday school, one of the gentlemen there present dropped his gold watch into the pit with the clams. He had so much confidence in the mechanism, that he let it remain till the clams were thoroughly cooked, when it was taken out with a shovel, and put aside to cool. It kept on running during the trial, and is as good a watch as ever!

The Kansas Constitutional Convention has broken up in a row—the Democratic members seceding, and refusing to sign the State Constitution adopted by the Convention. The quarrel seems to have arisen from a bitter personal controversy, in which charges of bribery were freely bandied. The immediate occasion of the trouble was the question of locating the State capital. The contest lay between the cities of Lawrence and Topeka. The latter was chosen, and it was upon this choice the charges of bribery and corruption were founded. The Democrats finally seceded altogether.

By Telegraph.

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FURTHER BY THE STEAMSHIP ARABIA.

The American Horses in England—Mr. Ten Broeck's Horse a Winner—Commercial Intelligence.

LIVERPOOL, July 30th.—Mr. Ten Broeck's horse Starke won the stakes at the Goodwood races.

The Goodwood Cup was carried off by Promised Land.

The American mare Prioress came in third in the race of the Cup.

LIVERPOOL MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL, July 30.—Richardson, Spence & Co.'s circular quotes yellow and mixed Orleans at 5s. 10d. to 6s. 3d. per cental. Beef closed dull, and all qualities have slightly declined. Pork closed dull, and quotations are merely nominal. Bacon closed dull generally at previous quotations.

VANDERBILT AND THE PACIFIC MAIL COMPANY.

NEW YORK, Aug. 11.—It is reported that Commodore Vanderbilt has concluded a contract with the Pacific Mail Steamship Company for the exchange of the steamers Cortez and Uncle Sam for the steamship Adriatic, recently purchased from Mr. Collins.

Commodore Vanderbilt is to sell the steamers Northern Light and North Star to the Pacific Mail Company for $500,000, and to discontinue his opposition line on the 1st of October.

ARRIVAL OF THE FULTON AND GLASGOW.

French Army Reduced to Peace Footing —Position of the English Ministry—Renewed Fears of Invasion—Increase of the French Steam Navy—Treaty Between Russia and China—The Atlantic Telegraph.

NEW YORK, August 11.—The steamship Fulton, Captain Walton, of the Southampton and Havre line, has arrived at this port. She left Southampton on the 27th ult.

The steamship Glasgow, Captain Thompson, of the Glasgow line, has also arrived at this port. She left Glasgow on Saturday, the 30th ult., and her advices have been mostly anticipated by the Arabia at Halifax.

The following additional items of interest are selected from the Glasgow's mails.

GENERAL AND POLITICAL INTELLIGENCE.

LONDON, July 30.—The French Government has decided that the army shall be restored to a peace footing with as little delay as possible.

The announcement of this important measure was generally acquiesced as evincing a sincere desire on the part of the Emperor to preserve peace.

During discussions on the foreign policy of England in Parliament, the Ministry announced that England would not accept an invitation to a European Congress until the result of the Franco-Austrian conference at Zurich was made known.

Advices from Paris indicate that an unpleasant state of feeling is gaining ground in France towards England, owing to recent discussions in Parliament and the bitter tone of the English press against the Emperor.

The Paris correspondent of the London *Herald* says that the banding together of France, Russia and Austria, and the immense naval operations of France, make it difficult to disbelieve the universal report that a great blow is contemplated against England.

This letter was, however, written previous to the termination of the recent pacification of the Austrian Government.

It is stated, without qualification, however, from another source that the steam navy of France is to be increased to one hundred and fifty men-of-war, exclusive of seventy-two transports.

The St. Petersburg papers publish a treaty which has recently been concluded between Russia and China.

The treaty grants to Russia the privilege of sending ambassadors to Pekin; promises to protect Christian missionaries, and authorizes a monthly mail between Kiachta, in Russia, and Pekin.

The Atlantic Telegraph Company has decided to make, when conducting the Atlantic cable consist of six wires twisted, and the cable, when completed, will be about six times the size of the old one.

ARRIVAL OF THE NORTH STAR.

NEW YORK, August 11.—The Vanderbilt steamship North Star has arrived at this port from Aspinwall, with California dates of the 20th.

Her California advices have been anticipated by the Hansa at New Orleans, and there is nothing of importance to report from the Isthmus or South America.

VANDERBILT'S CALIFORNIA STEAMER.

NEW YORK, August 11.—The New York *Evening Post* says that the exchange of steamers proposed between Commodore Vanderbilt and the Pacific Mail Steamship Company is not a condition of the present negotiations, but the competition now existing between him and the Pacific Mail Company will probably be discontinued at an early day.

RIVER INTELLIGENCE.

