

GREAT NEWS FROM SHERMAN'S EXPEDITION. FLEET REPORTS OF ITS PROGRESS. Arrival at Quitman on the Mobile and Ohio Railroad. The Advance Thus Far Meets no Opposition. The Boldest Movement of the War. Sherman Cuts Off all Communication in His Rear. HE MEDITATES NO STEP BACKWARD. HIS DESTINATION IS MOBILE. THE FLEET INCREASING OFF THAT PORT. The Governor Exhorts Non-Combatants to Leave the City.

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WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

Celebration in New-York and Vicinity.

PARADES, FEASTINGS, AND FIREWORKS.

Grand Opening of the Long Island Sanitary Fair.

The 132d Anniversary of the Birthday of Washington was duly celebrated yesterday in New-York and vicinity. The day was clear and bright and the atmosphere balmy and Spring-like. The City Hall was gayly decked in holiday attire, and the shipping in the harbor bloomed with bunting from deck to main track, presenting a brilliant sight. From nearly every building in Broadway between the Battery and Fourteenth street the glorious old Stars and Stripes were given to the breeze, and several of the mercantile palaces on that thoroughfare were profusely decorated with flags and streamers. The Grand Wharf at Jersey City was particularly brilliant with colors of all nations. Solutes were fired at Madison square and at the Battery—the first by order of the Common Council, and the latter at noon by the descendants of the veterans of '76, who paraded Broadway in the morning. According to the programme, which we published yesterday, Trinity churches were played at noon by Mr. Aylliffe. Although no orders were issued by Major Gen. Sanford for a general parade of the New-York State National Guard, the 2d, 11th, 22d and 71st Regiments turned out to commemorate the event in obedience to orders from their commanders. After parading through Broadway they were reviewed during the afternoon in the Park by the Mayor and Common Council. Although the ranks were not full, the four regiments made a fine display. The Veterans of 1812 made their customary parade, and, after being reviewed by the Mayor, marched to the Mercer House, where they dined and whined, and fought once the battles of their country.

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