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The Duty of the Legislature.

The special session of the Legislature of this State, which has just been convened by the Governor, has one great object to which to direct its exclusive and earnest attention. The proclamation calling the body together, and the message of the Executive, both set out that fact in the plainest terms: "The taking of some action for the defence of the State." It is important that the members should bear this in mind in entering upon their duties, and not allow other subjects of an entirely irrelevant nature to creep in and occupy the time which should be spent in deliberating over the special business of the session.

We are led to make these remarks from noticing how quickly a variety of miscellaneous bills are threatening an avalanche of civil business upon the heads of the lawmakers, who should be occupied in deliberations upon military affairs. In the Senate a move was made in the right direction by the resolution of Mr. LOWRY, "that the Senate will not proceed during this session to the consideration of any private bill;" but then follows a proviso, "that this shall not refer to any bill in the hands of the Governor requiring amendment," which does much to spoil the good effect of the resolution itself.

In the House almost the first business done was the recalling of some forty bills in the Governor's hands for the purpose of amending them. This step, it appears, was the subject of considerable debate, but the resolution was passed on the ground that the amendments required were only trivial.

Now it may happen that but little time will be devoted to these civil questions, but as the Bank bill was included in the number so recalled, it looks very much as if a wide field of operations was opening before the real business of the session had been reached. We all know how easy it is for a legislative body to be led away from the main objects which should engross its attention, and we merely suggest that the members should beware of side issues, and recollect that the people of the State are looking to them for but one thing, a well-constructed militia law.

A Great Man's Friends Deserting Him.

The New York *Herald*, which has striven more persistently than any other paper in the land to puff General MCCLELLAN into notoriety, with the view of getting him a few complimentary ballots at the Chicago Convention, has begun to discover that he is not the "available candidate" it has labored so earnestly to prove him, and has consequently made another of those changes of base for which it is so celebrated. In its issue of Tuesday, after attacking the *World* for its glorification of the General, it proceeds to speak of him in the following disrespectful manner: "It will be stated as a fact, however, which cannot be denied, that General MCCLELLAN'S Richmond campaign was a failure, and positively fearful to think of, from his terrible losses in men and all the materials of war. It will be further said that Gen. MCCLELLAN, in his movements against the enemy, betrayed too much of the confidence of the inexperienced leader in his promises to his army of 'no more defeats and no more retreats,' and in such despatches as this: that 'We shall drive the enemy to the wall.' It will be said, too, that from the unbounded confidence of the country in these promises of Gen. MCCLELLAN the revulsion in the public mind from his subsequent misfortunes was infinitely more distressing and harder to bear than any other disappointments of the war." What cause could have produced this sudden cooling-off of enthusiasm for the foremost martyr of Abolitionism? Last fall, the day before our gubernatorial election, General MCCLELLAN wrote a public letter, declaring his political sentiments to be in perfect accord with Mr. Justice WOODWARD, the candidate of the Peace faction for Governor. This summer the same General MCCLELLAN in a classical but slightly ungrammatical oration at West Point, expresses himself in favor of a continuance of the war. Perhaps this slight apparent inconsistency has been remembered to his prejudice, and explains the *Herald*'s latest feat in acrobatics!

The Rebels Not Anxious for Peace.

A great many of our disloyal exchanges are making a great to-do about an insignificant article recently printed in the Richmond *Sentinel*. The *Sentinel* is the reputed organ of JEFFERSON DAVIS, and in the article referred to makes a suggestion for the attainment of peace, in the following half-earnest, half-bantering language:

"Let peace commissioners be appointed by either section, and, invested with plenary powers of negotiation, meet on neutral territory, and discuss the terms of peace. Let all subjects be open to free discussion and negotiation. We of the South consider independence as the great and first object of the war, and that separation is essential to independence; *yet we shall be willing to listen to what you have to say, and propose on the other side.* You may offer us something that will secure our equal rights elsewhere under the Union; you may propose to give the Congress and to the States equality of votes in the election of President; and partly to effect this you may throw all New England into one State, or give her to England; or, if England won't have her, let her recede. Now, that would be a tempting bait. We don't say it would satisfy us, *but the subject is worthy of consideration.*"

We cannot attach the importance to this extract which the New York *Herald* and journals of similar sentiments have accorded it. It can matter very little what Mr. DAVIS' papers may say of a pacific nature as long as we know Mr. DAVIS' self to have said: "We are not fighting for slavery; we are fighting for *independence*; and that or annihilation we will have."

