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Sales at Auction To-Day.

By R. B. Sykes, at 10 o'clock, A. M., on Magazine street, No. 56, round cheese, and pine apple cheese.

SOCIAL EVILS.

Under the euphemism "social evils," the British law-givers, ministers and writers are endeavored in an effort to discuss the best means of treating a very serious and very delicate question. The same subject has frequently been discussed in this country, but we have refrained no further towards a satisfactory settlement of it. The usual resort of skilled ignorance and incompetency—threatening severity—is the method which is again under trial in London, much as it has long been in this city. The keepers of certain infamous resorts have been arrested and fined; and the press has expressed its approbation of that course, and urged the prompt and vigorous enforcement of the law against all such places. English magistrates have administered the law with zeal, and appeals from their decisions have been confirmed by superior courts. It is admitted that the efforts in this direction have nevertheless failed; the convictions declared to have proved nothing better than farce; magistrates and judges are spoken of as having been betrayed into a device for setting the law in motion only for the purpose of testing its weakness, its ineffectiveness, its imperfection. The representatives of justice are censured as having condescended to play a trick on French credulity at the expense of English consistency and character.

Such, at all events, is the import of remarks on the subject, made by the London *Sunday Times* of the 20th ult. It does not, indeed, broadly assert these statements as positive facts; but it says that it looks very much as if they were so. It is not without giving reason. For it is explicitly stated that, notwithstanding the fining of some of the dens referred to, their houses were still open, and the offences for which they were fined were nightly repeated. The cause of this is said to be that the fine was merely for one evening, and that it was insufficient to cover the instruments. The police know all this—if they make no further reports; and hence the failure of the attempt to keep such places in check or to suppress them.

Now, this is precisely the repeated experience here. No such method as this has ever succeeded. No objects as political economists have even thought they cannot in the very nature of things succeed. But methods have been adopted which have invariably compassed the ends desired. The utter suppression of such evils can be believed possible by some except those who are prepared to believe that human beings will act in the life attain to divine excellence. But they cannot expect that result until the millennium shall have been reached. In the meantime the checking, controlling, and limiting of evil have been accomplished by very many and well known means. In France, Prussia, Belgium and other countries, as in known to every traveler and reader, such places are under regular and complete supervision; and the consequences are all that could be expected. Or, at least, if viciousness insist that much more can be accomplished, an immense strife has been made towards the desired result. And why should not the method which has affected this elsewhere be resorted to in England and in this country? The only approach to a reason that we have noticed to it, is the puritanical and fallacious one, that by taking such institutions under its control, it would in effect be supporting them. It would no more do so in this case, than it supports luxury by taxing articles which minister to it, drunkenness by taxing spirits, gluttony by taxing food and consequently, crime by imposing penalties on it. A license, ostensibly given for certain purposes, does not encourage or support such purposes whatever they may be. It checks, controls, and limits them. Above all it deprives them of one of the great elements on which the perpetration and fostering of all evils depend—secrecy. A man who is licensed is marked, known, and kept within the reach of responsibility, and whenever those points are attained a vast control is acquired over his conduct and his society.

Despite the miserable condition of London in respect of the evil we are speaking of, exposed and stigmatized as it is by the world of foreigners who are visiting it on account of the Great Exhibition, may lead to the trial of the coast-wise method of treating it. We are satisfied that if it be fairly tested, it will prove satisfactory, and we shall have another example for our own guidance. That we sadly need some improvement in our mode of managing the evil, we believe nobody will question.

At the last commencement exercises of Yale College, the degree of L. L. D. was conferred on Count Gasparin.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

Alleged Murder—The Coroner was summoned yesterday morning to hold an inquest on the body of a woman lying at the Trémé police station. The report was that she had been killed by another woman.

The evidence given before the Coroner's jury showed a very different, but sufficiently remarkable state of affairs. The deceased it seems, was of intemperate habits, and for some days had been sick in consequence of debauch, vomiting, and complaining of headache. On Thursday evening a Mr. Thomas and his wife came to see her, but was told she could not. Mrs. M., however, who had her lower lip cut open, and her dress made bloody from the wound, and who particularly had plenty of whisky in, refused to be put off, and forced her way into the house, and from room to room in search of her "bosom companion." In forcing her way into one of the rooms she nearly broke a looking glass belonging to the woman this object of it, and this led to a scrimmage. Tooth and nail, pummeling and wrestling, they went at it, and through the Amazonian fell 60 down stairs, and got into the street. By this time Brown was got out of bed, in consequence of the excitement, and rushing out into the street after them, almost immediately fell down and expired. The coroner, after a statement, cries of "murder," "watch," &c., had been raised on Mrs. Murphy, and the alarm of the neighborhood, added to the shocking scene of a woman lying dead there, naturally brought with it the belief that a horrible homicide had been perpetrated. All the parties were therefore arrested, the corpse was conveyed to the Trémé police station, and there locked up until Coroner Bench yesterday surveyed the circumstances of the case. The jury found that the deceased had come to her death from "Congestion of the brain." The arrested parties were then released.

