

NEWS ITEMS.

From the New York Tribune Saturday, Feb. 8.—Victory and omens of victory attend the assumption by President Lincoln of his constitutional functions as Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy.

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clear, however, that a great and admirably contrived plan has been formed, and that we must look for rapid and important action in that section.

From Port Royal we have excellent news, telling us that there too the Union cause is moving on. A great expedition set out from that place on Sunday, the 26th ult.

From the Burnside expedition we have news of importance, though no word of actual offensive movements.

Feb. 10.—From Missouri we have intimations that an important combined movement is to take place toward the enemy.

Four hundred and ninety-two Union prisoners left New Orleans on the 6th for North Carolina, to be exchanged.

On the the Cincinnati, 1 killed and 6 badly wounded; on the Essex, 6 seamen and 2 officers were killed, 17 men were wounded, and 5 were missing.

The Vice President said that as two-thirds had voted in favor of the resolution, it was adopted. This announcement was greeted with applause in the gallery, which was checked by the Chair.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 10, 1862. Gen. Stone passed through this city on the 12 o'clock train last night, in custody, en route for Fort Lafayette.

An Important Feature. One of the most important features of the late news from the South, says the Philadelphia Press, is the unbusinesslike manifested there in regard to the approaching expiration of the term of the twelve month volunteers who are engaged in the Confederate service.

One Year Ago and Pennsylvania was defenceless, and without munitions of war. The dastardly attack on Fort Sumpter aroused the slumbering giant.

THE BRITISH NAVY.—The annual official return of the British navy has been published. The list shows a total of 856 vessels building, preparing, or in commission.

A gentleman who has recently made his way from Memphis, and whose character was such that his statements are considered trustworthy, states that United States treasury notes command thirty per cent premium in the "Southern Confederacy."

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THE TAX BILL.—It is understood that the tax bill is now being perfected in its details by the Committee on Ways and Means. It proposes a moderate rate of taxation upon most of the articles of necessary consumption, with higher rates on distilled liquors and other articles of luxury.

SECRETARY STANTON AND THE CONTRACTORS.—The new Secretary of War is looking after the contractors. He has just issued an order, directing that no contracts be made for articles of foreign manufacture when those of home manufacture can be procured.

The Miners' Journal says: During the week we have been drinking coffee made of wheat and coffee combined—one quarter of a pound of coffee mixed with two quarts of wheat.

PARDON OF JUDGE VONDERSMITH.—A pardon for Daniel B. Vondersmith, the forger, was received on Friday of week before last, by the United States Marshal, and the prisoner was soon after liberated.

MORTARS FOR CAIRO.—The Pittsburgh Gazette says that an order has been received from head quarters, ordering the immediate shipment of thirty of the large mortars manufactured at the Fort Pitt Works, for the Western gunboats.

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Hon. DAVID WILMOT'S SPEECH ON THE EXPULSION OF BARTRAM. Mr. President, I shall be brief in what I have to say on this case. To me it seems to be in a very narrow compass.

Before proceeding to speak of the case, I desire to say that my relations with the Senator from Indiana are of such a character that I shall withhold my vote to expel him from his seat in this body. Seventeen years ago we met in this Capitol; both young men, and both members of the then dominant party.

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Legal and Court, COURT PROCLAMATION. WHEREAS the Hon. Robert G. White President Judge, and the Hon. C. S. Jones and G. G. Colvin, Associate Judges of the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Orphans' Court and Court of Common Pleas for the County of Potter, have issued their precept, bearing date the seventh day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, and to me directed, for holding a Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Orphans' Court, and Court of Common Pleas, in the Borough of Coudersport, on MONDAY, the 24th day of February, next, and to continue one week:

Notice is hereby given to the Coroners, Justices of the Peace and Constables within the county, that they be then and there in their proper persons, at 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, with their rolls, records, inquiries, examinations and other remembrances, to do those things which to their offices appertain to be done. And those who are bound by their recognizances to prosecute against the prisoners that are or shall be in the jail of said county of Potter, are to be then and there to prosecute against them as will be just.

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