

Kossuth and

James Gordon Bennett
(1795-1872) of the N.Y. Herald

(N.Y. Herald started May 6-1835)
(one party adherence)

Carlson, Oliver: The man who made
news - NY 1942, Quell, Sloan and
Pearce pp 440 (Bibliography)

About K pp 245-46 and 260

"The press of the Republic gave K. a
tremendous build-up wherever he went.
All, except the N.Y. Herald.

Once again, B. was roundly denounced
by his newspaper rivals. He was called a
tory, a reactionary, a tool of monarchy,
an unwelcome and unwelcome adopted
son of the republic, who had never learned
the meaning of freedom and brother-
hood. But these charges failed to deter
him. B., far better than any other
editor in the country, knew European
politics from first hand observation,
as well as close study. He con-
tended that the St. Patriot, by a
series of foolish acts and speeches,
was himself largely responsible

for the collapse of the short-lived
revolution. He ~~had~~, said B.
not only alienated a large and
important segment of the
H's themselves, but more than
this he had forced the Hapsburgs
into a close polit. alliance with
the Russian Gzar - all of which
spelled defeat for the H's as well
as increased oppression and
persecution against enlightened
Austrians as well. B. was particularly
opposed to the sale of bonds by K.
to Americans - bonds, which, he
contended, were worthless and
could never be redeemed. And
when K., who lost all sense of
proportion as to his own importance
under the bright glare of publicity,
began lecturing Americans on
how to run their own country
— B. became furious. His
editorials grew more stinging.
His correspondents and reporters
played up every false, absurd or
derogatory utterance made by K.
Before a year had passed, many
the papers were becoming critical
of K. K. left under a cloud of
rumors, misapprehension and



ill feeling (largely unjustified) to which J. G. Bennett and the Herald were the most potent contributors."

P. 260:

Libel case of Samuel E. Sickles (later a Civil War hero) against Bennett. Trial in 1857. In his closing address, Dist. Atty. Graham said:

"Who is this J. G. B.? No prosecution you can institute against him involves the liberty of press. The press disowns him as a member. No press will defend the licentiousness of his journal. As we now all know, as a matter of fact, that when the press of our city gave to the great champion of European liberty (Kenneth) a testimonial in the shape of a public dinner, there was no seat at the table for the editor of the Herald, or any person connected with his infamous establishment. No ticket for that dinner was sent out or sold to him; and if I

am not mistaken, none
were allowed to be sold to the
persons connected with his
refugeous establishment.

N.Y. Weekly Herald 1851, Page 364

"Hungarians, calling themselves
officers in the H. army, called upon
J. Gordon Bennett of the N.Y.
Herald + challenged him
to mortal combat because
of a letter concerning the
event at Marseille.

These fighting affairs will come
off someday. There have
surgeons in the audience."

