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NEW ORLEANS:

FRIDAY MORNING, JULY 27, 1866.

AUCTION SALES THIS DAY.

Gabriel de Feriet both cloth, marine shirts, handkerchiefs, perfumery, towels, socks, hoods, soap, etc., at 12 o'clock, M., at his auction store, No. 62 Royal street between Conti and Bienville streets.

A NEW AND BEAUTIFUL LAKE STEAMER.—Our across-the-Lake excursionists have reason to congratulate themselves in the near prospect of the addition of a new and beautiful steamer to existing facilities of Lake travel. We refer to the "Lady of the Lake, built at Wilmington for the line of Messrs. Harris and Morgan. That estimable gentleman, and enterprising and public-spirited member of the firm. Mr. J. C. Harris, is informed by telegraph that the above steamer, which is described as a rare piece of workman ship, skimming the water with the grace and the swiftness of a sylph, left Wilmington on the 24th inst. She is expected here in about a week.

REVIVAL OF THE BERWICK'S BAY LINE.—The regular steam connection with the Texas coast via the Opelousas Railroad and Berwick's Bay, which in former years was furnished by Messrs. Harris and Morgan, is to be renewed by the same wealthy and energetic firm. We understand that there will be no material difference from the old programme except in the fact that the line will comprise a class of steamers superior to those formerly employed in the same trade. The new line, three steamers a week will commence running on the 1st of August. This will be a welcome event to the merchants and planters of Texas, to our own commercial community, and to the Opelousas Railroad, which is now in excellent freight condition for the trade and travel connected with the line.

THE CONVENTION OF 1864.—The 30th instant is the day fixed for the meeting of this rediviva body, by its reconvocational "President pro tem.," the Hon. R. K. Howell. It will be curious and interesting to observe to what lengths this politically distraught gentleman and his co-adjutors may be led by the hallucination that they hold in their hands the constituent authority and functions of the State and its people. It is to be hoped that if their case take a virulent development, sufficient room for their accommodation may be found in some asylum or retreat adapted to their proper keeping. Meantime Gov. Wells, in response to the call of the "President pro tem.," has remitted to the Secretary of State, for due authentication and promulgation, a proclamation ordering an election on the 23d September to fill vacancies in the Convention. As the original Convention represented but a small number of Parishes and an insignificant portion of the people, and as the seats of many who served as members will be vacant, the newly elected members would constitute a very large part of the body.

The Governor's proclamation provides that they shall be elected by voters qualified under the existing Constitution and laws. Thus elected it is not probable that they would be favorable to the objects for which the Convention is reconvoked. Should they be numerous enough to defeat those objects, it would render the reconvocationists a spectacle of equal amusement and commiseration. But it is need less to speculate in this connection. The 23d September is far off. Congress will be in vacation then. The National Union will have met and acted then. The Grand Jury may have, ere that time, have given a practical import to Judge Abell's recent charges.

Fictitious and Real Dangers.

One of the most sinister omens attending the political situation is the combination of levity and incredulity with which some of the journals and politicians of the North treat the idea of an ultimate appeal to revolutionary force by the Radical faction and the shedding of a second civil war. The New York *Tribune* scoffs at the revelations made by Mr. Raymond touching the recent plans and calculations of the leading Radicals in Congress, and characterizes all expressions of alarm connected with the matter of these revelations as merely "Chinese thunder" and "gong-beating," intended to drive the timid and the ignorant from the support of the Congressional war against the President. The New York *Sun* denounces the warning of Mr. Montgomery Blair, at Reading, Pa., in regard to the danger of two Congresses and two Presidents contending for the possession of the Government, as a paltry political trick, and advises its readers to pay no heed to the cries of alarmists who would have them believe that the country is approaching a grave crisis which threatens an indefinite period of anarchy and intestine strife and carnage. Affairs have certainly come to a bad complexion, if there is any ground whatever for such a belief; but the situation would be lamentable, indeed, if the danger really existed and all attempts to point it out and ward it off were met with general incredulity, impatience and derision. Irrational alarm and irrational confidence are twin sisters, and each holds a Pandora's box of calamities. They are born of the same unhealthy condition of mind, and they sow with equal profusion the same seeds of disaster. The only line of safety is in the rigid avoidance of both. Unfortunately the Radical leaders and agitators avoid neither but eagerly embrace both, and multiply and complicate perils by implicitly accepting the most pernicious counsels which either may suggest.