English, French, and American Turrets.

However opinions may differ concerning the best plan for the construction of iron-plated ships of war in their general features, there would seem to be unanimity upon one point, at least, in this perplexing question, viz: the correctness of the turret principle—a principle which, we are proud to say, owed its first application to American enterprise and inventive genius. England, in the person of one Captain COLES, R. N., (the designer of the Royal Sovereign), has, as a matter of course, attempted to share the honor of this great discovery with us, but our monopoly is not to be disputed. It is rather remarkable that the three great Powers of the world—England, France, and America—should be simultaneously building iron-clad batteries upon the turret system; and it is likewise remarkable that each nation has a peculiar plan of turret, of its own devising, which it fancies to be better than any other plan. In the English iron-clads the turrets, instead of resting on brass rings on the upper deck, from which they are raised by means of a screw-wedge, in time of action, have their base and working portion on the lower deck. Less height-surface is thus presented to an enemy's guns. The Royal Sovereign's turrets distribute their weight over a large space, while the turret revolves on bevelled wheels, much in the same manner as a railroad turn-table. In our own monitors, on the contrary, the turrets revolve about a central spindle, which rests upon the keelson, standing out "like boys' peg-tops when spinning," as the London *Times* describes it. Upon what principle the French turrets are constructed, or whether they are intended to revolve, we cannot say. A Bordeaux journal gives a description of a new vessel now in course of construction at that port for the French navy, called the Sphynx. It appears to be a sort of compromise between our monitors and such heavy floating batteries as the Magenta and the Warrior. We are told that the bow, which dips at a very sharp angle, is armed with a powerful spur of cast steel, which is attached to a plating, but whose salient point is placed one meter lower than the point to which the plating descends. This position is given to her spur, in order that she may strike other plated vessels in their vital parts beneath their line of defence. From this it will be seen that she would be very apt to prove a formidable adversary to the English light-draught iron-clad Research, which is not armed with a heavy prow, and is furnished with no armor-plating for a foot above water line. The Bordeaux paper, which does not descend to the minuteness of detail, characteristic of our own and English local reports, tells us unsatisfactorily of the Sphynx, that her deck, which is itself plated with sheets of iron placed between the beams and the planking, is surmounted by two plated towers, which present a formidable means of resistance. "In the fore tower will be placed a pivot gun of the enormous calibre of three hundred pounds, destined to produce, at short range, the most terrible effects, and in fact capable of destroying any iron plating. In the tower aft will be placed two long-range pivot guns of seventy, for fighting at a greater distance. The principle of this armament is to replace by a small number of heavy pieces the ordinary armament, whose force has hitherto been judged by the number of guns of much less formidable calibre." This principle of armament is undoubtedly the correct one, as was proven in the case of our own monitors, as recently as in the engagement at Mobile. As to the turrets, each has doubtless its own advantages and its own advocates, and all are necessarily still in the nature of experiments. In our own case, at least, the experiment has so far proved a success.

Semmes.

Captain RAPHAEL SEMMES, traitor and pirate, compared with whom Captain KYD, the buccaneer, was a virtuous character, has come to grief. A Richmond journal announces that he (SEMMES) will probably be reprimanded by the rebel Government for having lost the Alabama, the grounds for blame being that he ought not have risked the vessel, and the special lament being that it will be nearly impossible ever to replace her. SEMMES is too thick-skinned, we suspect, to be much, if at all, annoyed by any censure which his fellow-traitors at Richmond may cast upon him. Like them, he is a rebel in heart and in action, but he is a shade worse than some of them, inasmuch as he deliberately violated the oath of allegiance which, as a naval officer, he had taken when entrusted with a naval command. This SEMMES could not say that he had been ill-treated or in any way neglected by the United States Government. He had attained the high rank of Commander in the Navy, and was also a member of the Lighthouse Board. Nor did he belong to a seceded State, seeing that his native Maryland, whatever her proclivities at one time, never went out of the Union. He followed the example of his friend MAURY, a man whom his country delighted to honor and advance, and, not content with simple treason, added to it the seasoning of perjury and ingratitude.

