Current Affairs.

A good story is told of Father Quin, one of the chaplains to the Rhode Island Regiment, now at Washington. Father Quin took all the hours of a friend, a Southern gentleman, who inquired in some terms expressions about the Northern troops. After listening awhile, Father Q. reminded the gentleman that he was attached to the Rhode Island Regiment, and asked if he included them in his censure; to which the Southerner replied, "that he did not see any reason to make exceptions." Whereupon Father Q. very plainly said to the gentleman, "Then, Sir, I trust will you then you are a d——d." Whereat the Southerner became wrathy, and told the Rev. Father that if it were not for his coat he would give him a thrashing. "Well, sir," said Father Q., "if you don't like the cut of my coat, you can see me in my shirt-sleeves, now or any other time," and, continued he, rising to leave, "I shall go from here direct to the headquarters of my regiment, where I shall be ready to receive any message from you, personally, or by the hand of a friend." The matter soon got over, and the Colonel spoke to Father Quin about it, to which he answered—"Well, Colonel, if I am a priest, I am none the less a man." And here the matter rests. The Southerner has not as yet sent his friend to look after the belligerent priest.

THE FOREIGN COMMERCE OF BOSTON.—The foreign commerce of Boston does not appear to be injured, so far, by the war. In April, 1860, there were 316 foreign clearances from this port; in 1861, there were 339, or 23 more than last year. The vessels clearing in ballast in April, 1860, were 151; in 1861 they were 168. It is probable, however, that there will be a falling off during June and July. The vessels that have arrived from Liverpool and London during the past fortnight, have had only about half freight.

A strict watch is kept in the harbor and at the Custom House that no munitions of war have passed to the South. Any shipment of powder or shot requires a satisfactory bond for three fold its value, that it shall reach its port of destination, and not be carried to any port of the southern confederacy. In ordinary times, coasters take out a yearly license, and never visit the Custom House except on the anniversaries of the renewal of their licenses; but now licenses are among the things of the past, and every coaster, whether bound for Marblehead or Baltimore, is obliged to bring her manifest to the Custom House, and state her cargo. The efforts at our port were never better managed than now.

An Incident.

When the Highland Regiment was passing along Baltimore street on Monday evening last, two ladies were standing on the sidewalk, and just as the noble body of true hearted patriots filed past, the elder indignant that they were not then cheered, in the Southern spirit of enthusiasm almost involuntarily exclaimed: "We welcome you, we welcome you!" The feelings of the other could not be restrained, and they broke forth in the cry, "With all our hearts!" Whereupon Father O'Brien waving their hats and handkerchiefs in the air, "three cheers for Abraham Lincoln and the Union!" A murmur ran through the soldiers of "that's right," "aye, forever," and one of them raised forward, saying, "Let me shake hands with you." As she heard the earnest voice and felt the grasp of the manly palm, she could not restrain her tears at the thought that it might one day be stretched out lifeless and cold on the battle-field, with no friendly arm near to smooth the dear pillow. May God in mercy avert it, and be to them a shield and defence, covering their heads in the day of battle, giving success to their arms and saving us from the violent and bloody men who have risen up against us.—[Baltimore Clipper.

Unfortunate Comparison.

Our Southern friends are unfortunate in some of their comparisons. When, for instance they liken the Northern troops to the "Vandals" who descended upon the sunny plains of Southern Europe, they make a confession as melancholy as it is gratuitous. It will occur to the historical reader, that it was only after Rome had decayed and fallen that she fell a prey to the unarmed "whirlwinds" of the North. It will be remembered, moreover, that the half mad cohorts of Alaric were always victors in their contests with the more effeminate "Southrons." It will be remembered, too, that they swept the countries they invaded like a whirlwind, breaking down all impediments, overrunning all opposition, and mowing down their feeble enemies like grass.

Let our Southern deriders beware lest a fate like this befalls them. Let them forward lest they find in Northern valor all the rude might without the fierce flame of the "Vandals."

Proposals for a Loan of $3,000,000 to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

In pursuance of the first section of an Act of the General Assembly, entitled "an Act to create a loan and provide for arming the State," approved May 15th, A. D. 1861, and the sixth section of the Act entitled "an Act to provide for the payment of the members, officers and contingent expenses of the Extra Session of the Legislature," approved May 16th, A. D. 1861, and by the authority of the same,

NOTICE is hereby given that proposals will be received at the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, until three o'clock P. M. of Wednesday, the fifth day of June next, for the loaning to the Commonwealth the sum of THREE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS, for the purposes set forth in the before named Acts of Assembly. The said loan to bear an interest of six per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually in Philadelphia, and the loan to be redeemable in ten years from date, and for the payment of the interest and liquidation of the principal thereof, a special tax of one-half mill on the dollar has been directed to be levied on all the property in the Commonwealth taxable for State purposes. The certificates of loan shall not be subject to taxation for any purpose whatever, and all certificates of the denomination of one hundred dollars or less shall have coupons attached; those of a larger denomination will be issued either as registered or coupon bonds, at the option of the bidder.

The proposals must state explicitly the amount proposed to be taken and the rate to be paid. The State reserves the right to accept the whole or any part of the amount offered to be taken unless the proposer stipulates otherwise. No conditional proposals will be considered.

Upon the acceptance of any proposal at least ten per cent. of the amount must be paid down, the balance, if required by the bidder, in thirty and sixty days, when certificates shall be issued to the loaner, bearing interest from the time of the payment.

The proposals must be directed under seal to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, endorsed "Proposals for Loan."

The bids will be opened at 3 o'clock in the afternoon of the day above named in the presence of the Governor, State Treasurer and Auditor General, and "in case two persons or more may propose in like manner, at the highest rate," the Governor will award the loan to the highest bidder or bidders.

By order of the Governor.

ELI SLIFER,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

The time of receiving proposals and opening bids for the above loan is hereby extended the 13th inst., at 12 o'clock.

By order of the Governor.

ELI SLIFER, Sec'y.

Secretary of the Commonwealth, Harrisburg, May 17th, 1861.

THE MANUFACTURE FOR SUPPLIES.

We hereby give notice to all those who may be contracting to furnish supplies to the State, under the recent appropriation of three millions, that, having received the power under the Act of appointing inspectors of all supplies, and other power also in reference to the settlement of claims, which was not delegated to us under the previous Act of April 12th, we shall hold every contractor to the most rigid accountability in the settlement of his claims, and the inspection of his supplies must be of that description which shall prevent any imposition upon the State, and protect the volunteers who have so nobly responded to its call; and no supplies will be paid for until they have been inspected by officers who shall have been duly appointed for that purpose.

HENRY D. MOORE,
State Treasurer.
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