The Press.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1864.

THE SECRETARY OF WAR, in an official gazette, has stated that two hundred thousand men have already enlisted; that three hundred thousand are to be furnished by the draft. He further states that with one hundred thousand more men Gen. GRANT will be able to end the rebellion before winter, and that the balance of the troops raised by draft will be used to garrison the forts, and take care of the guerillas. Words cannot add to the emphasis of this announcement. It should arouse the nation.

THE FALL OF ATLANTA.

The second great stronghold of the South has fallen. On the morning of yesterday the advance of General SHERMAN'S army entered Atlanta, as we learn by announcement in the War Gazette of Secretary STANTON. This news, though not unexpected, is entirely welcome, and is a cause for national gratitude and pride. SHERMAN and his veteran army have nobly satisfied the promise of one of the most able and memorable campaigns of the war, and a crowning chapter has been added to the glorious record of the Western army.

To whatever cause the rebels may ascribe their abandonment of a position admitted to be indispensable to the success of their falling cause, we cannot err by looking upon its acquisition as a moral and military advantage of great value. Its capture has been effected within reasonable time. We should rather say, it has more than justified expectations, and as a military success it is thoroughly consistent with the plans and the career of the accomplished leader of the army in Georgia. We may judge the worth of this triumph from the confession made by Gov. BROWN in his proclamation to the citizens of Georgia, and by the removal of General JOS. JOHNSTON to give place to General HOOD. The Governor of Georgia regarded the capture of Atlanta as a formidable step toward the ruin of the Confederacy. Gen. HOOD was elevated to his present honor simply because he, of all the officers under General JOHNSTON, most earnestly believed that Atlanta could be successfully defended.

The solitary advantage the rebels could derive from this colossal defeat would be the precipitation of a large force upon General GRANT. There is great probability that the evacuation of Atlanta was hastened, and partially compelled, by the necessity of defending Richmond. In effect, it was impossible for the rebel army to simultaneously defend the two cities; one or the other was necessarily sacrificed to save the other. Gen. HOOD will probably make no further attempt to resist the advance of General SHERMAN, for Atlanta was the chosen, fortified, strongest position in the Southwest, and in abandoning it Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi are yielded to our arms. Part of HOOD'S army is possibly at this time on its way to Richmond, and the theory of the rebels must be that this movement will compel one similar on the part of SHERMAN. However this may be, there can be no doubt that the evacuation of Atlanta was caused by the weakness of the rebellion, and that Gen. SHERMAN has won a permanent and grand victory, which will contribute immeasurably to the speedy triumph of the Union. This resolute man said, early in the campaign, to his officers: "Gentlemen, I intend to place this army south of Atlanta." He has kept his word.

Democratic Success Desired by the Rebels.

Mr. JUDAH P. BENJAMIN, the rebel Secretary of State, makes official announcement that "the separation of the States is an accomplished fact," and that Mr. DAVIS "has no authority to receive proposals for negotiations except by virtue of his office as *President of an independent Confederacy*, and on this basis alone must proposals be made to him." Compare this uncompromising declaration with the meaning and spirit of the Chicago platform, its proposition to "restore peace on the basis of the Federal Union," and its stipulation for an immediate armistice to treat with the "*independent Confederacy*" of *Mr. BENJAMIN*. Who will dispute that this platform boldly risks dishonor for the sake of an uncertain gain?

It has long been the argument of the Opposition that the power at once to end the war and maintain the Union was in the hands of the Administration. It has been repeatedly asserted that the rebels are willing to negotiate with the Government, and are only prevented by the stubborn refusal of the Administration to agree to an armistice or a convention. The gentlemen at Chicago made this charge directly, and assume that their party, were it in power, could easily meet the South on common ground, and restore the Union without further trouble or bloodshed. These pretences need no other exposure than Mr. BENJAMIN has made, and the opponents of the Administration may say what they will, the great fact remains that the rebel leaders will receive no offers of peace that do not acknowledge the Southern States to be an independent nation. When the managers of the present Democratic party talk of peace as if it were something they had only to ask for to obtain, do they mean such a peace as this? They must mean it; for, if there is any sincerity in the declarations of JEFFERSON DAVIS and his Secretary of State, an honorable peace is only possible when their military power is destroyed.

It must be remembered, too, that the rebel papers which have so anxiously desired the success of the Democratic party in the fall elections have invariably assigned as their reason that the independence of the Confederacy would be the certain result. They have never said that under a Democratic Administration the rebel leaders would be willing to submit to the Government. General MCCLELLAN may have the benefit of this startling fact, that every rebel newspaper, and many rebel leaders, have openly insisted that Democratic triumph and disunion were inseparable. His party may profess what love it pleases for the Union, but cannot conceal that the Disunionists, North and South, are of all men the most anxious for its success.