Why "the so-called Southern Confederation" should call SEMMES over the coals for the loss of the Alabama remains to be seen. That vessel, most probably, did not belong to the rebels, as the Sumpter did, which SEMMES first commanded. The Alabama, as we have heard and believe, was the property of a set of British sympathizers in Liverpool and London—of LAIRD, the M. P. who built her; of LINDSAY, the M. P. who supplied her provisions; of JAMES SPENCE, who put on board her cannon, small arms, and ammunition; of ROEBUCK, the M. P. who rejoiced in her evil successes; of GREGORY and FERGUSON, the M. Ps. who constantly championed the revolt. *These*, we believe, owned the vessel, and must have made "a good thing" out of SEMMES' piracy with her—provided always that SEMMES divided the booty fairly. His collecting sixty chronometers at Cherbourg before the battle showed him to have a *penchant* for that sort of plunder, and would indicate that he had especial care of his own interests. No one can call the Alabama a Southern vessel. The rebel flag was rarely seen on her, and though more than two years at sea, this vessel never once entered a Southern port. The Alabama obviously was British-built, supplied, and *almost wholly* officered in and from Great Britain. No wonder that the rebel press should condemn SEMMES for putting the Alabama in the way of being destroyed. The whole of this scoundrel's policy had been to bully and maltreat the weak, and to avoid collision with the strong. The moment he saw a vessel larger than his own approaching him, he retired with the least delay, not caring to encounter a ship that might bear the U. S. flag. Who knows—but perhaps the ruffian had a conscience, and did not choose to look upon the glorious flag which he had abandoned and betrayed?

The Alabama fought the Kearsarge because SEMMES had no alternative. Captain WINSLOW had taken his vessel full in front of the port into which SEMMES had ran, and would there have blockaded the Alabama until he had forced her into the action. Seldom have vessels been so well matched, but the Alabama had no chance from the first. The Kearsarge had a good cause, and that counts for much in all contests.

The end is, SEMMES has taken from Cherbourg the spoil which he deposited there ere he steamed out in the Channel. Not a word more is said of that sword which, under the auspices of Commander PIM, was to have been subscribed for and publicly presented to him. The dinner which the Junior United Service Club talked of giving him is never heard of now. SEMMES, when last heard of, was walking on the quays of Liverpool, sadly out of spirits, for LINDSAY, LAIRD, & Company have not made up their minds to give him a new pirate vessel to command. If he get a rap over the knuckles from his friends at Richmond, the poor wretch may take it as best he can. There may be truth in the rumor that he purposes abandoning the profession of piracy, and living among his British friends upon the fruits of his various robberies at sea. Who knows?

WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, August 10.

SIEGE OF PETERSBURG—NOTHING NEW OR IMPORTANT.

A letter from the ARMY of the Potomac, dated on Tuesday evening, reports all quiet there with the exception of picket firing, which is still kept up, but not so continuously as heretofore.

Upon the recommendation of the Medical Director the disinterment of bodies is prohibited within the limits of the Army of the Potomac until further orders.

BAXTER'S FIRE ZOUAVES.

BAXTER'S Zouaves will break camp to-morrow (Thursday) morning, at six o'clock. Chief Engineer DICKSON, of the United States Steam Fire Brigade, and the members of the same, a committee of Philadelphians residing here, a band of music, and a proper military escort, will meet them at Long Bridge. They will proceed direct to the house of the Hibernia Engine, where they will partake of a collation. They will leave for Baltimore at 12 o'clock noon, in a slow train, and expect to arrive here in Philadelphia about Friday at 2 o'clock. There have been a great many telegraphic inquiries made here to-day, and also personal requests, to know the intended future home, and the hour of leaving. This is authentic, as your correspondent has been one of a committee to make the arrangements.

REBEL REPORT FROM MOBILE.

The Navy Department to-night received a despatch containing the following from the Richmond *Examiner* of the 9th:

"A despatch from Mobile, dated August 7th, two days later than our previous advices, states that the situation had not materially changed since the enemy's victory over the iron-clads on Friday last. The Navy Department received a telegram yesterday morning that the Morgan, the only gunboat which was not either sunk, beached, or captured, has succeeded in getting over the bar and has reached Mobile."

A REPORT OF A 6-20 LOAN CONTRADICTED.

There is authority for stating the report that the Secretary of the Treasury contemplates putting upon the market at an early day a 6-20 loan, the interest to be paid in gold, is entirely without foundation. The loans authorized by various acts of Congress, and yet available, are: Under the act of March 3d, 1863, bonds at 6 per cent. for $33,245,800. Tender act of March 3d, 1864, bonds 10-40s, 5 per cent., $125,471,550. Under the act of June 30th, 1864, bonds redeemable in not less than five nor more than twenty years, or at expedient made payable in not more than forty years from date, and bearing interest not exceeding 6 per cent., payable in coin, four hundred millions, or in lieu an equal amount of the bonds last named, not exceeding $200,000 in Treasury notes, payable not exceeding three years from date, or if expedient at any time after three years from date, and bearing interest not exceeding 7 3 10 per cent., payable in lawful money at maturity or semi-annually. Under the act of February 25, 1862, bonds 5 20s in Europe, $1,000,000; total, $562,717,350.

