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NEW ORLEANS:
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EXPRESS MATTER BY THE YAZOO.—Notice is given elsewhere by J. J McKeever, manager of the Commercial Express Co., 81 and 83 Common street, that all express matter to go by the steamer Yazoo for the North, for Canada and Europe, must be delivered at the office of the Company on Tuesday, 26th inst., before 1 o'clock.

Captain H. G. Garnes, and D. A. Wist, clerk, of the steamer Continental, have obliged us with liberal newspaper favors. This fine passenger steamer will leave in a few days for St. Louis.

Messrs. Cole Saunders & Co., army news agents, booksellers and stationers, &c., 56 Camp street, will accept our thanks for the latest Western papers.

No steamer running between New Orleans and St. Louis was destroyed in the late fire at St. Louis.

We are obliged to Purser Maguire, of the George Washington, for acceptable attentions.

Arrival of the George Washington.

The U. S. mail steamship Geo. Washington, E V. Gager commanding, arrived, from New York 16th inst., 3 P. M., with mails, merchandise and passengers, to Alfred Moulton. 16th, at 5.30 P. M., signalized steamship Evening Star, for New York. 18th, at 9.30 P. M., signalized steamship Creole, for New York. 17th, at 10.30 A. M., lat. 30 15, long. 74 35, spoke U. S. gunboat Shenandoah. 19th, at 3 P. M., lat. 33 13, long. 77 50, signalized steamship Fulton, with steamer in tow. 22d, off Tortugas, was brought to and detained one hour by U. S. schooner Fox, which fired three shots directly between our masts. 1 A. M. 23d, spoke pilot boat Eclipse, Capt. Higgins, bound to S. W. Pass.

The George Washington brings the following passengers:

Mr John Tayor, Mrs Julee Tayor, Miss Louise Tayor, Miss Adele Tayor, child Mary, infant and nurse, Master John Tayor, Master John Tayor, F A Hopkins, D Lasker, Miss H B Phillips, J Cole, Is ac Levy, F Holcombe, A B Adams, Miss E Lewman, L Meyer, J W Bailey, Mrs Jno Brooks E H Wooster, Mrs Livingston, J F Bullman, J A Wadding and wife, Miss Arabon, M Charleon, Mr Henry Hubart and wife, W B Stedhard, O. Thol, Mrs Pepper.

By the George Washington.

The papers received by the George Washington, from New York on the 16th P. M., have no news of special importance later than we give elsewhere from Western sources.

Gen. Wallace, defeated at Monocasy, was reported to be relieved, and Gen. Tyler assigned to the command of the Shenandoah.

The Florida had disappeared after the capture of the Electric Spark, whose cargo was valued at $800 000

A dispatch from London, on the 6th, says the debate in Parliament on the vote of want of confidence in the Ministry has been adjourned.

The London *Star* has reason to believe that, in the event of the Government obtaining a majority on the question of want of confidence raised by Mr. Disraeli, it is not now intended to dissolve Parliament before the spring of next year.

Gold in New York before the steamer left was 62½. Cotton 158 to 160, dull.

The New Constitution.

The salient points of this instrument, framed by the Convention whose labors have just closed in this city, and especially those of its features wherein it differs from the Constitution of 1852, are substantially as follows:

The preamble reads: "We, the people of the State of Louisiana, do ordain and establish this Constitution."

EMANCIPATION.

Article 1. Slavery and involuntary servitude, except as punishment for crime, whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, are hereby forever abolished and prohibited throughout the State.

Article 2. The Legislature shall make no law recognizing the right of property in man.

THE LEGISLATURE.

Representation is required to be equal and uniform, regulated and ascertained by the number of qualified electors, every duly qualified elector being eligible to a seat in the General Assembly, in case he be at the time of his election a duly qualified voter of the Representative or Senatorial district from which he is elected.

The first enumeration for ascertaining the total population and the number of qualified electors in each parish and district, is to be made in 1866, immediately after which the Legislature shall apportion the representation on the basis of qualified electors, the number of representatives to be not more than one hundred and twenty, nor less than ninety. In the meantime provision is made for the election of one hundred and eighteen members of the House and thirty-four members of the Senate. Five Senators and forty-four Representatives are assigned to the parish of Orleans on the left bank of the Mississippi.

