

The Alexandria Gazette

TUESDAY EVENING, JULY 19.

The last newspaper hoax is the Troy child—“which spoke when it was born, and prophesied a comet, a famine, the end of the war, &c.” This is an old sensation paragraph, which appears in all times of trouble. Nevertheless the hoazer may not be far wrong, as to the prophesy—a comet may come—comets come often;—there is a drought and we may have a scarcity;—and the war will certainly end—one day or other!

Sherman has not yet crossed the Chattahoochee, although he has massed his troops on the northern bank, and is believed to have possession of one or two of the fords of that river. The Richmond and Atlanta papers allude doubtfully to ability of Gen. Johnston to successfully defend his new position across the Chattahoochee, strong as it is alleged to be, and it is even asserted that he will give up Atlanta and will fall back to Stone Mountain, a few miles south of that city.

Private letters received in Philadelphia from Morganza, La., state that Canby was perfecting arrangements for military operations in the vicinity of Morganza and Red river. Ullman, with a portion of his forces, has reached Morganza, where has been placed a command of all the negro troops. The Confederates have a large force stationed on the west of Atchafalaya river, some nine miles in the rear of Morganza, and parallel to the Mississippi river. A large Federal force is being collected near Morganza.

Maj. Gen. A. P. Stewart, has been promoted to be a Lieutenant General in the Army of Tennessee, in the place of Gen. Polk. He was born in Winchester, Tennessee, and is now about forty-three years old. At an early age he went to West Point, where he graduated with honor, after which he remained in the institution two years, as Professor of Mathematics. He is a devout christian.

McBride, the Washington Chronicle's correspondent with the Army of the Potomac in his last letter writes:—“We are all much amused with the account of rebel depredations published in the newspapers. Circumstances which you look upon as terrible enormities are here committed every day. They have not treated you with anything like the severity they receive at our hands.”

Tom Woods of the Ohio Patriot writes as follows:—“There has been considerable joking upon the words ‘raising of muslin,’ but it has now got so high that those words are about played out, and people who don't want to whitewash and go naked will be compelled to raise something else.”

The Washington Chronicle says that the National Intelligencer's estimate of the Confederate force lately besieging Washington (500) was ten times too small, but the Intelligencer reasserts its estimate and produces strong evidence to substantiate its assertion.

It took Russia, with a population of 75,000,000 sixty four years to subjugate Circassia with a population of 400,000.

The Richmond papers of the 14th state that when the Confederates occupied Martinsburg, during the late raid immense quantities of supplies fell into their hands, with one million dollars' worth of medical and a large amount of commissary stores, including one hundred thousand bushels of corn and oats.—The Dispatch says: “Merchants and sutlers had collected there immense stores, preparatory to forwarding them to Richmond for sale, as they deemed the capture of this place a fixed fact. These were appropriated by the Confederates.”

The National Intelligencer says: “A few days ago, when, with the light before us, it seemed that Gov. Seymour, of New York, had not manifested a becoming alacrity in responding to the call recently made on him for 12,000 men, we did not hesitate to express the censure which we thought appropriate.—It now appears to us, however, that the conduct of Gov. Seymour in the late supposed emergency was not justly open to the full weight of the censure we brought against him.”

The Petersburg papers of the 14th state, that a skirmish occurred on the 12th inst., between Gregg's cavalry and that of Fitzhugh Lee at Reams' Station, in which the former was defeated with the loss of thirty-three prisoners, two of whom were officers. On the other hand, the Confederates lost by capture on the James River a foraging party, consisting of one commissioned officer and thirteen men.

A writer in the Baltimore Gazette, propounds the following query: “Suppose a foreigner comes to this country to invest his gold, or a American sells gold for currency at two hundred and fifty in greenbacks, then invests his two hundred and fifty in United State five-twenty bonds, drawing six per cent. interest in gold does he not receive fifteen per cent. in gold for his investment.

