

## The Alexandria Gazette

TUESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 25.

BRIEF PARAGRAPHS.—*Multon in Parvo.*

—The ship F. B. Catling, from Liverpool, was captured by the Confederate steamer Florida, on the 6th inst., and bonded for \$40,000; she has arrived at N. York; the officers of the Florida said they had captured two other ships but refused to give their names; when last seen the Florida was in chase of another ship.—Gold in New York, yesterday, 125½.—There were 663 deaths in New York last week.—In New York, on Sunday night, a small detachment of State troops were attacked by about two hundred men, and some were wounded; but upon the arrival of reinforcements the mob dispersed.—A furious storm passed over Buffalo, N. Y., yesterday, unroofing houses and blowing down chimneys &c.—The laborers on the canal wharves in Georgetown, "struck" yesterday, but the present pay will procure plenty of hands, and the strikers lose their situations.—Gen. Beauregard has urged the departure of all non-combatants from Charleston and prohibited the ingress of any more.—Simcon L. Loomis, president of the Phenix Fire Insurance Co., of Hartford, Conn., died yesterday.—The hotel at the Bedford Springs is full to overflowing.—Mrs. Alice B. Haven, known to many readers as Cousin Alice, a writer of some works of merit, died near New York a few days ago.—The newspapers still report that Mobile is shortly to be attacked, and that movements to that end are now going on.—There are conflicting reports in the newspapers as to the sanitary condition of Fort Delaware, and the state of the prisoners there; the officers at the Fort deny the allegations about the treatment of prisoners, and the reported dreadful nature of the food and water.—An East India princess recently died in London, and her friends are having a contention as to the disposition of her body and the mode of her burial.—A correspondent of the N. Y. Tribune reports a Confederate privateer, the John Roe, commanded by Capt. M. F. G. Key of Baltimore, as being in the China seas; but this may not be correct.—The Raleigh Standard is said to be edited by Hon. W. W. Holden, a prominent politician in that state, and to have a large circulation. Gen. Peck has taken command of the Federal forces in North Carolina.—Count Mercier, the French minister, has been made sick, by excessive bathing, and is now in Auburn, N. Y.—A young man named Sawyer, a clerk in a dry goods store in Boston, was stabbed a few nights ago, whilst walking the streets with two young ladies; he died yesterday; Owens the man who stabbed him, committed the deed from jealousy.—Much disorder, and some violence and injury ensued in the First Ward in Washington, on Sunday, in consequence of disturbances between the teamsters and negroes in that quarter of the city.—Some few coal boats have begun to arrive at Georgetown by the way of the C. & O. Canal.—Some of the Washington gamblers are said to be figuring just now in Richmond, but all liable to the conscription.

Chas. H. Upton, of Fairfax county, Va., has been appointed U. S. Consul to Geneva.

Yesterday afternoon, between 2 and 3 o'clock, a number of horses destined for the Army of the Potomac, were captured by Mosby's men, at a short distance beyond Goodin's Tavern, on the Little River-Turnpike. The horses were in charge of a party of mounted men, who were fired into from each side of the road. Two Federals and one Confederate are known to be killed, and one Confederate wounded.

Several crafts loaded with watermelons arrived yesterday afternoon. Melons ought now to be very cheap, as they are plentiful, and sold low from the Maryland shores; besides which, quantities are brought here from Baltimore.

A large building is to be erected, by order of the military authorities, near the Depot of the Orange & Alexandria R. R., for the accommodation of troops, in transitu, through this place.

The Richmond papers say that Col. Eppa Hunton, of Prince William county, has been appointed a Brigadier General in the Confederate service.

Three men were captured near Fairfax Ct. House, on Saturday, and sent to Washington. Six men have come in from Stafford Ct. House, and applied for passes to go North.

The circus pavilion, on King street, opposite the Gazette office, was sold this morning at auction, by Penn & Co., auctioneers, for \$680 to Richard Smith.

A quantity of liquor, which was being smuggled into this place, was seized on the wharf yesterday afternoon by the military. It was in kegs, packed in flour barrels.

The Banking rooms of the Farmers' Bank, on Prince street, in this place, are being fitted up as Executive offices for Gov. Pierpont.

General Bowen, of the Confederate army, who died recently at Canton, Miss., was a native of Savannah, Georgia, and an eleve of West Point, graduating in the same class with young Jerome Bonaparte, of Baltimore, now in the service of his cousin, Louis Napoleon. The two were much attached, and young Bonaparte more than once sought to induce his classmate to become his brother in arms in the French army.

The Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Sun, under date of August 24th says:—"The sutlers' train which left here under cavalry escort night before last, for the army of the Potomac, was quite large. It is most probably by this time at a point which renders it entirely safe from Mosby's operations, though it is presumed that in any case the cavalry could have prevented the augmentation of the guerrillas stores from its stock."

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania has just decided a case in which a man was unlawfully held in custody by a U. S. officer, who plead against the jurisdiction of the Court. But the Court in this case not only examined into the authority but decided upon the facts and discharged the man from arrest.

The Government has sent an agent to Cairo to investigate the circumstances connected with the burning of the steamer Ruth and the loss of Treasury notes alleged to have been involved in that catastrophe.

## SOUTHERN NEWS.

Fast Day, last Friday, was observed generally, in the South.

The Richmond Whig and the Richmond Sentinel are discussing warily the merits of the administration, and the public character of Jefferson Davis, pro and con.

The steamship Beauregard, Captain Thomas Logan, has successfully run the blockade into a Confederate port. Major Devoreaux, recently appointed "Chief Fitting Man" of North Carolina, will not accept the appointment.

The Richmond Enquirer recommends the immediate inauguration of energetic steps to increase their fleet of war vessels on the ocean by purchasing additional vessels in Europe.

The Richmond Sentinel, in a long editorial on the "situation of the Confederacy," argues that the South has no cause yet for despair, and that they can yet put 880,000 men between the ages of 18 and 45 in the field, and that (according to Mr. De Bow, who has compiled the statistics) "in no event during a long war can the Confederate strength be reduced under 700,000, if the people are in earnest." The male population between 18 and 45 is said to amount yet to 1,181,500; during the two years of war not less than 120,000 males having passed from under to over 18 years of age.

The Raleigh State Journal says:—"A Yankee deserter who entered our picket lines below Kinston, on Wednesday, states that the Yankees have been receiving large reinforcements of cavalry and infantry at Newbern, and that the whole force has moved out to Deep Gully, twelve miles from Newbern. He further states that they were making preparations for a raid on Raleigh."

The Richmond Sentinel denies the statement made by the Charleston Mercury that Jefferson Davis prevented an advance of the Confederate army after the first battle of Manassas, and says it is prepared to prove that the charge is utterly untrue.

Under date of August 16, Gen. Lee issued orders for granting furloughs to the soldiers of the army of the Potomac to visit their families and friends—at the rate of two for every hundred men.

The Richmond Examiner, speaking of the siege of Charleston says:—"The intelligence received, both from public and private sources, leads to the belief that Morris Island and even Sumter, have lost much of their importance since other works have been constructed, commanding them."

The Richmond Enquirer contends "that Sumter and Wagner have no necessary connection with the ultimate result at Charleston. 'That city,' we are told, 'is on the land, and even if a fleet could clear the harbor, no effectual operations can be commenced against it. We learn, through the highest engineering authority of this country, that Beauregard can maintain himself against any force that has been, or is likely to be, sent against him."

There was an extensive sale of government prizes on Saturday, at New York. Condemned vessels; three schooners, three steamers, a ship, a bark and a brig; were knocked down at a total of only \$85,510.

The general operations of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad at this time are very large especially in freight.