

The Alexandria Gazette

THURSDAY EVEN'G, DECEMBER 18.

LOCAL.—A seizure of liquor, smuggled in a boat, at the lower end of the town, was made last night.—The Liquor dealers of this place, are about to "organize themselves into a permanent society for the protection of their interests."—The Union ladies in Washington, engaged in making arrangements for the Christmas dinners to be given at the hospitals, have appointed as committees in Alexandria; Baptist Church, Mrs. Reed; Lyceum, Mrs. Massey; two hospitals on Prince street, Mrs. Dayton and Mrs. Slough.—Though we have cold nights and mornings, but very little ice is made, and the navigation of the canal is open.

The National Intelligencer in an elaborate article, on what it calls the present "Military Dead-Lock," says:—"The line of approach to Richmond by way of the Peninsula being abandoned by the present military administration, whose pride of opinion naturally resists a return to it, and the line of approach by way of Fredericksburg being blocked up by an impassable barrier, the combinations of the General-in-Chief have been brought to a sudden standstill at a time most unpropitious to the cause of the Union. We have no heart to anticipate fresh disasters, but we shall feel relieved if this balk in the campaign does not tend to fulfil the as yet unfulfilled portion of Gen. McClellan's prophetic letter to Gen. Halleck, where, in deprecation of the evacuation of Harrison's Landing, the former pointed to the "strong probability that it would induce Foreign Powers to recognise our adversaries."

The N. Y Herald says:—"As it is, the Federal diversions in progress by way of Suffolk, Petersburg, Yorktown &c., are small affairs, which will probably make no more impression upon the main army of Lee than was made by the capture of Port Royal upon the Confederate army then encamped at Mannassas."

It is said that two persons lately arrested, and imprisoned in the Old Capitol, have acknowledged frauds upon the government—stealings—to a large amount.

The opinion gains ground that Gen. Lee had not more than 80,000 men at Fredericksburg.

Gen. Fremont, it is said, is in Washington, and the reports about his being called to a high command continue.

Mr. Carlett, of Fauquier Co., recently arrested and sent to the Old Capitol prison, has been released.

Virginia Bank Notes, in Baltimore yesterday, at 25 a 28 per ct.

Gold, in N. York, yesterday 132½.

The chairman of every one of the principal committees in the United States Senate, is from New England.

Several important propositions have been thrown out in Congress by border State men, looking to a restoration of peace and union, or partial union with peace, by means of a compromise. Mr. S. S. Cox, of Ohio, suggests that the object can be reached through a national convention.

Telegraphic News.

Army Correspondence.

[Correspondence of the Philadelphia Inquirer.]

FALMOUTH, Dec. 17, 1862.—The evacuation of Fredericksburg and the south side of the Rappahannock was consummated in the most orderly and military style. The night was one of the stormiest of the season. The wind blew a perfect tornado, yet the men marched steadily along, many of them losing their caps, and their coat capes blowing over their heads, inconveniencing many, especially those having no knapsacks, whose straps would have obviated this.

The steady tramp, with the noise made by the vibration of the bridge, was drowned by the fearful whistling of the wind as it traveled down through the gorge in which the river runs. First came the cooked rations, rolled over by a fatigue party, then came artillery, then came infantry. The night was intensely dark, and still later it rained—rained as though the very flood-gates of the heavens were about to open for the purpose of again flooding the earth. Yet there was no demoralization; all was conducted with the greatest precision.—General Burnside was there, so was General Sumner and General Franklin, and General Birney; all, in fact, of our leaders.

It was a great desideratum that our army should evacuate without the loss of life, as it was patent to every one that once the enemy opened, many a poor fellow would have been launched into the rapid and rising river, killed wounded or drowned. The whole affair was conducted with the skill worthy of our officers.

Many persons would naturally believe, or be led to believe, that our army is at present in a dreadfully disorganized condition on account of the recent repulse. This is not so. Our men are just as fit and as eager again for another conflict as they were one week ago. Of course, they do not desire to be led against the batteries, because they are impregnable; they want to meet the enemy on an open field, or where there is a chance to win, with equal forces.

Many of the wounded have been sent to Aquia creek, some of whom have already been transported to Washington and the North, where they will no doubt be received by our worthy and benevolent citizens at home with open hearts and hands.

Last night the air was chill and cold, and the large hospital tents having no stores as yet fitted up in them, the poor wounded men naturally feel cold.

Poor Fredericksburg! it is a town of the past. Its great glory is gone; it no longer can be ranked as a city. Between the cannonading from our four-and-a-half inch rifled pieces and the very heavy (supposed to be a columbiad) piece on the left of the enemy's centre, in a few more days nothing will be left but a pile of bricks and mortar.

Many of the citizens of Falmouth have returned to their homes, they coming to the conclusion that home was the best place for them. They had been scattered around among the farm houses.

Captain Johnson and Capt. Hess, together with the two squadrons of the Third Pennsylvania Cavalry, have been paroled by the Rebels are now at Annapolis, except Capt. Johnson, who has gone to Washington to lay his case before the proper Department.

Several of the wounded officers have made their way to Washington, and are anxious to proceed home, if they can procure the consent of the War Department or Medical Directory. General Sigel's forces continue to arrive slowly, and look worn out with their long march. The roads are intolerable. It takes a team ten hours to go five miles. Dead horses and mules line the roads in every direction.

Letter from New York.

[Correspondence of the Philadelphia Inquirer.]

New York, Dec. 17.—Nothing is talked of or thought of, to-day, but the news from the Rappahannock. There is no excitement, the feeling being too profound for audible expression.

Of course, there are countless rumors afloat of the wildest character, and these it is not worth while repeated here—except the one that Gen. McClellan has been summoned to Washington. General was at the Fifth Avenue Hotel as late as two o'clock this afternoon, at which time he had not received any such summons.

Much indignation is felt and expressed at the bad treatment of some five hundred sick and wounded soldiers, who reached Jersey City last evening from Philadelphia, but without finding any body to receive them or to attend to their wants.

The retreat from Fredericksburgh, and the hard work and severe losses of the army there, have given new earnest to the subject of the draft. The talk at military headquarters, this afternoon, is that the Governor goes out of office on the 1st of January, however, and if anything is to be done in that way it will have to be done quickly, or the responsibility will be turned over to his successor.

MARRIED.

On the 17th inst., Mr. A. ROSZEL JACOBS to Miss LIZZIE O'NEAL DAVIS, daughter of James N. Davis, esq., all of Washington.

In Washington, on the 16th inst., Mr. NICHOLAS WATKINS, native of Maryland, and formerly of Smyrna, Delaware, to Miss MARI-ON JOSEPHINE WROE, only daughter of the late Capt. Samuel Wroe, of Washington.

DIED.

In Charlestown, Jefferson county, Va., on the 10th inst., of membranous croup, EDWARD RUSSELL, son of Dr. W. F. Lippitt. "Of such is the kingdom of heaven."

In Piscataway district, Md., on Monday morning last, Dr. THOS. D. HURTT, a highly respectable citizen.

LOST.—On Saturday night, a POCKET BOOK, containing about \$30 in notes, a key and several business cards, was lost by the advertiser, who will pay a liberal reward for its recovery. The finder can have one-third the money if the pocket book and the contents are returned, or if the key is dropped in the Post Office, no questions will be asked. dec 18—3t

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