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NEW ORLEANS:

TUESDAY MORNING, MAY 23, 1871.

LIMITATION OF THE STATE DEBT.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

The Supreme Court yesterday decided the case of Salomon & Simpson, assignees of Nixon, versus the Auditor of the State, in favor of the defendant. This was an application for a mandamus to the Auditor requiring him to deliver to the plaintiffs his warrant upon the Treasurer of the State for the sum of $50,000, or thereabouts, under the authority of a certain act of the Legislature in favor of J. O. Nixon and to re-imburse him for discount on warrants received by him in payment for printing services rendered to the State. The Auditor refused to deliver the warrant on the ground that there were no funds in the Treasury upon which to draw, and consequently the issue of an obligation for the amount claimed, would constitute an increase of the debt of the State which had already exceeded the constitutional limit of twenty-five millions of dollars.

The Auditor alleged he was prohibited by a late amendment to the Constitution from increasing the debt of the State beyond the sum named in the amendment. The decision in the lower court was against the plaintiff, although not on the ground assigned by the Auditor, and the Supreme Court affirms the judgment without concurring in the reasons upon which it was based. The Supreme Court holds that the constitutional limitation of the State debt has been reached, and that all the obligations of the State, including the bonds loaned to the property banks and bonds endorsed by the State and all eventual obligations are included in that debt. It further holds the appropriation in favor of Mr. Nixon to be unconstitutional.

We may now ask the Auditor how he is to explain his conduct in delivering his warrant on the Treasury to Attorney General Belden, in satisfaction of his claim upon the State, pending the appeal in the case of Salomon & Simpson must decided? The demand of Belden was to be tested by the same rule. If the claim of Saloman & Simpson should have been rejected on the ground that to pay it would be to violate the constitutional provision limiting the debt, the claim of Belden should have been resisted on the same ground, and we presume the Supreme Court would have sustained the Auditor in resisting it. The cases were similar in character. There were no funds in the Treasury to pay either. They could only be satisfied by warrants of the Auditor on the Treasurer.

The Supreme Court, it seems, holds that warrants are obligations which must be regarded as debts of the State. The Auditor in settling with the Attorney General has therefore violated the law which he at first made a show of obeying. His conduct is unaccountable except on one hypothesis, and we are unwilling to adopt it, but it is incumbent on Mr. Graham to justify his proceeding before the tax-payers of the State, if it be in his power. We have always regarded him as a faithful public officer and should regret to have to change our opinion. His silence will compel us to believe that Mr. Belden employed arguments to which it was not creditable to the Auditor to yield. An officer in his position ought to resist firmly all improper influences, and has no right to complain if the public should draw unfavorable inferences from his compliance with unlawful demands upon the State Treasury.

THE BALL TO-NIGHT.—To-night the elite of the American population, the beautiful ladies of the Fourth and First Districts, the *crême de la crême* of the "up-town" population, will attend the grand tableaux and entertainment, to be given for charitable purposes, at the Opera House by the Ladies and Gentlemen's Benevolent Association. To make the picture complete, the lovely girls of the Third and Second Districts are expected to compete for the palm of beauty. Many have signified their intention to grace the theatre, and there has been an extraordinary flutter of young hearts and a fearful rushing of dressmakers. The preparation for the evening we hear has been most elaborate. Six grand tableaux illustrating historical subjects, prepared with exquisite art, and, to crown all, a magnificent ball and Yeager's band to keep the feet agoing, with the usual opera pieces.

Go to Tyler's on Canal street, for reserved boxes, and to all prominent stores for tickets.

The Morning Star announces in its last issue that Mr. Thomas G. Rapier, so long connected with the *Picayune* in its business department, has assumed the business management of the *Star*. Mr. Rapier is favorably known to the community, for his varied qualifications and obliging manners. We avail ourselves of the occasion to express our regard for him and our hearty good wishes for his success in life. His experience in newspaper profession renders him a valuable accession to our Gravier street cotemporary.

CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION.—A CONCERT.—A concert will be given in the Lyceum Hall on the 7th of June, at 8 P. M., for the benefit of the building fund of a new church edifice to be erected at the corner of Race and Camp streets, for the congregation connected with the Protestant Episcopal Church, under the charge of the Rev. J. Percival, known as the Church of the Annunciation.

The following accomplished vocalists will take part in this concert. Mlle Fairex, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Pierson and the choir of the Trinity Church, Messrs. Tracy, Wheeler and others. Tickets one dollar each, to be had at the door. The public are earnestly solicited to respond to this effort.

The attention of our readers is directed to the advertisement, in another column, of the house of Derbes, No. 57 Royal street, where will be found a large assortment of ribbons, laces, handkerchiefs, buttons, ladies' bonnets, and all millinery articles usually kept in such establishments.

You need not go to market but once a week if you have an Ice King Refrigerator. Our readers, and ladies especially, are invited to call on Mr. J. A. Warner, agent, No. 6 Carondelet street, and see this great addition to domestic economy and convenience.

The Ammonia car will continue to run during this week, and will be daily at Clay Statue on Canal street, at 9¼ A. M. and 3½ P. M. Books for subscription to the capital stock of the company are open at the office of G. L. Laughland, No. 175 Common street.

Gen. R. E. Lee, writing under date of January 14, 1871, says: "In simple mechanism, and the experience my daughters have had in operating it, makes the Wilcox & Gibbs sewing machine a great favorite in my family. For sale by M. S. Hedrick, 118 and 120 Canal street, New Orleans. 5 23 6m

Mr. Bayard, of Delaware, said very justly in calling the late infamous military bill: "I do not say that discussion for we ought to have learned that by this time) can affect anything in this Chamber, nor perhaps could affect anything in high party times in any Chamber; yet, nevertheless, each man has his duty in this regard; it is a contribution of the seeds of truthful intent that may bear its fruits, although not at the moment, and not in that year that a man may precisely desire at the time he utters them." There never was a time in which able discussion of great questions was more important than it is now. The Radicals are trying to drown it with and war arms, and martial music; but with the American people the day has not passed when public and by discussion in Congress and the press, was never more important than during the pending of the Reconstruction measures of Congress and legislation. Public discussion, like the Boanings job, and searched the hills for civil liberty. The great feature of it was increase of the popular sense and power to put. Without that, it would not suffice to its purpose against free elections.—*Providence Herald.*

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BY TELEGRAPH.

To the New Orleans Bee.

FOREIGN NEWS.

The Versailles Army Occupy Paris.

They Met but Slight Resistance.

The Barricades Were Not Defended.

No Mines Were Exploded.

Versaillists Marching on Hotel de Ville.

No Excesses Committed by the Versaillists.

Colonels Rendault and Lefevre Mortally Wounded.

Particulars of the Engagements.

HOME NEWS.

Serious Illness of Vice-President Colfax.

Miscellaneous Matters.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

Paris, May 22.—Afternoon.—The Versailles army has occupied Paris.

The headquarters of Marshal McMahon are established in the New Opera House. The headquarters of Gen. Assy, whose forces entered the city from the south, are in the Ecole Militaire, which fronts the Champs de Mars.

The resistance was a mere explosion near Esplanade des Invalides.

(World's Cable.)

Paris, May 22, A. M.—Over seventy thousand Versaillists have entered the city and more are now coming. They marched in all night coming through six gates and met with but slight resistance.

The barricades were not defended.

No mines were exploded.

The Versaillists are now moving on the Hotel de Ville, where the Communists will make their last stand.

The Versaillists behaved splendidly, committing no excesses.

Versailles, May 22.—In the Assembly today, President Thiers made a congratulatory speech on the surprising success of the Government arms. He said he had not expected to effect an entrance into Paris for three or more days, and gave an account in detail of the movements on Sunday, which terminated in victorious by. He announced the Government was determined to deal with rigorous punishment the most criminals of the insurgents.

