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MONDAY.....MARCH 14, 1864.

An was remarked two or three days ago, when we referred to Kilpatrick's cavalry having reached Gen. Butler's lines, it has been found quite opportune and profitable to the good cause to have them and employ them there for the present. A portion of them marched across the Peninsula to Newport News Point, and on the 7th were embarked for Portsmouth, Va., from which point they marched on Suffolk, where Gen. Hickman was threatened by the enemy. On Thursday, as a telegram from Fortress Monroe tells us, the town of Suffolk was captured after a brief struggle. To obtain possession of the place, a fight occurred between the rebel garrison and three companies of negro cavalry, in which the enemy lost twenty-five men against ten on our side. At latest accounts we held the town.

Excitement in Richmond During Kilpatrick's Raid—Intention to Blow Up the Prison if Our Force Got Inside the City—Furious Conduct of the Daughter of the Rebel Secretary of War.

The New York *Tribune* correspondence from Washington has the following:

From returned Richmond prisoners we glean the following incidents connected with Kilpatrick's raid: When information reached Richmond that Kilpatrick had crossed the Rapidan the most rigorous orders were issued respecting the prisoners. Major Turner, their keeper, had been severely censured for the escape of Colonel Streight and party, and was told if any more escaped he would be sent to the front. One of the Chickamauga prisoners had also written the Major that if he did not treat the prisoners better, and allow them to have their boxes, they would assassinate him.

These threats, with the advance of Kilpatrick, induced Turner to remove the stairs of the prison so as to prevent communication with the lower story, and when the fact that Kilpatrick was really approaching Richmond was established, the prison was mined, 200 kegs of gunpowder placed under it, and every preparation made to blow the prison into eternity. This fact is established beyond question. From the ringing of bells, the passing of troops through the city from Petersburg, and orders that no prisoner should approach the windows near enough to touch the bar on penalty of being shot, our captives knew that Kilpatrick was really attempting their deliverance.

Ignorant that the prison was mined, a plan was formed to attempt to join our forces should they enter the city. On Monday not even the sweeps were allowed to enter Libby to clean the rooms. Only those bringing rations came in, and they refused to converse. The guards were increased, and strict orders given to shoot any one who approached the window or stairways. On Tuesday night the cannonading, when Kilpatrick was shelled from his camp near Mechanicsville, was distinctly heard.

During the excitement, one of the guards, who had been overheard to say that if "would shoot one of the damned Yankees if he got a chance" fired at Captain Hammond, of the 5th N. Y. Cavalry, while at the sinks, the ball grazing his head and passing through his cap. After the affair was over, the attendants became communicative, and were bitter in their denunciations. Three officers and one hundred and fifty men from Kilpatrick's man were confined in the cells and fed only on corn paste and water. Mrs. Sedden, wife of the Rebel Secretary of war visited the Hospital to identify a wounded officer, as connected with the burning of her barns.

She failed to do this, but abused him in unmeasured terms, and said they all ought to be hung, and she should use every exertion to have them hung. Dahlgren's body was buried in the field next the road in a pine box made by negroes out of boards torn from a barn. The authorities in Richmond had it dug up for their fury and indignities.

—A letter from Annapolis, Md., the writer of which gathered his information from the Union prisoners from Richmond on their arrival there, fully corroborates the above statement, but speaks of the "lady" who visited the prison as the *daughter*, not the wife of Mr. Seddon. We copy the paragraph:

On Friday last a daughter of Mr. Seddon, the rebel Secretary of War, visited the prison hospital and asked to have Lieut. Harris, of the 5th Michigan cavalry, who was wounded and taken prisoner, after passing the outer line of fortifications, pointed out to her. Approaching the cot where he was lying so severely wounded in the shoulder that he could only move at all in the most excruciating pain, and furiously shaking her fist in his face, demanded to know if he was the man who captured her father's horses, kicked a butt of her sister about the floor, and made use of insulting language to the occupants. She added that she believed he was the guilty party, and all she required was a little more proof to have him gibbeted before night.

Henry Ward Beecher on "Our Message to Great Britain."

The Rev. Henry Ward Beecher delivered a lecture, on Thursday night, at the Academy of Music in New York, on "our message to Great Britain."