In the apportionment of Senators, the electoral population is to be divided by thirty-four, in order to establish the Senatorial ratio for the several Senatorial districts.

The Senators are to be elected for four years; the Representatives for two years.

Article 36 declares: "No person, while he continues to exercise the functions of a clergyman of any religious denomination whatever, shall be eligible to the General Assembly."

The annual meeting of the General Assembly is fixed at the first Monday of January, and the session is limited to sixty days. But a special session is provided to meet in New Orleans on the first Monday of October 1866, for which purpose an election shall be held for members of the General Assembly where the same may be held with safety to the electors, on the day appointed by the Constitution to the voters, to be valid in case of ratification. The terms of members so elected shall expire as though they had been chosen on the first Monday of November, 1863.

SUFFRAGE.

Article 14 — Every white male who has attained the age of twenty one years, and who has been a resident of the State twelve months next preceding the election, and the last six months thereof in the Parish in which he offers to vote, and who shall be a citizen of the United States, shall have the right of voting.

Article 15. The Legislature shall have power to pass laws extending suffrage to such other persons, citizens of the United States, as by military service, by taxation to support the Government, or by intellectual fitness, may be deemed entitled thereto.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

A Governor and a Lieutenant Governor are to be chosen every four years by qualified electors, the Governor to be inaugurated on the second Monday of January after his election. And to receive a compensation of $8,000, while that of the Lieutenant Governor shall be $5,000, per annum.

Article 46. No member of Congress, minister of any religious denomination, or any person holding office under the United States Government, shall be eligible to the office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor.

The Secretary of State, the Treasurer and the Auditor of Public Accounts chosen by qualified electors, are to hold their offices for four years.

JUDICIARY DEPARTMENT

Judges of the Supreme Court, composed of one Chief Justice and four Associate Justices, are to be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, for a term of eight years, and the Judges of the Inferior Courts for a term of six years.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 102. None but citizens of the United States shall be appointed to any office of trust or profit in this State.

Article 104. No power of suspending the laws of this State shall be exercised unless by the Legislature or by its authority.

Article 111. The press shall be free; every citizen may freely speak, write and publish his sentiments on all subjects—being responsible for an abuse of this liberty.

Article 129. No liability, either State or Parochial, shall exist for any debts contracted for, or in the interest of the rebellion against the United States Government.

Article 130 Fixes the seat of Government at New Orleans, and

Article 132. Prohibits the Legislature from passing any law requiring a property qualification.

LOTTERIES AND GAMBLING HOUSES.

The Legislature is authorized to license the selling of lottery tickets and the keeping of gambling houses, each house to be on the first floor and kept with open doors, each gambling house and lottery ticket vendor to pay a tax of $10,000, and each menbath $500.

CORPORATIONS OF NEW ORLEANS.

It is provided that the citizens of New Orleans may elect the usual administrative officers to such wards as may be prescribed by the Legislature; also, that the city shall maintain a police uniformed and of distinct grades, composed of citizens, selected by the Mayor, and removable by a Police Commission comprising members, appointed by the Governor, and the Mayor, who shall be President of the Board.

PUBLIC EDUCATION.

Article 141. Requires that the Legislature shall provide for the education of all children in the State, without distinction, between the ages of 6 and 18, by means of free public schools sustained by adequate taxation.

SCHEDULE AND ORDINANCE.

The Schedule provides that rights and claims of every character, and all laws in force at the adoption of the new Constitution, and not inconsistent therewith, shall continue as if the same had not been adopted; that no officer shall be superseded thereby, but that the laws of the State relative to all officers, except those made void by military authority and by the ordinance of emancipation, shall remain in force, though in some be contrary to the new Constitution, until the complete organization of the Government under that instrument.

The Governor is to call an election for the first Monday of September, 1864, to take the vote of the people on the new Constitution, and, if ratified, he is directed to proclaim the fact, and it is then to become the Constitution of the State of Louisiana.

