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. . . Then by a forbearance which has no merit, and a supineness which has no excuse, you will have given them for their inheritance this lovely land blackened with a negro population—the offscourings of Eastern Virginia-the fag end of slavery-the loathsome dregs of that cup of abomination which has already sickened to death the Eastern half of our Commonwealth. Delay not, then, we beseech you, to raise a barrier against this Stygian inundationto stand at the Blue Ridge and with sovereign energy say to this Black Sea of misery, 'Hitherto shalt thou come, and no further.' . . . May Heaven direct your minds to the course dictated by pa-

triotism, by humanity, and by your true interests." The Rev. R. J. Breckinridge, D. D., in the issue of "That there are conditions in which vast bodies of slaves may be considered a very powerful element in the military strength of the South; the chief of which conditions are, first, that the military force of the United States should not be able to penetrate the heart of the disloyal slave region, -and, secondly, that after penetrating that region, the General Government should be weak enough to treat slave proper-

Revival.—Pisgah church, Lawrence county, Illinois, according to the Presbyterian Herald, has recently enjoyed a powerful revival of religion. Special services were held three and four times a week in the month of December. The results, as stated by the correspondent were as follows:-"Thirty-eight precious, immortal souls redeemed, we trust, with the blood of Christ, (many of them our own kindred according to the flesh) stood up (numbers of them with their children) in presence of angels and men, avouched the Lord to be their God, and his people to be their people. Fourteen of whom received the ordinance of baptism, together with the same num-

Revival in Bloomsbury, N. J.—An interesting work of grace has been in progress in the Presbyterian church of Bloomsbury, for some weeks, under the pastorate of the Rev. J. S. Vandyke. The first his bitterest persecutor, and who was a far worse indices of the good work were apparent in the Bible class, which the pastor weekly instructs. Twentytwo were admitted to the communion of the church early in December. The good work appears to pro- the glad news with streaming eyes. 'And things gress, and it is hoped that it will still enlarge.—Pres-

Chaplains.—Rev. James Mathews, Professor in

Rev. Dr. Landis, has been appointed to a chaplaincy in the army, which he has accepted; the particular regiment we do not know. This makes seven Old School Presbyterian ministers who are now chaplains in Kentucky.

Rev. J. Jermain Porter, of St. Louis, publishes a card in the St. Louis Democrat, acknowledging a Christmas gift of a purse of \$325 from members of his congregation and other citizens in token of their approval of his patriotic course in regard to our na-

Presbytery of the North of Italy, on Thursday, Oct. | sharp look-out against riots. The whole empire is 17, 1861, inter alia the subject of the better observance of the Lord's day in this land was brought the earth, and the sea, and the dry land.' We may under the notice of the Presbytery, when, after full | see still darker days; but I feel sure that we shall consideration, it was unanimously agreed that an ere long see far brighter days over all our missionary address on the subject should be prepared, with a field. view to being read from the pulpits within the bounds on Sabbath, December 22, 1861.—New York

Congregational.

Revival in Bethel. Me.-A correspondent of the Independent says:-The Lord by his Spirit is granting us a precious season of revival. Mr. Hammond came here about a week since, and the bles people have become Protestants, and the old sing of the Lord has signally attended his addresses Greek Catholic Church once filled with pictures and to the people. Messrs. Wheelwright and Garland, all the paraphernalia of baptized paganism, is now of the First and Second Congregational churches, stripped of all these, the old altar transferred into a heartily co-operate with him. Hundreds remain for pulpit, and the people meet to worship God in the the inquiry meetings. Weeping is often heard in simplicity of the Gospel. A few only of the people different parts of the church, and large numbers held out in opposition; and the French priest at who but a few nights ago were deeply convinced of B'teddin is now trying to use them as a lever for sin are now rejoicing in the love of their first espou- recovering the church edifice to the old sect, but it sals. Yesterday afternoon, our people of all denois not probable that he will succeed. Of the old minations were seen flocking to the Universalist pictures that were formerly in the church, some church, to listen to a 'discussion on the subject of were burned by the Druzes during the war: some regeneration, but as the Universalist minister affirm- have been made into boxes to hold barley, and one ed his belief in the necessity of the new birth, there or two are now used as trays to carry bread to the was no dispute, but a most solemn and impressive village oven. I have not spent a more interesting meeting. Mr. Hammond often repeated the words, Sabbath in Syria, than when I preached in that old "Ye must be born again," and during his address church with one hundred and thirty men, women. the tears in the eyes of not a few indicated that the and children sitting around on the floor, listening to Holy Spirit was leading some to feel the desperate the Word of Life, and joining, though rudely in wickedness of the heart. Much prayer had been the songs of Zion. They have their own native

children of God felt it had not been in vain.' Methodist.

