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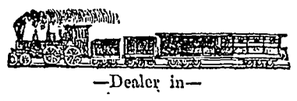

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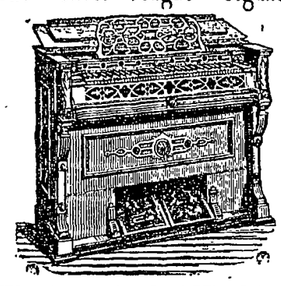

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A VAGABOND beggar Jew applied for alms to Dr. Raphael, the well-known Jewish rabbi, and threatened to turn Christian if the doctor would not help him. The doctor said to him: "Very well, go. Become a good Christain, and I will be satisfied; for you have been a very bad Jew."

ONE should take care how he kills a flea. That very flea, according to the Darwinian hypothesis, might be the mother of something that might be the progenitor of something that would ultimately be developed into a human being.

NEWS SUMMARY.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

The President, on the 3d, sent to the Senate for confirmation a very large number of nominations and promotions made during the recess. Among the more prominent are the following: Lieut. Col. George Crook, to be Brigadier-General; Marshal Jewell, Connecticut, Minister to Russia; John A. Bingham, Ohio, Minister to Japan; W. L. Scruggs, Georgia, Minister to the United States of Colombia; Geo. Williamson, Louisiana, Minister to Central American States; J. M. Read, Jr., Minister to Greece; A. T. A. Torbet, Delaware, Consul-General at Paris; Indian Inspectors under act February 14, 1873: Wm. Vandever, Iowa, J. W. Daniels, Minnesota, and J. D. Bevier, Michigan.

The Attorney-General, it is stated, will appeal the Credit-Mobilier suit from the decision of the United States District Court for Connecticut to the Supreme Court of the United States.

Senator Sumner was serenaded by the colored people of Washington on the evening of Dec. 1.

Representative Stephens of Georgia was a few days since received by the President in one of the reception rooms on the main floor of the White House, being too feeble to ascend the stairway to the President's office.

Judge-Advocate General Holt has published a long rejoinder to ex-President Johnson, in which he says Johnson is guilty of gross perversion in his statement of what occurred at their interview just previous to the execution of Mrs. Surratt.

Scattering returns from the Texas election indicate a Democratic majority.

James Mason has been appointed Receiver in the Jay Cooke & Co. bankruptcy case, and Judge Cadwallader has issued an order commanding the receiver to have the bankrupts forthwith account to him for all their, and any or either of their property, real or personal, moneys, rights, credits, and effects, the accounts to be taken from the commencement of proceedings on the 25th of September last, and from such earlier periods, if any, as may, as to any item or items, be necessary.

Bishop Armitage (Episcopal) of Wisconsin died in St. Luke's Hospital, New York, Dec. 7, where he had gone to have a surgical operation performed.

The Missouri delegation to Congress called upon President Grant in a body on Dec. 6.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES.

D. M. Hall was executed at Austin, Nev., Nov. 29, for the murder of John Copeland.

An incendiary fire destroyed the entire business portion of Fishkill, N. Y., Dec. 1. The loss is $108,000; insurance $55,000.

The most destructive fire that ever visited Independence, Iowa, occurred on the night of Nov. 28. In all ten buildings, occupied by sixteen firms, were burned.

A Cincinnati dispatch reports the wind storm of the night of Dec. 3 as being very disastrous. Trees were blown across the Atlantic and Great Western Railroad, near Akron, across the Richmond and Chicago road, in Ohio, and a barn was struck by lightning in Highland county, Ohio, and burned. Several houses were unroofed at Laurel, Ind. A barn was blown down back of Covington, Ky., and a small house was unroofed in Cincinnati. At Paterson, N. J., on the 4th, a large four-story frame building, partly completed, was blown down, burying a number of workmen and [illegible] bodies [illegible] Councilman [illegible] many more were killed. A Memphis dispatch says that on the morning of the 3d a hurricane swept over the town of Malvern, forty miles south of that city, on the line of the Cairo and Fulton Railroad, razing to the ground six business houses, tearing away the roofs of several others, wounding two men badly and six slightly. The tornado struck the railroad about three miles below Malvern and traveled up the track about four miles, carrying everything before it, houses, trees, etc.

A party of desperadoes recently attacked Robinson's circus troupe at Jacksonville, Texas, and a battle ensued, first inside then outside of the tent. Three men were killed and many were wounded. The circus-men were victorious.

A dispatch from Corpus Christi, Texas, Dec. 3, says: "On the night of the 1st inst., Indians and Mexicans attacked Gray & Grover's ranches, about 70 miles hence towards the Rio Grande, and killed seven and carried off Gray's son. When the courier left, fighting was going on.

