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NEW ORLEANS:
SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 27.

On our second page, will be found sheriff's and auction sales, bank notices and various miscellaneous advertisements.

SALES AT AUCTION THIS DAY BY THE SHERIFF.—At noon at the Merchants' and Auctioneers Exchange Royal street: a two story brick Dwelling House, situate on Hospital street, Second District. Also Banks, Jackson, Opelousas and City Rail Road Company Stocks.

For particulars see advertisements

REORGANIZATION OF THE ARMY.—The work of constructing a permanent army out of the existing volunteer service is being actively instituted. The manner of securing a basis of a judicious selection of officers for the new organization is signified in a circular order from the War Department of the 9th instant, calling for comparative lists of officers in each arm of the service, and each branch of the staff, to be forwarded to Washington for information. Relative merits are to be determined by boards of officers appointed by the various corps and other independent commanders, and the same boards are required to indicate those officers deemed unfit for discharge.

In addition to this, the several commanders are directed, in transmitting the lists, to endorse thereon recommendations based on their own knowledge of the character of officers. Other details relative to forms and classifications not interesting to the general reader.

Major Gen. Banks publishes the order above indicated for the information of his command, charges the Commanding Generals of the Northern and Southern Divisions of Louisiana and District of Brazos Santiago with its prompt execution, and directs that all reports in compliance therewith be forwarded to the Head Quarters.

THE TRANS-MISSISSIPPI CAPITULATION SAID TO BE COMPLETED.—The *True Delta* of last evening states that it was informed by Capt Dyer, Asst Adj General, at Gen Canby's Headquarters that the capitulation of the Trans Mississippi army was completed on Thursday, and that copies of the papers as signed were being made yesterday morning

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—The matinée at noon to-day for ladies and children, and the performance to night will terminate the engagement of those incomparable gymnasts, the Hanlon Brothers.

It is needless to predict a thronging concourse on each occasion.

The ensuing week is announced as the last of the Academy season, when the Wenmer Sisters, of vocal and dancing celebrity, will appear in conjunction with the variety company.

We are obliged to the officers of the Pauline Carroll for the favor of Western papers of the latest date.

The steamer Ida Handy was advertised to leave St Louis for this city on the 21st P. M. the Lady Gay the John Knight, and the Mississippi on the 22d P. M.

Lieutenant-Colonel J. O Nixon, formerly of the New Orleans *Crescent*, is among the recently returned officers of the U S A

The steamship Marion, Capt Howse, will leave her wharf this morning, at Sunbrick, for New York direct, with a full freight. $20,000 in specie and the following passengers

[Here a list of names.]

DEATH OF JERE CLEMENS.—A Huntsville, Ala., dispatch of the 21st announces the death at that place, on the morning of the same day, of Jere Clemens, formerly U S Senator from Alabama, and subsequently known as an editor and an author. He opposed the secession of his State, and continued an avowed Unionist, but was not, we believe, seriously molested by secessionists on that account, or compelled to abandon his residence in Huntsville. He died of congestion of the lungs

PERSONAL.—Lieut Gen Richard Taylor is in the city, having arrived in company with Gen. Canby, from Mobile, on Thursday. He is said to have participated in the negotiations relative to the surrender of the Trans-Mississippi Army.

By Telegraph from Memph's.

TWO DAYS LATER FROM THE NORTH.

Mr. Seward to Testify in the Conspiracy Trial—His return to Official Duties in the State Department—News from Tennessee and Kentucky.

[From the Times, last evening.]

Memphis, May 26, 1865

New York, May 24—Cotton dull. Gold closed at 1334.

New York, May 24—The steamer Etruria, from Liverpool, is coming up.

The *Times* Nashville special has the following:

The Revenue Commissioner, Orton, will enter upon his official duties on the first of July. Mr. Seward will give his testimony in the conspiracy trial next Tuesday.

He now directs affairs in the State Department.

Fred. Seward was to-day not tired of the examination of President Lincoln for the first time.

Gen Logan has been put in command of the Army of the Tennessee.

Cincinnati, May 24—The *Gazette's* special from Nashville 21 says: A bill was introduced into the Senate yesterday requiring lawyers, doctors and ministers of the Gospel, and all persons elected to office under the laws of the State, to take oath that they have not aided the expenses of the United States, before they can practice or hold office

The Cumberland river is very high, and is overflowing portions of Nashville. The work on the Atlantic railroad is progressing rapidly, and guerilla parties in that section have almost entirely disappeared.

