CITY ITEMS

Sale at St. Mary's Orphan Asylum. -There will be a sale of useful and fancy articles at St. Mary's Orphan Asslum, Franklin street, during the holidays. The sale will be opened on Monday next, 23d inst., and will continue open from 10 o'clock in the morning until 10 o'clock P. M. and close on Saturday evening. This sale affords a good opportuni-v for such as wish to practice a real charity, to exercise it without detriment to their Christmas investments. Don't buy your sales room, you may suit yours lives just as well Inquirer, who accompanies the Pennsylvania bottomed batteaux. there, and if you do, you have the actisfaction of | 99th Regiment, and, figuratively speaking, blows conferring a double happiness, one on the intended recipient and another on the needy orphan child .- Catholec Mirror.

Christmas Exhibition at the Intant Asylum .-The Sisters in charge of the Infint Asylum, Division street will have on exhibition during the Christmas holidays, a magnificent scenic representation of the Nativity of our Saviour. had the pleasure of seeing this interesting display of figure and landscapes last Christmas, and were very agreeably impressed with the effect produced by it. To chrildren especially, we can imagine nothing that could be better devised for i their amusement. They should by all means go and see it. The change is only a half dime, with an abstement when visited by schools - Catholic |

whilst a gentleman named Ford, was proceeding asmosthizers renders incresant vigilance and acto his residence on the Hookstown road, and livity on our part of the very first importance.when near the city limits, he was approached Captain Cross, who is a spirited and determined el that his watch (which was a valuable one) and Heintzelman's division, was furnished an opport at work endeavoring to destroy the Dam there, expediency of instructing the Paymaster General upon the resources of the loyal States. He said money, had been taken from him by his assailants. ness for battle. The matter is now in the hands of an experienced detective officer, and it is to be hoped the perpetraters of this outrage may be brought to justice. with word for Lieutenant-Colonel Seymour to get one section of Best's battery has been operating taking of the oath of allegiance, as required by lengthy and most speciesful engagement of Miss force, was at band. The immediate preparation | The design of the enemy at Falling Waters ap- | On motion of Mr. Elliott, the Committee on Western at the popular Theatre is rapidly draw was to be as quietle as possible, and without best pears to be to distract our attention from Dam Commerce was instructed to inquire into the ex- specie payments was not even alluded to, and if Jewess with Miss Lucille on Rachael, and the lunder arms. There was a husbed hum in our lives, in a few dais comi o-scenicionis-is o-extravaganza of Fortunio camp, and the Sinets-ninth were ready and eager | Col Kenlya 1st Maryland Regiment, Murphy's I and His Seven didted Servants together with a I to be led forth taxonite dance by Miss Olevia, constitutes the prowhould not pass unrewarded.

in another column of Col. C. H. Mann, whose es- | on our pickets by a large body of Confederates. stabilishment is located at 124 West Baltimore street. The house is conducted upon the European plan. where travellers can secure a room and have the privilege of eating when ther please. The Colonel tean keep a hotel, ' and his house is one of the !

most popular in the city. Dr. L. S. Les. - We are happy to announce to our Catholic friends that on some evening during Christmas week, a lecture will be delivered by Dr. S. Ives, before the Catholic Institute of our city. Subject-"The Moral Power of Catholicity." | marching orders, but there is no truth in the ru-From the high literary character of Dr. Ives, and mor. There have, however, been several alarms, \ his pleasing and popular manner of lecturing, we l venture to bespeak him a crowded audience... Ca-Adlie Mirror.

A Hippy Correction .- It will be remembered that a painful rumour was currently affoat a few a weeks since, to the effect that Col. Grafton D Sparrier, formerly of this city, but now in the service of the Confederate army, had died of Typhoid Fever-we are much ideased to state we have since learned that though he had been very ill, I and his friends had despaired of his recovery, he is now out of danger and expected to be able to resume his duties in a few days.

congregation of Zion Church, corner of Baltimore I and Gilmor streets, in place of the Rev. M. L. Forties, who lately resigned the pastorship of said church.

SALES AT THE BALTIMORE STOCK BOARD Trisnar, December 20, 1861.

