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NEW ORLEANS:
TUESDAY MORNING, JAN'Y. 5, 1864.

Sales at Auction, To-day.

By F. F. Trinchard, at 10 o'clock, at his auction store No. 42 Gravier street, wrapping paper, coal oil, butter, cheese, &c.

By R. T. Montgomery, at 12 o'clock, M., on the Levee opposite Canal street, sugar. At 10½ o'clock precisely, Second District, coal and lumber. At 1 o'clock, at 86 Camp street, 500 bales cotton.

By D. E. Morphy, at 10 o'clock, at No. 57 Magazine street, cane beef.

By Phinney & Amory, at 12 o'clock, at their auction store, 8 bales cotton.

By the Sheriff, at 10 o'clock, at No. 4 Union street, sale continued.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—RHEUMATISM. Multitudes of rheumatic victims to constant agony with contracted joints are now limping to the grave—still greater number are suffering the excruciating tortures of sciatica, lumbago, and sciatica who could be promptly and safely cured by these remedies.

We have been obligingly furnished from the fine steamer Olive Branch, Captain Pegram, with the latest St. Louis and Memphis papers.

We are indebted to J. H. Ogleby, Clerk of the steamer Olive Branch for late Western papers.

COTTON.—R. T. Montgomery will sell at 1 o'clock, this day, at salesroom 89 and 91 Camp street, 240 bales cotton, mostly of superior classification and in excellent condition. See advertisement.

Mr. F. F. Trinchard, auctioneer, sells hams, lard, coffee, eggs, brandy, etc., this day, at 10 o'clock, at his auction store, No. 42 Gravier street. See advertisement.

ATTENTION.—The sale of all the materials at the Cotton Press, 3d district, which has been postponed to Thursday, 7th inst., at 10½ o'clock, comprises a large lot of wagons, drays, carts, trucks, wheelbarrows, tarpaulins, harness, one steam engine, 20 to 25 horse power, blacksmith and foundry tools, lumber, scantlings, &c., which will be sold to the highest bidder by Wm. P. Vincent, auctioneer. See auction columns.

The Sheriff will sell at auction on this day, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at No. 4 Union street, First District, harness buckles, rings, leather, bits, tools writing desks, iron railings, &c., &c. See advertisement.

FLOUR AND SCRIBNER.—E. S Keep, 63 Poydras street, advertises for sale 1000 barrels of medium and choice extra flour; also, 15 barrels of French chesnuts, just received, in fine order together with a large lot of assorted hams and sides and shoulders.

The sales of R. T. Montgomery, auctioneer, this day, are worthy the attention of purchasers and will take place as follows: At 10½ o'clock, ex brig Hydra, post 21, Second District, 150 tons coal and a lot of lumber. At 12 o'clock, at the Oppelousas Railroad landing, opposite Canal street, 42 hogsheads sugar. At 1 o'clock, at the salesroom, 89 Camp street, 240 bales cotton. See advertisements.

THE OPENING OF "OLD DRURY."—The "Old Drury"—or, as theatrical critics used sometimes affectionately to call it, the "Old Dreary"—otherwise and less classically known as the St. Charles Theatre, was opened last night for a theatrical benefit in behalf of the New Orleans branch of the United States Sanitary Commission. The programme comprised the Lady of Lyons and the Loan of a Lover, and among the performers were some professional names which afforded a reasonable guarantee that the performance would be something more than an improvised amateur effort. To many of our old inhabitants it would doubtless have been regarded as refreshing, under almost any circumstances, to see once more the inside of the venerable institution, but it may be presumed that the uppermost indispositwas with the crowd which braved the discouraging weather to attend the entertainment at the St. Charles last night was the philanthropic object for which the occasion was intended. For the same object this theatre will be opened for a few nights longer. The programme for to-night includes the Lady of Lyons, a dance, La Sylphide, by Mlle. Carolina, and a light rope accession, by the same artiste.

Three Days Later from the North.

[VIA THE RIVER.]

ARRIVAL OF THE OLIVE BRANCH.

The Siege of Charleston.

BOMBARDMENT OF THE CITY.

DAMAGE TO THE MONITOR LEHIGH.

The War in Tennessee.

Forrest Threatening Paducah with 5000 Men.

FAULKNER AT JACKSON WITH 15,000 MEN.

The War in Virginia.

Longstreet Reported with Lee, and Crossing the Rappidan, while Meade Falls Back.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

Northern Markets—Gold 153.

By the arrival of the steamer Olive Branch from St. Louis, we have St. Louis papers of the 25th, and Memphis papers of the 29th, from which we make a collection of late and interesting news:

From Charleston.

New York, December 26.—The steam transport Star of the South, from Hilton Head on the 21st, arrived last evening. The report of the frigate Ironsides and the Monitors being entangled in the obstructions in Charleston harbor, is untrue. The Monitor Lehigh, while on picket duty near Fort Johnson, got aground, and a rebel battery opened on her, doing her considerable damage, when the other two Ironsides went to her assistance and succeeded in getting her off. The Lehigh was so badly damaged by the fire of the rebel battery that the Star of the South had to tow her to Hilton Head for repairs. No one on board was injured.

