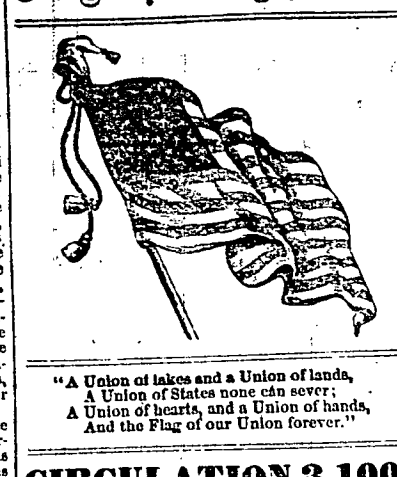


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THE VALUE OF FORT FISHER.

The capture of Fort Fisher closed the last act in the rebel states. That is to say it cuts off the rebels from one of their chief sources of such supplies as shoes, blankets, beef, pork, lard, sugar, and other necessary articles.

Burning of the Smithsonian Institute at Washington.

This afternoon at 2 o'clock a fire broke out in the Smithsonian Institute building, in the left above the picture gallery, between the ceiling and the floor.

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