Prices and Sales of Stocks in New York. (BT TELEGRAIM TO LEONARD J. TORNET, STOCK AND BILL BRO

EFE, No 22 POUTH ST] First Board, December 20. Virginia 6's 47' Z-ales N. Carolina 6's ... sale Missouri 6's 3712 do Reading 3212 do Canton Co...... 914 do Mich.South.RR.- do Erie Kailroad...2512 do Mich. So. Guar. --Erie Prefid..... do Tennessee bonds.41 N. Y. Central., 75% do Treasury Notes, 99% do

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IMPORTANT FROM WASHINGTON.

FEDERALS ADVANCING. Several Skirmishes.

The War correspondent of the Philadelphia the trumpet for that corps, thus writes to that

CAMP McClettan, below Alexandria, \ December 18, 1861.

of three theusend, as encamped about four shell at it. miles below Pobick Church. Their pickets were discovered resterday in pretty strong force, on the Telegraph or Richmond road. Scouting parties of Confederate cavalry were met by a Federal orce, under command of Capt. Cross and Lieut. t. F. Ord, and driven back. Subsequently, a scouting party, under Capt Cross advanced a last night a large force of cavalry passed on to couple of miles beyond the lines.

It is a provoking fact, that even now, with our forces in close proximity, signal or flash lights are ent up at different points, as warning to the ene-Highway Robbery. - On Tuesday evening last, my of our movements. This action of seversion from behind, by four ruffians, one of whom dealt | efficer, received intelligence of an intended ad- this vicinity are quiet, though we expect to have him a murderous flow upon the head with a vance of the Confederates, which was speedily an exchange of shots with the enemy at Dam No. "slung shot," knocking him set seless upon the tollowed by the report that they were coming on 5, and Falling waters. Gen. Jackson's (Confedground and inflicting a pointul wound. When he with a large force. Our brigade, under General Jerate) battery is at the former place, including a had sufficiently recovered his senses, he discovered Jamison, and, indeed, the whole of General twelve-pound rifled gun, and the enemy have been tary Affairs were instructed to inquire into the hereafter there would probably be fewer calls proceed book containing a considerable sum of tunity of manifesting their readiness and eager- which now seems to be the principal object of the Army, to authorise Paymasters and Assist the Government was now provided with sufficient

into our camp about 3 o'clock in the morning, battery. At the latter place-Falling Water- lowances from the date of their acceptance, and The influence of the Secretary's assurances in Hillity Street Theatre -The unprevedented, the regiment under arms, as the enemy, in large occasionally against two of Gen. Jackson's guns. | the officers appointed by the President.

In a few minutes after, the order came the bat- | Best's Battery arrived here to-day gramme for the occasion. Miss Western's untir I talion was formed and ready for action, either to i ing efforts to please during her stay in this city repel an attack or advance. We waited until morning's grev dawn, but were kept under march-Popular Erling Silvon -We beg leave to call | inc orders and under arms all day, without sight | tired at noon Port Royal, with the steam or R the attention of our resders to the advertisement of a Confederate. It turned out to be an attack General Richardson's Brigade had just moved

down two miles below our right, on the Richmond troad, so that "on to Richmond," after all, has l I some meaning. The New Jersey Cavalry also made a move in the same direction, after leaving Hatteras, steering South. two hundred and fitty sick in the hospital, out of Uthirteen hundred.

There was a report last night that the 61st Bay Point. | Pennsylvania Volunteers, at present commanded | by Lieutenant Colonel Robinson, was under ed. caused by our pickets having been driven in; and it is known definitely that the Confederate force been secured, and would be shipped by the next in the vicinity of Colchester and along the Occo- steamer. quan river is much larger than represented. Their pickets approach our lines in large bodies, and } Poblek Church, beretofore visited by Federal pickets, is now occupied by Confederate cavalry .-)

Jameson, to report to head-quarters, without de- Ashepoo river. Among other things, he stated General Order No. 24, for the benefit of the which are rifled and four smooth-bore, and two lay, the amount of ammunition at present on hand that on the approach to Mosquito Creek he saw a Southwestern refugees. About string of the most Parrot guns. Ministerial Election.—The Rev. J. N. McJilton, by the various companies of the regiments; each picket of soldiers, who took took to their horses prominent of these parties will be called upon D. D., has recently been elected Pastor by the man was supplied with forty rounds of ball cart- on his approach, hastened in their flight by a shot to-morrow for the sums set opposite their names, river, and but indifferent means of crossing. ridge. Various speculations are affort as to the or two thrown at them.