The New York *Tribune* in its alternate characters of alarmist and of confident decrier of alarm, helped powerfully to usher in the late war between the North and the South. To believe the *Tribune*, in the time referred to, Pro-Slavery—a monster compounded of "fire eater," bandit, ogre, afrite, dragon, hydra and all other fabled and imaginable rapacious, cruel, insatiable, horrid creatures—already had possession of the Government, though it was sorely wounded in Kansas, and it was necessary to strike it wherever assailable before its wounds could heal, and utterly crush it, otherwise, argued the *Tribune*, no man, woman, or child, from Maine to Oregon, could be safe from its deadly greed and power. On the other hand, as soon as the North, by such representations, had been induced to organize a distinct and declared hostility to the institutions of the South, the *Tribune* hooted the idea that this hostility, no matter how displayed or developed, could provoke any resistance on the part of the Southern people. To suit the purpose of the *Tribune* as the aggressive agitator, the same Pro-Slavery which it had once depicted as so fierce and so terrible, was to be quite a pheasoonoon of meekness, and to walk under the guillotine erected by Abolition as placidly as a calf goes to the shambles. The *Tribune* laughed wildly at the warlike uprising in the South. Even the bombardment of Sumter did not drown its hideous cachinnation. Not until Bull Run did its lunatic hilarity begin to give way to equally lunatic fright and despair. It is melancholy to observe in its recent exhibitions that, in the school of experience, it has learned nothing and forgotten nothing; that in politics its forte, its special talent and vocation is still to cultivate false alarm and rash confidence, to disseminate belief in dangers that are fictitious and disbelief in dangers that are real.

In the way of fabricating dangerous fictions, the *Tribune* and the other Radical agitators have the field nearly altogether to themselves; but, unhappily, in the way of depreciating real dangers, they have only too much assistance from those who are regarded as Conservatives. Mr. Raymond, for example, even while revealing a plot on the part of the Radical majority in Congress to organize, in a certain contingency, an armed insurrection against the President and to drive him, his Cabinet and supporters into the Potomac, takes occasion to quiet public apprehension by declaring that this plot is one that the Republican party in general would never endorse. But its authors claim to be the faithful representatives of that party, and what we bear in mind that Mr. Raymond is in a minority of one to about two hundred in denying their representative fidelity, we may judge how much his declaration above referred to is worth.

Mr. Seward, too, is too much inclined, out of his elegant vocabulary of political euphemism, to "prophesy smooth things" for every body. It is to be feared that his prophesies are now as well supplied with "sixty days," and "ninety days" checks on the future, as it was in 1860. He ought surely to have learned by the disastrous protests of that period the stupidity of lauding large transactions on this kind of paper. Seems one has said that the best way to avoid danger is to advance to meet it. No doubt Mr. Seward, if a true Conservative, would do much more to serve his cause by observing this maxim, than by acting on the theory that to deny the existence of danger is to defeat it.

DAILY TEMPERATURE REPORT.—The indications of the mercury in the thermometer, yesterday, were as follows:

At 6 o'clock, A. M.	Fahrenheit,	69 deg.
12	" M.	"	91 "
3	" P. M.	"	96 "
9	"	"	86 "

BY TELEGRAPH.

[To the New Orleans Bee.]

FROM WASHINGTON.

DINNER TO TENNESSEE MEMBERS BY SECRETARY SEWARD—GOVERNORS SHARKEY AND PARSONS, OF MISSISSIPPI AND ALABAMA PRESENT.

CONGRESSIONAL.

CONSERVATIVE UNION CONVENTIONS IN TEXAS AND WEST TENNESSEE.

Building for the National Union Convention in Philadelphia.

INCREASE OF CHOLERA IN NEW YORK.

THE GERMAN SANGAER BAND IN LOUISVILLE.

COMMERCIAL AND OTHER NEWS.

Washington, July 26.—When the credentials of Senator Patterson, of Tennessee, were read, Mr. Sumner moved their reference to the Judiciary Committee, with instructions to inquire whether he could take the oath. Sumner said he was judge under the Confederate Government, and therefore disqualified. After considerable discussion the motion was agreed to.

The Senate has confirmed Major General Sherman Lieutenant General, vice Grant promoted, and Rear Admiral Porter as Vice Admiral, vice Farragut promoted.

Washington, July 26.—The President sent a message to the House enclosing a communication from Secretary Seward in reference to the application made to the British Government for the release of the Fenians, and, also, as to the discharge of those inflicted in the United States. The matter has been referred to the Attorney General, and it is probable that they will not be prosecuted.

A resolution was passed employing Miss Minnie Ream to execute a life size statue of Lincoln for which she is to be paid $10,000.