of his salary. The counsel for the parish took the those of any other denomination:

American Erespectan ground that under the parochial economy of Methodists nothing was legally due him; that the minister was sent to the parish by the presiding elder, not called by the parish; that all payments under such circumstances were voluntary, and not the result of legal agreement binding both sides; and that if the members of the parish did not collect the full amount of the salary, there was no legal means of collecting the balance. The court decided that the grounds of the defence were correct, and that the clergyman could not recover."

Rev. Mr. Capel, one of the most influential ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Missouri, and said to be chaplain to General Price, was brought into St. Louis with the 1000 prisoners recently captured by General Pope. He is accompanied by two other Methodist rebel preachers. They are confined in the McDowell College build-

Pastoral Change.—It is said that Rev. R. M Hatfield, now of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and a writer for the Independent, is to assume the pastorate duties, in part, of Rev. Henry Ward Beecher's church. The editorial labors of the latter gentleman are so onerous, that he intends only to preach in the evening, while Mr. Hatfield will officiate at the morning service.

Episcopal. The Bishop of Ohio has been at Cambridge, England, and the English papers regret that he is not in strong health. A paragraph in the London papers gave notoriety to the fact of a Bishop's being seen sitting under the preaching of Dr. Cummings, the famous Scotch Presbyterian, one Sunday morning, and it was at first said to be the Bishop of Ely. A subsequent correction states that it was the Bishop of Ohio. In regard to national affairs, the Bishop is making himself felt. He has written a letter to the Record correcting its grossly incorrect version Sound Sentiments,—It gives us unmingled plea- of President Lincoln's Message, and deprecating the angry tone of the Press, which has provoked so timent as have appeared and do appear among much needless bad feeling between the two nations. Presbyterians of the South, on the great moral ques- He has also met a numerous and influential company tion of the day. Rev. Henry Ruffner, D. D., of the of leading persons, clerical and lay, belonging to the Old School branch of the Church in Virginia, whose | Low Church and Dissenting interests, at the house death was recently announced in our columns, thus of a prominent dissenting Baronet in London. The earnestly and eloquently plead with Western Vir- Bishop explained to them his views of the origin ginia, for the abolition of slavery in their borders, and bearings of our civil war, and the connection in a pamphlet written, according to the Western Ad- between it and antislavery and colonization, and vocate, about a dozen years ago: -" Cast it off West | touched on a large range of other political topics, Virginians, while yet you have the power: for if answering all the questions asked by his auditors. you let it descend unbroken to your children it will The meeting was closed with an eloquent prayer by

Army.

Chaplain Mines.—A solder in the Second Maine Regiment writes as follows:-" Our chaplain, the Rev. Mr. Mines, who was taken prisoner at Manassas, arrived here last night; we were very glad to welcome him back, as we have been deprived of a chaplain since the battle." Mr. Mines reports that the treatment shown to the Union prisoners at first was very harsh; several men were shot, as previously reported, for simply looking from the windows, and the cruel practice was not stopped till Colone Corcoran sent for General Winder and protested against it, saying, if the prisoners were to be shot according to military usage. For many weeks Rev. Mr. M. was not permitted to preach even to his fellow-prisoners, but subsequently he received such prisons and the hospitals.

Rev. P. Rizer, chaplain of the Highland regiment from New York, has returned to his home in Sunbury, Pa., in impaired health. He was appoint ty, in the hands of rebels and traitors, as if it were ed chaplain in June last, and has accordingly been in the United States service nearly six months It has been his lot to witness the battle at Bull Run, and the bombardment and capture of the forts at

Foreign.

Turkey.-Writing from Constantinople under date of Nov. 6, 1861, Dr. Hamlin sends the follow-

While still waiting for the College Iradeh (government permit to build) I am giving a good deal of my time to Missionary work. I am glad to say that the congregation at Balat, where Mr. Goodell and I alternate in preaching, is increasing and showing more signs of interest. The Pera movement of disaffection towards the missionaries has not got the slightest foothold there.

