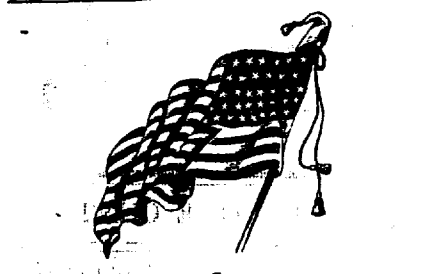


Daily Telegraph



Forever fast that standard sheet! Where breathes the foe but falls before us!

OUR PLATFORM THE UNION—THE CONSTITUTION—AND THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE LAW.

HARRISBURG, PA. Thursday Morning, December 5, 1861.

THE MESSAGE. We issued the first annual message of President Lincoln, in our regular morning edition to-day, and reprint it in our evening edition, for the benefit of our numerous subscribers. A careful perusal of the message at once impresses the reader with the fact, that the President appreciates the position he occupies, whilst he fairly estimates the responsibility which devolves upon him as the chief magistrate of the country.

The Secretary fully sustains the act of Captain Wilkes in capturing Mason and Slidell. He says admirably: "The prompt and decisive action of Captain Wilkes on this occasion merited and received the emphatic approval of the department, and if a too generous forbearance was exhibited by him in not capturing the vessel which had these rebel emissaries on board, it may, in view of the special circumstances, and of his patriotic motives, be excused; but it must by no means be permitted to constitute a precedent hereafter for the treatment of any case of similar infraction of the laws of the United States by foreign vessels engaged in commerce or the carrying of trade."

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REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY. The duties of the navy during the past summer have been threefold: to guard the important ports and a coast line of nearly three thousand miles; to protect our maritime commerce and vessels; to prevent piracy and blockade running; to protect our military operations against North and South Carolina, and the ports of the infected districts. The report of the Secretary of the Navy gives detailed information of the manner in which these arduous duties have been performed.

Abstracts of Department Reports.

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Of privateers, the report states that "such of these cruises as eluded the blockade and capture were soon wrecked, beached or sunk, with the exception of one, the steamer Sumter, which by some fatality was permitted to pass the Brooklyn, then blockading one of the passes of the Mississippi, and after a brief and feeble chase by the latter was allowed to proceed on her piratical voyage.

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REPORT OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL. The Postmaster General's report states that the whole number of post offices in the United States on the 30th of June, 1861, was 22,688; and that the entire number of cases acted upon during the same period was 19,638, including appointments made by the President of the United States.

From the Loehel Cavalry. HEADQUARTERS LOEHEL CAVALRY, S. B. Westmoreland, Nov. 30, 1861. Your readers will of course be anxious to learn something of the history and incidents of our progress westward and Dixie-ward; and presuming that you may not have any regular correspondent along with the regiment, I venture to offer an "occasional."

Table with financial data: Total expenditure \$3,699,160 47, Total gross receipts 1,247,220 06, Excess of expenditures over receipts \$2,457,930 42.

allow any one to go on shore to partake of the hospitality of the ever-generous and courteous of the Smoky City. The event proved that his intention was necessary for the men who, by the permission of their officers or through want of vigilance on the part of the sentinels, did get ashore, were found and brought aboard only with great trouble and difficulty.

On motion of Mr. BURNETT, of New Jersey, a resolution was adopted allowing Mr. Verree, the member from the Third district of Pennsylvania, twenty days to take testimony before the Recorder in Philadelphia, nearly the whole time allowed by law having been similarly consumed by Mr. Kline, who contests his seat.

FROM FORTRESS MONROE. Engagement Between U. S. Gun Boats and a Rebel Steamer. A sharp engagement between the U. S. gun boats Hotel, Seymour, Whitehead and Shawnee and a rebel steamer, supposed to be the Yorktown, took place yesterday, about five miles above Newport News.

SENATE. EXPULSION OF JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE. MR. CHANDLER, (Mich.) introduced a resolution to expel Mr. Breckinridge from a seat in the Senate. MR. POWELL, (Ky.) took the ground that as Mr. Breckinridge had resigned, he could not be expelled.

THE MARYLAND LEGISLATURE. THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE. ANNAPOLIS, Dec. 4. The Legislature assembled to-day by the election of Mr. Berry Speaker of the House and Mr. Goldsborough President of the Senate.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. BOARD WANTED. FOR a Gentleman, Wife and Child to reside at address A. W. this office.

WANTED. A furnished Bedroom in a respectable private house for one or two gentlemen for the winter or longer, for which a fair price will be paid.

FOR SALE CHEAP—A fine Octavo second-hand Rosewood Piano in perfect order for sale at W. KNOX'S, 83 Market street, Harrisburg, Pa.

JUST RECEIVED—A fine collection of sheet music, latest publications at W. KNOX'S, 83 Market street.

JUST OPENED! A FINE LOT OF SUPERIOR SEGARS. MADE OF Good Tobacco, and from one and one-half to two years old, of my own plantation.

BY TELEGRAPH.

From our Evening Edition of Yesterday.

Later from California.

Arrival of the Steamer Northern Light.

WHEREABOUTS OF THE PIRATE SUMTER.

THE U. S. GUN BOAT IROQUOIS IN CLOSE PURSUIT.

Important from Central America.

A DUTCH FLEET OFF VENEZUELA.

Satisfaction Demanded for an Alleged Insult.

The West India Mail Company Refuse Coal to U. S. Steamers.

The steamer Northern Light, from Aspinwall, has arrived with \$870,000 in gold from California. Among the passengers by the Northern Light is Gen. Jones, ex-Minister to Bogota.

The Dutch fleet of eleven vessels were to be off Laguna on the 17th of November, to demand satisfaction from Venezuela for having trampled on the Dutch flag.

SENATE. The President's message was communicated soon after the opening of the Senate through his private secretary, Mr. Nickolay. It was immediately read.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. MR. CLEMENTS, Representative elect from the Fourth district of Tennessee, has briefly related the circumstances under which the election was held, saying that three members were elected in East Tennessee—men who declare for the National Constitution and for the flag under which they had lived and under which they had hoped to die.

DEATH OF AN EDITOR BY SUICIDE. CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 4. S. C. Baldwin, editor of the Concord Democrat committed suicide yesterday by jumping into the Winnepesaukee river from the railroad bridge. No cause is assigned for the rash act.

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