The propeller City of Detroit foundered and sunk during a gale on Dec. 6, in Saginaw Bay, and it was thought that some fifteen lives were lost.

The steamer Royal George exploded a boiler on the night of Dec. 5, between Jefferson and Shreveport, on the Red River. The mate and three deck hands were instantly killed, and five others seriously wounded.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Gold closed in New York, Dec. 5, at 109 1-2.

Outside advocates of a war for Cuba have been distributing before the Senate and House a pamphlet entitled "The Book of Blood; an authorized record of the policy adopted by modern Spain to put an end to the war for independence of Cuba." The word "blood" is printed in large red letters. It gives the number of political prisoners executed since the troubles began at 4,672.

Following is the public debt statement, Dec. 1:

Six per cent. bonds	$1,218,310,150	
Five per cent. bonds	497,801,400	
Total coin bonds...		$1,716,611,850
Lawful money debt.	14,678,000	
Matured debt.....	20,916,570	
Legal tender notes..	367,001,085	
Certificates of dep't	20,150,000	
Fractional currency	46,011,319	
Coin certificates...	30,220,600	
Total without int't.		465,413,635
Total debt.....		2,217,679,735
Total interest.....		38,338,725
Cash in Treasury—		
Coin.....	83,709,987	
Currency....	1,296,440	
Special deposits held for redemption of certificates of deposit, as provided by law.....	20,150,000	
Total in Treasury...		105,156,427
Debt less cash in Treasury.....		2,150,862,053
Increase during month		9,028,676
Bonds issued to Pacific Railroad companies, interest payable in lawful money, principal outstanding		64,623,512
Interest accrued and not yet paid.		1,616,987
Interest paid by United States.....		20,417,086
Interest repaid by transportation of mails, etc.....		4,545,453
Balance of interest by U. S.....		15,902,34

The completion of the Mississippi Central Railway extension from Jackson, Tenn., to the Ohio River, is announced.

It is stated that the epizootic has appeared again among the horses of the car and stage routes in New York City.

The Patrons of Husbandry have organized a State Grange in Alabama.

A dispatch from Eureka, Nev., states that the volcano has broke out in the Pinto Mountains, ten miles from that place, and dense volumes of smoke are issuing from the crater.

The Kansas Pacific Railroad Company made a default on Dec. 1 in the payment of its December interest on $4,068,000 bonds. The officers of the company say that the money has been earned, but has been expended in the construction of eighty-eight miles of new road, on which they have been unable to sell securities.

There was a full Cabinet meeting on Dec. 5, at which the new aspects of Cuban affairs were freely discussed. It is stated that there was a general impression among the members that Spain would be unable to enforce her orders for the surrender of the Virginius. It has been said that Spain will probably, if it be found impossible for the Castelar Government to enforce its official decrees upon its subjects in Cuba, make an official admission of the fact that her authorities are powerless to obey the will of the Spanish republic; that a revolution exists there, and that the United States will have the countenance of Spain in seizing the Virginius in the harbor of Havana.

The Washington *National Republican* of Dec. 8 contained the following article in regard to the Virginius complication, which may be considered as a semi-official statement of the status of affairs up to that date. The article says:

"It may be positively announced that Minister Sickles will soon retire from Madrid. This act is not the direct result of unfriendly relations growing out of the diplomatic negotiations between the United States and Spain. It is rather the result of General Sickles' own action, and the consequence of the construction placed by him upon the manner in which negotiations have been carried on. It is unofficially announced that his intercourse with the Spanish foreign office has been of such a character as to impair his usefulness, and it is believed this will be the cause assigned for his retirement.

"It may also be positively announced that the Virginius will be surrendered to the United States by being delivered into the custody of the United States navy within a few days. The Government has renewed assurances, not only of the sincerity of the Castelar Government in making the promises embraced in the Polo-Fish protocol, but in its ability to execute them. The assurances regarding the latter point are based upon the knowledge that the Virginius is now virtually under the control of the Spanish navy, which is understood to be loyal to the Madrid Government. While some of its officers may entertain a warm sympathy for the volunteers on the Island, it is believed that they will not hesitate to yield a cordial obedience to the commands of their superior officers at Madrid. The surrender of the vessel will be made in such a way and at such a time in some Cuban port as to satisfy the dignity of the interested parties.

"The surviving members of the Virginius crew, now at Santiago, will be returned to the jurisdiction of the United States at, if not before, the time of the surrender of the vessel. Lieut. Chipp of the Juniata, one of the American vessels in the harbor of Santiago, arrived at Key West to-day. Interesting information regarding the condition of the prisoners and the condition of affairs in that section of the Island is expected from him in a few days."

The amount of legal tender notes outstanding, Dec. 6, was $369,517,318.

The Finance Committee of the Cincinnati Board of Trade has reported resolutions in favor of free banking, and asking Congress to forbid the payment of interest on current deposits by national banks.

