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The carriers of the BEE are authorized to receive subscriptions to our paper, at the rate of 25 cents a week, payable in all cases to the carriers at the end of the week.

Auction sales This Day.

By G. Lescomb, Rhodes & Co., at 10 o'clock, at No. 69 Chartres street, dry goods, wools and boots and shoes at the auction store.

By C. M. Fenton, at 11 o'clock, at the Metairie Ridge, mules, cows, horse, carriage, carts, &c.

HIRE THAT TRY CONCESSION?

During the present tremendous crisis we are living history every day. Events are rapidly marching to their consummation, and every cycle of time seems pregnant with grave occurrences. The United States are virtually out of the Union, and Florida and Mississippi now stand side by side with South Carolina. The feeble and disgusting course pursued by the General Government has not availed to arrest for a moment the progress of the disintegrating movement. It is doubtful whether any line of conduct could have accomplished such a result, but assuredly the aimless coaxing and measures of the President; the leaning to-day towards the South, and to-morrow towards the North; the shelling and provisioning displayed in his correspondence with the Charleston Commissioners have availed only to inspire indifference, largely mingled with contempt. Nor are we apprehensive of any special outrage in public sentiment to be effected by the latest metamorphose of the feble functionary on the White House. If it be true—as all accounts represent—that Mr. Buchanan has definitely thrown back upon the South, and seeks aid and comfort from his Black Republican supporters by advising the employment of force, his new-fangled policy is as unlikely to strengthen and preserve the Union as any he has hitherto proposed.

The idea of supplementing the moral argument of force in any attack on secession may be possibly entertained. To say nothing of the appalling wickedness of attempting to compel seventeen Sates, embracing several millions of freemen, to re-enter the Union, and re-mend themselves members of a assaulted confederation, the impracticability of the project must be manifest. How can the North possibly expect to subdue the South and force her back into the Union? War will not do it. Both sections may combat abreast to the point of extermination, and nothing will be gained beyond an unrelenting hate and irreconcilable hatred which will widen the breach and render it irreparable! The folly and madness of an effort at coercion seem to us so overwhelming that we can scarcely bring our minds to the consideration of the possibility of such endeavor, especially in view of the fact that the sole object for which it might be invoked would be altogether hopelessly and forever defeated. And yet from the prevailing tone of the Black Republican journals, from the blatant boasts of anti-slavery Congressmen, and above all from the general tenor of the special Peace delegates, we infer the really gravest expeditions to the South with reinforcements of arms and munitions of war, we can declare no other conclusion than that an organized scheme is on foot to deter the South from her determined course by threats of the application of military force.

We do not question the power of the Government to found civil war throughout the country, and it is easy to conceive how possible that such a course designed and be unsparingly seconded and countenanced by the fanatics of the North. But this plan of annihilation involves perils which are incalculable, and foreseen by those who are so ready to put it into action. In the first place, there is a formidable minority of conservative citizens of the North, who, though they may not approve the policy of secession, are really opposed to schemes of coercion. The anti-Lincoln men of the North are not likely to stand by tamely and tranquilly without indifference or opposition, the blasting of the fairest of civil war under the auspices of a Black Republican administration. Unless our information is erroneous and we greatly underrate the temper and feelings of the conservative citizens of the North, there would exist a potent influence to checking all such projects of conquest. Nay, should the spirit of Northern Abolition war so infuriate against the South as to let loose the power of public opinion, we believe there are elements in the free States which would be more apt to turn their swords against the knaves and lunatics who should be bent on ruthless destroying such the North as the South, than to assist in a war of rapine and iniquity. In such a conjuncture the North might have to provide for its own safety before undertaking to march its legions across the Ohio.