I probable result of the order. alry, received eight balls in his body. He is still had at the same time been made to drive off the New York, Dec. 26, --- The steamer Africa sailtiving, though in a critical condition.

MAN ON THE MARCH. CAMP McClallan, Dec. 19.—There is the utmost | The scene was one of complete desolation.— | regiments of General Jameson's brigade, of which | decrepid.

we are a portion. bear something exciting from Pobick church. day yesterday heavy firing was going on South of | could be made of them.

Alexandria. FROM FORTRESS MONROE. The Steamer Adelaide, Capt. Cannon, arrived the following items: here this morning about 7 o'clock, and reports | CHARLESTON, Dec. 18 -The Mercury of this not a word of war news from any point. There morning says the Federalists now occupy Beaufort had been no arrivals or departures by sea zince and Port Royal Island with a force supposed to

resterday, by which five ladies and two gentle- near Port Royal Ferry of twelve 12-pound Par- ing them to this place, on account of the warlike men availed themselves of the opportunity to rott guns, and are throwing up entrenchments on reach their homes in the North. The only item | Port Royal Island. It is reported that a Federal of interest was that Captain De Lagnel, who was launch was fired into by our troops and seven taken prisoner by the Federals at Cheat Moun- Yankees killed. tain, was taken to Nortolk, he having been ex-Changed for Captain Ricketts, of the Federal ar-Imr, who came up resterday.

barque John C. Brune, from Montevideo via St. Thomas, we are in receipt of some items of interest from the latter port. The Brune left Montes. Trideo on the 3d November and arrived at St. Thomas Dec. 4th. The Federal gunboat frequence arrived at St. Thomas the same day as the Brune ; and sailed again on a cruise on the 5th. opinion was prevalent that the captain of the Iroques would be court-martialed for allowing the Summer to secape. The Federal gunboat Shepherd. | Knapp also sailed from St Thomas on the 4th Thecember on a cruise. The captain of the Brune ! says the feeling in Monterideo and St. Thomas in) regard to our domestic from les is about equally

The Steamer Sashville. The following is an extract from a prisate letter. tree sed, per Europs, from an American resident.

at Lendon of The Nashville is still in port, and will be fitted. tour, and if they won't allow guns to go on board. of course merchandize will, and when opened ! cout to sea, guns will show how merchandize cantake Liverpeol and Harre packets and freight. "The public feeling is running very high, and i 'opinions are expressed in regard to our new Min- l tater that he does not use more determined and fresolute means to further plans, to stop the Nash- | osition to confine Messrs, Mason and Stidell. salle," with her crew, before she can get out of | Well, we are very sorry for the oppressions that | of John Walton, but was acquitted on account of the docks or round the Island of Wight. but so are likely to be practised upon our friends much red tape must, of course, be run off the The whole Southern people sympathize with the witnesses for the prosecution on the stand this -two colors-for sale at the other of THE SOUTH

reel." - Boston Journal.

The Confederates Advancing in Porce.

BENEROLA, Md., Dec. 19 .- This has been one of the most exciting days ever witnessed in Washington county, particularly in Williamsport and vicinity. At an early hour this morning, it was reported that the Confederates had appeared in strong force at Falling Waters and Martinsburg. and were making preparations to cross the river. they are supplied with a large number of flat in a very few weeks.

The greater portion of the inhabitants of Williamsport are packing up their most valuable goods, and will leave the place as quickly as pos-

A messenger has just arrived and reports that the Confederates have damaged Dam No. 5. They Our pickets report the enemy, to the number | destroyed the greater portion of it by discharging

This morning heavy firing was heard along the river, and there is no doubt but that a desperate engagement is going on between the contending who control the Federal Government.

