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TELEGRAPHIC.

Office Semi-Weekly News,
Friday July 18th 1862.

A passenger to-day says that Mc-
Clellan was mortally wounded, and
has since died, and his army laid
down their arms, refusing to fight any
longer. That Hindman had defeated
Curtis, capturing 15,000 stand of
arms. Price is on his way to Mis-
souri. The enemy have given up
the idea of taking Vicksburg, and all
the gunboats have left. We think
this reliable, considering the source.

A band of Tories in Winn Parish
were taken to Fort Jackson a few
days since. Some of them condemned
to the halter.

It is reported that we have retaken
Baton Rouge.

The canal to cut off Vicksburg is
supposed to be a failure.

Under date of July 12, we have re-
ceived the following intelligence from
our special agent in Natchitoches:

News—The Mouth of Red River
is blockaded. The gunboats have
left Vicksburg. Our crossing at the
Mouth is stopped.

In a hurry, yours,
JOHN W. TABER.

Grenada, July 7—The St. Louis
Republican of the 2d inst., which has
been received here, still observes a
mysterious silence respecting McClel-
lan's defeat, which it fears may mean
disaster.

A dispatch dated Cairo the 1st
inst. says that Gen. Hindman is back
at St. Charles with 5000 men. Col.
Fitch, of the Yankee army, has aban-
doned his position after spiking his
guns. Curtis is reported to be in a
bad situation. Supplies cannot reach
him, and he had been living on half
rations for ten days. He will have
to cut his way out or be captured.—
[He was reported to have been cap-
tured about ten days ago, though no
dispatches confirming the rumor has
come to hand at present writing.—Ed
News.]

The last accounts received from
Holly Springs report the Federals
are again retreating.

*Official Report of the Fight in
Arkansas.*

HEADQ'S, TRANS-MISS. DIS.,
Little Rock, Ark., June 25, '62.

On the 17th inst., the enemy at-
tacked our position at St. Charles,
on White river. We had there, in
battery, two thirty-pounder guns and
four field pieces, under command of
Capt. Joseph Fry and Capt. Dunning-
ton, C. S. Navy, with 79 men from

the gunboats Maurepas and Pontchar-
train; together with thirty-five in-
fantry, of the 1st Trans-Mississippi
Regiment, under command of Capt.
A. M. Williams, Chief of the Corps
of Engineers. Our whole force and
armament, therefore, was one hun-
dred and fourteen men and six guns.
We had no fortifications—there was
no time to construct them.

The federal force consisted of two
iron-clad gunboats, one wooden gun-
boat, one tug, and three transports,
with not less than one thousand in-
fantry.

After an engagement of three
hours duration, between the gunboats
and the battery, the former were
forced to retire. The Yankee in-
fantry then landed from the transports,
and moved upon our battery, which
was necessarily abandoned, the guns
being first spiked, and made useless
to the enemy. Our loss was six
killed one wounded, eight missing—
among the latter, Capt. Fry. The
enemy's loss was one iron-clad gun-
boat blown up by a shot from our
battery; another gunboat disabled, a
transport seriously injured, and a
confessed loss of 180 men. It is be-
lieved to have been even greater.

The conduct of the officers and
men of our land and naval forces in
this brilliant affair—which was sub-
stantially a victory; was, with two
ignoble exceptions, as far as reported
honorable in the highest degree.—
Capts. Fry, Dunnington and Williams
have the thanks of the Commanding
General for the courage, skill, and
energy they displayed. Privates
Bruce and Everett, of Capt. Herring's
infantry, Mr. Win Smith, acting
master, Win Barclay, engineer, Win
Smith, engineer, Victor Egley, en-
gineer, midshipman Roby, who com-
manded the guns, W. S. Campbell
all of the gunboat Pontchartrain, and
Dr. Addison of the Maurepas, are
mentioned in the reports of their
commanding officers, as having dis-
tinguished themselves by prominent
bravery.

Lieut. Bland of the 1st Trans-Mis-
sissippi Regiment, is dismissed dis-
honorably from the service, and Serg't
Grey of the same regiment, is re-
duced to the ranks, for misconduct during
the engagement. By command of
Major General HINDMAN,
**R. C. NEWTON, Colonel and
Chief of Staff.**

Foreign Intelligence.

The steamship Nova Scotia had
arrived at New York with advices
from England of the 22d June.

The St. Pierre affair is said to be
settled.

The correspondent of the Paris
Constitutionnel regards the media-
tion of Europe in respect to the Amer-
ican war as a mere question of time,
as public opinion both in England
and France daily grows in favor of it.

In the House of Commons, the mo-
tion of Mr. Lindsay respecting Brit-
ish relations with America, express-
ing the hope that the Southern Con-
federacy would be recognized, since
it is now clear that its independence
will be achieved, had been postponed
to the 11th inst. (July).

In the House of Lord Mr. Har-
ward stated that he would on the 1st
of July move a resolution that it is
the duty of the British government
to use every exertion, consistent with
the maintenance of peace, to end the
American war.

