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THE LATEST NEWS!

WASHINGTON.

Consideration of the Prisoner Question.

RUMORED EVACUATION OF RICHMOND.

THE ASPECT OF NEWS VERY ENCOURAGING.

A REBEL SPY CAPTURED.

DUPLICATE DRAWINGS OF OUR DEFENSES FOUND ON HIM.

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TRIAL OF THE ELECTION FORGERS.

Six Wounded at the Battle of Nashville Less than 3,000.

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Excited Action Against Smugglers.

REBEL GOING TO ASTONISH THE WORLD.

Passes to Savannah Refused.

REPORTS TO EXCHANGE ALL PRISONERS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The *Herald's* Washington special says: The prisoner question is just now a subject of serious consideration, and apprehensions are entertained that it may be made a subject of congressional investigation, which it may possibly appear that our own government is not free from blame in continuing the sufferings of our prisoners. The rebels officially allege that they do the best they can, and have invited our government to send for our prisoners and bring them home.

The *Times* special says: Notwithstanding there was an agreement made some two months ago between Gens. Grant and Lee that each of the parties should send blankets and medical stores to their prisoners, nothing has as yet been done. The rebels, however, have been and are still engaged in sending supplies to their prisoners.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The *Commercial Advertiser's* Washington special says: Rumors are current of the evacuation of Richmond by the rebels.

The aspect of military and naval news to-day is very encouraging.

A Washington dispatch says: A rebel spy was recently captured near City Point, upon whose person elaborate drawings and descriptive sketches of our defenses in this locality were found. It is stated that when taken he was on his way to City Point to complete his mission by examining the inner line of works at that

Col. Seaton, after an absence on behalf of a century, resumes proprietorship and control of the *National Intelligencer*. James C. Welling, late of the New York Military Academy, and Lord Ochiltree, who has been prisoner in Richmond for a month and fallen in the proper authorities for a gambling-house, 000 of money belonging Consequently his premises in charge of a military guard, investigation into the affair. sistence of subsistence has accepted a Government with corn- .85 a barrel. 100,000 has thus far been expended in ment to the paroled prisoners at Annapolis of the mutilation of rations due them while in the hands of the rebels. Up to yesterday, 8,000 had received their certificates.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—A Washington special to the *Evening Post* says: It is understood that Secretary Seward's letter on the Florida affair is accepted by the Acting Minister of Brazil as a satisfactory explanation.

The Post Office Department, finding that the cities delivery system works badly, has determined to confine it to large cities.

The *Tribune's* Washington special says: The returns to the Provost Marshal General's Bureau show that the number of men raised by recruiting was larger now than at any period during the

that the rebels are moving Richmond, preparatory to the city.

returns show the number of wounded in the battle of Nashville to be less than three thousand.

A gentleman from Savannah says the people are quiet and satisfied with the change. They insist that the poor of the rebel leaders and newspapers did not represent their own feelings. There is no doubt of their readiness to return to the Union as soon as the Government authority can be fully established.

Special Western Associated Press Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Since the law, which was passed during a former session of Congress, to prevent smuggling on the Northern and Eastern frontiers, went into operation, several seizures have been made, and measures have been taken by Nathan Sargent, Commissioner of Customs, after a personal inspection of a long line of coast, to more efficiently secure the arrest and punishment of violators of the revenue laws. An addition of six cutters, for which an appropriation of $1,000,000 has recently been made, will enable the Treasury Department to more efficiently operate against smugglers.

Rebel deserters recently reported that the authorities at Richmond were discussing and making a movement which would astonish the world. This effect would doubtless be produced by the following, from the Alnadria (Va.) *Journal*, is worthy of credit on that subject, viz:

We learn from persons who seem to have been informed in regard to the secrets of the secession leaders, that a plan was seriously discussed by the rebel authorities for a sudden massing of all their available forces in Virginia, in the event of their affairs becoming desperate, and marching into the Northern States with the determination to conquer a peace or die in the attempt."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—A large number of applications for passes to Savannah have been made at the War Department, but nearly all were refused.

FOX Mulford will go to Richmond this week. He is authorized to negotiate a new cartel which will probably exchange the whole of our prisoners in the South. The largest number of our prisoners are at Florence, S. C., 100 miles north of Charleston. A large number have recently been sent to Lynchburg. About 150,000 were sent south from Savannah to Florida. There is no army with them equal to the force Sherman has in pursuit.

