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The Washington correspondent of the New York Herald gives the following, under the title of "Important Forthcoming Revelations from the South:"—"It is stated here that letters written by Southern men who were members of the Peace Convention to Northern or other members of that Convention, are to be published and extensively circulated in the loyal States about the time of the meeting of Congress. It is said that these letters contain a strong appeal for an armistice, and the settlement of the difficulties between the North and South, upon a basis which was debated in the Peace Convention; and that they disclose some portions of the history of that body which have never been published."

The New York World laughs at the Republican papers for abusing Gen. McClellan, and the increase of their rage, in consequence of not taking any notice of them. It says they are in mind of the condition of "the fish woman who was pouring cut her Billingsgate in Dr. Johnson, of Aberdeen. Her tongue was on the rampage, but the doctor controlled himself perfectly, and said not a word. She could not, with all her efforts, get a single expression in the way of explanation. Finally, in her desperation, she exclaimed, with the greatest vehemence, 'Speak, you de'il, or I'll burst.'"

Ex-President Buchanan has a reply to Gen. Scott's last letter. The only important portion of it, is his denial of the allegation that Mr. Floyd, while Secretary of War, "stole public arms and sent them to the South." It appears that in 1860, the Southern States received less than their quota of arms.—However, the controversy between these two gentlemen has ceased to be interesting.

The National Intelligencer warmly approves of the late Executive order for the release of persons arrested by military authority, who are now confined in the military prisons and elsewhere at the North.

Rev. George Junkin, D. D., late President of William and Mary College, Virginia, father-in-law to Stonewall Jackson, preached in New York, on Sunday, in the Canal street Presbyterian church.

The St. Paul Press states that Major General Pope is about to transfer his headquarters to Madison, Wisconsin, and that General Sibley is thereupon to make his headquarters at St. Paul.

There are various rumors afloat as to operations in the neighborhood of Fredericksburg, yesterday.

The foreign news in our columns to-day is important.

Executive Order.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, Nov. 24.—Ordered, by the President of the United States, that the Attorney General be charged with the superintendence and direction of all proceedings to be had under the act of Congress of the 17th of July, 1862, entitled "An act to suppress insurrection, punish treason and rebellion, seize and confiscate the property of rebels, and for other purposes," in so far as may concern the seizure, prosecution and condemnation of the estate, property and effects of rebels and traitors as mentioned and provided for in the 5th, 6th and 7th sections of said act of Congress.

And the Attorney General is authorized and required to give to the attorneys and marshals of the United States such information and directions as he may find needful and consistent, touching all such seizures, prosecutions and condemnations, and moreover to authorize all such attorneys and marshals, whenever there may be reasonable ground to fear any forcible resistance to the act in the discharge of their respective duties in this behalf, to call upon any military officer in command of the forces of the United States to give to them such aid, protection and support as may be necessary to enable them safely and efficiently to discharge their respective duties; and all such commanding officers are required promptly to obey such call and to render the necessary service as far as may be in their power consistently with their other duties. (Signed) ABRAHAM LINCOLN.
By the President.

EDWARD BATES, Attorney General.

In accordance with this order, the Attorney General will shortly issue specific instructions to the United States attorneys and marshals for carrying into effect the provisions of the act to which reference is made.

In the Banks expedition New York will certainly have five regiments, Connecticut five regiments, Maine three regiments, and Massachusetts eight regiments of infantry, one of cavalry, and three batteries of artillery.

Secretary Chase's report, it is stated will contain an urgent recommendation to Congress to take measures for the substitution of Government for bank currency, by taxing the latter and making provision for the circulation through the banks of the former.

A Judge of one of the Kentucky Courts has already declared the Confiscation Act unconstitutional. We presume a test case will be made on which the question of constitutionality will be carried before the Supreme Court.

The steamer Ariel arrived at New York yesterday with the California mails and passengers and nearly a million in treasure. The revolution in Grenada, has ended by the capture of Antioquia by Mosquera. A number of vessels had been wrecked on the South American coast.

The Philadelphia Press says that the late Gen. Frank Patterson, whose sudden death has been announced, is supposed to have shot himself.

Private John Kelsor, of company K, 103d Regiment, N. Y. S. V., has been tried by a general court martial and found guilty of murder in killing 1st Lieut. Fernando Lizzy, while the latter was in performance of his duty in Washington city, in September last. The President has just approved of the sentence of the court.

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Fare, 25 cents.
nov 12—tf CAPT. E. S. TALBOT.

NOTICE.—The sale of FURNITURE advertised to take place at Mrs. Padgett's, on the 25th inst., is postponed until Saturday, the 29th inst., at 11 o'clock, A. M.
nov 24—eo3t J. B. GRAY, A. C. C.