General Gillmore is shelling Charleston, daily from his 200 pounders. Nothing of further importance had transpired.

Baltimore, December 24.—The report that the monitor Lehigh was badly damaged at Charleston is incorrect. She got aground and sprung a leak; she was not injured at all by rebel batteries.

MOVEMENTS OF FORREST AND FAULKNER IN TENNESSEE.

Cairo, December 24.—Last evening reports reached Paducah that the rebels under Forrest were within a few miles of that city, 4000 or 5000 strong. Citizens generally discredited the report, but the military prepared to receive them. Reasons have been current for a few days past that Forrest had joined Faulkner near Jackson, Tennessee, and that their combined force numbers from 15,000 to 20,000.

It is said that guerrillas, under Murray and Payne, who have been committing depredations in West Tennessee, combined all their forces together and crossed the Big Hatchie last Saturday. Three hundred rebel cavalry are supposed to be at Dyersville, Haywood county, subsisting on the sundry allowances of the inhabitants. Forrest is levying contributions of provisions and forage from all the farmers in the country.

MOVEMENTS OF SHERMAN AND LEE.

New York, Dec. 24.—Special dispatches, published in this city by the Commercial, telegraph Rebs, says Longstreet has joined Lee, and that the latter has crossed the Rapidan, Meade falling back. There have been several skirmishes with Sherman's cavalry.

Various Washington News.

[Special to the N. Y. Tribune.]

Washington, December 23.—Information received here from London by the last European steamer states all the rebel rams in England have been offered to the English at a certain price, and Lord Clarence Paget, on the part of the English Admiralty, had written to the builder stating no decisive answer could be given at present, but the project was before their Lordships for consideration.

Instructions have been sent by Secretary Welles to the commanding officers of the different navy yards, to have fleet vessels ready to take their positions at New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore and other important ports, for the purpose of carrying out the new regulations relative to passports of vessels and passengers.

It was rumored to-day at the War Department, that General Thomas Francis Meagher had been ordered to proceed to the quarters of the Corcoran Legion, and take command of it. On the other hand, it is stated most probably that what remains of the Corcoran Legion will be added to the Irish Brigade.

Charles H. Corwin, head of the Redemption Bureau, in the Treasury Department, was today arrested for appropriating Government funds.

[Special to New York Times.]

Washington, Dec. 23.—The President has sent to the Senate the names of a lot of Major Generals made during the recess, and with them the name of Gen. Schofield, and he is understood to earnestly commend the latter to the Senators for the Middle Department, in place of Gen. Schenck.

There is a growing feeling in the Senate that no more Major or Brigadier Generals should be appointed, who are not actually for need of the army and interest of the country.

The Navy Department is going to build four casement steamships, to carry 40 inch guns, iron of wrought iron; 340 feet long; 58 feet beam; 3288 feet grate surface, four cylinders, 40 inch stroke, 4 feet 2 inches propellers; draught, 15 feet; expects 14 speed, 16 knots. They will cost $5,000,000 each.

[Special to the New York Herald.]

Washington, Dec. 23.—It is expected Arkansas will be represented at an early day in Congress. Arrangements are progressing in that State for an election, and there is no reason to believe the State government will be operating there shortly.

Congress having failed to amend the conscription act previous to adjournment for the holidays, the draft will probably be postponed till February 1st, to give Congress time to amend the law, which will probably undergo a thorough revision. Meantime, recruiting will be stimulated by bounties, &c.

Washington, December 24.—It has been ascertained that Governor's depredations amount to over $100,000, $35,000 of which he invested in Government bonds. He has been sent to the Old Capitol, and will be handed over to the civil authorities. The Government will be a loser to nearly the full extent.

Wendell Phillips' attack on Mr. Chase at Cooper Institute on Tuesday night, is known to be premeditated, but prompted more by a high attachment to principles of liberty than a personal antipathy.

The War Department has decided to pay three hundred dollars bounty to men enlisting in new, as well as to those enlisting in old, regiments.

Governor Andy Johnson is expected here immediately to confer with the President relative to the condition of affairs in that State, especially relative to the question of slavery.

Mr. Blow, of Missouri, will introduce at an early day a bill in the House providing for emancipation through the United States, and a systematic management of abandoned estates in the South.

Washington, December 24.—As the terms of the President's Emancipation and Amnesty proclamation do not include the Indian territory, efforts are being made by the Indian bureau to adjust the difficulties growing out of certain Indians having made common cause with the rebel government, and to base the settlement of the principles asserted in these proclamations.

Already the Creeks have negociated, by a treaty with the Government, providing for the abolition of slavery among them as a condition of their being reinstated in the enjoyments and the benefits which they forfeited by their disloyalty, and similar treaties are being consummated with the Choctaws and Cherokees. The latter through their own council, have provided for freeing their slaves, but in addition to that end is refused in the treaty.