From California and the Sandwich Islands.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—Sandwich Islands dates to Dec. 9, announce the arrival at Honolulu of 55 whalers in all, forty-five from the Arctic and ten from the Ochotsk sea; the former having 20,698 barrels of oil and 30,500 pounds of bone; the latter, 3,919 barrels of oil and 191,000 pounds of bone—showing a less average than that of last season.

There are no arrivals from the Atlantic.

The continued rain makes everything dull.

The legislature has passed an act enforcing specie payments to be made in gold.

WILMINGTON.

Operations of the Land Force Against Fort Fisher,

SURRENDER OF REBEL JUNIOR RESERVES.

Return of the Force to the Transports.

COOLNESS OF LIEUT. CUSHING.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The *Herald's* correspondent details the operations of the land force against Fort Fisher. On landing a rebel on the left of their line of works at once ran out a white flag, and there was a race between the troops to first reach the battery and obtain the surrender—the marines having the shorter distance, gained the prize. Two hundred prisoners were lodged down to the rear of Admiral Porter. Gen. Curtis then moved his troops up the breach toward Fort Fisher, cutting off telegraphic communication with Wilmington. About a quarter of a mile from Fort Fisher a small fort was reached, but it was evacuated on the approach of our troops. In the meantime more troops were landed, under Gen. Ames, and they were pushed forward to the support of General Curtis, who, with his skirmishers was in front of Fort Fisher. It was then that Lieut. Wm. H. Waling, of the 142d New York volunteers, captured the flag of the fort, also the courier, his dispatches and horse, and two other horses and a mule. Night approaching orders were issued to withdraw the troops, but just previous General Curtis dispatched a small force to ascertain the point and captured a captain of a battery and a battalion of Junior Reserves, who threw down their arms and surrendered. On their return the prisoners, under command of their own officers, and carrying their arms, took their places in the column and marched as regularly as our own troops. The 117th New York volunteers, who captured and had them in charge, considered it a piece of most exquisite pleasantry to convey a party of enemies, who equalled them in numbers, and each of whom was armed with a loaded and capped Austrian rifle.

After re-embarking the troops for a while the surf became so rough that it was found necessary to stop, and nearly 600 were left on shore for the night in a rain storm, the morning found these men strongly entrenched, waiting without fear the assault of the enemy. About 4 o'clock a. m. it was discovered that ten men of the skirmish line had been left in front of Fort Fisher. They were immediately called in, and reached the point of debarkation without any molestation from the enemy. One of them who had been posted on the bank of the river reported that in the night two large barges loaded with troops had left the fort.

During the day a deserter from the 24 South Carolina cavalry, more likely sent out by the rebels with a lie, came in reporting that 6,000 of the enemy had concentrated on the right flank, and proposed to attack us in the night. Word was sent to Admiral Porter, and fourteen gunboats were placed to intercept this movement. The weather was so bad that our troops could not be re-embarked that afternoon or night. The gunboats shelled on both flanks of the troops throughout the night, but there were no enemy to be seen.

The next day, 27th, the weather moderated, and all the troops were got on board the transports, together with the prisoners. Our men showed no signs of the hardships which they had endured, while the prisoners were entirely broken down, and barely able to climb the ship sides. Many of them were apparently not over fifteen years of age.

A letter from Wilmington gives an account of the coolness of Lieutenant Cushing in sounding the channel at the entrance of Cape Fear river. He was in an open boat with thirteen men and Master's Mate Horton, of the flag-ship Malvern. Twelve sailors rowed the boat while the thirteen stood in the bow taking soundings. Lieut. Cushing directed their course while Master's Mate Horton noted the soundings. They rowed directly towards the fort and to within twenty yards of the beach in front of it. The rebels opened on them with artillery and musketry, but all escaped unhurt.

FORTRESS MONROE.

RETURN OF BUTLER'S VESSELS.

Porter Still Pounding Away at Fort Fisher.

VISIT OF EX-POSTMASTER BLAIR.

Wretched Condition of the Wilmington Prisoners.

NAMES OF ESCAPED UNION OFFICERS.

FORTRESS MONROE, Dec. 31.—Nearly all the steamers accompanying the portion of the expedition under command of Maj. Gen. Butler, which sailed from this port several weeks since, have returned in safety, notwithstanding the severe storm experienced along the coast and while anchored off Wilmington. The Santiago de Cuba and Fort Jackson are the only vessels attached to the naval fleet which have not yet arrived from off Wilmington.