Gen. Hobson, of Kentucky, refused to receive the surrender of Champ Ferguson and other notorious guerillas. He notified them to leave his district immediately.

Restoration Movement in Mobile.

[From the Mob le News of the 24th.]

We have been requested to publish the following letter to the President of the United States, signed by quite a number of very respectable citizens, and to be presented to Gen. Canby with the view to its being forwarded.

Mobile, May 23, 1865

To His Excellency Andrew Johnson, President of the United States of America:

MR. PRESIDENT—The undersigned citizens of Mobile, recognising the fact of the overthrow of the Confederate States, respectfully assure you of our conviction that it is the duty of all good citizens to acknowledge and submit to the Government of the United States of America, and to exert themselves in good faith towards a restoration of our State and its citizens to their former relations to the United States. Under this conviction each one of us will exert himself to these ends, and discourage all contrary action.

We, therefore, respectfully ask that steps may be immediately taken which will accomplish the purpose proposed, and preserve inviolate the principles of free government, in accordance with the genius of American institutions.

[Here follow the names.]

FIRE ON THE LINE OF THE MOBILE AND OHIO RAILROAD.—We learn from a gentleman connected with the telegraph office, that yesterday a fire, which originated from the sparks thrown out by an engine, destroyed about one hundred yards of the railroad and the same length of telegraph line, a short distance above Stanbata. The road and telegraph are probably in working order before this time.—*Mobile News*, 25th.

The marriage of the daughter of Baron Lionel Rothschild with her cousin, Baron Ferdinand, will take place in June.

By Telegraph from Mobile.

Particulars of the Explosion—Main Ordnance Depot Blown Up—Order Relative to the Disaster by General Granger—300 Persons supposed Killed or Wounded—Eight squares Demolished—Steamers Destroyed—8 to 10,000 Bales of Cotton Burned.

[Special to the N. O. Times.]

Mobile, May 25—Extract From Mobile Morning and Evening *News* 25th

The main Ordnance Depot of the United States forces stationed here was blown up at about fifteen minutes past 5 o'clock this P. M., making a tremendous report and creating the wildest consternation through the city. The magazine was located in Marshall's Water-house, situated on the corner of Episcopal and Commerce streets, and the present appearance of the city in that neighborhood beggars description

Major General Granger accompanied by Col Shipley, went to the scene of destruction almost before the flying shells had ceased to explode, and immediately took steps for the relief of the sufferers and for the safety of the city. The following order from him will explain the course to be pursued.

Headquarters U. S. Forces, May 25, 5 P. M.—A sad calamity has overtaken us at an unexpected moment, resulting in the loss of many valuable lives and a great destruction of property, from the explosion of the main ordnance depot in this city, at Marshall's Water-house. Whether this fearful calamity was the work of foul incendiaries of the rebels is not known, but at once be taken to fix the responsibility upon the guilty parties, and bring them to exemplary punishment

Brig. Gen. Deuble will immediately place guards to insure safety to both city and shipping, and all persons are ordered to render every assistance in the collection of their effects and to quiet and restore confidence.

G GRANGER,
Maj. General Commanding.

It is impossible at present to report with any definite information of the number of lives lost. It is thought, however, that two hundred will exceed over the number, exclusive of wounded. Fragments of human bodies were picked up and carried over a distance of half a mile from the explosion.

Many persons are known to be buried beneath the ruins, and the Commissioner General has employed all available labor to rescue those still alive.

All prominent buildings, from St Louis street up, including Water, Commerce and Front streets are about completely demolished.

The steamer Kate Dale was lying at the wharf, opposite Snapper Press, and with no other steamer, were forth to the river, and it is reported every active hand on them was killed.

The shock made the city tremble like an earthquake, shaking every building to its foundation. The crash of broken glass was heard in every direction, and fallen walls made the earth resound like the rumbling of an earthquake. General Granger and Colonel Shipley were on the ground immediately after the explosion took place. Colonel Shipley is of the opinion that there are at least four separate explosions of buildings blown down. Two minute intervals existed between the different explosions, but not perceived by the citizens and soldiers for their promptness in being on the ground, and the assistance they rendered in rescuing many sufferers.

We visited the burning ruins shortly after the explosion, in company with Colonel Shipley, and witnessed a scene which no pen could describe or imagination conceive. Four or five acres of ground were one conglomerate mass of ruins, two thirds of which were on fire, while every two or three seconds the shell exploded and ammunition and bullets whistled through the air, while one of the bravest men among us, Colonel Smith, was killed nearly dead by. After the explosion of the magazine, the steamer Kate Dale, steamer Snapper Press, and ironclad Tuscumbia, with a number of barges, were destroyed, and from one to two thousand bales of cotton, which required the services of many more guards.