Under the act of June 30th, 1864, in substitution of 5 per cent. legal-tender notes heretofore issued, now withdrawn to be destroyed, there may be issued notes, as above described, $67,639,897, making a total of $630,357,247.

The 6 per cent. interest-bearing notes were issued under the act of March 3, 1863, as follows:

One-year interest, payable at maturity at 5 per cent., $46,040,000; two-year's interest, payable at maturity at 5 per cent., $17,980.

Two-year coupon interest, payable semi-annually at 5 per cent., $150,000,000. Total, $214,000,000. Of the latter $67,039,897 have been withdrawn, as above stated.

Under the act of March 3d, 1863, there have been delivered to the Treasurer coupons bearing interest at 6 per cent., notes amounting to $30,143,000.

The loans not closed and offered at the treasury and agencies are the 5 per cent. bonds redeemable at the pleasure of the Government after ten and payable after forty years, hence called 10-40s; certificates of indebtedness, which are issuable in discharge of current claims upon the Government; three-year six per cent. compound-interest notes; the six-per-cent. loan provided for the exchange of the 7-30 three year notes, maturing on the 15th of August and 1st of October, 1864, and a new loan of three-year notes, under the act of Congress of June 30, 1864, bearing interest at the rate of seven-thirty per cent. per annum, or one cent per diem upon every fifty dollars of the principal, interest payable semi-annually in lawful money, or convertible at maturity into 5-20 six-per-cent. bonds, interest in coin.

The official statement of the public debt up to yesterday shows the amount outstanding $1,832,650,000, and the interest $74,872,000. Over $50,000,000 of the interest is payable in coin. The unpaid requisitions are $79,723,000, and the amount in the treasury $13,625,000. The statement is signed by Acting Secretary of the Treasury HARRINGTON.

INSPECTION OF CIGARS.

The Internal Revenue bureau has issued regulations concerning the inspection and stamping of cigars. The inspector, in making his valuation, is required to act upon his own knowledge of the market value of the inspected article, exclusive of the tax.

No other person than an inspector duly appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to affix stamps.

Regulations are also issued concerning the assessment of tobacco, snuff, and cigars, in which it is said that considerable sales have been made, and taxes paid according to the rates under the former acts, with the view of avoiding the additional tax required by the act of June, 1864.

The Commissioner remarks: "Sales made by a manufacturer to his foreman, or to some convenient friend or man of straw, with the view of a re-transfer to the manufacturer, or of a sale afterwards to his use, though possession may have been delivered to such foreman or other person, will not affect the right of the Government to the increased tax. Such sale is fraudulent, so far as the Government is concerned, whatever it may be between the parties, and ought not to be recognized as valid by the officers of internal revenue. Upon the sale for consumption, or removal for consumption, or sale or removal from the place of manufacture of such articles, after the 1st of July, the tax herein became due, and must be paid at the increased rates, pursuant to the last act."

DEATH OF AN EDITOR.

The Southern papers contain the news of the wounding, probably mortally, of Captain MICHAEL W. CLUSKEY, late editor of the Memphis *Avalanche*, and a few years since postmaster of the House of Representatives. Captain CLUSKEY is a son of Mr. CLUSKEY, the well-known engineer and architect of this city.

TOBACCO YIELD IN MARYLAND.

A well-known planter of Prince George's county, Maryland, who was in the city yesterday, states that the yield of tobacco in that famous tobacco-growing region will not this year exceed a thousand hogsheads. The usual crop in the county is two thousand hogsheads, or one-fourth of the entire product of the State of Maryland.

THE REPORTED CABINET CHANGES.

There are in this city no rumors, as elsewhere, of Cabinet changes. As to the reported resignation of the Secretary of War, the *National Republican* says, "Mr. STANTON denies the report, and so does the President."

THE 7-30 LOAN.

The subscriptions to the 7-30 loan, as reported at the Treasury Department to-day, amounted to $660,000.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Many of our officers have fallen beneath the fire of the sharpshooters, but our sharpshooters are quite as effective as those of the rebels. The Petersburg correspondent of the Mobile *Register* says that our men kill their artillerists sometimes a mile distant. He states that, the day before he wrote, a spent ball struck the ground in front of General LEE, and glancing struck his heel, and a few minutes after a young officer, standing near LEE, was shot through the lungs.