Armed Bet—Joseph Berroni was arrested yesterday on a charge of carrying out of Mr. B. Avignon's yard with a bad. What led to the police officer's interference with him and the bad does not appear; but he did so, and decided that it should be submitted to in exculpating. This Berroni refused, and at the same time refused to give any account of himself. Search it, however, the officer did, and found the result of finding a rifle concealed in it. This he seized, and took it and Berroni to the Second District police station.

Reported Shot—A contemporary reports that a man was shot on Claiborne street, near Canal street, by one of the Mounted Rifle Rangers engaged there, and who was shooting at a target. Dr. Stone is said to have extracted the ball from the wounded man.

Inquest—The Coroner held an inquest on the body of B. Jaubal, the little boy whom we reported in our last to have been drowned. The evidence showed that he was playing by the Basin, and accidentally fell in. His body was not recovered in about three minutes, but all efforts to resuscitate him were vain. The verdict of the jury was "accidentally drowned."

Free Market—The following distribution was made yesterday, 1000 families having been supplied. 1000 pounds beans, 7300 pounds rice, 11 barrels flour, 13 half barrels molasses, 5 do. mackerel.

Almost a Fire—Some matches in Mrs. Dixon's armoir, on Gravaisa street, got ignited in some manner between 12 and 1 o'clock yesterday morning, and started a fire. The alarm was given, but before it could be fully responded to, the incipient conflagration was extinguished.

Carman Captured—Mr. Carman was arrested at the Louisiana Hotel, near St. Mary's market, on Thursday night. His appearance was [illegible] with blood, and he was found to be [illegible] in the shoulder. This was by a pistol shot by Mr. Gordon, it is said, who fired at him twice.

Charity Hospital—In the case of Pennywell, the British seaman, whose death immediately after reaching the Charity Hospital we reported, it was not deemed necessary to hold an inquest. The medical gentleman who had been in attendance on him pronounced the cause of his death to be an attack of bilious remittent fever.

Lazaretto—An inquest was held yesterday on the body of Heurieus Dubuclet, three years old, son of Madame Lebeuvre, in the Lazaretto. She was found to have died of congestion of the brain, to which others a verdict was returned.

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Vivid Depravity—Jean Ximenes was arrested yesterday on Dumaine street, for an offence which shows him not only not to be worthy of the name of the illustrious cardinal which he bears, but to be lost to all sense, all the cardinal and all the other virtues. He is accused of having had the depravity to perpetrate an assault on his own mother.

Reckless—Thos. Judd, on Thursday night, had Jan Sanguere arrested in the Second District on the charge of robbing him of $16. An hour or two afterwards he was himself found asleep on Front Levee street, with $60 in his pocket. He was arrested and locked up for safe keeping of himself and his money.

Fire—An alarm of fire was rung at half-past one o'clock yesterday. It was found to proceed from the burning of a kitchen at the corner of St. Mary and Rousseau streets. The damage did not amount to much.

Ill-Treating a Wife—Tim McMahon was arrested in the Poydras Market, on the charge of turning his wife out of her own house into the street at night, pursuing her in the street, and maltreating her.

Provost Court—Judge Bell—Messrs. E. Green, James Bell, and — Holmes were arraigned on the charge of being enlisted in the Federal lines. They all came from the parish of Rapides, all had letters in their possession, and were all arrested in Carrollton. Mr. Gross came by way of Kenner. What property he had with him was ordered to be confiscated, and he was sentenced to one year's confinement with hard labor in Fort Jackson. Mr. Bell resides in the city, and left in three months ago to go to Alexandria. He was watchman on the steamer Quarrier. He was sentenced to six months' confinement with hard labor at Fort Jackson. Mr. Holmes had left the city on the 15th of March last. He said he was not aware there was any harm in bringing in letters. He handed at the lines at Carrollton. He was sentenced to two months' confinement in the Parish Prison.