A bill passed granting lands to a Company to build a railroad from Missouri and Arkansas to the Pacific coast, about the line of the 35th parallel.

The House made the awards to the captors of Booth and Harrold, giving Col. Conger $15,000 and cutting down detective Col. Baker to $3,750. Mr. Stevens said Baker made more money out of the war than any one else, and he was opposed to giving him anything.

Banks' resolution modifying the neutrality laws passed by a unanimous vote.

Washington, July 26.—The Select Committee on the Memphis riots made their report this morning. Spaulding dissenting. It says the outbreak resulted from a collision between some policemen and discharged colored soldiers, which was seized upon on pretext for an organized and bloody massacre of the negroes of Memphis, regardless of age, sex or condition, inspired by the teachings of the press and led on by the sworn officers of the law, comprising the City Government and others. The Committee declare there is little or no loyalty in Memphis, or in that section, so far as they can learn, and that there will be no safety for loyal men if the troops are withdrawn. The Committee believe it to be the duty of the Government to arrest, try and punish the offenders by military authority, and also by the same authority levy a tax upon the citizens of Memphis sufficient to cover the losses of all the property destroyed.

Washington, July 26.—A board of officers has been appointed by the Commissioner of Freedmen's affairs for the purpose of revising the regulations for the government of the Bureau to meet the requirements of the recent act of Congress, extending the duration of the Bureau two years. Generals Telson, Sprague and Gregory, constitute the Board.

The Secretary of State gave a dinner party to-day to the Tennessee delegation. Among those present were ex-Governor Sharkey, of Mississippi, and ex Governor Parsons, of Alabama.

Philadelphia, July 26.—The building for the accommodation of the National Union Convention is being constructed at the corner of Broad and Wallace streets. It will be of monstrous size.

Three cases of cholera are reported to-day.

Nacoosta, Texas, July 26.—The Conservative Union Convention organized to-day by the election of Hon. Edward Lusch, of Houston, as President. All portions of the State were represented and great unanimity prevailed. The delegates appointed to the National Convention at Philadelphia support the original secession and anti secession parties. The delegates from the State at large are David G. Burnet, John Hancock, W. B. Ochiltree and Samuel D. Lucas. The district delegates are S. P. Dowell, Geo. W. Smith, Geo. F. Moore, A. H. Willis, Richard Cooke, D. B. Culbertson, James M. Burroughs and W. H. Sellers. Among the delegates are the five Supreme Judges elected at the late election.

The following resolutions were adopted: *Resolved*, That this Convention accept the principles and objects set forth in the call for a National Union Convention at Philadelphia, on the 14th day of August next, and that the delegates to that Convention are appointed on the basis of that call.

Resolved, That a plot and conspiracy is on foot and being carried on by the Radicals of Texas to falsify and defame the people of Texas to the people of the Northern States, to represent as hostile to the Constitution and Government of the United States as vindictive and violent towards citizens adherent to the Federal Union during the war, and as unjust and oppressive towards the freed people in our midst, that these charges severally and collectively are false and malicious, made solely for political objects for the purpose of exciting the North against Texas, to prevent the restoration of the regular government, harmony and good order, and to obtain political power or influence in defiance of the choice and will of the great mass of the people of the State; that we invoke the people of the North of every party in spirit of candor and justice to judge us by our conduct or confidence in falsehoods only calculated to mislead them to wrong us and to promote, deepen and prolong sectional strife and the iniquitous attempts to organ political power.

Resolved, That the gratitude of the people of Texas are due and hereby tendered to President Johnson, for the spirit of wisdom and magnanimity in which he has endeavored to restore the Federal Union.

New York, July 26.—The cholera is again increasing with the return of warm weather. Sixteen new cases were reported yesterday, of which several were fatal. A very bad state of affairs prevail on Ward's Island. Several persons have died of cholera, and there are now eleven hundred cases there. It was believed the epidemic could be controlled. A cholera boat has been discovered in the lower part of State street. At No. 113 Mulberry street there were four cases of cholera in one house. In Brooklyn the disease has also found more victims, eleven cases being reported. On Governor's Island soldiers looked promising, no new cases having occurred. The number of burial permits since Sunday last was 130, and the number of fatal cases of cholera 20; which gives a more favorable report than during the same number of days last week.

Four Fenians were discharged from custody in Toronto yesterday. It is probable that several more will soon be released. The Canadian militia, it is officially announced, will be armed with repeating rifles.

The steamer Westchester and the schooner Peconic were both sunk off Absecom lighthouse on saturday by coming in collision. No lives are known to be lost.

