

THE NEWS.

Europe.

The cable telegrams are dated August 8.

Negotiations for the purchase of Cuba have been opened at Madrid. On account of the complicity of the Spanish priests in the Carlist insurrection the Minister of Justice has ordered the bishops to issue circulars to the clergy on their duties to the national government.

The difficulty between the Sultan and the Viceroy of Egypt is in a fair way of settlement. The foreign Powers have advised Ismail Pacha to keep quiet.

The committee appointed by the French Senate to examine the *Senatus Consultum* have adopted the first article.

The Hungarian delegation have adopted the items of the budget of the Foreign Minister. This is regarded as a strong evidence of confidence in the foreign policy of Baron Beust.

The London *Saturday Review* contains an article on the approaching interuniversity boat race. It says that "the boldness of the Harvard crew in challenging the Oxfords on their own grounds deserves sympathy and admiration." The date of the race has not yet been decided on.

Cuba.

Cuban advices received in Washington yesterday state that all the disposable reinforcements on the island have been sent to the aid of the Spanish troops in the insurrectionary districts and an active campaign will be commenced as soon as the rainy season is over. Several unimportant engagements have taken place in the Cinco Villas districts, in all of which the Spaniards were defeated, with a total loss of 400. The town of Holguin has been captured by the Cubans, with its fortifications and stores, and is to be made the headquarters of the Cuban government. Two hundred and fifty men, recruited in Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky, landed on the 28th and joined the patriot forces, taking with them a valuable supply of arms, ammunition and camp equipage.

Mexico.

The Indians of the State of Chiapas, on the frontier of Guatemala, have revolted and are committing serious depredations. At Chamula and several other large towns they have raised the standard of insurrection and murdered the curate and other residents. About 10,000 of them marched on San Cristobal, but were defeated by the government. They were afterwards reinforced and continued to threaten the city.

Nicaragua.

The government forces of Nicaragua are daily increasing and hopes are entertained that the rebellion would soon be quelled. No doubts are entertained that the French company will be successful in their efforts to construct an interoceanic canal through the republic. The authorities are alive to the importance of the work and render it all the aid in their power. This enterprise, if commenced, will give the death blow to a canal on the isthmus of Panama.

Ecuador.

In Ecuador the strictest despotism prevails everywhere. On the 10th of July the National Convention at Quito issued a decree declaring the republic in a state of war and investing the Executive with extraordinary powers in order to quell the threatened disturbances. Earthquakes continue to be felt, quite a severe shock being felt at Calla at midnight of July 21. The volcano of Catopaxi is in a state of active eruption.

New Zealand.

During the recent visit of the Duke of Edinburgh to New Zealand he refused to grant an interview with the King of the Maories. His Majesty felt aggrieved and subsequently refused to see the Governor of the colony. A shock of earthquake has been felt on the island.

Miscellaneous.

Secretary Fish gives as the reason for the seizure of the Spanish gunboats which are being built in this city that they were intended to relieve the Spanish fleet now doing coast duty around Cuba and permit the fleet being used to inaugurate the Peruvian war. He says he does not intend to permit the gunboats to leave our waters; but if they do leave without his permission he will send after them a force which will astonish the Bona and compel his authority to be respected.

A story is current in Washington that at the time General Sickles' name was being discussed in Cabinet meeting, previous to his appointment as Minister to Spain, Attorney General Hoar and Secretary Fish suggested that the General's complicity with the Ostend manifesto might seriously interfere with his usefulness at the Spanish Court. Secretary Lawline and Postmaster General, Creswell, in reply to this objection, remarked that at the time they were in favor of the manifesto. After a brief silence the President solved the question of appointment by saying that he, too, was in favor of the manifesto at the time it was issued.

The railroad war at Albany is being waged with unabated vigor. On Saturday afternoon a meeting of the Common Council was held, at which Mr. Herrick, the city director of the Susquehanna Railroad Company, and who favors the Erie interest, was removed and Eli Perry appointed director in Herrick's place. The friends of the present management claim that the quarrel originated from a refusal of the Susquehanna Company to enter into a combination with the Erie Company to transport no coal over their road except that furnished by mines with

which the Erie is now under contract, thus perpetuating the coal monopoly.

The President has recognized Gregario Dominguez as Consul for Ecuador at New York.

Governor Hoffman will deliver the address before the Saratoga Agricultural Society at its annual fair, September 2.

At Mattoon, Ill., during the eclipse on Saturday, the mercury fell forty-two degrees in one hour.

Great distress prevails among the poor of Washington, and some are already perishing from the want of the necessaries of life. Since April last 550 families per month, averaging two persons to each family, have been relieved by the National Freedmen's Relief Association.

General Rosocrans has declined the Democratic nomination for Governor of Ohio. His letter of declination indicates that he does not consider himself a citizen of that State. The Democratic State Central Committee will meet at Columbus on Wednesday next to take action in regard to making a new nomination.

The City.

Thomas Shields, living in Jackson's alley, Brooklyn, was arrested yesterday on a charge of causing the death of his wife, Catharine, by neglecting to provide the necessaries of life for her. The wretched woman died from sheer destitution and want.

Walter Brown, the champion oarsman of America, left this city on Saturday last by the Inman steamer for Liverpool, to row a match for the championship of England.

Ground will be broken to-day for the new Post Office. It is reported that arrangements have been consummated by which the building will be located fifty feet nearer the City Hall than was first decided upon, leaving that amount of additional space for the rapidly increasing business at the lower end of the park.

Last evening the steamer Rip Van Winkle, on her return from the Fishing Banks, when opposite Jersey City, ran down a sailboat containing six persons. The steamer's course was stopped and a boat's crew rescued from their imminent peril.

Prominent Arrivals in the City.

Commander John Waters, T. W. Trevor, F. L. Vanderslick and E. McCormick, of the United States Navy; G. W. Griffen, of the United States Army; D. Knight, of San Francisco; A. J. Rigby, of Nevada, and H. R. Purcley, of Texas, are at the Metropolitan Hotel.

Captain Edgar N. Wilcox, of the United States Army; Major D. W. Hughes, of Boston, and H. C. Bates, of Quebec, are at the St. Charles Hotel.

J. H. Campbell and Benjamin Harnett, of Philadelphia; General Sullivan, late United States Consul at Buenos Ayres, and W. B. Crane, of New York, are at the Astor House.

Professor Thorpe, of St. Louis; Colonel Campbell, of Toronto, and Professor Williams, of Cambridge, are at the St. Julien Hotel.