

CONGRESSIONAL.

Dec. 20.—In the Senate, petitions for the emancipation of the slaves of rebels...

House.—A bill appropriating \$150,000 to complete the defenses of Washington was passed...

Mr. Lovjoy, of Illinois, offered a resolution instructing the Judiciary committee to report a bill providing for the confiscation of all the property of all rebels...

Mr. Wilson introduced a bill providing for the dishonorable discharge of any military or naval officers who desert, leave, desert, or deliver up any fugitive from labor or service.

In the House Mr. Vallandigham introduced a bill to enforce the writ of habeas corpus, which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Morrill, from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported a bill to increase the duties on tea, coffee, and sugar, which was passed by a vote of 71 to 29.

Dec. 26.—Mr. Hale offered a resolution that the President be requested, if not in compatible with the public interest, to transmit copies of all despatches which have passed between this country and Great Britain...

Mr. Sumner objected to the resolution. Mr. Hale said that he had understood from the public press and from those who had more intimate relations with the Administration...

Official documents show that the coolie trade still continues in the face of all remonstrance and prohibition. Among other things stated to the government...

The Way to Do It.

Intelligent men from the West represent that Gen. Halleck's order in relation to fugitive slaves, strengthens our cause and army, and weakens the enemy.

When Gen. McClellan first entered Virginia from Ohio, he found himself under a similar military necessity...

Before any of these things happened, Gen. Butler had done substantially the same thing in Maryland, offering to let the colored soldiers go on condition...

No doubt military necessity, when actual and absolute, must be obeyed. But let us understand what military necessity, in the present case, actually requires.

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What a nice standard of loyalty—encouraging silence in reference to these frauds! Yet the abolition organ incited a mob to deal with this office as with "traitors"...

More Volunteers Wanted. R. S. Searle, having been authorized to raise a Company, by Gov. Cairns, will be at L. Searle's Hotel for the next few weeks.

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Gen. Halleck's policy in dealing severely with marauding rebels and bridge burners, at the same time showing great leniency towards those who have their arms in a good effect in Missouri. Gen. Pope is becoming quite popular with the troops under his command...

The Constitution and Wholesale Confiscation.

The Ohio Statesman says, among the radical and extreme measures now before Congress, the general confiscation bill holds the foremost rank.

No person shall be convicted of treason unless on the testimony of two witnesses to the same overt act, or on confession in open court.

The bills provide for the confiscation of the real and personal property of rebels and for the sale of their estate to loyal purchasers. But under the Constitution, forfeiture does not take place until the person has been tried by a jury in the State where the crime was committed...

Anti-War Meeting in Dublin. A great mass meeting was held in the grand room of the Rotunda, at Dublin, to discuss the question of the independence of Irish national affairs at the present momentous crisis.

Our Affairs With France. Our Government is undoubtedly in possession of information from Paris, rendering it certain that if there is a contest between Great Britain and the United States...

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NEWS ITEMS.

The Kentucky Legislature have passed resolutions requesting President Lincoln to dismiss Mr. Secretary Cameron from the cabinet...

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GOOD NEWS!

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