Fort Smith, December 24.—The Choctaw chieftain, Jackson McCurtin, with other rebel Indian leaders, came into our lines to-day, and surrendered themselves to General McNeil. They have abandoned the Confederate alliance, and profess a desire to avail themselves of the President's amnesty proclamation. Their example will have a powerful influence over all the rebel tribes.

Some apprehension is felt for the safety of the immense supply train on the way from Fort Scott, on account of the presence of Standwaite and Quantrell in that direction. The escort, however, is large and under the command of Col. Judson, a brave and experienced officer.

Cairo, December 24.—Recent news from Arkansas is as follows: The advance of General Fagan, commanding the State troops, was at or near Taitp, Dallas county. Parsons' brigade was at Fort Gibson on the Saline river, between Camden and Little Rock. Fagan, whose headquarters were at Camden, had ordered a concentration, doubtless with the view of a feint on Little Rock. Kirby Smith was reported at Washington, Hempstead county. These places are all on the Texas route, South-west of Little Rock.

It was reported, and generally believed, that General Polk was to be sent to supersede Holmes, who, it was said, was knocked down. There seems to be a sufficient quantity of corn, beef and pork in the rebel lines, but clothing supplies are almost entirely exhausted. Many women have been employed to cut up carpets for dresses for their children. The troops were armed with double barreled shot guns. A few of them have Colt's repeaters, but no sabres.

GEN. THOMAS, THE CLOSEST TROOPS AND FREEDMEN IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF BANKS AND GRANT.

Washington, December 24.—Gen. Thomas reports that he has furnished General Banks 17,000 well-armed colored soldiers. He has 50,000 men, women and children under his protection, the able bodied of whom he has hired to planters in the vicinity of his operations.

He has leased abandoned cotton and sugar plantations to farmers at the rate of four dollars per bale of cotton, one cent per pound for sugar, five cents per bushel for corn and potatoes, which products he is to give into the Treasury of the United States. Farmers pay a revenue tax in addition. Great success has attended his arrangements, which have proved satisfactory to all parties. Thomas intends to nurse to his field of labor immediately. Thence he goes to Pennsylvania and New Orleans, arming the blacks every where. He has ten regiments of them ready to send to Grant.

ARRESTS ON BOARD THE STEAMER CROMWELL.

New York, December 24.—The *Post* says it is understood that five or six arrests have been made on board the steamer George Cromwell, bound from this port to New Orleans. Among the persons arrested was an individual of some prominence in the community. There have also been seizures of large quantities of arms, ammunition, etc. Details cannot now be made public, but a few days will develop some facts in relation to the recent order for searching vessels leaving this port.

New York Money Market.

New York, December 24th.—Money in active demand at 7@ Sterling quiet and firm at 166. Gold opened at 53¾ and closed very quiet at 51¾ to 51⅝—rallied to 152⅝ this afternoon, under a bogus report that Lee was advancing on Washington, but closed dull at 152.

New York Wholesale Markets.

New York, December 24th.—Flour quiet and heavy—$6 50 to $6 75 for extra State, $7 40 to $7 70 for RHD, and $7 75 to $8 50 for trade brands. Whisky 93 to 99. Sugar quiet. Molasses dull. Pork firm and in demand—new mess for March and April sold at $22 25, and old ever for February at $20. Dressed hogs 7¾ to 8¾. Lard 15 to 15¾.

The Western Markets.

Cincinnati, Dec. 24.—Flour and Wheat unchanged, and but little done. Corn firmer; 80 to 81c in car load; 85 to 85c, shelled, for new; old, $1 05. Oats active, at 90 to 91c, in bulk and 98 to 99c in sacks. Rye, $1 30 to $1 35. Whisky, 84c. Pork 15c. Lard, 15½c. Sugar, $7 65 to $7 70 for 900 lb. averages. Provisions unchanged. Prime lard 12½c.; best hog round, 11¼. New mess pork, $18 25 to $19 00; prime, $15 to $17.

St. Louis, Dec. 24.—Tobacco unchanged; factory logs, $10 to $10 70; planters' do., $11 50 to $12 25; common and medium ship leaf, $15 20 to $24 25; medium manufactured leaf, $29. Flour higher; single extra, $6. Corn firm and higher; new shelled, $1 25; ear do. old white, $1 32 to $1 35. Oats firm; 95c. to $1. White Rye stiff and higher, at 85 to 87c. Lard, 10½ to 11c. Hogs firm, at 6¾ for 300 average; 5¼ for 150. Receipts yesterday, 31 cheese cwt. Beans, common, $1 50 per bushel; prime, $2 50 to $2 90. Dried fruit—apples, bbls., $1 40 to $1 45; ——, $3 50.

