

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1861.

EXTRACT FROM THE LAST SPEECH OF STEPHEN A. DOUGLASS.—The war is not a mere contest of arms...

FOR SALE.—The double-edged "TALON" Press on which this paper has been printed...

THE TALK OF THE ENGLISH JOURNALS received by the mails of the America indicates that, while a war, for which gigantic preparations were being made, would inevitably have ensued...

THE LATEST WAR NEWS.

Another important victory has been gained in Missouri. On the 28th instant, General Prentiss, with four hundred and fifty men, encountered and dispersed a body of rebels near Hundred Ground...

By the surrender of Mason and Sidel, which is fully discussed in the diplomatic correspondence, the editorials, and in the letter of "Occasional," that we publish this morning, the Administration has avoided a war with England...

A telegraphic despatch from Washington gives a graphic account of the review of the Pennsylvania Reserves, which took place at Johnson's Hill yesterday.

Hon. Alfred Ely, the member of Congress who was captured at Bull Run, and who has recently been released from the rebel prison in Richmond, in exchange for G. J. Faulkner, gives a graphic description of the treatment of the Union prisoners...

Advices from Fort Royal and Beaufort show that our forces in that quarter are kept busily employed. Strong entrenchments are being erected on Tybee Island.

The comments of the English journals, received by the late European mail, furnish additional reasons for the surrender of Mason and Sidel.

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JATEST NEWS

BY TELEGRAPH.

FROM WASHINGTON. GEN. McCLELLAN SLOWLY RECOVERING. GRAND REVIEW OF THE PENNSYLVANIA RESERVES.

THE ARMY ANXIOUS FOR A FORWARD MOVEMENT. THE CONFEDERATES SAID TO BE ERROTING BATTERIES AT DRANESVILLE.

AFAIRS IN GEN. HEINTZELMAN'S DIVISION. Special Despatches to "The Press."

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THE FEELINGS OF THE ARMY IN REFERENCE TO A FORWARD MOVEMENT.

In riding along the lines, and conversing with the officers and soldiers of the army, I find that, while there is the fullest confidence in Gen. McClellan, and entire reliance upon his judgment, a general and growing desire is manifest for a forward movement.

General SUMNER is rapidly recovering from the injuries sustained by the fall from his horse. The accident, however, has not induced him to assume command of a division of the army.

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THE CITY.

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SKATING.—Yesterday, quite a number of lads were engaged in skating on the ponds in the south-western part of the city.

COMPLETION OF MASON'S HOUSE.—The Delaware was over the market house on the southeast corner of Broad and Pine streets...

SUBDUED DEATH.—Last evening, about 7 o'clock, Mrs. Ann Glass, residing at the corner of Seventh and Walnut streets, was suddenly seized with a violent attack...

MOVEMENTS OF MR. ELY. The Washington correspondent of yesterday's New York Herald writes: "Mr. Ely will have to face the Federal cabinet in his capacity of war minister."

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