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OUR NAVY.

The New York *Herald* devotes several massive columns to an elaborate description of what it styles "the Rebel Navy." Under this head it charges the Sumter, the Dixie, the Jeff. Davis, Gordon, Savannah, Webb, McClelland, Mallou, Yorktown, Sallie, Bonita, James Gray, Calhoun, Ivy, Dodge, Lady Davis, and about a dozen more, including the Manassas. Of all these it gives full accounts, their tonnage, armaments, and names of commanders as far as ascertained. Finally it arrives at the conclusion that the war vessels of the Rebels are 30 steamers, 16 schooners, 2 brigs and one man. Then it gives us 12 very large steamers of from 600 to 1900 tons, which, upon emergency, might be converted into vessels of war. Among them are the Atlantic, the Galveston, Miramon, Tennessee, Texas, W. G. Howes, &c. Lastly, it mentions 32 vessels which are in use as Rebel transports, making altogether 88 vessels of all sorts and sizes, 54 of which are armed. To this list the *Herald* appends the names of the captains, commanders, lieutenants and midshipmen, so far as known, making 87 officers in all. This list is pretty accurate, we suppose, but the *Herald* knows nothing whatever of a host of gunboats and other armed vessels in the principal seaports of the South, of whose operations it may chance to hear, should its master ever send invading armies in the neighborhood.

LOUISIANA ITEMS.

The editor of the Alexandria *Constitutional*, having made a tour into the interior of the parish, thus relates his experience:

We found the planters busily and cheerfully engaged in logging after their crops of sugar and cotton, notwithstanding the ruinous depression in the prices of one and the total blockade of the other; cotton-picking is nearly over, and the cane is rapidly being cut and windrowed, or talked to the sugar-house.

The friend who accompanied us went on business connected with a new regiment enrolled for service during the war, and we express himself thereafter for the liberal donations made for the support of the soldiers, by the planters he visited, and charmed with their courtesy and kindness towards himself. We, too, could have something to say on that score, but it is unnecessary.

The article of weather has been on the very warm order, especially for this season of the year, so much so that the proprietors of the Government Road Pasturey, situated about two miles below town, have had to suspend operations for the present, or until the weather gets cooler. We had a fine rain on Tuesday.

The river is still in a low state, but there is ample water for the navigation of small boats, of which we have had not a few at our wharf this week. They have generally very fair freights down, and very little up.

Mr. Babbin's carriage warehouse in Gordon's Landing, Avoyelles, was destroyed by fire a few evenings ago. A new one will be speedily erected.

The Plaquemines *Rice Planter* has the following:

Though near the end of November, the cane fields in this section are as verdant as in the month of August or September. On all our sugar estates sugar-making progresses finely, but we understand that our sugar is not turning out as handsomely as heretofore. We cannot hear complaints with the same article manufactured here in former years. With sugar selling at 1 to 2 cents a pound, the prospects of sugarplanters in this parish are rather gloomy.

From present appearances, the winter promises to be as mild as that of 1841, when a few sugar-canes—a thing not seen before or since in this parish—put forth blooms on the plantation of the late Gen. W. Johnson.

Affairs in East Tennessee.

The Memphis *Appeal* of Tuesday has the following:

Capt. James Brent, of Gen. Carroll's staff, who left Knoxville Sunday morning, arrived in the city on yesterday, bringing us the latest intelligence received from East Tennessee. We learn from him that the reported conflict between Zollicoffer and Crittenden is without foundation in fact, and that on the contrary matters are growing more quiet every day since the adoption of the rigorous and uncompromising policy towards traitors that has recently been inaugurated.

Two bridge-burners, Henry Fry and Jacob Hestle, were tried by a drum-head court-martial at Greenville on the 20th ult., and found guilty. Hestle, a Lincoln company, whose members have fined upon the Confederate troops two or three months since, hilling one man.

Gen. Carroll issued a proclamation from his headquarters at Knoxville on the 20th ult., giving assurance to all citizens that the Government will not interfere with individuals on account of their "political opinions," but that the military authorities would order the arrest of all who may "take up arms against the Government, or who in any manner may aid or abet the enemies, or incite rebellion, in order that they may be tried by military law."

Gen. Carroll is occupied in the wise policy by the War Department at Richmond.

Parson Brownlow's newspaper office and appurtenances have been turned to very different purpose than having treasonable handbills like the Knoxville *Whig*. The building is now used as a Confederate armory, and his steam press turns the machinery that repairs and mounts the guns that have been taken from the hands of traitors, who have been deluded into forcible opposition to the Government. It is estimated that the tories of Brownlow's stamp alone will furnish over 500 good guns.

Capt. Brent thinks that the insurrection is effectually quelled, and has no organization whatever, except a very feeble and precarious existence, among a few reckless traitors in the extreme northeastern portion of the State. The Army policy will be continued in full force, until the last armed traitor "yields up the glorious ghost." Carroll, we are pleased to learn, gives entire satisfaction to all loyal citizens, and a summary trial by court-martial to those that are disloyal.

A Member of Parliament on Cotton and the War.

