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REBELLION IN GEORGIA.—Gov. Brown, of Georgia, has issued a proclamation in which he recites the fact that a very considerable number of deserters from the Confederate army, "encouraged by disloyal citizens in the mountains of Northeastern Georgia, have associated themselves together with arms in their hands, and are now in rebellion against the authority of this State and Confederate States, robbing loyal citizens of their property and threatening to burn their dwellings and do other acts of violence."

Opinion of the Leading Democratic Paper of Kentucky.

The Louisville *Democrat*, the leading Democratic paper of that State, says: "There can be no true Democracy while treason keeps its armies in the field, except our Democracy. The office hunters who, at a time like this, preach peace, peace, in the North, may be Democrats in name, but in reality they are tories and traitors, who would be in arms against their Government were they living in the so-called Confederacy."

—The above is well deserving the attention of the Pittsburgh *Post*. It truly describes the Hugheses, Wittes, Valladighams and all their followers.

Suffering at the South.

In confirmation of the gloomy views of the Richmond *Examiner*, the Boston *Journal* publishes the following extract from a private letter written by a Southern refugee, who is in communication with his friends at the South:

I can assure you, upon the authority of trustworthy men coming from the South, that the suffering and destitution there is greater than you have seen it stated in the papers. If our people continue to fight the enemy, and the European powers do not intervene, the South must go by the board. True, they have fought without a navy, without the advantages we have enjoyed, and with a desperation never before equalled; but they, I mean the rank and file, are heartily sick, and want to get out of the war. Many of their men are now deserting and coming into our ranks. These, for the most part, are conscripts, and have been Union men all the time, having no heart to fight for the rebellion."

The French Consul at Charleston and the Rebels—The Rebels Consulting with British Officials.

The Washington *Republican*, of last evening, says that a letter, recently intercepted, from a distinguished officer in the rebel army to a person in one of the Western States, contains an account of a magnificent dinner, recently given in Charleston, to Captain Dubusquois and his officers, of the French frigate Milan, and the French Consul, Monsieur St. Andre. It is described as being "a magnificent affair." The following important extract we are permitted to publish. It explains itself:

"There were thirty of us at the table. Toasts were drank to the Emperor and Empress, and responded to by the French Consul and Captain Dubuquois, of the French frigate Milan. They seem to think there is no doubt that an alliance, offensive and defensive, has been made or will very shortly be made by our Minister, Mr. Slidell, with the French Government. I have also conversed very freely with the officers of her Majesty's frigate the Petrel, now in port also, who express much faith in our being recognized during the month of February."

The "good understanding" evidently existing between the rebels and the foreign consuls, fully accounts for the eager haste with which the latter are reported to have recognised the blockade of Charleston harbor as "raised," on the announcement of the destruction of a vessel or two of the Union fleet.

The Army and the Weather.

A special dispatch to the N. Y. *Evening Post*, dated Washington, Feb. 5, says:

The weather is intensely cold here. A cavalry officer, just in from over the river, says it has been difficult for two nights for the men to keep warm.

The roads are adamant. To move artillery over them is almost as difficult a task as it is when the mud is deep, and for a day or two they will remain very rough.

Troops cannot be easily fought when the weather is intensely cold. The loss of life from wounds under such circumstances would be immense. Gen. Hooker left here with the intention of fighting as soon as the roads and weather will permit.

How Soldiers get Forged Discharge Papers!—Near the railroad depot is the Monumental Hotel, and a sign out, "Soldiers' discharge papers procured here." An investigation disclosed the fact that the whole affair was a swindle. A man named Chase, and a Dr. Emerson, had a small room back of the bar, where blanks were filled up on the payment of five dollars per head to the bar-tender. On these bogus papers many have got their discharges. One hundred and seventy certificates were found there, showing they were doing a good business. On Col. Baker arresting them they admitted the facts; but there is no law by which they can be punished, and it being deemed necessary to prevent the dissolution of the army in any way, they were committed to the Old Capitol prison.—*Wash. Letter.*

A dyer at Lyons has discovered a method by which wood may be dyed violet. The color is produced by two immersions —one is iodine of potassium containing eighty grammes of that ingredient per quart; the other in bichlorine of mercury, at the rate of twenty-five grammes the quart.

Judging from the supplies which are going forward from Cincinnati General Rosecrans' army is not likely to suffer at present. Capt. Gill is shipping as rapidly as possible 1,000 large packages, comprising the following among other articles: 150,000 pairs of drawers, 100,000 shirts, 150,000 pairs of stockings, and 50,000 pairs of infantry trowsers.

A school teacher in Kent county, Maryland, corrected one of his pupils, and the lad's father, in revenge, corrected the teacher by knocking him on the head with a bludgeon. The school teacher drew a pistol and shot his assailant dead.

High Prices in Arkansas.—In Little Rock eggs are $3 per dozen; turkeys, $7; a piece; pork, twenty-five cents per pound; flour, $25 per barrel; meal, $1.50 per bushel.

Valuable Salt Springs have been discovered near Lawrenceburgh, Kansas. They are said to be inexhaustible.

PROPOSALS.

PROPOSALS FOR MAIL BAGS. Post Office Department, January 19, 1863.

Sealed Proposals will be received at this Department until nine o'clock a. m. the 21st DAY OF APRIL NEXT, for furnishing for four years, from the 1st day of July, 1863, in such quantities and at such times as may be required and ordered for the service, MAIL BAGS of the following description, to wit:

LEATHER MAIL POUCHES

Of size No. 1, measuring forty-eight inches in length and sixty inches in circumference.

