



SUNBURY, PA. SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 1862.

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FROM WASHINGTON.

Washington, March 6, 1862. Mrs. Norris, a fashionable resident of Baltimore, and well known in aristocratic circles in Philadelphia, recently arrested while endeavoring to convey flour and acids, as well as cypher machines to the inmates of Fort Lafayette, has had her papers and effects examined. The result is the discovery at her house of large quantities of contraband articles and important telegraphic correspondence. The most significant matters were quantities of lint and adhesive plaster, which will now find use in a different direction than was originally intended.

FROM GEN. BANKS' COMMAND.

Lebanon, March 8.—Col. Grant has taken Lebanon and driven General Hill, with his whole command, from the town and surrounding forts. The Stars and Stripes wave over all the hills. The Rebel fall back towards Middleburg, last night. Colonel Grant left Lebanon, with his command, and marched through Westland and Waterford, taking prisoners at both places, and putting the scattered forces of the enemy to flight. Shortly after sunrise, this morning, he took possession of Fort Johnson, which was held by the Rebels. Fort George. He then entered the camp, with flags flying and bayonets fixed. The Rebel troops, who considered this as one of their greatest strongholds, could be discerned through a glass in full retreat. The command took a number of prisoners and a quantity of arms, and are possession of the Bank Post office and public buildings. Forts Beauregard and Evans are also in our possession.

THE WAR IN ARKANSAS.

THE BATTLE AT PEA RIDGE.

FURTHER PARTICULARS.

Federal Loss 4,000 Killed and Wounded.— Rebel Loss 1,500 Killed and Wounded, and 1,000 Prisoners.—The Enemy's Force 25,000.—Gen. McCulloch and Gen. McIntosh Mortally Wounded. SPRINGFIELD, Mo., March 10.—(Special to the St. Louis Republican.)—A messenger, who arrived here at three o'clock this morning reports that the battle at Pea Ridge lasted from Thursday forenoon to Saturday evening, and that our loss was about four hundred and fifty killed and wounded. The rebel loss was about 1,000 killed and wounded, and 1,000 taken prisoners. Among the latter was Colonel McLean, of an Arkansas regiment.

FROM COMMODORE DUPONT'S FLEET.

Capture of Fernandina, Florida, and Brunswick, Georgia.—A. U. S. Fort Recovered.

BALTIMORE, March 10.

The United States steamer Alabama, Capt. Ladd, arrived here this morning, direct from Fernandina, Florida, bringing Capt. Davis, late flag officer of the South Atlantic squadron, as master of dispatches from Commodore Dupont to the Navy Department, announcing the capture of Fernandina and Brunswick, by the fleet under his command.

LATE NEWS FROM EUROPE.

PORTLAND, March 11.

The steamship North America has arrived with Liverpool papers of the 27th. The papers relative to the southern blockade had been submitted to Parliament. Earl Russell, in a letter to Lord Lyons, dated the 15th of February, says that the fact of ships having successfully run the blockade don't prevent the blockade from being effective, and argues that the States ought to exercise great caution with regard to a de facto blockade, and ought not to disregard it unless the power of blockade is abused.

Council Proceedings.

SUNBURY, March 12, 1862.

Council met, pursuant to notice.—Chief Burgess in the Chair. Members present, Messrs. Bucher, Zetzelmeier, Wilvert, Boyer, Bright, Grant and Stroth. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. The Finance Committee reported the following bill correct: P. M. Zetzelmeier, \$2.25 John W. Bucher, 25.00 A. W. Fisher, 1.00 Geo. B. Youngman, 25.00 Benjamin Bruscius, 10.12 Ira T. Clement, 5.18 Youngman & Co., 11.12 On motion, orders were granted for the above bills.

On motion of Mr. Boyer it was unanimously Resolved, That the resolution passed by Council on the 19th of March, 1861, granting pay to members of Council be repealed, and that the pay and fees during the past year be remitted.

On motion, the Chief Burgess was authorized to enter into a lease with Messrs. Stroth & Elliott for river bank for the term of fifty years from the expiration of the lease of Zimmerman & Parcel, at the yearly rent of \$10, according to their proposition.