The point to reckon would moreover give to the South a vantage point she needs to augment her strength, and to enable her responsible, vital issues. We care not what may be the abstract theories of the politicians of the frontier slave States, and their hands they may be to the practical exercise of the principle of secession. The people of those commonwealths love the South their pulses quicken with sympathy for a region with which they are united by a community of institutions. Let a blow be struck at any of the seceding States—let Southern blood be shed in the defense, and nothing could prevent the border States from joining hands with us. Coercion would bring about a solemn co-operation far more quickly and efficiently than could be accomplished by tardy negotiations. Even now Virginia and Tennessee and Kentucky are restive and no quiet. The mere apprehension of violence towards the cotton States makes them chafe with anger. Be assured that should a real conflict ensue, those States, with Maryland and probably Missouri, would by their acts relieve the problem of a united South as the most expedite thing manner. If, then, the Lincolnites felt disposed to undertake to vanquish the entire South, why, they might try the experiment.

From Havana.

By the arrival of the steamship Bienville we have received later advices from Havana. The following is the report of Turner Patton:

The United States mail steamship Bienville, J. D. Bullock, commander, from New York the 2d instant, and Havana the evening of the 7th, crossed the bar of Pass à Loutre at half-past 5 o'clock last evening, after a fine run of forty-six hours from Havana. The carousal passed off with unusual gaiety. The political condition of the United States is a subject of great interest to Cuba. The public look with expectance and anxiety for news from this side of the gulf. About 25 miles southeast of Pass à Loutre we exchanged signals with steamship Hudson. The markets continue dull.

Sugar—No. 12 Cuba, 6½ reals per arroba. No demand for the United States. Stock at Havana 28 hhds. Molasses—Clayed at 4 reals per keg, and Muscovado 4¾ per keg. Sales for cash and to date. Freights—No improvement; business confined to British European ports and orders. Lard $17 per keg, and $21 for barrels, of which latter the stock is small. Pitch 25s. Lumber $27 to $29 per thousand feet. Exchanges—London, 12¾ to 13¾ premium. New York and North ern, 4 to 9¾ premium. Short Sights, 9 to 12 premium. United States Gold, 10 per cent premium.

Health of Havana good.

The Bienville was obliged to anchor in the river for twelve hours, on account of fog. Consulting her passage to the bay, and allowing the usual time up the river, she has made the run from New York, including stoppages at Havana, in the short time of 7 days and 11 hours.

The following is the list of passengers:

Miss Gibbon, Miss Wilson, Miss Hall, Miss Mitchell, Miss Reynolds, Mr. Reynolds, J. Wilson, Miss Martin, 2 children and servant, J. H. Tomlin and servant, Miss Patton and child, J. C. Miles, Miss J. H. Mercer and child, Alexander Dunn, Frank Mott, Mrs. Marshall, Miss Marshall, Miss E. Marshall, Miss Douglas, M. Farrell, C. Morrison, J. Wallace, L. E. Nix, Prof. M. del Valle, Emily Mc Cormick, Miss Mc Elmond and Lady, Mr. Cornick, Mr. Marsh, Mr. & P. Mantz, D. Healy, Mr. Blakeney, Mr. Pantelli, Mr. Fyn and lady, J. Wilson and lady, Mr. Cook, Miss Cook, Miss Cook, Miss Bradford, Miss Cook, Miss Bradford, Mr. Bradford, Miss Cook.

BY TELEGRAPH.

[TRANSMITTED TO THE NEW ORLEANS BEE.]

THREE DAYS LATER FROM EUROPE.

Arrival of the steamer Nova Scotian.

Another Advance in Cotton—Liverpool Breadstuffs Market Firm.

Portland, January 10.—The Canadian mail steamship Nova Scotian, from Liverpool on Thursday, the 27th, via Londonderry, the 29th ultimo, has arrived at Quebec.

She brings two days' later intelligence than was received at New York by the Pelestine. Included therein are the commercial reports for the week ending with the 26th.

Liverpool Cotton Market.