A lot of rebel prisoners arrived here yesterday afternoon. They were not as destitute-looking as the common run of rebel prisoners.

Captain FOX, of the Navy Department, left last evening for the North, to spend a few days.

Our forces captured a rebel train of twenty-five wagons, loaded with grain, near Aldie's Gap, on Sunday.

The rebel guerillas are getting very bold. They approach within a few miles of our defences, and have commenced gobbling up our straggling soldiers.

Defences of the Northeastern Frontier.

PORTLAND, August 10.—The Congressional Committee on the Defences of the Northeastern Boundary are inspecting the fortifications here to-day.

The Coast-Defence Excursion Party.

PORTLAND, August 10.—The Congressional Committee on Coast Defences held a levee at the City Hall, this evening, and will make an excursion to the islands to-morrow.

The Europa Outward Bound.

ST. JOHN'S, (N. F.,) August 8.—The steamship Europa, from Boston for Liverpool, passed Cape Race at six o'clock on Sunday evening.

Bursting of the Boiler of a Steamboat—Loss of Twelve Lives.

CHATHAM, C. W., August 10.—The propellor Racine, for Buffalo from Chicago, burst her boiler last night, off Rondeau Point, Lake Erie. Twelve of her crew were lost. The cabin and upper works of the vessel were burned, and all her cargo of flour, pork, and high wines was destroyed. The steamer Avon picked up the survivors, and towed the hull to the beach near Dealtown. The names of the crew that were lost have not been ascertained.

LARGE POSITIVE SALE OF 500 PACKAGES AND LOTS OF BRITISH, FRENCH, GERMAN, AND AMERICAN DRY GOODS, HOSIERY, &c., &c., THIS DAY.—The early particular attention of dealers is requested to the valuable and desirable assortment of British, German, French, and American dry goods, embracing about 500 packages and lots of staple and fancy articles in cottons, linens, woolens, worsteds, and silks, including 5,100 dozen cotton hosiery—to be peremptorily sold, by catalogue, on four months' credit and part for cash, commencing this (Thursday) morning, at 10 o'clock, to be continued all day, without intermission, by John B. Myers & Co., auctioneers, Nos. 232 and 234 Market street.

MOUNTAIN ADVERTISING.—Travellers in the White Mountain region this summer complain that many natural objects of interest are defaced by the advertisements of New York quack medicine men. A purse is to be made up by tourists to employ a house painter to judiciously efface the offensive advertisements by the application of paint, as near as possible to the natural color of the objects disfigured.

FIRE APPARATUS FOR CHILI.—A firm in Boston has recently sent a handsome engine, two hose-carriages, and 2,200 feet of hose to Santiago, Chili, and have an order for two more carriages. The burning of a cathedral full of people has taught the Santiaguis a lesson.

THE WAR.

MORE GOOD NEWS FROM MOBILE.

FARRAGUT FOLLOWING UP HIS SUCCESSES.

FORT GAINES SURRENDERED.

Its Whole Garrison Prisoners in our Hands.

The Stars and Stripes Flying from its Ramparts.

FORT POWELL EVACUATED AND BLOWN UP BY THE REBELS.

REBEL RETREAT UP THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY.

Gen. Sheridan Overtakes them near Winchester.

SKIRMISHING YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

Explosion of an Ordnance Boat at City Point.

GEN. SHERMAN'S REPORT OF THE BATTLE OF THE 22d.

A DECIDED VICTORY CLAIMED.

THE REBEL LOSS ESTIMATED AT 10,000.

Return of Part of Stoneman's Raiders.

OFFICIAL GAZETTE.

WAR DEPARTMENT,

WASHINGTON, August 10—10.30 P. M.

Major General Dix, New York:

The following report of the success of our operations at Mobile, extracted from the Richmond *Enquirer* of this morning, has just been received by this Department from Major General Butler:

"MOBILE, August 8.—On Friday night Lieut. Col. Williams, commanding Fort Powell, evacuated and blew up the fort. Yesterday and to-day the enemy are shelling Fort Gaines. The people of Mobile are all ready for the fray. The people are satisfied with the conduct of Lieutenants Buchanan, Maury, and Bennett, of the navy.

SECOND DESPATCH.

