

EVENTS ABROAD.

Stringent Measures Adopted to Exclude Visitors from the Parliament Buildings.

The English Preparing to Attack Metemneh—The Government Withholding the Sudan Dispatches.

EGYPTIAN AFFAIRS.

Preparations to Attack Metemneh. LONDON, Feb. 13.—A dispatch from Korti says that Col. Sir Redvers Buller will probably attack Metemneh Sunday. The rebels are taking no aggressive steps. It has been decided to take no steps looking to the calling out of the reserves until parliament assembles.

Australian Volunteers.

A dispatch from Sydney states that the colony from New South Wales is prepared to land at Suakin within thirty days two batteries of field artillery and a battalion of infantry.

El Mahdi's Address.

A dispatch dated 'In the Field, Feb. 12th,' states that six hundred Arabs were killed Tuesday night on the left bank of the Nile above Dutka Island. In the Arab camp at Dutka Island, which was deserted after the fight, was found a copy of an official document addressed to 'The Faithful' by El Mahdi. The document is in the form of an encyclical letter and states that the prophet took Klartoum by storm the 26th of last month, that he had killed the traitor Gordon and captured his steamers.

Rebels Around Suakin.

SUAKIM, Feb. 13.—Small parties of hostile Arabs have reappeared to menace the garrison. A spy has returned from Heshelm, the place where the reconnoitering party of Hussars and Egyptians was attacked on the 3d inst. The Hussars got as far as Handaub without opposition, but having on their way out burned a native village without reason, they were attacked on their return at Heshelm, which is about three miles from Handaub. The attacking party lay in ambush, and the Arab fire was so terrible that the Hussars could not face it and saved themselves from annihilation by retreating at full gallop.

Retreating at Full Gallop. In a circle of Suakin, eight Hussars and three Egyptians were lost. Col. Freeman, who is commanding at Suakin, in reporting the incident stated that the officer in command of the Hussars had exceeded his authority in ordering the burning of the Arab village. Spies were at once sent out to ascertain the fate of the missing troops. A spy, who returned could learn nothing, but he found in the desert, near the scene of the fight, several articles of clothing, which evidently belonged to the missing men. The spy brought these articles to Suakin. All were pierced as if by spears. The spy reports that he found the enemy encamped at Heshelm.

The Wounded Recovering.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—Gen. Wolseley telegraphs that twenty-nine of the wounded at the Gakdul Wells have recovered. Gen. Stewart, Lord Wolseley says, is doing well, although his recovery is slow.

Gen. Gordon's Diary.

The diary kept by Gen. Gordon in Khartoum, with entries up to December 10, 1884, is reported to be at present in the possession of the government. Col. McNair, a quarry to the queen has been appointed to command the second brigade of the Suakin expedition.

The Conservative Papers charge the government with suppressing Gen. Gordon's diary and letters, in which Gen. Gordon states that he sent Col. Stewart away from Khartoum in order to save his (Stewart's) life, intending himself to meet death at Khartoum, as he knew no help could reach there.

In Time to Rescue Him.

When parliament assembles the production of the dispatches to the government in regard to the Sudan campaign will be demanded. Hartington, secretary of state for war, advises the acceptance of the offers from Canada and New South Wales to send troops to the Sudan, but the war office opposes the proposition. The question will be referred to the cabinet for decision. Owing to the opposition of the duke of Cambridge, the commander-in-chief, and other officers it is probable that the ministers will decide to inform Canada and New South Wales that their assistance is not needed.

A Railroad in the Sudan.

A London syndicate has made an offer to the government to construct a railroad from Suakin to Berber, building block houses at intervals to guard the line, if guaranteed 4 per cent. income on the capital invested.

Italy's Third Contingent.

ROME, Feb. 13.—Fasoli states that the third expedition from Italy to the Red sea will leave Naples at the end of the month and will consist of two battalions of infantry, a section of artillery and a company of engineers.

Anarchists in Switzerland.

BERLIN, Feb. 13.—The police have reported to the government that 2000 anarchists reside in Switzerland, and that they are chiefly of foreign birth. The leading sections are centered in Zurich, Geneva, Lucerne, Berne, Lausanne and Fribourg. The number of secret foreign police has been largely augmented.