STEAMER MEMPHIS LOST.—We read in a Cairo dispatch of the 26th Dec., that the Belle Memphis reports that the stranger Planet was fired into near Pecan Island, just below Memphis, on the 22 ultimo. The guerillas fled from the Arkansas shore, but sounds of musketry, with an killing any one.

RIVER ITEMS.—The last advices from St. Louis say that the underwriters of that city refuse to allow steamers to leave during the present stage of low water. Much indignation was caused by the order.

At Pittsburg on the 24th ult., the Ohio river was six feet seven by pier mark, and falling.

The St. Louis *Republican* of the 25th December says:

The river here is rising very slowly, and is about two inches above low water mark of December, 1862.

There is four feet in the channel out to Cairo. We have no report from any of the upper rivers. They are all closed by ice.

NOMINATION OF GENERAL MCCLELLAN FOR PRESIDENT.—A Philadelphia dispatch of the 24th ult. says that the National Conservative Union Committee, which was then in session in that city, had re-affirmed the nomination of General George B. McClellan for President, and for Vice President nominated Ex-Governor W. B. Campbell, of Tennessee.

The Alarming Attitude of the Schleswig Holstein Affair.

The subjoined telegrams, taken from late English papers, may show the warlike complexion which the Danish and German dispute is assuming:

Copenhagen, Saturday, December 5.—The following proclamation of King Christian to the Holsteiners has been published to-day: "The order of succession of the Danish monarchy was intended to be a labor of peace, undertaken by us without personal ambition, in hope of saving the country. It has been accepted as public European law because the integrity of the Danish monarchy was recognized as being a necessity to European peace. Upon position, under the mask of founded hereditary claims, has, however, been raised against the treaties, postponing the dismemberment of the Danish monarchy. This opposition has gained ground in Holstein, calling forth excitement and feeling. The maintenance of the monarchy is one of our most important duties. As a ruler, we cannot suffer officials to foster opposition, and have received proofs of unconstitutionary movements with armed force. The conduct of many years to bring about an understanding up on the constitutional relations of the monarchy have not been attended with success. Now we intend to give to the territories belonging to the Confederacy an independent position in the kingdom which has already been accomplished with the remaining portions of the monarchy, we hope that when Holstein finds herself confined in constitutional freedom and the privilege for foreign intervention is in this respect, she will voluntarily decline nearer connection with the remainder of the country."

A proclamation has also been issued by the Lauenbergers thanking them for not having been led away from their duty as subjects in spite of overtures from without.

Copenhagen, December 7.—The proclamation withdrawing the royal patent, of the 30th of March, has been officially published to-day. The language of the proclamation is the Government for having yielded on this point.

Hamburg, December 5.—According to private information the attempt of several Schleswig officers to bring about an understanding with the Dutch Minister has entirely failed. *Advices from Copenhagen* state that it is probable the Council of State presently to regard any occupation of Holstein as a declaration of war.

GUERRILLAS AT WORK OPPOSITE MEMPHIS.—A despatch via Cairo, from Memphis the 23d ult., says:

Yesterday morning, half after 8 o'clock, a fight that rendered the city and Arkansas shore in the vicinity of Marcy, went over ten regular and irregular rounds in quick succession. Shots of hunting, landed. Ten rebels attempted to land at home when a party of guerrillas, sixteen in number, rushed down to the landing and took possession of the boat, which was the property of the boat was immediately pushed off, and the crew and many of the passengers pulled out upon the river. Seven rebels were killed outright, however, with what effect. Two bullets in the commander of the fort, killing him instantly. The body was brought to the city for burial. A body of troops were instantly sent over, but the band of vagabonds had departed.

Last night a gunboat shelled the woods in the vicinity of the outrage.

CITY INTELLIGENCE

Provost Court—Judge Attacks presiding.—Jacob Hirsh and Wm. Cann were charged with having seven mules in their possession, supposed to belong to the Government. The prosecution could not establish the claim, but the Judge ordered the mules to be restored to the owner.

Two soldiers on Sunday evening concluded to have some stewed oysters on the top of some fighting whisky. When they had proceeded near the middle of the first glass, and were looking for his pay, they plumply told him to shut up—and saddled insult to injury, by defying him and all the powers in Rhode Island. Some representatives of the latter, aided by citizens, succeeded eventually in lodging them in the guard house. One of the soldiers was severely handled and bore the evidence of rows on his knuckles down his head and complained about it. The judge said, the first policeman whom he could convict of ill using a soldier with his club, should go to the Tortugas for a certainty. In this case the court sent the accused to that retreat for a term of six months.

James Lynch of the Ninth Connecticut, who when on duty as sentinel on the Lafayette Cemetery, had fired at and wounded a prowling colored man in the leg, was sent to his regiment as he had been ordered to shoot by his officers.

Frank Chapman, who evaded paying for oysters consumed by him, failed for that trouble.

Two Cavalry men who tried to steal their Captain's horse, are on the docket for Tortugas for a season.