Bills were introduced to restore the Chapel of Expiation and the column of the Place Vendome and to repair the latter to be surrounded by a statue of France.

A vote of thanks to President Thiers and the army was adopted by acclamation.

Versailles, M., y 22.—The barricades under Arc de Triomphe were carried by assault, the 41st, 63d and 64th regiments taking a gallant part in the action. Colonels Rendault and Lefevre were mortally wounded.

The Communists, it is represented, have fallen back to a formidable line of barricades, extending across Rue de Rivoli to the centre of Place de la Concorde. The barricades are armed with mitrailleuses and light field pieces, and innumerable torpedoes and other engines of destruction thickly planted in the neighborhood.

Palace of the Tuileries is surrounded by Government troops, and the Communists inside have been called on for unconditional surrender. A bloody fight occurred in Rue St. Honoré.

The Versaillists charged down the street with fixed bayonets, were cut up by concealed fire from the windows of concierges.

Gen. McMahon planted eleven guns on the city side of Arc de Triomphe, amidst the debris of the captured barricades, and completely swept Champs Elysées. The Communists concentrated along Rue de Rivoli, Rue St. Antoine, around Hotel de Ville and in Place Bastille.

Gen. Lewoir was shot this morning in the east square of the Tuileries, by a court martial on the charge of treason to the Commune.

(World's special.)

Versailles, May 23.—The Commune troops rallied at Montmartre and the Hotel de Ville, the two approaches to which places were defended by barricades. Much serious fighting took place and resulted in the Communist troops occupying three-fourths of the city.

A conflagration is raging near the Invalides, and the insurgent battery on Montmartre is cannonading the city.

L'Admiralt telegraphs that everything is satisfactory and although fighting may continue several hours, the city is absolutely won.

Many of the Commune leaders were taken and there were some awful massacres.

London, May 22.—The steamer Paraguay hence for New York returned here damaged by running down the screw steamer Webb. The Webb sank immediately. Thirteen lives were lost.

London, May 22.—A dispatch dated outside of Paris, Monday evening, May 22, says: The revolution of the city continues. Fires are raging inside the city and a dense smoke overhangs Montmartre.

Frequent explosions are heard. The sound of cannon and musketry firing is continuous.

It is said the Prussians are occupying Vincennes. The Prussian outposts have received strict orders to drive back all insurgents attempting to pass their lines.

A wounded Communist General, seeking to escape from Paris, has been turned back by the Germans. Their advanced corps has been doubled. The headquarters of the Prince of Saxony will shortly be removed from Margency to Compiegne. The Czar will return to Germany by the end of the present week.

London, May 22—Evening.—In the House of Lords to-night the Marquis of Salisbury asked if in view of the evident dislike of the Canadians to the treaty of Washington the Government intended to press its ratification before the 12th of June?

The Earl of Lauderdale replied from the report by the Atlantic cable of Senator Sumner's speech denouncing the treaty save as a peace measure, ridiculed the idea of an apology from England, and declared she never made any.

Earl Granville, Foreign Secretary, declined to answer the Earl of Lauderdale. It was inconvenient now to discuss the terms of the treaty. He personally sympathized as little with Sumner as with Lauderdale. The treaty was not a treaty until it was ratified. It had already been published in the United States, for the American Senate had commenced an investigation into the corruptions by means by which it had been obtained for publication; hence it should be submitted to Parliament. It was impossible to anticipate the decision of the Senate.

Lord Granville declined to pledge the government to a refusal to ratify before June 18th, simply because notice had been given of the intention to raise a discussion upon it in Parliament.

The Earl of Carnarvon explained that the Marquis of Salisbury only desired an opportunity to discuss the treaty before the ratifications were exchanged. It was understood, moreover, that the Canadian Parliament was to be consulted.

