

The Alexandria Gazette

SATURDAY EVENING, NOV. 14.

REPORTED DEATHS OF ALEXANDRIANS.—It is reported that Robert H. Hunton, formerly of this place, died recently at one of the Virginia Springs. Mr. H. had been in ill health for some time. Alfred H. Powell, son of the late Dr. W. L. Powell, is said to have been killed in the recent engagement on the Rappahannock.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—A little daughter of Mr. Wm. Annis, residing at the corner of Queen and Royal streets, was so seriously injured by fire on Wednesday last, that her life is despaired of. She was playing near the stove and her clothing caught fire, and burnt her severely before assistance could be rendered.

The market this morning was tolerably well supplied with meats and vegetables. Prices were unchanged. Poultry is in fair supply but prices are exorbitant. Game is scarce—wild duck more plentiful, but prices high.

Work on the new engine house at the Depot of the Orange and Alexandria Railroad is progressing. Additional improvements at the Depot grounds are constantly going forward.

The repaving of King street has been begun, between Patrick and Henry streets. The side walks are being widened two feet, and the curbs reset accordingly.

It is said that Gen. Meade passed through this place, this morning, from the Army of the Potomac, on his way to Washington.

The Washington correspondent of the N. Y. News says that there is no prospect of an early general exchange of prisoners, although the Federal Government is endeavoring to effect such an arrangement. In a few days, however, an exchange of surgeons will take place—the Confederates holding at Richmond eighty-five belonging to the Federal armies.

In regard to the Missouri election, so far as returns have been received, the Radical majority it is claimed is two hundred and ninety-four. The Conservative majority it is claimed by one of the journals is three, even with the vote of the soldiers included.

The subject of the situation of a permanent capital of West Virginia has been under discussions in the Legislature at Wheeling, but was finally laid aside without definite action. During the discussions it was made known that Grafton and Clarksburg are the probable points where the capital will be situated. Wheeling, Parkersburg, Beverly and Point Pleasant are also competitors.

A General Order just published by the U. S. War Department states that satisfactory evidence having been produced to the Department that a bronze equestrian statue, unlawfully taken from a private house in Fredericksburg at the capture of that place by the Federal forces, was the private property of Mr. Douglas Gordon, of that city, it is Ordered, that it be restored to Mrs. Annie C. Thomas, the sister of Mr. Gordon, who has made application therefor.

E. Gratz Brown, of St. Louis, has been elected by the Missouri Legislature U. S. Senator on the first ballot by seven majority.

From Chattanooga and East Tennessee.

It is stated that the U. S. War Department, has received despatches from Gen. Thomas, at Chattanooga, and from Gen. Burnside, in East Tennessee, of dates as late as Thursday evening last. At that time all was quiet in front of their respective armies. The tenor of the information from Gen. Burnside is, it is said, such as to set at rest any anxiety relative to his situation.

CHATTANOOGA, Nov. 12.—The most reliable intelligence from Bragg's army is up to three o'clock A. M., at which time a picket of twelve men deserted, and arrived fully equipped in the Federal lines. Gen. Hardee has been assigned to Gen. Polk's Corps and relieved Gen. Lonestreet on Lookout Mountain. The latter has gone, with 16,000 troops, part cavalry, to East Tennessee. The rest of the cavalry have gone to Iuka. Cheatham's and Stuart's divisions have returned, and Bragg has now three full corps—Hardee's, Breckinridge's, and Buckner's—a total of sixty thousand men at a low estimate. An artillery duel between the batteries on Lookout Mountain and Moccasin Point took place at noon to-day. 'Thirty days' furlough has been granted to the farmers among the Georgia State troops to allow them an opportunity to sow their wheat. All is quiet with Gen. Hooker.

FROM CAIRO.