As soon as a general election can be held under the new Constitution in every parish of the State, the fact shall be declared by a proclamation of the Governor, or by a resolution of the Legislature, and an election ordered at a fixed day, within sixty days from date, for State officers, to be installed on the fourth Monday after election, and to hold for their constitutional terms, counting from the second Monday of January preceding their installation, if not installed on that day.

Until a general election can be held, as before provided, in every parish in the State, and new officers installed, those elected in February last, shall continue in their positions, provided their occupancy shall not extend beyond the terms fixed by the Constitution. And if an election is not sooner held, their successors shall be elected on the first Monday of November, 1865, in all parishes where elections can be conducted, and shall enter office on the second Monday of the succeeding January.

Additional by the Continental.

The arrival of the steamer Continental from St. Louis, places us in possession of Western and Northern papers up to the 16th, inclusive, and of Memphis dates to the evening of the 18th From these sources we have a variety of additional news and details not contained in the dispatches, elsewhere given, from Morganza

The Maryland Invasion.

THE WHOLE FORCE OF THE RAIDERS NOT EIGHT THOUSAND MEN—AND BUT A SMALL PART OF THESE ATTEMPT TO CROSS THE POTOMAC.

Washington, July 15—The *National Intelligencer* understands that a Major or Captain Spencer, of the insurgent forces lately operating against Washington, embraced the opportunity, before they decamped, of addressing to one of our citizens, who is a relative of Spencer, a letter, in which he states that the Confederates crossed the Potomac with 8,000 men for the purpose of obtaining horses, cattle and other supplies, and that, having accomplished their purpose, they were on the march back to Virginia. Only a small portion of these forces appeared in front of Washington, while their column were collecting booty for transportation across the Potomac.

SITUATION ON JAMES RIVER AND THE PENINSULA — CONSIDERABLE SKIRMISHING FOR SEVERAL DAYS — FIRING UPON STEAMERS — SHERIDAN GONE ON ANOTHER RAID

Washington, July 15—An arrival from City Point to-day reports that there has been considerable skirmishing during several days past along our lines

The rebels, yesterday morning, fired upon the steamers George Weems, and United States from a field battery near Wilcox's Landing The former had a portion of her stern knocked off, and three shots passed through the latter Gen Sheridan has gone on another raid.

A PORTION OF GRANT'S TROOPS COME UP THE YORK RIVER — REBEL BELIEF THAT GRANT MUST SOON MAKE A MOVEMENT OF SOMEKIND

New York, July 16 — The Richmond *Examiner* of Saturday says that a portion of Grant's troops had gone up the York River, and were landing at White House The *Examiner* thinks that only portions were left at Williamsburg, Yorktown, and Gloucester Point

The *Examiner* also thinks that Grant must soon make a movement of some kind, owing to certain circumstances to which it need not refer

From Maine.

A RAID APPREHENDED FROM NEW BRUNSWICK — OUTROADS SENT TO CASTINE AND EASTPORT

New York, July 15.—The *Commercial* has the following: Gov. Cony, of Maine, has telegraphed to President Lincoln to send two gunboats to Castine and Eastport, as there is a raid anticipated from Brunswick on the frontier. The President, it is understood, promptly complied with the Governor's request, and telegraphed to New York to have the vessels dispatched immediately.

From Louisville.

A LARGE REBEL FORCE REPORTED TO BE MOVING INTO EASTERN KENTUCKY.

Louisville, July 14th — For several days past it has been reported that S B Buckner, at the head of a large rebel force, was moving in the direction of this State, with the intention of making a raid into Eastern Kentucky. But we could trace the rumor to no reliable source, we believe mentioning any particulars, as they might come under the head

It is said that he is at the head of a force of 13,000 men, including cavalry and artillery. He left the main army in Virginia and moved into Western Virginia, from thence, it is said, he intended to enter this State through Pound Gap. That such a movement on foot is generally believed, but, from the best information we can gather we are satisfied that Buckner has not yet entered the State.

