

The Alexandria Gazette

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JULY 20.

Everybody who is fortunate, and living in prosperity, is generally on the best terms with the world. But let adversity and its evils come and we see the difference. In truth however this is a *hard* world:—hard, in that sense which brings most pain and misery to a sensitive mind. A popular English writer marks the wide distinction between the humanity of the age towards material wants, and its cruelty towards the feelings. He well observes that there is sympathy for the hungry man, but there is no sympathy for the unsuccessful man who is not hungry. Let us follow the elucidation of this idea by the writer to whom we refer. "If a fellow mortal be ragged, humanity may subscribe to mend his clothes; but humanity will subscribe nothing to mend his ragged hopes. Success is the god that the world delights to worship. "I have struggled and fallen—struggled manfully, yet fallen utterly; help me up that I may try once again." Who listens now a days to such a plea as this? "Fallen! do you want bread?" "Not bread, but a kind heart and a kind hand." "My friend, I cannot stay by you; I myself am in a hurry. I beg your pardon; but I will put my foot on your shoulder—only for one moment!" Who that observes the morals of the age, and studies human nature, will not admit that this is a true picture. Those who do not intend to be cruel, are often so in reality. They live in the world, surrounded by its influences and contaminations, and their hearts acquire the *crust* of the times. Alas! that it should be so but is it not true, to too great an extent, that "success is now the only test of merit; and to *deserve* only, is *not* meritorious!" The favorites of Success or the minions of Fortune, may sometimes pause as they look upon brave hearts contending against adversity, and even give a momentary tribute of admiration or commiseration—but they exclaim, *Vae victis!* and hurry on to their own temporary and often miserable ends, forgetting that their time may come—and *Vae victis!* be said of them!

There are contradictory dispatches about a new raid into Kentucky. One states that a Confederate force estimated at from five thousand to fifteen thousand came through Pound Gap about two days ago. Another despatch says that the Federal military authorities have no such information, nor are they informed of any raid whatever. Still there is a great deal of excitement, and preparations for defense are said to be in progress.

The lands of Lewis D. Means, Wm. D. Nutt, Thomas and Edgar Haycock, Henry and Jas. Tillet, J. H. Simpson, Isaac Fairfax, J. W. Sinclair, J. M. Cook, and Wm. T. Muse, in Fairfax County, Va., are advertised as having been seized under the U. S. Confiscation law.

The recent debate in the British Parliament resulted in a majority of eighteen for the Government in the House of Commons, and nine against the Government in the House of Lords. The result is generally regarded as an endorsement of the ministerial policy, but there is no triumph.

[From the New York Express.]  
GEN. HUNTER'S ARMY.

We hear from a gentleman, who has just come from Parkersburg (Va.) when Gen. Hunter's army was passing through there to Martinsburg, that a more dilapidated set of men seldom, if ever, turned up, or ever in poorer discipline. The army, indeed, seems to have been pretty well used up by General Hunter, and he, and to have lost pretty much all control of his men. The soldiers often swore publicly, that if ever they got General Hunter in the field they would shoot him.—They denounced him openly for turning the white slightly wounded out of his baggage wagons, and for putting negro women and children in their places. The horses of the army looked like crow-baits, sixteen hundred of which, it is said, had perished from exhaustion on the road. The soldiers, who could not get bread to eat often, had gold watches and the like, taken from houses in Virginia. There was a general drunk of the soldiers when in Parkersburg.

In one of these drunken rows, a captain had beaten one of the men,—both soldier and captain being drunk. The soldier was then "bucked and gagged" by order of the captain, when the soldier said to the officer:

"You have the advantage of me now, but I will kill you for this."

The next morning, as the troops were going in the cars to Martinsburg, this soldier having been relieved, at a station a short distance from Parkersburg, he then walked through the cars, and finding the captain fast asleep, put a pistol to his head and shot him dead.

Such an army as this of Gen Hunter, under him, can do no harm to the Rebel retreating enemy,—and if they are not, themselves, taken by the Rebels, it will be lucky.