CAIRO, Nov. 13.—The Memphis Bulletin of the 11th gives the particulars of the burning of the steamer Allen Collier. The steamer was lying twenty-five miles above the mouth of White river, within five hundred yards of the gunboat Eastport, which was covering her landing when guerrillas attacked her. Captain Bartholomew, the commander of the gunboat was on board the Allen Collier at the time, and was captured together with the captain and crew of that steamer. The gunboat would have shelled the guerrillas but they protected themselves with the captain and crew they had captured. After setting fire to the boat they marched the prisoners three miles into the country, when they liberated the captain and crew of the Allen Collier, but retained Captain Bartholomew.

The number of prisoners of war now in the military prison here is increased to nearly 4,000. They cannot really be called prisoners of war, being deserters from the Confederate army, some of whom have lain around in the woods fifteen months.

Tax Sale of Lands in South Carolina.

The first sale of lands under the act for the collection of direct taxes in "insurrectionary districts" is advertised by the U. S. Tax Commissioners of South Carolina. Twenty-five tracts on Hilton Head Island, valued at \$95,000, and a large number of houses and town lots in Beaufort, will be sold at Port Royal on the 1st of December, or from day to day thereafter until the property is sold. The Commissioners reserve a single bid on each town lot and block, to be made publicly by them of such sum as they deem advisable, of not less than one-third their appraised value. Lots not bid up to one-third their appraised value will be withdrawn.—[Nat. Int.]

CONSUMPTION OF COAL.—The quantity of coal required for government vessels is really incredible. There are three hundred and fifty steamers afloat in the service, burning coal.—The Ironsides alone burns two tons of coal per hour, forty-eight tons per day, or sixteen thousand tons per annum. One million five hundred thousand tons is the estimated quantity required for this species of the service.—Wash. Union, Nov. 7.

In addition to this, all the foundries, machine shops, factories, workshops and railroads of the country are now fully employed and using coal to work their machinery. The quantity of coal consumed in cities for the domestic wants of the citizens is but a small proportion of the entire consumption of coal in the country.—[Balt. Sun.]

FOREIGN NEWS.

European dates are to the 31st ult. There had been some excitement in British naval circles respecting rumors of an attempt to be made to get the Confederate rams out of the Mersey, and war vessels were sent to guard against it.—The London Morning Star states that the Emperor Napoleon has informed Mr. Dayton that the authority for the construction of the Confederate iron-clads in French ports had been withdrawn.—Rumors were current that the French army would soon evacuate Rome, leaving only a garrison at Civita Vecchia, and that Spain would send 10,000 troops to Rome.—The Times publishes a letter from Mr. Spence, of Liverpool, which is jubilant at the exciting situation of affairs for the South.—Swedish and Norwegian journals are vigorous in opposition to the proposed Danish alliance.—Considerable surprise was expressed at the removal of General Rosecrans. The Confederate steamer Georgia had arrived at Cherbourg, France, for provisions and coal.—Detailed accounts had been received of the bombardment of Kanagawa, Japan. Seven vessels were engaged, including two frigates. The British lost 13 killed and 50 wounded. The Japanese ammunition was of a superior quality. The forts mounted 93 guns and mortars. The ships were 450 yards from the forts, and it was wonderful that they were not all sunk. The Prince Satsuma had bought United States guns and ammunition, including four 150 pounders and some 13 inch shell guns. Without a land force Admiral Keefer could do nothing further, and as Satsuma evinced no desire to negotiate, the fleet left for Yokuhama to refit. The object of the expedition was as far from being gained as ever; and if the Japanese remained obstinate, a large army would be necessary to obtain satisfaction.

THE CONTRABANDS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF TENNESSEE.—The Committee's report of the numbers and wants of the contrabands in the U. S. Department of the Tennessee, has been published. On the banks of the Mississippi, from Helena to Natchez, there are 35,000. Of these, about ten thousand are near Vicksburg, five hundred of whom only are men, except those in the army. There are 9,000 near Goodrich's Landing, in Louisiana. Others are scattered about in smaller collections. A few work upon the leased plantations or for themselves, but most are dependent upon the Government for support. Their condition is a very destitute and almost hopeless one.—The mortality among the contrabands, whether they belong to the army, or are found in the camps of the invalids, has been "agonizingly great." Their prospects for the winter are of the most gloomy character.—[N. Y. Express.]

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