Persons who arrived from Lexington report that the greatest excitement exists in Eastern Kentucky, and that persons are leaving that portion of the State, bringing with them all their stock.

It is said that this raid is made in opposition with the movement of the rebels into Maryland.

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THE REBELS NOT WITHOUT HOPES OF RECEIVING REINFORCEMENTS

Washington, July 15.—The Atlanta (Ga.) *Appeal* of the 4th of July, just received here, says "We are not without the hope that reinforcements will yet come to aid us, and regain in sufficient strength to enable it to drive back the invaders of our soil. The Trans Mississippi army is now lying idle, with no enemy to harass it, and there is no reason why it might not be transferred to this side of the river, where its forces are so much needed. While the enemy are concentrating all their forces, it behooves us to do the same thing; otherwise there is no alternative left but to surrender the country to the domination of the invading foe."

What Baltimore Secessionists Say About the Invasion of Maryland.

Philadelphia, July 15—Some knowing people of Baltimore assert that the recent rebel invasion was merely a reconnoissance to ascertain Grant's position and strength at Washington and in Maryland. Discovering this, they merely retreated to the other side of the Potomac to await large reinforcements with which, when obtained, they will advance again, with Lee in command.

It is believed the damage done by the raiders, in Maryland, to public and private property, will reach four millions of dollars.

From St. Louis.

BURNING OF SIX STEAMBOATS—LOSS $600,000—GUERRILLAS OPERATING AT HUNTSVILLE—PERMISSION TO RETURN FROM EXILE—DEFEAT OF GUERRILLAS.

St. Louis, July 15.—Six steamboats—the Hamilton, Welcome, E. F. Dix, Glasgow, Cheraw and Northerner—were destroyed by fire at daylight this morning. The fire was caused by an incendiary, and is supposed to be a revival of the same plot which destroyed so many boats on the western rivers last winter and fall.

It is reported that 40 guerrillas entered Huntsville, Randolph county, and looted $100,000 on the citizens.

James W. Cox and Owen T. Rouse, of Missouri enemy, are permitted to return from Washington in Illinois, on taking the amnesty oath. They were exiled over one year ago, to remain away during the war.

The United States Express was robbed by guerrillas on Wednesday, between Boonsville and Tipton. Two of the coach horses were also stolen, and the passengers robbed of some $1,000.

General Curtis telegraphed from Fort Leavenworth that our forces, under Colonel Ford overtook a gang of guerrillas last night at Camden, Ray county, routed them, killing 16, and capturing a large number of arms and ten kegs of powder.

MEMPHIS ACCOUNT OF THE TUPELO FIGHT

[From Bulletin Extra, 16th, P. M.]

We have just received intelligence that is likely to create a profound impression. Gen. Forrest and his forces have not merely been whipped—they have been almost annihilated.

On the 5th instant, Major General Washburn sent out a force of cavalry, infantry, and artillery from LaGrange, under Major General A. J. Smith and Brig. Gens. Mower and Grierson, with instructions to march in pursuit of Gen. Forrest and bring him to bay—and fight and whip him. It was known that General Smith had the ability, the skill, the force and the personal fighting qualities to ensure success and sanguine hopes were entertained of the result. He was ordered to pursue Forrest to Columbus, Miss., if he did not overtake him this side.

Nothing was heard from the expedition until to-day, when Gen. Washburn received advices from Gen. Smith, from which it is learned that he has triumphantly executed the order given him, and has thus again rendered essential service to the cause of his country.

A dispatch received by Gen. Washburn from Gen. Smith, says:

We met Lee, Forrest and Walker at Tupelo, and whipped them badly on three different days.

Our loss is small compared with that of the rebels. I bring back every thing in good order Nothing lost.

The news comes in such a shape and from such apparently reliable sources that we may be assured Gen Smith's modest dispatch will be more than confirmed

We may be assured that the rebels have suffered a crushing defeat.

MR. PRESENDEN AND THE NEW LOAN.

