

The Alexandria Gazette

FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 21.

NEWS BY TO-DAY'S MAIL.

Gen. Anger, by direction of the Secretary of War, has issued an order prohibiting all those engaged in conducting the investigations of the matter connected with the murder of Mr. Lincoln and the attempted assassination of Secretary Seward, from divulging any information brought by the investigations except to the War Department and the Headquarters of the Department. All parties violating this order will be looked upon as obstructing the prompt arrests of the conspirators, and will be punished accordingly.

On Tuesday the prisoners at Point Lookout, through their sergeants of divisions, passed resolutions representing the voice of 22,000 Confederate prisoners, expressing their abhorrence of the assassination of the late President and their warm sympathy with the distressed family. The resolutions were to be sent to the War Department through General Barnes, commandant at Point Lookout.

J. D. Keamer, a prominent merchant of Hagerstown, Md., was arrested in that place on Tuesday and brought to Washington yesterday, upon the charge of having some knowledge of the conspiracy against President Lincoln and his Cabinet.

Brigadier General Patrick has issued an order prohibiting all officers and paroled men, and all others not on duty in Richmond, from wearing side arms and revolvers.

We hear that all deserters and paroled prisoners will for the present be lauded at Fortress Monroe instead of being forwarded to Washington.

Miss Laura Keane, and Messrs. Hawk and Dyott of her company, who were arrested at Harrisburg on Monday, were discharged by an order from Washington, on Tuesday.

All the Democratic papers which have come to hand since the recent national calamity are unanimous in declaring that President Johnson should be treated generously and fairly by the party heretofore in opposition.

Several persons were arrested in New York, on Tuesday, for uttering disloyal language in connection with the death of President Lincoln. Among those arrested were "Count" Cheesbrough, a wealthy resident of Stuyvesant Square.

Gen. Lew. Wallace resumes command of the Middle Department. Brevet Brig. Gen. Morris, who has administered the affairs of the department during the absence of Gen. Wallace, again takes command of Fort McHenry.

The Washington Chronicle believes that the letter professing to be from J. Wilkes Booth, published in many newspapers, and to which reference was made yesterday, was not written by the assassin but was manufactured by some one else.

A shell exploded at the Charlestown, Mass., Navy Yard, yesterday, which killed four men and wounded many.

The repairs of the Richmond and Fredericksburg R. R. are going on rapidly. The trains now run to the South Anna river.

Several arrests have recently been made at Fortress Monroe of persons who have recently been growing rich there.

There was a decided improvement in the health of Secretary Seward last night. There is no alteration in the case of his son.

THE ASSASSINS.

Booth is again reported to have been recognized at points so entirely distant from each other as to lead to grave doubts whether he has been encountered at all since the night of the assassination. Telegrams from Reading, Pennsylvania, assert positively that he left that place for Pottsville, by railway, on Wednesday night. An extra train was immediately sent in pursuit, but the suspected man is said to have left the cars at Port Clinton. Another account has it that Booth attempted to cross the lower Potomac, but failed to do so. A negro by whom he is said to have been accompanied was arrested and is now in prison. Later telegrams from Reading report that the man suspected to be Booth was arrested yesterday at Tamaqua, but the citizen of Reading who professed to recognize him made an affidavit yesterday afternoon that the only time he saw Booth was seven years ago, and that he does not now believe that the person whom he caused to be pursued was Booth.

The British Minister.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Sir Frederick Bruce, in presenting his credentials to day, to President Johnson, as Minister of her Britannic Majesty, said that it was with deep and sincere concern that he had to accompany his first official act with expressions of condolence.

On Saturday last the ceremony, which took place to day, was to have been performed, but the previous intentions of the late lamented President were frustrated by events which have plunged this country into consternation and affliction, and which will call forth in Great Britain feelings of horror, as well as profound sympathy for the victims.

In the course of his remarks he said he was directed to express her Majesty's friendly disposition toward this great nation, and her hearty good wishes for its peace and prosperity and welfare.

The President in reply said that these cordial and friendly sentiments gave him much pleasure. He had been frank and explicit on the opinion that the friendship of the United States toward Great Britain is enjoined by all considerations of interest and of sentiment affecting the character of both. Sir Frederick Bruce would therefore be accepted as a minister friendly and well disposed to the maintenance of peace and honor of both countries.

PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S REMAINS.—With regard to the removal of the remains from Washington to Springfield, Illinois, official dispatches received show that the funeral train will reach Baltimore this morning at ten o'clock, and remain until 3 o'clock P. M. During the intervening five hours the remains will, it is understood, be deposited in the rotunda of the Exchange building, so as to afford the public an opportunity to view them.

The costerge will then leave for Harrisburg, by the Northern Central road, en route to Philadelphia, to remain at Harrisburg, however, till 12 M. on Saturday. Reaching Philadelphia, the remains will be detained there until Monday and thence conveyed to New York, whence they will be removed on Tuesday afternoon, to go by way of Albany, Buffalo, Cleveland, Chicago, &c. to Springfield. Not until the 3d of May are they expected finally to reach the latter place for interment.

Some further particulars are given concerning the firing upon the Niagara and Sacramento, in the harbor of Lisbon. The difficulty has been settled amicably, however, by the dismissal of the Governor of Belem Fort, and by saluting the American flag.

Gen. Ord has issued an order in Richmond, forbidding paroled prisoners carrying weapons or wearing side arms.

TO CLERGYMEN.—The following circular has been or will be sent, by order of Major General Wallace, to all clergymen in Baltimore.

HEADQUARTERS MIDDLE DEPARTMENT,
EIGHTH ARMY CORPS,
BALTIMORE, MD., April 19, 1865.

Circular.—The conduct of certain clergymen in this city has, in some instances, been so positively offensive to loyal people, and, in others, of such doubtful propriety, to say nothing about taste, as to have become a cause of bad feeling with many well disposed citizens.

As you must be aware, the recent tragedy, so awful in circumstance, and nationally so calamitous, has, as it well might, inflamed the sensibilities of men and women who esteem their loyalty only a little less sacred than their religion.

In this state of affairs you will undoubtedly perceive the wisdom of avoiding, on your own part, everything in the least calculated to offend the sensibilities mentioned. You will also perceive the propriety of requiring members of your congregation, male and female, who may be so unfortunate as to have been sympathizers with the rebellion, not to bring politics into the church.

So profound is my reverence for your truly sacred profession, that, in the sincere hope of avoiding any necessity for interfering with the exercise of your office, I choose this method of respectfully warning you of the existing state of public feeling, and calling upon you, in the name of our common Saviour, to lend me your influence and energetic assistance, to be exerted in every lawful way, to soothe irritations and calm excitements. You know that what I thus request I have the power to enforce. You ought also to know that, to save the community from the dishonor and consequences of a public outbreak, it would be my duty to exercise all the power I possess, without regard to persons or congregations.

If you feel that you cannot yourself comply with this fraternal solicitation, or that you are unable to control evil disposed members of your flock, I suggest that it is better, far better, in every respect, that you should close the doors of your church for a season at least.

I have no fear that the kindness of my purpose in thus communicating with you will be mistaken; and that you may not understand yourself as accused or specially selected from the mass of your professional brethren, you are informed that a copy of this note has been or will be addressed to every clergyman in the city.

Very respectfully, your friend,
LEW WALLACE.

Major General Commanding.

Official: D. P. Thurston, Capt. A. D. C.

DIED.

On Friday, the 14th instant, at her late residence in Baltimore, VIOLETTA, daughter of Major Thomas Lansdale, of the Maryland Line, and relict of the late Governor Samuel Sprigg of Maryland.

On the morning of the 19th inst., IDA E. GRANT, daughter of Bolly and Jane E. Henry, aged fifteen months and seventeen days. [Washington Star please copy.]

HENRY ARNOLD vs. ALEX. ARNOLD'S Administrator and others.

IN ALEXANDRIA CIRCUIT COURT, VIRGINIA. The creditors of the estate of Alexander Arnold, dec'd., are hereby notified to file their claims duly authenticated with the subscriber, at his office in the city of Alexandria, Va., on or before the 11th day of May, 1865, that he may make report of the same under the decree of December 21st, 1864, in the above named cause.

T. A. STOUTENBURG,
Com. in Chy. Alexa. Circuit Court.

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A CARD.

WILLIAM H. SMITH,

Boot and Shoe Maker,

No. 12, North Fairfax Street,

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