Not a warehouse in that portion of the city was left standing, and thousands of men were at work all night and the following morning, to rescue those still alive from the wreck of the buildings, and dead bodies. We saw the bodies of Mr. McMillen, in charge of the carpenters' work, of the Captain Assistant Quartermaster, and the Purser of the steamer Iowa, which vessel was injured by the explosion. Captain Hatch, of the Iowa, was also found sitting at the desk by a piece of shell or brick.

A number of bodies recovered are so burned and mutilated that recognition is impossible. It is estimated that the number killed will reach 300. When it is taken into consideration that nearly all the workmen, including a force of prisoners, etc., which covered the wharves destroyed, were employing a large number of women, and from reports so far as we can learn, their numbers will be found to swell the list of killed to a few hundred more than our estimate. If two hundred will be below the proper figures. The portion that was destroyed by fire is one of the finest portions of the city. A great amount of damage is done to the city in a pecuniary point of view. We have heard it variously estimated at from ten to fifteen millions. Eight squares of large and costly buildings were completely destroyed.

The walls of the Customhouse, on North and Last Front streets, are completely destroyed and Last Front street is not a whole pane remaining. Thus was all the damage sustained by this building. The *News* office shared the fate of all the buildings on Royal street, from Conti to the Mobile and Ohio Railroad Depot, having its windows knocked out, glass and sashes in many particles all over, and various partitions blown down.

The *Tribune* building has made a complete wreck of inside by the concussion. Bricks weighing about sixty pounds through the roof, which fell among the material of the office, smashing things generally.

Cabs, carriages etc., on Royal street were destroyed, and horses in the immediate locality shot dead

The shock seemed to affect the ho ses a great deal more than human beings. Those that were not knocked down initially seemed stunned and paralyzed, and did not recover for some minutes. The force of the shock may be imagined when it is known that a man named John Kavanaugh, a paroled Confederate soldier, was killed instantly on board the Kate Dale by a piece of brick. Not a mark was visible upon his body when taken up a few minutes after.

On Water street the low in property is immense. Below St. Michael street the doors and windows suffered most. A thousand window sashes in the city. Looking up the river from the levee one can see, and hearing confusion of human voices entirely as vividly heard. Squares nearest where stood the magazine, Commerce street, the warehouses and cotton sheds which lined its upper portion are now but a mass of ruins.

The buildings on the corners resisted to some extent, some of them being torn to pieces from the ground. Various cities and commission houses on Front street sustained comparatively little damage. On the river, however, doors and windows were thrown out and brick torn in, but beyond this the injury done them was slight

The amount of cotton destroyed is estimated from 8000 to 10,000 bales. Nearly all that was destroyed belonged to private citizens. Some Government cotton was also burned.

The steamers Col. Cowles and Kate Dale were entirely destroyed.

There were about two hundred tons of ammunition, consisting of musket cartridges, cannon powder, and a large number of blank musket cartridges, and a quantity of loaded cartridges, canister and solid shot, principally for field and siege guns.

The amount of powder, reaching full thirty tons, was contained in the warehouses. It is also estimated that one-third of the ammunition surrendered by the rebel Gen. Taylor.

SUICIDE OF THE ENGLISH ADMIRAL FITZ ROY.—We read the following in the Paris *Patrie* of the 4th inst:

Below are some details, given by the *Shipping and Mercantile Gazette*, of the death of Admiral Fitz-Roy, previously announced by telegraph.

For a long time, as it appears, too much work and study had produced in him an over-excite ment which disturbed his mental faculties. He complained to his friends that he was exposed daily to danger to which he was exposed unless he wholly discontinued his meteorological labors.

Admiral Fitz Roy promised that he would take repose, but he did nothing of the sort and continued to fulfill his functions in the direction of commerce. He had, it was said, received threatening letters from the Confederate States, and when the news of the fall of Richmond and the surrender of Gen. Lee arrived in England he was extremely agitated; and this agitation was still more when he learned the assassination of President Lincoln. On Saturday he was in company with Lieut. Maury, and on his return in the afternoon to Sydenham, he manifested great depression of spirit, and his language was incoherent.

