

The Alexandria Gazette

FRIDAY EVEN'G, DECEMBER 19.

CONGRESS.—In the Senate yesterday a resolution was adopted requesting the Committee on the conduct of the war to enquire into the disaster at Fredericksburg, and report to the Senate. The bill to facilitate the discharge of disabled soldiers was discussed and passed. The Bankrupt Act was then taken up and Mr. Foster addressed the Senate in favor of its passage. In the House of Representatives Mr. Bingham reported back from the Committee of the Judiciary the bill providing for the compensation of loyal citizens for the loss of slaves seduced or abstracted by the United States army, and moved that it be laid on the table. After considerable debate, it was laid on the table, by a vote of ayes 86, nays 45. The bill for the support of the army was then passed with three negatives, Henry May, Norton, and Wickliffe.

It is expected that the price of printing and writing paper will soon decline. There is nothing to justify, in truth, the present exorbitant rates. The prices of the raw material are coming down—the combinations of the manufacturers are understood, and the duty on foreign paper and the tax, will, probably, be reduced.

The Washington Republican says:—"Many of the soldiers who participated in the recent engagements at Fredericksburg are sending to their various friends North—both by mail and express—books, papers, table-cloths, articles of clothing, &c., which they obtained during their stay in that city."

It is expected that the Message of Governor Seymour, of New York, will be in favor of bringing about, if possible, a peace, "with Constitutional guarantees."

Miss Hetty Cary, daughter of Mr. Wilson M. Cary, of Baltimore, was arrested in that city, yesterday, for displaying a Secession flag.

The New York Post denounces in the severest terms, "the speculators who have palmed off upon the U. S. government the rotten tubs for the transportation of Gen. Banks' expedition."

Our country neighbors are bringing into town some wood for fuel, for which they obtain good prices. But more fuel is wanted.

Gold in New York, yesterday, 152½.

Mrs. Lucy Baker, the mother of the late Senator and soldier, Gen. E. D. Baker, died on the 12th inst. at the residence of her son, Dr. Alfred G. Baker, U. S. A., Barry, Illinois. Mrs. Baker was a native of England, and a sister of Admiral Dickerson of the royal navy.

The provost marshal of Massachusetts, in an official notice, says the deserters from Massachusetts regiments are sufficient in number to form a respectable brigade. Returns from seven regiments show that twelve hundred and fifty have left without leave.

A riot occurred at Perth Amboy, New Jersey, on the 16th instant, originating in the demand by the employees on the railroad, for an advance of wages. A portion of the railroad was destroyed and the hotel was much injured.

Things in New York.

WEDNESDAY, December 17.—Whenever a "crisis" of any kind is upon the country, New York usually manifests its appreciation of it in public meeting. The "crisis" on the Rappahannock is no exception to the general rule. Even while I write, it is reported that a committee of citizens are in consultation, with a view of having some public expression of opinion upon an event which has filled every loyal heart with grief—I will not write with "despair." What they propose to do I cannot say; probably they do not know themselves just yet. General McClellan will be invited to attend, but it is not probable he will deem it judicious to appear at a public gathering on such an occasion.

It is feared by many that the "news" will have a bad effect abroad. It goes out by the China, which sailed for Liverpool to-day, and will reach London and Paris just before New Year. But little confidence seems to be felt in the friendly disposition of the French Emperor towards us, and it would create but little surprise if we should hear by the return steamer that at his usual diplomatic reception on the 1st of January he should say or do something going to justify the suspicion that he means to extend to the Confederates the honors of recognition.