The 1st Maryland regiment, Col. Kenly, passed through here this morning for Williamsport and | ted by any nation. the same place. Several batteries at d five regi- poeers, Meers. Colfax and Adell, have thus link- tude. ments will pass through during the day en route for Williamsport. That a severe contest will be world-wide and eternal. bad is the opinion of every one. It is supposed that the Confederates will attack Williamsport, as that place contains a large quantity of military stores and other articles.

WILLIAMSPORT, Dec. 20. - Affairs in and around

ing to a close. This evening she appeals to the of the flong roll. It was helf mountight; but No 5. The effect our fire has not been developed. pediency of reporting a bill for the preservation it had been it would probably have met with no generous public to attend the performance, which instantly, in every tent, all over the hills, all over the hil to the benefit. The popular drama of the receptment, the lights were struck, and the men command, and will report at Hancock or Rom- Plymouth, Mass., with a view to commerce and

> FROM PORT ROYAL NEW YORK, Dec. 20 .- The steamer Atlantic ar-

She brings 120,000 pounds of Sea Island cotton. gathered by the negroes under direction of the agents of the Government. The Atlantic passed the steamer Vanderbilt off.

General Steven's brigade, of 4,000 men, is occupying Beaufort, Lady Island, St. Helena and General Vielle's expedition has been abandon-

Gen. Sherman has issued orders that all reporters leave the place immediately. Four hundred thousand pounds of cotton had

Part of the Stone Fleet was at Savannah river. and part had gone to Charleston. Despatches from Port Royal.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.-The Navy Department

I have just learned that our pickets were again I tained that two days before, all the negro houses, I require. attacked last night, and one of our men shot; an- overseers house and out buildings, together with Despatches to the American Minister at Lonother, a Lieutenant in the First New Jersey Cave | the picked cotton had been burnt. The attempt | negroes, but many had escaped although some of ed at six o'clock this morning for Liverpool. THE DIVISIONS OF GENERALE FRANKLIN AND BEINIZED. their number, they said, had been shot in attempt. bearer of despatches to our Minister, Mr. Adams, One is that the cabinet held a meeting this after-

morning, a messenger came from the General's slaves which surrounded them, and who still in- Sandrail, which sailed immediately for Bermuda. hendquarters, with an order to have the regiment stinctively clung to their hearth-stones, although i prepared to move at a moment's notice. General there was no longer a shelter for them, presented Franklin's entire division moved last night; also a melancholy sight. The impression was made | ner. a portion of General Heintzelman's division, in- even stronger by the piteous wails of the poor cluding General Richardson's brigade, and two creatures, a large portion of whom were old and

Before many hours elapse, you will probably destitute condition, had collected at Oliver Island. Later advices from Washington state that all supply them with food until some disposition

LATER FROM THE SOUTH. The Norfolk Day Book of yesterday contains.

Gen. Evans arrived yeaterday The Engligh news gives great joy in Charles-

All was unusually quiet in the vicity of Hamp- | Rosecranz is expected soon at Cincinnati from

Western Virginia. The Gazette is informed "that 28 Federal sol- | Rinaldo has arrived here. By the arrival yesterday at this port of the diera lately entered Zollicoffer's lines, stating that I after reading President Lincoln's message, ther

could no longer bear arms against the South, and were ready to fight against the abolition tyran-1 SAVANNAH, Dec. 18.- "Nothing has been beard a bere from the Stone Fleet. A part of the Port i Royal expedition has sailed south." The Day Book's list of contributions for the

Charleston sufferers, toots up \$1,538-30. Vice-President Stevens, health is much improve Porcher Miles continues very ill Mr. Faulkner arrived at Nerfolk vestorday, and will proceed to Richmond to-morrow

The George Posbody arrived here from Hatteras Indet this mounting. She brings no power For The Norto'k Day Book of December 1st

"says. The brig Dolphia was raised at the NATY. 'Yard yesterday afternoon. There are no guns ; aboard, and just enough of her left to flost her -Ber copper, bolts, &. , however, were well worth ; the trouble and expense of raising her.

