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NEW ORLEANS.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS BY THE WEEK.

The carriers of the BEE are authorised to receive subscriptions to our paper, at the rate of 25 cents a week, payable in all cases to the carriers themselves.

Auction Sales This Day.

By E. Roger & Co., at 10 o'clock, at Nos. 45 and 47 Old Levee street, boots, shoes and brogans, hats, American shirts and clothing.

By Vincent & Co., at 10 o'clock, at No. 28 Custom-house street, seasonable dry goods, and stock of a country store.

By N Viguie, at 12 o'clock, at the Merchants and Auctioneers' Exchange, a two-story brick house on Louisa street.

By D E Murphy, at 10 o'clock, at No. 47 Magazine street, steam pens; also, at 11 o'clock, at the corner of Lafayette and Magazine streets, 40 drays.

By C E Forstall, at 12½ o'clock, in front of the Merchants and Auctioneers' Exchange, a barouche and wagon.

By N Viguie at the Merchants and Auctioneers' Exchange, a negro woman, 47 years of age.

By C E Forstall at the Merchants and Auctioneers' Exchange, three lots of ground, with buildings, in the Third District—estate of Joseph Lisb by.

By D E Murphy, at No 47 Magazine street, and at the Mississippi Warehouse, flour.

DIFFICULTIES AHEAD.

As the Lincoln Government contemplates the blockade of all the Southern seacoast, and has indeed already begun with Pensacola, some nice and rather perplexing questions of international privilege will necessarily arise from this anomalous situation of affairs. In the first place, the positive recognition by all European nations of the axiom that a blockade, to be respected, must be effectual, will impose upon the United States the arduous obligation of placing in the waters that lave the Atlantic sea-board from the northernmost point of Virginia to the southernmost harbor in Texas, a naval force to be counted by hundreds. It is well known that even if every vessel of war belonging to the Federal Government were concentrated in the South for the purpose of enforcing a rigorous blockade, their number would be wholly insufficient for the purpose; but we are willing to concede that LINCOLN may be able to purchase or charter a multitude of vessels now engaged in the merchant service, and may convert them temporarily into men of war by placing armaments on board. The operation is attended with immense cost, as we learn from the New York papers that several of the larger craft now chartered by the Government are paid for at the rate of a thousand dollars per day for each. We greatly doubt the ability of the United States Government to command a naval force adequate to so complete a blockade of the entire Southern coast as will prevent vessels from running the gauntlet, or stealing at propitious periods into some of the manifold inlets, bays and harbors which dot our shores. If our vessels succeed in evading the blockade, it is very certain that neither England nor France will regard it as effective, and that they will claim, and possibly exercise, the right of maintaining their lawful and customary commerce with the Confederate States. We need not, therefore, be at all surprised if old ABE not only finds himself subjected to the impracticable labor of subjugating the South, but exposed to a quarrel with one or both of the most powerful maritime States of Europe, in which he is pretty sure to come off second best.

Supposing, however, that LINCOLN and his Cabinet contrive by some stroke of diplomacy to avert these sources of embarrassment; or suppose, against all reasonable probabilities, they succeed in establishing a thorough and effective blockade, new difficulties will present themselves. The representatives of the various European powers will demand of Mr LINCOLN whether he considers the Confederate States as still embraced within the old Union, or whether he regards them as a foreign nation. If old ABE should reply that not recognizing the right of secession, and ignoring that of revolution, he regards the Confederate States as forming part and parcel of the American Union, he will then most likely be asked how he undertakes to blockade his own domain; or waiving that perplexing interrogatory, the European powers may desire to know by what peculiar prerogative he proposes to exclude other nations from reciprocal trade with the South. It is clear that the President of the United States—on the presumption that the republic continues one and indivisible—cannot possibly pretend to dictate to other countries the particular towns and cities with which they shall maintain commercial relations. Can LINCOLN, for example, say to England and France: "You may send your ships and goods to New York, but not to your ships and goods to New York, but not to New Charleston; to Philadelphia, but not to New Orleans?" These questions will assuredly gravel the Illinois rail splitter, counselled though he be by the astute and crafty Premier of his Cabinet. The pretense of putting down by fleets and armies combinations too powerful to be suppressed by ordinary means, will not justify in the eyes of Europe the assumption of a right to exclude its vessels from Southern ports.