W. C. Scott, an Algerine detective, was arraigned on the charge of having harbored R. B. Nay, whose exploits have lately occasioned so much curious attention. Col. Field appeared on behalf of accused, and desired that Nay might be produced as a witness in the case. This was done, and Nay deposed that Scott had made his escape from the Customhouse on the 1st inst., he went undetected and apparently unsuspected over to Algiers. There he walked about the town, enjoyed himself, and in the afternoon set out for Gretna. On the way, feeling much oppressed by the heat, he went into a saloon to take a glass of lager beer. On arriving at Gretna he asked for an hotel, but was informed there was none there. He therefore had to go to a lodging house, and engaged to pay $1 50 a day there for the night. Soon afterwards Scott came in and sat down with him, and they took supper together. He entertained some suspicions about Scott, fearing he was a detective after him; but as he cut meat for him at the table his fears were allayed. Being very tired he went to bed early; and again he observed that Scott looked very sympathetically at him. He had in the pockets of his pantaloons a pocket book containing $18 in current funds and a counterfeit $20 note; and these he had put under his pillow. Scott came into the room, and he complained to him of feeling sick, and asked him to go for a doctor for him. But Scott said it would do him more good to get up and go and take a walk with him. This he refused to do. Afterwards, however, he did get up under some pretext, and went into the yard. Deeming it advisable to make his escape from Scott, he climbed over the fence, made his way to the river, and got a negro boy to row him over to this side in a skiff. He left his pocket book under the pillow, where Scott afterwards found it, and, as he conjectured, afterwards gave it to the Colonel of a regiment stationed in Algiers. Nay appeared to be greatly broken down in mind and body. He was unable to raise his hand when called on to be sworn, but from what cause precisely was not manifest—rheumatism perhaps. The Court took the case under advisement.

Arrests—George Myers was arrested in the Fourth District on Thursday on the charge of stealing some soap from a grocery.

Geo. Arnot was arrested on St. Andrew street, for threatening to kill his wife.

Leonard Yosel was arrested at the corner of Second and Water streets, charged by Nicholas Connolly with striking him with a rock.

Ellen Collins was arrested in the First District for being drunk and shameless enough to expose her person.

James Baker was arrested for beating his wife.

Philip Pierce was arrested on Thalia street, on a charge of swindling.

James Burke was arrested on Annunciation street, on the charge of assaulting Ezra Markey, with intent to kill.

The Fight at Baton Rouge.

In the same extra the *True Delta* published the following list of casualties in the Thirtieth Louisiana Regiment, formerly called, we believe, the Semter Regiment:

CASUALTIES IN THE THIRTIETH LOUISIANA.

The *Appeal* gives the subjoined list of casualties in the Thirtieth Louisiana, in the fight at Baton Rouge:

Colonel G. A. Breaux commanding.

Company A, Captain Pieclot—Killed: Corporal M. Mauricio and private F. Mouamerie; wounded: Sergeant W. Dupuy; Privates F. Fagot, M. Fernandes and Trinquiera; missing: Privates A. Maza, S. Pasquale, J. Perito, J. Rodriguez, C. Pryelli.

Company B, Capt De la Bretonne—Wounded: Privates A. Clement and D. Rodrigues.

Company C, Captain C. N. Cashman—Killed: Sergeant J. F. Dreher and privates J. L. Webre, T. Webre, Trunk, Schober, Duffird, Grimes and Buckley. Missing: Lieutenant Dapremont, Corporals Stanley and Frederick; privates P. Bleasey and William Bricker. Wounded: Privates Lalyn, Brown, Bramberry, Rist, Estebare, Hess, Kinzwaller.

Company, D, Capt. R. T. Boyle—Missing: Corporal Geo. F. Banks.

Company E, Capt. Norbert Troparnier—Wounded: Corporals Dnvilliers and Schabel, Privates Geo. Hatters and A. Larmand. Missing: Ch., Treasurier, of Battle as Sergeant Hymel, and Privates D. Blanchard, J. Thomas and H. Mier, who are believed to have stayed by their wounded captain and were taken prisoners.

Company F, Capt. L. L. Fortier—Killed: Privates O. Follon, A. Aubert. Wounded: Corporal Barnett, Privates A. Castenado, A. Pena, J. Rosario, A. Lange, C. Cavalier, H. Délary, J. E. Estade, Fricaude. Missing: J. C. Villare, Sergeant Pujos.

Company G, Lieut. Bavon commanding—Wounded: Privates D. Pairter and F. Nicol.

RECAPITULATION.

Total killed.....12
Total wounded and missing.....

Grand total.....

The regiment went into the action with 315 men. Lieut. Col. Thos. Shields was detached with Company D, and other forces. By the fall of Col. Allen, Col. Breaux became Acting Brigadier, and the command fell upon Major C. J. Ball.

Farther from Virginia.

The *True Delta* published last night, in shape of an extra, the following news from the seat of war in Virginia:

JACKSON AGAIN VICTORIOUS—GENERAL POPE'S ARMY REPULSED—CAPTURE OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL PRINCE—GEN. WINDER KILLED.

The following late and important intelligence we copy from the Memphis (Grenada) *Appeal* of the 11th inst.:

Gordonsville, Va., August 10—A battle was fought yesterday, on the South-western Road, between Jackson and Pope's command, which resulted in a complete Confederate victory.

