General Rews.

TENNESSEE.

VICTORY.

Hood is again most thoroughly whipped, and probably trapped. Our last week's re-port left him entrenched before Nashville, with his batteries blockading the river. It now appears that, in view of what was going on in his rear, Gen. Thomas was only anx-lous that, for a while, he should hold on where he was. It appears that under the proders of Gen. Canby, a detachment was ent out from Vicksburgh to cut his communications with Mobile, and that the en-terprise was fully successful. This done, Gen. Thomas took him in hand on the 15th inst., drove him from the river below the pity about eight miles, captured a Division eadquarters, two trains, more than a housand prisoners, [later reports, see bew, greatly increase the number,] and ghteen pieces of artillery. So much be-

The next day's work is thus reported in a espatch from Gen. Thomas, Dec. 16th, 1864: GEN. THOMAS' DISPATCHES.

I have the honor to report that the enemy has been pressed at all points to-day in his ine of retreat to the Brentwood Hills. Brigadier-General Hatch, of Wilson's corps cavalry, on the right turned the enemy's oft and captured a large number of prison-rs—number not yet reported. Major Genral Schofield's corps, next on the left of the cavalry, carried several hills, and captured many prisoners and six pieces of ar

Brevet Major General Smith, next on the left of Major General Schofield, curried the salient point of the enemy's-line with Mc-Millan's brigade of McArthur's division, capturing sixteen guns, two brigadier-generals and about 2,000 prisoners.

Brig.-General Garrard's division of Smith's command, next on the left of McArthur's division, carried the enemy's entrenchments capturing all the artillery and troops of the enemy on the line.

Brigadier-General Wood's troops, on the Franklin Pike, took up the assault, carrying the enemy's entrenchments, and in his retreat captured eight pieces of artillery and something over 600 prisoners, and drove the enemy within one mile of the Brentwood

Hill pass.
Major-General Steedman, commanding detachments of the different armies of the military division of Mississippi, most nobly supported General Wood's left, and bore a most honorable part in the operations of the

I have ordered the pursuit to be continued in the morning at daylight, although the troops are very much fatigued. The utmost nthusiasm prevails.

I must not forget to report the operations Brigadier-General Johnson in successful-driving the enemy, with the co-operation the gunboats under Lt.-Com. Fitch, from heir established batteries on the Cumberand river below the city of Nashville, and f the success of Brig. General Craxton's gade, in covering and returning our right d rear, in the operations of yesterday and

Although I have no report of the number prisoners captured by Johnson's and axton's commands, I know they have hade a large number. I am glad to be able a state that the number of prisoners capared yesterday greatly exceeds the number eported by telegraph last evening.

The woods, fields and entrenchments are

rewn with the enemy's small arms, abanloned in their retreat. In conclusion, I am important and important that all this has been effected. with but a small loss to us. Our loss does not exceed 3000, and very few killed.

(Signed.) GEO. H. THOMAS, Major General Commanding. On the 17th the victory was energetically

We have pressed the enemy to-day beyond Franklin, capturing his hospitals, containng over 1,000 wounded, and about 150 of ar wounded in addition to the above.

General Knipe, commanding a division of eavalry, drove the enemy's rear guard through Franklin to-day, capturing about 0 prisoners and five battle-flags, with very ittle loss on our side.

Citizens of Franklin represent Hood's arny as completely demoralized.

In addition to the capture of yesterday, reported in my despatch of last night, I ave the honor to report the capture of leneral Rucker and about 250 prisoners of no enemy's cavalry, in a fight that occurred bout 8 o'clock last night between General acker and General Hatch, of our cavalry. The enemy has been pressed to-day, both front and on both flanks.

Brigadier-General Johnson succeeded in triking him on the flank, just beyond Franklin, capturing quite a number of pris-oners. The number is not yet reported. My cavalry is pressing him closely though, and I am very much in hope of getting

many more prisoners to morrow. The above is from General Thomas. In addition, Secretary Stanton adds: -Other despatches, unofficial, from Nashville state that 1,000 prisoners were captured by Wilson. The superintendent at Nashville reports that the railroad from Nashville will be open to Franklin to night, and he will rapidly follow Thomas, thus furnishing him with supplies, and enabling him to push on after

Still later on the 17th the Secretary despatches that the provost marshal at Nashille reports five thousand prisoners and forty ine pieces of artillery as being already se-

War Items.—Rev. W. G. Eggleston, of the Methodist Church South, residing near Winchester, has been arrested by order of teneral Sheridan, on the charge of giving information to the enemy. He is now confined in Fort McHenry.—Changes, said to have been greatly needed, have been made on the Southern Mississippi. Gen. Reynolds relieves Gen. Steele in the Arkansas Department, and Gen. Ullman takes the chief command at Morganzia, in place of Gen. Lawler. -A force of negroes, 150 strong, opposite Memphis, was led into ambush, and horribly out up, not more than seven escaping alive. The rebels, under Gen. Lyon, captured the Government transport Thomas E. Tuft, at Cumberland City, on the Cumberland river, twenty miles above Fort Donelson, and used her for crossing the river on the march into Kentucky. The force is estimated at 4,000. The steamer was loaded with Government forage, and was burned to the water's ty, came in, and was referred to the Comedge after the rebels had crossed. The mittee on Foreign Relations. opposition in North Carolina to the Government in Richmond, has been revived. The papers on that side now speak out boldly for mmediate cessation of hostilities, and the cceptance of terms from the Federal Govrnment,—Dr. Mills, Director of the Medial Department in Missouri, has been pronoted to the position of Medical Director. eneral Dr. Letterman, late of the Army of the Potomac, succeeds him in Missouri.