OUR LOSS AT CHICKAHOMINY.—As
the returns of the different corps in
the battle of Chickahominy are made
up, the papers of Richmond reduce the
number of our casualties. The Ex-
aminer thinks the whole number of
our wounded in the battles of Chick-
ahominy and Williamsburg did not
exceed 1400, and that 2,000 would

cover the entire loss, killed, wounded,
and missing. The Enquirer rates
the loss at 2,300, of whom only 150
were killed. So that the statement
that the loss of the enemy, taking his
own account is double that of our side
is likely to be true.

The wounded at Richmond were
improving fast, and a large number of
them will soon be ready to join their
commands.

The following is from the N. Y.
Tribune of the 5th inst:

Every successive day develops
more and more the desperate charac-
ter of the late battle before Richmond.
Our Fortress Monroe correspondent
learns that already 2,000 of our wound-
ed have been taken care of and that
accommodation for 3,000 more will
be required. Good judges fix our loss
at 6,000 to 8,000. That of the ene-
my is pretty surely double this number.
Richmond is one great hospital, and
deep gloom and despair have fallen
upon the so lately defiant foe.—Mo-
bile Tribune.

A Military Execution.

"Personne," Corinth correspondent
of the Charleston Courier, gives the
following graphic description of a
spy:

A military execution is a terrible
thing. I saw another on Wednes-
day noon, and a more stoical death
than was suffered by the culprit on
that occasion I have never in my
somewhat varied experience known
equalled. He was a Tennessean,
named Coon Harris, about 40 years
of age, a resident of Paris or Pa-
ducah, and had been convicted of
being a spy. As he rode by my
quarters he was seated on the box
that was to serve as his coffin, in a
rude vehicle, guarded by twelve sol-
diers, but not the most careful ob-
server could have discovered any
difference between him and a serious
bystander. Arriving at the place of
execution, which was only a quarter
of a mile distant, he jumped lightly
from the wagon, lingered a moment
to see his coffin removed, and then
sauntered carelessly down the tree,
beneath which he was to meet his
fate.

An officer followed him to unlock
his handcuffs, and the two stood there
a moment in conversation, the pris-
oner apparently as cool and uncon-
cerned as if he were but a mere
spectator of the scene. His eye was
still bold and unwavering, resting
now upon the crowd, and now va-
cantly in the distance; as if at times
a thought of the future entered his
mind, but neither cheek blanched
nor muscle quivered. The man he
seemed made of stone. The inter-
view finished the last words of which
were, "I die an honest and innocent
man," the officer pinioned his arms
back, the faded brown coat was but-
toned across his chest, and he sat
down across his coffin. A handker-
chief was then tied over his eyes,
and voluntarily he laid his head
back against a tree. Even in this
trying moment, the last that bridged
the narrow chasm between time and
eternity, and earth was forever shut
out from view, did he preserve his
remarkable self-possession. Finding
the bark of the tree somewhat rough,
he occupied several seconds in ad-

justing his head, as one would fit
himself to a pillow before going to
sleep, so that it would rest easily,
then chewing upon a quid of tobacco,
he became still. The file of eight
men were now ordered forward until
within ten paces of the culprit, the
officer took his place upon the right,
and in a low tone gave the order,
"take aim." The muskets were
leveled—a few seconds of terrible
suspense—"Fire!"—a simultaneous
report—a convulsive start—a splash
of brains—a little stream or two of
blood from wounds around the head
—a falling of the head to one side—
a dropping of the lower jaw—one
long sigh—and the soul of the spy
had winged its way to the presence
of the Great Judge. The body was
then removed by a couple of negroes,
and the crowd of two or three hun-
dred who had witnessed the scene
dispersed. Ah! what a terrible
teacher is war? How it blunts the
feelings, hardens the heart, and dries
up the fountains of mercy! God
grant that it may soon cease!

FROM NEW ORLEANS.

We have a copy of the New Or-
leans Delta of the 28th before us.
There is precious little in it except
the orders of Gen. Butler.

In one of these orders he declares
the city government defunct, and as-
sumes all the prerogatives of the May-
or and two Boards. He further de-
clares, that no election shall be had
until there are a sufficient number of
loyal citizens to elect loyal men.

Special order sequesters all the
property, real and personal, of Gen. D.
Twigg, and of his minor son.

Another order allows all vessels
with fruits and provisions safe con-
duct to and from the city.

Another order requires all keepers
of coffee saloons and bar-rooms to
take out license by the 1st of July or
close.

Order 41 allows no vessel to carry
any person of color away, without
special permit from Headquarters,
under penalty of the confiscation of
the vessel.

Flour is fixed at \$24 per barrel.
The Provost Marshal takes pos-
session of the City Hall.

In the Provost Court there are a
number of minor cases, but only one of
much importance to wit: The Union
Bank of Louisiana presented its peti-
tion against the Merchants' and Traders'
Bank, claiming one hundred and
thirty thousand dollars. Alleged
that the Traders' Bank had offered to
pay it in Confederate notes, which
was refused. The Court ruled that
the offer did not constitute any offense,
but if they had have paid the debt in
Confederate notes it would have been
an offense, and the Court would have
compelled the bank to have paid \$130
000 in gold and silver. There being
no offense the case was dismissed, for
want of jurisdiction of the court.

Lieut. DeKay, Aid to the Federal
General Williams, died on the 27th
from wounds received in the engage-
ment at Grand Gulf.

The yellow fever is in New
Orleans without doubt. The Charity
Hospital has patients brought into it
every day.