Sentiment in New Orleans on the Proposition ; to Treat Messes, Mason and Stidell as Fe-The New Orleans Crescent, of December 12th,)

Taiya, in a leading editorial, alluding to the proper

LATER FROM UPPER MANYLAND. ment can't be changed. It is fixed and unaltera- murdered man, who testified that the prisoner at ble; and until the Washington despotism agrees the bar had conferred to him, on a certain occa-to abide by the rules of civilized warfare, the sion, that it was be who had murdered his (the

> expected to withstand the privations which a liceman, whose evidence will be forthcoming todungeon life imposes upon its victims. They are | morrow. physically incapable—they would landuish and die under deprivations of close confinement, with-

> the infernal cruelty of the Lincoln dynasty, we my, though it cannot now convict the prisoner of | trust President Davis will order the execution of | the first murder, may bring him in "guilty" of , every prisoner of war in his possession, and an- the second. nounce in an informal proclamation, that no [The U.S. gunboat Potomska went into commisprisoners will be taken bereafter. He will be sion this afternoon. The Restless goes into com-

this world do not furnish any such instances of tisting on the part of the Government for the insane violence and brutality as has been perpe- | purchase of the steamship Fulton, late of the New trated by the wretched and cowardly barbarians | York and Havre line.

ed their names with an intamy which will be would be an inadequte retaliation for the pro- | yet, but it is well understood that a harmonious posed treatment of our minister." It urges the | result was reached. The Secretary addressed the unfurling of the black flag, and that the war be meeting at considerable length, stating that con-

prosecuted to the end. THIRTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS.

WARRINGTON, Dec. 20, 1861. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. On motion of Mr. Law, the committee on Milidemonstration. Their firing is returned by two tant Paymasters to credit and pay all commis- means to meet its wants till the middle of Janu-Capt. Potter, Gen. Jamison's aid, came riding Parrot gans belonging to Knapp's Pennsylvania | sioned officers and volunteers their pay and al- arv.

the national defence. Mr. Stevens, from the Committee of Wave and 29th Pennsylvania, and Lt Cushing's section of Means, reported a bill appropriating \$150,000 to is being made with the usual alacrity, and it is complete the defence of Washington. Passed.

Mr. Helman offered a resolution which was moderate scale. adopted, instructing the Committee on Military Affairs to report a bill amendatory of the present | reimburse the \$12,000,000 due them on account of aws so as not to exclude, in the appointment of public sales of 7.30 notes, part in gold and part in chaplains, any religious societies. He mentioned Treasury notes. that at present, Jewish Rabbi's are excluded, notwithstanding there are a large number of Hebrews Jurther modified by Mr. Chase, this morning, he

Kentucky Legislature, in favor of relieving the people of Ireland, in view of probable famine there. Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs. mittee on the Judiciary be instructed to report a | tions in Government and State Bonds were fewbill so amending the fugitive slave law of 1850 as | in the aggregate, \$57,000-while there was no into forbid the recapture or return of any fugitive | climation to press the railways on the markets. from labor, without satisfactory proof first mathat the claimant of such fugitives is loyal to the

Mr. Holman inquired whether his colleague to the Commercial says: would not consent to make the resolution merely one of inquitry.

Mr. Julian replied that he preferred the present

Heavy firing is frequently heard down the Poto- has received despatches from Port Royal, includ- The Seccessionists Supporting the Refugees. mac and off to the right, supposed to be caused ing one from commander Drayton, dated Decem- St. Louis, Dec. 19.—The names of about three regiments, Hoskins' Kentucky regiment, and the by the Confederates practicing at their forts along ber 9th. He gives the particulars of his recent hundred Secessionists have been enrolled at the Seventeenth, Thirty-first, Thirty-fifth and Thirtycruise in the Pawnee with the gunbosts Madilla, Provost Marshal-General's office, upon whom con-leighth Uhio regiments, and Standart's Ohio and An order was received last night from General Isaac Smith and Vixen, in the exploration of the tributions will be levied under General Halleck's Hewitt's Kentucky batteries of ten guns, four of On landing at Hutchinson Island, it was ascer- | the balance be notified as the exigencies may | bable that a battle took place yesterday or to-day.