"MOBILE, August 8.—It is painfully humiliating to announce the shameful surrender of Fort Gaines at half past nine o'clock this morning, by Colonel Chas. Anderson, of the 21st Alabama Regiment. This powerful work was provisioned for six months, and with a garrison of 600 men. He communicated with the enemy's fleet by flag of truce, with the sanction of Gen. Page.

"General Page inquired by signal what his purpose was, and received no answer. His attention was attracted by signal guns. General Page repeatedly telegraphed: 'Hold on to your fort.'

"The same night he visited Ft. Gaines and found Anderson on board the Yankee fleet, arranging the terms of capitulation. He left peremptory orders for the surrender of the fort, not to surrender the fort, and relieved him of his command.

"Fort Morgan signalled this morning, but no answer was received except the hoisting of the Yankee flag over the ramparts of Fort Gaines. Anderson's conduct is officially pronounced inexplicable and shameful."

Despatches just received from General Sheridan report his forces moving against the enemy up the Shenandoah. At 4 P. M. they were skirmishing about ten miles from Winchester.

This morning General Grant reported the explosion of an ordnance boat yesterday, loaded with ammunition, at City Point wharf. No details have been received. Colonel Babcock, of Gen. Grant's staff, was slightly wounded.

No operations before Atlanta of consequence are reported to-day.

Portions of General Stoneman's command are continuing to arrive, and the total loss will not exceed one thousand.

EDWIN M. STANTON,
Secretary of War.

THE RETREAT OF THE RAIDERS.

EARLY IN FULL RETREAT UP THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY—HIS FORCE ONLY EIGHTEEN THOUSAND.

FOUR MILES SOUTH SIDE OF THE POTOMAC RIVER, VA., OPPOSITE WILLIAMSPORT, August 9—6 A. M.—[Special to the *Herald*.]—The rebels fell back from the river yesterday afternoon, and are now reported in full retreat up the valley. In consequence of a heavy Union force having got upon Early's flank, thus dangerously threatening his rear and communications with Richmond.

The flank movement was made by order of Gen. Grant.

Those who know say Early will not make a stand in the lower part of the valley unless absolutely compelled to do so. It is thought, though, there will be some fighting in and around the fortifications of Winchester.

Early's force did not at any time during this last raid exceed 18,000. I have facts and figures to prove this, these figures descending even to the strength of brigades and regiments, with the names of their commanding officers.

As I close this despatch there is a report that Martinsburg was occupied by Union troops last night. The road from here to Martinsburg is now said to be clear.

There are no heavy fighting. There are reports of skirmishing, and from all accounts there is every indication of a general rebel retreat.

PARTICULARS OF AVERILL'S RECENT VICTORY.

HARPER'S FERRY, August 9.—[Special to the *Tribune*.]—Gen. Averill attacked the combined forces of McCausland, Johnson, Gilmor, and McNeil, on the morning of the 7th, and, after a spirited fight, completely routed their entire command, capturing all of their artillery—four pieces—a vast quantity of small arms, 400 horses and equipments, 400 prisoners, including 6 field officers and 32 company officers. McCausland, with his broken and demoralized command, has fled to the mountains. Our loss was comparatively small—7 killed and 51 wounded. Among our killed are Major Congress and 1st Lieut. Clark, of the 8th Virginia Cavalry. They were struck down while gallantly leading a charge. Capt. Kerr was severely wounded while penetrating the enemy's lines.

THE SIEGE OF ATLANTA.

OFFICIAL REPORT OF GENERAL SHERMAN—THE BATTLE OF THE 22D OLD, BEFORE ATLANTA.

WASHINGTON, August 10.—Major General Sherman, in transmitting the following official report of General Logan, says though the number of dead rebels seems to be excessive, he is disposed to give full credit to the report; that though our loss is only 3,521 killed, wounded, and missing, the enemy's dead alone on the field nearly equaled that number, viz: 2,500.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT AND ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE, BEFORE ATLANTA, GEORGIA, July 24, 1864.—GENERAL: I have the honor to report the following general summary of the result of the attack of the enemy on this army on the 22d instant:

Our total loss of killed, wounded, and missing was 3,521 and ten pieces of artillery.

We have buried and delivered to the enemy, under flag of truce sent me by them, in front of the 3d Division, 17th Army Corps, 1,000 of their killed.

The number of their dead in front of the 6th division of the same corps, including those on the ground not now occupied by our troops, General Blair reports, will swell the number of the dead on his front to 1,500.