The Secretary of the Interior has accepted a portion of the Cairo & Fulton Railroad between Little Rock and Fulton, 126 miles, in accordance with the report of the commissioners.

Adjutant-General Baker of Iowa has returned from a visit to the Northwestern counties of the State, and reports that the accounts of suffering among the homesteaders has not been exaggerated, and that many families will have to be cared for during the winter, and in the spring there will be need of seed to plant the ground they have broken.

FOREIGN.

Havana dispatches of Dec. 4 state that Captain General Jovellar had telegraphed his resignation to the Madrid Government, on account of the orders to deliver up the Virginius. He says in his dispatch that "the deliv- [illegible] cessive catastrophies, even if a man of the highest ability should be in command here." It is stated the resignations of several other officials had been sent in, and that the feeling against the United States is most bitter and uncontrollable.

The United States steamer Juniata arrived at Santiago de Cuba on Nov. 26, and her commander visited the 101 Virginius prisoners then remaining there. He telegraphed to Consul Hall assuring him that no other executions except the thirty-seven had occurred, and that if the American Government demanded the surrender of the prisoners no difficulty would be experienced in obtaining them.

The London *Times* of Dec. 5 publishes an official list of the British subjects taken prisoners on the steamer Virginius, and afterwards executed at Santiago. The *Times* comments on the act, and says the British Government, while demanding the surrender of the survivors, must carefully avoid committing itself to the proposition that the seizure of the Virginius was illegal.

It is stated on the authority of a private letter recently received at New York, that Meximo Gomez, to avenge the shooting of those captured on the Virginius, had attacked and captured a number of Spanish fortified camps in the vicinity of Santiago. He made over two hundred prisoners, and marching them close up to Santiago, shot them in full view of the Spanish fortifications and then sent word to Burriel to come out and bury them.

A difficulty has occurred between the German and Spanish Governments, growing out of the seizure of some German vessels by a Spanish war steamer in the Phillippine Islands.

Archbishop Ledochowski has replied to the demand of the German Government for his resignation, refusing to comply and declaring that he is responsible only to the Pope.

The cholera has appeared among the troops of the Dutch expedition against Acheen, and together with the bad condition of the roads prevented active operations.

The London *Hour* says that it has trustworthy information that by the privately expressed wish of Pius IX., the cardinals have been in consultation and selected Cardinal Pecci, the Archbishop of Perugia, for the next Pope.

The New Orleans *Times* publishes a statement made by the officers of the steamer Yazoo, direct from Havana, that two Americans were brutally murdered on Nov. 28; but the precise circumstances under which it was done are not stated. It was not considered safe for any American citizen to appear in the streets, as the feeling on the part of the Spaniards toward Americans was intensely bitter.

The United States naval officers at Santiago de Cuba report officially that the number of men captured on the Virginius was one hundred and fifty-five, and of these fifty-three were executed. Of one hundred and two now living, fourteen are native or naturalized Americans, and the remainder are of various nationalities.

A London dispatch of Dec. 7 says: "The crew of the Loch Erne, which ran into and sunk the Ville de Havre, have arrived at Plymouth. They were brought into port by the British Queen, which took them off the Loch Erne on the 29th ult., at which time she was in a sinking condition. The account of the Ville de Havre disaster, given by the rescued crew, represents that the captain and second mate of the steamer came on board the Loch Erne shortly after the collision and did not assist in saving any of the passengers, and that a majority of the French crew exhibited lamentable cowardice."

A grand funeral service for those who lost their lives on board the steamship Ville de Havre was held in London, on Sunday, Dec. 7.

A Madrid dispatch of Dec. 6 says: "The Government batteries keep up a steady fire on Cartagena. The insurgents are reported in good spirits. They made a sortie yesterday. Gen. Ceballos gives place to Gen. Saville in the command of the besieging forces."

CONGRESSIONAL.

DEC. 2.—*Senate.*—Mr. Sumner moved to proceed to the consideration of the supplementary civil rights bill, introduced by him on the previous day, but the motion was rejected.... Bills were introduced—to set apart a certain portion of the island of Mackinaw, Michigan, as a national park; to extend the provisions of the act of March 3, 1873, providing for the collection of debts due from Southern railroads; granting aid to the Atlantic and Great Western Canal; to organize the Territory of Oklohama. ....The President's message was read, and on motion was ordered printed and laid on the table. ....The Senate went into executive session, when the nomination of Attorney-General Williams to be Chief-Justice of the Supreme Court was read and laid over for future consideration.. Adjourned. *House.*—Notices were given of several important bills to be introduced... A resolution was passed declaring that Messrs. Sypher and Sheldon, of Louisiana, had prima facie a right to seats in the House, and that they be admitted to take the oath of office...The President's message was read, after which the House adjourned.

