from the time that he was enabled to look and we are inclined to think that these is the United States in her strengthso weak ing of Congress, for its final disposition by that through their treacherous plans, upon the question of his coming to Mexico and his abdication, so that Bazaine could assume the government, but also in the matters of the Custom House treaty, reembarkation of the Austrians and Bel- two great hodies of water rather than to te liberty of the Press? gians, payment of the Iturbide family, &c.

immediate assemblage of the Congress which should decide the form of government of Mexico, and the question of the will of the people as to his departure from the country and the surrender of his authority.

In order to facilitate this meeting different inasmuch as the majority of that body especial- ing man" may quietly settle down to therefore, before he left Puebla gave to the Im-Maria Esteva, the commission to form the law within the shortest time possible.

The Emperor left Puebla on the 3d of Jan. 5th of January 1867. - [New York Herald, with whom the relations which existed pear Jany, 1st 1868.

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RUMORED PURCHASES BY THE UNITED STATES.

By the late papers from the United, States dating as late as December 21st, we perceive that the press of that country are full of discussions and paragraphs upon the subject of the purchase of the Bay of Samana, Saint Thomas and Cuba. Some of the papers go so far as to express an opinion that negotiations are now in progress for the purchase of the above mentioned, from the foreign powers to which they now belong. In regard to Cuba, the particulars are given so far as to State that the United States is to pay Spain therefor a sum of one hundred and fifty millions of year and the balance in six years. As this of Brownsville has issued an order suppressale neccessitates the extinction of slavery sing this sheet. on the Island, their owners are of course. The conduct of this paper toward the very much excited upon the subject, and constitutionally elected government of the the natives of the Island who are friendly to United States has been such as that no one the change of ownership, attempt to paci- will be surprised that the military authorify them by assurances that the terms of sale lies consider this paper as "an impediment include an arrangement to reimburse the to the reconstruction", of the States lately slave owners for their property made value- in rebellion. less. Our exchanges state that England As regards Mexico: having become iden-

of prestige or privilege.

in return. them, are evidences that this great first made their appearance very early in that class power, the United States, has an in-paper, and have also read many "borregos" tention of possessing a commanding posi-in the papers of New Orleans credited to the tion relative to the navigation of the Middle 'same source.

purchases, if they be made, will result from that she must take notice of a public opa desire to acquire in the present decade position press, and Mexico if weak, yet safe and profitable harbors, between these strong enough to uphold the most complelacquire territory. The present unsettled, Instead of preventing his return to Mexico territorial condition of many of the Southed it, and he proposed on his arrival there the of the west, do not offer any inducement to a government which already owes two and a half billions, to seek territory which may involve further expenditure rather than yield a revenue.

the formation of the law which was to regulate king lovers and Empire hunters, who have the elections. The formation of this law had been confided by order of Maximilian on the not recovered from their late sorrow and meeting of the State Council to that body, but remorse, and who are longing for "A comthe entire month of September not a solitary thing more than a quiet and safe harbor step had been taken to propose the law, he for coaling her shipping and her navy; it is perial Commissioner of that place, Don José but natural that she, a first class power should seek this in the waters so adjacent to her territory.

> for so many years have lately been severed By certain conditions in the Railroad

concessions lately given, wherein she requirthese enterprises, independent of foreign aid. Accordingly, to the English Company she has lately been most liberal, and we who have sympatized with, and in some the standard of a first class democratic power; and it occurs to us that as Mexlico is destined to be Republican, it should by the "Magna Charta."

We need Railroads and the inauguration age in which we live makes it imperative that we should have them, and should be glad to ensure the services of our Amerlican neighbors, as well as our English friends | many enterprises (we speak not of the trade with Europe) which involve the "via" of the West Indies, so great a portion of which | it would appear may soon become a part of the United States, in whose possession it could no longer be, what it has to some | ved. extent previously been, a depot for filibusterism against Mexico.

SUPPRESSION OF THE RANCHERO.