New York, July 15—The *Commercial's* money article says: "Secretary Fessenden has experimented favorable towards an expedient suggested by the banks for avoiding the inconvenience of paying subscriptions to the loan in legal tenders. The suggestion is that instead of the Secretary drawing directly on the banks, he should issue drafts upon the Sub Treasury, which the Assistant Treasurer should indorse payable at the banks, or at some one designated bank acting in behalf of the association of banks. The banks in return for such credits would seldom be presented to be cashed, as they would be subject to payment in greenbacks on present notice, and that, in most cases, they would be simply deposited without disturbing their funds.

LARGE ARRIVAL OF SOUTHERNERS AT HALIFAX

Halifax, July 14—Among the passengers by the Alpha, from Bermuda, were George Saunders, Jacob Thompson and Buchanan's cabinet, the engineer of the Florida, and a large number of Southerners.

GEORGE SAUNDERS TO BENEFIT OF THE HERALD

Clifton House, C. W., July 14—The following is a copy of a message sent to J. Gordon Bennett, of the N. Y. *Herald*

Thanks for your yesterday's notice I am here for peace, the opposite of anarchy, and for secretation of all that is valuable to either nation, would like to see you here. Come, don't be afraid of your own thunder

Signed GEORGE SAUNDERS

Quick Steamboat Trip

Cairo, July 16.—The steamer Magnolia from New Orleans on the 10th, Vicksburg the 12th, and Memphis the 14th, arrived this evening. She brings no news of importance from New Orleans to Memphis in two days and seven hours

Later from Europe.

St. John's, N. F., July 15—Steamer Canadian, from Glasgow the 6th, passed Cape Race at 6 o'clock on Friday, en route to New York

The news is unimportant, though three days later

Rumors were afloat that the Confederate steamer Florida was ashore in Cherbourg, awaiting a conflict with the Kearsarge. The Federal steamer Niagara was ordered from Antwerp to Cherbourg.

The Germans were erecting batteries opposite the island of Fuhen.

The Swedish squadron is ordered to sea

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The Late Expedition under General Sherman.

The Vicksburg *Herald*, of the 7th, has the following:

The late expedition into the interior under the command of Maj Gen Sherman, returned in the afternoon of last Monday, after a week's absence. We have been able to learn only a few of the particulars in regard to it, which we give as we received them from persons who were with the expedition.

The expedition left Big Black on the 11th inst, and proceeded to Edwards Station, taking the Raymond road, passing through Utica, Rocky Springs, Port Gibson, Grand Gulf, and returned from the latter place to this on transports, meeting with no enemy until near Port Gibson, and then only small scouting parties.

While encamped at Grant Gulf at daylight on Sunday morning, the enemy, under command of Major Patton, three hundred strong, made a charge upon the cavalry pickets, numbering thirty men, under command of Lieut. Clark, of the 5th Illinois, with the intention of capturing or driving them in, but were severely repulsed, leaving three dead upon the ground. The pickets held their post and were promptly reinforced by a battalion of the 5th Illinois Cavalry, under command of Capt. Webber, and a detachment of the 3d United States Colored Cavalry, under command of Major Cook. The rebel Major Patton and some five men were made prisoners, and forty muskets picked up on the ground, and some four or twelve horses taken. Our loss was only four horses killed.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

First District Recorder's Court — H. T. Vennard, Presiding.—David White and the colored individual Lewis Daniel were tried on a charge of keeping a faro bank, and conducting it by the retail and conniving to get it by the barrel. From the testimony adduced it would appear that the defendants thought it would be cheaper to take a barrel full of the ardently desired stuff from the banquette at the corner of Tchoupitoulas and Common streets. They found that the owner of the property objected to the proceeding as they were arrested and sent before the First District Court on a charge of larceny.

Mr. Kelly, of Jefferson City, charged with knowingly receiving stolen property in the shape of a barrel of whisky, taken by White and Daniel, awaits his examination, which is fixed for Wednesday next.

Daniel Cassidy.—Was put under bonds of $1000 to answer in the proper Court on the charge of having knocked a hole into the peace of the State by beating one Michael Kernan, much against his will and consent.

Sundry parties were fined and put under peace bonds for being intimical to the peace of the State generally.