The number of their dead buried in front of the 15th Corps, up to this hour, is 300, and the commanding officer reports that at least as many more are yet unburied, the burying parties being still at work.

The number of dead buried in front of the 16th Corps is 422.

We have over 1,000 of their wounded in our hands, the larger number of wounded being carried off during the night after the engagement by them.

We captured 18 stands of colors, and have them now. We also captured 5,000 stands of arms.

The attack was made on our lines seven times, and was seven times repulsed. Hood's and Hardee's corps and Wheeler's cavalry engaged us.

We have sent to the rear 1,000 prisoners, including thirty-three commissioned officers of high rank. We still occupy the field, and the troops are in high spirits. A detached and full report will be forwarded as soon as completed.

Recapitulation—Our total loss, 3,521.

Enemy's dead thus far reported buried and delivered to them, 2,220.

Total number of prisoners sent North, 1,007.

Total prisoners wounded in our hands, 1,000.

Estimated loss of the enemy, at least 10,000.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN A. LOGAN, Major General.

To Major General W. T. SHERMAN, commanding Military Division of the Mississippi.

THE GUERILLA WAR IN THE SOUTH-WEST.

HORSE-STEALING—A BEARER OF DESPATCHES FROM A GUERILLA LEADER NOT RECOGNIZED.

LOUISVILLE, August 9.—This morning twenty guerillas attacked a party of men under W. B. Lanord, who were driving sixty horses to Gallatin, from Salt river road, five miles from West Point. The guerillas killed three of our men, and captured forty-two of the horses.

The Nashville *Union* has official authority for the statement that the loss in McCook's raid will not exceed five hundred.

J. Walker Taylor, purporting to be a bearer of despatches, was stopped at New Albany, Indiana, last night, bearing a letter from Col. A. R. Johnson, headquarters of the Confederate forces in Union county, Kentucky, addressed to General Burbridge, asking if he considered the shooting of Confederates in Henderson as in accordance with his order regarding guerillas, and deputizing Major Taylor to confer with him on the subject.

General Emery directed Colonel Fairleigh to write to Colonel Johnson, refusing to recognize Major Taylor, as Johnson was in Kentucky, a State not within the Confederate lines, and in command of but a small force, composed chiefly of irresponsible persons; and as he was acting without any authority known to General Emery, he could not officially transmit his message to General Burbridge, and refused further intercourse. As Major Taylor claimed to be a Confederate soldier, he would send him into the Confederate lines.

Sixty guerillas were encamped at Garrettsville last night.

ASSESSMENTS ON REBEL CITIZENS.

CAIRO, August 9.—General Paine has ordered heavy assessments to be made on the disloyal citizens of Hickman, Groves, Vallard, and McCracken counties, in Kentucky, for the benefit of the families of Union soldiers whose property has been destroyed by the rebels. Capt. Paine has gone to Hickman to collect an assessment of $50,000. Poultry, ice, butter, eggs, coal, wood, hay, cattle, sheep, hogs, and furniture are allowed to be shipped within the Federal lines in insurrectionary States. Twenty hogsheads of tobacco, from Paducah, arrived to-day, mostly for New York.

THE INDIAN WAR.

NEW DEPREDATIONS—ALARM SPREADING OVER THE UTAH PRAIRIES.

OMAHA CITY, August 10.—The Indians are hourly committing new depredations, stealing stock, burning trains, and killing indiscriminately. They were within one hundred yards of the pickets of Fort Kearney last night, and fired an arrow at one.

A coach arrived at Fort Kearney this morning. The passengers report passing several trains which had been burned, and eleven dead bodies by the wayside. A party of six whites were killed at Thirty-two Mile Creek last night.

The Indians have stolen all the stock at Cottonwood station, ninety miles west of Fort Kearney. This morning a party of soldiers started in pursuit. It is well known the same renegade whites, suppposed from Quantrell's old band, are associated with the Indians.

FORT LARAMIE, August 9.—The Indians are getting very bold, and great alarm prevails throughout the country. It is feared that they will attack this point. Many emigrants have been killed, and much stock stolen.

CALIFORNIA.

Surrender of Acapulco.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 8.—The Golden City has arrived with the passengers that left New York July 13.

Acapulco has been surrendered by the forces of Alvarez.

General Uraga has declared for the Empire, but only a few hundred of his men followed him.

A large Liberal force holds Colima.

The blockade of Manzanilla is not enforced.

The mining shares are dull, and the transactions are unimportant.

Australian dates to the 1st of June show a falling off in the gold receipts.

