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WAR NEWS

Some skirmishing is reported along the Rappahannock, near Kelly's Ford, and it is also reported that the Federal forces have penetrated as far as the Rapidan river, near Germania Mills.—Colonel Moseby's command of Confederate cavalry have their headquarters at Thoroughfare Gap, but are engaged in scouting the country down to Fairfax.

Letters from the vicinity of Charleston state that in consequence of the exhausting character of the duties on board of the iron-clads, a number of the officers had been obliged to ask relief, which was granted them, and their places supplied by others.

A private letter from an officer on one of the iron-clad states that the thermometer there has been at an average of 106, and, owing to the necessity of keeping down the hatches, there is scarce any ventilation. On one day seven of the crew died from the effects of the heat.

Parties from the middle of Tennessee represent the condition of the people as horrible, having nothing to eat, &c.

It is stated that in the late operations against Jackson, Miss., the Federal loss was about one thousand, killed, wounded and missing.—Further captures of Confederate stores have been made near Natchez.

Gen. Rosecrans has terminated his visit in Nashville and has gone to his headquarters at Winchester, Tenn. He is about to enter upon a new campaign, making Eastern Tennessee the seat of war, it is supposed. His general orders, issued from Winchester, are very stringent and calculated to keep his army within lines of legitimate warfare. He has determined to exile from the State, however, all those persons who act in hostility to the Federal government.

General Grant's army has been broken up into several divisions—part of it garrisons Vicksburg, part has gone up the river, and part has gone down to assist Banks, many of whose troops have served their time out, and have been, or will be, mustered out of service.

In the case of Colonel Belger, tried for frauds on the Government, it is understood the court-martial have returned a finding of not guilty. The members composing the court were nearly the same as in the Cashel case.

Gen. Pleasanton has been placed in command of the cavalry forces in the Army of the Potomac in place of Gen. Stoneman, assigned to duty in the War Department as Chief of the Cavalry Bureau. The change was made on the recommendation of Gen. Meade.

The consumption of wool in the U. S., during the past year has been unusually large, amounting in the aggregate to some 126,000,000 pounds.

Major Tebiger, chief of the Pay Department of the District of the Mississippi, has just received a dispatch stating that the steamer Ruth, which left for Vicksburg on Monday evening, was burned a few miles below Cairo. The boat and cargo were entirely consumed, and Maj. Greenwalt, paymaster, and three clerks, were lost. Several other paymasters en route to Grant's army, escaped only with their clothes on their backs. Two million and a half dollars in government funds were consumed. It is thought that many lives were lost, but the above are the only particulars received.

A serious affray occurred between five young men and a party of teamsters on the public grounds south of the President's house, in Washington, on Wednesday, originating in the conduct of two women, who came along and took off the hat of one of the young men, and carried it among the teamsters. Two brothers, named Wm. and George Hensley of the party of five, received such wounds as will probably cause their death, the teamsters, some twenty in number at one time firing pistols freely; another young man named Edward Thompson, was seriously cut on the head with a stone.

Additional returns from the election in Kentucky show a decided Union victory in all parts of the State.

The steamer Georgiana, arrived at Old Point from Beaufort, North Carolina, reports the capture by the United States gunboat Iroquois of the English iron steamer Kate, whilst attempting to run the blockade at Wilmington.

The Treasury Department has received information a mail robbery in the Army of the Potomac. Among the valuables stolen were two checks of Paymaster R. S. Webb—one in favor of George E. Henry for one hundred and seventeen dollars, the other in favor of Lieut. T. Allen for two hundred and ninety dollars, and one check of Paymaster T. P. Johnson, in favor of Lieutenant J. Johnson for four dollars.

It is stated that Gen. Johnson has returned to Mississippi again after a thorough examination of the defences and resources of Mobile.

A London paper gives a narrative of a terrible scene which recently occurred in a railway car on the road from Liverpool to London, where two passengers were attacked by a madman, and had a narrow escape with their lives.

There is likely to be a glut in the diamond market, consequent on the announced sale of the Crown accumulations in the bank cellars at Lisbon. A large lot of sealed bags have lain there in deposit for the last half century, holding hundreds of uncut brilliants, brought hither from Brazil by King John VI. This enormous capital has lain waste until now when its realization into currency has been resolved on.

George W. Summers, of Virginia, made a Union speech in Wheeling on Monday.

SOUTHERN NEWS.

We hear that recently one of the vessels engaged in running the blockade between Charleston and Nassau brought through a small box or package, addressed to a firm in Macon, Georgia, to the care of a commission house in Charleston. By some means the nature of the contents was ascertained or suspected, when it was opened and found to be some \$200,000 of counterfeit Confederate notes. We have seen one bill of this lot. It is a counterfeit \$20, of the Duncan plate, and is by far the best executed and most dangerous counterfeit we ever saw.—[Richmond Enq.]

Over one thousand passports were issued yesterday from the passport office in this city. The increased number of applicants was occasioned by an order annulling the powers of the passport official in Manchester, and parties residing there and doing business on this side will hereafter obtain their passports from the Richmond authorities.—[Rich. Enq.]

The Federal prisoners now in Richmond number four thousand three hundred, of which number three thousand three hundred are at the Belle Isle encampment. Several thousand were sent northward last week. Very few additional prisoners were received yesterday from all sources. The number of officers held by us is an interesting fact in connection with the refusal of the Yankees to respect the cartel of exchange. The number in our custody now is five hundred and twenty-five, all commissioned.—[Rich. Exam. Aug. 1.]

ATLANTA, Ga., July 27.—Gold was sold at auction here to-day at \$11 75 a \$12 11 for \$1; bank notes at \$2 30 a \$4 60 for \$1.

THE EMPRESS EUGENIE.—The Empress' great hobby just now is boating. She has, on the large lake of the park, every variety of boat to be found in the world. Among them are a gondola from Venice, with a gondolier selected for his skill with the gondola, and his fine voice; and a caique from Constantinople, with the caikir. This last importation has just reached Fontainebleau. Her great delight is to be rowed in the gondola, read Byron and imagine herself in Venice. She is fond of rowing likewise, and she is expert with all manner of boats, sculling as well as rowing with great skill.

A favorite amusement at Fontainebleau, is getting on a plank four feet long by four inches wide, and paddling about the lake on it. The Empress and Emperor are both expert in this amusement, which affords them a great deal of sport, for all of the courtiers are not equally expert with the paddle, and pay for their awkwardness with a ducking.

The Empress has built a Chinese saloon for herself at Fontainebleau. It is constructed in the Chinese style, and is filled with objects brought from China by officers of the French army. She has quite a passion for rooms recalling countries.

In the Tuileries she has a Moorish saloon, a Spanish saloon, and an Italian saloon; in the Elysee she has a Moorish, Spanish, Italian and Egyptian saloon. These freaks are expensive, for all the objects in these rooms are brought at great cost from the countries which they are to represent. The Emperor is paying great attention to his wine vault. He has agents in all the famous foreign wine-growing districts to select the very best wines.

Large quantities of Sherry, Port, Madeira and Hungarian wines have been received at the Tuileries within the last few days.