OLD ABE might possibly choose the other horn of the dilemma, but it would inevitably impale him, too. If he takes the ground that he is at war with a foreign nation, England and France may acquiesce in his blockade, provided it is effective, but they will then experience no difficulty whatever in recognizing the Government *de facto* of the Confederate States, as the very power which assails it virtually makes the same acknowledgment. Take it altogether, and we rather think ABRAHAM LINCOLN will find himself in what Captain TRUCE was most emphatically to style "a category." He will have to deal with diplomatists quite as shrewd as any he has called around him, whose penetrating views will be greatly sharpened by considerations of self-interest. We have reason to believe that the Government at Washington has been thus early notified of these thorny questions. We shall see in due season how WM H SEWARD will manage to avert this new irrepressible conflict.

OUR CITY RAILROAD CARS RELEASED.—The cars for our city railroads, which had been seized by the Lincolnites at Jefferson, Indiana, have been released, and are now on their way to this city.

R MOVED.—It will be perceived by reference to our advertising columns that the depot of Wheeler & Wilson's Sewing Machines has been removed from 120 Canal street, to the corner of Camp and Canal streets, entrance on both sides. The reputation of these machines is so well established as to need no panegyric from us.

The Iberville *Gazette and Sentinel* is now published twice a week. We hope our cotemporary will find his enterprise a prosperous one.

Messrs Hoile & Co., No 61 Exchange place, have placed us under obligations for late papers and periodicals.

STEAMERS BETWEEN LIVERPOOL AND NEW ORLEANS.—A prospectus has been issued of the Liverpool and New Orleans Steam Navigation Company, with a capital of £200,000, in 4000 shares of £50 each. This company has for its object to start a line of steamers between Liverpool and New Orleans, as the most important port of the new Southern Confederation. The promoters state that it has long been a matter of surprise that such a line of steamships should not have been organized, and point to the fact that "New Orleans is undoubtedly the point to which shipments of manufactured goods for the supply of the large and increasing markets on the Mississippi should be directed; it is also becoming the *entrepôt* for Texas, Mexico and other districts on the Mexican Gulf." The secession of the Southern States, and the more liberal tariff of the South, they naturally put forward as forming inducements to a liberal patronage of the line when formed. It is said, also, that in passing to and from New Orleans, smoother weather may be relied on than in traversing by the more northerly route.

A STATE IN CHAINS.—The New York *Tribune* announces with an air of triumph: "Thus we have made Washington safe, and put Maryland in chains."

No doubt! Poor old Maryland is not only in chains, but has even humbled herself to the point of stretching out her hands to be fettered. Perhaps one of these days she will break her chains!

LITERARY PENSIONS.—Lord Palmerston has been distributing munificious pensions from the civil list, much to the satisfaction of the English literary world. The ladies have been particularly favored. Among the recipients of his favor are the daughters of Robert Southey, of Leigh Hunt, Professor Bell, two sisters of Mrs Jameson, the widows of Joseph Haydn, Professor Henfrey, Lady Brenton and Mrs. Barber. They have received about $5000.

The clearances at the Boston Custom-House last week show a falling off in the sales of boots and shoes of 15,171 cases on the same week last year. Wonder if any body is hurt?

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BY TELEGRAPH.

[TRANSMITTED TO THE NEW ORLEANS BEE.]

Federal Hill, Md., Deserted—Invasion of Washington Not Intended. Major McCulloch in Richmond.

Baltimore, May 17.—The Federal Hill has been deserted by order of Gen. Cadwallader, who forms an encampment near Fort McHenry.

Colonel Jones succeeds Butler as Brigadier-General.

Gen. Butler will soon have 15,000 men and a squadron at Fortress Monroe.

Gen Smith, of Virginia, told Gen. Thomas that Virginia never meant to invade Washington, but was determined to maintain her ground.