Earl Russel insisted on the demand that an opportunity should be given for discussion as a parliamentary prerogative.

Earl Grey said: Diplomacy was impossible, if it had to be submitted to parliament before ratifications. It was the prerogative of the crown, to conclude treaties on its own motion.

Lord Cairns concurred with Earl Grey.

Earl Granville stated that the official copy of the treaty was only received by the Government yesterday. It was now printing and would be submitted to Parliament. Other official documents would be laid before Parliament, the debate would be without. States Senate and its ratification.

After hearing the Colonial Secretary's bill and the Customs Income Tax bill in the House of Lords to-night.

London, May 22.—Bonds not had on consols apartments at Brussels were to be vacated on Saturday last. He had a narrow escape from leaping at Versailles.

Kingston, Jamaica, May 22.—Vessels came to the 6th. Revolutionary outbreaks occurred at Cuba. Disbursements and Olivo captured the ports of Cienfuegos and Manzanillo. The Government has concentrated the most of its forces in a state of blockade and three war steamers are on blockade duty. The Government has the allegiance of the volunteers. Virginius with troops is at Cienfuegos.

Gen. Harron is marching on Bayamo, which, after an encounter with the insurgents under Gen. Maceo, is in which he was successful.

Gen. Escobar left Caracas at the head of a body of troops, proceeding to the frontier of Colombia.

Gen. Rosecrans has arrived at Havana, en route for Florida, suspected of being current of numbered by the Cuban insurgents, is still in port.

The French brig Palestro left in a mysterious manner, on the 6th inst., without papers.

The cable from St. Thomas to St. Kitts has been successfully laid.

Dispatches from Porto Rico to the 16th, state that the Island is quiet. Vessels are wanted to carry off immigrant which has continually thronged the city.

Liverpool, May 22.—Arrived—Josephine, Queen of Sweden and Madeira.

Toronto, May 23.—Two distinct earthquakes were felt near Quebec, Ottowa, and other places on Sunday morning. No damage was done.

FROM HAVANA.

Havana, May 22.—Advices from the City of Mexico have been received, stating that President Juarez has issued a decree closing the port of Tampico whilst the revolutionists are in possession of the city, and in the meantime opening the ports of Pueblo and Viejo to foreign and domestic shipping.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Washington, May 22.—Vice President Colfax failed during the session to-day.

Mr. Corcoran continues to improve.

It is proposed to force a vote on the treaty by a night session to-morrow night.

Baron Gerault, who has represented Prussia here for twenty years, departs this week.

Colfax, as required by law, has certified to the District Attorney of the contumacy of the Tribune correspondents, which will bring the matter before the Grand Jury. The Senate still holds them prisoners.

Nominations to-day were Bird W. Gray, Judge for Eastern Tennessee; Samuel Wakefield, Postmaster of New Iberia, La.

SENATE.—Mr. Sumner made a personal explanation. He said the speech attributed to him in the New York *Herald* was bogus.

Mr. Edmunds denied having abused the press in secret session.

Motions for discharging the contumacious reporters were made, which go over under the rule.

Washington, May 22.—The committee on the privileges of the Senate examined 8 witnesses to-night, including the Telegraph Manager, who, it is stated, under instructions from his superiors declined to surrender the manuscripts.

Paralysis of the nerves of the heart is what ails Colfax. It is rather serious.

Washington, May 23.—The Mexican commission.—Emelio Roberts vs. Mexico, was awarded fifteen hundred dollars and interest since 1865. The claim arose from the destruction of property by military operations and its allowance affirms the responsibility of Mexico, for damages inflicted by the hazards of war.

Joseph Flores vs. Mexico, was awarded $32,000 gold, with interest since 1866. The claim was founded on a contract with Mexico, and affirms the jurisdiction of the commission over this class of cases.

Pablo Mexias vs. Mexico. This claim rejected.