The latest advices received from Admiral Porter represents him as still subjecting Fort Fisher to a vigorous bombardment.

The Norfolk *Regime* of to-day contains the following correspondence, from off Fort Fisher, dated Dec. 27th: The shore is strewn with breakup boats, which have been wrecked in one way or another. They lie scattered along the beach from Fort Fisher to Masonboro.

The North Carolina State Works, at Masonboro, were destroyed by fire last Saturday.

Many of the vessels have withdrawn from these waters, and the boardment may be said to have come to an end.

The Hons. Montgomery and F. P. Blair arrived here yesterday and left at a late hour last night on a visit to the army operating against Richmond.

Two hundred and fifty of the North Carolina reserves, captured by Major Gen. Butler in the vicinity of Fort Fisher, disembarked from the steamer Baltic yesterday afternoon en route to Point Lookout, Md. The condition of these prisoners was exceedingly wretched, many of them being without blankets and overcoats, and in some cases shoeless and hatless. Two-thirds of the number apparently had not yet reached the age of twenty-one, while the remaining third of them ranged between the years of twelve and sixteen.

The following is a list of the officers who arrived here a few days since on the Arago from Port Royal, having made their escape from the rebel prison in Columbia, S. C., by sawing the guard of old men and boys placed over them: Major A. W. McDonald, 106th New York; Adjt. E. P. Brooks, 9th Wisconsin; Adjt. R. W. McManus, 37th Mass.; Adjt. G. H. Gamble, 8th Illinois; Adjt. H. G. Rosdall, 90th Penna.; Adjt. G. Kings, 100th Ohio; Capt. W. J. Barnes, 23d New York; Capt. A. J. Lis, 13th New York Cavalry; Capt. J. T. Unthank, 11th Kentucky Cavalry; Capt. G. Brady, 2d New York; Capt. W. A. Collins, — Wisconsin; Capt. J. Y. Hay, 40th Ohio; Capt. W. B. Mecker, 35th Ohio; Capt. M. Russell, 31st Indiana; Capt. J. B. Mumbling, 27th Massachusetts; Capt. H. Jenkins; 40th Mass.; Capt. L. D. Tyler, 105th Penna.; Captain H. B. Andrews, 17th Michigan; Captain Cotter, 5th New York; Captain Swegar, 99th Ohio; Captain Reynolds, 75th Ohio; Capt. Spencer, 82d Indiana; Captain Clark; 7th Michigan Cavalry; Lieutenants J. L. Shanner, 67th Massachusetts; W. G. Davis, do; M. C. Foote, Aide-de-Campon General Wessel's staff; J. S. Thompson, 10th Vermont; D. P. Chubbard, 12th Massachusetts; O. G. Donaldson, 100th Ohio; J. Cross, 77th Pennsylvania; T. J. Crosby, 57th Pennsylvania; J. H. Smith, 5th Virginia Cavalry; T. V. Patterson, 21st Ohio; J. E. Uptigrave, 73d Indiana; E. R. Roberts, Illinois; E. S. Charr, 5th New York Heavy Artillery; J. N. Davidson, 95th Ohio; A. A. Allen, 20th Illinois Cavalry; H. R. Hubbard, 110th Illinois Cavalry; J. C. Price, 75th Ohio; A. N. Thomas, 57th Indiana; J. H. Cone, 10th New York; J. L. Brown, 73d Indiana; G. H. Balch, 5th Michigan Cavalry; M. T. Williams, Kentucky Cavalry; F. Moore, 73d Pennsylvania; F. A. Larken, 18th Indiana.

Philadelphia Custom House Robbed.

TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS STOLEN.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 1.—It was reported Friday night that $20 000 have been stolen from the vault of the Custom House. The keys of the Custom House were missing on Saturday morning. A hole was broken inside of the vault when the robbery was discovered.

Notorious Guerrilla to be Hanged.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 31.—A notorious Missouri guerrilla named Hunter, was recently arrested a Salt Lake City, while, en route to California with $200,000 in greenbacks, stolen from the bank at Bloomington in this State, over a year ago. He was sent back by Gen. Conner, and will be taken to Huntsville and hanged.

SECESH.

The Richmond Editors on Recent Operations.

THEY ARE SEVERE ON BUTLER.

