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LATEST NEWS BY MAIL.

The South Carolina Volunteers are urgent for an attack on Fort Sumter, and Gov. Pickens has sent an aid to impress upon Col. Hayne the necessity of bringing his protracted embassy to a close, and formally demanding of the President its unconditional surrender. They cannot now retreat without dishonor, and nothing but the withdrawal of Maj. Anderson could relieve their false position. As neither side can consistently recede, a collision seems only to involve a question of time. Major Anderson must sooner or later be re-enforced, because his supplies will not last three months. Vessels drawing twelve feet of water and over can enter the Beach Channel, and there are plenty of officers and volunteers ready to run the gauntlet of Morris Island and Fort Moultrie. The Star of the West approached within a mile of Sumter, and would have landed re-enforcements but that it was supposed to have been in possession of the Carolinians. Mr. Toucey's excuse for not ordering the Brooklyn is too unfounded. She entered in 1858 easily.

Tortugas, Key West and Fort Pickens are secure, and command the Gulf. While they are held, secession must be crippled, and the Cotton States be virtually blockaded.

The President has at last wisely determined not to interfere further with the distribution of the necessary force to protect the public property here and elsewhere, but to leave those arrangements where they properly belong, to the War Department and Gen. Scott. Had this course been adopted in the beginning, much difficulty would have been avoided.

It is ascertained that Mr. Floyd's whole acceptances were $6,000,000. Of these Mr. Russell and partners received about $3,000,000, first and last, and can account for half a million more. It therefore appears that at least $3,000,000 are still floating about, held by innocent parties, or were discounted by banks and individuals. Large amounts have been recently sent here from New England, which were taken on the strength of Mr. Floyd's assurances, vouched in some instances by Mr. Toucey. Mr. Bailey, who abstracted the bonds from the Interior Department, has never been examined before the Committee of Investigation, and for legal reasons, which may appear hereafter. The act of 1857, which is supposed to relieve witnesses of Congressional Committees from prosecution, will doubtless be pleaded for the benefit of some of the parties to this mammoth robbery. Lawyers already maintain that the indictment against Messrs. Russell, Floyd and Bailey for a conspiracy to defraud the Government, is for a crime not known in the criminal statutes. They will probably escape punishment.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

It is asserted that frontier warrants have been stolen from the Land Office, supposed to have been taken by secession clerks, who have since resigned. There are two from Georgia and Mississippi upon Iowa bounty rights. The warrants were sold in New York. These warrants were registered and located by assignees, and the assignees were personated in New York by the persons who abstracted and sold them. How far this scheme of plunder has been carried is not known. An investigation has been instituted.

The accounts of the Consul at Liverpool have not been settled for six months. This and other reasons render a change necessary. It will be filled to-morrow.

Practical business men constantly "play bull" with all the crazy theories of the secessionists who expect to "bring the North to terms" by withholding cotton, blockading the Mississippi river, closing their Atlantic and Gulf ports to trade, &c., &c. Sufficient attention does not seem to have been attracted towards the recent circular of the Cincinnati Board of Trade, in which they express the sound opinion that the City of Memphis will become the great mart for exchanging Northern and Southern products, if Louisiana makes her secession from the Union practical. This idea is well worth special consideration. The Mississippi river is now of such indispensable importance but that if its navigation is temporarily obstructed the railroad facilities across the country from the Northwest to the Atlantic, can perform for a time all the required transportation. On the other hand, if the navigation of the river remains open and free, then our steamers can be cleared to and from Memphis and New York without the necessity of any Custom House at New Orleans.—*New York Times.*

Great doubts are expressed whether the Peace Congress, to meet here on Monday, under the auspices of Virginia, will accomplish any practical result. The Border States have yet to offer some proposition which does not require a surrender of principle. Thus far, they have asked sacrifices at the hands of the Republicans, without assuming any responsibility themselves. Kept in friendly professions, their position is not materially different from the Cotton States.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

Every effort is being made by the secessionists to counteract the effect of the Virginia dispatch, forwarded to Charleston from that city. They retelegraph to Richmond that troops had been ordered to Fort Sumter. This is only one of many specimens of their actions which, undoubtedly, are done with some evil purpose in view.—*World.*

It is suggested by a leading Northern Senators that such States as have been acquired by negotiation from other nations, and have seceded from the Union, be now ceded back to their original possessors, thereby securing the co-operation of those governments with our own, and punishing at the same time the refractory States.

