

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

FOREIGN NEWS.

The commission appointed for the purpose by the Spanish Government have matured a plan for the emancipation of slaves in Cuba. The commission recommend that all slaves be freed in seven years from the date of the passage of an Emancipation bill, which is to be prepared and presented to the Cortes.

Bulgaria and Servia have formed a defensive and offensive alliance.

There is great distress in Hungary on account of the bad harvest, and the Government has suspended the collection of taxes until the harvest has been gathered.

From the terms of the cable dispatch it would appear that no Austrian decree of alliance had been signed by the Emperor, as stated. It is intimated, however, that such a treaty has been concluded, and that it is in writing, but does not require signatures.

A St. Petersburg dispatch says the Russian press expresses great indignation at Salisbury's allusions to Russia in his recent speech at Manchester. The *Official Messenger* says it is unusual for a foreign Minister to speak thus of a friendly nation, and that such language is not calculated to contribute to the maintenance of peace and good relations.

The work of removing to America of the Cleopatra's Needle presented to the city of New York by the Khedive of Egypt is to begin at once. Lieutenant Commander Gorring, of the United States navy, has charge of the work.

Labouchere and Lawson, the London editors who recently engaged in a street encounter, have been requested by a committee of the Booksellers Club to withdraw from that organization. They have used abusive and foul language in their defense.

The Municipal Council of Berlin recommends the universal adoption of the practice of cremation.

The Emperor of Austria has given to the Spanish Envoy Extraordinary his formal assent to the marriage of the Archduchess Maria Christina and King Alfonso.

Advices from Cabul report that the mutinous Afghan regiments have been dispersed. The dismemberment of Cabul and the surrounding district is proceeding. The Amur will be practically in safe-keeping until the inquiry into the massacre is finished.

There has been a further advance in the price of wool and iron in England.

The Turkish Government has prohibited the exportation of grain.

The political relations between Germany and Russia are said to have improved lately.

Hungary is in a bad way financially. The budget for 1880 will show a deficit of over 17,000,000 florins.

The bill to be presented to the Spanish Cortes for the abolition of slavery in Cuba provides that slaves aged over 55 years shall be freed in 1880; those 45 years of age, in 1882; those 40, in 1884; those 35, in 1886; those 33, in 1888; all others in 1890. Three hundred and fifty pesetas is to be paid the owner for each slave who is freed.

As a favor to Russia, the new Turkish Cabinet has recalled the troops from the East Romanian frontier.

In France and Italy the grape vines are being rapidly destroyed by phylloxera, and the importation of insect-proof vines from America is suggested as a remedy.

In England the cattle trade shows signs of a marked revival.

Disastrous floods are reported in the Island of Jamaica.

Thirty thousand people in Hungary are said to be on the verge of starvation.

Germany has decided to continue the duty on cereals imported into the empire until the 1st of January next.

The Governor of Alexandria has delivered to Lieut. Commander Henry H. Gorring, of the United States navy, by the order of the Khedive of Egypt, the obelisk known as Cleopatra's Needle. The work of removal has begun, and it will probably reach America about a month after it leaves Egyptian soil, which will be at an early date. It will be loaded and transported much as was the one carried to London.

DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE.

West.

The village of Chittenango, fifteen miles east of Syracuse, N. Y., is greatly excited over the alleged crimes of a modern Boris, whose deeds, if proved, eclipse the bloody deeds of the ancient demon of that name. Mrs. Frances Schroeder, a married woman, is charged with poisoning her father, mother, and aunt. The woman and her husband are both under arrest.

The Montauk steam cotton-mills at Sag Harbor, Long Island, have been burned. Two hundred operatives are thrown out of employment. The loss is \$300,000; insurance, \$100,000.

The new American Rapid Telegraph Company has all its poles set between Boston and New York, and over 100 miles of wire strung along two lines, those being all that will be required for the time being. The work is going on from both ends of the line. The method of telegraphy used by this company is purely mechanical, messa being sent by simply turning a crank, and requiring no hand-key operators. Perfected paper is used in preparing messages for transmission, and they are received on strips similar to the Morse system. Cheapness, as well as rapidity, is the basis of merit in the aims of this new company, and, if successful, they claim it will sweep the entire field of telegraphy.

The fall trade is unusually brisk in the Eastern cities.

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Cincinnati papers report that the Ohio river is lower than it has been for twenty years. At hundreds of points between Cincinnati and Pittsburgh it can be forded easily. Scarce a boat can be seen anywhere. Navigation is nearly suspended, and freight is piled up in great quantities at all points between Pittsburgh and Louisville waiting for the rise.

A package of circulars from Prof. Wiss's balloon Pathfinder were picked up a few days ago on the beach of Lake Michigan, near Lake Station, Ind. This leaves no doubt that the balloon seen in that region on the day of Wiss's ascent was the Pathfinder, and strengthens the theory that the vessel and its passengers were lost in Lake Michigan.

A frightful tragedy was enacted in the city of Bloomington, Ill., on the 26th of October. At noon of that day, William Hogg, an old and respected buiness man of Bloomington, entered his home, and, drawing a Smith & Wesson seven-shot pistol, shot his daughter Mamie, aged 18, probably fatally. She was stooping filling a vase with clothing, and fell

over insensible, the ball entering just behind the ear and passing downward into the throat. Hogg then went into the yard, where his son Willie, aged 12, was playing, and, calling him to him, revolver to his own place. He then placed the revolver to his own head and fired. The ball entered his temple and lodging in the brain. Willie, not being stunned, the father was on his back on the floor of the summer kitchen, with the pistol in his right hand, and the blood pouring from his wound. Hogg's wife was absent at the time, and so probably missed a terrible death. Hogg died in about one hour. Financial trouble is supposed to have caused the deed.

Since the opening of the Ute Indian war thirty-three whites have been slain, while thirty-nine savages have been made to bite the dust.

Special Agent Adams, who is sent out by Secretary Schurz to meet the hostile Utes, reports that he visited the camp of the hostiles between Grand and Gunnison rivers, and that, after holding a conference with them, the captive women and children were delivered to him without conditions.

The captives were unharmed, and had not been subjected to any insult or injury. The Indians desire peace, and claim to have been forced into the outbreak. Gen. Adams also reports that after leaving the hostiles' country he met Indian runners who reported their "lookouts" had a fight on the 20th of Octo^r, with a hunting party from Merritt's camp, about accidentally by the second firing on an Indian, which second name Hume, Lieutenant, and a name of the 10th Cavalry. Five others are known to have been killed. We have found no Indians about the camp.

A Tucson (Arizona) dispatch has the following in regard to the Indian war in New Mexico: Silver City let us say of the slaves on the 18th: "Arrived at the camp of the trigger, we found the Indians dead. We

held the captives, which is about 100 miles distant. An Indian runner from that camp brought the welcome intelligence that the savages were safe and kindly treated.

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