Savannah of no Value to the Rebels.

SHERMAN EXPECTED TO MOVE ON RICHMOND.

Pirate Alexandria Seized.

Special Western Associated Press Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—The Richmond *Examiner* of December 29th, says: The siege of Wilmington is over. The following telegraphic dispatch tells the whole story, which is as follows:

"*Wilmington, N. C., Jan.* 28.—The federal fleet has disappeared, only the usual blockaders remain. Gen. Bragg reports that with his present means and disposition of forces no danger need be apprehended. Had reinforcements arrived sooner we might have captured many prisoners. The enemy drew up in a semi-circle, and poured a concentrative fire into Fort Fisher, destroying every house and plowing up the ground. Cols. Lamb and Jamison deserves much credit, as well as the Junior Reserves.

"The enemy threw overboard many horses in the gale, and suffered much otherwise. There was another gale last night."

The Richmond *Sentinel*, of the 29th, says: The repulse of the enemy at Fort Fisher gives great exultation and turns the tide which seemed so much against us. The enemy cannot lie off Wilmington, except at great peril. Their ships are in the ocean on a tempestuous and dangerous coast. A gale would compel them to sails safety far out on the waters, and take their chances in wrestling with the storm rather than the terrors of an ill-fated shore. Butler and Porter must strike quickly or give it up.

The *Examiner*, in a leading article on the Wilmington failure, is very severe on Gen. Butler, and goes over all the epithets ever applied to him by the rebels. It thinks that by wasting so much of his expedition, and might have been used for preventing the secession from the river.

The *Examiner*, in an ironical article says: If Porter had thrown Butler overboard, perhaps no storm would have driven his fleet off. Then and there the physique and morale of the invincible armada.

The *Examiner* says: An official telegram at the War Department states that two brigades of negro troops and one of wh cavalry, left Memphis on December 21st, & moved on to the State line road. The France reached the Rapids of the Ohio on the 23d. The object of the movement is undeveloped.

The *Whig* of the 27th considers the only point gained in the capture of Savanah is its moral effect, and that not much in military point of view. It says it was no value as a waterway.

The *Whig* expects Sherman to move on Richmond, and says he is the vegetius we desire to see, and he brings with him some thousands of those veterans of Vicksburg renown and we desire to test, for Grant has with him only some 7,000 veterans, and the residue are riff-raff of recruits, the defeat of which no honor.

The *Whig* of the 29th, Mr. Asher Hood had moved out of the way and door left open for Sherman to operate as he chased in Georgia, it was greatly feared that a army of Hardee would be sacrificed at Savannah; and we with infinite pleasure that we read that Savannah had been evacuated by it forces, who carried with them all ammunition and material. Savannah was no use to us, but Sherman could not well be spared. We draw a long breath and thanked Heaven for this fact.

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Movement to Establish a National Soldiers' Commission.

$1,000 BOUNTY OFFERED RECRUITS.

Lee About to Emigrate to Danville.

200,000 LETTERS FROM SHERMAN'S ARMY.

Special Western Associated Press Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—An earnest movement is being made for the establishment of a National Soldiers' Commission. A portion of the funds from the Soldiers' Fair will be applied to this object.

The New York Board of Supervisors have authorized a loan of $4,000,000 to increase the bounty for recruits to $1,000. It is estimated that the quota for the city under the present call will amount to 3,500, if all excesses on previous calls, both for the army and navy, are allowed. A strong effort will be made to secure a credit of 7,000 naval recruits, hitherto assigned to Brooklyn.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—The *Herald* editorially thinks that Lee is about to transfer his army, contemplated movements within thirty days which would astonish the world.

Gen. Butler and staff had arrived at Aiken's Landing.

A lady, on her way to the North from Richmond, represents affairs in that city as being more gloomy than ever. Declarations that the rebel cause is hopeless are openly made among the people. Southern politicians visit the army daily, to encourage the soldiers.

The *Herald's* New Orleans correspondent says: Two recent expeditions from Morganzia into the interior of Louisiana had met with great success in breaking up guerrilla camps, capturing stores, &c.

Twenty-five hundred rebels under Wirt, Adams and Scott, were threatening Baton Rouge on the 24th.

Richmond papers of the 28th say: Moseby's wound is not mortal.

The rebel House of Representatives have made inquiry of Jeff. Davis if passports have been granted to young men who do not wish to be in at the death of the Confederacy, on their arrival at a fighting age.