ONE of our cotemporaries objects, as we also object, to the use of inaccurate and angry terms during this political canvass. General MCCLELLAN, it observes, should not be called "a traitor" by his opponents, although one of his own supporters at the Chicago Convention was ungentlemanly enough to call him "an idiot." We admit the rule, as, in common with the earnest and patriotic journals of the country, we have never transgressed it. What we ask in turn bears no reference to party, and we may submit it to the fair sense of all who boast a shade of patriotism. Is it proper for any journalist of the North to style the President of the United States "Old Abe," and, in the same column, recognize the leader of the rebellion as "President DAVIS?" Yet this is infinitely worse, by implication, than calling General MCCLELLAN a traitor.

IN all the championship of the patriotism which met at Chicago, opposed itself to the war, and took our brave soldiers under its sovereign pity, we have found no such thing as a plausible defence for the lately-detected conspiracy in the West. Mr. VOORHEES argues that the "constitutional right of citizens to bear arms shall not be infringed;" but, as every one knows, this does not include even an apology for the "20,000" rifles with which Mr. VOORHEES sought to arm a secret political society vowing vengeance on the Government and death to the draft. Intelligent and *peaceable* citizens will withdraw their countenance from the affiliations of a party which, opposing war, shows no disposition to "keep the peace."

IN the excitement of the Presidential canvass the merits of the Union candidates for civic, legislative, and congressional offices should not be forgotten. The nominations are, without exception, we believe, excellent; and some of the gentlemen named have national reputations for ability and patriotism. Every exertion made to elect the local and State ticket in October will also be felt in the November elections.

The Besieged Rebel Cities.

The campaigns against Mobile, Atlanta, and Petersburg have assumed, since we last considered them, an aspect greatly changed. Atlanta is no longer besieged—our flag floats over the city. Mobile but waits to fall into the hands of Farragut, and Petersburg alone holds out defiantly against us, promising terrible fighting and bloodshed. The advices we publish to-day from Petersburg are significant, and even were it not so, observation would naturally teach us to expect struggles fiercer than any in which the two armies have heretofore engaged. Despite the desperate efforts of Lee to drive us from the Weldon Railroad, we still hold enough of it to make it useless to him, and he will leave nothing undone to regain it. On it, indeed, as well he is aware, depends the existence of the Confederacy. For it he has sacrificed Atlanta; but, unfortunate for him, in the hour of his peril, Sherman, who has been carefully watching Hood, has in part at least defeated his plans. Atlanta, according to the despatches we print in another column, was evidently evacuated by General Hood by order of General Lee. But Sherman, who has undoubtedly been expecting such a move, must have discovered it as soon as it was begun; for we learn that a battle was fought at East Point in which the rebel army was cut in two. East Point is *nearly five miles* in the rear of Atlanta. Sherman must have pursued, overtaken the rebel army, and routed it. We do not know whether anything beyond a thorough defeat resulted to Hood, or whether any great part of his forces was captured, but we suppose not, or the fact, which is very important, would have been announced. They may have succeeded in continuing the retreat they began towards the *Macon* and *Savannah Railroad*, and also in pursuing the route they first intended—the route to Richmond to reinforce Lee. Hood is clearly not so selfish in evacuations as Johnston, his predecessor, and Beauregard and Lee. It was, as has been prophesied, a "black day" when Johnston was ousted from his command.

Lee *was forced to this*, to him, sad step by inexorable circumstances. He has failed to take the Weldon Railroad after the fiercest, most ably-devised, and courageous assaults. He was too weak; and, unwilling to trust himself he dare not recall Early from the Shenandoah. Such a course would only have transferred his danger to a new locality: The Danville road was too important to lose, and, if the army which defended at once it and the city of Lynchburg were withdrawn, Sheridan with his forces would make short work of both. In this dilemma he calls upon Hood, and the telegrams further in this column. Danger is to be dreaded if Hood should join Lee, but if his army is scattered it will take some time to render it available, and in the meanwhile Grant, now in full possession of the knowledge of *Lee's* weakness, by his own confession, will essay to carry his legions into Richmond and Petersburg.

THE VALUE OF ATLANTA.