Mr. Beecher, in announcing his subject, remarked that it might be asked why we should send a message to Great Britain. The reason was that she misunderstood the position of matters in this country, and that we, who are upon the spot, can see more clearly regarding them than herself. Hitherto nations have conversed through their Governments, but the equivocal language of diplomacy, but that has set through the general education of the masses, the people themselves will conduct, in a large degree, the intercourse, in future—confined to the diplomatic few. It was a question whether Louis Napoleon would have undertaken the expedition to Mexico, had he understood the sentiment of the twenty million people of these Northern States. It may be asked, if we send a message abroad, why send it especially to England? Simply because she is nearer and dearer than all others. We know her faults—proud, haughty, arrogant, unspeakably provoking—but blood is thicker than water, they are our kith and kin there, and we naturally regard their opinion. They, perhaps, entertain the same feeling towards us, though the speaker did not think they cared much for anybody's opinion. It was the joint mission of the two nations to spread Christianity and civilization throughout the world, and as such they should ever more kind in hand. They are now undergoing the same struggle as ourselves through in a different form, the conflict of democracy with aristocracy. The same was proceeding in Italy and France. When our Government was founded, the South promised to be the more democratic of the two sections. New-Englanders, prided themselves on their blood and their old names, while the Southern States were not settled eminently by gentlemen, nor has that pleasing distribution of blood much increased there as the country matured. So long, however, as laborers continued to be property, the South approached more and more toward aristocracy, and a select class has possessed all power, as much so in Great Britain itself. In the North all tendencies are toward equalization. These parallels, which would have run peaceably together, had the two sections been separate nations, conflicted while under one Government. It is in the nature of democracy to breed power through its labor and resources, but not to wield it. This latter lies in the nature of aristocracy.

In speaking of public men, the lecturer asserted that we had not yet had the strong man." We have had responsible men in both Cabinet and army, but none as yet who have stood head and shoulders above the masses. The South was at first victorious; but the North will be ultimately successful through her power of endurance, certainly not through her brains. The Chief Magistrates of the two sections are illustrative in their persons of their respective governments. Davis, spawned by aristocracy, was reared in aristocratic ideas. He has a quick eye, is shrewd and cunning, but not wise. The difference between cunning and wisdom is as wide as the gulf between Abraham's bosom and the man that looked at it. Who cannot see that the policy of this Davis, though sharp and cunning, has been, in a comprehensive sense, a gigantic blunder? Mr. Lincoln, not at all superior to the mass of intelligent, with manners uncultured below the compliment of a homely people, has shown that good government requires but two things—common sense and uncommon honesty. A woman that knows how to bring up six boys well can govern a nation.

In alluding to the enormous debt of $2,000,000,000, which we shall owe by the 1st July next—money which we have not invested, but shot away, sunk and lost—the lecturer considered the sum cheap to buy off the devil with, and to abolish human slavery. It was sad to think, too, of the 100,000 slain, lost to the nation; but emigration is rapidly filling up the gaps in our ranks. The drain of soldiers upon us is insensible, as may be everywhere felt, by observing the myriads of young men in every Northern city. We were growing rich not because of but in spite of the war. The North had produced more within the last three years than during any other three years of her existence. We had developed riches in a greater ratio than our population riches in a greater ratio than our public debt had developed. The people of England were taxed; we taxed ourselves—that was one difference between a monarchical and a Republican form of Government. Mr. B., after referring to the suspension of the habeas corpus, spoke of the tenacity of life of Slavery. He spoke of the beneficent effect of our Homestead Law, of the minute division of land in France to one and three acres to each farmer, and to the contrary process in England, where land was being centered in the hands of a few, leaving the mass of the English laboring class landless.

The speaker concluded with an assertion that Slavery was by no means dead, as is supposed. The only means of killing it was to strike where the heart of it was—in the Constitution of the United States. One blow there, not with the sword, but the ordaining pen, and Slavery was dead.

What Judge Edgerton Says of Idaho.

The Akron (Ohio) *Beacon* publishes the substance of a conversation with Hon. Sidney Edgerton, formerly member of Congress from this State and now U. S. Judge in the Territory of Idaho. He says the population of the Territory is now about 17,000, but will probably reach 100,000 by next December. For agricultural purposes the valleys are extremely fertile, equaling, if not surpassing, any portion of the world for raising stock. Cattle require no "foddering," but run out all winter and become fat upon the bunch or buffalo grass, which is very abundant and nutritious.

