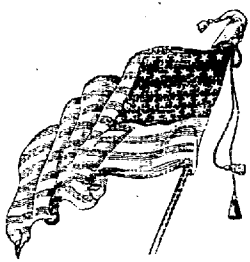


Daily Telegraph



Forever float 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.

Friday Afternoon, December 13, 1861.

THE HEALTH OF CAMP CURTIN.

A very silly rumor gained currency a few days since, that the sanitary condition of Camp Curtin was most deplorable, and that a malignant and contagious disease existed among the soldiers in camp in that locality.

It is an astonishing fact that since the commencement of our entire military organization, the deaths at Camp Curtin only amounted to forty-two men, three of whom died of injuries received in the streets of the city of Harrisburg.

Cotton goods, in sympathy with the raw material, have rapidly advanced. We learn from the World and Courier & Enquirer that printing cloths have advanced to 8 1/2 and 9 cents, and it is confidently asserted that they must and will go to ten cents.

RETIRING OFFICERS IN THE ARMY AND NAVY.

By the proceeding of the Senate, we notice that a disposition prevails among Senators to render the army and navy more effective by providing for the retirement of officers after they have served in either branch a certain fixed period.

Congress should by all means pass a bill providing for some system of retirement in both the army and navy. It is just to the service and those attached to it, that such a system should be established, and we therefore hope that no delay will prevent the immediate operation of a retired system.

HIGH COMMENDATION.

The original report of the Secretary of War is the document that now attracts the zealous attention of the people. It does this because so much was uttered on the subject of its alterations, and it does it too, on account of the bold and decisive, deliberate and effective measures it proposes to bring this rebellion to a speedy and a final conclusion.

It is not often that we are able, in our limited space, to find room for the insertion of the reports of Cabinet officers in full; but on account of the general anxiety to read the views which it embodies, as well as an account of the vigorous and energetic action which it urges in the prosecution of the war, we make an exception with the report of Secretary Cameron.

He does not propose to temporize with treason, and under which rights and powers of war against the traitors. He argues, and correctly, too, that the right to deprive the rebels of their property in slaves and slave labor is as clear and absolute as that to take forage from the field, or munitions of war from the magazine.

Since the blockade and the desperate resolve of the cotton planters to destroy their crops, rather than allow the "invading yankee" to get possession of a bale, the manufactured and the raw material of cotton has materially advanced in the market, and those who are purchasing muslin and prints are dismayed at the great increase in price of those goods.

ARKANSAS.—Within a week past, says the St. Louis Republic, a member of the present Legislature of Arkansas has arrived at Rolla, with forty other citizens of that State—thirty-five of whom, with the representative referred to, have joined Colonel Phelps' regiment of Missouri volunteers.

PROTESTANT MISSION IN PEKIN.—In the Missionary Chronicle for the coming month, the following forms the first item of intelligence: "Dr. Lockhart, after visiting Singapore, Bangkok and Canton in the service of the Society, arrived in health and safety at Shanghai, in the beginning of August. After a short stay in that city he intended to proceed northward, and expected to obtain from the British Ambassador passports to Peking, where he indulged the hope of establishing a missionary hospital.

THE DISCUSSION now going on in the papers of Kentucky in relation to the "contraband" views of the President and the Secretary of War, will be of great service eventually whatever the present result. It is, in fact, a discussion of the slavery question with emancipation—a question which heretofore could not be discussed with safety in any slave state.

TO THE YOUNG MEN OF PENNSYLVANIA, is the title of an advertisement in another column, to which we direct the attention of our patriotic young readers. Capt. W. W. Brown is a man of great energy, spirit and determination, whose appeal deserves a response from those anxious to serve their country under a gallant leader.

Another Blunder in Kentucky.

The last blunder in Kentucky was that made by Capt. Dillon, which resulted in leaving the way open, under the eyes of the enemy, under Zollicoffer, 10,000 strong, secured a footing on the north side of the Cumberland river, by low Somerset, compelling our troops to fall back and take a defensive position.

It appears that Gen. Schoepf learned of the enemy's designs, and ordered Captain Dillon, with one company of Kentucky cavalry, to proceed immediately to Mills Springs, fourteen miles distant, which was the threatened point, sending the 17th Ohio, Col. Connel, and a battery of artillery, in the rear, with orders to reach the spot as soon as possible.

Notwithstanding it was known that the enemy contemplated crossing that night, and that great haste was necessary, Captain Dillon halted his men, after proceeding seven miles, and encamped; and when the infantry and artillery camp up, they followed his example, and the result was, that by sunrise the next morning the enemy was north of the river in full force, and our troops returned to headquarters.

Regulars and Volunteers. The leading features of Senator Wilkinson's bill, abolishing the distinction between regulars and volunteers, are as follows: Section 1st grants all the rights and privileges granted to officers, musicians and privates of the regular army of the United States to volunteers of the same grade, and they are to form and be thereafter considered part of the regular army.

Section 2d provides that all volunteer regiments of foot shall be considered regiments of infantry, and shall be numbered in the same series as regular regiments of infantry, the oldest volunteer regiment to be numbered 20th, and the next oldest 21st, and so on.

Section 3d and 4th apply the same principles to cavalry and artillery, reckoning the first volunteer cavalry 7th; artillery 6th.

Section 5th relates to promotions. It provides that promotions shall hereafter be made as heretofore, except that no regard shall be had to the fact that the vacancy to be filled occurs in an old "regular" or new "volunteer" regiment.

Section 9th provides that all commissions issued by Governors to volunteer officers shall be considered the same as if issued by the President, and officers shall take rank according to the date of such commissions.

