

[From the Washington Chronicle.]

The public are already furnished with the circumstances of the hanging of the Inspector General of Bragg's army and a lieutenant, as spies, by Colonel Baird, at Franklin, Tenn. The surgeon of the Eighty-fifth Illinois volunteers attended the execution professionally.—The surgeon writes that the "elder and leader of these men was Lawrence Williams, of Georgetown, D. C. He was as fine looking a man as I have ever seen, about six feet high, and thirty years old. He was a son of Capt. Williams, who was killed at the battle of Monterey. He was one of the most intellectual and accomplished men that I have ever known. I have never known any one who excelled him as a talker. He was a member of the regular army with the rank of captain of cavalry when the war broke out, and at that time was aid-de-camp and private secretary to General Winfield Scott. From this confidence and respect shown him by so distinguished a man, may be judged his education and accomplishments. He was a first cousin of General Lee, commanding the Confederate army on the Rappahannock. Soon after the war began he was frank enough to inform Gen. Scott that all his sympathies were with the South, as his friends and interests were there, and that he could not fight against them. As he was privy to all of General Scott's plans for the campaign it was not thought proper to turn him loose, hence he was sent to Governor's Island, where he remained three months. After the first Bull Run battle he was allowed to go South, where he joined the Confederate army, and his subsequent history I have not been able to learn much about. He was awhile on General Bragg's staff as chief of artillery, but at the time of his death was his Inspector General. When he joined the Confederate army he altered his name and now signs it thus, "Lawrence W. Orton, Col. Cav. P. A. C. S. A." (Provisional army Confederate States of America.) Sometimes he writes his name "Orton," and sometimes "Auton," according to the object which he had in view. This we learn from the papers found on him. These facts in relation to the personal history of Colonel Orton, I have gathered from the Colonel himself and from Col. Watkins, who knows him well, they having belonged to the same regiment of the regular army, Second U. S. cavalry. Colonel Watkins, however, did not recognize Colonel Orton until after he had made himself known.

On Friday there arrived in the harbor of San Francisco a vessel from Japan, bringing dates from that remote empire down to the middle of May. The news which this vessel brought was of the highest importance, pointing immediately to a war between the naval powers of Christendom and the Japanese government. On Saturday the telegraph had delivered this news in New York, and Sunday saw the wires at work flashing the official notifications of the foreign consuls here to their governments over the telegraph lines all the way to Cape Race, where the dispatches would be put on board Saturday's steamer for Europe; and so in about six weeks time authentic intelligence of the condition of things in Japan will reach the foreign offices of Great Britain and France.

The Prince of Wales has received the freedom of the city of London in a gold casket of great value. It is described as being 7½ inches long, 6 inches wide and 8½ inches high, and richly decorated with enamel and cinque-cento ornaments.

Ezra Lincoln, Assistant U. S. Treasurer, died in Boston, yesterday.

Orders from the War Department warn certain officers that they will stand dismissed unless they make defence within fifteen days to the charges preferred against them, and reinstating others who have made satisfactory defence.

THE SIEGE OF VICKSBURG.

CAIRO, June 15.—The steamer Hiawatha, from below, brings dates to the 10th instant.—The situation at Vicksburg is unchanged, with the exception that the Federal lines become more contracted every day.

Late rains have improved the condition of the army.

About six thousand of Kirby Smith's force are reported to have come up Washata river and are making demonstrations on the Louisiana side of the river.

The troops at Milliken's Bend have been reinforced.

Johnston is still receiving reinforcements from the east, and preparing to move forward.

Unofficial dispatches from Haines's Bluff to the 10th have been received. They represent that there has been no material change in affairs there.

The grand jury of Washington call attention to a class of persons for whom they say all deeply feel, and to whom every sympathy should be extended, and add;—"That class is our neglected white youth.—Many of our boys are running the streets unprovided for, and for a livelihood steal and commit other crimes. A House of Refuge is greatly needed, and we urge immediate measures to save these boys from the road to destruction.—The present jail is not a fit place for the most hardened and abandoned, and surely it is not a place for those who have but commenced their career of crime. The future prospects of these boys demand the attention of all lovers of humanity, morals and Christian progress."

The Mexicans have lost their best army, and in artillery their loss is described as irreparable. They will probably make a heroic, but fruitless, stand at their capital.

Captain Lambert, of the whaling schooner Kingfisher, states that that vessel was captured and burnt by the Alabama on the 23d of March, in lat. 1.20 north, long. 26.20. After stating the facts, Captain Lambert gives a long card of thanks to the Confederates for treating him well while aboard their craft.—Captain Grant, of the ship Louisa Hatch, reports that he sailed from Cardiff, March 5th, and was captured April 5, in lat. 3.30, long. 26.25, and the ship burned. Part of her crew joined the Alabama.

The bark Tacony recently captured by a Confederate privateer is now also operating in the same line. A vessel arrived at New York yesterday whose captain reports that she was captured by the Tacony, but released on giving a bond of forty thousand dollars.

The detachment sent to Rush county, Indiana, has returned. Gen. Mansfield arrested a number of suspicious persons and required them to give bonds for their future good behaviour. A company of troops left for Fulton county on Saturday night where the enrolling commissioner's papers were seized and destroyed by a mob. Seventeen citizens of Johnston county, found gathered together in the woods, armed with rifles and revolvers, were arrested and brought to Indianapolis.

The independent telegraph line between Washington, D. C., and Portland, Maine, and all intermediate cities and towns, has gone fully into operation.

The Southern papers publish an "Address by the clergy of the Southern states to christians throughout the world," in relation to the present war, "and in favor of bringing about peace, and of the recognition of the South as an independent Confederacy."

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