Thirty men of the Fourteenth Rhode Island negro regiment were brought before Judge Abell on the charge of having been concerned in the recent riotous proceedings at Carrollton, wherein a police officer and citizen were roughly handled. It appears that some of the men were arrested in the act, and that others were employed in the work. They were aboard their transport, the steamer Cahawba. Some one broke into a spirit-house and demanded liquor, which was refused them, with the explanation of the military order on the subject. One of them was very abusive, and called the landlord a son of a ——. For this the white man struck the man and pushed them from the house. A number of his comrades, armed with whisky bottles and other missiles, came to assist, and then a row commenced, which required the services of an armed force to quell.

Those who had the whisky bottles had knocked a grocery-keeper down and then had the bottles filled. The Judge was of opinion that the officers of these men were to blame. His Honor sentenced one of them, who had been identified as having been conspicuous, to forfeit two months' pay. The others forfeit one month's pay for troubling the police and disturbing the peace of the city.

Second District Recorder's Court—Chas. Twining, *Esq., Presiding.*—Mary O'Neil by her drunken comrades shocked the nerves of Officers Campo and Wagner, who contrived to get her lodged for one month.

James Peters, Brewers, and a number of other sailors, who disturbed the quiet of Burgundy street, and Jenny Stanley, who resisted the police, were fined $5 each.

Emily Murphy, with her frail friends, were up for improper conduct, and disposed of according to their merits.

A Great Nuisance.—The good people of the neighborhood of the intersection of Conti and Dreme streets complain bitterly of a dance-house kept at the corner. The conduct of the depraved congregated there, it is asserted, exceeds that establishment as an intolerable nuisance, which requires to be abolished, or will compel the respectable inhabitants there to move to such charters of Nox city as are yet free from such institutions as vanity. The proceedings of Friday night at this place were certainly intolerable.

Inquest.—A colored man, whose name was not ascertained, was found dead at the Jackson Railroad Depot. He had been accidentally run over by a railroad car, which caused his death, and the verdict of the Coroner's jury was accidental death.

Not Mean.—An old, abject looking man, who keeps "shoeblacks' hall," was brought before Judge Vennard on the charge of having set fire to a house. His defence was that the officer gave him a dollar to do it, and that it might be when he prepared his coffee.

Of the thirty-three standing committees of the U.S. Senate, New England has more than one-half the chairmen.

A first-rate country for melancholy lovers to die in—The land of *high-at-us'*.

Commodore Van Brunt, of the United States navy, died on the 19th in Dedham, Mass. He commanded had been forty years in the service.

[FROM OUR EVENING EDITION OF YESTERDAY.]

Foreign Residents.

From the New York Journal of Commerce.

That portion of the President's message which out of the attention of Congress to the subject of the relations of foreign residents, not naturalized to the Government under whose protection they live, is of great importance, and demands close and careful consideration.

It has been a result of the growth of international law, that the citizen of one country may pass almost a lifetime within the boundaries of another, and not be called on to perform the duties which citizens are expected and required to perform. Jury duty, military duty, and various other obligations of citizenship are to a great extent. There is also reason to believe that the President is strictly correct in his statements with regard to the practice of some men in obtaining naturalization for the purpose of going back to their own, or other countries, there to enjoy the protection when especially belongs to the American citizen.

In the abstract it is very plain that citizenship of a foreign land ought not to exempt one who resides most or all of his life in this country, from the obligation to bear the burdens which result from sustaining our Government. On the other hand, the bearing of these burdens implies also a right to exercise the privileges of a citizen, and this right can only be conferred on one who by birth or by oath is bound to support and defend the Constitution.

When we attempt to impose duties on foreigners, we are in danger of making them citizens without compelling them to renounce their allegiance to all other Governments. But there is no need of going to one extreme or the other in this matter. It is plain to all that the evils of which the President speaks do exist, and it is therefore desirable that they be carefully examined and judiciously remedied.

We have several times directed attention to the peculiar state of affairs in all Turkish countries without compelling them to renounce their allegiance to all other Governments. But there is no need of going to one extreme or the other in this matter. It is plain to all that the evils of which the President speaks do exist, and it is therefore desirable that they be carefully examined and judiciously remedied.

We have several times directed attention to the peculiar state of affairs in all Turkish countries, growing out of the same subject. Treaties with the Porte provide that no English man or American shall be subjected to litle or punishment by the Oriental law. The result is that the resident consul is made the protector of the people of his own country who are ready to live within his district, and all these people practice the lawless. They are not subject to Turkish law, and are therefore at liberty to act as they please. If arrested for crime, they are but handed over to the consul, and by him shipped out of the country. But the system of letting her private citizens go unpunished for crimes committed here and obtaining the great privilege of American citizenship should be allowed to go back to former times, when it was confined for the remainder of his life. Brief visits to Europe are not of course to be restrained, but it is now reasonable to provide that, after a naturalized citizen has resided out of the country many years he should be required to prove he could become a citizen; he should cease to claim a right to our protection. The question deserves consideration.