New York, July 25.—U. S. 6's coupons of '81, 106¾; do of '65, 105¾. Gold closed at 146⅞. The cotton market closed active and with an upward tendency; sales 2000 a; 36 to 38c. The low grades of flour are steady, but the high grades are lower; Southern $9 40 to $15 50. Wheat advancing; sales 46,000 bushels. Pork closed buoyant at $32. Lard heavy. Sugar steady. Coffee firm.

Memphis, Tenn., July 26.—A large and enthusiastic convention of the Conservatives of West Tennessee was held here to-day for the purpose of appointing delegates to the Philadelphia Convention. The statue of Andrew Jackson and sword were draped with mourning flags. Speeches were made by Gen. Phil Glenn, the chairman, Hon. Landon C. Haynes, (Gen. Cheatham and others. Resolutions were adopted strongly endorsing President Johnson and his adhesion to the Union under the Constitution, and setting forth the inevitable ruin that would follow should the Radical Party succeed in the fall elections.

The weather is hot. The thermometer stands at 93.

The river is falling slowly.

Business is very dull.

Savannah, Ga., July 26.—There have been twelve deaths and twenty-two new cases of cholera since yesterday morning—sixty-seven in all, and they are entirely among the troops on Tybee Island.

Baltimore, July 26.—The great railroad bridge over the Susquehanna river at Havre-de-Grace, was destroyed by a tornado last night, involving a loss of $1,000,000.

Louisville, Ky., July 26.—This was the third day of the National Saengerbund festival. The Saengerbund Hall was again crowded with all classes of people from all of the city. An audience of equal size was outside.

Addresses were delivered by Messrs. Hall and Rumbold, and the enthusiasm is unbounded. To-morrow a musical collection will have a grand day at the Fair Grounds, and on Saturday, they will visit the Mammoth Cave. Every year annual meeting takes place at Indianapolis.

Cincinnati, July 26.—Flour dull and unchanged. The higher grades are worth from $9 50 to $12. Wheat is unchanged; no demand. Oats dull at 35c. Meas pork $32. Bulk meats unchanged, but firmer. Bacon 16¾ to 21c. Lard dull at 20c. Gold 146¾.

Louisville, July 26.—Jubilee Phil Sheridan, on old steamboat mess, died suddenly yesterday, it is supposed of apoplexy.

It is reported more coal has been pushed out of Pittsburg on the present rise than were before on the same stage of water.

Southport Item, July 26.—The steamship I. C. Harris, from Galveston and Indianola, passed up at 6 p. m. She left no papers, consignees or passengers' lists.

A ship, name unknown, arrived at the bar this evening and is awaiting high tide to cross.

The steamship W. G. Hewes went to sea at 5 p. m. Wind east—light.

[Associated Press Dispatches—Last Evening.]

From Europe—Arrival of the Hibernian—Alleged Defeat of the Prussians—From the Southwest Pass—Cotton and Gold Markets.

Further Point, July 25.—The Hibernian passed this point yesterday with Liverpool advices to the 16th, which report the cotton market opening that day with decided improvement in demand. The market was firm, but prices had not developed. No other markets since the sailing of the Scotia.

Bombay, July 16.—Cotton is firm and advancing.

The Great Eastern had laid nearly 300 miles of cable up to the evening of the 15th, and was progressing favorably.

Nothing further had transpired about the peace negotiations between Napoleon and the contending powers.

The Prussians were defeated in a sanguinary contest at Aschaffenberg, and marched towards Frankfort, which was evacuated by the Federals. The Diet had removed to Augustenburg.

The Prussian headquarters were at Brunn. It was reported the Prussians occupied Linz.

The London *Times* thinks the Prussians would be before Vienna by the 17th, and doubts that the Austrians can withstand the victorious Prussians.

Caldini occupied Padua and Vicenza, towns on the railroad to Venice.

It was declared in diplomatic circles at St. Petersburg that Russia has no present intention to abandon her neutral attitude and will not, excepting a foreign power shall intervene in the affairs of Germany.

Unless Caldini is dislodged from Padua and Vicenza, on the railroad to Vienna, he will prevent the Austrians from reordering any aid in the impending battle with the Prussians.

The London *Times* believes the repeated Austrian losses in Bohemia will desay the Emperor from a final encounter near the capital, and that an interview between the two monarchs will take place before the Prussians shall be ready for the attack.