Major Ben McCulloch is at Richmond, at the head of a company of 300 men—a rough set—expecting to do great deeds.

Gov Letcher and Major McCulloch are in constant conference.

Gov Letcher is doing nothing without orders from Montgomery.

Appointment by the President—The River Service to be Discontinued.

Washington, May 17.—Mr. Wm. G. Coffin, of Indiana, has been appointed Southern Superintendent of Indian Affairs.

The entire river service in the Secession States will probably be discontinued in the course of a few days.

Affairs in St. Louis.

St Louis, May 17.—The camp sprirngs and hights near the reservoir are occupied as a protective measure by Federal troops.

An attempt to rescue Mr. McDonald, en route to Caseyville, was prevented by reinforcements.

Massachusetts Appropriation.

Boston, May 17.—The Massachusetts Legislature has appropriated $3,000,000 to the State militia, and loaned the Federal Government $7,000,000.

Election in Kentucky.

Louisville, May 17.—The Union vote for border State delegates in eighty-nine counties is 98,000. The aggregate Presidential vote in November was 146,000. The returns from eighteen counties have yet to be received.

U. S. War Steamer Commissioned.

New York, May 17.—The U. S. frigate of war Wabash was commissioned yesterday.

Kentucky Legislature.

Frankfort, May 17.—The Kentucky Legislature has passed a bill legalizing the suspension of specie payment by the banks, and resolutions that Kentucky shall maintain a strict neutrality during the present contest, and approving of Governor Magoffin's refusal to furnish troops to the Federal Government.

Major Anderson in Cincinnati.

Cincinnati, May 17.—Major Anderson arrived here this morning, and was, as he has been in other Northern localities, enthusiastically received by the populace.

Capture of Another Prize Ship.

We learn by a private dispatch from the Balize that the privateer steamer V. H. Ivy captured another large prize ship outside the bar this morning. Her name is not mentioned. Both the privateer and prize were, at last accounts, at Pass a Loutre, on their way up to the city.

Since the above was written, we learn that the new prize is the ship Marshall, of Providence R I. Where she is from, or with what laden, is not stated.

Still Another Prize.

We learn by a later dispatch that still another prize has been captured since by the V. H. Ivy, but her name has not yet reached us

The Confederate Congress—Limits of the Port of New Orleans Described—Abolishment of the Ports at New Orleans and Dahlonega.

Montgomery, May 17.—In Congress to-day, Mr. Oldham, of Texas, presented a memorial from the Texas and New Orleans Railway Company, which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr Conrad, of Louisiana, presented a petition from a certain New Orleans railway company, for a bill exempting from duty the cars purchased by the New Orleans and Carrollton Company. Both were referred to the Committee on Finance.

A bill passed defining the limits of the port of New Orleans, which embraces all the waters, inlets and shores on both sides of the Mississippi, within the parish of Orleans, and that part of the parish of Jefferson on the right bank to the upper line of Destrehan's canal, and the left bank of the lower line of Hunt ville. The ports of Bayou St John, Lake Port, and Port Pontchartrain are abolished, as also the duties collected at New Orleans.

An act passed abolishing the mints at New Orleans and Dahlonega, after the first of June.

Congress passed a number of bills to-day, among which is one which provides for the organization of a patent office, another for the regulation of telegraph lines, and a third authorizes the issue of fifty millions of bonds, payable in twenty years, at an interest not exceeding eight per centum, or in lieu of bonds, to issue $20,000,000 of Treasury notes, in small sums, without interest.

Congress has been invited by the Alabama and Florida Railway Company to visit Pensacola. The invitation was declined, but it is understood that probably some of the members will go

Movements of Virginians.

Washington, May 17.—The advance of Virginians on Washington is astounded. No batteries have been erected on Arlington Hights.

Black Republicans Driven from Missouri—Secessionists Taken Prisoners of War, &c.

St Louis, May 17.—Several men of Union proclivities have been driven from Potosi for expressing Republican sentiments. Capt Dole has been sent to protect the people there. One hundred and fifty Secessionists have been taken, nine of which are held as prisoners of war.