The following cases the commissioners were unable to agree upon and were referred to an umpire: Marcus Schober, Albert Speyrer, John Arnold, J. S. Merriam & Co., W. Blackline, Reginaldo Varlo and another, Glover et al vs. Mexico.

PROBABILITIES.

Washington, May 22.—Partially cloudy and clear weather probable for Tuesday in the interior. No serious disturbances indicated for the Southern and the Lake Coasts. Rising barometer and clearing weather are probable for the Eastern States.

WEATHER REPORT.

Washington, May 22.—Synopsis for the past four hours, P. M. The barometer has fallen at the Gulf and Rocky Mountain stations. The rainy and threatening weather, which prevailed Sunday evening from the Arkansas to Lake Erie, is very generally cleared away. Cloudiness now prevails over the Southern and Eastern States. Rain is reported as falling in the latter region, and is sensibly stationary south of the Ohio. It has risen on the upper Mississippi, falling temperature and fresh northerly winds.

MISCELLANEOUS INTELLIGENCE.

New York, May 23.—Arrived—Alippo and Livingston.

Arrived out—Abyssinia, Colorado, Siberia and Moravia.

New York, May 22.—Arrived Italy and Oceanic.

Newark, N. J., May 22.—Dr. Jas. R. Cutler has been chair. Arrested and three abortions.

New York, May 22.—Mr. Bonner denies the report that he will trot Dexter at Chicago.

The Foster trial is progressing. No new facts have been elicited.

Baltimore, May 22.—Numbers 21, 23 and 25 Sharp street were burned to-day. An engine exploded and killed Harry Weaver, a member of the City Council.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

London, May 22.—Evening.—Consols closed 93⅝; Bonds 93⅜.

Weather fair. Fine crops.

Liverpool, May 22.—Evening.—Cotton closed dull; middling uplands 7⅜@7¾d; Orleans 7⅞@7¾d; sales 12,000 bales; export and consumption 3000 bales. Breadstuffs declining.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

New York, May 22.—Evening.—Money closed easy, 2@3. Sterling 109½@10¾. Gold 11⅛@11⅜. Governments steady and dull. State bonds very firm; Tennessee 71, new 71; Virginia 66¾, new 67¾; Louisiana 69@69½, new 69½; Georgia 6s 70, 8s 94; Alabama 5s 103, 8s 70; Georgia 6s 69, 7s 96; North Carolina 6s, new 39¾; South Carolina 74, new 64.

New York, May 23.—Evening.—Cotton closed quiet; sales 2500 bales; middling uplands 16c. Flour—Southern dull; common to fair extra $6 75@7 25; good to choice $7 30@9. Whisky firmer, 94@94½c. Wheat heavy, 2@3c lower; winter red and amber western $1 60@1 65. Corn 1c lower, fairly active at 71@73c. Groceries firm. Pork firmer at $19@19 12½. Beef dull. Lard steady, kettle 11c. Naval Stores steady. Freights very firm.

New York, May 22.—Gold opened 11¼. Sold during the day at 12@ 6s of 1881 11⅞; 5-20s of 1865, 11⅜; 6s 11⅛; 65s 11⅛; new 11⅜; 67s 11⅜; 68s 11⅜; 10-40s 10⅝.

Boston, May 22.—Cotton quiet—middlings 15¾c. Net receipts 53 bales; gross 1495. Sales 450. Stock 9500.

Mobile, May 22.—Cotton quiet—15¼@15¾c. Net receipts 1014 bales. Exports coastwise 68. Sales 1000 bales. Stock 30,976.

Charleston, May 22.—Cotton dull—middlings 15¾@15¾c. Net receipts 408 bales. Exports to Liverpool from Sunday 555; coastwise 694. Sales 200. Stock 12,993.

Baltimore, May 22.—Cotton quiet and firm—middlings 15¾c. Net receipts 25. Gross 66. Sales 150. Stock 3705.