The Austrian Emperor told his people that Vienna should be treated as an open city, and that he should limit the operations to a defense of the line of the Danube, which might bring the Prussian attack on Floredorf, two or three miles from the gates of Vienna, where the Austrians have an entrenched camp.

The Moscow *Gazette* expresses entire sympathy with the Italian cause, and favors the annexation of Rome to Italy.

Stuhrbrf advises all the Russian soldiers on furlough have been called in. Military trains start every day from Warsaw to the Silesian and Gallician frontiers. Russian troops are marching from Padolia to Bessarabia.

The Spanish Government has prohibited the sale of newspapers in the public streets.

Baltimore, July 25.—The Baltimore National Union State Convention indorses the President, denounces the policy of Congress as fanatical and malignant, and of a destructive tone; that the interests of the country demands a modification of the registry law, and approves the Philadelphia Convention, to which Governor Swan, Reverdy Johnson, Montgomery Blair and Chrisfield are appointed Delegates.

Southern Post, July 26.—The steamship Express, from Ruatan, with a cargo of fruit consigned to Perkins & Hersey, crossed the bar at 11 this a. M. The Kenawha, with coffee went to sea at 6 A. M., in tow of two tugs. The Norwegian bark Augusta went to sea at 9 A. M. in tow. No other arrivals or departures since the last report. Wind S. W.—light. High tide at daybreak.

Savannah, July 25th—Thirteen deaths from cholera among the soldiers on Tybee Island and twenty-eight new cases have occurred. One soldier was shot trying to desert. There are no cases on the San Salvador or in the city.

New York, July 26, 1:30 P. M.—Cotton firmer at 36 to 38c. Sold 1100a.

Sterling dull at 109¾. U. S. 6's of '67, 108¾; coupons of '81, 106; do. '62, 106¾; do. '64, 104¾; do. '65, 104⅞; 10 10's 98¾.

Treasury notes 103¾; North Carolina 6's, 84½.

The Assassination Testimony and Mr. Davis.

In the House of Representatives, on the 21st, the following occurred:

Mr. Rogers rose to a question of privilege, and stated that he, as a member of the Judiciary Committee, to which had been referred the inquiry as to the complicity of Jeff. Davis in the assassination of President Lincoln, had been refused access to the testimony and papers before the Committee, and that he was therefore deprived of all opportunity to form such a judgment in the matter as would enable him to join in the report of the Committee.

Mr. Boutwell explained that, notwithstanding the efforts of the Committee to keep the testimony and papers secret until a report should be made, some important portions of them had been communicated to and published in the New York *Herald*. The publication had led the Committee to exercise a closer care over the papers. They had been referred to him (Boutwell) as a sub-committee, and yesterday he had instructed the clerk of the Committee to permit Mr. Rogers to see the papers, but he had learned that he (Rogers) had employed a photographic reporter to take the extracts from them, and he (Boutwell) had taken possession of the papers. He added that the reporter employed by Rogers was a man who had been engaged in editing a rebel paper in Memphis, Tenn. Rogers protested that he knew nothing of that, and asked the House to let him have the papers, either at his own expense or that of the House.

Mr. Finck said he would advise the member from New Jersey to resign as a member of that Committee.

Mr. Rogers said that all he wanted was for the country to know the facts.

The Joint Resolution Admitting Tennessee.

Washington, July 21.—In the Senate, Mr. Trumbull rose and said: The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the House joint resolution declaring the Senators again entitled to representation in Congress, have instructed me to report it back, with an amendment. If it meets the views of the Senate, as it is a matter that ought to be acted upon, I shall move that the Senate proceed to its consideration at the present term.

Mr. McDougall—Let it be read for information.

Mr. Trumble—It is on all the desks, printed.

The chair ordered the reading of the resolution and amendment.

A long, exhaustive debate followed, in the course of which, various propositions were offered and discussed. Finally, the following preamble and resolution were adopted. The preamble is that which Mr. Trumbled reported from the Judiciary Committee of the Senate, and the resolution is that which was adopted in the House, with the exception of the words "only elected and qualified upon their taking the oath of office required by the existing laws."

Whereas, As in the year of 1861, the Government of the State of Tennessee was seized upon and taken possession of by those hostile to the United States, and the inhabitants of said State in a pursuance of an act of Congress, were declared to be in a state of insurrection against the United States; and

Whereas, Said State Government can only be restored to the former political relations in the Union by the consent of the law making power of the United States; and

Whereas, The people of said State did, on the 22d of February, 1865, by a large popular vote, adopt and ratify a constitution and government republican in form, and not incompatible with the constitution and laws of the United States, whereby slavery was abolished and the ordinance and laws of secession and the debts contracted under the same were declared void; and,

Whereas, The State Government has ratified an amendment to the constitution of the United States abolishing slavery; also an amendment provided by the Thirty Ninth Congress; and,

Whereas, As the people of Tennessee have by proper acts of obedience shown to the satisfaction of the Congress of the United States a return of said State to due allegiance to the constitutional and laws of the United States therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the State of Tennessee is hereby restored to her former proper political relations to the Union, and is again fitted to be represented by Senators and Representatives.