Our readers are fully in possession of the topography of the country around Atlanta—of the fact of its being a centre for the railroad system of Georgia. Apart from the fact that this system has now been destroyed, there are other considerations of perhaps greater importance, although, indeed, the tacit reduction of Georgia is important enough. It is to be presumed that Hood, since he has been badly defeated in every pitched battle with our troops, is entirely unable to cope with Sherman in the field. In the field he must fight—there are no more fortified Atlantas. If his army has been overtaken, driven—and on this fact we rest our speculations—then by rapid pursuit Sherman can render it impossible for either half to reach Petersburg, and he will end by entirely scattering the rebel army. But, even if one-half should reach Lee, we are taught to believe that it cannot be much more than 30,000 strong, and, in that event, Grant and his earthworks can hold Lee at bay until Sherman carries out the grand mission Providence seems to have assigned him. Planted in the very centre of Georgia, all of its admirably-complete railroads at his command, he is 270 miles from Mobile and 215 from Charleston and Savannah. His grand army (of which, by the way, he can readily spare, if needful, 30,000 men for Grant, to whom they can be transferred within ten days from date), thus can at will operate on these three points with scarcely any opposition. He has railroads all the way. The residents along the lines, if there are any left, would scarcely dare to injure them, and even if they did, the history of Union railroad building from Nashville to Chattanooga, and from Chattanooga to Atlanta, assures us that equal despatch would be used in repairing roads but slightly damaged leading to three "besieged rebel cities." No great damage indeed could be inflicted, as the country through which they pass is traversed by no mountains, and by no rivers larger than the *narrow Chattahoochie*. Thus the capture of Atlanta is a grand victory, the greatest of the war, for it lays the way open to us for the very heaviest blows the rebellion has received, and under which it fain must die.

Those vital points where the heart of the rebellion throbs, points which we have striven to reach so long in vain, will soon feel the bayonets of the Union. Alabama and Georgia are cut away from the Confederacy, and cease to be the bases of supplies for its armies, and Saturday, September 3d, dawns upon it the darkest day of its short and bloody existence. May we soon see the last.

THE CALL FOR TROOPS.

IMPORTANT OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

ENCOURAGEMENT TO ENLISTMENT—LARGE CREDITS ON ACCOUNT OF THE DRAFT—100,000 MEN ADDED TO GRANT'S ARMY WILL FINISH THE REBELLION.

WASHINGTON, September 2, 1864.

To Major General Dix, New York:

It is ascertained with reasonable certainty that the naval and other credits, required by the act of Congress, will amount to about 200,000, including New York, which has not yet been reported to the Department, so that *the President's call of July 18th* is practically reduced to three hundred thousand men to meet and take the place of first the enlistments in the navy, second the casualties of battle, sickness, prisoners, and desertion, and third the hundred-days troops, and all others going out by the expiration of service this fall.

One hundred thousand new troops promptly furnished is all that General Grant asks for the capture of Richmond, and to give a finishing blow to the rebel armies yet in the field.

The residue of the call would be adequate for garrisons in fort and cities, and to guard all the lines of communication and supply, free the country from guerillas, give security to trade, protect commerce and travel, and establish peace, order, and tranquility in every State.

EDWIN M. STANTON,
Secretary of War.

WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2, 1864.

DEATHS OF SOLDIERS.

The following soldiers, belonging to Pennsylvania Regiments, have died here and been buried within the last few days: JOHN HEISER, 53d; GEORGE T. JACK, 100th; WILLIAM HURLMAN, 105th; JAMES CONNELLY, 2d Heavy Artillery; AMOS K. DILLON, 13th Cavalry, and DAVID N. BAKER, 13th Cavalry.

A SUBSTITUTE THIEF.

GEORGE W. BROWN, arrested for running a negro substitute off to Baltimore, has been fined five hundred dollars.

CREDITS FOR THE COMING DRAFT.

We have the authority of Col. W. H. BROWNE, Acting Provost Marshal General for Maryland and Delaware, for stating that volunteers will be counted on the quotas of the present call up to the latest practicable moment before the draft, and men are accepted and sent to rendezvous; and in all districts where an earnestness shall have been manifested in procuring volunteers, such volunteers will be duly credited as above, even if the volunteer shall have enlisted after the fifth day of September.

A FEMALE REBEL SPY.

SARAH MITCHELL, alias Charley West, of the 15th Virginia Cavalry, who was arrested at Harper's Ferry as a spy by Captain PRATT, while loitering around our camp dressed in United States uniform, arrived last evening, and was committed to the Old Capitol. SARAH makes quite a neat-looking soldier, is fond of talk, and says she served two years in Co. A, 18th Virginia Cavalry, in Imboden's command.

ARREST OF REBEL SYMPATHIZERS IN VIRGINIA.

Our troops stationed in Fairfax and Loudon counties, Virginia, having been greatly molested of late by bushwhackers, it has been determined to put a stop to it by arresting the disloyal citizens of the neighborhood, many of whom are believed to be connected with these rebel gangs. Yesterday thirty-two alleged *warm rebel sympathizers*, residing in the counties above named, were brought to this city, and were committed to the Old Capitol, to await an investigation. Thirty more of the sixty rebel sympathizers and suspicious characters, arrested in *Loudon county*, Va., a week or two since, were released from the Old Capitol yesterday, upon their parole of honor not to do any act injurious or detrimental to the United States Government.

THE ENROLMENT ACT—AN ERROR CORRECTED.

LITTLE, BROWN & Co.'s last volume of the statutes at large contain an error in the act further to regulate and provide for the enrolling and calling out the National forces. It states that in case the quota shall not be filled within the space of *sixty* days after the call, the President shall *immediately* order a draft for one year, etc.; but the official roll, from which a copy of the act was furnished to the authorized newspaper publishers of the laws by the State Department, provides that *fifty* days, as stated in the President's proclamation, shall elapse after the call before a draft shall be ordered.