VICKSBURG, August 11.—The steamer R. F. Lass passed down at 11 o'clock this morning, and the steamer T. C. Twichell at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

THE CENTRAL SOUTHERN MAIL ROUTE.

WASHINGTON, August 11.—Delegates representing the various railroad companies over which the great Southern mail from Washington to New Orleans is now conveyed by the Southwestern Central route, are now in session in this city, and they confidently state that after the 1st of January they will be able to carry the mails between New Orleans and New York within three days and a half.

NEW YORK MARKETS.

NEW YORK, August 11.—The Cotton market closed with a declining tendency; a decline of 1 is reported. Middling Uplands closed at 12½c.

Flour has a declining tendency; the sales to-day were 11,500 bbls.

Corn closed buoyant; sales to-day 21,000 bushels. White corn closed at 84c.

Sugar closed dull at 5, to 6¾c.

Coffee closed firm; sales to-day 26,000 bags. Rio 10¼ to 12½c.

THE BROADWAY TRAGEDY.—The young woman, VIRGINIA STEWART, who was shot by Mr. MCDONALD, died on the 4th inst. The Coroner held an inquest over her body. No testimony of importance was elicited further than that already published.

On the conclusion of the testimony, the jury rendered a verdict that the said VIRGINIA STEWART came to her death "by a pistol shot wound at the hands of ROBERT C. MCDONALD, July 23d, 1859."

In answer to the questions of the Coroner, the prisoner said, "I was perfectly unconscious of what I did, and had no ill feeling towards her."

The funeral cortege of the deceased left the New York Hospital at 10½ o'clock on Friday morning. The mother of Miss STEWART and two Catholic priests accompanied the body. The coffin bore the following inscription:

ELIZA STEWART, died August 4th, 1859; aged 23 years, 6 months and 29 days.

Notwithstanding the inscription on the coffin, the mother of the deceased states that VIRGINIA was her daughter's proper name.

MCDONALD has engaged the services of Mr. GRANDIN, of New Jersey, as his counsel.

TEXAS.—We have dates from Galveston to the 9th instant. The election returns are decidedly favorable to the independent ticket. The *Civilian* gives full and incomplete returns from 46 counties, which exhibit a majority of 3193 for Gen. Houston, and a gain of 3626 votes. The other candidates on the ticket run pretty well, but not as strongly as San Jacinto. Their election may be doubtful; his we consider certain.

NECHES RIVER.—The *Eastern Texian* says that work is now going ahead upon the Neches and Angelina rivers from the mouth to the town of Davisport, in the county of Jasper. Dr. Wm. Neyland, of Jasper, has the contract, and engages to put the river in good condition for $16,000.

A Spaniard from Cuba, on his way to Saratoga, was robbed on Monday of $1000. Fortunately he is rich and can afford to lose it, though he is chagrined, and "doesn't like it a bit." An adroit Frenchman was the robber.

BLONDIN AT THE FALLS.—Next to Louis Napoleon Blondin is confessedly the most wonderful of Frenchmen. At the Falls yesterday he performed all he promised, and more. Between 4 and 5 o'clock he crossed the rope for the fourth time. He was dressed in Indian costume. His journey to the Canada side was not marked by any feat of peculiar daring. He went over on a trot, merely halting for an instant to balance himself. His homeward trip, however, completely eclipsed his previous feats. He was about one quarter of the way across he stood on his head, holding the balance pole in his hands. A little farther along he laid down on his back, with apparent composure. When near the centre of the rope he tied his balance pole to the guy rope, and navigated by means of his hands and feet, his body being in a state of suspended animation, to death. After proceeding some distance in this way he assumed a perpendicular position and returned for the balance pole, and then walked on. Another feat which he performed was turning a sort of handspring. Lying down on his back, he extended the balance pole the length of his arms, and then threw his body over the pole, striking across the rope. Without the pole he hung by one leg from the rope and supported himself by one arm. During his passage he stood on his head several times, and performed a variety of feats which we have not time to recapitulate. The number of persons present was greater than at any previous exhibition. A special train on the Great Western brought several hundreds. Rochester and Buffalo turned out their thousands, while Cleveland, Erie, Dunkirk and other considerable places sent large delegations.—*Buffalo Courier.*

☞Madame Jenny Lind Goldschmidt is to visit Ireland in the autumn; for the purpose of singing in oratorios. She intends giving a "Messiah" for the benefit of the Meyners Hospital, in Dublin.

Origin of Slavery.

