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From Missouri.

General Curtis' Great Advantage.

THE DEMONSTRATIONS AT CUMBERLAND GAP A FIZZLE.

No Outpouring of Tennessee Secessionists.

THE FINAL EVACUATION OF COLUMBUS.

Nearly All the Guns and Ammunition Saved.

THE EVACUATION OF NEW MADRID ALSO A VOLUNTARY MOVEMENT.

Memphis Advertises A—Had Issued an Order for a Military Convention—Hopes to Advance through the Great Gap.

Tennessee Legislature—Secession of Legislators—Governor Harris Absent.

The Secession Convention of Ozarkites was to have assembled Monday afternoon.

All the provisions, ammunition and cavalry at Columbus were saved.

The heavy cannon carried by the military, also many buildings of private citizens, were burned.

Our river dispatches are to-night meagre.

A dry dock was opened on Monday of the secession of the town of New Madrid as a military necessity.

The rebel rendezvous at Knoxville, Tenn., the Confederate took 70 prisoners, killed 15, wounded the original and captured a number of horses, mules and other property.

Late Northern News.

The Senate of the Delaware Legislature has followed the example of the House, and passed an act declaring the forfeiture of the banking privileges granted some years since to Richard Prosser, of Baltimore. Delaware is now free of lotteries.

The last instance on record of the expulsion of a United States Senator certainly occurred at the time of secession, when three Mr. Bright, in the case of John Smith, of Ohio, expelled in 1805 for a conspiracy complicity in Burr's treason. The Virginia and Mississippi Senators and Breckinridge, of Kentucky, were indeed expelled at this session, but they had already vacated their seats to the public.

Cuba is at peace in Washington that a bill has been introduced in Congress authorizing the Navy government to issue small notes, to the extent of $100,000, redeemable in United States Treasury notes.

The New York Chamber of Commerce has adopted resolutions in favor of the legal tender clause in the Treasury Note bill.

The Baltimore (Pa.) *Gazette* mentions that Assistant Secretary Thomas A. Scott, of the War Department, now on a visit West, has instructions for the sale and transportation of certain railroads, which will be offered for sale during the present month. The *Gazette* says that the transportation of troops from the Potomac to Kentucky.

On Tuesday Lincoln signed the Treasury Note Bill of two hundred millions. The fifty millions previously signed is to be a legal tender.

A bill passed the House prohibiting all military officers from restoring fugitives from service; thus virtually repealing the Fugitive Slave law.

A resolution was adopted instructing the Committee of Ways and Means to inquire into the expediency of taking immediate steps to prevent; none to be carried away until the tax is paid.

The *Herald* says Gen. L. Thigpen has been sent to the Illinois Penitentiary, at Alton, until his blood cools.

The Yankee Government has taken military possession of all the telegraph lines.

A skirmish occurred on Thursday, near Centreville, between a body of Texas Rangers and some Lincoln troops. Several Yankees were killed.

The resignation of Gen. Winfield Scott, as additional Envoy Extraordinary, had not been acted on in the Lincoln Cabinet.

Another gunboat has been finished, and arrived at New York.

Four gunboats left New York on Saturday for Key West.

The *Herald* warns Congress that it is a time to suffer the important foreign goods to increase. It says: "In a few months the exports of goods to Europe may cease, and if specie is to be the only product of the country, the deficiency will have to be supplied in gold."

The Boston papers of the 25th contain an account of a most disastrous fire that occurred on that day in the fashionable quarter of Beacon and Bell, destroying an immense amount of property with splendid buildings, including the Boston Athenæum. The loss is estimated at three-quarters of a million dollars. The great tower of the Catholic Church, East Boston, was blown down the same night, demolishing the steeple below. Two thousand bales of cotton and 30,000 bushels of corn and oats were among the goods destroyed.

On Monday a terrific storm raged throughout the whole of the great lakes and the country. In New York and Brooklyn buildings and chimneys were blown and shingles damaged. Great damage was done to buildings in Philadelphia, Baltimore, and other cities.

The ship Grotto from Havre, two brigs and three schooners were ashore at Vineyard Sound, the sea breaking over them.

The steamship Boston Star arrived at New York on the 25th, with $749,000 in specie.

Intelligence from South Pacific states that peace reigns from Kamtschatka to Uruguay. A feeling exists against Spain. She threatens one to counter all her provinces.

The Federal steamer Express is reported lost on the Eastern shore of Virginia, in the gale of the 20th.