All of these reports, if there be truth in cobedo in answer to charges said to have

could not lay aside his hatred for the French Atlantic Ocean, and the Gulf of Mexico, We heartheidea thrown out here. "Why and that the case was left pending till the meet-

CONGRESS .- Dec. 27th .- Mr. Montes prethe representations of these gentlemen hasten- ern States and the vast unoccupied lands siding. The session was opened to-day, 112 campaign &c. members present. Minutes of previous meeting read and adopted. A communication from of which was as follows: the minister of the Home Department was read, | That the Government should collect the most | acknowledging a receipts of the resolution of authentic data possible, in regard to the num-Congress requiring a report from the Executive ber and names of the victims of the interven- have employed special and sworn policemen as to the imprisonment &c. of Gonzalez Ortega. Ition, those wounded during the same period, and it is thought Parliament would suspend the The nervous old ladies of Mexico, who Immediately following this, 125 printed copies and the amount of damage sustained by Mex- Habeas Corpus act. emissaries were sent to the most influential and may be afflicted with a nightmare of Anglo- of the organic law of Public Instruction were icans in general. of whom declined to take any active part. And look well to their smelling bottles, but tions were offered by Mr. Robles Martinez, the and recommends that J. J. Baz be continued in tom duty between France, Belgium, Switzermost respectable of the Republican chiefs, most American absorption of this country, may distributed among the members. Three resoluother step in furtherance of the assemblage was troubic themselves no further, while the first, to appoint a gefe or chief treasury inspective and the government of the district. Passed a first the formation of the latest troubic themselves no further, while the tor, with the object of suppressing contraband, reading. the second, to build two penitentiaries, one in in the isle of Carmen, and the third, prohibit- ry way, when the house adjourned. ing the sale of any islands to private persons. -- | ly the President and all of the Ministers, op- gular sleep and meals. There are no indi- Passed the first reading. The same gentleman posed the measure systematically, and as during cations that the United States seek any-offered a proposition declaring null and void the 56th art, of the decree of the Jalisco legislature wherein Mr. Gomez Cuervo is announced as Governor of said State, said Gomez Cuerve having served the intervention.

The proposition was withdrawn for 15 days. Messrs Alcalde, Avila and others presented a This is the hour for Mexico to fully ap-proposition that the committee appointed to and arrived at his country seat, the Hacienda de preciate the relations which she sustains to prepare the national manifesto or address, prela Teja, just outside the city of Mexico, on the her neighbor, and to the foreign powers sent the same for examination, and that it ap-

Mr. Valle offered a bill to have repealed the 91st art. of the decree of Dec. 2d. 1867. which excludes, as internal pupils, the sons of families residing in the city of Mexico. This proposies the Company to receive, support, and tion was ably defended by Messrs Valle, Alcaleducate several young men to the profes- de, Herrera and Montes, and opposed by Messrs. sion of Engineering and Railroading, she Barreda, Covarrubias, and Gaona, and was admits her inability at present to prosecute | finally passed by 75 to 30.—A memorial from Mr. Garza Melo was read, requesting a revision of his credentials. Was referred to committee on powers.

A communication was next read in which the are confident that the American Capitalists | Government announces the appointment of Mr. Garmendia, as under secretary of the treasury. cases, aided materialy Republican Mexico, A bill offered by Messrs. Diaz Covarrubias, are willing to do their share toward build- Frias, and Soto, that in primary schools, creaing Railroads and forwarding other pro- ted by the law of Dec. 2d, 1867, the study of jects which shall tend to bring Mexico to Metaphysics be done away with, passed the first

Dec. 28th, Mr. Montes presiding.

At 15 minutes to 2 o'clock, session opened with 100 members. A communication from the be the policy of Mexico to receive aid and Foreign Relations and Home Departments was grant favors to those nations who swear read in which the government expresses itself content with the good services of Mr. Juan José Baz, and solicits his continuation in the employ of other mechanical enterprises and the of government of the District —referred to 1st; committee on Home Department. A communication from the Judge of the Sapreme-Court of Coahuila was read, announcing the! installment of said tribunal. The States of Michancan and San Luis Potosi, forward the prinin their procuration. With the United ted copies of all the laws passed by their legis-States we may and should join hands in latures; referred to committee on constitutional points. A bill was now introduced by Mr. G. Prieto to have called to the capital Gen. Sanchez Ochon, deputy elect to Congress, and at passed. The law repealing the 91st art, of the men. law of Public Instruction, was read, and appro-

> The credentials of Messrs. Bibiano Villareal leg in his last ascension. of Nuevo Leon, and José M. Cobos, of Tabasco,