Stonewall Jackson routed Pope and drove him several miles from his position.

Three hundred prisoners have arrived, including Brigadier-General Prince and twenty-nine officers.

Gen. Chas. S. Winder, of the Confederate army, was killed.

THE WAR IN WESTERN VIRGINIA.

A skirmish, on Wednesday, at Park's Ferry, between Loring and the enemy, is reported. A number of Federals were killed and wounded, without any loss on our side. The fight was altogether with artillery.

The enemy evacuated their position, after burning their boats and destroying their stores.

Loring crossed the river in pursuit, and a fight was anticipated on Thursday or Friday.

A special to the *Republican*, from Narrow River, dated the 8th, contradicts the reported escape of Dr. Rodder. He was so heavily ironed that escape was impossible.

FEDERAL MOVEMENTS IN VIRGINIA.

Mobile, August 9.—A special to the *Advertiser and Register*, dated Richmond, August 8th, says the Federals have quit Malvern Hill. Their movements upon that point was either a reconnaissance or a feint to cover the transport of troops across the river. The Federals have fallen back to the south side of the river, and are intrenching at Coggins's Point and below.

Three of Cobb's Legion were taken prisoners at Malvern Hill.

GIRLS IN THE ARMY.—We some time since mentioned that two women had been captured in the late battles before Richmond in soldier's attire, the subjoined item forms a pendant to this episode of the war:

Washington, July 31st, 1862.—Two girls, aged respectively eighteen and seventy years, and hailing from Hagerstown, Maryland, were in custody in the Provost Marshal's office yesterday, arrayed in full uniform. According to their own statements, they have been in the army some months, one of them assuring they had participated in the battle of Bull Run. General Wadsworth, after admonishing them on the folly of their course, started them on their homeward way.

From Virginia and the West.

Under this heading the *Picayune* published last evening the subjoined intelligence. The particulars upon the east at Florence have already been published by us from our Northern exchanges. Some of the particulars concerning the fight near Tazewell have already been republished from the *Picayune's* news from East Tennessee; but as they are in the body of additional details, we give the whole as now published:

[By Telegraph to the Jackson Mississippian and Gazette.]

From Virginia.

The following dispatches we find in the Memphis (Grenada) *Appeal* of the 5th inst.:

Mobile, August 4—A special dispatch to the *Advertiser and Register*, dated Knoxville, August 3d, states that heavy skirmishing commenced on Tuesday, with a large portion of the enemy at Tazewell, seven miles from Cumberland Gap. One brigade of Gen. Stevenson's force was engaged on our side. The design was to gain the enemy's rear and cut them off from the Gap. The artillery firing was very heavy.

Several prisoners have been brought in from Tazewell. No particulars of the fight.

Gen. Zollicoffer is temporarily in command.

LATER—THE ENEMY REPULSED.

Knoxville, August 7.—A dispatch received this morning from Brigadier-General Stevenson, states that after a gallant action of four hours, yesterday, near Tazewell, the enemy was repulsed with great slaughter, and is in full retreat.

A courier reports that a Federal battery of four guns was taken, after our forces being twice repulsed, with a loss of 160 men.

General Barton has succeeded in gaining the enemy's rear.

STILL LATER—THE FEDERAL ARMY CAPTURED.

Richmond, August 3—Gen. Stevenson, having been reinforced, flanked Beaumont's command, capturing the Federal army of East Tennessee.

GENERAL CASWELL ASSASSINATED.

Brigadier-General W. R. Caswell was yesterday afternoon assassinated, by an unknown assassin, near his residence, six miles from Knoxville.

The murderer of General Caswell was arrested last night.

Knoxville, August 8.—No official report of particulars of the battle at Tazewell has been received. It is ascertained that the enemy occupied a strong position on High Ridge, which was carried by assault. The enemy's forces engaged were Gen. Leadbetter's command, amounting to upwards of six thousand men. Our loss not so heavy as apprehended. Other movements shortly expected.

Lynchburg, August 9.—Nothing telegraphic from Knoxville, and no papers from that place later than the 5th. Heavy fighting was reported at Tazewell on Monday and Tuesday last. The passengers by the Western train last night confirm the report of a fight and victory at Tazewell, but say nothing of the reported capture of the Federal army, and do not credit the report. A skirmish took place on Wednesday near Peak's Ferry between Loreng and the enemy.

FROM MEMPHIS.

Large numbers of political arrests are made daily at Memphis. Over 500 stores and private dwellings at Memphis are being taken possession of by Yankee officers, the owners, in some cases, being expelled.

FROM MISSOURI.

