

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 recommends 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 ordered the collection of taxes until the harvest has been gathered.

From the tenor of late cable dispatches it would appear that no Austro-German treaty of alliance has 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 the *Choptank's* Needle presented to the city of New York by the Khedive of Egypt is to begin at once. Lieutenant Commander Goring, 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 Footstep Club to withdraw from that organization. They have used beefsteaks of late only as plasters for black eyes, and the sacrifice has been resented as abusive.

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 sanction to the marriage of the Archduchess Marie Christine to King Alfonso.

Advices from Kabul report that the Afghans have been driven from the surrounding district is proceeding. The *Ameer* 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 40, 50 years (aged 1880); those 45 years of age, in 1882; those 40, in 1884; those 35, in 1886; those 30, in 1888; all others in 1890. Three hundred and fifty pesos is to be paid the owner for each slave liberated.

As a favor to Russia, the new Turkish Cabinet has recalled the troops from the East Roumelian 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 first of January next.

The Governor of Alexandria has delivered to Lieut. Commander Henry H. Goring, of the United States navy, by the order of the Khedive of Egypt, the obelisk known as the *Obelisk of Thebes*.

The work of removal has begun, and it will be completed in about a month after it leaves Egypt, which will be at an early date. It will be loaded and transported much as was the one carried to London.

DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE.

Mass.

The village of Chittenden, fifteen miles east of Syracuse, N. Y., is greatly excited over the alleged murder of a woman, whose body, it is said, was found in the bloody deeds of the ancient demon of that name.

Mrs. Frances Schroeder, a married woman, is charged with poisoning her father, mother and son. The woman and her husband are both under arrest.

The Montank 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 between Boston and New York, and over 100 miles of wire strung, putting up two or three lines, but all that will be required by this new process. The work is going on from both ends of the route. The method of telegraphy used by this company is purely mechanical, and requires no hand-key operators. For a paper on this subject, see the *Enterprise*.

A full trade is unusually brisk in the Eastern cities.

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 forced easily. Scarcely a boat can be seen anywhere. Navigation is nearly suspended, and the boats piled up in great quantities at all points between Pittsburgh and Louisville are waiting for the rise.

A package of circulars from Prof. W. B. Balloon, lately used by him to get a few days 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 Wise's ascension 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 23d of October. At noon of that day, William Hogg, an old and respected business man of Bloomington, enters his home, and drawing a Smith & Wesson seven-shot pistol, shot his daughter Marie, aged 18, probably fatally. She was bleeding from a fatal wound, and fell

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