SENTENCED FOR TREASONABLE LANGUAGE.

FRANK RUSSELL READING, publisher of a theatrical sheet called *The Guide*, has been sentenced to an imprisonment for five years in Fort Delaware, for uttering treasonable language while the enemy were in front of Washington.

SKILLED MECHANICS.

The Secretary's order in reference to skilled mechanics is to be strictly construed by commanding officers.

PUNISHED FOR DESERTION.

Ten privates have recently been tried and convicted of desertion, and have been sentenced to imprisonment at hard labor in Fort Delaware for two or three years, and to forfeit all pay and allowances.

VICTORY!

GLORIOUS NEWS!

CAPTURE OF ATLANTA.

THE CITY OCCUPIED BY OUR ARMY.

THE NEWS FULLY CONFIRMED

A BATTLE FOUGHT NEAR EAST POINT.

THE REBEL ARMY CUT IN TWO.

Gen. Hardee Reported Killed.

THE ARMY BEFORE PETERSBURG.

THE REBELS REPORTED TO BE LAYING A NEW RAILROAD.

A UNION BATTERY SHELLING THE TOWN.

Early Still in the Shenandoah Valley.

HE IS OPENING TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATION WITH RICHMOND.

Official Despatch from Admiral Farragut.

DETAILS OF THE SURRENDER OF FORT MORGAN.

Dishonorable Conduct of the Rebel Officers.

THE WAR IN TENNESSEE.

A BATTLE FOUGHT NEAR NASHVILLE.

General Rousseau Driving the Rebels.

OFFICIAL GAZETTE.

THE CAPTURE OF ATLANTA—THE CITY OCCUPIED BY GEN. SHERMAN.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2—3 P. M.

Major General Dix, New York:

This Department has received intelligence this evening that General Sherman's advance entered Atlanta about noon to-day. The particulars have not yet been received, but telegraphic communication during the night with Atlanta direct is expected.

E. M. STANTON,
Secretary of War.

SECOND OFFICIAL GAZETTE.

THE CAPTURE OF ATLANTA CONFIRMED—IT IS NOW OCCUPIED BY THE 20TH CORPS—THE REBEL ARMY CUT IN TWO BY GEN. SHERMAN—REPORTED DEATH OF GEN. HARDEE.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2—10.45 P. M.

Major General Dix, New York:

The following telegram from Major General Slocum, dated this day in Atlanta, and just received, confirms the capture of that city:

"General Sherman has taken Atlanta, and the 20th Corps now occupy the city.

"The main army is on the Macon road, near East Point.

"A battle was fought near that place, in which General Sherman was successful. The particulars are not known.

"H. W. SLOCUM, Maj. Gen."

An unofficial report states that in the battle fought near East Point, by General Sherman with Hood, the rebel army was cut in two, with very heavy loss to the enemy, and that Gen. Hardee was killed.

Our loss is not known.

EDWIN M. STANTON,
Secretary of War.

CAPTURE OF ATLANTA.

A CONFIRMATORY DESPATCH FROM LOUISVILLE—SHERMAN'S ADVANCE ENTERS THE PLACE.

LOUISVILLE, Sept. 2.—Brigadier General Ewing, commanding the Western District of Kentucky, has just received a despatch from the front announcing that Sherman's advance entered Atlanta at nine o'clock this morning. No further particulars have been received.

ANOTHER DESPATCH FROM NASHVILLE.

NASHVILLE, Sept. 2—General Sherman's advance entered Atlanta this morning, at 11 o'clock, and the whole Federal force will enter to-day.

THE ARMY BEFORE PETERSBURG.

AN ATTACK EXPECTED—CANNONADING AT NIGHT—A REPORTED NEW RAILROAD TO PETERSBURG.

[Special Despatch to The Press.]

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—The *Chronicle* has received the following special despatch:

BEFORE PETERSBURG, Sept. 1.—The enemy were reported moving artillery to the right. In the afternoon slight skirmishing began along the whole position road. The 6th Corps were placed under arms and marched into the breastworks. Some deserters came in during the day and said we were to be attacked at 4 o'clock P. M. With the exception of the slight skirmish along the railroad there was no disturbance. Our men waited with anxious expectation, but no rebels made their appearance. Out on the skirmish line is a large frame house from the top of which we can obtain an excellent view of the surrounding country. The object of the enemy was to drive away our pickets and regain possession of this vacant dwelling. Three men were wounded. The house is now in our possession.

Cannonading occurs at the regular hours every night. No infantry is initiated. It is understood, though, when one is anxious to go to sleep.

Frequent heavy rains, together with bad water, are causing considerable sickness among the men. This is confined principally to the new men, who are coming in continually. Quinine and whisky is given to men occupying trenches as a ration morning and evening.