Grenada, August 9.—The St. Louis *Republican* of the 4th says the rebel guerrillas have been concentrating in the counties of Missouri, and are daily growing late a very large army. Over 2000 of them have crossed the river under Porter and Joe Thompson, cleaning out the Home Guards and militia as they progress. They are raising numberless recruits for the Confederate army.

CAPTURE OF TWO VESSELS UP CHIPOARS CREEK.—A Washington dispatch to the New York *Herald* says:

Information has reached the Navy Department of the capture of two rebel vessels up Chipoarks creek, James river, near Claremont, by an expedition sent out by Commodore Wilkes. On the 27th instant Lieutenant-Commanding Gibson, of the Yankee, Acting Master Foster, of the Satellite, and Acting Master Ely and Assistant Surgeon Longshaw, of the Yankee, with a long boat from each vessel and a boat borrowed from the brig Nansemond, in which a howitzer was mounted, were sent by Commodore Wilkes up Chipoaks creek about five miles, to the head of navigation, where they discovered and took possession of the steamer J. W. Sturgis, owned by a person of the name of William Allen, of Claremont, and a schooner-rigged lighter loaded with wood, master and owner George Myers, and brought them out of the creek without molestation, although a force of rebel cavalry were stationed at Cabin Point, only three-quarters of a mile distant. Lieutenant Gibson reports having seen at the place where the above mentioned schooners were found, two other schooners and a steamer, all scuttled.

A MATCH BETWEEN TWO GIRLSHIPS.—The *Herald* has the following:

A match has just been made between the two celebrated carsmen, James Hamill, of Pittsburg, and Joshua Ward, of Newburg, to contest for the championship at Philadelphia. They will row two races on the Schuylkill river—one for five hundred dollars, to take place on Wednesday, the 13th of August, and the other for a like sum on the following day. Mr. Ward has been the acknowledged champion heretofore for a number of years past, and Mr. Hamill has some reputation as an amateur on the waters of the Alleghany. His success at the Boston regatta on the 4th July made him bold, and prompted him to challenge Ward. There is no tide or current in Schuylkill where the race will be rowed, and as each man will have to pay, arranged in full uniform. According to their own statements, they have been in the army some months, one of them asserting they had participated in the battle of Bull Run. General Wadsworth, after admonishing them on the folly of their course, started them on their homeward way.

The *Delta* published yesterday the following correspondence between the French Consul and Major General Butler:

French Consulate at New Orleans,
New Orleans, August 13, 1862.

SIR—The hardship order of the day, which has been published this morning, and by which you require that all and whatever arms which may be in the possession of the people of this city, must be delivered up, has caused the most serious alarm among the French subjects of New Orleans.

Foreigners, Sir, and particularly Frenchmen, have, notwithstanding the rules of war, been brought against some of them by certain persons, sacrificed everything to maintain during the actual crisis the neutrality imposed upon them.

When arms were distributed among the municipal authorities, they only used them to maintain order and defend personal property; and those arms have since been almost all returned.

And it now appears, according to the tenor of your order of to-day, that French subjects, as well as citizens, are required to surrender their private arms, which could only be used in self-defence.

For some time past unobservable signs have manifested themselves among the servile population of the city and suburbs, and the evident intention to break the bonds which bind them to their masters, and many persons apprehend an actual revolt.

It is under these circumstances, the present of finding ourselves completely unarmed in the presence of a population from which the great excesses are feared, that we are about all to resign every shotgun, rifle, pistol, sword and dagger, which would fall on all alike who were left without the means of self-defence.

It is not denied that the protection of the United States Government would be extended to them in such an event, but that protection could not be effective at all times and in all places, nor provide against those internal enemies whose unrestrained language and manners are constantly increasing, and who are but partially kept in subjection by the conviction that their masters are present.

I submit to you, sir, these observations, with the request that you take them into consideration.

Please accept, sir, the assurance of my high esteem.

The Consul of France,
DORET MEJAN.

Lieut. Weitzel, U. S. Engineer, and Assistant Military Commandant of New Orleans.

Headquarters Department of the Gulf,
New Orleans, August 13, 1862.

SIR—Your official note to Lieut. Weitzel, Assistant Military Commandant, has been forwarded to me.

I see no just cause of complaint against the Order requiring the arms of private citizens to be delivered up. It is the usual course pursued in entire similarity situated to this—even without any assurance of protection from the Government.

You will observe that it will not do to trust to mere professions of neutrality. I trust most of your countrymen are to good faith worthy of less it is satisfactorily true that some of them are not. This causes the good of necessity to suffer for the acts of the bad.

I have to call your attention to the fact, that the United States forces gave every immunity to Monsieur Bonregard, the chief engineer to the French Consul at Baton Rouge; allowed him to keep his arms, and retired upon his not to be a prisoner on the battle-field, to arms against us.