Savannah, May 22.—Cotton quiet and firm—middling 14¾c. Net receipts 1304. Exports coastwise 2961. Sales 400. Stock 35,750.

Charleston, May 22.—Cotton quiet—good ordinary 13¾c. Net receipts 715. Sales 200. Stock 60,386.

Norfolk, May 22.—Cotton firmer—low middlings 14½@14¾c. Net receipts 385. Exports coastwise 295. Sales 28. Stock 1928.

(Previous Dispatches.)

Versailles, May 22.—Gen. Dombroski was reported captured by the Versaillist troops, is said to have been treacherously by his own men, and has since made an attempt to escape from Paris.

It is now stated that he and his command are surrounded near Saint Quentin, and will probably be captured.

Versailles, May 23—10 A. M.—The troops of McMahon are all moving this morning and pouring through the Bois de Boulogne.

Two thousand men, with fifteen pieces of artillery, are concentrated on Avenue de la Grande Armée, about to marched in direct line for the Arc de Triomphe and barracks.

Three of the principal avenues leading toward Champs de Elysées are in the hands of the Versaillists.

The consternation among the Communists is represented to be very great. McMahon in person is superintending operations.

The enthusiasm of the troops is unbounded.

A forward movement to the barracks begins at once.

Versailles, May 23.—The latest particulars from Paris, confirm the victory of the troops which were the first to enter Paris by Porte de la Muet, are under the command of Gen. Douai and Clinchamps, and Douai, last of a position directly in within rifle range of Arc de Triomphe, on the city side of the barricades, which arab were all manner of obstructions in the shape of barricades.

Marshal McMahon, on being informed of the success which attended Douai's advance, gave orders for a general movement of the army, and that in the direction of Porte Maillot, to the right. Porte de Saint Cloud, to the left.

The three states concerning on the Rue de la Muet upon were found deserted and the commander in flight.

A parliament of the Communists was held at the Hotel de Ville, at which Delescluze, Rossel, Cluseret and Ollivier opposed the measures of Commune and Minister. The Government has issued a decree that all persons in a state of drunkenness, and three war steamers are on blockade duty. The Government has the allegiance of the volunteers. Virginius with troops is at Cienfuegos.

Gen. Harron is marching on Bayamo, which, after an encounter with the insurgents under Gen. Maceo, is in which he was successful.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

Samuel Lindsay was arraigned before Recorder Hughes, this morning, charged with stealing $5 collected from Mr. Barthe, and with obtaining $5 under the pretext of Mr. Barthe to the prosecutor, through the agency of law, to the amount of $5.

Lindsay, accused of the murder of Kelly Lamothe manner, in a coffee-house on the corner of Dolery street and the Levee, on the 20th inst., has been examined before Recorder Lochard, who is to render his decision day after to-morrow. The prisoner was then sent on that bitten before the Grand Jury, which was published yesterday morning.

Ellen Connolly was brought before Recorder Hughes, yesterday, and sent to the parish prison on examination upon a charge of having stabbed Mrs. Frederic. It is reported that the wounded woman is dangerously wounded.

Jules Lagrave, of the police, who was shot by Pedro Lopez, employing him to arrest him on an affray, proceeded to the residence of the latter, on the wharf of whom he found in charge of Lopez's wife, who was disposed to offer resistance, but was brought to town wounded, but not dangerously, having received a wholesome lesson. The people alone who are accustomed to go armed, and against whom he knows nothing. The man escaped.

The Reception of Archbishop Perché.—The weather threatened rain on Sunday afternoon, nevertheless a great number of people were on the streets to witness and join in the procession of His Grace, Archbishop Perché, from Rome, where he had been in communication with His Holiness, the Pope, since last autumn. The procession published yesterday morning having given full descriptions of the demonstrations, it would be a waste of space, on the side of the Bee, to give detailed accounts of the ceremonials. Still, as personal chronicling cannot be omitted entirely from the chronicles of a journal whose business it is to record passing events, and as a mere outline of the proceedings is given, to avoid such an omission.