Fined—Maggie Kelly and Lizzy McK on reside on Perdido a reet and are not on the best terms with the police who are so often put to the trouble to guide them to the calaboose The last time they were arrested they had been found in the world, engaging in violation to City Ordinances. For this they had to pay a fine of $10. John Bragman who was more than half seas over, was charged on the bargain was taxed $10 and John Fea only $5.

Cruelty to Animals—Three Italians were each fined $50 for ill treating a horse on the levee, attached to a buggy wherein they had installed themselves for a ride.

Destitution.—Katty Perry is poor and unable to provide for herself. Recorder Vennard gave her a house for 6 months in the Workhouse.

Dealing in Cotton—John B Butler was sent for thirty days to prison, because he could not see out for a bag of cotton in his possession, and the youth Alfred Lauara was sent to the House of Correction for pilfering cotton, the property of Chas. Stewart.

Provost Court.—This tribunal has moved into the rooms of the First District Court, but owing to the continued indisposition of Judge Wardsmith, the Read cases were continued to a future day.

Dishonest.—The colored man Wm Jackson, was in court and he could not intist because he has the consumption. He was brought up on the charge of having stolen $6 from a friend at No. 60 Union street This brought him to the workhouse for thirty days.

A Wife Beater.—Mr. Johnson of No. 151 Girod street is required to give bonds in the sum of $500 to appear for his trial on the 25th inst. If he wishes his liberty till that time The charge against him is that he has terrible threats against his wife and others, committing assaults and other outrages to the disturbance of the peace and dignity of the state He had not given the bonds when the court adjourned

Second District Recorder's Court — A. F. Woolley Presiding.—Jules Friquet was detained to have some fun, and worked himself at the expense of some currency to a state of inebriation, and fell into the hands of the police who took possession of his person and his sword cane. He was fined $50

Workhouse.—Elzabeth McKay was again on a spree and is to be kept sober for four months and at labor in the Workhouse, and portion of the State, bringing with them all their stock.

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"How terribly the ship labors!" exclaimed the Passenger to the Captain as they stood together in the blebt of the binnacle; "what cargo have you in the hold?"

"Parsnips," replied the Captain, turning his telescope into his trousers' pocket.

"Oh! ah!—parsnips," rejoined the Passenger; "that's Hook-oil, no wonder she rocks."

Constitutional Convention.

SATURDAY, July 23d, 1864.

Immediately after reading the Journal, the President announced that in accordance with a resolution of the Convention, he yesterday issued an order for the arrest of Thomas P. May, and placed the same in the hands of the sergeant-at-arms for execution. He called upon the sergeant-at-arms to report his action in the matter. That officer announced that Mr May was before the Convention as a prisoner to answer.

On being called upon by the President to see what he had to say in reference to the article in the *Times* of the 21st and the resolution of the Convention, Mr. May read from a paper in his hands that he appeared before the Convention in obedience to an order of the Military authorities and not in obedience to any mandate of the Convention. He had nothing further to say.

Mr. Henderson moved that the answer of Mr. May be treated as an additional contempt, which motion was carried.

Mr. Abell moved to postpone indefinitely the further consideration of the whole subject, which motion was lost by a vote of 47 to 61.

Mr Thomas presented a series of resolutions on the subject, one of which was that Mr May be confined in the Parish Prison for ten days, unless the Convention sooner adjourn.

Another that the Commanding General be respectfully requested to suppress the sale of the New Orleans *Times*, and another to remove Mr. May from the office of Assistant Treasurer at the United States, which office he holds in this city.

Several resolutions and motions were made and carried, providing for the payment of officers for additional services. But at the suggestion of the President, the motions were to be be reduced to writing in the shape of resolutions.

The ordinance to redistrict the State was then taken up and adopted.

The Committee on Enrollment reported that the Constitution had been enrolled as required by the resolution of the Convention, but that the Committee has not had time to examine it to see if it had been correctly enrolled, whereupon the Convention adjourned until Monday, at 12 M., in order to allow the Committee time to examine the enrolled bill and report.