'Mr. Treat will be glad to hear again from the Brusa fireman. His former 'crony,' who became man than he, having in past times been confessedly concerned in murder as well as robbery, is now a devout and humble fellow-disciple, and often listens to that are not bring to nought things that are.'

"I was appointed again by the station to retrench further at Brusa. As I could not go, I wrote, stop-Centre College, Kentucky, has received and accep- ping entirely the support of the school, and exhortted the appointment of Chaplain to Col. Landrum's ling them to take it upon themselves. Although very poor, they have done so; and are surprised and happy in the work. The school goes on with increasing interest. Retrenchment is a blessing to them this time.

> "The Pera movement is rather moderating in some quarters. Pastor Simon, Der Vertanes and his son, and a few others of like spirit, will hold out and be left pretty much alone, I imagine, before long. "The Armenian and Greek communities are terri-

bly excited, especially the former, in an attempt which now has the form of abolishing the Patriarchate altogether, and substituting civil government. like that of the Protestant Armenians. Party spirit A Presbytery in Italy.—At a meeting of the is so high and fierce, that the Porte has to keep a restless everywhere. 'I will shake the heavens, and

Svria.—The missionaries utter distressful cries over the desolations that surround them, and especially those occasioned by want of men and means to carry on their work. Among the more favorable aspects which they report, Mr. Jessup gives the fol-

"After my visit to Zahleh, I spent a Sab bath in Ain Zehalta, where the majority of the offered for a blessing upon the meeting, and the preacher and teacher, and they are sincerely anxious

Miscellaneous.

to train their children in the right way.

Methodist Ministers cannot Sue for their Sa- Too Good to be Lost.—The Christian Intellilaries.—The Worcester (Mass.) Egis has the following curious item:—"A Methodist clergyman in lowing curious item:—"A Methodist clergyman in Ware lately sued his parish for the unpaid balance Church, as superior in gentility and scholarship to

us learn from them what polished courtesy it is to so as to render the water unfit for drinking. borrow the church of another communion, and then semi-officially call it 'the Dutch house of worship. Let us get an inkling of that scholarship which con sists in doing without a collegiate education; which fills its shelves with the commentaries of 'dissenters,' or else leaves them empty; which gives a onesided devotion to patristic literature, and ignores all other knowledge.'

Domestic Aews.

The North

Return of Bull Run Prisoners.—Mr. Gillett of the 71st N. Y., who acted as Adjutant while in Richmond, and who was recently in this city, has been appointed to a lieutenancy, furnishes the following statement: The officers in the rebel service generally are intelligent and gentlemanly toward those whom they have captured. The outrages upon the Union prisoners have been altogether committed by and be tested, as the contract requires, under the stupid sentinels. The tobacco warehouses six in guns of one of the Southern forts. It is expected number, in the city of Richmond, are devoted to to be ready for its work by the first of February. the Union prisoners. One of them is for suspected Unionists residing in the South, two are used for Hospital purposes, and the other three for the captured Union soldiers. These are confined in rooms about 60 by 100 feet, with no place in the open air for exercise -- nothing but these small pent up rooms. It was not until late in November before the prisoners were furnished with clothing, and many of them thrown most of their clothing away on the battlethem were so badly clothed that they had to patch rags together in order to screen their nakedness. Rhode Island and Massachusetts were the only States that forwarded clothing to the prisoners. The rations were two meals a day, which consisted of six ounces of bread and four of meat for breakfast, and in the evening they received the same allowance of bread, and a pint of soup, which consisted of the broth in which the morning's meat had been broiled, thickened with a little meal. When first taken prisoners, the poor fellows were often eighteen hours without food, and on one occasion twenty-four hours passed without anything having been given to them to eat. This of late has, to a great extent been remedied.

A large prison is being fitted up for the benefit of the unfortunate Union prisoners at Saulsbury, N. C., which covers a space of fifteen acres. Those at Richmond and some other points will be sent to this new prison when it is completed, which it soon will be. Mr. Gillett also speaks of a deep Union sentiment which prevails in Richmond, and thinks at no distant day there will be many loyal citizens to be found among the now residents of that city.

The Nomination of Edwin M. Stanton, of Pennsylvania, as Secretery of War, was confirmed last week, by a vote approaching unanimity.

The Senate, after an Executive session of three hours, on Friday last, confirmed the nomination of veas 24, navs 14.