Gen Price has ordered the immediate organization of a militia for the protection of citizens, irrespective of political creed.

Nearly 900 Southern Irishmen have enrolled in the Federal service.

Blockade of Virginia.

New York, May 17.—The steamship Catawba which arrived here to-day, reports that the Harriet Lane is blockading James and Elizabeth rivers, the Monticello York river, and the Quaker City Chesapeake bay.

Washington Items—Release of Mr. Winans.

Washington, May 17.—Mr. Ross Winans, recently arrested for selling arms to the South, has been released on surrender to do nothing hostile to the Federal Government.

The remains of Washington have not been, nor is it likely that they will be, removed from Mount Vernon.

Brigadier General Mansfield has stopped the Adams Express from carrying letters, packages, &c., into Virginia.

Capture of a Yacht.

New York, May 17.—The Royal mail steamship Karnak, from Havana on the 11th instant, has arrived at this port.

She reports the capture on the high seas of a yacht by the United States steamer of war St. Louis.

What Seward Considers Treason.

Washington, May 17.—The Secretary of State, Mr Seward, writes Mr Hemming, the agent of the New York and Virginia Steamship Company, that the recipients of money from the Secessionists for vessels seized by them, would be punished by the Government for treason.

River Intelligence.

Louisville, May 17.—The Ohio river at this point continues to recede, with 8 feet 9 inches water in the canal.

Cincinnati Flour Market.

Cincinnati, May 17.—There were sales of Flour to-day at $4 50 to $4 80 for Superfine.

New York Markets.

New York, May 17.—The sales of Cotton to-day comprised 2400 bales at 13¾c for Middling Uplands. Corn is quoted at 52 to 56c. the bushel.

THINGS AT ST. LOUIS.—On the 13th peace and quiet prevailed at St. Louis, but thousands were leaving the city by every means of conveyance. The steamer J. C. Swon, Captain Jones was set on fire on Monday. It was ascertained that the fire had been kindled within a closet in a stateroom, which closet was filled full of bedding and other inflammable materials. Both the outside and inside doors of the room were locked, and the incendiary must have obtained a key to enter the apartment for the accomplishment of his fell purpose. The fire burned out two staterooms before it was extinguished, and the damage was about $200.

LINCOLN'S KENTUCKY REGIMENT.—The "two Kentucky regiments" which the Lincoln papers have been boasting of, turn out to be men in buckram, as we expected. The regiments, which are mere skeletons numerically, were recruited about the docks of Cincinnati, though their headquarters were nominally at Newport, Kentucky, just across the river. Their Colonels are neither of them Kentuckians, though both have resided for a short time at Newport. One is an Indianan, the other an Ohioan, and both of disreputable character, being what are called "sports."

A PLUCKY BOSTON ALDERMAN.—A correspondent of the Boston *Journal* reports, with great indignation, the following case of treason to Yankeedoodledom:

Last Wednesday morning I was at the City Hall, waiting to see His Honor the Mayor; and while there the conversation naturally turned upon the existing state of our country. During this conversation Alderman Hatch remarked—the fourth of July would not be celebrated this year, but that he would be in favor of celebrating the day on which the Constitution of the Confederate States was adopted. I remarked to him "he would not dare to offer such an order." He replied that he would, and that he was not the only member of the Board who would dare offer such an order.

He further said it was a shame to send men South to cut the throats of our Southern brothers and sisters, and he would not be guilty of aiding in sending troops for such a purpose. In regard to the troops, Mr. Hatch said he was at Faneuil Hall the evening before, and saw the troops there quartered, whom he represented as a miserable set of beings, wallowing in their own filth and half drunk.

We cheerfully give place to the following letter:

BRITISH CONSULATE,
NEW ORLEANS May 17th, 1861.

SIR—Although I have received no official notice regarding the time when the blockade of the Mississippi river will be established, it may be important to those interested to give such information as I have received from Washington:

"Neutral vessels will be allowed fifteen days to leave port after the actual commencement of the blockade, whether such vessels are with or without cargoes, and whether the cargoes were shipped before or after the commencement of the blockade."