Prussia Nothing to Gain from an Armistice.

[From the London Daily News, July 3.]

It is difficult to exaggerate the effect of the Prussian victory, which is, indeed, nothing less than a great overthrow. For many days it must have been apparent to Marshal Benedek, or, at all events, to the officers at Vienna, that the grand struggle would take place in the northeast of Bohemia. Every effort, therefore, must have been made to strengthen the army in those regions by hurrying up whatever troops could be spared from other quarters of the Empire. After the defeat of the Italians at Custozza every available regiment must have been dispatched to the north, and for the same reason every regiment that could be spared from the army in Bavaria or on the Main must have been dispatched through Pappau to Benedek. From what quarter then, can reinforcements be obtained now? It is a tedious journey from Venice, and we may be very sure the Prussians are in possession of the line of railway which connects Pardubitz with Prague and the west, the reinforcements from that quarter must have to make a detour hundred miles through Vienna in order to reach the camp of Benedek.

Already the Prussians have succeeded in concentrating eight corps of their army, which they found it necessary to divide in order to enter Bohemia, but the victory which they have just gained will enable them to call in all their scattered corps, especially those in the southeast of Silesia, and to pour down with overwhelming fury on the flying fragments of what was the great Austrian army of the north. Nor is this all. For the result of their occupation of Pardubitz must be to cut off all communication between the Austrians and the Federal army in the West. Henceforth, therefore, those opposed to Prussia are divided into two distinct bodies, which must act separately and cannot assist the aid of each other. The Prussians perceive their vantage ground, and it is probable that they will redax their grip upon the army of Benedek until it has either crumbled to pieces, or until the Emperor, its master, sues for peace. To those who have watched the progress of the war, nothing appears more striking than the extraordinary promptitude of the Prussian movements. From first to last there has been no sign of doubt or hesitation.

The part of operation must have been clearly defined before a single man was moved, or a single shot was fired. The distribution of the troops, the roads which they were to traverse, the length of time which each operation was to occupy, must have been accurately forecast. And the most admirable arrangements must have been made for procuring and forwarding to the front the necessary supplies.

Were an army of 200,000 or 300,000 men, it is not enough that ample supply of food, ammunition and clothing should be provided somewhere. The necessary amount of each material must be at the particular spot and at the particular hour at which they may be required. The Prussian army is obviously commanded by brave and intelligent officers in the field; but, besides this, it is equally obvious that the Chief of Staff and the Commissary-General must possess the highest capacity for organization and management.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

Board of Aldermen.—The Board met in Special Session last evening—President Bosworth, presiding.

A resolution rejecting the contract for repairing Poydras, St Bernards, Tréméé, Dryades and Washington markets, and authorizing the Comptroller to re sell the same, was referred to the Committee on Streets and Landings.

A resolution, that the Mayor be requested to inform the Board of Aldermen how many Policemen are detailed as Special Officers to his office, what services they perform, and how many of said Policemen are dispensed from wearing the uniform as prescribed by law.

And that the Mayor be requested to inform the Board of Aldermen the number of Policemen drawing pay as such, and who are engaged in other avocations. The resolution was adopted.

A Committee of Conference was appointed to consider the resolution entering into a contract with the Gas Light Company.

The Health Ordinance, as amended by the Lower Board, was adopted.

A resolution that the City Attorney be directed to take the necessary steps to set aside the injunction in the case of John P. Becker vs. the Mayor and Chief of Police in the Fifth District Court, was adopted.

A resolution that the Mayorbe authorized to enter into a contract with John Birtey for repairs to be made on Lafayette market for $1500 was rejected.

The ordinance providing for the sale of the right of way to establish railroads on Claiborne and other streets was laid over to next meeting.

Board of Assistant Aldermen.—Meeting last night, Mr. McCulloch in the chair.

Considerable time was spent in obtaining a quorum, owing to a number of the members being engaged on the Investigating Committee in Recorder Veltman's case, and it was a late hour before a quorum was obtained.

There was some discussion as to parliamentary usages, and without transacting any business the meeting adjourned.