PROVOST'S STEPHENS. PASSING FOREIGN

NEW ROOMS OF THE PROVOST COURT. We are informed that the Provost Court, Judge Wadsworth, will hold its sessions hereafter in the rooms lately occupied by the First District Court, corner of Chartres and St. Peter streets, opposite Jackson Square.

Two Days Later from the North.

Dates from Washington to the 15th and New York of the 16th.

End of the Maryland Raid—Sanders Harassing the Potomac with their Booty—Two Corps of Veterans Sent to Washington to Oppose Them—Sheridan Sent to Intercept Them South of the Potomac.

Unconfirmed Report of the Capture of Petersburg—Atlanta Reported Taken—Forrest Said to be Defeated by Smith with Loss of 3,500 Men—Faulkner Killed and Forrest Wounded—Rumored Dispersion of Price's Army.

GOLD ON THE 14th 156—COTTON, $1 60.

The uptown papers of this morning have the following by telegraph from Morganza, July 22:

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Baltimore, July 14—Trains are coming as usual this morning to Washington.

New York, July 14—The *Commercial* says a prominent banking house in Wall street have received dispatches from their Washington correspondent this morning, which states that General Grant's forces have occupied Petersburg.

We have received nothing confirmatory of this statement

The *Commercial* also says a private dispatch from Washington to a Wall street broker says Sunday with intermittent rain. Reinforcements have been dispatched to intercept the rebel raiders and rescue Hanover Court-house

The rebel forces consisted of Johnston, Early and A. P. Hill's Corps.

Johnston and Early's Corps fired into each other on the advance into Washington

St. Louis, July 14—Reports from the Department of the Gulf to the 9th inst. have been received here. Gen. Banks, with the main body of his command, had returned to Alexandria. A fight occurred on the 7th at Big Bend Lake, in which the rebels were driven off.

A division has moved from the Bayou Rouge to Annapolis House Junction for relief.

The dates go to the 9th. It does show that the rebels are on the retreat to Virginia, and that they have succeeded in crossing their plunder, cattle, horses and sheep, and the greater part of their army. They are closely followed by our cavalry, who are harassing their rear

(From the N. Y. Times Extra.)

Late News Through Rebel Sources.

Gen. Sherman Within Eight Miles of Atlanta—Rebel Communication Cut Between Atlanta and West Point, and Between West Point and Montgomery—Hood in Command of Johnston's Army—The Rebel Gen. Johnston Relieved, and Appointed to the Command of the Rebel Army in Virginia—Gen. Lee sick in Richmond—&c., &c., &c.

We have received Woodville Miss. dates to the 20th, and Mobile dates to the 19th.

The news is of great importance

The rebel General Johnston has been relieved of his command, and Gen. Hood appointed in his place

On taking leave of the army Gen Johnston made a speech to the troops

Gen Hood has been made a full General

Gen. Lee's command is changed and Gen Johnston is said to have been appointed to the command of the rebel forces in Virginia.

Major General Sherman is reported to be within a few miles of Atlanta.

He has crossed the Chattahoochee with the entire army, and has cut the communication of the rebel army between Atlanta and West Point, and also between West Point and Montgomery.

(From the N. Y. Herald Extra.)

Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad Attacked—The Forrest and Smith Fight—Officers Killed and Wounded.

Nashville, July 18—The Louisville *Democrat* says three trains were captured on the Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad, twenty miles south of Nashville, by a large rebel force. The trains were loaded with valuable military and other stores.

(From the Mobile Advertiser.)

Demopolis, Miss, July 18—Officers here returned from pursuit of the enemy, who are reported in good order.

Casualties—Officers Killed—Capts Harrison, Cox, Mayfield, Roberts and Boswell

Officers Wounded—Col Grinsby, Rocker Cross, Lt. Palmer and Lt.

Gen Forrest is slightly wounded.

Cotton Growing in Mexico.

From a letter dated at Cuinahuac we learn the following:

The people here have begun to sow cotton on a scale much greater than that for some time past. The fruits of the last crop, which was a very fine one, were sold at prices that became exorbitant, and those who held on to the harvest a few days, but cotton. There is no doubt that the war will contribute to keep these prices up and there is but slight prospect of living becoming cheaper than they are at present.