The quietude along the entire front is as wonderful as unaccountable. There is something oppressive about it. We seem to be continually expecting a fight, and know not the time or the place of its occurrence. It is believed the rebels are bringing the Weldon Railroad into Petersburg by a new and formerly unknown route. This is very possible. There must be some trouble in getting rails to take out the track.

PETERSBURG SHELLED FROM A RAILROAD BATTERY.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—The latest information from the Army of the Potomac is that Wednesday passed without any changes in the relative positions of the opposing armies which can be of any interest to the general reader.

The monster 15-inch mortar, mounted on a railroad car, has recently been sent up the road opposite Petersburg, and a few shells thrown by it into the city. The object of this was to deter the rebels from firing on our pickets, and it seems to have been partially successful.

There was a heavy artillery duel on the evening of the 29th ult., in front of Petersburg, continuing for over an hour.

THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY.

GEN. EARLY STILL IN THE VALLEY—HIS HEADQUARTERS AT BUNKER HILL.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 2.—The *American's* special despatch, dated at Charlestown, Va., Sept. 2, says: "I have been much disappointed on learning that the despatches which *I sent you from Berryville* have failed to reach their destination.

"I have not sufficient time in this despatch, as the mail closes at Harper's Ferry at 1.15 P.M., to enter into details, but will simply state the principal points of information which were obtained by a reconnoissance.

"In the first place Early *has not left* and has no intention of leaving, the valley. His headquarters are at Bunker Hill, half way between Martinsburg and Winchester. He is busily engaged in repairing and putting up the telegraph line, and has already telegraphic communication with Richmond from this side of Woodstock.

"Early is receiving reinforcements, and Fitz Hugh Lee is known to have received 300 fresh horses for his cavalry, who are said to number 7,000.

"There is a regular stage from Winchester to Staunton, which runs every day, and several officers and soldiers are receiving short furloughs to go home and return to Winchester, which does not look as though he intended to leave the valley."

TENNESSEE.

A BATTLE NEAR NASHVILLE—THE REBELS DRIVEN BY GENERAL ROUSSEAU—WHEELER'S FORCE REPORTED ADVANCING.

NASHVILLE, Sept. 1.—A rebel force, estimated 1,000 strong, with twelve guns, were within seventeen miles of Nashville, on the New Freedom pike, at daylight this morning.

Major General Rousseau, with a body of cavalry and infantry, started yesterday and met the enemy's advance early this morning. Sharp skirmishing ensued, with varying success. At the last accounts Rousseau had driven the rebels three miles towards Murfreesboro.

A messenger from the advance reports that Wheeler's whole force is between this city and Murfreesboro, and that there is a large rebel force at Lebanon. Prisoners and some wounded have been sent from Rousseau's front.

THE REBELS TEARING UP THE GREAT WESTERN RAILROAD.

LOUISVILLE, Sept. 1.—Passengers from Nashville report that Wheeler, Forrest, and Roddy are engaged in tearing up the track of the Great Western Railroad, between Nashville and the Tennessee river.

The *Union* says that Rousseau has made such disposition of his force that these rebel commands cannot injure the road, and that Rousseau has gone out to give Wheeler battle.

GENERAL ROUSSEAU'S PURSUIT OF WHEELER.

NASHVILLE, Sept. 2.—Several miles of the Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad were burned by Wheeler's forces yesterday. Gen. Rousseau drove the rebel force within three miles of Lagrange, *yesterday afternoon*, with stubborn resistance. He reports that the head of Wheeler's column left the Murfreesboro' plice about ten o'clock, moving from the Tennessee and Alabama Railroad in the direction of Franklin.

Rousseau is in close pursuit, and persons just in from Franklin report that town in the hands of Wheeler's forces, he having entered and captured it last night.

Our casualties in the skirmishing of yesterday were 2 killed and 10 wounded.

A small body of rebels fired on a train on the Alabama and Tennessee Railroad, at *Brentwood*, *eight* miles from here.

The rebel loss yesterday was eight killed and fifteen wounded. The telegraph is open south of this point.

KENTUCKY.

M'QUADE'S AND JESSEY'S GUERILLAS.

LOUISVILLE, Sept. 1.—Fifteen guerillas, under Billy McQuade, are reported to have thrown an *engine off the track* of the Lebanon Branch Railroad, this afternoon, six miles from New Haven. They burned the express and baggage cars and robbed the passengers, and left in the direction of Bardstown.

Jessey's gang of two hundred guerillas returned this morning from a raid to the Ohio river, and encamped four miles from New Castle. The inhabitants of that town momentarily expected an attack.

DEPARTMENT OF THE GULF.

ADMIRAL FARRAGUT'S OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE SURRENDER OF FORT MORGAN.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—The Navy Department to-day received the following from Admiral Farragut:

FLAG-SHIP HARTFORD,
WEST GULF BLOCKADING SQUADRON,
MOBILE BAY, August 26, 1864.

