

The Alexandria Gazette

FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE 17.

The Washington Chronicle speaks of the danger of sickness in Washington, this summer, and urges the adoption of sanitary measures, at once. It says: "The appearance of several localities promise that the ensuing season will be a profitable one for physicians, undertakers, and embalmers. Indeed physicians have their hands full now, and we believe that one of the most frequent diseases which they minister to, among adults as well as children, is dysentery. With no desire to create a needless fear; with no wish to exaggerate the symptoms which already certainly exist; but with a very strong disposition to remind our readers that the means which would enhance the public health of the city are being neglected, and that, if the parties whose duty it is to attend to it neglect it, the citizens owe it to themselves to take it in hand, we offer these suggestions, and hope they will be dwelt upon."

The following is the avowal of the Paris correspondent of the London Times in reference to the appointment of Commissioners to America by France, referred to yesterday: "I hear that two delegates—one civil, the other military—have been sent by the French Government to America, for the purpose of ascertaining by personal inspection the real state of the prospects of the belligerents, and to report thereon to the Emperor. It is also stated that overtures have been again made on the part of France to the English Government with a view to devise some means of putting a stop to the frightful carnage between Federals and Confederates. I do not say that these overtures have been made through the usual official channels, but I have reason to believe that the main fact is correct. What reception they have met with, I cannot say."

In the U. S. Senate, yesterday, the bill appropriating a sufficient sum to indemnify the citizens of Pennsylvania for losses sustained during the invasion of that State in 1863, was passed. The bill to punish "guerillas," &c., was discussed. The House bill to increase the duties on imports was also debated. In the House of Representatives a resolution was introduced requiring the Committee on Military Affairs to report on the expediency of making future drafts for eighteen months, exacting the commutation tax from those who are exempted by physical debility, and able to pay, and permitting negroes to be taken as substitutes for white men. The consideration of the Internal Revenue bill was continued.

The Maryland papers speak of the growing crops in that state indicating an abundant harvest. The only drawback seems to be the scarcity and high price of labor. Haymaking has already commenced, and the grain harvest is rapidly approaching.

The White House has been entirely evacuated, and all the U. S. stores, together with the sick and wounded, removed.

Santa Anna goes to Mexico, to figure now as Marshal of the Empire, instead of President of the Republic.

The Washington Chronicle of this morning says: "Yesterday afternoon closed the opening of the bids at the office of the Secretary of the Treasury for the seventy five million loan proposed by Mr. Chase. The bids were made to the number of 654, and to the amount of \$69,650,000; \$41,000,000 of which are above four per cent. premium, the rate at which it is presumed the Secretary will take proposals. It is probable, therefore, that \$28,000,000 of the bids will be rejected, and the residue of the loan made up as soon as the Secretary has signified the rate at which proposals will be accepted, say four per cent.—Very few of the bids were below par, and three only for small sums; on some, ten per cent. premium was offered."

The National Intelligencer says:—"The public debt of the United States on the 2d day of February last was officially stated to be \$1,473,225,714. On the 14th of May last it had reached the sum of \$1,730,870,926.—It will thus be seen that the increase of the ascertained national indebtedness during the interval of 102 days was \$257,645,212 being at the rate \$2,525,933 per day, or, in round numbers, at the rate of \$1,000,000,000 per year."

The Washington Star thinks that the U. S. government will put a stop to the movements of Mr. Vallandigham and his friends in Ohio. A dispatch from Washington dated yesterday says: "Vallandigham's return to Ohio was on his own responsibility. It is not known what, if any, executive action will be taken concerning him."

The London Index says that Earl Russell made a second attempt to communicate officially with President Davis, from Cuba, but that the effort was abandoned after the receipt of a communication from Secretary Seward by Lord Lyons. All the dispatches addressed to the Richmond Cabinet had been returned to the Foreign Office in London.