Powder Mill Explosion .- Three of Dupont's Powder mills, in the neighborhood of Wilmington, Del., exploded on the 15th inst., between 10 and 11 o'clock, A. M., creating terrible havoc. Ten men were killedsome of them so torn that their bodies lay around in charred fragments.

FOREIGN.

Denmark.—The King of Denmark, on the 16th ult., made, by formal proclamation, the surrender of the territory conquered from him by Austria and Prussia. It consists of the duchies of Lauenburgh and Holstein, and a part of the duchy of Schleswig. How mournful to him this disintegration of his dominion is, appears from the following sentences in an accompanying proclamation: 'It became, therefore, our hard fate to conclude a peace which annihilated the brightest hopes with which we received the crown—to preserve it entire and uninjured as it has been worn for centuries by the Danish royal house. It became our sad fate to see the monarchy divided, and the country which had formed part of the ancient Danish realm from time immemorial, and which a thousand years of battle had not been able to tear from it, separated from us. But the hardest trial of all to us has been to know that portions of the kingdom itself, and the largest portion of that population in Schleswig, which belongs to Denmark by heart and by language, have been compelled to see themselves severed from the mother country and race."

Semmes and his New Ship .- A Paris paper, the Pays, a rebel sympathizer says:—"It seems certain that Captain Semmes, of the seems certain that Captain Semmes, or the Alabama, is on board a ship bearing the Confederate flag—a ship which may easily be made a formidable corsair Captain Semmes left Madeira on the Erurel, with eighty men. most of them belonging to his old crew. The new ship is called the Sea King. When, where, or how will she be armed? No one can tell. But the best is done by the possession of the ship, and it will not be hard for the captain and his crew to arm her." A Liverpool paper of November 17, says that the Sea King now takes the name of the Shenandoah. Still another report, (improbable,) says that she will be commanded, not by Capt, Semmes, but by Lieut. Waddell. A report is also despatched from Southamton, November 22, that she has been wreck-

ed off Madeira. News.—There is none of importance by the latest arrivals. The statement that an Admiralty order has strictly forbidden naval officers from taking commands in rebel privateers is confirmed. The Morning Star, (friendly,) says of the President: "His policy towards this country has been characterized by the utmost frankness and the strongest desire for peace, and no statesman worthy of conducting the affairs of this country but must be convinced that our best allies on the American continent are men professing the principles which Abraham Lincoln avows, and in consonance with which he has hitherto directed the foreign policy of the Republic."

XXXVIIIth CONGRESS—2d SESSION

SENATE.—DEC. 11.

Mr. Davis, of Kentucky, offered his batch, of peace resolutions, proposing a convention of all the States and suggesting for amendments to the Constitution, 1st. The consolidation of certain States; 2. The free and slave Sates to furnish by turns a President and Vice President; 3. Regulations for their election; 4. Vesting in the President power to remove heads of departments, &c.; 5. All about writ of habeas corpus, arbitrary arrests, &c.; 6. Confirming to each State the right to establish and regulate its own domestic institutions; 7. Protecting private pursued, and the success at all points more complete. Gen. Thomas says of in the actual lines and under immediate urgency; 9. No negro to be a citizen of the United States. No action was taken.

DEC. 13.—The Committee on Foreign Affairs reported a bill in accordance with the recommendation of the Presidents's message, for furnishing the Liberian government on easy terms of payment, with a gun-boat. The Finance Committee reported a bill, which was passed, appropriating \$1,000, 000 for the construction or purchase of six steam Revenue Cutters for lake service. A letter to the Committee from the Secretary of the Treasury was read, showing the insufficiency of the present naval force there, even for the suppression of smuggling in ordinary times. A joint resolution was introduced and referred to the Military Committee, making free the wives and children of colored soldiers, and for this purpose, declaring those who have associated together as husband and wife, to be such. The Bankruptcy bill from the House was recived

and referred. DEC. 14.—Joint resolutions of thanks to Capt. Winslow, destroyer of the Alabama, and Lieut. Cushing, destroyer of the Albe-marle, as recommended by the President, were passed. The subject of the discharge of the St. Albans raiders was introduced by Mr. Chandler, of Michigan, who gave an alarming account of the state of feeling in his own State. There was there serious danger that such retaliatory encroachments would be made by the excited people, as would in the end, embroil the two nations in war. He offered two resolutions. The first, after reciting in a preamble the outrages committed, directs the Military Committee to inquire into the expediency of immediately enlisting an army corps for the protection of the border. The second, after preamble stating the fact that Great Britain, at the commencement of the rebellion, acknowledged the rebel government as a belligerent power, and thereby shielded its piratical cruisers from being treated by the nation as pirates, thus countenancing their plunder and murder on the high seas, instructs the Secretary of State to make out a list of the pecuniary losses thus suffered, and to demand from the British Government payment in full thereof. Mr. Chandler desired immediate action on the resolutions, but Mr. Johnson objecting, they were laid over. A conversation arose upon the resolution offered on the 12th for an increase of revenue by increased taxation, in the course of which Mr. Sherman, chairman of the Finance Committee, said that all bills to raise revenue must originate in the lower branch.
At this stage, the Senate would only express its views. The resolution was then referred to the Finance Committee. The joint resolution passed yesterday by the House for the termination of the reciprocity trea-Dec. 15.—A resolution was passed in

