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## Telegraphic News.

### ARMY MOVEMENTS.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, December 7.—Last night was intensely cold, and some of the troops suffered from want of blankets. Ice formed in the Potomac and Aquia Creek from one and a half to two inches thick. To-day the sun came out fair and cheering, but the air continued piercing cold. The roads are hard, but very rough.

Officers well informed state that Jackson has arrived near Fredericksburg, and joined his forces with those already there. They also report that the enemy have also extended their lines several miles further down the Rappahannock. The report that Major Spaulding, of the Engineer Brigade, is under arrest for unnecessary delay in the transportation of pontoon trains from Washington, is unfounded.—That officer has been commended by his superiors for overcoming weighty obstacles in executing his orders. There have been no field movements to-day.

FAIRFAX COURT HOUSE, December 5.—Two Englishmen, direct from Richmond, passed through here yesterday morning, en route for Washington. They called at General Sigel's headquarters, and gave some valuable information. They stated that the city has within and around it a force of 40,000, which is fast being augmented. On all sides the city is well fortified. An attack is anticipated by its residents. Five superior gunboats have been finished there, and another is in the course of construction.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—The Herald has a Harper's Ferry dispatch stating that General Geary, with 3,300 infantry and twelve pieces of artillery and fifty cavalry, marched upon Winchester on the 3d and demanded its surrender, which was complied with. He reports to Gen. Slocum, that having left Harper's Ferry on the 1st, he met the enemy's cavalry, under White, Henderson and Baylor, at Charlestown, routing them, with loss in wounded, and marched into Berryville the same evening, when he again met the enemy, and drove him into a trap, killed five and wounded eighteen. The same evening he bivouacked three miles beyond Berryville.

The next day he advanced beyond the Opequan, skirmishing with Confederate cavalry and infantry, and then bivouacked in Ash Hollow, between Berryville and Winchester. The Federal troops captured one hundred horses and mules and several wagons belonging to the Confederates, at Winchester. One hundred and twenty-five Confederates, who were unable to escape, were paroled. Seventy-five conscripts claimed protection, which was granted, and five

Federal prisoners were released. Gen. Geary, in pursuance of orders, then returned to Harper's Ferry, though some citizens begged him to remain. The only loss was one slightly wounded.

We did not receive our Washington exchange papers by this morning's mail.

The Washington Times' special dispatch states that certificates for \$5,000 dollars were stolen from Treasurer Spinner's desk. Fortunately they were not signed. Measures have been taken to prevent the engraving of any more of the same kind.

Joseph Segar has succeeded in having the counties of Northampton, Accomac, Charles City, Elizabeth City and Warwick exempted by President Lincoln from the effect of his late proclamation.

The Secretary of War has ordered the discharge of all the Quakers who were drafted in Ohio, the laws of which State did not exempt them.

The Philadelphia Journal states that Gen. Butler and his brother have made considerable money, by speculations, in New Orleans. Mr. Reverdy Johnson's late remarks about matters yet to be developed in the administration of affairs in New Orleans, attract much attention.

A party of deserters were brought on in the cars on their way to Washington last week, and while travelling became unruly, and the guard had to shoot and wound several before they could be brought to order.

The committee appointed at New York to collect subscriptions for the starving British operatives, have already been promised over \$60,000.

President Lincoln has not yet decided the fate of the insurrectionary Indians in Minnesota. The statement that he has decided to hang thirty of the ringleaders is an entire mistake.

The salient point in the evidence of General Pope in the Porter court martial, was his statement that his distrust of General Porter was first excited by President Lincoln's assurance, after the battle of Bull Run, that he had seen letters written from that officer to General Burnside, in which language was used that seemed incompatible with the feeling necessary to secure cordial support of a commander by his subordinates. The President at that time cautioned Gen. Pope to "keep an eye on Porter."

Secretary Seward has declined to be a candidate for the U. S. Senate from New York, and says that on the expiration of his present term of office he intends to retire to private life.

Judge Carmichael, who was released from confinement in Fort Delaware, last week, has arrived at his home, in Queen Anne's county, Md.

Gen. Scott, through the Intelligencer, finally and briefly replies to Mr. Buchanan, denying that he has any private resentments to gratify.

THE WESTERN VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE.—WHEELING, Va., December 6.—The Senate to-day passed a preamble and resolution setting forth that United States Senator Canlile had violated the instructions of the body that elected him, in failing to sustain the legitimate efforts of the Government to suppress the insurrection, in opposing, by his votes and speeches, both in and out of the U. S. Senate, measures which were absolutely necessary to the preservation of the Union and enforcement of the laws, and in opposing the admission of Western Virginia as a new State into the Union. The resolution requests Mr. Canlile to resign his seat in the United States Senate. It will come up in the House on Monday, and pass by a large majority.

In the House to-day a resolution was offered, requesting the United States House of Representatives to pass the new State bill now pending before it without alteration or amendment. It will also come up on Monday, and will pass by nearly a unanimous vote.

The Governor's Message, which was sent into the Legislature to-day, endorses the emancipation policy of the President.

The story published in the New York Tribune that a 'D.' Barney was the bearer of certain propositions from Richmond to Washington, looking to an armistice and negotiations for peace, turns out to be altogether untrue.

Congress was not in session in Saturday.

One of the owners of the bark Harriet Spaulding states that there is no truth in a report put in circulation that the Alabama had captured the bark Harriet Spaulding, from New York for Havre.

Two new iron-clads, the Keokuk and Catskill, were launched at New York on Saturday.

General Viele, Military Governor of Norfolk, is about to issue a proclamation ordering an election for a member of Congress from the counties of Norfolk, Princess Anne, Nansemond and Isle of Wight.

We are beginning to get glimpses of the diplomatic correspondence of Secretary Seward with Mr. Adams, Minister at the Court of St. James, as well as the officials of the English government, in reference to the numerous questions that have arisen between the two governments during the past year. The documents are voluminous,—but, some of them are of significant interest, as, for example the letter from the Secretary giving the rationale of the recent elections, as he would have it understood and accepted abroad.

The abolition papers are publishing a letter from Robert Dale Owen, of Indiana, entitled "The Cost of Peace." He thinks peace is altogether too costly a luxury at this time, and his voice is still for war.

Dr. Edson B. Olds, who has been for some months imprisoned at New York, has been chosen to the Ohio Legislature from the county of Fairfield by 2,500 majority. This is by far the largest Democratic majority ever given in Fairfield county. At the last election it was 1,800.