

Foundering of the U. S. brig Bainbridge.

We have conversed with a gentleman who was a passenger on board the brig South Boston when she picked up the only known survivor of the ill-fated Bainbridge. He conversed with the man, Smith, (colored,) and from him learned the following facts:

In a few hours after the Bainbridge left New York, she encountered the hurricane which prevailed on the coast in August last. The brig labored hard and shipped seas at a fearful rate.

At about four o'clock in the afternoon of the 20th August, the brig was struck with a terrific squall, and before the rigging could be cut she careened over, never again to right herself. At this time the whole of the starboard watch were below decks, with the hatches battered down, and were thus cut off from the slightest hopes of escape.

The brig gradually rolled over, and finally turned bottom upwards, doubtless crushing a portion of the watch on deck and killing some instantly, as her guns naturally would get adrift. The ship's cook who was a white man, seeing the vessel about to capsize, sprang to the captain's gig, the after fall of which was parted, and in a flash severed the forward fall, and the boat by a heavy combining sea was thrown some distance from the vessel. Smith seized a plank, and was borne by the sea towards the boat, whose keel he mounted, and, with the aid of the white cook, he succeeded in righting the boat.

By this time the brig was bottom up, and amid the spray that was being blown up by the terrific gale he saw several men struggling in the water. Darkness coming on they soon lost sight of the vessel and the crew.

Shortly after the two men had righted their boat a heavy sea upset it, and in the darkness of that awful night they worked for some time before they succeeded in righting her again.—This occurred several times during the night till finally the sea went down somewhat and the boat could be kept head on.

When daylight came, and with it a hot sun, the white cook began to drink salt water, and the excitement, added to the bad effects of drinking the salt water, drove the poor fellow crazy, and in a fit of madness he leaped from the boat and sank to join his shipmates who had gone before him the night previous.

Smith was now left alone, and, being thirsty he assuaged that terrible feeling by placing a blanket around his head and keeping it saturated with salt water, and at the time he was picked up he was much fresher than could be expected.

The blanket which was in the boat was marked "1789." The boat was cedar, painted a whitish color and contained an oar marked with red chalk "Bainbridge." It was sixteen feet long and had a copper band on it near the end of the blade.—[N. Y. Herald.]

The draft in Cincinnati has been indefinitely postponed.

The building known as the Old Chequered Warehouse in Buffalo, N. Y., was burned Monday night. The total loss is estimated at \$120,000. The fire is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary. Two persons were arrested near the scene of the conflagration.

The Board of Aldermen of New York have resolved to test the legality of the injunction issued by the Attorney General respecting their action on the \$3,000,000 conscription appropriation.

An immense sale of blockade goods took place in Richmond on the 9th instant. The goods consisted of the cargo of the steamer Ella and Anna, and numerous consignments from other vessels recently run into Confederate ports.

ON A SCOUT.—On Saturday evening last a detachment of 50 members of the First District regiment, under command of Capt. Robert Boyd and Lieut. Stiles, (acting under orders of Gen. Heintzleman,) started down the Potomac in a tugboat and protected by a gunboat, on a scout. About midnight on Saturday they arrived at Colchester, and seeing a light near by proceeded to land; and reached the shore after wading through water up to the waist.

They discovered that guerrillas had been in the neighborhood, but had left about two hours previous to the arrival of the boats.—They however, marched a good distance into the country in search of the guerrillas, but did not succeed in finding them, although a sacked sutler wagon and evidences of the robbery of a citizen showed that they had been about. They therefore returned to their boats and proceeded on down the river, landing at different times at all sorts of out-of-the-way places, and on Sunday morning landed at Ocoquan, where they captured one guerrilla.

They left Ocoquan on Sunday morning, and proceeded to Dumfries, whence they marched six miles after guerrillas. Coming up with the guerrillas, a skirmish ensued, and they captured three of them, and caused a general skedaddle. Capt. Boyd pursued, and succeeded in capturing two others who had taken refuge up the chimney of an old house. The expedition returned with their prisoners to Alexandria yesterday morning.

These guerrillas are an independent gang. They are mostly deserters from various regiments in the Confederate army, while a few from the Federal army have joined them.

Dr. Mead, of the 1st D. C. and Mr. Thomas Smoot, a well known Virginia scout, accompanied the party and rendered good service. [Wash. Star.]

A dispatch from Jackson, Miss., on the 7th, to the Atlanta Appeal says:—"Grant is reported gone to the Southwest. The Federal trans-Mississippi expedition has all been worsted. General Smith has whipped them at Monroe, Louisiana. The enemy are threatening Northwest Georgia. Bragg's force is ready to meet them."

The steamer Plantagenet, from Port au Prince on the 7th instant, arrived at New York, reports that news had been received from Port au Platte to the 6th instant, to the effect that two Spanish frigates bombarded Port au Platte, a seaport town on the north coast of the island of Hayti, and nearly destroyed the place, killing a large number of the inhabitants.

Advices from Guatemala say that the foreign ministers have solicited Carrera to treat with Barrios for a peaceful settlement of the present difficulties. Dates from Salvador to August 24 say that Barrios still holds out.—His army is daily increasing, his troops are regularly paid and keep in good spirits, and he is represented as much more hopeful than at last advices, although Carrera had advanced within two leagues of his capital.

The Richmond Whig has an editorial article under the head of "Better Die than be Conquered." The Whig threatens that in the last resort, the Confederates will "take to the woods and wilderness, like savages and there fight against hunger and cold" as long as they may be able.

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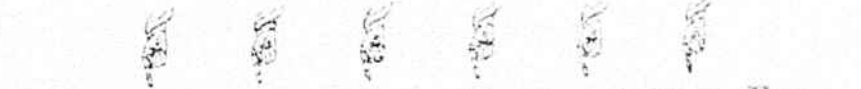
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