There has been a pretty active movement of troops from this city and vicinity, during the day, in the direction of Washington. The troops thus removed were a portion of the Banks' Expedition, and expected to leave for their destination by Saturday next, but our retreat from Fredericksburg has induced the Government to keep them for service nearer home.—*Balt. American.*

THE MORGAN HUNTER.—The Louisville Journal says that Col. Moore, who surrendered his brigade so shamefully to John Morgan, made a speech in that city a few weeks ago in front of the Galt House. At the time he was evidently all on fire with the expectation of what he was going to accomplish, especially in the way of annihilating John Morgan.—"Oh," said he, "just let me get after that terrible Morgan that you all talk so much about and I'll settle his hash for him in the shortest kind of order." Soon afterwards he set forth upon his expedition, inquiring everywhere for Morgan. Of every traveller and every farmer that he met he demanded, "Have you seen Morgan?" All day and half the night it was "Morgan," "Morgan," "Morgan." When he was ordered to Hartsville he exclaimed, "I pray God I may see Morgan." He saw Morgan!—*Milwaukee News.*

CENTRE MARKET.—At No. 179, King street, Messrs. Hyatt & Co. have established a market for the sale of meats, poultry, game, vegetables, &c. This is a great convenience, especially to persons living up town, as they can always obtain the substantial, and the delicacies of the table, of the very best quality, at regular market rates.

LIBERTY HALL.—It will be seen, by reference to our advertising columns, that the above hall is to be reopened on Monday evening next, 22d inst., under the supervision of the well known performer, Dick Parker, whose fame here is enough to insure a rich treat to his hundreds of admirers. Full particulars will be announced in due season.

The Louisville Journal is informed on good authority that upwards of six wagon loads of mail matter, books, pamphlets, and papers, have been sold and destroyed at Bowling Green within the last month. A large portion of them were sent for the use of the sick soldiers.

Telegraphic News.

Movements of Jackson and Hill During the Last Month.

[Correspondence of the Philadelphia Inquirer.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—From a prisoner, who was wounded and came up on the boat to-day, we gained some information about the movements of "Stonewall" Jackson for the last few weeks. General A. P. Hill commands one corps and General Ewell another. Gen. Hill's corps consists of five brigades of five regiments each, under Generals J. H. Lane, Arch, Pender, Gregg and Field.

General Lane's Brigade consists of the Twenty-eighth North Carolina; Seventh North Carolina, Colonel Hill; Eighteenth North Carolina; Thirty-seventh North Carolina, Colonel Purdy; Thirty-third North Carolina, Colonel Pender.

General Arch has the Forty-eighth and Forty-ninth Georgia, two Tennessee, and one other Georgia regiments.

General Pender's is North Carolina, General Gregg's South Carolina, and Gen. Field's Georgia troops.

These regiments were all in the Antietam fight, and all lost severely, but their ranks have since been filled by conscripts, so that they number from five to seven hundred men each.

After the battle of Antietam they recrossed the Potomac, and encamped on Bunker Hill; about the latter part of November they marched out to within six miles of Winchester, and there remained for six days; they then marched to Strasburg, thence to within twelve miles of Newmarket, on the railroad, and remained eight days; they then took the turnpike to the left and marched to the rear of Fredericksburg, where they encamped about the first week in December, some six miles out from the city, and remained there until we attacked them on Saturday morning.

From Gen. Sigel's Army.

[Correspondence of the Philadelphia Inquirer.]

December 16th, 1862—Noon.—One week ago to-day, whilst the corps of Sigel was lying at Fairfax and its surroundings, marching orders were received. The next morning the troops commenced moving, and continued to move, up to Saturday morning, when the last of them, the Provost Guard, left.

The roads over which they passed were in a most miserable condition, so much so, in fact, that a number of the trains broke down, and others were stalled in the deep mud. The artillery, too, experienced much difficulty in dragging their pieces through the ravines and across the steep hills.

As yet but few of the wagons have arrived and the whole of the supply and baggage trains remain in the rear. All of Sigel's command is now here, the last of the men arriving this morning. The headquarters are located about one mile and a quarters from Falmouth. Gen. Sigel and Staff having arrived here last evening. This morning the General proceeded to pay a visit to Gen. Burnside.

The British consul at Savannah, M. Molyneux, goes home in the China. Some say he is a bearer of dispatches to John Sidel from President Davis, but it is understood that he satisfied the proper authorities, both at New York and Washington, that he was in no sense a Confederate emissary.