Liverpool, December 26.—The sales of the first four days of the week, including Thursday, to the Liverpool Cotton market, amounted to 72,000 bales, of which 20,000 were taken on speculation and 6000 for export, thus leaving to the trade 46,000. All qualities of Cotton have advanced ½d to ¾d since Friday, while the last circulars were quite out. Thursday (Friday) business amounted to 12,000 bales, including 4000 bales by speculators and exporters, the market closing firm at the following authorized quotations: Fair Orleans, 7¾d; Fair Mobile, 7¾d; Fair Uplands, 7¾d; Middling Orleans, 6¾d; Fair Uplands, 7¾d; Middling Orleans, 6¾d. The total sales of the week amount to 84,000 bales. The quantity of Cotton in the port of Liverpool is now 393,000, of which 302,580 bales are of American description.

Breadstuffs and Provision Market.

Liverpool, December 27.—Breadstuffs are firm and advancing, but the holidays have produced quietness. Provisions rule dull.

London Money Market.

London, December 28.—Consols for the account closed at 92¾ to 92¾.

Paris Bourse.

Paris, December 28.—The Bourse rules dull, and the three per cent. rentes have declined to 68f.

European Political Intelligence.

The Nova Scotian brings no European political intelligence of importance.

The Vote in Concordia Parish.

Natchez, January 10.—The following is the vote for delegates to the Louisiana State Convention, including Wednesday's return:

Secession Secession Ticket.—Senatorial candidates—Judge Perkins, 210; L. P. Conner, 191. Representatives—Z York, 195; Jos E. Miller, 193.

Union, or Cooperation Ticket.—Senatorial candidates—Judge Wolfley, 58; A. Pendleton—Charles Cresswell, 56; J. Lum, 52.

LATEST FROM WASHINGTON

Cause of Secretary Thompson's Resignation.

Washington, January 10.—The cause of the resignation of Secretary Thompson, of the Department of the Interior, was the determination of the President to transfer Fort Sumter.

He will remain in the office pending the investigation into the abstraction of the Indian bonds, which is now in progress.

The Mississippi Commissioners.

Washington, January 10.—In the Senate yesterday, Hon. Jeff. Davis made a speech responding to the high character of the Mississippi Commissioners.

Mr. King, of New York, somewhat ironically, asked, "Where is Benedict Arnold and Aaron Burr at this juncture?" An animated debate ensued, but no conclusion was arrived at.

The Pacific Railway Bill.

The Pacific Railway bill was taken up, discussed and postponed.

Mr. Seward contemplates making a speech on Saturday.

Resignation of Capt. Harbaugh.

Washington, January 10.—Commander Harbaugh, of Pendal Carolina, has resigned his position as officer of the United States Navy.

Abstraction of Indian Bonds.

Mr. Russell has been admitted to bail and the amount reduced to $100,000 from $1,000,000.

The Executive Departments.

The President has decided to remove from the Executive Department every officer who preaches secession.

Military Movements in Washington.

The military movements in the city are progressing. Five companies have been raised within the week.

The Sloop of War Brooklyn.

Norfolk, January 9—The sloop of war Brooklyn sailed from this port to-day for Charleston.

Latest and Important—Troops Ordered Back from Charleston.

Washington, January 9—The object of the trip of the sloop of war Brooklyn is supposed to be to take back the troops ordered to Fort Sumter to Norfolk, as the South Carolina authorities are opposed to the entrance of the Star of the West in Charleston harbor.

A Flag of Truce from Major Anderson.

Charleston, January 9. After the attack on the Star of the West Lieutenant Hall was sent from Fort Sumter in the city, and had conversation with the Governor, the result of which is unknown.

Alabama State Convention—Wednesday's Proceedings—Military Condition of the State.

Montgomery, January 9—During the sitting of the Convention to-day, Mr. Rutger, of Talladega, offered a preamble and resolutions of a conservative and reconciliative character.

Resolved, That Alabama should invite the Southern States to a Convention, to be held as early as practicable, with all the slaveholding and native States, to consult and agree upon a statement of the grievances and the measures of obtaining redress, whether in the Union or independence.

Referred to the Committee of Thirteen.

