



ALTOONA, PA. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1864.

NOTICE

On the first of January we shall strike from our list the names of all in arrears for subscription, who have thus far neglected our appeals.

THE FALL OF SAVANNAH.

Below we give in detail the latest despatches in reference to Gen. Sherman's movements and the probable fall of Savannah.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The following telegram was received from Fort Monroe last night, dated Dec. 14th, from Port Royal Harbor: To Hon. Gideon J. Welles, Secretary of the Navy—

I have just received a communication from Gen. Sherman's army. It is within a few miles of Savannah and in fine spirits. I shall bring all my available force into connection with the army.

A bearer of despatches from Admiral Dahlgren arrived in this city this morning with the following important dispatch for the Secretary of the Navy.

FLAG STEAMER PHILADELPHIA, PORT ROYAL HARBOR, S. C., December 13, 1864.—Hon. Gideon J. Welles, Secretary of the Navy.

I am in communication with him. In view of his probable arrival I had stationed several steamers at different points, and had come down from the Taltinnny yesterday in order to be at hand.

This morning about eight o'clock the Dandelion arrived with Captain Duncan and two scouts, Sergeants Meyron Jemnick and George W. Quigly, bearing the following lines from Gen. Howard: Headquarters Department of Army of Tennessee, near Savannah Canal, Georgia—

Commander of United States Naval forces in the vicinity of Savannah, Ga.: We have met with glorious success thus far. Troops in fine spirits and near by. Respectfully, O. O. HOWARD, Maj. Gen. Comd.

Captain Duncan states that our forces were in contact with the rebels a few miles outside of Savannah. He says Sherman's army are not in want of anything.

It may, perhaps, be exceeding my province, but I cannot refrain from expressing the hope that the department will commend Capt. Duncan and his companions to the Hon. Secretary of War for some mark of approbation for their success in establishing communication between Gen. Sherman and the fleet: it was an enterprise that required both skill and courage.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant, J. H. DAHLGREN, Rear Admiral, Comd'g S. A. Squadron.

We are permitted to publish the following extract of a letter from General Sherman, written before he started off on his great march, which shows not only that he reached the point at which he aimed, but that he accomplished the difficult work some twelve or fourteen days earlier than he expected:

KINGSTON, GA., 9 P. M., Nov. 3, 1864. Capt. Peacock, U. S. N., Mound City: In a few days I will be off for salt water, in hopes to meet my old friend D. D. Porter. again. Will you be kind enough to write him and tell him to look out for me about Christmas from Hilton Head or Savannah.

(Signed) W. T. SHERMAN, Maj. Gen. That Sherman had captured Savannah before the steamer which brought the above dispatch had fairly got out of the harbor of Port Royal, is probable, from the fact that the messenger who reached here this morning says that when coming out of the harbor, and while too late to communicate by signal, the whole fleet began to fire a salute. Upon looking toward the vessels, they were being decorated with flags in honor of some great victory. The opinion, then, of all on board was that news had reached the Admiral of the fall of Savannah.

APPOINTED.—The President has appointed Hon. Salmon P. Chase, of Ohio, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, in room of Roger B. Tanney, dec'd.

THE LADY'S FRIEND.

The January number of the Lady's Friend is already on our table, and fully bears out the high reputation of this new monthly, which is now entering upon the second year of its existence.

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The "LITTLE PROMISE."—This is the title of one of the most valuable papers, to put in the hands of children, that is published in this country. It is edited by Grace Greenwood, whose name alone is sufficient recommendation.

A more serious calamity never resulted from the use of coal oil in the common lamps than that which comes under our notice in the case of the family of T. P. Campbell, Esq., of this place, on Monday evening the 5th. While the family were sitting in the room, the light from the lamp began flickering as is sometimes its wont, (caused by the wick being too short or not saturated sufficiently with oil) whereupon Capt. J. D. Campbell approached to the lamp for the purpose of extinguishing the flame, when the fire communicated with the oil, which instantly exploded in the Captain's face.

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Oil Investments.

Hon. A. K. McClure, in the Chambersburg Repository, of this week, gives the following seasonable and sensible advice in reference to investing in oil speculations.

Never invest in any oil stock, good or indifferent, more money than you can spare from your legitimate business without embarrassment. It is never wise to do so, for even with the best prospects loss is possible.

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Intercepted Rebel Letters.

In the repeated engagement at Stony Creek, on the first of the month, our forces got possession of three rebel letters and a Petersburg Express, which are significant as indicating the settled discontent of the rebels in Virginia, and their strong desire for the conclusion of the war.

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