The reception of His Grace, who it was gratifying to note, appeared to be in the enjoyment of good health, was symphathetic, cordial, and simple and unostentatious. Before the public ceremonials took place, a number of the clergy of the city, were received in private by His Grace at the Archiepiscopal residence, at Manor, and speeches were made by Pathers C. Moynihan and Joubert. At the Cathedral, where *Te Deum* was chanted, E. Bernardez, Esq., to whom was assigned the duty of representing the city, made a speech, welcoming His Grace in English, in an impressive and feeling manner. Inside the Reverend Father Moynihan made the address in French, and in eloquent welcome to His Grace, to both speakers His Grace responded in a few appropriate words of acquaintance. From the pulpit he spoke encouragingly, referring to his intercourse with His Supreme Pontiff, to the disordered condition of affairs in Europe, to the troubles and embarrassments by which His Holiness is surrounded. Had as the condition of affairs is, the Archbishop gave news to his hearers, that the Pope's confidence would be restored to the Papacy. He says that the Church concluded he was escorted back to the Cathedral. Two hundreds were waiting to kiss the Episcopal ring and receive his benediction.

The carriages were in line of organization which were in the procession that escorted His Grace: Companies "B" and "C" of the Louisiana Guards, the former commanded by Capt. Edwards, and the latter by Capt. Glynn, the division and Major Gen. Longstreet; La Fayette Zouaves, Capt. J. D. Meagher; Co. D, 4th Regiment Infantry, Militia; Hibernia Benevolent and Mutual Relief Association, branches Nos. 1, 5, 6 and 7; Society of St. Patrick; St. Joseph's Society; Young Men's Catholic Benevolent Society; St. Patrick; St. George; F. M. B. Chenery et al.; Mayor's Church; Maria Himelhardts Verein; Holy Family Association; Young Men's Catholic Benevolent Society of St. Alphonsus; St. Alphonsus Benedicial Society; Young Men's School, Church and Benevolent Association.

Distinctions Conferred by the Pope on Citizens of New Orleans.—It was some time since announced that the Pope had conferred upon Thomas Layton, Esq., President of the Southern Life Insurance Co., Dr. Thomas Layton, formerly a surgeon in the Papal army, and upon Mr. Alexander Robertson, a title of nobility. The latter is the distinction of decorating them with the Cross of Gregory the Great, and also that of the Equestrian Order of St. Edward Sobrinsky, conferred by the Duke of Parma, by order of the Order of Pio Nino. Archbishop Perché has brought from Rome the sanctioned letters for the gentlemen above mentioned conferring upon them severally the honors specified.

The Gentlemen's Historic Remembrance Association.—The annual meeting of this Association was held, in the Polish Synagogue, on Carondelet between Lafayette and Poydras streets, on Sunday, May 21, at 2 P. M. The President of the Society, Judge Sandals, the President of the Society, presided. The report of Mr. L. Bloom, the Treasurer, showed a flattering condition of the finances of the institution.

The receipts into the Treasury last year was $9917 30. The receipts on account of contributions amounted to $7683 50, and expenditures $6190 70, leaving a surplus which, with the sum on hand, at date of the previous report, swelled the unexpended balance in the Treasury to $6600 92, and other assets reported by the Financial Secretary made an aggregate of $10,084 92. The concerns with which this humane and favorably managed Association enters upon another year of usefulness. During the year two members died, and twenty-one resigned, and sixty gentlemen became members. Among the deceased made by the society was one $1000 to the Louisiana Treasury. All the officers of the association were re-elected. The meeting closed, Mr. Lehman, in behalf of the members of the association, presented to Mr. Sandals, "as a token of respect for his valuable services as President," a beautiful silver tea service, consisting of six pieces. The response to the presentation of the festive board, where, after the business had been assigned, speeches were made by the Hon. R. S. Jacobs, the Rev. J. E. Jacobs, and Messrs. J. Sandals, Joseph Simons, A. Lehman, Joseph Magner and others.

