

The Alexandria Gazette

THURSDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 20.

The merchants and dealers and their clerks, arrested in Washington and Baltimore on Monday, by the military authorities, and committed to the Old Capitol prison, on some allegation, as is supposed, of trading with blockade-runners, or selling goods to go South, all still remain in confinement though considerable effort has been made in behalf of some by friends and others who have been excited to interest in the matter. The stores and business places of the parties are still closed and held under military guard.

The Washington Chronicle says:—"On Tuesday evening, as five soldiers of the 150th Pennsylvania volunteers were passing along Pennsylvania avenue, when at the corner of Twelfth and D streets, a gang of ruffians stepped up to them, and after examining the Lincoln badges worn by the soldiers, they tore them from their breasts, and maltreated the wearers by knocking them down and kicking them. Several of the assailants were arrested and fined."

An arrival at Washington yesterday, from City Point, reports that early on Tuesday morning the Confederates opened a lively cannonade on the left of the line of the Army of the Potomac, which they kept up for some time. The Federal batteries replied promptly, but no material damage was done on either side.

It is said in the Washington Star that no Confederates have been seen on this side of the Plains for several days, but some are above that point. Also, that a detachment of quartermaster's employees returned to this place on Tuesday, with twelve prisoners and some horses captured by them.

The Federal pickets at Martinsburg were driven in by Confederates on Friday. General Sheridan was sending in large droves of oxen, sheep, &c., and the destruction of farms and mills was still going on.

There are various reports afloat about a fight in the Valley of Virginia, yesterday, or the day before, and of the reported movements of Gen. Longstreet upon Gen. Sheridan's army.

The Legislature of Alabama has passed resolutions against any peace, unless on the basis of "the independence of the Confederate States."

Gen. Page, of the Confederate army, and other officers, recently captured in Mobile harbor, have arrived at New York.

The Brooklyn City Flour Mills were consumed by fire yesterday, with a large stock of flour, wheat, &c. Loss very heavy.

Hon. S. S. Cox, of Ohio, was knocked down and beaten at the railroad depot in Richmond, Ind., on Saturday last.

Lieut. Col. Wells, U. S. Provost Marshal General, at this place, has been promoted to be Colonel of his regiment.

It is said that Thayer & Pierce, late prominent characters here, have "absconded."

The Albany Argus announces the death of Rev. Oswald More O'Connor, for years connected with the cathedral in that city. He was formerly a professor at Emmittsburg, and was one of the most accomplished classical scholars in the country. He was born in England, and was first ordained in the Episcopal Church; but on acceding to the Catholic Church, came to this country and devoted himself to the priesthood.

The late letter of Mr. Stephens, of Georgia, is discussed in the papers in the North and in the South. His views do not seem to meet with any more favor in one case than in the other. The Southern papers urge that the plan proposed could not result in peace.

The National Intelligencer says that "three Republican papers at the North have had the manliness and frankness to condemn Gov. Andrew Johnson's" recent test oath proclamation in Tennessee—and this they have done in the most pointed terms.

Provost Marshal General Fry has startled sundry districts which supposed themselves out of the draft simply because their quota had been drafted, by deciding that runaway drafted men are not to be credited on the quota. No drafted man is credited unless he is actually mustered in.

Moseby's command, it is said, captured a Federal picket guard near Fall's Church, on Monday night, together with some horses. It is said also that they carried off a Mr. Reed, and two negro men.

The London Times has the particulars of a great forgery, by which Mr. Aaron Solomons, of Manchester, lost forty thousand pounds. The forger was his chief clerk and cashier, John Allen Thoruley.

There was a large meeting of the officers of the National Banks, of New York and other places, held in New York yesterday, in relation to their own concerns, and some proposed action with regard to the State Banks.

Charles T. Cockey and Wm. Hart, left Baltimore yesterday, under guard, for Fort Warren, both having been sentenced by Military commission to imprisonment there, the former for five years and the latter during the war.

The Military authorities have stationed guards along the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal.—Fourteen boats with coal arrived at Georgetown, yesterday.

Secretary Stanton, General Meigs, the U. S. Commissioner at New York, and the Chief Medical Director of the Army, returned from their visit to Georgetown, yesterday.

Four Confederate Generals, viz: Jones of Virginia; Beale, of Arkansas, Trimble of Maryland, and Frazer, of —, passed through Boston yesterday, en route to Fort Warren.

Charles H. Porter of Virginia, State Attorney at Norfolk, has been sentenced to six months confinement for the use of treasonable language, says the New York Tribune.

The manufacture of wine of different varieties is increasing in California, and the qualities are improving every year, as experience is gained in the business.

AN OLD MAN WHO HAS SHOT SIXTY PERSONS.—The Cairo correspondent of the St. Louis Republican tells this story:

"At one point on the Tennessee river there is a place that has become terror to steamboat men, and in passing it they always find some place to secure themselves till the boat passes. At this point an old man, sixty odd years of age, has made his headquarters for a long time, and the peculiar 'crack of his gun' is familiar to river men, and sends a thrill of terror wherever it is heard. He has a long heavy barreled gun, originally a squirrel rifle, which has been bored out three different times, until now the largest thumb can easily be turned in the muzzle, and the aim of the old man is one of deadly certainty. The sentinel is always faithfully upon his watch, and his retreat has so far baffled all to catch him, from the fact that he is so surrounded with dense swamps and deep ravines. Well informed river men estimate that this old man has killed in this way not less than sixty persons; and yet he performs his work with as much earnestness and vigor as when he first commenced."

A heavy frost has materially injured the Buckwheat crop in New Jersey. In Pennsylvania the crop is abundant.

Partridges are said to be plentiful in the adjoining country. They are selling in this market at \$3 per dozen, 25 cts. a piece.

Petroleum discoveries have recently been made in St. Clair County, in Michigan. Capitalists are buying "oil lands" there.

The people of Nevada Territory have adopted a State Constitution agreeably to an enabling act of the U. S. Congress.

The majority against the new Constitution in Maryland, in Prince George's county, was 1144, and in St. Mary's county near 1000.

The Cunard steamer China sailed from New York yesterday, with \$144,000 in specie.

Accounts from Bermuda to the 3d inst. say that the yellow fever still prevails there.

GOLD.

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—Gold, to-day, 21 1/2.

DIED.

In Washington, on the 19th inst., after an illness of 3 weeks, RICHARD SUMMERS, second son of Victor and Frances Becker, aged 4 years and 3 months. He will be buried in Alexandria, from St. Mary's Church, on Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

At Waverly, near Bladensburg, on the 13th instant, Mrs. MARY E., relict of the late Alexander Keech, in the 63d year of her age.

At "Croom," near Upper Marlboro', on Sunday last, Mrs. ELIZABETH YOUNG, relict of the late Josias Young, aged about 80 years.

At her residence, in Georgetown, on the evening of the 16th instant, after a short illness Mrs. BETTIE BOYD GIBBS, wife of Dr. James B. Gibbs.

FOR SALE.—TWO HOUSES AND LOTS, 88 and 90 Prince street. Apply on the premises. oct 20—tf

STEAMED OYSTERS, AT THE NEW JERSEY RESTAURANT, No. 90 Prince street, I. Z. VAN REYPEN, Proprietor, oct 20—tf

NEW WOOD YARD. I WILL KEEP A SUPPLY OF PINE AND OAK WOOD, At my yard on PRINCE STREET, BETWEEN PITT AND ROYAL, which I will sell at the lowest rates. E. A. DAYTON. aug 27—tf