

The Alexandria Gazette

TUESDAY EVENING, SEPT. R. 29.

The Washington Chronicle states upon information that is conclusive, that "it is not improbable that the military situation may have undergone a change within the past two or three days. We have reason to think that the Government has wisely determined to reinforce General Rosecrans, even though it cause the temporary cessation of any active operations by the Army of the Potomac. Tennessee has become the great battle field of the hour."

By the steamer America we have accounts from England to the 16th inst. It is reported that the steamer Star had sailed from the Clyde to run the blockade, and two others were ready to follow. Also, that eighty of the crew of the Florida had arrived at Cardiff and proceeded to Liverpool. The London Times of the 16th contains an editorial strongly favoring the detention of the rams until they are cleared of suspicion of being intended for the Confederates. It says that "we would not submit, if we were belligerents, to the dispatch of cruiser after cruiser from a neutral port to make war upon our vessels." The Confederate loan was 25 per cent. discount. U. S. Sixes had declined one per cent. The Times' correspondent says an attachment of the Florida was not allowed to take place while in the Imperial dock yard. The Patrie denies that Mr. Slidell has left Biarritz for Brest.

The Washington Chronicle has no doubt that the question of the recognition of the Southern Confederacy is constantly agitated by the agents of the Confederacy in Paris; but says:—"We are thoroughly convinced that the Emperor of the French will not be betrayed into an act which could but endanger the friendly relations which, with scarcely an interruption, have subsisted between the Governments of France and the United States, from the very beginning of the revolutionary war to the present day."

The Richmond Whig of the 23d inst., says:—"Judge Ould, in his interview with Gen. Meredith, submitted a proposition which, if acceded to, will secure the exchange and return of all the Confederate officers now held in Federal prisons. Gen. Meredith, who is not vested with any authority, will communicate the proposal to the authorities in Washington.—The exchange of the rank and file will be proceeded with."

The Baltimore American declares that most of the "nominations on the ticket presented to the Union voters of Baltimore for city officers at the fall election" were "not fit to be made." It proposes an independent ticket at once—asserting that the present nominees will not be supported by the respectable portion of the Union party.

A little lime could be used, with great advantage, at the intersection of King and Royal streets. Everybody who passed in that vicinity this morning, experienced the necessity of the speedy use of some disinfectant.

Telegraphic communication between Chattanooga and Nashville has not yet been opened.

It is reported here to-day that a portion of Moseby's cavalry made a raid last night as far down as Rose Hill, in Fairfax County, some four miles from this place, and captured Col. Daniel F. Dulany, residing at that place.—They, also, carried off some horses, it is said. In a skirmish young Millan, one of Moseby's men, was wounded and captured by the Federal pickets. Cameron Run brigade was also set on fire by Moseby's men, but the guards in the neighborhood extinguished the fire, without much damage being done.

The Northern papers say that there is now difficulty experienced in procuring seamen to man the several vessels now being put into commission. It was supposed that as the Cape Cod fishermen were about to close their labors in that department, that many could be procured from that source, and with that view the U. S. frigate Sabine, Commodore Ringgold, was dispatched to Provincetown, Mass., with instructions to its commander to enlist into the service all who could be procured; but after ten weeks effort, none could be had; the Sabine will consequently have to be laid up for want of men, and the steam frigate Niagara, which has been prepared for sea to go in pursuit of the Confederate privateers will have to be detained for the same reason.

The Baltimore American says: "A copy of the Richmond Examiner, just received here, contains a speech of Gov. Smith, of Virginia, who will be inaugurated at Richmond on January 1. It was made in Richmond last week. He denounced in bitter terms, as an utter impossibility, any thought of reconstruction on any conditions."

The Louisville Journal states that but a few days before his death, the late Mr. Crittenden of Ky., expressed his determination to urge upon President Lincoln, the policy of immediately issuing "a proclamation of amnesty or some act of like effect."

The amount of business transacted at the Provost Marshal's office, in this place, may be judged of, by the crowd which assembles before the doors of the office, and remains there a greater part of the day.

Rev. Mr. Jerome, a chaplain in the U. S. army, has service in the Chapel of the Protestant Episcopal Seminary, near this place every Sunday morning.

The youth, who was killed by a negro boy, in Washington, on the 26th inst., was Samuel Howard Kinsey, son of Benjamin S. Kinsey.

The work of repairing the streets, a most valuable improvement, is going on still, by direction of the military authorities.

The military patrol in Washington continues to close up numerous bar rooms, and shops for selling liquor.

The price of coal and wood for fuel still "keeps up."

Gold, in New York, to-day, 143.

Telegrams from San Francisco report that the Esmeralda silver mines, heretofore governed by the laws of California, have been determined to belong to the Territory of Nevada.

Measures have been taken for the better organization of the cavalry arm of the Federal service. General Stoneman has the affair in charge.

FROM DOWN THE RIVER.

The Washington Republican of last evening, referring to affairs on the Potomac, says:

Last week, upon information given by Capt. George C. Hill, commanding the upper flotilla, on the Potomac, an expedition was sent down to Boyd's Hole and Mathias' Point, to clear out guerrillas and take measures to prevent the Confederates from running batteries to those points to destroy passing transports. One hundred men from Col. Towers's regiment (First D. C. regiment) were sent down under command of Capt. Fisher, and landed at Boyd's Hole and Mathias' Point, under cover of the gunboats Dragon, Resolute and Teaser, all under command of Capt. Hill, of the Dragon.

The whole country was scouted two miles inland from the river, but no collision was had with the Confederates. Near Mathias' Point they were seen in small squads, but they made off when the men approached them. Capt. Hill ordered all the buildings near Mathias' Point which could afford cover to the Confederates to be burned, and an unsuccessful attempt was also made to burn the woods at the Point.

After filling the rifle-pits and destroying some redoubts used by the Confederates during the blockade of the river, the infantry returned to Alexandria. Some fine horses and mules belonging to a Mr. Grimes, a fierce secessionist, were captured, but could not be brought off for want of transportation.

Spy-glasses were found in all the houses visited, and the inhabitants are familiar with the gunboats on the river.

Capt. Hill compelled three of the citizens of the neighborhood to take the oath of allegiance.

The National Intelligencer says that the "defeat and dispersion of two corps of Gen. Rosecrans' army, (that of Crittenden and that of McCook,) with a loss of ten thousand in killed and wounded, (exclusive of prisoners, set down at two thousand five hundred,) and of fifty pieces of artillery, constitute, in proportion to the numbers engaged, the greatest disaster which has yet happened to either party in the history of the war."

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