A ship of war is to be sent from Vera Cruz to Havana, to convey with all possible honor to the Mexican shores Santa Anna, in his new capacity of Field Marshal to the Empire. It is expected that the Austrian frigate Nevara, the same which conveyed the Emperor and Empress over the ocean, will be selected for the duty.

The Right Reverend Bishop McClosky, of Albany, has received the official announcement from Rome of his appointment to the Archepiscopate of New York. It is supposed that he will enter upon the discharge of his new duties directly.

Messrs. T. W. Edwards, E. L. Bently, Chas. Fadely, E. Pickett, and Dr. Cross, lately arrested in Leesburg, as "hostages" have been sent to Fort Delaware. Mr. W. H. Gray has been allowed to remain in Washington under parole.

The latest news from the United States was regarded in England as unfavorable to Gen. Grant's prospects of success in his campaign, and the Confederate loan advanced one per cent. in consequence.

The Washington Chronicle says: "The number of deaths at the army hospitals in this city, is lamentably large. For several days past, it has averaged sixty per day."

FROM THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC. [Correspondence of the Philadelphia Inquirer] **FORTRESS MONROE, June 15, 1864**—The steamer John A. Warner, brings the intelligence of the successful crossing of the James River by the whole of Grant's army. Also, that rapid and heavy firing was heard this morning at break of day, apparently at the very outskirts of Petersburg.

The cannonading commenced about four o'clock this morning, and continued with considerable briskness for some hours. Petersburg is said to be very weakly fortified on the south side, and the presumption is, that the town will be entered from that point.

General "Baldy" Smith's forces have been on their way from the White House, passing round this point (en route, it is understood, for Point of Rocks, on the Appomattox River,) for the past two days. Quite a number of transports have passed here heavily laden with his troops, and it is thought he has advanced directly on Petersburg.

Burnside's Ninth Army Corps crossed the James River yesterday, at Wilson's wharf from Fortress Monroe. On the same day a portion of Hancock's Second Corps and Wright's Sixth Corps also crossed.

The Fifth Corps, General Warren crossed to day, and by 3 o'clock in the afternoon were all over, including wagon trains, &c.

Grant's army, on its march to the James River, met with no opposition, with the exception of some desultory firing on the rear-guard.

DIED.

June 13th, at Fairfax Court House, Va., **DANIEL HAWKHURST**, aged about 80 years.

BOARD AT A DELIGHTFUL COUNTRY RESIDENCE TWO MILES FROM THE CITY.—The advertiser has two or three spare rooms, and will take a few boarders for the summer, on reasonable terms. The house is supplied with bath rooms, and all the conveniences of a city dwelling, and is most delightfully situated for health and scenery. For further particulars apply at the Gazette Office je—17 tf

NOTICE.

HEADQUARTERS MILITARY GOVERNOR, ALEXANDRIA, Va., June 14, 1864.
ALL loyal and respectable hotel, saloon and restaurant keepers, now regularly engaged in business in the city of Alexandria and who can show to the satisfaction of the General Commanding that they have never violated military orders upon the subject of the disposition of liquors, are notified that upon presenting the proper license from the civil authorities to these headquarters and a bond in the sum of one thousand dollars with good security conditioned for their good behavior and upon subscribing to the rules and oath prepared for the regulation of the subject, they will be authorized to sell under the restrictions of such rules **MALT LIQUORS**, to civilians, only.

By command of
Brig. Gen. **JNO. P. SLOUGH**,
Military Gov. Alexandria, Va.
ROLLIN C. GALE
Asst. Adjt. Gen.
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NOTICE.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, June 16, 1864.
ALL persons engaged in business are hereby notified to come forward and procure their license from this office on or before the first day of July. As all persons failing to do so by that time will be brought up and the fine imposed in all cases the law directs.
je 16—1w **C. A. WARE, Mayor.**

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I HAVE on hand about 1,200 yards of Lawns, Calicos, DeLaines and other goods, which I will sell at greatly reduced prices. Call and see for yourself at **H. SCHWARZ'S.**
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