Of size No. 2, measuring forty-one inches in length and forty-eight inches in circumference.

Of size No. 3, measuring forty inches in length and thirty-six inches in circumference.

Of size No. 4, measuring thirty inches in length and twenty-eight inches in circumference.

Of size No. 5, measuring twenty-six inches in length and twenty-eight inches in circumference.

The body of these pouches is to be made of good and substantial bag leather, well tanned, weighing for sizes numbered 1 and 2 not less than eight ounces, and for the smaller sizes not less than seven ounces to the square foot; the bottom (of circular form) and the flap to be of good skirting leather, well tanned; the seams to be well and strongly secured with the best iron rivets, well tinned.

LEATHER HORSE MAIL BAGS.

(*Saddle-bags Form.*)

Of size No. 1, measuring forty-eight inches in length and twenty-one inches in width at the widest parts; the ends or bottoms being fourteen by twenty-six inches.

Of size No. 2, measuring forty-five inches in length and eighteen inches in width at the widest parts; the ends or bottoms being twelve by twenty-four inches.

Of size No. 3, measuring forty two inches in length and sixteen inches in width at the widest parts; the ends or bottoms being ten by twenty inches.

The bags are to be made of good and substantial bag leather, well tanned, weighing not less than seven ounces to the square foot; the bottom to be securely formed and well and strongly sewed; or if riveted, to be so done as not to chafe horse or rider.

CANVASS MAIL SACKS,

Of size No. 1, measuring forty-three inches in length and sixty-two inches in circumference.

Of size No. 2, measuring forty-one inches in length and forty-eight inches in circumference.

Of size No. 3, measuring thirty-two inches in length and thirty-eight inches in circumference.

The sacks of sizes numbered 1 and 2 are to be made with a lashing or hem at the top, two inches wide, upon which a sufficient number of eyelet holes —at least ten to the former and eight to the latter—are to be worked; and they are each to be provided with good and sufficient hemp cord to lace and tie them thoroughly. All are to be marked inside and outside "U. S. Mail," in large, distinct and durable letters.

In view of the present scarcity and high price of the sanded duck or canvas of which the mail sacks have hitherto been made, it is deemed inexpedient to limit the proposed material of such sacks to cotton canvas, or to prescribe any standard as to kind or quality of material to be offered. Bidders are therefore invited to submit specimen mail sacks, made of cotton, flax, hemp, or jute canvas, or double bag-stuff, or of any material possessing requisite strength and durability which may be considered an economical substitute for cotton canvas; and the Postmaster General will make such selection therefrom as he may deem to be, in connection with the bids, the most advantageous to the Department.

Proposals for improvements in the form or construction, as well as in the materials, of any of the above described bags and pouches are invited. And the relative price and adaptation to the service as well as specified price of any such improvements, will be considered in determining the lowest and best bid.

All articles contracted for are to be delivered at the expense of the contractor, in Boston, Massachusetts; New York and Albany, New York; Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Baltimore, Maryland; Washington, D. C.; Louisville, Kentucky; Cincinnati, Ohio; St. Louis, Missouri; and Chicago, Illinois; in such quantities and at such times as the Department may order. And they are to be rightly inspected before delivery, and none are to be received which are inferior, in any respect, to the specimens adopted as the standard bags.

The proposals should specify the price of each article proposed to be furnished.

No proposal will be considered if not accompanied with specimen or samples of each article bid for, showing the construction, size, and quality of materials and workmanship offered, and also, with a written guarantee from the persons proposed as sureties, (whose responsibility must be certified by the postmaster of the place where they reside,) that they will become responsible, on sufficient bond, for the due performance of the contract, in case such proposal be accepted.

The specimens or samples must be delivered at this Department on or before the 31st day of April next, and those which shall have accompanied the accepted proposals will, in connection with such proposals, form the basis of the contracts to be made.

Every specimen submitted should be well and distinctly marked with the number describing its size, and have affixed to it a sample of the materials (leather or canvas) of which it is made.

All specimens not approved will be returned, which can, with safety and convenience, be used in the mail service will be paid for at the prices specified in the proposals relating to the same.

A decision on the bids will be made on or before the 9th day of May next; and the accepted bidder or bidders will be required to enter into contract, with sufficient bond and sureties, on or before the 22d day of June, 1863.

The average number of mail bags annually required will probably not exceed the following estimates, to wit:

5,000 mail pouches.
600 horse mail bags; and
75,000 canvass mail sacks.

But the Postmaster General will reserve the right to order more or less mail bags of the kinds above described to be furnished and received, as the wants and interests of the service may seem to him to demand, during the term for which the contracts are to be made.

The proposals should be transmitted in a sealed envelope, endorsed "Proposals for Mail Bags," and be addressed to the Postmaster General, Washington, D. C.

M. BLAIR, Postmaster General.

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PROPOSALS FOR ICE. Medical Purveyor's Office, Washington, D. C. January 22, 1863.

Sealed Proposals will be received at this office until MONDAY, the 23d day of February, 1863, at twelve (12) o'clock m., for furnishing the Medical and Hospital Department, until the 31st day of January, 1864, with a supply of pure ICE, to be delivered at the following places, to wit:

Hilton Head, South Carolina;
Newbern, North Carolina;
Fortress Monroe, Virginia;
Pensacola, Florida;
Nashville,