

News of the Week.

THE WAR.

SHERMAN.

Our news from Sherman and his army is now direct and satisfactory. He is before Savannah, and in communication with the fleet. Rear Admiral Dahlgren, who had stationed steamers at different points to obtain intelligence, reports from Port Royal Harbor, on the 12th, a line brought by a scout from Gen. Howard, commanding one of the columns, as follows: "We have met with perfect success thus far. The troops are in fine spirits, and near by." Captain Duncan of the Dandelion was the bearer of the message. He stated in addition, that our forces were in contact with the rebel army some miles outside of Savannah, and that the army was not in want of anything. The Admiral has all along kept himself in preparation to co-operate with Sherman whenever the latter should make his appearance.

The country is just beginning to learn the magnitude of the plan, of which Sherman's march has been the central point of interest. The consummate strategy which destroyed Hood in Tennessee, purposely allowing him to push up to Nashville; the co-operation of Gen. Canby, slipping expeditions behind him from a totally unexpected quarter to embarrass his retreat into Georgia; the naval preparations on the Atlantic side; the seeming quiet of Gen. Grant's army; the last raid South of Petersburg; to embarrass rebel communications in that quarter, delayed until just the right moment, and the fresh work got up for Gen. Lee's attention in other quarters, are all parts of one stupendous scheme. For once in the history of the war, treachery did not come into play. The secrecy of the movement was well preserved. The rebel government was completely baffled and up to this hour, not a single false step has marred the enterprise. The long march of the army was conducted according to the plan. There was no turning out of the way to take towns; no stopping to waste ammunition in fights of no material consequence. The army lived for the most part on the country destroyed property where military resources for such destruction existed, and now comes out upon the coast side, well provisioned and supplied with ammunition.

LATEST-TUESDAY.

In the Senate, Monday, a bill appropriating ten millions for the defence of the frontier was introduced. In the House, Mr. Davis' resolution vindicating the action of the House on the Mexican question, was passed. A call for 300,000 more men is announced. The pursuit of Hood is vigorously continued; three thousand rebel wounded were found in Franklin, Gold, Tuesday, at 1 P. M.

U. S. CHRISTIAN COMMISSION.

The missionary, Dr. Winslow, died at the Cape of Good Hope. Minister Dayton died at Paris, Dec. 20.

MONEY.

Cash Acknowledgments for the weeks ending December 7, 1864. Thanking Contributions of Churches, Societies, and Individuals.

Table listing cash acknowledgments from various churches and societies, including Theological Seminary, St. Paul's, and others.

The quick work made with Fort McAllister and the opening of communication with our fleet and consequent independence for supplies dissipate all their boasted threats to head me off and starve the army. I regard Savannah as already gained.

ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

General Warren's expedition, of which mention was made last week, has proved a great success. The most remote point reached was forty miles South of Petersburg. A letter from Head Quarters, Dec. 11, says: "It was known that the enemy were procuring large supplies for their troops by way of the Weldon Railroad to Stony creek, whence they were wagoned to Petersburg. The cavalry force sent there some ten days ago not being able effectually to stop their operations, the 5th Corps, with Gregg's cavalry and the 3d Division of the 2d Corps, were detailed to put a stop to it by destroying the railroad as far South as Hicksford, and opposite that station about a mile after the events of the enterprise in detail, the letter thus sums them up: "The move may be considered as one of the most successful of the campaign, and reflects honor not only on the originator, but on those to whom its execution was entrusted. A most effective blow has been dealt the enemy by the destruction of some fifteen miles of railroad which they were using extensively, some hundred cars passing over it every day, loaded with supplies. The track was torn up, the ties piled in heaps, with dry wood from the adjacent fences, and set on fire, twisting them in every shape. All the depots on the route were burned, as well as numerous mills, barns, and dwellings, from which the occupants had fled, or from the cover of which guerrillas had fired on our troops. One was caught with a gun near where a shot had just been fired, and it is said the troops hung him near the Nottoway river. Our loss in the entire trip will not exceed forty or fifty killed and wounded, besides a few stragglers, who were captured."

Table listing church collections and contributions, including St. Paul's, St. Andrew's, and others.

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