The Richmond *Examiner* says: The exchange of prisoners is about to be resumed at Wilmington.

The same paper says the following officers have been received at Libby prison since Sunday last: Colonel M. J. Hanson, 3d Kentucky Mounted Rifles; Colonel B. Gallie Sinn, N. Y. cavalry; First Lieutenant T. H. Cripling, 3d N. Y. Mounted Rifles; First Lieutenant J. Evans, 67th N. Y.; A. Cornick, surgeon in charge of the cavalry.

Richmond papers of the 28th inform their readers that a dispatch from Hood represents that he is rallying his army at Columbia, and that he is bringing off with seventy pieces of artillery, and that he lost no more than the enemy, and that his army might be rapidly rendered efficient by a more able commander. The enemy was not pressing him.

FROM CINCINNATI.

ARREST OF A SUPPOSED MURDERER.

Gen. Hood's Retrograde Movements.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 31.—The *Gazette's* Columbus dispatch says, a deserter named Charles Keever was arrested there as the supposed murderer of the Roosa family at Deerfield.

Ten new regiments, authorized by the War Department, will be organized and ready for the field in six weeks.

The *Commercial Advertiser's* Columbia (Tenn.) correspondent thinks the body of Hood's army is still north of the Tennessee river. Hood first attempted to strike the river at Decatur, but Gen. Canby's gunboats were in advance and headed off that game, and the same time the gunboats came up the river and compelled him to abandon the point near Florence, where he had his pontoon. Owing to the bad condition of the roads the development will not be rapid.

MEXICAN AFFAIRS.

REBELLION IN CARTHAGENIA.

Loss of the Steamer North America.

TWO HUNDRED LIVES LOST.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The Empire of Mexico, offers a bounty of $250 to recruiters from foreign countries who will enter its military service.

A fresh rebellion broke out in Carthagenia but was crushed in a battle fought on the 9th of December.

It appears there were 197 sick soldiers on the North America when she went down. Only 93 out of 369 persons on board were saved. She had also a valuable cargo of cotton.

Distress in Lancashire.

The feeling in England is hopeful as the prospects of cotton manufacturers is very different from what it was last August. At that time mills were reopened and business was tolerably brisk, but it was found that though supplies of the raw material might be obtained from India or other sources, the demand for finished goods was restricted by high prices. Consequently the mills could be run at a profit, and manufacturers await the time when India is better supplied with capital for the culture of cotton, and forced into its transportation, or until the cultivated cotton plant is grown once more on the Southern plantations of America. A London paper says:

This is a gloomy prospect, for long and trying is exhausting the strength and draining the permanent resources of Lancashire. Scores of manufacturers have recently failed; scores because relieved from for some time eaten up their little capital, some because they have embarked in rash speculations, of which the prosecution of their proper trade was the most rash of all. The rest doubt their own ability permanently to weather the storm. Half, two-thirds or three-fourths of their wealth is locked up in buildings and machinery which are useless for any other purpose than that of manufacturing; out of the rest they must live and pay enormous rates, and render such help as they can to their work people. The machinery is wearing out faster in idleness than in work, and no profits are made, wherewith to replace it. It is only the richest of the manufacturers, the giants of the trade, who can feel sure that they will survive the crisis.

While the industry of Lancashire is decaying, thousands of operatives have migrated in search of employment. Others are resigned to their condition as paupers, depending on the relief committees with neither shame nor regret. Many will fare hard this winter in the manufacturing districts of England."

The Tax on Matches.

The New York *Evening Post*, discussing the tax law, says that some of the amendments adopted at the last session of Congress, exhibit the folly of hasty legislation. The matches, for one example, the section regulating the tax on friction matches, the peculiar character of which it exhibits three classes. Those (matches) made in the country, are taxed, by stamps, over two hundred per cent, on the cost of manufacture. But at the same session a tariff act has been passed imposing a duty, quite nominal in comparison, on foreign matches. Now the Constitution expressly provides that, (section 100) when any imported articles requiring stamps shall be sold in the original and unbroken packages in which they were packed by the manufacturer, no penalty whatever shall be incurred by selling them without stamps! Of course, manufacturers in Canada and Europe have only to pack their goods in one or a few boxes, for family use, and they save the tax. Match factories were at once removed into Canada, and fortunes have been made in five months' recess of Congress, by simply adopting the means which our tax took pains to provide for defeating its own objects and ruining our own manufactures.

