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SOUTHERN NEWS.

The Richmond papers of the 31st have been received, but contain no telegraphic news and nothing of interest.

Charleston papers of the 27th say that there were then four steamers at the wharves of that city that had arrived from Nassau since the Sunday previous, with valuable cargoes of merchandise. One paper says:—"Notwithstanding the blockade, our city is at present enjoying larger direct foreign trade than ever she had before."

All the merchants of Norfolk have been notified that after five days from this date, they must display the United States flag in front of their stores or close up their business places.

A Mobile paper says:—"A proposition is before the Council of Mobile to withdraw licenses of trade from aliens who have claimed foreign protection against the action of the Conscription law."

A Richmond paper has the following:—"There is a class of people who are disposed to condemn General Hill for his late movement because he did not take Newbern, but it is generally the black coat gentry, who have taken refuge for their personal safety behind the Exemption bill."

The Richmond Sentinel of the 31st ult. says:—"The two Houses of the Legislature agreed last night on a bill for securing a supply of salt. It authorizes the impressment of the salt works in Washington county, to be worked on State account."

The public storeroom lately destroyed by fire in Richmond covered a square of ground south of the basin, and was valued at \$40,000. Between 700 and 800 hogsheads of tobacco, valued at nearly \$500,000, were burned or greatly damaged by water. This loss falls on the planters. The stores lost by the Confederate Government consisted of two hundred grain bags, worth one dollar apiece; three thousand bushels of shipstuff, one thousand bushels of oats, and a large quantity of sole leather—footing up an aggregate of nearly a quarter of a million of dollars.

At St. Germain, recently, died Mr. Edward Hughes Ball Hughes, who long resided in that suburban retreat. In the days of George IV, Ball Hughes—or Golden Ball, as he was called—was one of the leading dandies of a period which immediately followed that of Beau Brummell.

A new question has arisen under the emancipation proclamation. There are at least 500 negroes advertised for sale in Kentucky, under its internal police laws, who are freemen—fugitives from Alabama and Mississippi. A debate has already commenced on the question: "Can States, through local laws, revert to bondage colored men whom the President's proclamation made free?"

The Hop Growers' Journal contains an interesting article, showing that it is quite likely that a very good quality of paper can be made of hop vines. Already pulp has been made of some, which is very white, of fine texture, and gives every indication of being capable of being manufactured into paper of a superior quality.

THE CASE OF CAPT. WYMAN.

The following order was promulgated yesterday at the Headquarters Defences of Washington:

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON, March 27, 1863.—General Orders No. 13.—I. The Court of Inquiry which met at Alexandria, Va., pursuant to Special Orders, No. 30, Headquarters Department of Washington, February 7, 1863, and of which Brigadier General R. O. Tyler is president, has investigated the general conduct and efficiency of Capt. John C. Wyman, Forty-first regiment Massachusetts volunteers, and Provost Marshal of Alexandria, and the causes which led to his removal from duty as Provost Marshal of that city.

II. The evidence shows no culpable relaxation of vigilance on the part of Captain Wyman in the suppression of the sale of liquor in Alexandria, and no increased disturbance, except from extraordinary causes beyond his control, while it fully establishes, and in flattering terms, the general conduct and efficiency of this officer.

III. Captain John C. Wyman will report for duty as assistant to Lieutenant Colonel H. H. Wells, Acting Provost Marshal General defences south of the Potomac.

IV. The court of inquiry, of which Brigadier General R. O. Tyler is president, is dissolved.

By command of Major Gen. Heintzelman,
LEAVITT HUNT,
Major, and Acting Ass't Adjutant General.

Advices from New Orleans to the 25th ult., have been received. The evidences of the destitution and suffering of the people in the interior parishes of Louisiana continued to multiply. Gen. Banks had re-established his headquarters at New Orleans. It is reported that an expedition is to be sent overland into the Red river country.

Lieutenant commander W. McGunnegle, of the Federal navy, died at his residence in Annapolis, yesterday.

A strong fisted servant girl in New York was recently assaulted by a couple of scoundrels named Mile, and she flogged them both. A miss is always as good as a mile—in this case it was better than two miles.

Our Canada exchanges announce that petroleum springs have been discovered at a point about eighteen miles below Enniskillen, on the banks of the river Thames.

The Eagle, from Havana, has arrived, with dates from Vera Cruz to the 22d ult., and advices from the French army to the 19th.—Nothing directly has been done against Puebla, which the French did not expect would capitulate. The French have captured the famous guerilla Camanche, who has been giving them trouble ever since their arrival in Mexico. The troops who went per Havana to St. Domingo have returned. The rebellion is crushed, and all is quiet.

The whole number of arrivals by the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal in the month of March were about 140; seventy-six of which were loaded with coal. The amount of tolls collected at the Georgetown office for the month is about \$4,000.

The Washington correspondents of the Northern papers give the following account of the recent capture of Lieut. Wm. H. Smith, and Joseph Coleman, of this place:—

"They left Richmond two weeks ago with a mail, reaching Matthews Court House. They passed the Chesapeake Bay and crossed into Accomac county, Va., and thence proceeded to Baltimore. There Col. Baker heard of them, and his detectives were at once put on their track. From Baltimore they came to Washington. Lieut. Smith having a wife in Alexandria and finding it difficult to reach that place, sent for Mrs. Smith to meet him here, which she did yesterday. After diligent search they were found this morning at 4 o'clock, and taken into custody. Meanwhile, Coleman had procured a boat, in which with the mail he embarked for Alexandria, where he was met by Col. Baker's men, who captured him and the mail."

The Commissary Department in the Army of the Potomac is issuing corn meal twice a week to all the men in the several commands who wish it.

Mrs. G., the American lady in Paris who was prevented from taking her luggage from the Hotel des Trois Empereurs until she paid \$600 for damages done to the hotel for her son's dying in it, has been allowed to take her property on paying the sum of \$200. The upholsterer who examined the premises declares them to have been damaged to that amount by the process of embalming, which was done to the body of the young man.

Gen. Burnside and staff visited Pike's Opera House, Cincinnati, on Friday evening, on the occasion of Cuba's benefit. During the evening General Burnside was called on for a speech. The general stepped to the front of the box and acknowledged the compliment—"he was there not to make a speech but to witness the performance."

Yesterday the Provost Marshal in Washington committed to the central guardhouse, Lester Green, of the 1st Vermont cavalry, for attempting to go North on a forged furlough, which he had purchased in Alexandria.

Four thousand dollars worth of contraband goods, intended for the south, were seized in Philadelphia yesterday.

The little Prince Imperial of France attained on the 13th of March his seventh year, and is said to be so vivacious as to have slapped his governess more than once on the face; on which account he was a short time since transferred to the custody of a male preceptor, M. Mommier, who looks like the child's great uncle, Napoleon I, "not a man to be trifled with." The event of the birthday was celebrated, by a grand banquet given by the young gentleman, who is a corporal in the 1st regiment of Grenadier Guards, to three hundred enfans ed troupe, or children borne in the regiment.

Considerable excitement prevails among the inmates of the Albermale House, in New York, in consequence of the sudden and mysterious disappearance of a young lady from that hotel. The flight took place on the morning of Thursday last, and as rumored was occasioned by the threats of a forced marriage.