went out in ber. Despatches from Lord Lyons to Admiral Milne Here were also placed on board the British gumboat thing, however, is positive: Lord Lyons received activity and excitement in camp. Early this The smoking ruins and covering figures of the were also placed on board the British gumboat thing, however, is positive: Lord Lyons received Captain Seymour did not go on the Africa .-

The despatches were forwarded in the usual man-The Steamer America Signalled. left Liverpool on Saturday, and Queenstown on need be no fear of any trouble with England-About 140 pegroes, most of them in a very Sunday, the 8th, passed Cape Race at 11 o'clock on Wednesday night, three and a half miles disand Commander Dray ton had given directions to tant. The newshout reached within haif a mile special messenger, arrived this morning, with the

> steamer left without being boarded. The America took the place of the Persia, and the affair of the Treut. will be due at New York on Sunday. The War Feeling in Canada.

FAIRPAX, Dec. 19.—The warlike feeling is high bere and throughout the province. Buffalo, Oct. 10 .- Persons owning vessels now in winter quarter on the Canadian shore, are tow-

A Government Propeller Ashore. New Youn, Dec. 19.-A propeller, supposed to [belong to the Government, was seen ashore yesterday, on the north shoal or Barnegat. She had I two masts. She was firing guns in quick success.

Arrival of a British Gunboat. NEW YORK, Dec. 30.-The British gunboat.

FROM NEW YORK

The New York correspondent of the Philadelphia Ledger, writing under date of the 19th inst., 1

"mughty familiar" in this harbor-darting in and | tinues to be greater if possible, and over fitty carout, now, two or three of them, almost every friers are now offered for charter at very insignifithe Battery. Her commander (Lyons) then pro- the ships, but, even at these low rates, shippers ceeded to Jersey City, to communicate with the will refuse them. At this moment, even British captain of the Cunard steamer Africa, which is | ressels are less looked after, as some parties fear now under steam, waiting for the British Minis- | that there may be some trouble between Great ter's Washington despatches. It is whispered, Britain and the United States. ing, but how that is I do not know.

stances to-day which are likely to send the pri- expressly ordered by parties alroad, or loaded for soner to the gallows. Jefferds, it will be remem- account of masters and owners bered, was also indicted and tried for the murder

them, but the policy of the Confederate Govern- | morning, was William T. Walton, brother of the 122 Baltimore Street, up stairs. Price 10 cents.

principle of retaliation will be inexorably agreed witness') brother, and that he perpetrated the murder at the instigation of his mother, who pro-"Messes. Mason and Slidell are very old men, mised him \$2,000 for the job. The witness said therefore, as a matter of course, they cannot be | this confession was made in the presence of a po-

While these revelations were making, Jefferds betrayed much agitation-bis face rapidly changing color, and his whole frame, at times, trem-"Should this sad result be brought about by bling like a leaf. The result of Walton's testimo-

fully justified before the nationalities in so doing." | mission to-morrow. The Crusader will be ready The Delta of the same date says the annals of | for sea by Monday. Gen. Butler, I bear, is nego-

In business circles everything to-day is in a state It says the seizure of the Ambassadors on neu- of suspense. Merchants, bankers, brokers alike tral vessels is the most atrocious act ever commit- are awaiting the answer of our government to the demand of the British Cabinet through Lord Of the threat to imprison them, it says the pro- | Lyons, before venturing into operations of magni-

The conference between the Bank managers and the Secretary of the Treasury adjourned at "The summary execution of every prisoner 2 P. M. The official report is not published as fidence in the Government was all that was needed to enable it to crush the rebellion. Mr. Chase had no apprehensions of a war with England-

the present difficulty would soon blow over. He also dwelt upon the heavy expenditures of the Government, but assured the bankers that

reference to a successful termination of the war has been very favorable in financial circles. At the bank meeting the question of a suspension of Secretary as to the reimbursement of the earlier

loans, moreover, are satisfactorily adjusted The payment of \$3,500,000 by the banks to-day understood that the calls in future will be upon a Mr. Chase resterday agreed with the banks to

The terms of paying the above call bave been

permitting the use of past due Treasury notes (not Mr. Wickliffe presented the resolution of the two year notes) as well as demand notes and gold. Foreign Exchange is quiet and lower. Leading names on London were done at 1104.