In the Maryland State Convention yesterday the following order was passed by a vote of 30 yeas to 17 nays: "Ordered, That this Convention, representing the people of Maryland, hereby respectfully request the President of the United States and the commandants of military departments in which Maryland is included, as an act of justice and propriety, to assess upon the sympathizers with the rebellion, residents in this State, the total amount of all losses and spoliation sustained by the loyal citizens of the United States resident in this State, by reason of the recent rebel raid, to compensate the loyal sufferers."

The Washington Chronicle says:—"The tenor of advices from Montgomery county is to the effect that the rebels did not make an indiscriminate sweep of horses and cattle, but that in many cases they levied upon property somewhat in respect to the means of the possessors to contribute."

Crabs are beginning to be caught higher up the river than usual. In 1837, soft crabs were taken from the docks, here, after a long drought. Once since crabs were caught off the town.

We were misinformed in regard to the sale of the dwelling, belonging to Mrs. V. Scott, published in Monday's Gazette. No such sale was made.

The French, it is said, occupy Acapulco, but the Mexicans have possession of the outskirts, thus preventing the French from obtaining supplies.

Produce is begining to arrive freely in Baltimore, and prices are receding. Good news.

The Washington Union says:—"When Bradley Johnson entered Frederick he directed his steps to his old dwelling where he and his family once resided. He found his old homestead occupied by a Northern man, who had purchased it from Government. He asked for the occupant who appeared, and after a few pertinent inquiries Bradley informed him that he was the rightful owner of the house, and at once demanded the rent of \$1,400, at the rate of one hundred dollars per month—the man residing in it 14 months. He gave the man thirty minutes to collect the rent which was done. Bradley asked him if he wanted a receipt. The man said no, and then Bradley gave him two hours to move his things out; which was also done. The house was then set on fire and in a little while was a mass of ruins." We will simply add, that the above story reads very much like a newspaper tale—"to be continued."

The Philadelphia American says:—"Under a somewhat stringent money market, flour, pork, and similar articles are quoted in a declining condition. There are immense stores of these now on hand, which were laid away by speculators." The N. York Express says: "A bitter contest among the Brokers, operating with the outside feeling, has knocked down, and is knocking down, the prices of bread, butter, &c., &c. The speculation in provisions has been immense,—but the speculators are suffering, because they fail to get money to hold on."

The steamer Northern Light, from Aspinwall, which arrived at New York yesterday, with \$250,000 in specie, reports having been chased by a schooner-rigged propeller, with an English flag flying, on the afternoon of the 17th, latitude 34. longitude 74. The chase was continued an hour and a quarter, when the propeller steamed for the south, accompanied by a schooner.

Mrs. Jane Pishon, exhibited by Barnum as the fat woman, is dead. It took ten men to place her in her coffin.

The Great Eastern has taken in 2,000 tons of coal, and is getting ready to lay the Atlantic cable.

Quarantine is to be enforced at Philadelphia upon all vessels from Key West, on account of the yellow fever there.

CONSTABLE'S SALE.

WILL be sold at Public Auction on WEDNESDAY next, the 28th inst., at No. 9, Henry street, south, 2 HORSES, 2 WAGONS, 1 SET OF HARNESS, 471 MEADE BOTTLES, 74 CHAMPAIGNE DO., together with many other articles of value; also a lot of HOUSEHOLD AND KITCHEN FURNITURE. Terms Cash. Sale at 10 o'clock.  
SAMUEL CATON, Constable.  
jy 20—1wt

FOR RENT.—A desirable three-story BRICK HOUSE—possession given first of August. For further information apply at this office. jy 20—tf

TAKE NOTICE.

TO LET, at low rate, a NICE STABLE, suitable for 8 horses and situated between Pitt and St. Asaph sts. H. SCHWARZ, jy 16—tf 132, King street.

REMNANTS! REMNANTS!!

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 jy 27—tf