SIR: I had the honor, in my despatch No. 31, to state to the Department that Fort Morgan had surrendered, on the 23d instant, to the army and navy, though at the time that despatch was written and mailed the ceremony of surrender had not actually taken place.

It was also discovered that General Page and several of his officers had no swords to deliver up, and consequently the terms of those which were surrendered had been broken. The whole conduct of the officers at Fort Gaines and Fort Morgan presents such a striking contrast in moral principle that I cannot fail to remark upon it. Col. Anderson, who commanded the former, finding himself in a position perfectly untenable and encumbered with a superfluous number of conscripts, many of whom were boys, determined to surrender a fort which he could not defend.

The correspondence preliminary to that event is herewith forwarded, marked Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4.

The department will perceive the terms of capitulation were the same as in the case of Fort Gaines. General Page endeavored to obtain more favorable terms, but without success.

I regret to state that after the assembling of the rebel officers at the appointed hour of 2 P. M., for the surrender outside of the fort, it was discovered on an examination of the interior that most of the guns were spiked, many of the gun carriages wantonly injured, and the arms, ammunition, and provisions, etc., destroyed, and there was every reason to believe that this had been done after the white flag had been raised.

In this determination he was supported by all his officers save one; but from the moment he hoisted the white flag he scrupulously kept everything intact, and in that condition delivered it over, whilst General Page and his officers, with a childish spitefulness, destroyed the guns which they had said they would defend to the last, but which they never defended at all, and threw away or broke those weapons which they had not the manliness to use against their enemies: for Fort Morgan never fired a gun after the commencement of the bombardment, and the advanced pickets of our army were actually on its glacis.

As before stated, the ceremony of surrender took place at 2 P. M., and that same afternoon all the garrison were sent to New Orleans in the United States steamers *Tennessee* and *Bienville*, where they arrived safely.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

D. G. FARRAGUT, Rear Admiral,
Commanding W. G. B. S.

HON. GIDEON WELLES, Secretary of the Navy, Washington.

FORT MORGAN, August 23, 1864.

Rear Admiral D. G. Farragut, U. S. N., Major General Gordon Granger, U. S. A.:

GENTLEMEN: The further sacrifice of life being unnecessary, and my sick and wounded suffering and being exposed, humanity demands that I ask for terms of capitulation.

Very respectfully, &c.,
R. L. PAGE,
Brigadier General C. S. A.

HEADQUARTERS U. S. FORCES,
MOBILE BAY, August 23, 1864.

I have notified Admiral Farragut of your desire to capitulate. Until his arrival, hostilities will be suspended, when your proposal will be duly considered.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

G. GRANGER,
Major General U. S. A., Commanding.

To Brigadier General R. L. PAGE, Commanding at Fort Morgan.

HEADQUARTERS U. S. FORCES,
MOBILE BAY, August 23, 1864.

Brigadier General R. L. Page, Commanding Fort Morgan:

GENERAL: In reply to your communication of this date, received by Captain Taylor, asking for terms of capitulation, we have to say that the only terms we can make are: 1st. The unconditional surrender of yourself and the garrison of Fort Morgan, with all of the public property within its limits, and in the same condition as it is now.

2d. The treatment which is in conformity with the custom of the most civilized nations towards prisoners of war.

3d. Private property, with the exception of arms, will be respected.

J. P. S. DRAYTON, Captain U. S. N.,
On the part of Admiral Farragut, Commanding the naval forces.

R. ARNOLD, Brig. Gen. U. S. A.,
On the part of Gen. Grangor, Commanding U. S. forces.

FORT MORGAN, August 23, 1864.

Captain Drayton, U. S. N., Brigadier General R. Arnold, U. S. A., acting on the part respectively of Admiral Farragut and General Granger:

GENTLEMEN: Your conditions in the communication of to-day are accepted, but I have still to request that myself with my sick be granted and inserted in the capitulation.

I will be prepared to surrender at 2 o'clock, and to embark as soon as possible.

Respectfully, &c.,
R. L. PAGE,
Brigadier General C. S. A.

THE INDIAN WAR.

A SPECIAL AGENT SENT OUT BY THE INDIAN BUREAU—PROCLAMATION OF THE GOVERNOR OF COLORADO.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—An official despatch received here to-day says the murders and depredations on the plains are confined by comparatively few of the several Indian tribes. It is understood the Indian Bureau has sent thither a special agent with a view to the pacification of the dissatisfied savages.

The fact may not be generally known that the Governor of Colorado has issued a proclamation urging other citizens, or some organizations to the kill and destroy the hostile Indians, and seize their property, distinguishing between those which are friendly and those which are not so: This proceeding of the Governor is independent of the Federal authorities, and may increase rather than lessen the calamities to which settlers and emigrants are now exposed.