You will also do me the favor to remember that very few of the French subjects here have taken the oath of neutrality, which was offered to, but not required of them, by my Order No. 43; although all the officers of the French League had, with your knowledge and consent, taken the oath to support the Constitution of the Confederate States. I therefore see no guarantee for the good faith of bad men.

I do not understand how it is that arms are allowed to be used otherwise than by being "private property," nor do I see how any arms will serve for personal defense, ("qui se pervent servir que pour leur defense personnelle,") can need be an offensive weapon.

Of the disquiet which you say there is among manufacturing themselves among the black population, of a desire to break their bonds apprehended, I am aware. The "certain representations & rumpres les liens qui les attachent à leurs maîtres," I have been a not inattentive observer, would wonder, because it would seem natural, when the white people of the South set the example of rebellion against constituted authorities, that the negroes, being an imitative race, should do likewise.

But surely the representatives of the Emperor which does not tolerate slavery in France, does not desire his countrymen to be armed for the purpose of preventing the negroes from breaking their bonds.

Let me assure you that the protection of the United States against violence, either by negroes or white men, whether citizens or foreign, will continue to be afforded to the utmost extent of our advent here, and by far more manifesting itself at all moments and every where ("à tous les instants et en tout lieu") than any improvised civil guard organization can do.

Whenever the inhabitants of this city will, by a public and united act, show both their loyalty and readiness, I shall be glad of their aid to keep the peace, and indeed not to call upon them to them. Till that time, however, I must require the arms of all the inhabitants, white and black, to be given up to my control.

I have the honor to be,
Your obedient servant,
BENJ. F. BUTLER,
Major General Commanding.
To Cr. MEJAN, French Consul.

The Arkansas Ram.

We find the following in the *Picayune* of yesterday:

The *Jackson Mississippian* of the 9th inst. has the following account:

From Lieut. Read, of the ram Arkansas, we learn the following particulars:

The Arkansas left Vicksburg at two o'clock on Thursday morning, and passed safely down the river, having ample time to reach Baton Rouge at the appointed hour. When she arrived within fifteen miles of Baton Rouge, her machinery broke down. Repairs were immediately commenced, and at 8 o'clock were partially completed, though she was not in a condition to engage many of the Yankee vessels she would have to fight if resisted.

At 4 o'clock, almost to a minute, Brigadier-General Ivingside opened the attack upon Baton Rouge. A messenger was dispatched at 5 o'clock to announce the arrival of the enemy's fleet, and the Arkansas proceeded to a position about two miles above Baton Rouge, when she was cleared for action.

We learned from the guerrillas on shore that there were only three gunboats. On rounding the point the starboard engine again broke out, and the ship got aground in five o'clock the same evening. Before the machinery and the engines were manageable. It was determined to make a trial trip up the river to ascertain the condition of the engines, and proceed some five hundred yards up the river, when the engine again broke more seriously than ever. The crew were engaged all night in repairs.

Next morning, at 8 o'clock, the lookout ashore reported the Yankee fleet coming down. The ram was moored, head down stream, and cleared for action, and in this condition was determined to fight to the last. At 9 o'clock the Yankee came round the point and opened fire. At this moment the engineer reported the engines ready, and when they would last half a day.

The ram cast off her lines and the Arkansas started for the Yankee with the intention of running her down. Proceeded about three hundred yards in the direction of the steamer, and the larboard engine broke down. The Arkansas was headed for the bank, her stern down, the Rebel ensign hoisted, fire into her. In the condition we opened fire with the stern. The Essex continued to advance, and when within four hundred yards the crew of the Arkansas were ordered ashore and the vessel fired. After all hands were ashore the Essex fired upon the disabled vessel most furiously. In an hour after their abandonment the fire communicated to her magazine, and all that remained of the noble Arkansas was blown up.

Lieut. Stevens was in command of the Arkansas, and displayed remarkable coolness under the most perilous and distressing circumstances.

New Line of Steamers between New York and Boston, via Hope Cod.

Messrs. J. B. & J. D. Van Dusen, of New York, have recently contracted for the hulls of five screw steamers, which will register about 1200 tons, but will measure over 1400 tons carpenters' measurement.

The parties for whom the above steamers are building intend, it is said, to put them on the route between New York and Boston, via Cape Cod, thus affording shippers of freight direct daily communication between the two cities.

We understand that these parties are shortly to organize a company, to be styled the "Hope Cod Steamship Company," and that the line will be known as the "Neptune Line," and that it is expected to be in operation about the 1st of December next.

The Destruction of the Arkansas.

