

NEW YORK.

PRESIDENT GRANT INTERVIEWED.

HIS OPINIONS OF THE GREAT QUESTIONS OF THE HOUR—A DISCLAIMER, ETC., ETC.

NEW YORK, JUNE 4.

Gen. Grant, in an interview with a Herald reporter, at Long Branch, on Friday, denied the reported change in his policy in regard to Cuba, and said "not a whisper of Mr Fish's retirement has lately passed me or any of the Cabinet. Mr Fish will not leave the Cabinet or resign the seals of State, with my consent, while I am President. He has been faithful, patriotic and diligent. I should be grieved if he resigned, but he won't resign." Regarding the Washington treaty he told the reporter that in his judgment it was the best settlement of the outstanding differences between the two countries that could be made. "Every article of the treaty was submitted to me after it was adopted by the Commission and approved by me; and each article was in the same way submitted to the British Cabinet and approved by the Ministers of the Crown at once. The English Commissioners spent a great deal of money in telegraphing sections of the treaty. The Queen of England pledged her signature beforehand. I therefore regard the treaty as practically ratified. Measures will have to be adopted on both sides to carry out the provisions of the treaty. Our House of Representatives will, I feel certain, act patriotically and wisely in the matter. The treaty must be ratified and made the law of both nations. The necessity is immediate. As far as we are concerned, we would like to have better terms. But there were two parties to the bargain. The point aimed at was not merely pecuniary settlement for losses by the Albatra, but the settlement of irritating and disturbing questions likely, any day, to bring the two nations into armed conflict. My aim was by this treaty to secure peace through justice, and I believe I have succeeded. No apprehension need be felt as to the course of the British people. I would regard it as an act of bad faith on their part to reject the treaty after its almost unanimous acceptance by our Senate. The English must surely prefer a fair settlement of our differences with them, for which this treaty provides, than to nurse the cause of war. A settlement or war were the alternatives." In reply to the remark that the Canadians did not seem pleased with the treaty, the President said:—"They will be reconciled to it by and by. The fishery clauses of the treaty are as favorable to them as they are to us—perhaps more so. I will be glad if they settle the matter at once and be done with it. The Canadian fisheries don't amount to much for us, while the equivalent we grant must be considerable to them. I don't attach much importance to the pecuniary considerations one way or the other. The pith of the thing is the avoidance of war."

EXPLOSION.

The flue of the furnace in Woodward's machine shop on West 23th street, fell on the steam supply pipe Friday night and caused a terrific explosion, which scattered the fire in all directions. During the fire a portion of the roof fell in, carrying with it a number of firemen, but all finally escaped. Loss \$20,000; fully insured.

SUICIDE.

Levi J. Gilbert, for two years clerk in the Secretary of State's office, and deputy clerk of this county for the past nine years, committed suicide Friday. Cause, financial trouble.

A DISCLAIMER.

A telegraphic despatch from Indianapolis, with respect to a Mr Caldwell of that city having recovered the original papers establishing his claim to eight acres of land in New York, adjoining the Trinity Church property, and his having compromised with the occupants, and transferred his interest for one million of dollars, has created the impression that it was Trinity Church property, and the money had been paid by it. The members of the Trinity Vestry state that they never heard of the party referred to, have had no such claim made to them, and certainly have not paid one million of dollars nor any other sum as a compromise. The despatch was the first intimation they received of the affair.

THE LACE SMUGGLING CASE.

The examination in the case of Wm. H. Beare, a merchant doing business in Leonard street, charged with smuggling laces and other valuable merchandise to the amount of \$67,000, was commenced yesterday before Commissioner Davenport. John R. Jason testified that the goods were brought to him by the purveyors of the various European steamers, and that he sent them to Beare, who disposed of them. The case was then adjourned for two weeks, as it developed a case of conspiracy as well as of smuggling.

THE ERIC BRAKEMEN'S STRIKE.

The Erie Railroad sent out a force of 200 or 400 laborers and fighting men from this city to Hornellsville and other points along the Susquehanna yesterday, to take the places of the striking brakemen and prevent their interfering with the trains and business. Several cars of the through freight train leaving Hornellsville for Buffalo on Friday afternoon were uncoupled on the grade west of the former place and allowed to run back. Three of them were loaded with molasses. They ran off of the track and were totally demolished. After this demonstration all the freight trains on the road were stopped until further orders to prevent the assembling and organization of the strikers. The brakemen demand an advance of pay from \$1 63 to \$2 per day.

MILK DINNER'S FUNDS.

in a bank in this city, amounting to \$14,000, have been attached by James Fisk, Jr., in prosecution of the settlement of the difficulties which lately have arisen between the parties, and which culminated in Boston last week.

STATUE OF GEN. SCOTT.

A plaster cast of the equestrian statue of Gen. Winfield Scott has just been completed by Henry K. Browne, the sculptor, of Newburg, and will be removed to Philadelphia, in a few days, where the statue will be cast in bronze, of cannon captured by Gen. Scott in Mexico. President Grant will inspect the statue this week.

PERSONAL.

Fechter and Miss Leclercq sailed for Europe yesterday.

THE NEW YORK YACHT CLUB

has elected the Grand Duke Alexis, of Russia, an honorary member, and declines ex-Mayor Gunther's offer to use his mansion at Long Island as a club house.

INHUMAN SEA-CAPTAIN.

Wm. H. Bradford and John H. Randall, seamen on the American ship Nevada, Capt. Geo. Luat, appeared before Commissioner Shields yesterday, and complained that while on a voyage from Bombay to this port the captain put them and two other seamen, Charles Bulls (colored) and Alphonse, a Frenchman, ashore on Chumna, a desert island, near Zanzibar, because they grumbled at being kept on a half pound of bread and three quarts of water per day, and that the captain owed them seven months' wages, which he refused to pay. The men further stated that the pilot who took the Nevada into Zanzibar informed the American Consul there about the men having been deserted, and that the Consul caused complainants to be sent on the bark Wild Gazelle to this port, and the two other men on the ship Glide, to Boston, where the Nevada is lying and where she is owned. Commissioner Shields had the complainants sent to Boston to have the matter disposed of there.