Mr. Edmond Potter, in the course of an address at Carlisle, where about five thousand working people are usually employed in the cotton business, remarked as follows:

I need hardly, perhaps, tell you of the position in which we are now with regard to cotton. We get, or have got, eighty-five per cent. of our cotton from America, but you know the unfortunately the Americans are at war among themselves, and we are not getting a bale of cotton from them; on the reverse, they are actually buying cotton in Liverpool to send back to the States. We have, it is to be hoped, in store we can get that eighty-five per cent. very greatly made up somewhere else? There is every probability, I am afraid, that within the next year we can get very little more than we have got now, and we cannot get that very quickly. If we cannot get American cotton on account of the civil war they are carrying on among themselves, we shall not have a bale of American cotton in England. Unless something occurs to settle this silly, foolish, mischievous, and, I think, very wicked quarrel, I can see no prospect of the working classes in Lancashire and Cheshire being true one-half or one-third employed. It is a fearful thing to contemplate.

You see the temper in which the American war is carried on, and the animus which is thrown into it, as well as I can of the probabilities of the cessation of this miserable quarrelling amongst themselves. You can judge of the prospects respecting the cotton supply. If you look to India for cotton, and if they will take our goods back for it, as they will, there is a prospect of truth; but it must be slow, to enable us to supply them for its at present we have not the machinery and power-looms. Many of these have been volunteered from Lancashire, and is not now in the very best of hands, as has demanded that they shall be returned. The Secretary of War and the Secretary of State have graciously condescended to attend to his request.

BY TELEGRAPH.

[TRANSMITTED TO THE NEW ORLEANS BEE.]

From East Pascagoula.

Naval Engagement in Mississippi Sound.

East Pascagoula, December 4.—The Confederate gunboats Florida and Pamlico engaged a Federal vessel off the east end of Horn Island this morning, at nine o'clock, and after several shots were exchanged, the Federal vessel retired.

[NIGHT DISPATCHES.]

From Richmond.

Arrival of the Confederate Steamer Nashville at an English Port.

Richmond, December 4.—Intelligence is received here that the Confederate steamer Nashville had arrived at Southampton, and the Confederate flag floats in British waters. The Nashville captured and burnt a large Yankee ship on her passage out.

From Savannah.

Lincolnites Have Evacuated Tybee.

Savannah, December 4.—The *News* of this morning says the Federals have entirely evacuated Tybee Island. Captain Read visited the island on yesterday and saw no enemy, and no marks of an enemy being in the vicinity.

From Augusta.

Augusta, December 4.—The Presbyterian General Assembly convened here to-day, and the Rev. Francis McFarland was elected Moderator by acclamation.

From Columbia, S. C.

Columbia, December 4.—The Legislature elected, yesterday, Robert W. Barnwell and James L. Orr Confederate Senators.

From Richmond.

Richmond, December 4.—The bridge over Lick creek, in East Tennessee, is rebuilt, and the trains are passing over all the other points. The bridges are being rapidly completed, and there is a very slight detention of passengers and mails.

Vote of Thanks to Gen. Price and Army.

Congress passed yesterday unanimously, and the President signed to-day, the following vote of thanks:

Be it resolved by the Congress of the Confederate States, That the thanks of the people of the Confederate States are eminently due and are hereby tendered to Major-General Sterling Price and the Missouri army under his command for the gallant conduct they have displayed throughout their service in the present war, and especially for the skill, fortitude and courage by which they have gained the brilliant achievement at Lexington, Missouri, resulting on the 26th day of September last, in the capture of that town and the surrender of the entire Federal army there employed.

Be it further resolved, That a copy of the resolutions be communicated by the President to Gen. Price, and through him to the army thereunder his command.

Nothing new from the camps.

From Memphis.

Memphis, December 4.—Last Sunday three Confederate gunboats went within gunshot of Cairo and fired fifteen rounds at Fort Holt. The Federals scampered out of their tents, but would not fight. One gunboat was anchored in the channel below Fort Holt. Martin Deming was at the wharf. A deserter says last Sunday was the day fixed upon for the Federals to come down with 60,000 men, but the descent was postponed.

It is rumored here that the nomination of Heath to supersede Price creates great dissatisfaction, especially with the Missourians.

A special dispatch to the St. Louis *Democrat*, dated Jefferson City, 29th November, reports Gen. McCulloch moving with a large force on that place.

A special dispatch to the St. Louis *Republican* of the 29th, dated Rolla, Mo., Nov. 29th, says McCullock regards the retrograde movement of the Federal army as an attempt to get in his rear. McCulloch is now encamped at Cassville, forty miles south of Springfield. Rains left Marcoscic to join McCulloch on the 25th, with a force of 7000 men. Price left Pineville on the 25th with the balance of the Confederate army, marching upon the same point. Lois McCulloch and Rains. He has destroyed every thing to prevent the Federals from gaining in his rear.

From Richmond.

Richmond, December 4.—The Norfolk *Day Book* of this morning intimates that there is a probability that Gen. Scott will soon be in the South after the mode of Mason and Slidell.