Stocks, as a general rule, were higher this Mr. Julian offered a resolution that the Com- morning, with less anxiety to sell. The opera-

THE WAR IN KENTUCKY. CINCINNATI, Dec. 19 .- The Frankfort despatch

Advices from Somerset state that yesterday morning at daylight General Schoepff with all his force marched out to attack the Confederates. General Zollicoffer is in position on Fishing Creek, with s x thousand men and some artillery. Gen. Schoeps s force consists of two Tennessee.

Zullicoffer has no wagons on this side of the The Tennesseeans lead the column. It is pro-

Washington News and Gossip. Washington, Dec. 19.—The agitating question to-day has been the nature of the despatches received this morning by the State Department from Europe. The Avenue, as usual, is full of rumors. noon, and had agreed to hand over Messrs. Mason and Slidell to the British Government. One no instructions to return home in case Mason and Slidell were not placed under the protection of the British flag. Lord Lyons and Secretary Seward had a long interview this evening. One of the cabinet officers remarked to a party of gen-St. Jones, Dec. 19.—The steamship America, | tlemen in the Navy Department to-day-"there

Seward has satisfactorily arranged everything." Captain Seymour, the British Government's of the vessel, but evidently was not seen, as the | despatches from Lord Palmerston to Lord Lyons. They were very bulky, and no doubt related to

The Navy Department has received an official contradiction to the report that the Confederates had evacuated Fort Pulaski. There are six prisoners in confinement at Alex-

andria, on the charge of desertion. Col. Wall, of the Third Maryland Regiment, proceeds to the Eastern Shore of Virginia, which has recently returned to its allegiance, to organize a new brigade, to be called the First Eastern Vir-√ginia brigade. Pire at Lexington, Ky .-- A Lieutenant Shot.

LEXISOTON, Ky., Dec. 19.-The Amphitheatre, at the Fair Grounds, where a regiment of soldiers were encamped, was completely destroyed by fire last night. Loss from \$10,000 to \$12,000. During the excitement, a sentinel shot Joel Hickman, the First Lieutenant of Col. Wooley's cavalry, ckilling him instantly.

Freights in Havana.

The following is an extract from a private letter dated Havana, December 11, 1861; There has been no change of importance in has the following interesting items of intelligence. our freighting market since the 6th instant. The English gunboats, of late, are getting to be aversion of shippers to load American vessels conweek. Their business, for the most part, is matter | cant prices, in this port and Matanzis. The only of conjecture—their officers raiely coming ashore, | American | vessel that | has been lable to of tain a and even when they do, they take pains to ex-| cargo is the brig Union State, of Baltimore, at 30 hibit all the characteristic reticence of the genus cents per box for sugar to New York, as it appears | Englishman | Early this forenoon, a small but she is considered a privileged vessel, protected sancy looking gunboat, the Racer, came pulling from privateirs because she bails from Baltimore. and blowing into the lower bay, and, after ea- | Several vessels have been offered at 20 and 25 Inting Fort Hamilton, came up and anchored off [cents per bes, for a quantity soft-jent to ballast

on the wharf, that a message was received this P 📗 Our sugar crops are quite slow in coming in. A M, ordering her to hold back till to-morrow exet.- Trecent rains spell has partly interrupted the grineding and earting of sugars and melasses from the The trial of Charles M. Jefferds, for the murder | plantations. Still, we see but little chance for of J. W. Matthews, developed certain circum- American vessels to obtain return cargoes, unless

**IMRE ALARM TELEGRAPH CARD. -- A com-I plete Fire Alarm Telegraph on large cards. insufficiency of the evidence against him. Among | suitable for Counting Rooms-got up in a reat form