DEFEAT OF THE INDIANS BY GEN. SULLY:

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 2.—The *Sioux City* (Iowa) *Register* of the 27th ult. says that Mr. Sell, of the quartermasters' department, has just arrived from Fort Union, and reports that a battle occurred between Gen. Sully's command and about 5,000 Indians, on Knife river, on July 26; in which the Indians were defeated with a loss of 150. Our loss was 5 killed and twenty or thirty wounded.

CALIFORNIA AND SANDWICH ISLANDS.

Union Congressman and Presidential Electors Nominated—A Coup d'Etat by King Kamehameha.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 31.—Arrived, ships Sumatra, Belvidere, and Daniel Marcy, from New York, and Winged Hunter, from Boston. Sailed, ship Mary L. Sutton, for Baker's Island.

The Union Republican State Convention have nominated for Presidential electors J. G. McCallum, Samuel Brannan, Rev. O. C. McCoy, J. Wing Oliver, and William Crane, and, as a matter of precaution, have instructed them to cast their votes for Lincoln and Johnson.

A nolle prosequi has been entered in the case of W. R. Smiley, for keeping the treasure recovered from the steamer Golden Gate.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 1.—J. C. McRuer, of San Francisco, has been nominated by the Union Republican Convention for Congress from the Southern district of California, William Higby from the Middle district, and John Bidwell from the Northern district. This is regarded as an excellent ticket.

Arrived, ship Milan, from New York. Sailed, ship Rival, for Hong Kong.

An arrival from Honolulu brings dates of August 13th.

The ship Mary Robinson became a total loss at Howland's Island on the 28th of June.

The ships Lady Washington and St. Charles were totally lost at Baker's Island on June 8th.

Sailed from Baker's Island, June 26, ship Skylark, for England.

King Kamehameha, on the 13th of August, after an excited speech, abrogated the Sandwich Island Constitution of 1852, and declared the Constitutional Convention dissolved. This arbitrary act is regarded as a regular *coup d'état* by the King, and, if submitted to by the Hawaiian people, will render the kingdom nearly an absolute monarchy.

HALIFAX.

A Lighthouse Burned—The Steamer Asia Outward Bound.

HALIFAX, Sept. 2.—The Flint Island lighthouse at Cow Bay was burned on Wednesday night.

The steamship Asia arrived from Boston at 2 o'clock this morning, and sailed for Liverpool at 5 o'clock.

FORTRESS MONROE.

A BLOCKADE-RUNNER—A RECONNOISSANCE TO SMITHFIELD.

FORTRESS MONROE, Sept. 1.—A schooner, name unknown, ran the blockade yesterday, and got safely into Smithfield, Va.

A small force was sent to Smithfield, yesterday, and was ordered to make a reconnoissance, but was met by a party of guerillas and prevented from landing.

The mail steamer John Brooks has arrived from City Point, bringing twenty prisoners, but no new from the army.

EUROPE.

ARRIVAL OF THE HECLA.

NO AMERICAN WAR SHIPS TO BE SOLD IN ENGLAND.

THE LONDON TIMES ON THE WAR.

THE EGYPTIAN TROUBLES TERMINATED

HALIFAX, Sept. 2.—The steamship Hecla, Capt. Macauley, from Liverpool at 2 o'clock on the afternoon of the 23d, via Queenstown on the 24th ult., arrived here at 2 o'clock this morning. Her dates are three days later than those already received.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The commissioners of customs in London have issued a general order to collectors, that in pursuance of instructions from the Lords of the Treasury, no ship of war belonging to either of the belligerent Powers in North America shall be allowed *to enter any of her Majesty's ports for the purpose* of being dismantled and sold.

A Lisbon telegram of the 18th says that the Federal frigate Niagara is in the Tagus. It is said that her mission is to intercept a steamer bought at Liverpool ostensibly for navigation between Lisbon and Liverpool. The Portuguese papers further assert that the steamer will not sail, as the intention of the Federals have become known. This, doubtless, refers to the steamer Georgia, which recently left Liverpool for Lisbon.

The New York correspondent of the London *Times*, writing from Niagara Falls, under date of August 8th, says: "Clifton House has become the centre of negotiations between the Northern friends of peace and Southern agents, which promise a withdrawal of differences from the arbitrament of the sword." The correspondent then goes on to explain that an effort is to be made to nominate a Democrat for the Presidency upon a platform for an armistice and a convention of the States, and to thwart, by all possible means, the efforts of Mr. Lincoln for a re-election.

The *Times'* "city article" says: "Frankfort advices show a loss of faith in United States bonds, large sales having depressed prices to 38, which is three per cent. below the last quotations from New York."