It is rumored that the blockade will be effectually established on or about the 25th inst.

I am, sir, yours faithfully,
WILLIAM MURE,
H. B. M. Consul.

The Editor New Orleans *Bee*.

The English Press on the Fall of Fort Sumter.

[From the London Times, April 27th.]

Nature, or something that stands in its stead, is still strong in the Americans. They fight "willing, but with unwilling minds." They lift the hand to strike, they wing the instrument of death, but a mysterious power averts the stroke, or blunts the edge, or deadens the blow. Are they in earnest or are they playing at war, or dreaming that they strike and still strike not? It sounds more like a dangerous game than a sad reality. Seven batteries breached and bombarded Fort Sumter for forty hours, burnt down its barracks, blew up several magazines, threw shells into it innumerable, and did a vast show of destruction. The fort replied with like spirit. At length it surrendered, the garrison marched out prisoners of war, and it was then found that not a man was killed or an officer wounded on either side. Many a difficulty at a bar has cost more bloodshed. Was this a preconcerted feat of conjuring? Were the rival Presidents saluting one another in harmless fireworks to amuse the groundlings? The whole affair is utterly inexplicable. It sounds like the battles when the cost of ammunition is paid by the penny, and when the only casualty, after a day's hard fighting, was a case of suffocation and a few bruises. Odin's heroes as they renew their daily warfare are really wounded, though their wounds are quickly healed. This is sparring with boxing gloves—not the loaded cestus of modern warfare. It is a mere spectacle. The population and even the ladies of Charleston poured forth to see the sight. Ten thousand soldiers lined the works, watching the sport and contributing their share. Our own cockneys have seen as much and more in a mud fair. Greenwich or the surrey Gardens, not more unscathed, and, let us hope, in not more pacific mood. But, perhaps, this is only the interchange of courtesies which in olden times preceded real war.

Different from all we are accustomed to hear of the Americans. There a "word and a blow" has been the rule. In this case the blow, when it does at last come, falls like snow and lights as gently as thistle-down. Surely it cannot be a ruse? Surely the old Union is in the conspiracy, for all are arming and rushing to war as if they expected serious work.

What next? An attempt to recapture Fort Sumter? A contest at Fort Pickens? A struggle for the Capital? A diversion in Texas? A renewal of negotiation? No one knows, and what is worse, no one credits President Lincoln for any plan. We can only compare the two sides and strike a balance. In the North there is an army, and a navy, and money, and in more numerous white population, industry, trade, the incubus of slavery. There is also the tradition of the Union, the Capitol, and the successor of Washington. Modern warfare cannot go on without money, and the Northern States can more easily raise and spend a hundred millions of dollars a year than the Southern can raise ten millions. All that is outside and material is in favor of the North. It has the preponderance of every thing, that can be counted, measured and weighed; that can be bought and sold; that can be estimated in pounds, shillings & pence sterling. It has the manufactories, the building yards, the dockyards—the whole apparatus of national wealth and strength. It has the money market, and it borrows more easily than the South, where, however, political zeal sometimes takes a fictitious credit. So in the North we read of numerous gatherings of State forces; of many steamers chartered, stripped of their finery, filled with soldiers, food and ammunition, and steaming southward. So much for the North. In the South, on the contrary, there is little or nothing but that which often becomes the counterbalance to every thing else. There are the men of action, who can combine, conspire, keep the secret, have a plan, and carry it out with vigor. Conferring or fighting, Davis at Montgomery & Washington have been vacillating between peace and war, between compromise and resistance. In the South, there has been one steady, uninterrupted progress, towards secession and war from the very last, President Jefferson Davis being behindhand. His ships sent to relieve Fort Sumter only arrived in time to be distant spectators of the scene: they came, in fact, but to contribute to the glory of the captors, and to bring shame and ill-fame themselves. If signs are to be read, if symptoms are to be noted, if the one party is ripe for action and the other