The more important aspect just now is to the rendering of the rights of Portland steam, resident foreigners. This presents a very grave and important subject for legislation. The international question is here of paramount import ance. It will not do to forget our own claims to protect our own citizens while temporarily in foreign countries, or to ignore the humanity of an enlightened age. When civilized nations have heavy burdens to foreigners who happen to be among us. But that there can be an improvement on the present state of things is not to be doubted.

Important Historical Documents.

REMOVAL OF GEN. BRAGG—CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN JEFFERSON DAVIS AND JOSEPH E. JOHNSTON.

The following correspondence, called forth by a resolution of the House of Representatives at Richmond, is an interesting illustration of an important part of the history of the present war. We find it reproduced in the *Times*

Adj't and Inspector General's office,
Richmond, Nov. 12, 1863.

SPECIAL ORDERS No 276.

III. Gen. Joseph E. Johnston, C. S. A., is hereby assigned to the following geographical command, to wit:

Chattanooga, thence, by that road, to West Point, and thence by the north bank of the Chattahoochie river to the boundary of Alabama and Florida, following that boundary line to the Chattahoochie river, and down that river to Chelsea Commencing with the Blue Ridge range of mountains, running through the western part of North Carolina, and following the line of said mountains through the northern part of Georgia to the railroad depot at Hiatchie Bay—including the waters of that bay to the city of Mobile. All that portion of country west of said line in the State of Georgia is included in the above command. Gen. Johnston will, for the purpose of correspondence and the forwarding of supplies, establish his headquarters at Chattanooga, or such other place as in his judgment will best secure facilities for ready communication with the troops within the limits of his command, and will repair in person to any parts of such command whenever his presence may, for the time, be necessary or desirable.

By command of the Secretary of War,
JOHN WITHERS, A. A. G.

His Excellency, the President,
Richmond, Virginia.

Also, the following extracts from the correspondence between the President and General Johnston, to show that in retaining General Bragg in command of the army he acted in accordance with the judgment of General Johnston, in preference to adopting that of gentlemen in civil life who clamored, for his removal:

Richmond, Va., Jan. 29, 1863

GEN. J. E. Johnston, Jackson, Miss., and Mobile, Ala.

I wish you, with the least delay, to proceed to the headquarters of General Bragg's army. You will find explanatory letter at Chattanooga.

JEFF. DAVIS

[Extract from copy of letter.]

Richmond, Va., Jan. 29, 1863

GEN. J. E. Johnston, Chattanooga, Tenn.:

As announced in my telegram, I address this letter to you (thinking) the purpose for which I desire you to proceed promptly to the headquarters of General Bragg's army.

You will, I trust, be able by conversation with General Bragg and others of his command, to decide what the best interests of the service require, and to give me the advice which I need at this juncture. As that army is a part of your command, no order will be necessary to give you full authority there, as whether present or absent, you have a right to direct its operations and do whatever else belongs to the General commanding. Very truly and respectfully yours,

JEFF DAVIS.

[Extract from letter of J. E. Johnston.]

Tullahoma, February 24.—Mr. President: Your telegram ordering me to General Bragg's headquarters was received in Mobile, when I was on my way to them. Your letter of January 29 reached me here on the 20th.

My principal object has been to ascertain the feeling existing in the regiments, being confident that if the soldiers are not depressed we need have nothing to fear; for it is not to be supposed that the zeal of general officers can be paralyzed by any want of confidence in the General's skill. Incessant rain has prevented me to see but a fourth of the troops as yet. They are represented by their field officers to be in high spirits, and as ready as ever for a fight.

I am very glad to find that your confidence in General Bragg is unshaken. My own is confirmed by his recent operations, which, in my opinion, evinced great vigor and skill. It would be very unfortunate to remove him at this juncture, when he has just earned, if not won, the gratitude of the country.

After seeing all the troops, I shall write again. I respectfully suggest that should it then appear to you necessary to remove Gen. Bragg, no one in the army, or engaged in this investigation, ought to be his successor.

Most respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. E. JOHNSTON, General.

His Excellency, the President.

[Extract from a letter of Gen. J. E. Johnston.]

Tullahoma, February 19.—Mr. President: Since writing to you on the 3d, I have seen the whole army. Its appearance is very encouraging, and gives positive assurance of General Bragg's capacity to command. It is well disciplined, healthy and in fine spirits. The brigades assigned at Murfreesboro are now stronger than they were on the morning of the battle—mainly by the return of the absentees brought back by the General's vigorous system.

My object has been to ascertain if the confidence of the troops in the ability of the army to beat the enemy is at all impaired.

I find no noticeable trace that it is less than when you were in its centre.

While this feeling exists, and you regard General Bragg as brave and skilful, the fact that some or all of the general officers of the army, and many of the subordinates believe that you might give them a commander with fewer defects, cannot, I think, greatly diminish his value. To me it seems that the operations of the army in Middle Tennessee have been conducted admirably. I can find no record of more effective fighting in modern battles than that of this army in December, achieving skill in the commander and courage in the troops, which fully entitle them to the thanks of the Government.