Richmond, August 8.—A dispatch from Gen. Van Dorn to Secretary Mallory states that the Confederate ram Arkansas, Lieutenant Stevens commanding, has been destroyed. She left Vicksburg on Monday to co-operate in the attack on Baton Rouge. After passing Bayou Sara her machinery became deranged. While attempting to adjust it, several gunboats attacked her, and after a gallant resistance she was abandoned and blown up. The officers and crew reached the shore in safety.

STEAMBOAT BURNT AT HOUMA.—A steamboat at Brooks's Landing, near Kingston Lead, which was owned by a Confederate named Hughes, and was known to be a rebel depot of provisions, which goods were transferred to the South, was burned, with all its contents, by the Government ram Hornet, last week.

The War—Its Development of Military Talent.

The *New York Herald* publishes, in a recent number, an editorial article under the heading of "Our Civil War and the Development of Military Talent," from which we extract the subjoined passage:

It has been frequently observed that hitherto the war has produced no very high order of military talent—no man who, like Saul among his brethren, towers a head and shoulders above all others, and of whom the Government and the country can say with confidence, "That is the man to lead our armies to victory." There is much truth in this observation. McClellan has exhibited great prudence, caution and organizing power. But Halleck is the only man who has displayed much comprehensiveness. In the South-west, away from the malign influences of Washington, he has been successful. What he will effect in his new and difficult position remains to be seen. Several Generals have shown ability on a narrow scale and at leaders of small bodies of men. But as yet no overwhelming strategist has loomed up who has plan and executive genius and decisive battles, by giving us many shocking checks. Our have grand tactics on the battle field received any signal illustration from any of our Generals in the present war. What General McClellan is capable of in the management of many divisions in a large field, we have no other means of forming a judgment than in the splendid handling of his army in the seven days' fighting on the Chickahominy. In Western Virginia there was some brilliant beginning, and his antecedents are highly favorable to him; but there he was unencumbered by politicians. Since that time, in Eastern Virginia, he has not had fair play. His excellent army was divided and diminished, and in the recent battles before Richmond he was served by no operating generals as McPherson was served by Grenshy in the battle of Waterloo, and as McDowell was served by Patterson in the battle of Manassas. Grenshy persuaded by politicians blame that time; in and let come himself. Patterson suffered. Johnston to reinforce Beauregard, and was now *ex* Manassas. And Patterson and McDowell allowed Jackson to slip through their fingers and assail the rear and flank of McClellan's army, whilst they never appeared on the scene at all, although the battles continued for seven days. On the whole, it must be confessed that the South, so far, has outstrip, ed the North in leadership, and the reason is that the whole talent and education of the Southern States have gone to and lodged into the army.

Yet it cannot be doubted that in the Union army, and even among civilians at the North the latent but hitherto unused the service, there is an abundance of military talent, which only requires to be brought out by the pressure of circumstances. At the North talent is attracted to many pursuits more than to the professions or to statesmanship. It is different at the South. Our navy has exhibited splendid abilities, as it always will do. But it must be recollected that we have never had a standing army of any account, and our navy protected our war since we became a nation, and that we have retrieved the arts of peace instead of the art of war, which was wrong to be attacked by other nations, and too preponderating a proportion of too much territory of our own to covet the evil of hostile neighbors or wage wars of conquest. But a people has come over the spirit of our dream. Civil war has broken out, and if it should be prolonged the most brilliant generalship will assuredly be developed.

During Exploit of the Rebels—Boarding a Schooner—The Captain Prisoner—The Vessel Burnt.

Under this heading the New York *Tribune* of the 30th ult. has the following exciting account:

[From a Special Correspondent.]
Camp at Harrison's Landing, James River,
Sunday Morning, July 27.

A most daring exploit was performed by the rebel neighborhood across the river night before last. In my letter of yesterday morning I informed you that the schooner Louise Hoover, of New York, laden with coal, and with damaged corn, was burned the night before. A short time after the mail boat left yesterday, I heard that there was a rebel in another, were taken off the burning vessel by a passing steamboat tug, which sent an answer gun between the guns of the rebels, and they were held as prisoners, as it was suspected at first, with entirely with the captain of the vessel. But it was found out afterwards. The story of the men was to the effect that about twelve o'clock on the night of Friday, the 25th, a small boat filled with armed men boarded the schooner. The men were all asleep, but the Cossack soon roused them up, and having found the captain, took him on deck. They then fired the vessel and threatened the crew that if they made the least noise they would treat them in the same way. This threat had the desired effect, and the crew remained huddled within musket shot of the vessel they had set fire to. It is stated that they were leaving the vessel in their own boat when a shot from a gun on shore put a stop to their proceedings. The men then sailed out with a fair wind, and left the schooner, their own boat being cut adrift. After being between them and the shore of the vessel when the boat lay moored. The armed tug, attracted by the fire, came and took them off as before stated. This story was confirmed by the fact that the authorities believed the men had murdered the captain, as it was known that he had a considerable sum of money about him. However, later in the day a contraband deserter, who arrived, and he officer shall be required to be sent to me with a full report of the inquiry, to be approved by the President, as the case is one of the charge that his character was without cause.

