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CITY INTELLIGENCE.

Jacob Barker vs. H. Ouzts—Was published the other day the affidavit of Mr. Barker (on which Ouzts was arrested) charging the latter with having obtained $2000 from him on false pretenses. They changed to notes in the Tallahatchie. They changed to notes in the Tallahatchie. They changed to notes in the last post of the fleet, which they state was badly disfigured by coming through the pass and dodging the Coldwater by stumps and snags.

They also report the enemy's force at four-thousand.

Federals Caught Napping.

Richmond, March 11.—An official dispatch just received states that Brigadier-General Slaughter, a captain and thirty privates, of Hooker's army, were captured by a secession party under Capt Marion, of Gen Lee's cavalry, on Monday last. They entered Fairfax Court-house, and took them from their beds.

Destructive Fire in Richmond.

A fire occurred this morning at the corner of Canal and Seventh streets, which destroyed Brown's warehouse, containing navy to eight hundred Hogsheads of tobacco, valued at present prices at five hundred thousand dollars. Also, three thousand bushels of corn belonging to the Government.

The building belonged to the State.

From Charleston.

Charleston, March 11.—All quiet. The city is full of rumors about an impending attack, but nothing is authentic.

Confederate States Congress.

Richmond, March 11.—In the Senate the bill to grant to cabinet officers' seats upon the floor of Congress, was indefinitely postponed, after a lengthy discussion.

Senate bill relative to the bonds of quartermasters and commissaries as amended and passed, provides that the bonds of all quartermasters, &c., for posts, brigades or divisions, shall be given for a penal sum not less than fifty nor more than one hundred thousand dollars.

Mr. Wigfall, from the special committee, presented a report defining the privileges of reporters for the press in the Senate, closing with a resolution withdrawing the privilege of the floor of the Senate from the present reporter of the Richmond *Enquirer*.

Mr. Brown, of Mississippi, moved to lay the resolution upon the table, and pending the discussion of the motion the Senate went into secret session.

The House passed Senate bill to organize the engineer corps.

Mr. Conrad introduced a resolution, with a lengthy preamble, reviewing the conduct of the war, the peace movements at the North, and the efforts of foreign Governments to terminate the strife, and declaring the present time suitable to utter words of peace, and that Congress will cordially co-operate with the Executive in any measure consistent with the honor, dignity and independence of these States, tending to a speedy restoration of peace with all or any of the States of the Federal Union. The resolution was referred, when the House went into secret session.

Another Strange Craft Passes Vicksburg.

The *Mississippian* of the 12th says:

From Vicksburg we learn that a steam craft of some description was navigating the canal a few days ago. What she was could not be made out. The river is still rising, and it is believed by some that in a short time the canal will have sufficient water to support at least the smaller transports.

On the morning of the 10th, about 2 o'clock, another "strange craft" was discovered passing down the river. The batteries opened upon the thing heavily, and it is thought, whatever her character, she was well riddled. The river is not yet lighted up sufficiently to render service, and we presume never will be.

The Destruction of the Indianola.

The *Mississippian* of the 11th contains the following touching the rumored destruction of the Indianola:

Lieut Frith, who blew up the Indianola, gives the editor of the Natchez *Courier* the particulars. He says, that on Wednesday night a Federal gunboat, which he presently learned was the Tuscumbia, (afterwards turning out to be a scarecrow) and which, by the way, is represented as a very formidable iron clad, made her appearance within two miles of where the Indianola lay.

Lieut. Frith informs us that he had two 11-inch and two 9-inch Dahlgreen guns, as also two howitzers—field pieces—on board the sunken vessel as a battery, with but five men beside himself to man them.

On Thursday night, at 11 o'clock, after throwing overboard three of the pieces, and making his preparations for bursting the 11 inch guns, he laid his train for the final destruction of the Indianola. Upon examination, after the explosion, Lieut. Frith found that it was complete, and she lay completely riddled.

It is also stated that there was no discipline on the Indianola after she had been taken; that she was literally pillaged by those on board, in order to possess "mementoes" of the victory, &c.

On the 12th the same paper said:

We have advices from Vicksburg which contradict the report published by us yesterday morning, based upon the statement given by Lieutenant Frith to the Natchez *Courier*. This information is to the effect that the gunboat Indianola has been raised, and will soon be in fighting condition.

It is thought her magazine has not been damaged by her protracted immersion. In the effort to destroy her to keep her from falling into the hands of the enemy, one of her five guns was ruined, which, with another gun, were placed muzzle to muzzle and fired.

Federal Movements on the Tallahatchie.

Gentlemen who left Grenada yesterday morning, bring us information of the presence of a considerable Yankee force on the Tallahatchie. The scouts reported the fleet to consist of a few gunboats and thirty transports, all small, and that the force numbered fifteen thousand. Both estimates are probably exaggerated.

Repulse of a Federal Gunboat at Butte a la Rose.

We are permitted to make the following extract from a private letter from Captain G. H. Brangtun, giving the particulars of the repulse of the Federal gunboat, *Gray Cloud*, at Butte a la Rose, mention of which has already been made:

"Since my last we were sent to this place, a point on Grand river, where the Atchafalaya empties its dirty flood into the aforesaid river. The Yankees having possession of the Bay, (Berwick,) this point is the only impediment to the progress of their gunboats towards the Mississippi through the mouth of Red River, from whence they could advance on Port Hudson, and could thus make an attack from both sides. The name of this place is a sad misapplication, the mud here being almost knee deep, and we are constantly troubled with alligators.

"In addition to this, we anticipate the overflowing of the river in a few days, which will enhance the beauty of the place materially. I am separated from the regiment, companies D and H being encamped on the other side of the river as sharpshooters against the gunboats. I am by seniority in command of the detachment, and not a little proud of a recent achievement. Day before yesterday (Feb. 17th) our signals announced the approach of the enemy from below.

"The long rat brought the troops into line on both sides of the river, when I immediately took my detachment down along the bank of the river to a distance of about two miles from camp, when I posted my men in positions previously selected. In about half an hour we heard the gunboat approaching. I allowed her to get opposite to the centre of my line, (I had about one hundred men deployed, with ten paces interval between each post, two men at one post,) when I gave the command to "fire," and the two howitzers—field pieces—on board the sunken vessel as a battery, with but five men beside himself to man them.

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