structing the War Committee to inquire respecting the employment of disloyal men in the Navy Yards, and certain other positions to the exclusion of others who are loyal, and giving the Committee power to send for persons and papers. Mr. Chandler called up the resolutions offered yesterday, by himself, and they were referred without deth inst, that our forces had captured Kins- sale of a gunboat to the Liberian govern son & Hamlin, of Boston. Reeds have MRS. STEELS', Tenth below Chestnut St.

ton in that State, where they struck the railroad, and were still moving into the interior.

ment, was passed, 33 to 9, after opposition from Mr. Powell, of Kentucky. The Senate adjourned over to Monday.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Drc. 12.—The Bankruptcy act, laid over from the last session until this day, was taken up and passed, yeas 76, nays 56. The first of June, 1865, is the time specified for its going into effect.

DEC. 13.—A resolution was offered and referred to the Committee on the rebellious States, declaring that Louisiana may resume its political relations with the general Government. A debate, started yesterday, on the bill coming over from the last session, looking to the construction of a new Navy Yard for iron vessels, was continued, and the whole subject was finally tabled by a vote of 80 to 53. This we suppose ends for the present the contest between New London and League Island. The joint resolu-tion, coming over from the last session respecting the termination of the reciprocity treaty with Great Britain, was taken up and so changed in form as to set forth that the terms of that treaty are not reciprocal and satisfactory, to provide for the adjustment of matters of difference between the two governments, and to request the President to give the required notice for its termination, and then adopted.

DEC. 14.—An important bill was reported from the Military Committee, ridding the volunteer service and the Paymaster's book of loafing Generals. It provides that after the 15th of February next, all Major Generals and Brigadier Generals of volunteers who have not been engaged in duty correswho have not been engaged in duty corresponding to their rank for the next preceding three months, shall be dropped from the rolls, and their pay and emoluments cesse. If they were taken from lower grades in the regular army, they go back where they were; if they were civilians they fall out entirely. The rule does not apply to absence on account of disabilities accruing from exposure in the service, such as disease, wounds, captivity or parole. The bill further provides that this sifting process shall be gone over every year. The bill passed the House, under the operation of the previous question, 98 to 38. Agoint resolution, brought over from the last session, looking toward the raising of the revenue wholly by taxation, was tabled by the close vote of 68 to 66, The bill from the Senate, (see proceedings of the 13th,) providing for Revenue Cutters on the lakes, was passe without debate. The House went into Committee of the Whole on the President's Mes-

Dec. 15.—The House, by resolution, called upon the Secretary of State for all communi-cations on file in his office, and which can be communicated consistently with the public interest, in reference to the difficulties on the Northern borders. The joint resolu-tions from the Senate, of thanks to Captain Winslow and Lieut. Cushing, were taken up and passed. A bill was introduced which provides that all persons applying under the pre-emption and homestead laws shall make oaththat they have not deserted from the army, or resisted the draft, or secreted themselves to avoid being enrolled or drafted, or discouraged enlistments, and that in all cases where any of these offences shall be proved, the land taken up shall revert to the government. Mr. Davis, of Maryland, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs reported a resolution declaring that Congress has a constitutional right to an authoritative voice in declaring and prescribing the foreign pol-icy of the United States, as well in the recognition of new Powers as in other matters, and it is the constitutional duty of the Pres ident to respect that policy, not less in diplomatic negotiations than in the use of the national force when authorized by law; and the propriety of any declaration of foreign policy by Congress is sufficiently proved by the vote which pronounces it, and such proposition, while pending and undetermined. s not a fit topic of diplomatic explanation with any foreign Power. The resolution was tabled by a vote of 69 to 63. Mr. Davis thereupon asked to be excused from further service on the Committee reporting the resolution, assuming the vote to be a reflection on the Committee. He stated the following history as the animus of the resolution :-The House, at its last session, on his mo tion, passed a resolution touching the foreign policy in relation to the Republic of Mexico, and it was adopted unanimously, It was sent to the Senate and there it still lies. It had been passed by the House only a very few days, when the officer charged with the foreign correspondence of this Gov-ernment directed our representatives abroad virtually to apologize to the French Government for the resolution passed by the Representatives of the American people, asser ting in affect, that this. House had gone beyond its just jurisdiction, in undertaking to prescribe to the President the rule by which ne should be guided. The House refused to grant Mr. Davis' request. Bills relating to the details of the collection of the revenue were passed, and the House adjourned until

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