A bill was next presented signed by several We see by the New Orleans papers of deputies, to the effect that all those who served sary of the leaving of the French. dollars, fifty millions of which is to be paid the 19th of December that Brevet Brigadier the so-called empire or regency, receiving a in cash, fifty millions to be paid in one General McRensie commanding the post salary, should be incapacitated for holding office, in the Republic that all those actually in legislature of Tamaulipas, was fined \$500 for office, comprehended in the foregoing category, not presenting himself in time to take his seat, be suspended in the mean time; referred to 2d, Punctuality is a great thing. committee of the Home Department. The comserved the so-called empire. The joint com-thing needful." mittees of constitutional points, of Treasury, and traordinary powers to the Executive in referen- the proprietors of the Brownsville Ranchero, ce to the war in Yucatan; and after a very pro- we regret to learn that his newspaper has been favors the disposal of Saint Thomas on the tified with the latter, in Mexican Politics as tracted and rather warm discussion pro and con, supressed by order of Brevet Brig. General ground that the proximity of the United in American, it took the impracticable side participated in by Messrs Montes, Dondé, Sili-States will enable the government of the of the question, using all manner of argu- ceo, Mata, Gaona, Barron, Peniche, and Alcal- Rio Grande. As the N. Y. Tribune remarked latter, to enforcestricter quarantine regula- ment and sophism, and Gen. Escobedo in de, it was declared sufficiently discussed and about the arrest of Gen. McCardle, it was a tions, and that thus their own shipping in- his letter says, even more than either of was referred to the Executive, according to fraci tion 4, art. 7, of the Constitution. A commuterests will be benefited without any loss these. Many of the Munchausen stories nication from the Ministry of Relations was fuses to suppress papers which would remove in regard to Mexico, and which have done next read, in which the Executive amounces him from the temporal power, and harl spiritual Denmark's offer is reported to be a loan much to give every reader a false impression the acceptance of the resignation of Mr. Iglesias and spirited authemas against him. [Expaper.] from the United States of one million of of Mexico, have been accredited to the and solicits a continuance of the other Minisdollars for privileges in the Bay of Samana Ranchero, with how much justice we can- ters in their respective offices-referred to comnot say. We have read the letter of Es- mittee on constitutional points and Home De-

House then adjourned.

munication from the war Department was read sales have been: In 1865, \$43,000,000; in answering the interrogatories put in regard to \$143,000,000. His retail trade in the three years

Communication from the Home and war Departments were next read in which the Executive makes observations upon the resolution of Congress to prolong the 1st session to 3 months and the 2d to two, and also upon the bill of the Thomas. united committees in regard to the Yucatan

A bill was then read and passed, the purport

The committee on Home Department reports

Several other matters of minor importance the "Maria" islands in the Pacific, and another coming up, they were disposed of in a summa-

LOCAL NEWS &C.

Brewster Russel, a native of London, England, campaign. who had been in the employ of the Mexico and Vera Cruz Railroad Co. and afterward in the in whose behalf the expedition was undertaken, employ of Messrs. McManus of Chihuahua, was are safe and well. assassinated and robbed about five leagues from Nazas on his way to Mazatlan via Dufango, by presented Napoleon with a copy of the Bible his travelling companion captain Sylvester and an address.

The circumstances are said to be as follows. to protect all religious. Ochoa persuaded Mr. Russel to leave the train | South America advices, via Lisbon, report with which they were travelling and make a that the Paragnayans had taken the offensive short cut to Durango Their baggage having with marked success. been packed upon asses and put in charge of two boys, Ochoa and Russel were in rear of the ing 1,500 prisoners. boys when the former proposed to relieve the latter of his pistol which was heavy. The latbornly, losing 4,000 in killed, wounded and ter readily consenting, as they had been companions for sometime; the former immediately shot Mr. Russel, called the boys back, when all ended Fenianism. Large rewards are offered three concluded the barbarity by mashing his for the guilty. head with stones, and relieving his pocket and baggage of all valuables.

EARTHQUAKE .-- A slight shock was felt last night. in this city on the 30th at 5 o'clock, 15 minutes P. M. Direction from East to West.

MR. IGNACIO PESQUEIRA.—Has been elected Governor of Sonora.

JALISCO.—In this State the 18th of Dec. has been declared a national feast-day, being the anniversary of the battle of "la Coronilla." CAMPECHE .- Mr. Pablo Garcia has been declared Governor of this State.

SALAMANCA.—The inhabitants of this city have given \$488 62c., toward the establishment of a penitentiary in Guanajuato.

the Legislature of Puebla.

GEN. COMONFORTS'. — Mortal remains have arrived in this city, and have been deposit- States is contradicted. jed in San Fernando.

ZACATECAS.—The treasury of this State | istry is impending. had an income af \$51.225,01, in the month of

THE MINES.—Of the State of Zacatecas are said to be giving fine results; the activity in working them has not been so great for a number of present a prisoner of the government, which was years. \$60,000 are paid weekly to working

> Mr. CANTOLLA.—The balloon man, is said to have received a slight injury in his hand and

A SPECIE CONVOY .- Arrived on the 11st were approved and the former gentleman took ult., at Colima with \$300,000, bound to foreign

GUADALAJARA.-Has had an anniver-

DURANGO .- Is said to be perfectly quiet. MR. REFUGIO CHAPA.-Elected to the

LA IDEA PROGRESISTA.—A liberal sheet. mittee on Powers reported that there was no edited by one of Mexico's most gifted sons, Mr.