LARGE AMOUNTS OF GOLD DUST—NEW MINES DISCOVERED IN OREGON.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 9.—The steamer Oregon, from British Columbia and Oregon, brings nearly $500,000 in gold dust, mostly from the Idaho and Oregon mines. The Victoria papers record the finding of rich mines in Snake and Leesh rivers, twenty-two miles from Victoria. There is a great rush in that direction.

Idaho is decreasing in population. Mining reports are contradictory.

THE UTAH INDIAN TROUBLES RELIEVED TO BE AT AN END.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 8.—The Indian troubles in Utah are all supposed to be at an end, General Connor having sent out troops.

An emigrant reports the massacre of several hundred emigrants by the Snake Indians, in Idaho. The story lacks confirmation.

STATE LEGISLATURE.

HARRISBURG, August 10, 1864.

SENATE.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock.

The following bills were introduced:

One by Mr. REILLY, repealing a section of the act relative to the Orphans' Court of Schuylkill county.

Mr. CONNELL, one relative to a clerical error in the apportionment bill.

Mr. MOORE, one authorizing the president and directors of the Franklin and Allegheny Bridge Company to borrow money.

NO PRIVATE BILLS TO BE CONSIDERED.

Mr. LOWRY offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Senate will not proceed to the consideration of any private bill during this session: *Provided*, That this resolution shall not refer to any bill heretofore passed and in the hands of the Governor, and requiring amendment; or any bill giving pay to volunteers.

The vote on this resolution was as follows: yeas 23, nays 7.

Mr. CONNELL offered a resolution requesting the Governor to return certain bills which had been passed by the Legislature last winter, but needed some amendment before the Governor could sign them.

The resolution was passed.

STATE TROOPS IN NATIONAL SERVICE.

Mr. WILSON offered the following:

Whereas, Great dissatisfaction exists in the 187th Regiment P. V., now attached to the 5th Army Corps, in consequence of an alleged violation of good faith on the part of the War Department, in ordering them into active service, contrary to the terms of their enlistment, contained in General Order No. 49, issued by the General Couch, on the 24th day of March last; therefore,

Resolved, That the Governor be respectfully requested to communicate to the Senate all the facts within his knowledge appertaining to said enlistment, and the duties for which the same was specially and especially recruited and mustered into the United States service.

Laid over under the rules for one day.

STATE BOUNTIES.

Mr. JOHNSON offered the following:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing the General Bounty Law passed at the late session, and substituting in its stead a State Bounty Law, in such manner as to do away injustice to such counties as have availed themselves of the provisions of said act to fill their quotas for five hundred thousand men, under the late call of the President, and report by bill or otherwise.

The Senate refused to proceed to the second reading of this resolution—ayes 11, nays 18.

The Senate then adjourned to visit Chambersburg and accepted the invitation.

The Senate then adjourned until 8½ o'clock on Thursday evening.

HOUSE.

The House met at 10 A. M.

Mr. BROWN offered a resolution recalling some forty bills from the Governor. These were bills which had been passed by both branches of the Legislature, and which needed the personal liability or some other amendment before they could be approved by the Governor.

A general discussion ensued as to the propriety of recalling the bills. It was contended that by so doing the Legislature would be opening the door to private legislation. On the other hand it was argued that the bills to be returned and perfected were really meritorious, and needed only trivial amendments.

Mr. SMITH, of Chester, moved also to recall from the custody of the Governor an act enabling State banks to do business under the National law, which the Governor had refused to sign.

Mr. SMITH, of Chester, stated that the objection to the bank bill was that it did not require the State organization, before going under the National law, to surrender the specie certificates which they had obtained from the Commonwealth. If this amendment was made the bill might not be objectionable to the Governor. The majority of the State banks were willing to surrender their certificates, and Pennsylvania would thereby be relieved from the burden.

The amendment of Mr. Smith was agreed to, as was also the resolution recalling the bills.

MILITARY TELEGRAPH LINE.

Mr. SCARIGHT asked leave to introduce an act appropriating $5,000 to construct a military telegraph line between Connellsville and Uniontown, in Fayette county, a distance of 12 miles.

Mr. GLASS argued that a good telegraph line could be put up at $125 per mile.

Mr. SEARIGHT had been informed that a greater sum would be necessary.

Mr. ISAAC HERE moved to suspend the rules to read bills by a vote of ayes 60, nays 30.

INVITATION TO CHAMBERSBURG.

Mr. SHARPE presented a communication from a committee of the citizens of Ch