By order of
MAJOR-GENERAL BUTLER.
R. S. DAVIS, Captain and A. A. G. aug16 2

HEADQUARTERS MILITARY COMMANDANT, CITY OF NEW ORLEANS,
NEW ORLEANS, 16th of August, 1862.

PERSONS having arms of any kind, and desirous of shipping them from the city, may be allowed to do so, by application to the Provost Marshal's Office.

Arms may be shipped to any portion of the United States that is loyal, Havana or Europe. All that are not shipped before the 20th inst. will be delivered over to Order No. 21.

By order of
G. WEITZEL,
Lieut. U. S. Eng. and Assist. Milit. Commander.
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PROVOST MARSHAL'S OFFICE, LAW BUREAU, NEW ORLEANS, La., August 14, 1862.

As complaints have been made to me by slaves that they are induced, by the false representations made to the "Freedom" notice is hereby given that no slaves will be received on board of any vessel, and the owner will be sent for to make such certificate in the presence of the slave.

Owners of slaves wishing to save themselves trouble and inconvenience will send their slaves to

aug16 1w* E. H. STAFFORD,
Deputy Provost Marshal.

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TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

A person in the Second and Third Districts using Rebel Scrip, or Confederate Notes, will be promptly notified to call immediately at the Inspector's office, and if not complied with, will be arrested, or they shall be dealt with according to law.

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Destructive Fire at Constantinople.—At Constantinople, a fire has destroyed 3000 houses in the suburb of Pera. In Turkey as in Russia, the popular discontent shows itself by incendiarism. It is their way of enlightening the Government.

COMMERCIAL.

OFFICE OF THE BEE,
FRIDAY EVENING, August 15—1862.

SUGAR.—There is a brisk inquiry, but owing to the very light supply, the sales have been confined to a few small lots, at former rates. The last sales were at 5½c for prime; 5¼c for fair to good; 5c for ordinary; 4¾c for common; 4½c for inferior; 4c for grocery grades. We have receipts 3256 hhds., 3 tierces, 3 barrels.

MOLASSES.—The supply is moderate, and we have heard of no sales to-day. The last sales were at 16c. FLOUR.—The demand is supplied by dealers on the landing here at $5@5 12½ for superfine; $5 25@5 37½ for extra; $5 50@5 75 for family, and $5 87½@6 for fancy brands. We have no receipts to-day. Market dull.

CORN.—The supply is light. About 100 sacks sold yesterday at auction on the landing at 61 @62 c per bushel. Dealers could be found to-day on the landing for less. We make receipts, 6 sacks, 120 sacks.

OATS.—About 200 bags sold yesterday on the landing at 51 @52c per bushel. Dealers could be found to-day on the landing for less. We make receipts, 200 sacks.

BRAN.—The supply is very light. We have heard of no sales to-day. We quote at 84 @ 90 per 100 lbs. There have been no receipts this week.

HAY.—Timothy sells at 90c per 100 lbs. Prairie 75c. Northern 70 cents. Dealers could be found to-day on the landing for less. We make receipts, 150 bales.

WHISKEY.—Still nominal at 31 @32½ per gallon. The last sales were at 31c, per gallon. There have been no receipts this week.

PRODUCE AND PROVISIONS.—The supply is still light. We have heard of no sales to-day in most descriptions of Provisions. Bacon, Shoulders and Sides, Clear Sides, Clear Backs, Sugar Cured Hams 12@ 13c. Prime Lard in kegs 8½; Butter 20@22c. Pork, Mess $16 50@17 per bbl.; Prime Mess Pork $13 @ 14; Prime Pork $12 @ 13 per bbl.

In addition to the above, the following comprise the principal articles in this Department, viz: Bacon, Sugar Cured Hams, Shoulders, Sides, Lard, Pork, Beef, Butter, Cheese, Onions, Potatoes, Eggs, Poultry, Tallow, Soap, Candles, Lard Oil, Linseed Oil, Whiskey, Alcohol, Vinegar, Lime, Cement, Plaster of Paris, Hair, Bagging, Rope, Bale Rope, Twine, Tobacco, Cotton, Wool, Hides, Tallow, Rosin, Tar, Pitch, Turpentine, Spirits Turpentine, Rice, Sugar, Molasses, Coffee, Flour, Meal, Grain, Hay, Bran, Shorts, Feed, Salt, Fish