The Ranchero Suppresed by Gen. McKenzie. McKenzie, Commanding the Subdistrict of the were unwise act for the Commander, both as regards himself and his party. Even the Pope re- paid at the end of six years.

Dry Goods Sales in New York.

dry goods by H. B. Chaflin, of New York dur-Dec. 30.—Mr. Montes in the chair.—A com. \$57.000.000; total, 196,000.000. AT. Stewart's of the purchase money. 1866, \$50,000,000; in 1867, \$50,000,000; total, Gonzalez Ortega, stating that he is still prisoner has been about \$60,000,000 more.

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

The U.S. man of War Susquehanna has left St.

HAVANA, Dec. 22d.

Thomas with the news of the death of Admiral Palmer and Capt. Burroughs. Her Machinery was injured during the late earthquakes at St.

New York, 21st.

The Falikee sailed to day for Vera-Cruz. Money market buoyant; money at 6;-London 21st Dec. The English government is alarmed at the threatening attitude of the Fenians. They Panis, 21st Dec.

Napoleon thinks of proposing a universal cusdoes not accept the proposition. There is a rumour of the abdication of the duke of Baden. Consols 924 cotton middlands uplling 74-sales 19,000 Bales.

From Europe.

New York, Dec. 16 .- Cable Summary .- The British troops had penetrated far into Abys-ASSASSINATION .- On the 23d of July last | sinia, and prospects were fair for a successful Credited advices indicate that the prisoners

A deputation of the English Bible Society

He responded, declaring that his first rule was

They had stormed a Brazilian camp, captur-The Brazilians defended their camp stub-

It is thought that the Clerkenwell outrage has

London, Dec. 16 .- Apparently organized attempts were made to burn various warehouses

The outrage is attributed to the Fenians though none of them have been arrested.

PARIS, Dec. 18.—The Monitour publishes a police circular placing the press under a more rigorous censorship.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 18.—The Invalide Russe says: "The agreement between France and Austria on the Eastern question, if persisted in, will imperil the peace of Europe."

London, Dec. 17, Evening. As the police were seizing a quantity of nitro glycerine at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, supposed to have been BULL FIGHTS.—Have been prohibited by secreted by the Fenians, the oil exploded. Several men were blown to atoms, and many hurt.

> The reported sale of Cuba to the United It is said that a change in the Austrian Min-

The Abyssinian expedition has advanced to Senafe, where they find plenty of water and the

natives friendly. London, Dec. 19.—It is said that a paper has been found at Wolverhampton, showing a Fe-

nian plot to plunder the militia armories. The Prusso-Danish negotiations will be resumed in January.

Italy calls out more Reserves.

London, Dec. 19.—Another of the wounded

by the explosion here, is dead. The Sheriff and Surveyor at Newcastle aro

dead. Eight persons were killed there. Campbell, the broker recently arrested, has

been acquitted. London, Dec. 19.—An attempt to blow up

the Willbank jail failed on account of a defective fuse. No arrests were made.

Rumored Sale of Cuba to the United States.

New York, Dec. 14.—Havana advices of the 12th inst. state: Authentic information from objection to returning to the War Department Lorenzo Elizaga, made its debut on yesterday- Spain is received, with the important intellithe book containing the names of those who we desire him a long life and much of the "one gence that the Spanish Government has made a formal offer to the American Minister at Madrid to sell Cuba and Porto Rico to the American of war, recommend the granting of certain ex- By the arrival of H. W. Maltby, Esq., one of Government for one hundred and fifty millions of dollars in gold.

The terms of the sale are \$50,000,000 in the to be paid in each on the signing of the try and formal delivery of the island to the authorities of the United States; the second \$50,000,000 in gold to be paid one year thereafter, and the third installment of \$50,000,000 in gold to be

Great excitement prevails over the news, the extinction of slavery being one of the consequences of the sale.

The national pride is disposed to grumble a little over the transfer, but the general feeling, The New York Herald states that the sales of except among the oldest families, is one of sating the past three years, have been: In 1865, isfaction. It is of course known that the owners \$73,000,000 worth in 1866, \$65,000.00; in 1867, of slave property will be fully equipensated out

An American company has already purchased an island Nuevitas, for the purpose of colonization 30,000 acres.