THE BEAVER.

MASSACHUSETTS ASSAULTED.

The citizens of Boston are in a state of great excitement, owing to the rapid increase of the British force on the Charlestown side. The town has been fortified and the defense is being taken in hand. The British have been reinforced by the arrival of a large body of troops from the Jerseys. The town is well supplied with provisions and the people are confident of success. The British are using every means to weaken the resolve of the citizens, but they are determined to hold out until relief arrives.

RUSSIA AND POLAND.

The Russian armies have crossed the frontier of Poland and have entered the country. The Polish resistance is proving to be stubborn, but the Russians are determined to carry their victory. The battle of Smolensk was a decisive one, and the Polish army was completely routed. The Russians are now advancing on Warsaw.

COMMERCIAL.

The sale of cotton in South Carolina is reported to be much improved. The prices are holding up well and the demand is strong. The growers are confident of a good harvest and are expecting to make a good profit. The cotton market is in a thriving condition and the prospects are bright for the future.

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