There are no rains there at all, and in the valleys comparatively but little snow, but abundant facilities for irrigation, as mountain streams are very numerous and never-failing. Large preparations are being made for agricultural operations in the valleys of Jefferson, Madison and Gallatin, and in Bitter Root large herds of cattle are being raised, and flouring mills are already in operation.

Of the mineral resources of the Territory, Judge Edgerton speaks in the most glowing terms, the country being rich in quartz lodes, bar and gulch diggings. There are already two quartz mills in operation, that came in late in the season, both making out large quantities of gold, and two more on the way. The bar and gulch diggings are also yielding largely, while the claim of Knowles, Willard & Higgins. While looking on, he was offered the proceeds of a pan of dirt, if he would wash it out himself, the "shake" yielding fifty-three dollars. The "shake" belonging to little "pile" of $36,05, yielding Hartley also invited him to take a Mr. Hartley also invited him to take a "shake" out of his claim, which yielded just $40. The Judge exhibited some fine samples of quartz, nuggets and fine gold, as well as some solid bars, the product of the quartz mills, all of which were certainly very rich specimens of the precious metal.

Washington Items.

PENNSYLVANIA CAMPAIGN ASSOCIATION.

The Pennsylvania Government employees, over 250, have formed a campaign association here to co-operate with their State Committee in the Presidential canvass.

At a meeting this evening, J. S. Sypher, Chairman of Committee on Organization, reported officers, an Executive Committee of one from each Senatorial District, and rules, and made provision for the collection and disbursement of funds and the dissemination of political intelligence throughout the State.

DECISION CONCERNING THE SALE OF PROPRIETARY ARTICLES.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has heretofore advised Revenue officers not to prosecute wholesale dealers in proprietary articles for selling those articles in the original package without affixing the appropriate stamps, where such sales are made prior to April 1, 1864. The Commissioner has now decided not to extend this privilege beyond that date, since Congress is in session, and if any further relief is to be granted to the trade it should be done by that body.

GEN. MEADE'S SUCCESSOR.

The impression has taken strong hold of many military men here that "Baldy" Smith may be selected as Gen. Meade's successor in the event of the removal of the latter.

INCREASED PAY TO SOLDIERS.

The House Military Committee, in a few days, will report a bill increasing the pay of non-commissioned officers and privates as follows: Orderly sergeant, $30 per month; sergeants, $22; corporals, $20, and privates, $18.

WOMEN SENT TO THE REAR.

A letter from the Army of the Potomac says that an order has been issued directing that all women within the lines shall leave as early as practicable, and that no more passes shall be granted to such visitors.

Steel Boilers.

Some interesting experiments have been made in Prussia with steel steam boilers, an account of which has been published in Dingler's *Polytechnic Journal*. A steel boiler of the egg-end shape, 4 ft. in diameter and 30 ft. in length, without flues, was tested. It had a steam drum 2 ft. in diameter, and 2 ft. in height, and the plates were one-fourth of an inch in thickness. Beside it there was placed another boiler, similar in every respect, except that the plates were of iron 9-16 of an inch in thickness. The steam boiler was tested by hydraulic pressure up to 193 pounds on the inch, without leakage, and both (of iron and steel boilers were worked under a pressure of 65 pounds on the inch for about one year and a half. During this period the steel boiler generated 25 per cent more steam than the iron one, and when they were thoroughly examined after eighteen months' practical working, there was less scale in the steel than in the iron boiler. The former evaporates 11.66 cubic feet of water per hour; the iron boiler 9.87 cubic feet. The quantity of coal consumed was on an average 2,705 pounds for the steel one in twelve hours, and 3,973 pounds for the iron boiler. The plates of the steel boiler over the fire were found to be uninjured, while those of the iron one were about worn out. In Prussia several worn-out plates of iron boilers have lately been replaced with steel ones, which, it is stated, lasts four times as long. As steel is twice as strong as iron, thinner plates of the former may be employed for boilers, and more perfect riveting can be secured. A greater quantity of steam can also be generated in the steel boiler on account of its thin plates, and; time much fuel may be economised. Such steam boilers should engage the attention of all who make and use steam boilers for engineering and manufacturing purposes.

EVENING GAZETTE TELEGRAMS.

