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STABLING REVELATIONS

Those of our readers who are fond of the startling and thrilling, we advise to obtain the late speech of Mr. Van Wyck, in Congress on the corruptions practiced upon the government in the conduct of the war...

The cattle contract, which was given at an exorbitant price to a lawyer, was shorted before, had been trying to extract from the cattle, one-fifth of which contract those parties immediately sublet to other parties for thirty-two thousand dollars...

The extraordinary commission given to Alexander Cummings, and his former extraordinary and mysterious transaction in New York...

The brokerage in contracts by Thurlow Weed, David W. Wells, and others, who formed what is called the charmed circle, and levied commissions on every thing required by the Government, from horses to ships, and from Treasury notes to powder...

The "bonmarket" at Huntington, Pennsylvania, where the abuses were so shameless and so outrageous as to excite the indignation of the people in the vicinity, and in which case, Mr. Van Wyck says, the contract was made by Cameron's express order, and wherein he charges the ex-Secretary with an official falseness in saying he made no contract...

The transactions of Geo. D. Morgan, brother-in-law of Secretary Wells, one of the most noted and prominent men of the country, in buying up rejected carriages which the Government had sold at \$3000 and selling them to General Fremont at \$200 each...

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The soldier who, borne down by disease and overcome with fatigue, is found sleeping at his post, you punish with death, while the mercenary who holds his faithful and unflinching rifle in his carriage, drinks champagne and dines with Cabinet ministers, you treat with deferential respect. Do you say Government cannot punish treason and punish crime?

Our Victory at Roanoke. By reference to our telegraphic column it will be seen that the Burnside expedition has been signally successful. The attack upon the Island up until Saturday evening, was vigorously resisted; they repulsed Burnside twice, but at length they were forced to give up their position, which is now in the possession of our victorious soldiers...

This success is crushing to the rebels; the Virginia papers, it will be seen, acknowledge it to be most disastrous, saying that there is in it no bright side for their declining cause. This crushing blow will spread a gloom throughout the entire South, disheartening their people, while it will at the same time prove a splendid stimulant to arouse our forces in Kentucky, who are preparing for an overwhelming attack upon Columbus and Bowling Green...

There is another important and gratifying item of intelligence by telegraph to which we also direct attention. It is the burning Union sentiment arising in Alabama, reported by those who returned to Fort Henry after their visit up the Upper Tennessee.

ARREST OF GEN. STONE. The arrest of this officer for treason, will likely furnish some startling revelations; he is commanded at Ball's Bluff where Senator Baker fell, and his conduct, on that occasion, has subjected him to suspicion ever since. From the National Intelligencer of Monday we learn that Stone was arrested at the residence of his family in Washington, on Saturday night, at midnight, and kept under guard until Sunday afternoon, when he was sent to the citadel at Fort Lafayette in charge of an officer.

Whether the arrest is for treason or merely for a military offense, we have no means of knowing. But the assignment of the prisoner to Fort Lafayette is hardly of an officer.

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Important Resolutions. Senator Sumner has been for some time engaged in perfecting a preamble and series of resolutions declaratory of the relations between the United States and the territory once occupied by certain States, and now usurped by pretended governments, without constitutional right. They provide that, by the extinction of the State governments, all persons held under those governments are held to be free.

A Difficulty with Soldiers. A difficulty has arisen with the Soldiers of Sickles' Brigade, and they have all been placed under arrest. It grew out of a quarrel about per centage with the former regimental sutler, ex-Captain Commissioner Silas Seymour, of New York.

The Treasury Note Bill. The bill reported by the Finance Committee of the Senate has been amended—first, providing a fund from the sale of public lands and proceeds of confiscated property, out of which the Secretary of the Treasury is directed to pay the interest on the second, allow the temporary deposit of the interest on the Treasury, to the amount of \$25,000,000, the certificate of deposit to be issued, bearing five per cent, if the proceeds remain in the Treasury.