The Recordership of the First District Declared to be Vacant.—Mr. Ernest Merle, appointed by Recorder Houghton of the First District, to be tried for the alleged forgery of a certificate of indebtedness, stolen from the office of the Administrator of Public Accounts, in the City Hall, and for a forgery which it was alleged he committed in filling up a blank space in said certificate, was yesterday brought before Judge Cooley of the Sixth District Court, upon a writ of habeas corpus, and was discharged, because, the court decided, the Recorder is without authority to act as a magistrate. In regard to the case of Mr. Merle, the Recorder, sitting as a court of inquiry, committed the prisoner to the parish prison, but the Recorder, in so doing, acted without authority, and the prisoner was entitled to his discharge. The Recorder, in fact, has no jurisdiction over cases of felony, and can only commit to answer. The Recorder's Court is, therefore, a nullity, and the office of Recorder is vacant. The decision of Judge Cooley will be found in full in another column. It is a very able document, and will be read with interest by the profession.

Distinctions Conferred by the Pope on Citizens of New Orleans.—It was some time since announced that the Pope had conferred upon Thomas Layton, Esq., President of the Southern Life Insurance Co., Dr. Thomas Layton, formerly a surgeon in the Papal army, and upon Mr. Alexander Robertson, a title of nobility. The latter is the distinction of decorating them with the Cross of Gregory the Great, and also that of the Equestrian Order of St. Edward Sobrinsky, conferred by the Duke of Parma, by order of the Order of Pio Nino. Archbishop Perché has brought from Rome the sanctioned letters for the gentlemen above mentioned conferring upon them severally the honors specified.

Explosion from the Steamer Switzerland for Tonnage.—In the Third District Court, upon an appeal of the case of Thomas H. Hall, plaintiff, vs. the steamer Switzerland, from a judgment of the Fourth District Court, in favor of the plaintiff, the judgment of the Court was rendered in favor of the plaintiff, the parties to the suit were members of the organization, consisting of white and colored men, and the steamer navigated under the style of the "Switzerland Excursion Company." Captain Munson, and Captain Hall, were called to testify. Morris and Flagg were also examined on the matter whatever. Adams testified that many of the musty had been offered to him for sale, and that he had refused. White and Ingraham declined to tell how the treasury funds were spent, or from whom they received the money. Ingraham, who acted as secretary, gave an account of the meeting, and the manner in which the money was collected. The Court, after hearing the testimony, rendered judgment in favor of the plaintiff, for the amount claimed, and the costs of the suit. The Court, in rendering its decision, stated that it would not be right for it to express itself in regard to the conduct of the parties, as it might prejudice the case.

The Excursion Company was Messrs. Carpenter, Conklin, Drummond and Ingraham. The two first-named were very careless in the management of their affairs, the latter seemed to care very little about the matter. Mr. Sumner came down in the cars with us and got into a quarrel with a man named Bryant, who was a Democratic supporter, and was on election day in Missouri, in Virginia, committed to the common jail. There he remained for several months, when he was released on bail. Bryant then brought suit for damages, and Mr. White said he would pay the judgment, and that the matter would be settled. The case was then appealed to the Supreme Court, and Mr. White said he would pay the judgment in full. Mr. Sumner then left the car, and it is for the body to decide whether or not we shall be remembered in the following manner:

When the ex-Emperor was on his way from Germany to England at Ostend, the Queen of the Belgians paid him a visit. On leaving Paris, which was that of the revolutionary Government, the ex-Emperor, who then reigned over the French, was received by the Queen of the Belgians, and the ex-Emperor was received by the Queen of the Belgians, and the ex-Emperor was received by the Queen of the Belgians, and the ex-Emperor