Mr. Bancroft, in his next volume of his History of the United States, gives an account of the early trade of the Europeans in slaves in the middle ages the Venetians purchased white men, Christians and others, and sold them to the Saracens in Sicily and Spain. In England the Anglo-Saxon nobility and their servants as slaves to foreigners. The Portuguese first imported negro slaves from Western Africa into Europe, in 1443. Spain soon engaged in the traffic, and negro slaves abounded in some of the places in that kingdom. After America was discovered the Indians of Hispaniola were imported into Spain and made slaves. The Spaniards visited the coast of North America and kidnapped thousands of the Indians, whom they transported into slavery in Europe and the West Indies. Columbus himself kidnapped 500 native Americans and sent them into Spain, that they might be publicly sold at Seville. The practice of selling North American Indians into foreign bondage continued for two centuries. Negro slavery was first introduced into America by spanish slave holders, who emigrated with their negroes. A royal edict of Spain authorized negro slavery in America in 1518. King Ferdinand himself sent from Seville fifty slaves to labor in the mines. In 1531 the direct traffic in slaves between Africa and Hispaniola was authorized by a royal ordinance. Las Casas, who saw the Indians vanishing away before the cruelties of the Spaniards, suggested that the negroes, who alone could endure work in the mines, might be further employed. This was in 1518.

Sir John Hawkins was the first Englishman that engaged in the slave trade. In 1532 he transported a large cargo of Saracen Moriscoes to Hispaniola. In 1557 another expedition was prepared, and Queen Elizabeth protected and shared in the traffic. Hawkins, in one of his expeditions, sent five to Africa from ship, and out of three thousand inhabitants succeeded in seizing two hundred and sixty. James Smith, of Boston, and Thomas Keyser first brought the negroes to perpetual bondage in slavery. In 1654 they imported a cargo of negroes. Throughout Massachusetts the cry of justice was raised against them as malefactors and murderers; the guilty and were committed for the offense, and the representatives of the people ordered the negroes to be restored to their native country at the public expense. At later period they were both Indian and negro slaves in Massachusetts. In 1620 a Dutch ship entered James river, and landed twenty negroes for sale. This was the epoch of the introduction of slavery into Virginia. For many years the Dutch were principally concerned in the slave trade in the market of Virginia.

The Last of Earth.

Never envy any man! All have their burdens, and He "that tempereth the wind to the shorn lamb" hath ordained habit with the power of alleviating the heaviest loads. The other day there was a splendid funeral in this street, a few doors below the house in which I live. All the ridiculous pageantry which increases the horrors of death was assembled. The crowd was numerous. The luxurious mansion of the great banker was one great funeral chamber. The banker is worth a million of dollars. His average income is a hundred and twenty thousand dollars. He is the head of a joint stock banking company, which enables him to dispose of ten millions of dollars at his pleasure. He is one of the lions of "Change." Don't you envy him! Oh, no, don't envy him; he has his horrors as well as you. Only a few days, not only six months ago the undertaker laid his third son, then nineteen in the grave; the other day his second son was carried away by the same melancholy tradesman to the graveyard, though the boy was one-and-twenty. His oldest daughter is a hunchback, and in declining health. His second daughter is wonderfully with consumption, and will surprise the doctors if she outlives the year. The banker himself is blind from over-labor; he has been known to sit for twenty days without once undressing himself and sleeping in a bed; all his repose being a few hours of feverish slumber snatched from corroding care, a respite passed in a chair. Oh, don't envy the rich banker, though his coffers overflow with gold; for it avails little to him; and though as I grant you the resonant music of coin, issued about as so much trash in his cash office, sound manually to the ear, and the oft-heard passing bell and doctor's tread common in that house as the resonance of death's effects, except the painful contrast between the sickness of human vanity and ambition! So envy no man!

[Traveler.

THE GREAT TELEGRAPH PROJECTS.—A private letter received in New York by the Persia, dated London, July 22d, says:

A contract has been entered into between F. N. Gisborne, Esq., engineer of the Telegraph Cable Company Limited (a manufacturing company) and the French Government, whereby said company undertakes to connect Toulon with Algiers direct, by submarine cable, before the 30th of November next. The distance is nearly five hundred miles, and the depth 1980 fathoms, or nearly two miles. This will be a grand experiment in the use of the light cables so long advocated by Mr. Gisborne.

The British Transatlantic Telegraph Company will lay the line between Cornwall, England, and Blanc Sabloni, Straits of Belle Isle, in connection with the Nova Scotia, Boston, and Halifax and Union lines, during August, 1860. The prospectus will be published next week, with such names for Directors as will command public sympathy and confidence in the enterprise. Gisborne is also engineer of this company.

[The Transatlantic Cable Company is an enterprise apart from the Atlantic Cable Company, which has proved a failure.]

