

Presbyterian Banner. PITTSBURGH, APRIL 22, 1863.

Exhaustion is one of the great terminators of conflicts. The conflict may not always be carried to an exhaustion which is absolute, but it progresses so far that it becomes a motive to a voluntary peace, or reduces a party to such a degree of feebleness that its conquest becomes easy.

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constructed of an interior skeleton-cylinder, composed of plates firmly riveted together, to which any number of plates may be bolted. It is by no means yet established that our turret requires increased thickness, excepting possibly at the base.

It will be proper to observe that the supposed imperfect steering qualities are utterly groundless. There is no class of vessels in the navy that obey their helm so readily as the Monitors. The reason is self-evident. The large equiptoise rudder is actuated by the powerful current from the propeller with such force as to change the course of the vessel with the slightest motion of the helm.

Admiral Dupont's preliminary attack on Charleston—the first practical test of iron-clads—must be regarded as the most important event in naval history. To this country the gallant assault on Sumpter by the new and untried vessels, exposed to the terrific flanking and raking fire of numerous iron-clads, was a most remarkable benefit. Whatever may be the ulterior object of Government, the substantial advantage has already been secured of knowing exactly what the iron-clads can endure, and what remains to be done to render the new system perfect.

The plates for the new fractional currency are totally different in design, execution and everything from the present postal currency. They are now complete, and the new currency will be applied by the 1st of May. It is thought it will defy the efforts of counterfeiters.

About one million and a half of blanks are printed at the government printing bureau, for the adjutant general's office, during a month, and about an equal number for the ordnance and quartermaster's departments. In addition, there is a printing for the office of Internal Revenue and other departments.

The history of war may be searched in vain for an instance of such costly preparations kept up at such vast expenditure, as Charleston now requires, to ward off the blow from half a dozen small vessels, manned, provisioned and armed as if they were an ordinary first-class screw ship.

Supplies have reached Gen. Foster, at New Washington, and his command there is regarded as safe, till an adequate force can reach it to raise the siege. The general himself has got off, and is at Newbern.

The army of the Potomac is partially in motion. The indications are that Gen. Hooker means to advance on Gordonsville. He has made a reconnaissance, with a strong cavalry force, followed by infantry, up the Rappahannock, some miles above Fredericksburg.

Gen. Rosecrans is still at Murfreesboro'. The movements of Gen. Burnside are not indicated. Parts of Rosecrans' army are engaged with the enemy almost daily, with varied success.

Gen. Grant and Vicksburg there are rumors, but no effective deeds. There is a probability that a portion of his army has come up the river and gone to aid General Rosecrans.

Arrangements for the enforcement of the conscription are in progress. It is said that the Provost Marshals are selected, though the appointments are not announced. This being done, enrollments are to be made; then the drawing; then ten days are to be allowed to report personally or by substitute. It will thus be the 1st of July, and more likely the last of that month, before our armies can be recruited by these means.

The tidings of the repulse of our iron-clad fleet at Charleston have had, generally, a saddening influence. The people's hopes had been high. Now they are dashed. Washington reports say that the President will not permit the event to be called a repulse; that he uses a milder term, and bears it cheerfully. We do not believe the statement. Mr. Lincoln feels for his country, and sorrows for the ill success of his efforts to subdue her foes.

Married.

On the 26th of March, by Rev. Wm. Hanna, Mr. WILLIAM S. CARTER to Miss LOUISE J. Young daughter of Dr. W. B. Porter, all of this city.

On the 26th of March, by Rev. G. McFadden, Mr. P. E. Young, of Nevada Territory, to Miss MARY J. daughter of H. Alexander, of Calhoun, Clarion Co., Pa.

Obituary.

After an illness of 9 days, at Waukau, Wis., on the 18th inst., died, at the residence of Rev. Thomas A. Amerman, aged 22 years and 19 days.

On Friday, March 27th, of cramp of the stomach, at the residence of Mrs. J. D. White, of the 6th Mo. (U. S.) Vols., a student of Eldersburg Academy in 1866.

On the 6th of February, 1863, of diphtheria, at the residence of Rev. John E. and Mary F. Carson, a soldier of Co. A, 120th Reg't O. V., and a member of the church of Chippewa, Ohio, aged 18 years, 2 months, and 19 days.

On the 7th of April, 1863, Mrs. ELLIZABETH DIMMORE, a member of Unity church, Green County, Pa., in the 30th year of her age.

On the 29th, on board the steamer "Belle Peora," at Memphis, Tenn., of chronic bronchitis, at the residence of Rev. John E. and Mary F. Carson, a soldier of Co. A, 120th Reg't O. V., and a member of the church of Chippewa, Ohio, aged 18 years, 2 months, and 19 days.

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