Bigamy.—Mrs. Caroline Hawkins was arraigned yesterday before Assistant Recorder Moore to answer the charge of bigamy. James Hawkins testified that he married Mrs. Haw kins May 25, 1865, she representing to him that she was a widow, well knowing that her husband was alive. Her first husband returning to the city after the close of the war, she deserted Mr. Hawkins and returns to her first love. The case was postponed until next Tuesday.

Assault and Battery and Attempt to Rape.—Wm. Yancey, colored, was arraigned yesterday before Assistant Recorder Moore, charged with assaulting and attempting to violate the person of Elizabeth McGrell, (white) He was further charged by the officer who arrested him with assaulting and resisting him while in the discharge of his duty. He was committed to prison in default of bail to await a further hearing today, at 11 A. M.

Robbery.—The house No. 58 St. Charles street, occupied by Mr. H. Isaacs, was forcibly entered yesterday morning and robbed of some silverware and various other articles of no great value.

The house of Mr. Hoyle, No. 298 Felicity street, was also entered and robbed of $13 in money and some articles of clothing. The perpetrator—the latter robbery is supposed to have been committed by some negroes living adjacent.

Recorder Abeira's Court.—Assistant Recorder Moore presiding.—J. Prophet and Mary Ann Prophet, colored, were arraigned charged with assaulting and attempting to murder Ann Prophet, a woman residing in the same house occupied by them, the accused were both discharged, the prosecution failing to sustain the charge.

Aleck Holson, Chas. M. Day, and Henry Mitchell, all colored, were arraigned on a charge of highway robbery, in having assaulted Mr. John Hunter on Bienville street, knocking down and carrying him and relieving him of such valuables as he had about his person. The accused were remanded to prison to await a further hearing.

The Cession of Venetia to Napoleon and Reasons for the Act—Feeling in Paris Towards Prussia and Italy.

(Paris (July 8) correspondence London Times.)

The great event of the day is, as you will readily believe, the publication of the *Moniteur* announcing that the Emperor of Austria, "according to the *ultari* of the Emperor Napoleon as expressed in the letter of the 11th of June to his cousin, has charged the Prince Metternich to ask the Emperor of the French, and accepts his mediation for peace between the belligerents. That the Emperor Napoleon has addressed himself to the Kings of Prussia and Italy with a view to an armistice. The order in the imperial letter is to this effect:

We desire that as we are concerned, for the secondary States of the Confederation a closer union, a more powerful organization, and more important guarantees for their external independence and strength in the north for Austria, the maintenance of her great position in Germany. We desired, moreover, that for an equitable compensation to Austria, should cede Venetia to Italy, for if, in concert with Prussia, and without regard to the treaty of 1852, she made war on Denmark on behalf of German nationality it appeared to us that she also should renounce in Italy the same principle by completing the independence of the Peninsula."

Some weeks ago I mentioned that the Emperor Napoleon had been informed that Austria would not cede Venetia until her last army had beaten the Italians; but they, at the same time, appeared confident of doing the same by the Prussians, and even of wresting Silesia from them—the defeat of the Prussians—the defeat of the Italians—she has fulfilled. In the other she has not been so fortunate. It now remains to be seen whether Prussia, flushed as she is with her late victories, will accede to the arrangements which would leave her enemy the "great position he has held in Germany in fact, which would be the ruin of the imperial letter will be adopted by her. The Italians, at all events, have now what they want, and will, perhaps, regard it as thankful. For a second time they are indebted to France, and to the Emperor will, of course, hand over Venetia, as he did Lombardy, to them.

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Whereas, As in the year of 1861, the Government of the State of Tennessee was seized upon and taken possession of by those hostile to the United States, and the inhabitants of said State in a pursuance of an act of Congress, were declared to be in a state of insurrection against the United States; and

Whereas, Said State Government can only be restored to the former political relations in the Union by the consent of the law making power of the United States; and

Whereas, The people of said State did, on the 22d of February, 1865, by a large popular vote, adopt and ratify a constitution and government republican in form, and not incompatible with the constitution and laws of the United States, whereby slavery was abolished and the ordinance and laws of secession and the debts contracted under the same were declared void; and,

Whereas, The State Government has ratified an amendment to the constitution of the United States abolishing slavery; also an amendment provided by the Thirty Ninth Congress; and,

Whereas, As the people of Tennessee have by proper acts of obedience shown to the satisfaction of the Congress of the United States a return of said State to due allegiance to the constitutional and laws of the United States therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the State of Tennessee is hereby restored to her former proper political relations to the Union, and is again fitted to be represented by Senators and Representatives.