DEC. 3.—*Senate.*—Bills were introduced to provide for the better protection of the Northern and Northwestern frontiers, and facilitate commerce between the States; to organize the territory of Pembina and to provide a temporary government to aid in the execution of the laws in Utah. (This last bill embraces all the amendments to the bill introduced last year).. Mr. Morrill argued at length in favor of the resumption of specie payments, and urged upon Congress the necessity of legislation in that direction.... After a short executive session the Senate adjourned. *House.*—Notice was given of a bill to repeal so much of the postal act as prohibits weekly newspapers from passing through the mails free of postage... A discussion took place regarding the contested seats from Louisiana, and George L. Smith was admitted as a member from the Fourth district. The other cases were referred to the Committee on Elections.... Adjourned.

In the Senate, on the 4th, a number of bills were introduced and laid on the table to be referred to committees hereafter....Mr. Sherman's bill for the redemption of the loan of 1858 was passed....Mr Ferry called up his resolution instructing the financial committee to report a bill providing a remedy for the existing monetary derangement, and addressed the Senate in favor thereof.. The Senate then proceeded to the election of the Standing Committees (Published in another column)... The credentials of Pinchback and McMillan were referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections....The Senate then went into executive session, after which it adjourned until Monday.

In the House, on the 4th, Mr. Hale of Maine moved that a select committee of seven be appointed to take into consideration the subject of the repeal of the Salary Bill, so called, and that the said committee be instructed to report at the earliest practicable day, and that all bills on the subject be referred to the said committee. The resolution was adopted, and a large number of bills bearing on the subject were introduced and referred. By consent of the House the committee was allowed to report at its earliest convenience. (The committee was subsequently announced as follows: Messrs. Hale of Maine, Maynard, Kasson, Scofield, Hale of New York, Niblack and Jewett).. Bills were introduced and referred—to repeal the bankruptcy law; to repeal the non-clad oath, and for the removing of disabilities under the Fourteenth amendment; recognizing Cuban belligerency; to prohibit the payment of interest by the national banks; to restore the franking privilege; authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to put in circulation the residue of the forty-four millions reserve by purchasing Government bonds therewith; to regulate commerce among the several States by railroads; also for a canal connecting the waters of Lake Michigan with the Illinois, Mississippi and Rock rivers; for the public buildings at St. Joseph; for improvement of the Mississippi River between the mouths of the Ohio and Missouri; for a canal around Niagara Falls, and in other directions; to require uniform charges of railroads, and to punish unjust discrimination in favor of or against particular persons or places. Adjourned.

DEC. 5.—*House.*—Among the bills introduced and referred were—a bill to strengthen the credit of the reconstructed States and to afford them financial relief [illegible] subscribers free of postage; to require the national banking associations to retain as part of their reserve the coin interest received on bonds deposited [illegible] shall be sufficient to complete the James River and Kanawha Canal; to afford cheap transportation by water from the interior to the Atlantic seaboard by way of the great lakes...The Speaker announced the Standing Committees, after which the House adjourned.

Report of the Secretary of the Treasury.

The Secretary of the Treasury in his annual report shows that the expenditures for the current fiscal year will exceed the receipts by $13,530,000. He attributes the falling off in the revenues to the alteration of the tariff laws which added tea, coffee, and other articles to the free list and to the recent financial crisis. He says, however, that in the period of the greatest commercial embarrassment, the receipts in coin were greater than the amount required to meet the interest on the public debt, and all other expenditures which are payable in coin. He thinks that the revenues have fallen off em[illegible] to make economy and a reduction in the [illegible] and expenditures necessary, [illegible] business should soon [illegible] tion rather than a re[illegible] and increasing the pu[illegible]

In relation to th[illegible] debt the Secretary sa[illegible] subscriptions have been made [illegible] per cent. funded loan, the proceeds o[illegible] as they mature are applied to the redemption of an equal amount of six per cent. five-twenty bonds. The $15,500,000 received from Great Britain in payment of the Geneva award has also been used toward the redemption of the debt bearing six per cent. interest. The Secretary shows that when this subscription shall have matured there will have been effected since last January a conversion of $100,000,000 of the debt bearing six per cent. interest into the new five per cent. loan, making an annual saving of $1,000,000 of interest; and adds that the whole amount [illegible] verted into the new loan [illegible] the refunding net will be [illegible] that the annual interest saving [illegible] 000.

INTEREST ON DEPOSITS.

The Secretary condemns the practice b banks of allowing interest on deposits payable on demand. He says that it tends to accumulate currency in large cities, where, not being required by the demands of ordinary business, it is loaned on call to speculators. When activity in legitimate business returns, and the temporary investments are called in, the business of the banks is jeopardized, the annual recurring stringency in the money