Guarding Against Dynamiters.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—The recent dynamite explosion in the house of commons has demonstrated the fact that under the existing rules governing the admission of strangers to the galleries and lobbies of the house of parliament it would be an easy matter for the dynamiters to convey explosives into the buildings during the sessions of parliament and cause the death of many of its members. The government has decided to adopt more stringent rules regulating the admission of visitors. The members of parliament in the future will not be allowed to introduce strangers into the galleries and lobbies. The speaker of the house of commons will alone have

the right of granting a ticket of admission to visitors and he will only issue tickets to members for their friends after having received a week's notice, so that in the meantime the antecedents of the proposed visitor can be inquired into. A turnstile will be erected at the entrances to the galleries and the lobbies. An experienced detective will be posted at each turnstile carefully to scrutinize strangers as they pass.

A FAVORED AMERICAN

Receives the Only Mexican Office to Which a Foreigner is Eligible. ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 13.—Theo. Masco, general agent of the Missouri Pacific railroad for the republic of Mexico, passed through here today from the East with his family en route to the City of Mexico, where his headquarters are situated. Mr. Masco is the gentleman who was sent out from Jay Gould's New York office as the director of the Diaz excursion two years ago and he had charge of the party during their stay in this country. While here to day he stated that he has been offered the position of secretary to President Diaz. He will accept and expects to enter upon his new duties in a short time. This is said to be the only office under the Mexican government to which a foreigner can be appointed. Mr. Masco is a fine Spanish scholar, and is otherwise said to be highly qualified for the position.

HOUSTON.

Henry T. Hall Gives Bond—Editors En Route to New Orleans. Special.

HOUSTON, TEX., Feb. 13.—In the case of Henry T. Hall, charged with embezzling moneys of the Pacific Express company to the amount of \$1325, Justice Rawley placed the bond at \$750 to day on preliminary trial, to appear finally before the criminal court. Hall gave bond readily. He has the sympathy and respect of the whole city. He is believed to be honest. His shortage is not questioned, as he admits it.

The Baltimore & Ohio Telegraph company will have its connection completed to New Orleans to-morrow and will receive messages.

The Texas editors, numbering thirty, to-day passed through from Galveston to New Orleans, over the Missouri Pacific railroad, via Marshall, rather than over the Star & Crescent route, on account of their treatment in the matter of courtesies.

MURDER WILL OUT.

A Cold-Blooded Murder Unearthed Near El Paso. Special.

EL PASO, TEX., Feb. 13.—A herder, who was working in the valley fifteen miles above town, came across the decomposed remains of a human being lying in some brush a few miles from the river. Parties in the city were notified. They visited the scene and brought the remains to this city, when the coroner's jury identified them as those of J. T. Stevens, a former drug clerk in the employ of A. A. Irvin & Co. of this city, who last August accompanied two herders, named Henry Hall and H. Dalaney, above town for the purpose of investing in cattle. He was never seen again, and the supposition is that he was murdered for his money. The skull showed a bullet hole on the right side above the ear, and the front was crushed in, evidently by a heavy blow. The supposed murderers left after the deed was perpetrated and although pursued by the rangers made their escape and have never been heard from. It was the coldest murder that ever occurred in this section. Stevens was a former resident of Philadelphia.

AN IMPORTANT SUIT.

Farmers' Loan and Trust Company vs. Texas Western Narrow-Gauge Railway.

GALVESTON, TEX., Feb. 13.—Today the clerk of the United States circuit court completed the papers in the suit instituted in that court by the Farmers' Loan and Trust company of New York against the Texas Western Narrow-Gauge Railroad company for \$350,000 and interest on the same from the 1st of April, 1880, to date, making the amount involved in the suit aggregate \$387,000 which is secured by first-mortgage bonds of said railway. The Farmers' Loan and Trust company, in their petition, pray that an injunction may issue against Mrs. Mary E. Gentry, administratrix of Abram M. Gentry, deceased; Jas. A. Baker, W. B. Batis, Jas. A. Baker, Jr.; Jas. G. Tracy, and David C. Ruby, residents of Houston and identified with said railway company, restraining them from disposing of the property of the railroad company under judgments obtained in the Harris county district court a few months ago aggregating over \$245,000. The Farmers' Loan and Trust company also ask that Mrs. K. McIlhenny, who is now receiver of the railroad company under the fiat of the district court of Harris county, be removed and a new receiver be appointed. The case is important from the fact that the validity of the action of the state court will be called into question in giving judgment in favor of the parties constituting apart of said railway organization to the detriment of non-residents who hold a prior claim on the railroad company to franchises and appurtenances.