Marriage in Lapland.

It is death in Lapland to marry a maid without the consent of her friend or friends. When a young man has formed an attachment for a female, the first thing he has to appoint their friends to meet to behold the two young parties make love together. The maid is allowed in starting the advantage of one-third part of the race, so that it is impossible, except willing of herself, that she should be overtaken. If the maid outruns the suitor, the matter is ended; he must never have her, it being penalty for the man to renew the question of marriage. But if the virgin has an affection for him, she will (that she runs fast) try the truth of his love, she will (without Atlantic's golden balls to retard her speed) pretend some casualty, and make a voluntary halt before she comes to the mark or end of the race. Thus none are compelled to marry against their own wills, and this is the cause that in this poor country the married people are richer in their own contentment than in other countries where so many forced matches make feigned love, and cause real unhappiness.

RAIDERS.

Six More St. Albans Raiders Arrested.

THEY WERE RECEIVED FROM WINDSOR, VT.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 31.—The *Palladium* of this evening contains the following: The following facts, furnished by Capt. Rice, Provost Marshal of the Conscript Camp, are interesting. They indicate that four of the St. Albans raiders have been caught at camp. On Friday, the 30th instant, a detachment of recruits arrived from Windsor, Vt., in which were four men, evidently Southerners, and of good appearance. Soon after their arrival they displayed a good deal of St. Albans money, and desired to know if the $150,000 in coin to meet the interest on bonds due on 1st January. A committee will be appointed to investigate affairs. No petroleum sales were reported to-day.

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CAIRO.

THREE PISONS DROWNED.

Two Plants Killed in a Duel.

STEAMBOATMEN ARMED AGAINST GUERRILLAS.

Trial of a Rebel Depot Incendiary.

CAIRO, Dec. 31.—A surgeon's gig, with a party of twelve rebs aboard, left the naval hospital at Mound City last night with the design of landing at their yard. The night was very dark and snowling fast; and in attempting to land, the gig got under the bows of the dispatch boat Gen. You and capsized. L. C. Dudley and daugt, of St. Louis, and John Hester Jones, a seaw, were drowned. Mrs. Dudley, who was one the party, was so overcome by the loss of husband and child that her reason gave way, she is in very serious danger.

The steal Silver Moon, with 300 bales of cotton, from Memphis, passed for Cincinnati. She reports heavy ice between Hickman and Cairo.

A duel fought near Memphis on the 28th between planters, resulting in the death of both parties.

Gen. Cy issued an order warning steamboat men to put their guard against guerrillas, although by have not disturbed boats for some time, organization is known to exist for the purpose of destroying the steamers and stores belonging the Mississippi.

The trial of Dr. McMillen, charged with starting to burn the Memphis & Charlotte Railroad not some time ago, is progressing at the Military Commission, Memphis.

HILTON HEAD.

Dan's Point Commanded by Gen. Hatch.

OUR PARROTT GUNS IN GOOD POSITION.

Special Western Associated Press Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—The *Herald's* Hilton Head special says: General Hatch's column commands the railroad at Devan's Point, but not sufficiently to prevent occasional passing of trains.

Our right battery of light rifled guns is within one hundred yards of the railroad, in a swath of timber on the north bank of Broad river. On the left we have a swamp battery which commands the culvert on the road, and our 20-pounder Parrots are in a good position.

There have been no casualties since our last catch.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The stock market opened heavy, with a decline in prices, but sales are not active. Governments are dull and low, on account of some of the National Banks not obliged to sell in order to meet the demands of the Government. The loan movement continues, but without further depressing the price. Stockholders of Mariposa will hold a meeting to-day, for the purpose of arranging to raise $150,000 in coin to meet the interest on bonds due on 1st January. A committee will be appointed to investigate affairs. No petroleum sales were reported to-day.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—No second session of the Stock Board will be held to-day. The New Year festival will be kept as a close holiday on Monday, and the Stock Exchange will be closed. Our financial institutions will also suspend business. The Stock Market is more active. The morning sales of securities at 12:45 p. m.: U. S. 6's 81 coupons old 116½, asked 116¾; U. S. 10's coupons 105½, bid, 105¾, asked; U. S. 7-30's certificates 97 bid, 97¾ asked. American gold 2½ asked. Tennessee 6's 63 bid; 67 asked. Missouri 6's 64½ bid, 65 asked; New York Central 113¾ bid, 114 asked; Erie 86 asked; Reading 104¾ bid, 105 asked; Ohio and Mississippi certificates 34½ bid, 35 asked.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31, 10 p. m.—Gold closed selling at Gallagher's at 227½.