The steamer Hoboken, engaged in laying a telegraphic cable from the bay shore to Cape Hatteras, is ashore on Pleasant Island, and will be got off by the steamer Spaulding. The attempt to lay the telegraphic cable across the Chesapeake is a failure. Half of it is laid and buried up, and the balance lies on deck. The grabnook which was to Fortress Monroe are ashore at Hog's Head. One ship, four brigs, and two schooners are ashore at Holmes's Hole.

Paris correspondent of the New York *Herald*, writing on the 7th February, says, the distress at Rouen and Lyons is no great among the working population, that disturbances are seriously apprehended. The wool of cotton throws many thousands out of employment, and unless the Emperor interferes in the American quarrel, they must starve; and rather than do so, especially strike a blow the Washington Government will be exposed to pressure from France, and perhaps England. The people of Paris are being confidence in the ability of the Northern Government to put down the revolution; and the cry for help for the manufacturing depots will soon be heard, headed by the Imperial Government.

At New York, on the 26th, there was a spasm in the money market. The banks were lending all their money at 7 per cent., and inquiries for 8 per cent. Rates stood were active. Missouri and Tennessee were lower, and the leading railroad shares were lower. Virginia 6's were 64, and North Carolinas 72.

Matters to papers the 27th are at hand. There was no movement in the Federal army on the Potomac on the 26th.

The Richmond Examiner of the 27th says: "Our flotilla is very much disabled, requiring important repairs to be made in the way of military movements. Two weeks will certainly be required without interfering being done. It is believed by many that our army is already in motion. I may have since that had Gen. McClellan determined to advance, the condition of the roads would not have been an impediment."

Letter from the New York Herald.]

The Rebels in Force.

John Slidell arrived here from London last evening at nine o'clock. There was no demonstration on account of his remaining here; but he and Mr. Mason took a passage at the railroad depot in the afternoon for Washington, and Messrs. Mason and Slidell remain some days.

Mr. Slidell is quite unwell, and looks ill and old. He says this morning when shown o'clock, and, considering that his appointment needed no reminding, immediately sent for a sailor, who measured him for a suit. He never incurred more abuse among the English than he has since his return to this country, and will doubtless remain in retirement.

Mrs. Slidell and her very handsome arrived here on Saturday evening last, and took rooms at the Hotel de Dieu, on the Place Vendome. The rooms are splendid ones on the premises, opposite from No. 3. Those who know the home will recollect them for the finest apartments in it.

Mrs. Eustis and a sister of Mr. Eustis are expected in this week.

Up to yesterday morning Mrs. Slidell was in a terrible state of anxiety at the fact that her husband had not arrived. Her indignation at the delay in getting to Southampton, and through the medium of a good Union man who does not know her, but, having heard of her husband's arrival, kindly spent hunting all the safe arrival of the rebel Commissioners at Southampton, and immediately went at once to the house and to Mrs. Slidell's maid, and made such arrangements for conveyance.

Until after receiving the family have kept their movements private, having come to the table d'hote.

A son of Mr. Slidell, a young man of education, who has lost his property in New Orleans, and has since been living in Paris, on which he has a considerable number of acquaintances which they would gladly renew.

It is quite a mission to take a home immediately for next years and distinct quarters, and, to look for a house to speak French; accidentally, and as they possess the means of doing it, they will doubtless make an impression in Parisian society, and will endeavor to remove the prejudices, through the medium of a social acquaintance.

ARRIVAL.—The Little Rock *Gazette* of the 1st inst. has the following:

Our late reverses seem to have overturned the whole of our military economy in matters. The wretched policy has blasted the energies of the country in half nerves of the crisis. The meanest city of every town doing its duty by everyone, and poverty does not do duty. The State of Arkansas has done more than any other State. From present indications, we do not think it will be in power when the 200,000 additional soldiers in the field. The causes not distant calculations as to the field. The causes not only rally and drive back the invading hosts of Federals who would subjugate the country, trample our civil government under foot, and establish a despotism in its stead.

NEW INTELLIGENCE.

The City Yesterday.—The most unfavorable reports from the front, and the evacuation of Columbus, Kentucky, by the rebels, have had the effect to depress the spirits of the people of this city, and the fall of Nashville, which the enemy have their best fighting material of Southern men, and their strongest point, Pennsylvania, by reason of the war, are now upon us. We have prepared for them, without interruption, to ensure the possession of surrounding and dangerous points, which was announced more than eight months ago. What our Government has done for the past year, and the noble wrangling with popular assets and peddling over petty jobs, is that only known. Judging by the past so far, it is the most lamentable failure in history, and the most astounding mind that the most powerful engines which that Government can now command, and the most powerful engines which that Government can now command, and the most powerful engines which that Government can now command, and