The *Times* winds up an editorial on the present situation of the war in America as follows:

"As regards the final issue of the war, we consider the prospects of the Confederates to be as good as ever; but the Federals have shown such an insensibility to defeat, and such an inflexible tenacity of purpose, that we cannot anticipate any early termination to the strife. Perhaps the success of Sherman in Georgia, or Farragut at Mobile, might counteract the disappointment produced by the failures of Grant in Virginia, and once more inspire the Federals with expectations of absolute success. But in Europe we can only employ the lessons of eventful campaigns to confirm our convictions of the hopelessness of war and the necessity of speedy peace."

The *Daily News* says there are rumors of a projected new Confederate loan.

Order has been restored in Belfast, where there has been no rioting since the 19th.

FRANCE.

The King of Spain has left France for Spain. He visited Napoleon previous to his departure.

Prince Humbert, Crown Prince of Italy, who is on a visit to Copenhagen, is shortly expected in Paris.

The *Independence Belge* announces a prospective marriage between Prince Humbert and the Princess Anna Murat, and says it will strengthen the bonds between France and Italy.

Advices from Algiers, via Paris, confirm the rumors of fresh disturbances in the province of Oran.

Bourse fist and lower. Rentes 66f. 35c.

GERMANY.

The King of Prussia arrived at Vienna, on the 20th, on a visit to the Emperor of Austria.

The occupation of Holstein by the Prussians and Austrians is said to have been decided upon.

RUSSIA.

The Czar has ordered a reduction of the army, and immediate and unlimited discharge is granted to soldiers whose service expires on the 1st of January next.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.

Dates have been received from the Cape of Good Hope up to July 26th. The news is unimportant. Trade was dull. The recent alarm in regard to a possible Kaffre war proves groundless.

INDIA.

CALCUTTA, July 30.—Cotton goods improving. Accounts of the indigo crop are better. Exchange 2s. 1d.

BOMBAY, July 30.—Cotton and cotton goods dearer. Exchange 2s. 1½d.

CHINA.

CANTON, July 11.—Cotton goods unchanged; Tea higher; Exchange 4s. 11¾d.

SHANGHAE, July 5.—Shirtings quiet; Silk drooping; Exchange 4s. 11¾d. No new disturbances by the rebels are reported. The Portuguese have been unable to obtain a ratification of their treaty with the Chinese Government.

LONDON MONEY MARKET.—Discount market unchanged; funds depressed; Consols still falling.

EGYPT.

The difficulties between the Egyptian Government and the United States have been satisfactorily adjusted.

Commercial Intelligence.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET, August 23.—The sales of Cotton yesterday and to-day were 10,000 bales, including 2,000 to speculators and exporters. The market is *irregular* and inactive. Quotations are generally unchanged, only choice parcels maintaining previous rates.

LIVERPOOL BREADSTUFFS MARKET, August 23.—The Breadstuffs market is generally steady and slightly firmer. Messrs. Wakefield, Nash, & Co. and Richardson, Spence, & Co. report Flour steady; Wheat firmer—amber 8s.@8s. 1d.; Corn steady—mixed 30s.

LIVERPOOL PROVISION MARKET, August 23.—The Provision market is very dull. Circulars report Beef very dull; Pork very dull and unchanged; Bacon inactive; Lard firm, and partially advanced 6d.; Tallow quiet.

LIVERPOOL PRODUCE MARKET, August 23.—Ashes quiet and steady; Sugar firm; Coffee steady; Rice steady; Rosin quiet and steady; Spirits Turpentine easier, at 67s.; Petroleum steady—refined 1s. 1d.@2s. 3d. ₰ gallon.

LONDON, August 23.—Breadstuffs upward; Sugar quiet and steady; Coffee quiet; Tea firm; Rice buoyant; Tallow quiet and steady; Spirits Turpentine quiet, at 68s. 6d.

LONDON, August 23.—Consols closed at 87⅞@89 for money.

AMERICAN SECURITIES.—The sales on the 23d were Illinois Central at 46@44 discount; Erie Railroad 40½@41.

LATEST COMMERCIAL VIA QUEENSTOWN.

LIVERPOOL, August 24.—COTTON.—Sales to-day 3,000 bales, market closing irregular with fair demand for good qualities at full previous quotations.

BREADSTUFFS.—The market is quiet and steady.

PROVISIONS.—The market is dull, except for Lards, which is firmer.

PRODUCE.—The Produce markets are generally quiet and steady.

LONDON, August 24.—Consols close at 88⅜@89 for money.

AMERICAN SECURITIES.—The latest sales were Illinois Central shares 45½@44½ discount; Erie Railroad 41@42.

LATEST PER HECLA.

[By Telegraph to Queenstown.]

LONDON, August 24.—The difficulty between the American Consul and the Egyptian Government has been satisfactorily adjusted.

Electioneering disturbances in Bloodfield, had occurred at Geneva, but they had subsided and quiet was restored.

Marine Intelligence.

Arrived from New York—19th, Alfaret, at Kingston; 21st, Caduceus at Gravesend; 22d, Georgiana at Queenstown; 22d B. M. Se