In the early part of January, the scanty means of transportation being considered imperative, I directed Major General Van Dorn to bring to General Bragg's aid the cavalry of the Mississippi army, except such as Lieutenant General Pemberton considered necessary to him.

I have been told by many that they have ardently wished you to remove General Bragg and place me in command of the army. I am sure you will agree with me that to do so at this time in this investigation would render it inconsistent with my personal honor to occupy that position. I believe, however, that the interest of the service requires that General Bragg should not be removed.

Most respectfully your obedient servant,

J. E. JOHNSTON.

Absentees from the Southern Army.

The following is going the rounds of the Southern press. We find it in the Richmond *Sentinel*. List Days are upon us:

AN APPEAL FROM GOV. BROWN.

More than half of my men, officers and private, on General Bragg's muster rolls, are absent from duty. They are wearing the uniform and receiving the pay, but are spending their time on railroads, at hotels, at the houses of mercenary landlords in the country, and taking pleasure walks and rides with the thoughtless amusements.

This is the solid reason why the battle of Chattanooga was lost. Every where I find absentees within my district, and all these people practice the lawless. They are not subject to Turkish law, but the operation of America to such immigration forbids that the European governments should make any claim on the man who came here, cast off his old allegiance and become a citizen of the republic. Nevertheless, there is no reason why citizens who have acquired the great privilege of American citizenship should be allowed to go back to Europe to use his privileges without the constitutional relations of the monarchy have not been attended with success. When we intend to give up the territories belonging to the Confederacy at independent position in the kingdom which has already been accomplished with the remaining portions of the monarchy, we hope that when Holstein finds herself confined in constitutional freedom and the privilege for foreign intervention is in this respect, she will voluntarily decline nearer connection with the remainder of the country."

A proclamation has also been issued by the Lauenbergers thanking them for not having been led away from their duty as subjects in spite of overtures from without.

Copenhagen, December 7.—The proclamation withdrawing the royal patent, of the 30th of March, has been officially published to-day. The language of the proclamation is the Government for having yielded on this point.

Hamburg, December 5.—According to private information the attempt of several Schleswig officers to bring about an understanding with the Dutch Minister has entirely failed. *Advices from Copenhagen* state that it is probable the Council of State presently to regard any occupation of Holstein as a declaration of war.

GUERRILLAS AT WORK OPPOSITE MEMPHIS.—A despatch via Cairo, from Memphis the 23d ult., says:

Yesterday morning, half after 8 o'clock, a fight that rendered the city and Arkansas shore in the vicinity of Marcy, went over ten regular and irregular rounds in quick succession. Shots of hunting, landed. Ten rebels attempted to land at home when a party of guerrillas, sixteen in number, rushed down to the landing and took possession of the boat, which was the property of the boat was immediately pushed off, and the crew and many of the passengers pulled out upon the river. Seven rebels were killed outright, however, with what effect. Two bullets in the commander of the fort, killing him instantly. The body was brought to the city for burial. A body of troops were instantly sent over, but the band of vagabonds had departed.

Last night a gunboat shelled the woods in the vicinity of the outrage.

CITY INTELLIGENCE

Provost Court—Judge Attacks presiding.—Jacob Hirsh and Wm. Cann were charged with having seven mules in their possession, supposed to belong to the Government. The prosecution could not establish the claim, but the Judge ordered the mules to be restored to the owner.

Two soldiers on Sunday evening concluded to have some stewed oysters on the top of some fighting whisky. When they had proceeded near the middle of the first glass, and were looking for his pay, they plumply told him to shut up—and saddled insult to injury, by defying him and all the powers in Rhode Island. Some representatives of the latter, aided by citizens, succeeded eventually in lodging them in the guard house. One of the soldiers was severely handled and bore the evidence of rows on his knuckles down his head and complained about it. The judge said, the first policeman whom he could convict of ill using a soldier with his club, should go to the Tortugas for a certainty. In this case the court sent the accused to that retreat for a term of six months.

James Lynch of the Ninth Connecticut, who when on duty as sentinel on the Lafayette Cemetery, had fired at and wounded a prowling colored man in the leg, was sent to his regiment as he had been ordered to shoot by his officers.

Frank Chapman, who evaded paying for oysters consumed by him, failed for that trouble.

Two Cavalry men who tried to steal their Captain's horse, are on the docket for Tortugas for a season.

Thirty men of the Fourteenth Rhode Island negro regiment were brought before Judge Abell on the charge of having been concerned in the riotous proceedings at Carrollton, wherein a police officer and citizen were roughly handled. It appears that some of the men were arrested in the act, and that others were employed in the work. They were aboard their transport, the steamer Cahawba. Some one broke into a spirit-house and demanded liquor, which was refused them, with the explanation of the military order on the subject. One of them was very abusive, and called the landlord a son of a ——. For this the white man struck the man and pushed them from the house. A number of his comrades, armed with whisky bottles and other missiles, came to assist, and then a row commenced, which required the services of an armed force to quell.