THE DANGER TO NEW ORLEANS

The operations of our gun boats on the Ohio and Mississippi are beginning to attract the attention of the people along the Mississippi coast, and especially those of Louisiana and New Orleans. The Delta, of a recent date, after expressing its belief that New Orleans is prepared to resist an attack from sea, speaks in this way of the consequence of our being successful at the approaching struggle at Columbus:

"But what is the fact in regard to the route down the river from Columbus? Should Columbus fall, what is to prevent the enemy from sweeping down the river with an immense fleet of gun-boats and floating batteries which has been so long preparing at St. Louis and Cairo, and with a hundred thousand men under Gen. Halleck, to attack us on one side, while an expedition, striking up from the sea, would attack us on the other? Who can answer? Do preparations for defense exist in New Orleans? Where are the defenses? These questions admit of no satisfactory answer."

"Our dependence at present for the safety of the city from the approach of a formidable expedition down the river, is upon Columbus. That is the New Orleans key to the Mississippi delta. That in possession of the enemy, the flood gates of invasion will be opened. Our situation would not be improved, or that of Southern men, fighting a war of independence, must not dream of despair, but we would be confronted with the gallant and the whole country exposed to fearful evils. On one condition only can we realize a full assurance that such dangers will not occur, and that such evils will never impend."

Gen. Beauregard's New Position. The Petersburg (Va.) Express, in its issue of Saturday, professes to have the most reliable authority for stating that this distinguished officer has been assigned to the command of our forces in New Orleans.

A dispatch was received in this city Thursday night by a military gentleman of high position in Macassas, signed by Gen. B. announcing that, since it is known that he has been transferred from the army of the Potomac there can be no improbability in saying that New Orleans is upon Columbus. That is the New Orleans key to the Mississippi delta. That in possession of the enemy, the flood gates of invasion will be opened.

A New York paper says that a few days ago, a high public official of Canada arrived at this port from England, and, contrary to his usual custom, put up at an out-of-the-way sort of hotel, over in Brooklyn. It is said that a person, corresponding with his description paid a daily visit to the Navy Yard, and was at considerable pains to make himself acquainted with the requirements of that place. The report further is, that the same person paid a visit to Fort Hamilton, Fort Columbus, Fort Richmond and other important military posts in this harbor—with what motive nobody pretends to say, but a good many people are guessing. At a moment when we were on the verge of a war with England, it certainly does not look well to have a British officer thus perambulating about our navy yards and fortifications, and the officials in charge of them should be instructed to show all such applicants, in future, to the only fort which still adheres to us—Fort Lafayette.

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THE REBEL ENLISTMENTS

A Washington correspondent corrects an impression which has been created by the rebel enlistments which have taken place in the South at the time that Sumner fell. The present rebel army has been organized since that time, and comprises with one or two regiments, which will disband between now and May, will not sensibly diminish the efficiency of the army, so far as numbers are concerned; but it is known that troops whose term of enlistment is nearly expired will not fight with the same ardor as those whose military career is before them. This fact we learned, to our cost, at Bull Run. If the war should be prolonged to May, the defective organization of the Rebel army will become of use to us, but until that time we must expect to meet them in as great numbers as heretofore. In connection with this matter it is well to state that now it is known that the total effective force of the Rebel army can not exceed three hundred thousand men. The Rebel newspapers admit that they have only arms for two hundred and twenty-five thousand men, comprising old flint-lock muskets that were stolen from the United States arsenals, and not more than fifty thousand English rifled muskets, which we know are not an effective weapon. Against this Rebel force we will have an army of six hundred thousand men, well armed and equipped as any troops in the world. When the fight commences it will be found not only that our troops are better armed, but that we have at least two cannons to the Rebels' one on every field where we engage them.

Who's the Barran? A woman residing in Shippensburg, Pa., recently gave birth to a child which had four ears, four legs, and four arms, all with the rest of the body, singularly well developed.

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