Col. Daniel McCook, of the Federal army, died on Sunday at Cincinnati, of wounds received at the battle of Kenesaw Mountain.—He was wounded while charging the earth works. He is the fourth of the McCook family who have been killed since the war—the father and three sons—and what is most singular, all have been killed or died in the month of July.

The American Coal Trade Review, published in New York, thinks that coal fields near Richmond are a great help to the Confederates, and says: “We would suggest as our plan (if unhappily Gen. Grant should not succeed before cold weather sets in) that the coal mines above Richmond should be seized and the supply of coal be shut off, and thus freeze the Confederates into submission.”

The body of Alexander Earp of Washington, who was drowned July the 4th, on an excursion down the river, has been recovered by his relatives. The body was found about four miles below Alexandria, and appears to have been in the hands of a party of thieves, who stripped it of money, rings, &c,

A fire at Panama on the night of the 4th destroyed four large houses on Main street.—Loss estimated at over \$290,000.

DISPATCH FROM GEN. JOHNSTON.

ARMY OF TENNESSEE, July 14.—To Gen. Braxton Bragg: A body of Federal cavalry crossed the river last night opposite Newnan, but was driven back by Brigadier General Armstrong. All quiet elsewhere.

JOS E JOHNSTON, General.

FROM CHARLESTON.

CHARLESTON, July 12, via Petersburg, July 13.—To General G. T. Beauregard: The enemy attacked Battery Simkins last night, and were repulsed. We have driven them from John's Island. Their fleet dropped down last night below Battery Island. All the available force of the enemy from Jacksonville has been operating against this place since the 2d instant. Major Gen. Foster is commanding in person. S. JONES, Major General.

GOLD.

NEW YORK, July 19.—Gold, to-day, 267.

The New York Herald gives a table showing that from August, 1863, to July 10th, 1864, the Florida has captured, 1 steamer, 11 ships, 7 barks, 8 brigs and 9 schooners—total 34, and burned over fifteen thousand tons of shipping.

The Atlanta Confederacy of the 20th, says that Lieutenant General Longstreet arrived in Augusta, Georgia, yesterday. Notwithstanding his severe wound, which has temporarily paralyzed an arm, he is looking well.

The gunners are now killing woodcock on the banks of the river and creeks near this place. These fine birds are now in season.—They sell at 30@37½ cents a piece. A high figure.

Judge Barnard, in the New York Supreme Court on Friday, rendered a decision that the warden of the City Prison had no right to receive or retain a prisoner of the United States.

Col. Angus McDonald, in the Confederate service, of Hampshire county, Va., was recently captured by Hunter's command, and has been sent to a military prison in the West.

It is stated there are now 9,000 Confederate prisoners in the barracks at Rock Island, Ill., and 5,377 at Camp Douglas, Chicago. There are also several hundred at Alton.

Immediately after the report of President Lincoln's proclamation, calling for 500,000 more men, in New York, gold rose to 263½.

DIED.

In Georgetown on the 14th inst., ANNA-COSTIA BOYLE, in the 18th year of her age, daughter of Ann Eliza and Junius J. Boyle, U. S. Navy.

In Washington, on the 15th inst., after a long illness, MARY ELIZABETH, eldest daughter of John F. and Sarah A. Callan.

July 17th, Mrs. NORA DIGGES, the eldest daughter of the late Daniel Carroll, of Duddington, in the 73d year of her age.

At “Mount Oak,” her residence in Prince George co., Md., on Wednesday, the 14th inst., Mrs MARY M. MULLIKIN, relict of late John B. Mullikin.

AUCTION SALE.

By THAYER & PIERCE, AUCTIONEERS. ON WEDNESDAY, at 10 o'clock, July 21. We will sell, at the late residence of Caleb S. Hallowell, Esq., all the remaining PARLOR, HOUSEHOLD and KITCHEN FURNITURE contained in said house.

ALSO a number of fine SHOW CASES. THAYER & PIERCE, Auctioneers. July 18-21