Prussia Nothing to Gain from an Armistice.

[From the London Daily News, July 3.]

It is difficult to exaggerate the effect of the Prussian victory, which is, indeed, nothing less than a great overthrow. For many days it must have been apparent to Marshal Benedek, or, at all events, to the officers at Vienna, that the grand struggle would take place in the northeast of Bohemia. Every effort, therefore, must have been made to strengthen the army in those regions by hurrying up whatever troops could be spared from other quarters of the Empire. After the defeat of the Italians at Custozza every available regiment must have been dispatched to the north, and for the same reason every regiment that could be spared from the army in Bavaria or on the Main must have been dispatched through Pappau to Benedek. From what quarter then, can reinforcements be obtained now? It is a tedious journey from Venice, and we may be very sure the Prussians are in possession of the line of railway which connects Pardubitz with Prague and the west, the reinforcements from that quarter must have to make a detour hundred miles through Vienna in order to reach the camp of Benedek.

Already the Prussians have succeeded in concentrating eight corps of their army, which they found it necessary to divide in order to enter Bohemia, but the victory which they have just gained will enable them to call in all their scattered corps, especially those in the southeast of Silesia, and to pour down with overwhelming fury on the flying fragments of what was the great Austrian army of the north. Nor is this all. For the result of their occupation of Pardubitz must be to cut off all communication between the Austrians and the Federal army in the West. Henceforth, therefore, those opposed to Prussia are divided into two distinct bodies, which must act separately and cannot assist the aid of each other. The Prussians perceive their vantage ground, and it is probable that they will redax their grip upon the army of Benedek until it has either crumbled to pieces, or until the Emperor, its master, sues for peace. To those who have watched the progress of the war, nothing appears more striking than the extraordinary promptitude of the Prussian movements. From first to last there has been no sign of doubt or hesitation.

The part of operation must have been clearly defined before a single man was moved, or a single shot was fired. The distribution of the troops, the roads which they were to traverse, the length of time which each operation was to occupy, must have been accurately forecast. And the most admirable arrangements must have been made for procuring and forwarding to the front the necessary supplies.

Were an army of 200,000 or 300,000 men, it is not enough that ample supply of food, ammunition and clothing should be provided somewhere. The necessary amount of each material must be at the particular spot and at the particular hour at which they may be required. The Prussian army is obviously commanded by brave and intelligent officers in the field; but, besides this, it is equally obvious that the Chief of Staff and the Commissary-General must possess the highest capacity for organization and management.

Depressing Effects in Vienna of the Austrian Defeats.

Vienna, July 4, 1866.—I have never seen such deep depression so plainly depicted upon the whole face of a people as that which has overshadowed Vienna during the last four days. It is now pretty well known that in the combats of the 27th, 28th and 29th of June, the Austrian loss was much more severe than that of the Prussians, amounting to some fifteen thousand men. Officers who were present in these fights came back despairing of the result. The troops, they say, fought bravely as lions, but could do nothing against the murderous effects of the terrible "*zundnadelgewehr*"—the Prussian needle rifle—which, being loaded and fired from five to seven times a minute, swept down their advancing squadrons as a hail storm sweeps down the headed grain.

The result, too, of these three days' fighting was altogether favorable to the Prussians, they having accomplished by it what they desired—the junction of their two armies, which, now amounting to some three hundred thousand men, are probably fighting to-day a general engagement, commenced yesterday between Joseph stadt and Koniggratz.

SADOWA THE LAST AND FATAL FIGHT.

The result of this terrible battle you will know more about by telegraph before this letter reaches you. If Benedek is beaten in it the position of the Austrians on the railway at Pardubitz, and thus have the control of the entire line from here to Dresden

If Benedek loses it, it will be felt here that Austria is lost and must make the best terms she can with her haughty foe.

We hear no more now about marching on Berlin—on the contrary, there is considerable fear that we shall see the Prussians in Vienna, and workmen are now engaged upon the fortifications on the other side of the Danube, night and day.

WHERE A STAND MAY BE MADE.

Should the Prussians obtain possession of the railway and rush their troops to Vienna, a desperate effort will be made to stand a siege behind the ramparts which would leave her enemy the great position he has held in Germany in fact, which would be the ruin of the imperial letter will be adopted by her. The Italians, at all events, have now what they want, and will, perhaps, regard it as thankful. For a second time they are indebted to France, and to the Emperor will, of course, hand over Venetia, as he did Lombardy, to them.

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