ADVICES FROM NEW ORLEANS.

Steamer Attacked by Guerrillas.

A GOVERNMENT STEAMBOAT DESTROYED.

Preparations to Inaugurate the New Louisiana State Officers.

GENERAL SHERMAN'S EXPEDITION AT VICKSBURG.

Two Army Corps at Canton, Miss.

4,000 PRISONERS & 600 NEGROES BROUGHT IN.

DESCENT ON YAZOO CITY.

The Election in Tennessee.

Cairo, March 11.—The steamer Constitution from New Orleans, arrived this afternoon with 500 bales cotton and a large number of troops of battery F, 1st Missouri artillery, 4th Iowa cavalry, and parts of the 16th and 17th Ohio batteries of re-enlisted veterans on their way home. They will leave to-morrow morning.

The steamer Hillman was attacked by guerrillas, from the Missouri shore, while working past the foot of Island No. 18, on Wednesday. One soldier was killed; seven wounded, and two captured. The boat escaped.

The steamer A. J. Sweeney, laden with Government freight, from Nashville, Tenn., struck the pier of the bridge at Clarksville on Wednesday night, and took fire, and was totally destroyed. Six thousand sacks of corn and thirty horses were lost. The boat was valued at $40,000.

The steamer Atlantic, from New Orleans on the 3d, arrived this morning. The new State would be inaugurated on March 4th. Grand preparations were making to celebrate the event.

The steamer Gladiator brought up the 30th Illinois infantry regiment this morning.

Advices from Vicksburg, via Memphis, of the 8th inst., state that all of Sherman's expedition had returned to that place except the 16th and 17th Corps' which remain at Canton, Miss., until further orders. They did not proceed beyond Meridian, and had no fight of any consequence.

Our loss was small, mostly from straggling. The 148th New York lost two hundred from this cause, being greater than the entire loss of the balance of the expedition. Four thousand prisoners and six hundred negroes were brought in.

The negro troops at Haines' Bluff made a descent on Yazoo City on the 23d inst., and after a sharp fight, occupied the place, with a loss of about thirty killed and wounded.

The unconditional Johnson Unionists elected their entire county ticket in Shelby county, on Saturday last.

Affairs in Western Louisiana.—The Illinois Governorship.

St. Louis, March 12.—Advices from Natchez of the 3d say all available information puts the rebel force in Western Louisiana between 5000 and 6000, under Gen. Dick Taylor, Gen. Polignake and Col. Hanchon.

The enemy is fortifying Fort Dernstee, Black River and Trinity on the Onchita.

There is only a provost guard at Shreveport. Three rams are building at that point.

The rebel gunboat Webb recently showed herself at the mouth of Red river. We have quite a fleet of iron clads and rams collected there.

A prominent officer in the army writes to a friend in Illinois that Gen. Logan is unwilling to become a candidate for Governor of that State, and earnestly hopes that the loyal voters of Illinois will unite, without reference to former party ties, upon a ticket made up of unconditional Unionists who favor the prosecution of the war and to the final overthrow of treason and rebellion.

The Danish Blockade—Official Notice.

Washington, March 12.—The State Department has been officially notified of the blockade by the Danish government, of all the ports and inlets on the coast of the Duchies of Schleswig and Holstein, from the 25th of February last, with the exception of Newstadt and the Islands of Alsen and Arroe, and such other places as are actually under the authority of his majesty, the King.

Longstreet Probably Ordered to North Carolina.

Louisville, March 12.—The *Democrat* has information from an officer from Knoxville, March sixth, that Longstreet had sent his wagon train to Richmond, and was mounting his entire force, and that the general impression at Knoxville was that Longstreet had been ordered to North Carolina.

Supposed Blockade Runner Chased.

Portland, March 12.—The brig Wappoo, from Matanzas, reports that on the 3d inst., in Lat. 32.50, Long. 76.20, she saw a bark rigged U. S. gunboat chasing and firing at a steamer, apparently a blockade runner.

Gas House Blown Up.

Hoboken, March 12.—The Gas House in this city was blown up this morning, and is a total loss, without insurance. Two persons were seriously injured.

Sailed for Liverpool.

New York, March 12.—The steamer Etna sailed to-day for Liverpool with 99,300 dollars in gold, and the Bremen with 1760 dollars.

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