MYSTERY IN NORWALK.—A horrible mystery is creating a great excitement in Norwalk. Circumstances lead to the belief that a foul crime was perpetrated on Saturday night week at Five Mile River Landing.—The facts are thus stated by the Norwalk *Gazette*:

During all Saturday night, an unusual degree of noise and dissipation seemed rife at the hotel in that vicinity, and in the morning were discovered the pistols as of a lady's dress hanging from a window shade, a short distance from the dock, up to the dock, and on either side of said appearance, in the dust, were the footprints of a man, as if two persons had dragged the lady along to the brink of the dock. In addition to these prints were clots of blood, and near the shed referred to, a piece of broken scantling was found with one side loaded and clotted with blood and the hair of a female. A parcel of hair, some ten inches or so in length, also lay near the dock, and a considerable quantity of blood was visible upon the stones of the dock down to low water mark. In addition to this the sleeve of a lady's chemise was found in the water near by, with the appearance of having been recently torn from the rest of the garment. No definite clue to, or explanation of these mysterious circumstances has as yet been discovered, but the character of the locality, and demitakable evidences of foul play of some kind, are such as to warrant a most searching and thorough investigation on the part of our authorities.

SCIENCE.—The New York *Times* says:

Of the twenty-six cases of suicide that we record this morning, eleven were accomplished by hanging, six by the use of the razor or knife, six by poisoning and three by drowning. The alleged cause in six cases was insanity; in two, rum; one victim, by a letter found in his pocket, charged his reputable wife with his ruin; one, lately widowed, with "a broken heart;" another, said his pure wife's ghost haunted him; one was tired of humbugs and hoped they would spare his remains the humbug of a funeral; one starved up for many days; died of the slander that an unfriendly neighbor uttered; two—wealthy men—were shattered by excessive anxiety about their business; and one, a lady of good character, chose to sink rather than navigate longer a sea so shut in with clouds and fogs. Only three were women; most of the men were unmarried. Only one, a butcher, pleaded the knocks and brutes of poverty; most of them, their neighbors thought, were in comfortably competent condition. Mr. Hemmenway, of the People's Insurance Company, (Chicago,) was worth $100,000. John Smith, of Barre, oppressed with excessive business cares, fell to meditating Mr. Hemmenway's untimely issue, though naturally a man of honor, and worth $300,000, and hung himself.

DEATH.—The article on "Death" in the *New Cyclopedia* has the following:

As life approaches extinction, insensibility supervenes—a numbness and dispensing to pain, which do not admit of the idea of suffering. Even in those cases where the activity of the mind remains to the last, and where nervous sensibility would seem to continue, it is surprising how often there has been observed a state of happy feeling on the approach of death. "If I had strength enough to take a pen, I would write how easy and delightful it is to die," were the last words of the celebrated William Hunter, during his last moments.

Montaigne, in one of his essays, describes an accident which left him so senseless that he was taken up for dead. On being restored, however, he says: "Methought my life hung upon my lips, and I shut my eyes to help thrust it out, and took a pleasure in languishing and letting myself go." A writer in the *Quarterly Review* records that a gentleman who had been rescued from drowning declared that he had not experienced the slightest feeling of suffocation. "The stream was transparent, the day bright, and the moon shone full upon the world as the sun shining through the water, with a dreamy consciousness that his eyes were about to be closed on it forever. Yet he testified to his fast yet subdued power of it. A sleepy sensation, which soothed and gratified him, made a luxurious bed of a watery grave.

STATISTICS OF ONE FELLOWSHIP IN PENNSYLVANIA.—The annual report of the operations of the Order of Odd Fellows in the State of Pennsylvania for the year commencing July 1st, 1858, and ending June 30, 1859, presents the following statistics: Number of lodges, 511; initiations, 3,369; rejections, 288; admitted by card, 388; withdrawn by card, 965; restored, 276; deaths, 1,316; expulsions, 136; deaths, 431; past grands, 7,141; contributing members, 21,645; amount of receipts, $224,464 28. The annual report of the relief discharged by the subordinate lodges during the same period is as follows: Number of brothers relieved, 3,691; widowed families relieved, 546; brothers buried, 982; amount paid for relief of brothers, $91,345; for widowed families, 66,499; for education of orphans, $236; for burying the dead, $23,567. Total amount paid for relief, 6116, 676.

SPECIFIC CURE FOR HAIR DYE!—A correspondent, in a communication to the *Christian Intelligencer*, expresses the opinion that clergymen should be allowed to use hair dye "when our churches make sufficient offering in addition to the salaries to be willing to tolerate gray locks in a pastor."

A CARD:

Who Type Reported the Case of Yellow Fever.

Dr. MYERS, deceased, was employed by the present owners of the *Bourse* of Health in relation to the above cases, kept respectively to endure some of the facts:

Called upon, some days after the Yellow Fever commenced, by Messrs. Martin Gevers and Mr. Donaldson on the part of the Board