It is generally understood that General McClellan's recent exposition made to the Congressional Committee to inquire into the conduct of the war or so much of his views and plans as he deemed prudent to trust to the public, has convinced them of the impolicy of such a step. It is certain that the committee up to the work of laboring to induce aid to General McClellan in his measures and policy, with the frank confidence that must be accorded to him, if that body would really do their duty to insure the quick suppression of the rebellion, that depends so entirely upon the harmonious concert of action between all branches of the Government service in laboring to work out common ends.

The results of the various conferences held in Trade, Chambers of Commerce and Banking Institutions, among themselves and with the Secretary, may be summed up briefly as follows:

First-The general views of the Secretary of the Treasury are assented to. Second-The banks will receive and pay out the United States notes freely, and sustain, in all proper

ways, their credit. Third-The Secretary will, within the next two weeks, in addition to the current daily payment of one million and a half dollars in United States notes, pay the further sum of at least twenty million dollars in seven three-tenth bonds to such public creditors as may desire to receive them, and thus relieve the existing pressure upon the community.

Fourth-The issue of United States demand notes is not to be increased beyond the fifty millions now authorized, but it is desired that Congress will extend the provisions of the existing loan acts, so as to enable the Secretary to issue, in change for United States demand notes or in payment to creditors notes payable in one year, bearing 3-65 100 per cent. interest, and convertible into 7 3-10 three years bonds, or to borrow, under the existing provisions, to the amount of \$250,000,000 or \$300.000,000. Fifth-It is thought desirable that Congress should enact a general law relating to currency and bank-

ing associations, embracing the general provisions recommended by the Secretary in his report. Sixth-It is expected that this action and legislation will render the United States demand notes a legal tender, or the increase beyond the fifty millions now authorized unnecessary.

The South.

Via Havana, we have dates from Vera Cruz to the 1st of January. The condition of affairs at Vera Cruz had continued unchanged. The Spanish army were in undisputed possession of the city and neighboring country. General Gasset had cleared the roads of the bands of maranders that infested them, and communication with the country was

established. The Spanish troops were admirably quartered and only wait the arrival of the French and English contingents, and General Prim, the Commander-in-Chief, to march inland. General Prim's quarters in Vera Cruz were all ready for him. The people appeared to be perfectly satisfied with

On the 1st of January, a day's firing took place between Fort Pickens and the rebel batteries. The Fort opened upon a rebel steamer at about 3½ o'clock in the afternoon, and the fire was soon returned by the rebel batteries, and it was kept up by both sides until about ten o'clock at night. It was supposed that the shells, which were fired from the fort, did considerable damage, and many of the shells thrown by the rebels were seen to fall inside of the fort, but it is not known what execution they did. The shells thrown from Pickens set fire to the town of Wolsey, common cheerfulness and fortitude. She consoled south of Warrington, a portion of which was destroyed. Fort Pickens continued the firing two or and met the last enemy with such peace and serethree hours after the rebel batteries ceased. Most nity, that a smile of victory seemed to linger on her of the firing by the rebels was from the water batteries. As far as could be seen, no injury whatever was done to Fort Pickens, but Fort Barancas seemed

The Southwest.

to have suffered

Advices from Cape Giradeau state, that the exreturned last week, bringing twenty-three prisoners,

Well, let us come down and sit in the dust at into the ponds and watering-places on the ronte of the feet of these 'gentlemen and scholars.' Let the advance of the U. S. Army, and killing them,

Naval.

The activity of the Government in naval affairs. has not materially slackened, with the departure of the Burnside expedition. At the Brooklyn Navy Yard the greatest activity prevails. Negociations have also been opened for the charter and purchase of several merchant vessels and steamers for tran-

The last Naval Expedition is that fitting out under Captain Porter, and soon to leave New York. It is a mortar fleet, comprising twenty-six vessels, each carrying thirteen or fifteen inch mortars, and armed, in addition. with one or two of the largest calibre of rifled guns. This fleet is to be divided into three divisions, each, it is surmised for a different destination. Two of these vessels have already sailed, and they will all have cleared New York harbor before the end of another week. Ericsson's iron clad battery, it is said, will form one of this fleet,

The following is a copy of a despatch received per the Arabia, at Halifax: "LONDON, via Queenstown, Jan. 9, 1862,-H. BARNEY, Collector, N. Y. The Sumter has arrived at Cadiz, having burned three vessels. C. F. Adams, U. S. Minister."