Gen Hamilton, of Texas, made an eloquent Union speech to day. In the course of his able argument against the right of secession, he made the point that, by all the laws of nations, Louisiana had practically declared war against Texas, in cutting off the latter's communication with the home Government, by her Ordinance of Secession.—*N. Y. World.*

Mr. Latham's declaration, in his speech in the Senate, that California's interests were with the Pacific Labor States, and that, under no circumstances, would she become disloyal to the Union, correctly represents the sentiments of the people of that State, and holds out not a ray of hope to the secession movement of extension in that direction.

The President is preparing a veto of the Pacific road, so as to be consistent in defeating every measure he has heretofore recommended. There is not the strength enough to carry it over his head in Congress.

The bill for twenty five millions loan was introduced to provide for contingencies which may or may not occur, and will depend upon the future revenues and appropriations that may be made before the adjournment. In revolutionary times such precautions are necessary, especially as the new Congress will not meet for nine months after Mr. Lincoln's inauguration.

The Capital at Washington.

Serious fears, says the Philadelphia *Press*, for the safety of the Capital are still entertained. There seems no doubt that a scheme for its capture, before the fourth of March, has been under consideration among some of the ardent and determined Secessionists. But the probabilities are that it will be entirely abandoned, in view of the preparations which have been made so recent it by the Administration by Gen. Scott, by the authorities of Washington city and the masses of its people, who have a deep personal and pecuniary interest in preventing the destruction of the Union. It is one thing to seize upon an unprotected fort, located in the midst of a population who are favorable to the Secession movement, and quite another to attack the seat of Government when it is defended by a considerable body of troops, and when an immense number of strong-armed and stout-hearted men are ready to volunteer, at a moment's warning, to assist them in upholding the Constitution, and enforcing the laws of their country. It is believed, too, that the Governors of Maryland and Virginia, instead of countenancing and aiding an attack upon the Capitol, will do all in their power to prevent it; and we think, therefore, there is but little doubt of the peaceable inauguration of Mr. Lincoln.

It is a singular fact, however, that the idea seems to be cherished in many quarters that Washington will be made the capital of a Southern Confederacy. Ex-President Tyler is reported to have often alluded to this subject in discussions in reference to the present difficulty. And singularly enough, in a note to a sermon delivered by Rev. George Duffield, Jr., of this city, on the late fast day, we find the following statement:

"A few months before the decease of Colonel Benton, he said to a young political friend then on a visit to Washington, "Young man, you have seen the Hall of Patents, the Post-Office, the Capitol; for whom have they been built at such enormous expense?" "For the people of the United States, I suppose." "*United* States! No, sir, not! They are for the Southern Confederacy, which has been plotting for the last five and twenty years, and which I greatly fear the nation will not wake up to discover until it is too late." Remembering the words of the dying Benton, we were not surprised to hear Senator Iverson declare in place; "I see no reason why Washington City shall not be continued the capital of a Southern Confederacy. The buildings are ready to our hand!"—*Speech of Dec. 11.* Nor to hear Mr. Rhett affirm that "Secession had been in contemplation for thirty years!"

SIDELL AT A DISCOUNT.—The Louisiana Convention on Tuesday refused, by a vote of seventy-four to thirty two, to ignore all State district lines in the appointment of delegates to the Montgomery Convention, thus killing Sidell's pet scheme. The New Orleans *True Delta* is jubilant over the Senator's defeat, and says:

After the result, Sidell and his man Friday, Benjamin, may as well remain in Washington to give counsel to old Buck in his present predicament. They cannot go to the Montgomery Convention—they are played out.

MILITARY IN MAINE.—The *Kennebec Journal* says the Legislature has accepted the bill reported by the Committee on the Militia, placing the whole military power of the State in the hands of the Governor, and appropriating fifty thousand dollars for the purchase of ammunition for the purpose of aiding the general government in coalescing with rebellion. The bill is in the course of its enactment, without a word of opposition.

Letter from Fort Taylor.

The Newport *News* publishes a letter from Col. Thomas B. Carr, now at work on Fort Taylor, Key West, Fla., to his wife, in Newport:

KEY WEST, Jan. 15, 1861.

* * * * A steamer arrived here on Saturday from Philadelphia, bringing late papers from the North. I see by them that the Government are going to put down this division, and also that the fort at Key West had been taken by the disunionists. I wish to let you and all the people in Newport know that Fort Taylor cannot be taken by the whole South put together. The fort is impregnable. It is twelve hundred feet from the shore, and has but