EVENING GAZETTE TELEGRAMS

LATEST FROM GRANT'S ARMY.

OFFENSIVE MOVEMENTS INDICATED BY THE REBELS.

GEN. LEE TO ASTONISH THE WORLD.

GREAT DESPONDENCY IN RICHMOND.

REBEL FORCE THREATENING BATON ROUGE.

Exchange of Prisoners to be Resumed.

UNION OFFICERS AT LIBBY PRISON

Hood Rallying His Army at Columbia.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The *World's* City Point special of the 29th, says: A demonstration has been made in front of the sixth corps for the past few days, indicating offensive movements by the rebels. It is thought by some they were to conceal the withdrawal of troops—a portion going to Lynchburg, or in that direction, to operate against Sherridan, and another to aid the force at Wilmington or Charleston.

A deserter reports that he was told that Gen. Lee contemplated movements within thirty days which would astonish the world.

Gen. Butler and staff had arrived at Aiken's Landing.

A lady, on her way to the North from Richmond, represents affairs in that city as being more gloomy than ever. Declarations that the rebel cause is hopeless are openly made among the people. Southern politicians visit the army daily, to encourage the soldiers.

The *Herald's* New Orleans correspondent says: Two recent expeditions from Morganzia into the interior of Louisiana had met with great success in breaking up guerrilla camps, capturing stores, &c.

Twenty-five hundred rebels under Wirt, Adams and Scott, were threatening Baton Rouge on the 24th.

Richmond papers of the 28th say: Moseby's wound is not mortal.

The rebel House of Representatives have made inquiry of Jeff. Davis if passports have been granted to young men who do not wish to be in at the death of the Confederacy, on their arrival at a fighting age.

The Richmond *Examiner* says: The exchange of prisoners is about to be resumed at Wilmington.

The same paper says the following officers have been received at Libby prison since Sunday last: Colonel M. J. Hanson, 3d Kentucky Mounted Rifles; Colonel B. Gallie Sinn, N. Y. cavalry; First Lieutenant T. H. Cripling, 3d N. Y. Mounted Rifles; First Lieutenant J. Evans, 67th N. Y.; A. Cornick, surgeon in charge of the cavalry.

Richmond papers of the 28th inform their readers that a dispatch from Hood represents that he is rallying his army at Columbia, and that he is bringing off with seventy pieces of artillery, and that he lost no more than the enemy, and that his army might be rapidly rendered efficient by a more able commander. The enemy was not pressing him.

FROM CINCINNATI.

ARREST OF A SUPPOSED MURDERER.

Gen. Hood's Retrograde Movements.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 31.—The *Gazette's* Columbus dispatch says, a deserter named Charles Keever was arrested there as the supposed murderer of the Roosa family at Deerfield.

Ten new regiments, authorized by the War Department, will be organized and ready for the field in six weeks.

The *Commercial Advertiser's* Columbia (Tenn.) correspondent thinks the body of Hood's army is still north of the Tennessee river. Hood first attempted to strike the river at Decatur, but Gen. Canby's gunboats were in advance and headed off that game, and the same time the gunboats came up the river and compelled him to abandon the point near Florence, where he had his pontoon. Owing to the bad condition of the roads the development will not be rapid.

MEXICAN AFFAIRS.

REBELLION IN CARTHAGENIA.

Loss of the Steamer North America.

TWO HUNDRED LIVES LOST.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The Empire of Mexico, offers a bounty of $250 to recruiters from foreign countries who will enter its military service.

A fresh rebellion broke out in Carthagenia but was crushed in a battle fought on the 9th of December.

It appears there were 197 sick soldiers on the North America when she went down. Only 93 out of 369 persons on board were saved. She had also a valuable cargo of cotton.

Distress in Lancashire.

