

The Alexandria Gazette

MONDAY EVENING, APRIL 6.

The Easter Snow Storm of 1863, will long be remembered. The snow commenced whirling in the air, on Saturday afternoon, and by night, the wind had partially lulled, and a regular fall of snow which followed lasted all night, and up to noon yesterday, without intermission, covering the ground to the depth of several inches and being piled up in drifts in some places one or two feet deep. The weather meanwhile was not very cold, and the snow being wet, it soon began to melt. Considerable quantities rapidly disappeared yesterday afternoon.

The Easter game of "picking eggs" was in full blast to-day. We heard one little fellow, who had lost "his pile," say with much mantisness, that he "didn't intend to complain--as it was only the fortune of war!"

The Washington Star thinks that Gen. Ellet has been concerned in the loss of the Indianola and the Queen of the West, also, in the affairs of the Lancaster and Switzerland. "It is about time that some check should be put upon his erratic career."

The inclemency of the weather prevented the churches, yesterday morning, from being as well attended as usual.

A thief who had stolen a horse from Mrs. Elliot, at Yeates's Garden, on Friday night, was followed by her, up in the town, and forced to deliver up the stolen property, at the point of the pistol.

The account of the smuggling of Whiskey into the Convalescent camp, and the detection of those engaged, published in Saturday's Gazette, should have been credited to the Washington Chronicle.

The Connecticut election takes place to-day. The Republicans at the North say they are confident of carrying the State.

We see it stated that Bishop Potter makes it his settled principle and undeviating practice, to require all debts to be paid on a church before dedication, on the simple principle that "we cannot dedicate to God what we do not own ourselves."

The Washington Chronicle says that the report of the Committee on the Conduct of the War shows "gross incompetency on the part of Gen. McClellan." Of course, every one will form his own opinion from the evidence adduced.

10,787 barrels of flour were inspected in Washington during the quarter ending the 31st of March last.

It is an old English adage that "an Easter snow will wash away freckles." There may be a little of the snow left--and ladies concerned will govern themselves accordingly.

221,117 barrels of flour were inspected in Georgetown, D. C., for the year ending the 31st of March last.

The N. Y. Board of Underwriters have advanced their rates on marine insurance.

George Bancroft, the historian, is in Washington, on his way to the army of the Potomac.

MOVEMENT AGAINST CHARLESTON.

Saturday's Richmond Dispatch has been received, and contains the following news, indicating that the long expected attack on Charleston has commenced:

The Dispatch says:--There is stirring news from the South Carolina coast. The enemy have landed in force on Seabrook and John's Islands. Three gunboats and several transports are lying off the Island. Skirmishing has already taken place between ours and the enemy's pickets.

Our pickets are driven in and the Federals are advancing.

Gen. Hagood has ordered all the women and children and non-combatants to be removed from Adams Run, which is twenty miles from Seabrook Island."

THE COLENZO CORRESPONDENCE.--Punch thus epitomizes the recent correspondence between the English Bishops and Doctor Colenso:

I.
My dear Colenso:
With regret,
We hierarchs, in conclave met
Beg you, you most disturbing writer,
To take off your colonial mitre.
This course we press upon you strongly.
Believe me, yours most truly,
Lambeth
LONGLEY.

II.
My dear Archbishop:
To resign
That Zulu diocese of mine,
And own myself a heathen dark,
Because I've doubts about Noah's ark,
And feel it right to tell all men so,
Is not the course for yours,
Kensington.
COLENZO.

The new Court of the District of Columbia, for the trial of criminal cases, commences its first session to-day.

At the meeting of the N. Y. chamber of commerce on Friday, a communication was received from the War Department in response to resolutions in regard to taking military possession of Texas. The resolutions were presented to Gen. Halleck, who replies "that the best way to obtain possession of that State is to cut her off from the rest of the Confederacy by obtaining control of the Mississippi river."

John Harrover, was arrested on Friday by order of the provost marshal of Alexandria. He was sent to the Old Capitol prison.

The Camp of Paroled Prisoners has been removed to Annapolis, Md., with all its effects. There were only about 300 men left in the camp.

The steamers Cornubia, from Wilmington, with three hundred, and the Gen. Beauregard, from Charleston, with a thousand bales of cotton, have arrived at Bermuda.

The Committee on the Conduct of the War have unanimously adopted their report on the Army of the Potomac. It will be furnished to the press immediately for publication.--Other reports in relation to different operations of the Army are to follow.

Mr. August Belmont writes to the New York Herald that he is not one of the owners of the World Newspaper, that he has never exercised the slightest interest over its political character, and that he has "never expressed himself in favor of a peace with the South which had not for its fundamental basis the supremacy of the Government and the Union of all the States."

Yesterday morning Mr. Lewin Wethered, an old and respected citizen of Baltimore, died at the advanced age of 86 years.

The War Committee has waited on the President to urge the issuing of letters of marque, and to induce the President to inform England that the letting loose of ten iron-clad war vessels now building in her harbors for the Confederates, will be considered a declaration of war.

On Saturday the President was in consultation with different members of the Cabinet the whole day, upon foreign affairs and the issuing of letters of marque and reprisal.

Among Southern items of news in a St. Louis paper, is overreporting the formation of a peace party headed by Henry S. Foote, Alexander Mosely, of the Richmond Whig, and others. Resolutions on the subject would probably pass the lower House of Congress before the adjournment. It is said that the course of the Richmond Enquirer is disapproved by many leading members of Congress.

General Williamson, of Baltimore, and formerly Attorney-General of Maryland, was arrested yesterday in New York, by order of Judge Turner. From papers found on his person it appears he was en route to Richmond.

The collector, appraisers and superintendent of the mint in San Francisco have, it is said, been superseded on account of official misconduct, and new appointments have been made.

The Northern Light brings a large amount of treasure. She also brings the intelligence that the Government of Nicaragua has seized the property of the Transit Company, on the ground that the Company had violated the terms of its agreement with the Government.

A shocking wife murder case has taken place in the village of Dansville, New York.--Wells Covert, a man thirty-five years of age, administered poison to his third wife, eighteen years of age, during her confinement, with a view of inducing a belief that she died from natural causes. It has since transpired that the former wives of this wretch died under circumstances that leave but little doubt that they were disposed of in the same manner, and that he contemplated still another marriage.

General Schenck telegraphs to General Halleck on account of the recent raid on Point Pleasant, Western Virginia. The Confederates lost in killed, wounded and prisoners seventy-two, whilst the Federal loss was but eleven. The attack was repulsed by a force much inferior in numbers to that of the Confederates.

A letter just received from Beyrout, under date of the 9th ult., states that the country was, on the 27th of February, inundated by a heavy fall of rain, which lasted four days, and on the fifth day it turned into a regular snow storm, which continued for two days, much to the astonishment of the natives of the country. "the oldest man" of whom had never witnessed a similar occurrence. This snow-storm was succeeded, on the 5th of March, by a tremendous westerly gale, causing heavy damage to shipping, sinking fifty-two merchant vessels along the coast, and a French steamer before Beyrout.

They have in Washington a Newsboy Aid Society, which is about to erect a building for the accommodation of the boys, of whom some 150 are homeless. The building will be fitted up with lodgings, library, school and play rooms, bathing facilities, &c.