Those who had the whisky bottles had knocked a grocery-keeper down and then had the bottles filled. The Judge was of opinion that the officers of these men were to blame. His Honor sentenced one of them, who had been identified as having been conspicuous, to forfeit two months' pay. The others forfeit one month's pay for troubling the police and disturbing the peace of the city.

Second District Recorder's Court—Chas. Twining, *Esq., Presiding.*—Mary O'Neil by her drunken comrades shocked the nerves of Officers Campo and Wagner, who contrived to get her lodged for one month.

James Peters, Brewers, and a number of other sailors, who disturbed the quiet of Burgundy street, and Jenny Stanley, who resisted the police, were fined $5 each.

Emily Murphy, with her frail friends, were up for improper conduct, and disposed of according to their merits.

A Great Nuisance.—The good people of the neighborhood of the intersection of Conti and Dreme streets complain bitterly of a dance-house kept at the corner. The conduct of the depraved congregated there, it is asserted, exceeds that establishment as an intolerable nuisance, which requires to be abolished, or will compel the respectable inhabitants there to move to such charters of Nox city as are yet free from such institutions as vanity. The proceedings of Friday night at this place were certainly intolerable.

Inquest.—A colored man, whose name was not ascertained, was found dead at the Jackson Railroad Depot. He had been accidentally run over by a railroad car, which caused his death, and the verdict of the Coroner's jury was accidental death.

Not Mean.—An old, abject looking man, who keeps "shoeblacks' hall," was brought before Judge Vennard on the charge of having set fire to a house. His defence was that the officer gave him a dollar to do it, and that it might be when he prepared his coffee.

Of the thirty-three standing committees of the U.S. Senate, New England has more than one-half the chairmen.

A first-rate country for melancholy lovers to die in—The land of *high-at-us'*.

Commodore Van Brunt, of the United States navy, died on the 19th in Dedham, Mass. He commanded had been forty years in the service.

MONETARY AND FINANCIAL.

SEE OFFICE.
MONDAY EVENING, Jan. 4, 1864.

A heavy rain storm set in about the commencement of the usual gathering at the commercial exchange, and nothing has been done to the market of any amount, excepting in Sterling which continued in active request at full rates.

In Domestic Exchange we noticed a modern transaction of New York Sight offered at 1 @ 1¼ premium, but very little was passed within our observation. There were also offers to sell Sight Drafts on Boston, but nothing to New York, at 1 @ ¼ for thirty days. The latter, however, cannot be quoted better than 1½ @ 2. The Banks uniformly charged 1½ per, but one of these would have sold round sums at 1 @ ¼ discount. Dealers drew at par @ ¼ discount for Sight and 1 @ ¼ discount for one day's Sight. There was extremely little counter demand and the outside market was almost equally dull in Foreign exchange we found but two Banks willing to draw at sight bills. One of these was still ready to supply the demand at 1 @ 1¼ premium for its own house (equal to currency), the other sold on a trifling extent at 1 @ for Legal Tender Notes, but asked 1 @ 1¼, producing its announced professions on the value of specie. Some private bills were sold at 1 @ 1¼.

The Bullion market opened with an active demand for Gold and some round sums changed hands early in the day at 60 @ 60¼ per cent premium, but the business subsequently ranged from 59 @ 60, a large portion of the sales at 59 @ 59¼. Dealers paid 59 @ 59½ per cent premium for the small lots offered at their counters and sold at 60, which appeared to be the general selling rate at the close. The shipments by the Olive Branch were partly ordered by known at noon at 1 P. M., and did not seem to have any material influence. Trifling amounts of Bankbloons sold at 96 @ 96 for Mexican and 91 @ 92 for Spanish. Silver was in goods request for shipment to New York at 4 @ 5 per cent premium, round some readily commanding the outside rate. A small amount of Mexican dollars sold at 89 @ 90 per cent for currency. They are wanted at par, or even at 1 @ 2 per cent premium, if bright coin, and in sums of any magnitude, in exchange for Gold.

Legal Tender notes circulate freely at par with other currency, but when wanted for special purposes, command a premium of 1 @ 1¼ per cent premium. Citizens' Bank Notes were in more request. Dealers paid 1 @ 1¼ per cent premium for the small sums offered them, but round amounts would command 2 @ 2½. Dealers offered 1½ premium for Canal, but asked 2 and higher. The notes of Union and other city banks are often wanted for the purchase of sect s by the river. Crescent City Bank are now at par @ ¼ discount, and the Citizens' Bank by Louisiana at 50 @ 55 and Merchants' at 50 @ 55.

Nothing of any moment transpired in Stocks and Bonds, Gas Light is held at 18, with dividend, but there are no buyers unless at lower figures. The election for Directors of this