The feeling in England is hopeful as the prospects of cotton manufacturers is very different from what it was last August. At that time mills were reopened and business was tolerably brisk, but it was found that though supplies of the raw material might be obtained from India or other sources, the demand for finished goods was restricted by high prices. Consequently the mills could be run at a profit, and manufacturers await the time when India is better supplied with capital for the culture of cotton, and forced into its transportation, or until the cultivated cotton plant is grown once more on the Southern plantations of America. A London paper says:

This is a gloomy prospect, for long and trying is exhausting the strength and draining the permanent resources of Lancashire. Scores of manufacturers have recently failed; scores because relieved from for some time eaten up their little capital, some because they have embarked in rash speculations, of which the prosecution of their proper trade was the most rash of all. The rest doubt their own ability permanently to weather the storm. Half, two-thirds or three-fourths of their wealth is locked up in buildings and machinery which are useless for any other purpose than that of manufacturing; out of the rest they must live and pay enormous rates, and render such help as they can to their work people. The machinery is wearing out faster in idleness than in work, and no profits are made, wherewith to replace it. It is only the richest of the manufacturers, the giants of the trade, who can feel sure that they will survive the crisis.

While the industry of Lancashire is decaying, thousands of operatives have migrated in search of employment. Others are resigned to their condition as paupers, depending on the relief committees with neither shame nor regret. Many will fare hard this winter in the manufacturing districts of England."

The Tax on Matches.

The New York *Evening Post*, discussing the tax law, says that some of the amendments adopted at the last session of Congress, exhibit the folly of hasty legislation. The matches, for one example, the section regulating the tax on friction matches, the peculiar character of which it exhibits three classes. Those (matches) made in the country, are taxed, by stamps, over two hundred per cent, on the cost of manufacture. But at the same session a tariff act has been passed imposing a duty, quite nominal in comparison, on foreign matches. Now the Constitution expressly provides that, (section 100) when any imported articles requiring stamps shall be sold in the original and unbroken packages in which they were packed by the manufacturer, no penalty whatever shall be incurred by selling them without stamps! Of course, manufacturers in Canada and Europe have only to pack their goods in one or a few boxes, for family use, and they save the tax. Match factories were at once removed into Canada, and fortunes have been made in five months' recess of Congress, by simply adopting the means which our tax took pains to provide for defeating its own objects and ruining our own manufactures.

Marriage in Lapland.

It is death in Lapland to marry a maid without the consent of her friend or friends. When a young man has formed an attachment for a female, the first thing he has to appoint their friends to meet to behold the two young parties make love together. The maid is allowed in starting the advantage of one-third part of the race, so that it is impossible, except willing of herself, that she should be overtaken. If the maid outruns the suitor, the matter is ended; he must never have her, it being penalty for the man to renew the question of marriage. But if the virgin has an affection for him, she will (that she runs fast and to try the truth of his love, she will (without Atlantic's golden balls to retard her speed) pretend some casualty, and make a voluntary halt before she comes to the mark or end of the race. Thus none are compelled to marry against their own wills, and this is the cause that in this poor country the married people are richer in their own contentment than in other countries where so many forced matches make feigned love, and cause real unhappiness.

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

The New Year and the Gazette.

On Tuesday morning there will be no paper issued from this office, in order that all hands may have an opportunity of celebrating the new year to-day. Our evening paper will not appear to-day, for the same reason.

Union Ward Nominations.

ELECTION ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 3D.

FIRST WARD.

Select Council—G. W. Coffin.
Common Council—Abram Fryer, A. B. McQuewan.
School Directors—C. Hanson Love, W. B. Hunter.
Judge of Election—Joseph Ross.
Inspectors—J. E. Johnston, Andrew Humbert.
Return Inspectors—N. P. W. Gotts, Robert Gracey.
Assessor—Samuel Patterson.
Constable—Matthew Keep.

SECOND WARD.

Select Council—Wm. Phillips.
Common Council—Thomas Steele, D. O'Neill.
Alderman—Abraham S. Nicholson, Thomas Owston.
Judge of Elections—J. H. Baldwin.
Return Inspector—R. R. Bulger.
Assessor—James Black.
Constable—Hamlet Lowe.

THIRD WARD.

Select Council—James Reed.
Common Council—Robert J. Smith, William Simpson, Nicholas Schwartz, John Daub, Wm. J. White, Alexander Atkinson.
Alderman—George W. Leonard.
School Directors—Dr. Wm. A. Hallock, Dr. Geo. L. McCook.
Assessor—Frank J. Buchard.
Judge—1st precinct: Ben. W. Morgan. 2d precinct: James H. McClelland.
Return Inspector—1st precinct