Section 7th requires the President to fill all vacancies heretofore occurring in volunteer regiments.

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TRAITOROUS CONDUCT OF THE CAPTAIN OF THE IROQUOIS. The Norfolk Day Book speaks of the important arrest there of a number of slaves who were in the act of making their escape to the north.

HOW UNION PRISONERS ARE TREATED. A letter from Colonel Lee, dated Richmond Jail, Dec. 4th, says the cell in which he and the other hostages are confined is a small and damp apartment with the cold air drawing through continually.

LATER FROM EUROPE. ST. JOHNS, N. F., Dec. 13. The Royal mail steamship Europa from Liverpool on the 30th ult., via Queenstown on the first instant, passed off Cape Race this morning.

BY TELEGRAPH.

FROM FORTRESS MONROE.

LATER SOUTHERN NEWS.

The Rebels Hourly Expect Another Attack at Pensacola.

Great Activity of the Federal Vessels.

GREAT EXCITEMENT AT NORFOLK.

WAR FEVER AT RICHMOND.

FORTRESS MONROE, Dec. 12, via Baltimore.

The regular Thursday flag of truce left here this morning for Norfolk in charge of Capt. Willard with a large quantity of letters and express matter for the Federal prisoners at the south.

The Norfolk Day Book, of to-day, says "no news of importance, all is quiet in this vicinity."

The body of private Wm. C. Brown of the 10th N. Y. regiment, was sent home by the Baltimore boat to-day.

The Federal vessels were fitting in and out of the harbor in a most bewildering manner to the rebels. At times there would be a dozen in the evening and all but two disappear before morning.

The Norfolk Day Book is considerably excited in relation to a rumor that Norfolk is to be attacked and suggests that additional obstructions be placed at the entrance of the harbor.

At Richmond on Wednesday the war excitement was at its height—a storm of war being expected to burst momentarily somewhere.

A despatch dated Memphis, Dec. 10th, says that New Madrid is now fortified. It is rumored that the contemplated attack on Cairo has been abandoned.

LATE SOUTHERN NEWS.

Extracts from Southern Newspapers.

Reported Death of Col. Harvey Brown.

SEIZURE OF A SCHOONER.

ARREST OF SLAVES ESCAPING NORTH.

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SEIZURE OF A SCHOONER.—"BOLDNESS OF THE HESSIANS."—AGOSTA, Dec. 10.—The Charleston Courier of this morning says that the Lincoln fleet seized a schooner on Saturday and that a steamer was seen passing on Monday with a floating battery or dock in tow.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 13.

The brig S. W. Rowland, Capt. Rowland, arrived here last night, from St. Thomas, Nov. 27th.

Captain Rowland states that the captain of the Iroquois is entirely to blame for the escape of the pirate Sumter at Port Royal and Martinique.

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THE WAR IN MISSOURI.

Secessionists to Support the Refugees.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 12.

The following General Order will be issued to-morrow morning: HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI, ST. LOUIS, December 12th.

The suffering families driven by the rebels from Southwest Missouri, which have already arrived here, have been supplied by voluntary contributions made by Union men.

A list will be prepared of all persons of this class who do not voluntarily furnish their quota, and a contribution will be levied on them of \$10,000 in clothing, provisions and quarters, or money in lieu thereof.

Second. Those who have furnished pecuniary or other aid to the enemy, or to persons in the enemy's service.

Third. Those who have, in writing or by publication, given encouragement to insurgents and rebels.

Brigadier General Curtis, B. G. Farran, Provost Marshal General, and Charles Borg, assessor of St. Louis county, will constitute a Board for levying the aforementioned contribution.

As soon as any part of this contribution shall have been assessed, the Provost Marshal General will notify the party assessed, or their agents, or representatives, stating the amount of provisions, clothing, quarters, or the money value thereof required of each.

If any person upon whom such assessment shall be made shall file with the Provost Marshal General an affidavit that he is a loyal citizen, and has been true to his allegiance to the United States, he will be allowed one week to procure evidence to the Board to vindicate his character; and if, at the end of that time, he shall not be able to satisfy the Board of his loyalty, the assessment shall be increased ten per cent., and the levy immediately made.

The supplies so collected will be expended for the object designated, under the direction of the Provost Marshal General, and by the State Military Commissioner. Where money is received instead of supplies, it will be expended for them as required, and any money not so expended will be turned over to the Sanitary Commissioner, for the benefit of the sick soldiers.

A SUCCESSFUL SCOUTING EXPEDITION. SEDALIA, Mo., Dec. 12.

The scouting expedition, composed of a part of Merrill's horse, and two companies of regular cavalry, returned here this afternoon, bringing in as prisoners four captains, two lieutenants and about forty rebels. They also captured one mortar and a large number of horses and wagons.

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New Advertisements.

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BRANT'S HALL!

CHRISTMAS WEEK! SANFORD'S TROUPE, IN THEIR GRAND CONCERTS.

CHRISTMAS DAY, TWO PERFORMANCES.

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Monday Evening, December 23d.

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Doors open at 6 1/2. Commences at 7 1/2.

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THE subscriber has taken the STORE ROOM lately occupied by JAMES R. KEMBLE, CORNER OF MARKET AND FOURTH STREETS, where he is prepared to show

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In the camp of the enemy who refuse to come down to cheap prices on the BOOT AND SHOE question. He has engaged the services of Mr. A. F. SWARTZ, long and favorably known in the Boot and Shoe business in this city, who, as civil engineer, will

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