Mr. Baker, of Lowndes, offered a resolution requiring the Governor to furnish the Convention with information as to the number of arms, the character, description and price, purchased by the State, and the number of arms now in the State, &c.

Adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Jemison introduced an ordinance requiring information as to the number of soldiers required, and the number of companies already accepted, and for what purpose. The amendment was accepted and the information will be communicated when the Convention meets in secret session.

Mr. Yancey offered an amendment, asking information in regard to the amount of ordnance and ammunition owned by the State and the amount of Federal property in Alabama, and which portions had been seized at Mount Vernon and Fort Morgan.

The resolutions, as amended, were adopted.

Mr. Jemison offered the following:

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That all powers in this State are hereby pledged to resist every attempt on the part of the Federal Government to coerce any of the seceding States.

Considerable debate on the resolution ensued, pending which the Convention adjourned till Thursday, at 11 o'clock.

Latest from Montgomery.

Montgomery, January 10—It is understood that the Committee of Thirteen reported the ordinance of secession this morning. It will be debated and, perhaps, adopted to-day.

It is also understood that a minority report will be presented. The majority report is for prompt secession and requires a convention of sovereign States to form the Southern Confederacy to be held at Montgomery early in the months of February. This report, it is believed, will be adopted by a majority of twenty.

The speech of Mr. Yancey on the question took well, in the event of secession, like a firm stand in defense of the position the State assumes.

Florida State Convention—The State Probably Out.

It is reported here on reliable authority that Florida will pass the secession ordinance to-day.

Naval Resignation.

Captain Randolph, of the United States navy, resigned his position yesterday, and immediately tendered his services to the Governor of Alabama.

Off for Florida.

A number of officers and conspirators, in pursuance, have left for Pensacola.

Montgomery Cotton Market.

The price of Cotton are nominal and easier. Middlings are quoted at 10c., and upper Middlings at 10½c. to 10¾c.

Steamboats Passing Vicksburg.

Vicksburg, January 10. The steamers Com Anderson and H. C. Hill passed here on from, the Magenta and Ashood on the 9th inst., the Monumbia, John Walsh and Monarch at 10 o'clock this morning.

Dispatch from the Star of the West

New York, January 10.—A dispatch from Captain McGowan, of the Star of the West, announces his safe arrival and anchorage in Charleston harbor, with troops for Major Anderson.

Report Confirmed.

Washington, January 10—Dispatches received here confirm the reported losing into the steamer Star of the West from the batteries on Morris Island and Fort Moultrie.

Seizure of Forts in North Carolina.

Wilmington, January 10.—Forts Johnston and Caswell were taken possession of on the night of the 9th by the militia of Brunswick.

Important from Charleston—Commissioners between Gov. Pickens and Major Anderson.

Charleston, January 10—Major Anderson sent by Lieutenant Hall a message to Governor Pickens informing him that after reasonable time for the return of his messenger, he should not permit any vessel to pass within the range of the guns of Fort Sumter. Governor Pickens replied that any attempt to reinforce the forts by the General Government would be regarded as an act of hostility. Special agents, the action, have been off the bar to warn vessels, when if not unarmed, leaving troops to reinforce Fort Sumter not to enter the harbor.

Governor Pickens says in regard to Major Anderson's threats about vessels in the harbor: "You allow none in the judge of your responsibility; your position in the harbor has been informed by the state authorities."

Governor Pickens has taken possession of the steamer Marion for the service of the State.

Proceedings of Congress.

Washington, January 10.—In the Senate to day Mr. Slidell spoke on the resolution of yesterday, requiring the President for not sending the name of the new Secretary of War to the Senate.

Mr. Davis made a speech on the state of the Union.

Mr. Trumbull, in reply, said "I am informed that Major Anderson will shell Charleston and force it to the ground if another gun is fired at the Star of the West."

Mr. Green asked whether Mr. Trumbull knew what name of Jim appropriation Anderson has had for having Fort Moultrie and going to Fort Sumter.

Mr. Trumbull replied: "Mr. Green knows very well that such a motion pretended to assault but seemingly."