JOHN W. BUCHER, Clerk.

The East Baltimore Methodist Episcopal Conference recently adopted a series of resolutions, on the Rebellion, the first of which are as follows:

Resolved, 1st, That as a body of Christian ministers, in Conference assembled, we hereby express our abhorrence of the rebellion now existing within our borders, as being treasonable in its origin, sanguinary in its progress, and as tending to retard the advancement of civil liberty throughout the world.

After an animated debate, these were adopted by a vote of 132 yeas to 15 nays.

Nays—Messrs. J. Wesley Brown, Deale, J. H. Dashiell, Hedge, Hall, Kepler, King, M'Courtney, Norris, Parrish, Philip B. Howe, Sargeant, Stevenson, Spangler and Welly.—15.

The iron-clad gun boat, built by Capt. Ericsson, has proved to be a formidable engine of war, and just in time to save that noble ship, the "Minnesota," then aground and helpless.

The Hon. Robert M. Palmer, of this State, has been compelled to ask to be recalled from his position as Minister of the Argentine Republic, on account of his declining health.

LETTERS FROM THE ARMY.—We refer our readers to several interesting letters from H. D. W., at Key West. The letters of our correspondent, we are pleased to say, are generally read with interest. They embody facts, and are written in a terse, clear style, without verbiage or redundancy—such as we might expect from an intelligent member of the typographic art.

"Pleasures" letter from the Fifty seventh Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, encamped near Alexandria, Va., will amply repay perusal.

THE SPIRIT OF IMPROVEMENT is manifesting itself in different quarters of the town in various ways. A number of new dwellings have already been commenced. William M. Rockefeller, Esq., is erecting a new building adjoining his residence, to be occupied by Mr. James Hoyd. A new building is to be erected on the Duwatt corner lot, at the depot. The store-room of Wm. Hoover, at the corner, has been enlarged and handsomely fitted up, with windows and door fronting the railroad.

The Selingsgrove Times, referring to General Cameron's recent visit to Sunbury, says:

"Friend Purdy, of the Democrat, had better keep a sharp lookout and well bolted doors. The editor of the Times and his friend Purdy need be under no apprehensions. They are game entirely too small for Fort Lafayette or Fort Warren. It won't pay to put a tumbrel into an eagle's cage."

THE TARIFF.—The editor of the bogus Democrat, in his efforts to prejudice the people against the tariff levied to support the war against the rebels, says:

"It keeps all rascally foreign producers from ruining this country by selling the laboring man coffee for 10 cents per lb. when he can just as well be made to pay 25 cts., and from dressing his family with cotton goods at 10 cts. per yard when he can just as well have them dressed with the same goods at 20 cts."

Every intelligent editor knows that the tariff enhances the price of coffee only five cents, and every intelligent editor ought to know and does know that muslins and other domestic cotton goods have not advanced one farthing on account of the tariff, and that our manufacturers have for years undersold the British in their own markets. The rise of cotton, from ten cents per pound to thirty, owing to its scarcity, is the cause; and yet shilling muslins have not advanced three cents per yard. Pray, Mr. Purdy, have some little respect for the intelligence of your readers, and do not treat them as if they were all dolts or idiots, by attempting to cram such stuff down their throats.

MR. COWAN, one of the Republican U. S. Senators from this State, has become quite a favorite with the editor of the bogus Democrat of this place, while Mr. Wilcox, the other Republican Senator is denounced in no measured terms. Cowan voted against the expulsion of Jesse D. Wright from the Senate for disloyalty, on technical grounds. He also voted against the expulsion of Senator Starke, of Oregon, who was charged with having uttered treasonable language, and expressing sympathy for the South, on the same grounds. With a knowledge of these facts, it doesn't require the vision of a prophet to tell why the editor of the Democrat admires Mr. Cowan. Bright was no better than Breckinridge, and like him and many others north of Mason & Dixon's line, was "opposed to coercion," and only wanted climate to bring them out full blown traitors.