The New York *Herald* of the 1st instant is received at Norfolk, which says Secretary Cameron's report is completed, which gives a detailed statement of the war, says over 500,000 Federals in the service that they are splendidly appointed and in fine condition, and the people of the North enthusiastic for war. He proposes employing slaves for building fortifications and bridges, teamsters, &c., and that the slaves should never be returned to their rebel masters.

Authentic information is received at Washington of the capture of a Canadian vessel by a Federal cutter. The former was loaded with arms, clothing and munitions for a Southern port.

Senator Powell, of Kentucky, and Green, of Missouri, had arrived at Washington, and the Congressmen generally had arrived.

Caleb Cushing is not appointed a Brigadier, but his friends are pressing his claims.

The documents seized at Fortress Monroe in possession of Bryan Obara were heavy sealed and stamped by Robert Bunch, British Consul at Charleston. The correspondents of the Tribune has mastered Lord Lyons, and all his communications and documents, and says he has abstained from all sympathy with either section; as it would only be exciting trouble.

Speech of Hon. Wm. L. Yancey in London.

HIS REMARKS ENTHUSIASTICALLY APPLAUDED.

[From the London Globe, November 12.]

Mr. Dudley Mann and Wm. L. Yancey, two of the Southern Commissioners, now in England, attended the dinner of the Fishmongers' Company on Saturday. Mr. Yancey, in answer to a complimentary toast, made the following speech, which derives interest from the fact that the Minister from the United States, Mr. Adams, was at the same time speaking in Guildhall.

Mr. Yancey said:

Upon the part of Americans, I sincerely respond to the sentiment just expressed by the Prince Warden, for the restoration of peace in America. Such a wish, proceeded by a passage of intelligent Englishmen, must kindle a corresponding spirit in the bosom of every enlightened and impartial American. The same American no longer represents a united people. There are now two American nationalities—the Confederate and the Federal Americans. I—as you may, perhaps, be aware—am a Confederate, or, as the Federal Americans, unmindful of their own revolutionary forefathers, disdainfully term me, a rebel. But the justice and the sense of right of this great Government, promptly conceded in by France and Spain, speedily wiped out the stigma from my brows, and my countrymen are acknowledged here, at least, to be belligerents. (Cheers.)

Though indebted to so enlarged and enlightened view of public law, and not to the favor or favor of England, for this acknowledgment of our unquestionable rights and *locus standi*, I must freely express here to-night that deep sense of thankfulness which I am sure all my countrymen feel for its just and timely avowal—*Bis dat qui cito dat.* (Prolonged cheers.) From no other power could it come so gracefully. In this—the old country—the principle of self-government is fully established. If you look to India for cotton, and if they will take our goods back for it, as they will, there is a prospect of truth; but it must be slow, to enable us to supply them for its at present we have not the machinery and power-looms. Many of these have been volunteered from Lancashire, and is not now in the very best of hands, as has demanded that they shall be returned. The Secretary of War and the Secretary of State have graciously condescended to attend to his request.

The Christmas and New Year Free Gift Lottery.—This magnificent scheme has taken a start, and obtained a popularity already that ensures its success. It was the right idea, in the right time, and being inaugurated by some two hundred of the most respectable ladies and gentlemen of our city, it has the confidence of every one. Up to this time, we learn; the free offerings of gifts for prizes are unexampled in respect to their value, appropriateness and variety. Two, its particular, will be conspicuous at the bazaar—a beautiful chronicle of needle and a silver service worth nine thousand dollars. Everybody has something to offer or can procure a gift for contribution, be it only a book, or a pincushion, or a pin-cushion, or a toy. In this way probably thirty or forty thousand dollars' worth of gifts will be collected, comprising as endless variety of attractive objects. A committee, already appointed, are appraising their value, and the names of the donors will be entered in a record book kept for the purpose, unless the gift is sent anonymously.

Tickets, to be sold for one dollar each, will be issued to the aggregate value of the prize, and will draw them by an equitable lottery distribution every day through out the holiday week. The gifts will be displayed to the interests of peace and humanity it will yield much material for the relief of secondary importance. (Mr. Yancey sat down amid loud and continued cheering.)

A RIVER SKIRMISH.—On Sunday morning last the Federal gunboats came down the river towards Columbus, on one of their usual voyages of discovery. A few shots fired by them elicited the attention of a portion of the "mosquito fleet," under command of Commodore Hollins, who started the Confederate boats Polk, Ivy and Calhoun up the river to meet the enemy. The latter, as usual, retired to Cairo upon the first demonstration being made against them.—*Memphis Appeal.*

Says the Baton Rouge *Advocate*:

From reliable sources we are informed that our force at and near Columbus number near 30,000 men and, reinforcements are constantly pouring in. Over 50,000 now follow the state and bare rear bowling Green, and that division is also reported as increasing in numbers.

Thanks to Holló & Co., No. 61 Exchange Place, for late Western papers.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

Death of a New Orleans Man in Texas.—*Strange Story of His Connection with the Notorious Fanny Sweet—Foul Play Suspected.*—There appears to be a fatality in store for those on the one of Commodore Hollins, who have returned from Mexico, being intelligence of the death of Mr. William G. Stephens, well known as a wealthy Orleanian and contractor for paving the streets with square blocks. At dusk on the evening of this city, one of them the son