It was not suspected, however, that he had any idea of suicide. He went to bed at the usual hour; but the next morning he rose earlier than ordinary, and entered his bath room. The family seeing that he remained longer than common, knocked repeatedly at the door without obtaining any reply. Forcing the door, they found the unfortunate man bathed in his blood with his throat cut. They sent off for Dr. Beatley. Upon his arrival, the Admiral was still living and recognized the Doctor, but he expired soon after.

The Third Series of Seven-Thirties.

The great success of the 7-30 Loan must always be looked upon as one of the most powerful evidences of the strength of the United States Government, and of its strong hold upon the confidence and affections of the people. On Saturday, May 13th, the subscriptions were over *thirty million dollars*, and for the week ending on next day, over *ninety-eight million dollars*, and in the three months that the Loan has been in charge of Mr. Jay Cooke, over *five hundred million dollars*. These large receipts will enable the Treasury to pay off our armies as they are disbanded, and to rapidly discharge the various obligations that have been incurred during the war. History will show that a great financier to individuals has never before been so promptly paid and we think all will agree that Secretary McCulloch deserves great credit for the ability he has manifested, not only in securing the means, but for the financial skill he has displayed in so directing these vast receipts and disbursements as not for a moment to disturb the equilibrium of commerce, embarrass individuals, or in any way lighten the money market. It is doubtless true that the Secretary of the Treasury might have negotiated the remainder of the loans at six per cent. interest instead of 7.30, but no much valuable time would necessarily have been lost in popularizing a new loan that the great object of the Government, viz., an immediate supply of money sufficient to pay all the debts incident to the war, would have been defeated, and besides, the difference of interest would not have been equal to three days expenses. The policy of having looked "ferney wise," but the best financial authorities, as well as common sense, as indicated it "pound foolish."

With the additional receipts from the Second Series of the 7-30 Loan we are informed on Saturday, May 13th, the Secretary of the Treasury authorized Jay Cooke, the general Subscription Agent for U S Securities, to receive subscriptions for $200,000 part of a Third Series, which is all that will be issued at this time, and to withdraw from the last loan at the high rate of interest that will be offered by the Government.

There is no change in the terms or conditions of the Third Series, except that the Government reserves the right of paying interest at gold coin or gold value, and from the results of the last gold sale which would therefore seem to indicate a speedy payment, and make six per cent in gold even better than the seven per cent in currency—a consideration that does not fail to be noticed.

The privilege of converting the notes into 7-30's at par for coin and bonds at the end of three years, or of receiving payment at maturity, at the option of the holder, is retained.

The first day's sales of the Third Series opened with a subscription within a few minutes of a million, and the month of June will exhibit a new chapter of the success of financiering. The Secretary of the Treasury finds no trouble now who wish to make sure of a portion, would do well to be in time.

Full particulars may be found in our advertising columns.—*Exchange*.

For Conspiracy Trial—Closed Doors Again—Comparison of Captures, &c.

[Special to the N. O. Times.]

Washington, May 25—The conclusion of the evidence in the conspiracy trial closed down, up in the judgment of the Judge Advocate, who stated that he had no witnesses with him he desired to put upon the stand and whose testimony there existed any reasons for acting with closed doors.

There are several additional witnesses to be called for the prosecution on Monday next, and it is probability is that the testimony for the Government will not be concluded before Tuesday next.

Much interest was manifested in the evidence of Gen. Smith, and current rumors in circulation here from Canada and the other from Richmond. This testimony, the reader will see by reference to page 4, of Mr. Davis's treasonable and Harris's dastardly proclamation, does not appear as directly implicating him in the case on trial, but its relevancy is to be determined by the Judge Advocate.

Again this evening the court room was crowded to suffocation, and the line in front of its doors is without was greater than on any previous day

Washington, May 25—The court did not meet this morning, owing to an hour later than usual adjournment last night. At the request of Judge Advocate Holt the court will not meet to-morrow, Saturday, which was very fortunate, as it will give a needed rest to the members.

Mr. Davis's counsel having been taken for dinner, Assistant Secretary of War Dana was sworn, and identified the letter in relation to Jacob Thompson, found in Richmond, in the possession of Secretary Benjamin, on the evening of the evacuation of that city by the rebel Army. The contents were read, and the letter is of the following import: Mr. Lovejoy, Friendship Factory, Tallahatchie River, Mississippi. President Davis, Vice President Stephens, Secretary of the Confederate States Benjamin, Postmaster Reagan, the four cabinet officers, and Governor Letcher, the four cabinet officers, and Governor Letcher, the four cabinet officers, and Governor Letcher