Mississippi State Convention.

Jackson, January 10.—The Convention remained in secret session the entire day and continued to business of importance.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

MILITARY OPERATIONS.

EXPEDITIONS TO FORTS JACKSON AND PIKE.

OFFICIAL ORDERS.

Louisiana Assuming Her Sovereignty.

FULLEST AND LATEST PARTICULARS.

In our edition of yesterday we gave a complete and correct report of the departure of the expedition under Col. J. S. Walker on the steamboat National. They were acting under written orders from Governor Moore to proceed to Baton Rouge and seize and hold the United States Arsenal there, in the name of the State of Louisiana. Their force was 500 in all, under the command of Colonel Walker, and they left the city with a splendid display of flags, music and enthusiasm. The Jackson Rifles, Captain Jules St. Denis, and the Pelican Rifles, Captain Chas. Clark, also went with the expedition.

Yesterday was a delightful day in point of weather, and notwithstanding the wealthy aspect of political affairs, considerable business was transacted on the Levee. Fifteen boats have arrived since our last report, and they each brought a fine cargo to our market. A large fleet of steamers departed yesterday for different points, all with good trips. Freights were offered freely for the West and all the tributaries, and were in some instances refused. The Atlantic took her flight for the Ohio valley with a splendid List of freight. She took over 500 bales of cotton from the Levee, and also 1000 sacks of corn. The Ben Franklin, Captain Jones, also went out with a large list of freight, and a large list of business engaged on the route. The Vicksburg, for Vicksburg, and the Sonia, for Red river, also went out with fine cargo trips.

Among the arrivals yesterday was the Grand Era, from the Arkansas river, with good trips. Freights were offered freely for the West and all the tributaries, and were in some instances refused. The Atlantic took her flight for the Ohio valley with a splendid List of freight. She took over 500 bales of cotton from the Levee, and also 1000 sacks of corn. The Ben Franklin, Captain Jones, also went out with a large list of freight, and a large list of business engaged on the route. The Vicksburg, for Vicksburg, and the Sonia, for Red river, also went out with fine cargo trips.

The steamer Alabama also had a fine passenger trip across the Lake, consisting of the Continental Guards, Clintonville Guards and Louisiana Grays, all of which were to be landed at Red Fish. The only other new news of importance is that the Governor's body of men from the Mississippi river arrived in the city last night, and as this reporter will be aware and can bear testimony, a finer body of men never left the city. All of the above mentioned were in full troops and had taken quarters on the levee for the night.

We are indebted to Mr. J. J. McKeever, the obliging agent of the Adams Express Company, for a file of late papers, from which we clip the following items of news in addition to those published in our issue of yesterday:

CINCINNATI, January 7.—The Commercial says: The weather was mild and cloudy, with rain last night. In the afternoon it turned cold, and this morning the river was 4 feet and stationary, with heavy ice pouring from the mouth of the Kentucky. At Wheeling, it is said falling, with 5½ feet and falling at Parkersburg. Kanawha is falling slowly, with 12 feet 6 inches on the falls and falling. At Pittsburg, the river is low, with but few boats arriving. The packet Hartford left for Cincinnati at 10 o'clock this morning, and the Telegraph No. 2 for Wheeling at 4 P. M. The Hartford got over the falls, with 10½ feet at Pilot Island; while the Queen, of the West, scraped up. The Hartford is the shallowest draft boat that has ever passed over the falls. The lowest depth in her last trip was 10½ feet. The Queen, of the West, got up with 11 feet on the shoals. Here, the river has risen two inches since 7 A. M. yesterday, and is now falling. Departed since and intending departing: Hartford, Queen of the West, Telegraph No. 2, Kentucky, Ben Franklin No. 2, Tide and Tell Tale. The river is low at Cincinnati. The Continental is here, and will depart for Louisville. The upper Mississippi is closed with ice. The Hartford, which left Pittsburg on the 5th inst., has been detained above Cairo, with only 20 feet from the latter point to St. Louis