The Texas Press.

GALVESTON, TEX., Feb. 13.—The Texas Press association at its closing session to-day unanimously adopted resolutions urging Col. W. L. Hall, business manager of the Dallas Herald, to become a candidate for register of the treasury of the United States, and thanking Major Elliott, the state commissioner of the New Orleans exposition, for his efforts in behalf of Texas at the world's fair.

About forty members of the association left this afternoon for New Orleans.

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SAN ANGELO. A Maiden Missing with Her Papa's Horse. Special. SAN ANGELO, TEX., Feb. 13.—John Manning, residing on the North Concho, had his daughter and two horses stolen from him a few nights ago. It is supposed that the young lady ran off with the thief and married him.

NEW ORLEANS. THE MARDI-GRAS VISITORS. NEW ORLEANS, LA., Feb. 13.—The influx of the Mardi-Gras visitors has fairly begun. The incoming trains are crowded and the city is rapidly filling up. The accommodations provided have not felt the test of their capacity, which it is conceded will be sufficient to receive all. A large percentage of the residents are taking lodgers or boarders, while restaurants spring up in the government buildings.

NEW ORLEANS. THE COTTON CONVENTION. NEW ORLEANS, LA., Feb. 13.—The National Cotton Planters' association held its fourth day's session to-day in the main building of the exposition. The meeting was occupied by the address of Capt. Bedford Pim of the British navy, who chose as his subject "Live Stock and Ranches of the United States." In the course of his address Capt. Pim described his recent visit to Galveston, and said that he was convinced that a first-class harbor might be constructed there in the course of a year from the commencement of the work by running a railroad on screw piles out to the depth of thirty feet of water, and protecting it from heavy weather by a floating breakwater of peculiar shape.

INDICATIONS. WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—West Gulf: Slightly warmer, generally fair weather and light variable winds. Fluctuation of Silver in Peru. LIMA, Feb. 13.—There have been great fluctuations lately in the value of silver dollars. Tuesday last they were worth eighteen paper dollars. Yesterday the price fell to sixteen and one-half paper dollars.

William M. Everts Banqueted. NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—The Union League club tendered a reception to United States Senator-elect William

M. Everts at the club-house to night. Mr. Everts arrived in company with the committee selected to attend him, Chauncey M. Depew, C. B. Minns, and A. H. Halsey. He was conducted to the club hall on the arm of Judge Noah Davis, followed by the reception committee. Cheers greeted the party as it advanced to the stage, where Judge Davis introduced the distinguished guest.

WEATHERFORD. A \$1600 Judgment Against the Texas & Pacific. Special. WEATHERFORD, TEX., Feb. 13.—Maj. Frezza of Cookeville, Tenn., left to-day with the remains of his son Frank for his home in Tennessee, where he will have his body interred. Frank Dorsey is still improving.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES. The anniversary of the foundation of Santiago, Chili, was celebrated yesterday with a great demonstration. An earthquake shock was felt in Spain yesterday, forty miles north of Granada. The hospital was seriously damaged. Oliver Bros. & Phillips' mill at Woods Run, Pa., shut down in all departments Thursday night on account of lack of orders.

Sanford Jackson, a negro, was hanged at Selma, Ala., yesterday for the murder of Rufus Gill, another negro, in March, 1883. Receiver Finks of the East Tennessee & Georgia Railway system has withdrawn all his lines from the southern freight and passenger pools. Information has been received at San Francisco that C. W. Smith has formally declined the commissioner-ship of the Transcontinental Railroad association. Commis-ioner Fink says that the stories published regarding his proposed connection with the Missouri Pacific system are entirely without foundation.

Two anarchists have been arrested at Rechenberg, in Bohemia. A printing press, some revolutionary documents and a quantity of dynamite were seized. George Schneider of Hamilton, Ohio, has been found guilty of murder in the first degree and of robbery. He was charged with killing and robbing his own mother. The witnesses who failed to appear at Wichita, Kan., Wednesday against Couch and his associates in the Galena movement arrived Thursday and the boomers will be re-arrested and arraigned on a new charge. Yesterday at Poplarville, Miss., on

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