MONETARY AND FINANCIAL

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MARINE NEWS.

Port of New Orleans, July 24, 1864.

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Ship Galena, Lewitt, for New York, D M Carll
Brig A C Titcomb, Titcomb, for Boston, Master
Brig Mary Ann, Meadowcroft, for Matamoras, Master
Schr Rescue, (Mexican) Juanco, for Matamoras, Master
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Sloop Silenzio, (Mexican) Metropolitan, for Matamoras, Master
Steamer Leviathan, Lawrence, for St Louis, Master

ARRIVED YESTERDAY

Steamship George Washington, Gager, from New York
Steamer Fashion, Wilson, from Vicksburg
Fortress Monroe, 16th inst, to Quartermaster, 4th dist
Schr Rescue, (Mexican) Juanco, from Matamoras
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Schr Sea Witch, Gibbs, from Pascagoula, to master
Schr Mary Magdalene, from Horn Island, to master
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DIED,

On Saturday, July 23, at 5 o'clock P. M., after a long and painful illness, Mrs. ANN MARIA, wife of Mr. Patrick Murphy, native of the parish of Kilmore, county Cavan, Ireland, aged 45 years.

Her friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend her funeral from her late residence, No. 49 Bourbon street, this day, at 4 o'clock P. M.

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UNION INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ORLEANS

TENTH ANNUAL STATEMENT.

STATEMENT of the Business of the Company for the year ending with May 31st, 1864, as required by the Charter.

CAPITAL.

Amount of Capital actually paid in in cash $200,000 00
Amount of premiums received during the year 1,811 80
Amount of profit on sales of premiums of the preceding year received 1,811 80

On Fire Risks $90,788 17
On Marine Risks 1,811 80
On River Risks 5,200 00

Total premiums $97,799 97
Less premiums returned and reserved 9,278 662 51
Gross Premiums $88,521 46

Net amount received for May, 1864 ..... $10,000 00
Losses paid during the year:
On Fire Risks $17,741 44
On Marine Risks 1,811 80
On River Risks 17,000 00

Total losses $36,553 24
Expenses, Commissions, Salaries, Taxes, Printing, Rent, Fuel, Postage, Stationery, Advertising, Agencies, Office Furniture, Repairs, and all other charges 52,025 30
Net Profits $117,971 15

The Company owns the following assets, viz:
Cash $74,171 17
Real Estate 36,000 00
Notes secured by mortgage 24,000 00
Bonds and Mortgages 17,000 00
Bonds of corporations 10,000 00
Stock in other Companies 1,000 00
Loans on collateral 2,000 00
Premium notes 1,000 00
Unpaid premiums 1,000 00
Interest due and accrued 1,000 00
Bills receivable 1,000 00
Sundry debts due the Company 1,000 00
Total $117,971 15

Less the amount of losses by fire unadjusted $10,000 00
Amount of premiums unearned 1,000 00
Amount paid for Dividends 10,000 00
Amount paid for Commissions 1,000 00
Amount paid for Salaries 1,000 00
Amount paid for Taxes 1,000 00
Amount paid for Rent 1,000 00
Amount paid for Fuel 1,000 00
Amount paid for Postage 1,000 00
Amount paid for Stationery 1,000 00
Amount paid for Advertising 1,000 00
Amount paid for Agencies 1,000 00
Amount paid for Office Furniture 1,000 00
Amount paid for Repairs 1,000 00
Amount paid for all other charges 1,000 00
Total $117,971 15

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
PARISH OF ORLEANS, CITY OF NEW ORLEANS.

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the City and Parish aforesaid, duly commissioned and qualified, personally came and appeared JAMES BOYD, President of the UNION INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ORLEANS, who, being duly sworn, deposes and says that the foregoing statement is true and correct in all its particulars.

JAMES BOYD, President.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 23d day of July, 1864.

C. GAILLARD, Notary Public.

Louisiana Mutual Insurance Co.

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