AN IGNORANT LOOK.—The Sunbury correspondent of the Selingsgrove Times gives, as he says, "a little description" of General Cameron, while on a recent visit to Sunbury. His fulsome cannot be questioned. Here it is:

"He is about six feet two inches tall, has very a ignorant look, wears low shoes and white stockings," &c.

That the General had a very ignorant look bestowed upon him, when the learned correspondent of the Times scanned his proportions, is more than probable.

JNO. C. BRECKINRIDGE, late Vice-President of the United States, is a candidate for a seat in the Confederate Congress. In his address to the people of Kentucky, announcing his candidacy, he "denies his position" thus:

"I am utterly opposed to a reconstruction of the old government, or any measure which in the remotest degree tends in that direction. For one, I shall never consent that peace shall be made until the very last of all the enemies of our liberty shall be driven, not only from our halcyon soil, but from every foot of territory which by its geographical position, naturally belongs to the South."

The Northumberland County Democrat will please copy.

LATEST NEWS.—A despatch from Herbyville, Va., says that Winchester, Virginia, has been occupied by our troops, the rebels having retreated to Strasburg. A slight skirmish occurred on entering the town.

The full details of the late battle in Hampton Roads state that the attack on our fleet was but a portion of the rebel movement, which likewise contemplated a land movement upon Newport News. The rebel troops ten thousand strong, came within a few miles of the post, driving in our pickets, but, perceiving that the Merrimack had failed to see them, they retreated, and our pickets, but, perceiving their share of the work, they retreated. Capt. Buchanan, commander of the Merrimack, had died of his wounds, as has also seventeen of the crew.

Generals Pillow and Floyd have been repudiated from their commands by Jeff. Davis, until a more satisfactory account is given of the Fort Donelson affair.

THE VAN WYCK INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE.—That great frauds have been perpetrated on the Government, by unprincipled men as contractors and speculators, these investigations prove, unfortunately, to be too true. We should be glad to see every mother's son of them severely punished, as we look upon them as no better than semi-scientists, who are endeavoring to clog the wheels of Government by peace propositions, false insinuations, party prejudices and other underground efforts to favor the South. But these committees of investigation are generally looked upon with suspicion, and Mr. Van Wyck certainly has been greatly damaged by Mr. Cummings' exposé of their conduct, read in Congress. They not only refused to hear Mr. Cummings' testimony, but altered and perverted his language to suit their purpose.

After offering to furnish the vouchers and the evidence of the proper expenditure of the \$140,000, Mr. Cummings proceeds to say:

"It is thus made evident, by authentic and well attested vouchers, that the money drawn from the two million fund was honorably expended for what was written to the Committee, and the necessity of the Government."

"It is made quite evident that the statement of the report—still more plainly and offensively repeated in Congressional speeches by members of the Committee—that a large balance of \$140,000 was retained in my possession, is a distortion of the truth, and a balance or shadow of truth,—the only ground for which, at any time, seems to have been a singular unapprehension or an ingenious and willful alteration of the language of my report, and the language of the Committee, and which is now in their possession, is literally and legibly as follows. Mark the words:

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"The original draft of the note, still in my possession, is as follows:

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THE SUPREME COURT.—An attempt is making in the Legislature to move the place of holding the Supreme Court, for the Northern District, from this place to Williamsport. The only plausible reason that can be urged is that the district is too small, and should be attached to the Harrisburg district. The removal to our ambitious rival certainly would enlarge the district. Their new Court House, which is certainly highly creditable, can be admitted by the Judges or others with, requiring them to hold court in it.

We here insert the bill as read in place by Senator Johnson:

SECTION 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the regular terms of the Supreme Court for the Northern District of Pennsylvania shall be hereafter held at Williamsport, in the county of Lycoming, and all adjourned and special terms of said Court for said District, shall be held at the same place, until otherwise specially ordered by said Court, under existing laws, and it shall be the duty of the Prothonotary of said District to remove the records in his office to the borough of Williamsport within forty days after the passage of this act.</