

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The Royal Mail steamship *Arabia*, from Liverpool on Saturday, the 18th inst., with three days' later news from Europe, arrived at Halifax at noon yesterday, but owing to the scandalous telegraphic arrangements in Nova Scotia, the public were kept in ignorance of her advices, while they were being made use of by speculators. We are able this morning to publish but a brief summary of the leading features of her intelligence, which is of the highest importance. The Austrian forces in Lombardy were still in full retreat, and were leaving the line of the River Oglio, to take up, as was supposed, a position behind the Mincio. The French and Sardinian troops were in rapid pursuit, and were being concentrated for a decisive attack. Another great battle was anticipated within a week, and it was also thought probable that a naval demonstration would be made in the Adriatic by the French fleet. Lord PALMERSTON'S Combination Cabinet had been announced, and includes, in addition to Lord JOHN RUSSELL, the Hon. W. E. GLADSTONE, the Earl of ELGIN, RICHARD COBDEN, MILNER GIBSON, and the Earl GRANVILLE. The Liverpool Cotton Market was quite firm, with a still further advance on the best qualities. Breadstuffs were dull, with a declining tendency. Provisions were generally lower. Consols were quoted 92½@92¾ for account, ex-dividend.

A dreadful railroad slaughter took place on the Michigan Southern road, on Monday night, near South Bend, Ind., caused by the washing away of a culvert at the crossing of a stream of water. The stream, which is ordinarily quite small, was much swollen by heavy rains, and the culvert having become clogged by drift-wood, the embankment on either side was converted into a dam, which gave way at the time of the crossing of the train. There were about one hundred and fifty persons on the train, of whom thirty-three were taken from the ruins dead, and fifty to sixty others wounded, some of them probably fatally. We publish lists of the dead and wounded, so far as they are yet known. The train was running at moderate speed at the time of the accident, and the embankment had been safely passed over by another train only three hours before.

Later news from Aspinwall, received yesterday by the *Northern Light*, brings intelligence of the arrival of M. BALLY at Aspinwall, from San Juan, on his way to France. Financial difficulties are supposed to be the cause of his sudden return. These tidings settle the question of M. BALLY'S whereabouts, and refute the rumor of his death, which has been in circulation.

Later news from Utah indicate a continuance of the troubles in that Territory. It was reported that a company of armed Mormons was encamped at some distance from Salt Lake City, bidding defiance to the Federal officers. KIRK ANDERSON had been removed from the editorship of the *Valley Tan*, the Anti-Mormon organ, the tone of the paper being offensive to Gov. CUMMING and JOHN HARTNELL, to whom belonged the property of the office. Judge CRADLEBAUGH had made a personal visit to the mountains for the purpose of collecting testimony against the rebellious Mormons. A fraudulent flour contract had been reported at the camp of the army, by which, it was said, the sum of \$400,000 was to be made by speculators at the expense of the Government.

Dispatches received in Washington from the Indian Agent in New-Mexico hint at the probability of another Indian war. The Navajos are again committing extensive depredations, without any regard even for the authority of their chiefs, who are desirous of remaining at peace with the whites.

It has been decided by Attorney-General BLACK that no form of certificate in the nature of a passport can be lawfully issued by any State Officer. A special statute confines their issue to certain legally authorized agents of the General Government.

By the bark *Almira Coombes*, Captain DRINKWATER, from Salt Cay, Turks Island, we have the *Royal Gazette* to the 15th inst. Salt was plenty at 7 cents. Provisions scarce and high.

Petitions are in circulation in Boston, praying for a commutation of the sentence of the mutineer, PLUMER. His counsel are about to sue out a writ of ERROR.

Capt. AMOS PILSBURY, the newly-elected Superintendent of Police, yesterday gave a complimentary and farewell entertainment to his old associates, the Commissioners of Emigration, and a party of invited guests, at his residence on Ward's Island. Some fifty persons were present, among whom were ex-Chief of Police MATSELL, ex-Superintendent TALLMADGE, Dr. CARNOCHAN, and others. The dinner was of the choicest kind, and speeches of congratulation were made by several gentlemen, including one from the new incumbent of the office of Superintendent of Police. The party returned to the City at 7½ o'clock.

Yesterday afternoon, a homicide was committed in the Fourth Ward, the murdered man being JAMES BOSTON, keeper of a sailor's boarding house at No. 44 Baxter-street, and EDWARD A. EDDY, a sailor, the murderer. The parties met in the street, some words passed between them, and EDDY stabbed BOSTON in the abdomen, ripping open his bowels and causing his death in about half an hour. EDDY was arrested and committed to Prison to await the result of the Coroner's inquisition to-day. About six months ago, BOSTON, according to EDDY'S statement, got him drunk and shipped him on board a foreign-bound vessel, retaining him advance pay. This is said to have led to the difficulty and homicide.

More than \$400 worth of goods, which had during the last year, been stolen from the store of Messrs. STEBBINS, HOXT & Co., domestic dry-goods dealers, at No. 52 Chambers-street, by their porter, JOHN BANDEN, were yesterday recovered from the basement No. 48 Fulton-street, Brooklyn, kept by a man named ROBERT LEES, to whom they had been sold at less than a fourth of their value. Officers SMITH and GARDNER, of the City Hall Police Court, made the recovery, LEES and BANDEN were arrested, as were also a carman and expressman, who were instrumental in removing the stolen property. The two latter were held as witnesses.

The annual commencement exercises of Nassau Hall were begun yesterday at Princeton. In the morning the Rev. Dr. McILVAINE, of Rochester, delivered an address before the members of the

Philosophic and Whig Societies, and in the afternoon the regular alumni meeting took place. Today the Commencement exercises proper occur.

The One Hundred and Fifth Commencement of Columbia College was celebrated yesterday at Niblo's Theatre. The building was crowded to overflowing. Even standing room could not be obtained by those who arrived a few minutes too late. The exercises were, as they always are, interesting, especially to the friends of the graduates. Perhaps yesterday they were more worthy of commendation than on some antecedent occasions. Notwithstanding the ascendancy of the thermometer, the gratification of the audience was still more in the ascendant.

GEORGE F. GORDON, one of three desperate burglars arrested a few days ago, made an affidavit yesterday, before Justice BRENNAN, in which he positively alleges that he and THOMAS KELLY, about a year ago, broke into the house No. 21 Smith-street, in Brooklyn, on which occasion a private watchman, named BUCKLEY, was shot, and that it was they who shot BUCKLEY. It will be remembered that for this offence, a young man named EDWARD GRIFFITHS was arrested, convicted, and sentenced for ten years to the State Prison, where he is now serving out his term. Upon this confession efforts will be made to secure the release of GRIFFITHS from State Prison.

Coroner HILTON commenced an investigation in Brooklyn yesterday, to ascertain the cause of death in the case of Mrs. KENNY, who died in childbirth on Sunday last, at No. 14 Rapelyea-street, South Brooklyn. A Mrs. LONG, who attended the deceased, has been arrested, by order of the Coroner, for malpractice, and the testimony yesterday is very strong against the accused—Dr. BAUER, who made the *post-mortem* examination, testifying that in his opinion death was the result of malpractice.

Yesterday sales were made of 1,500 bales Cotton at steady prices. Flour was more freely dealt in, but at easier rates. Corn was in good demand and was firmer. Other kinds of Grain were quiet. Groceries, Naval Stores, Pork, Lard and Tobacco were less sought after. Fish, Hides, Hops, Metals and Whisky were lightly dealt in. Beef and Cut Meats attracted more attention. Freights also exhibited more activity.