Advices from Port Royal state that the expedition towards Savannah was supposed to be in prosuffered much from cold, as a great number had gress. Reconnoitering parties have proceeded towards Tybee Island, with apparatus for removing field a short time before their capture. Many of obstructions from the rivers and creeks south of the Savannah river. It is understood that the land force would consist of 10,000 men, and that Warsaw Inlet would be the first destination of the expedition. A line of railway was progressing across Hilton Head Island.

Items.

Numerous applications are made to the Commissioner of Patents for cotton seed. It is his intention to procure a quantity of such seed as he believes will succeed in Obio, Indiana, and illinois, for distribution in small quantities. - Capt. Tomkins, of the United States Army, has been appointed Quartermaster, at Annapolis, to fill a vacancy.— There is high authority for saying that Gen. Siegel is still a Brigadier in the U.S. service, at Rolla, Missouri, and has no intention of resigning.—A nephew of General Polk was arrested last week, near Blandville, Ky., by one of our sconting parties. He had despatches in his possession to spies at Columbus.—A letter from St. Helena reports the capture, by a British gunboat, of the slave bark Lyra, of N. York, with 825 negroes on board. The slaver Fleet Eagle is supposed to have got clear with 900 slaves. Twenty-four wagons designed for the conveyance of the baggage of General McClellan and staff have been prepared. They all have matched horses, and the words "Commander of the United States Army," are painted on the canvass and the Mr. Cameron as minister to Russia. by a vote of wagons. - Three seamen deserted from the Pensacola on the morning she sailed. They escaped in the market boat. - Information believed to be Have now on hand a splendid stock of English and trustworthy, has been received here to the effect that the rebels have twenty-six well constructed forts defending their main position at Mansssrs Junction.—The Emperor of the French has lent the British Government 3000 pairs of snow-boots, COAL OIL LAMP WITHOUT A CHIM the result of the long interview has been to bring Atlantic on their way to Canada.—Mr. Weed for the use of the troops which are now crossing the writes from London to the Albany Journal: "I stated in a former letter that the Queen is our friend.

BURNS all kinds of Coal Oil without the use of Chimney. Housekeepers and others will find last use the Prince Consort made of his pen, was, at the Queen's request, to soften the despatch sent to Lord Lyons."—Sharpe's rifles have been ordered for the Sharp Shooters, at Colonel Berdan's request.—Letters have been received at New York from parties in the city of Mexico, in a position to Washington by the representatives from Boards of know something of Mr. Corwin's movements there. stating that that gentleman has forwarded a request to Washington that he be recalled. - During a recent snowstorm at Stoyestown, Somerset county, Penna., there were vivid flashes of lightning, accompanied by the roar of thunder at intervals. This most singular event quite startled us out of our propriety.—One hundred and sixty Union prisoners

TUESDAY-THE LATEST.

A battle was fought at Somerset, Ky., on Sabbath morning, between the U.S. troops, under General Schoepf, and the rebels, under General Zollikoffer. General Zollikoffer was killed and his army entirely defeated.

of war were expected, last week, to be exchanged

The battle is said to have raged with great fury until three o'clock in the afternoon, when Zollikoffer having been killed, the whole force of rebels fled in confusion to their camp. The loss is not stated. but it is thought to be heavy.

Our victory is said to have been very decisive and will result in the route of the whole force defending the right flank of the rebels position at Bowling

General Thomas, on Sabbath afternoon, followed up the rebels to their entrenchments, 16 miles from his own camp, and was about to attack them this morning. He found their entrenchments deserted, the rebels having left all their cannon, Quarter master's stores, tents, horses and wagons, which fell into

Two hundred and seventy-five rebels were killed and wounded, including Zollickoffer and Peyton. The dead were found on the field.

The Tenth Indiana regiment lost 75 killed and wounded. No further particulars of the Union loss has yet reached here.

A combined attack was made on General Zollikoffer's entrenchments by General Schoepf and Gen Thomas, resulting in a complete victory. The Stars and Stripes now wave over the rebel

Our troops captured all the camp property and large number of prisoners. The loss of the rebels is

Zollikoffer's dead body is in the possession of the U. S. troops. Considering the boasted impregnability of Zolli koffer's entrenchments, this is one of the most signal victories of the war.

Deaths. On the 16th instant, Mrs. EMMA VIRGINIA, wife of Henry D. Mears, and daughter of James Henry,

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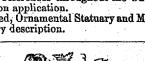
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