

away the time until, as the City Clocks announced that twelve o'clock p.m. had arrived, devout prayer was engaged in by those present. The custom of "praying out the old year and praying in the new" is fast becoming obsolete.—*Id.*

Judge Stewart, C. B., died at his residence in this city at 11 o'clock on Sunday. He occupied the position of Judge in Chancery at the time that Court was abolished in this Province, and at the time of his decease he was Judge of the Court of Vice Admiralty.—In times past, he took a prominent part in Provincial politics and through ability and energy he won for himself a distinguished position in this country. As a lawyer he had few equals, and his decisions on the Bench were characterized by sound judgement fairness and discretion.—*Chronicle*

Summary of the Telegraphic News of the Week.

Steamer North America from New Orleans for New York with 259 passengers on board, mostly invalid soldiers, foundered at sea, Dec. 22nd., and 197 lives lost.

Late Richmond papers urge that Jeff. Davis be deposed, and Gen. Lee installed as supreme ruler of the Confederacy.

The expedition of Major General Granger had effected a landing at Pascagoula and was advancing rapidly on Mobile. On the 15th, Granger attacked and routed a rebel force at Franklin Creek. Refugees state that Mobile is defended by only five thousand troops, mainly Militia, and there is a strong Union feeling in that city. Nothing later from Wilmington.

Advices from Tennessee state that Hood is unable to cross the Tennessee River until it falls.

General Thomas is close upon him, and Generals Steadman and Granger are on his flanks. Every attempt made by Hood to lay pontoons has been defeated by the shelling from Federal Gun-boats.

The Confederate General Bragg officially notifies his Government, that the Federal fleet, under Admiral Porter, has disappeared from off Wilmington, leaving only the usual number of blockading vessels.

General Butler, commanding the land forces before Wilmington, has also withdrawn, and has gone to rejoin the army before Richmond.

The new rebel privateer "Sea King," whose name has been changed to "Sheandeah," is actively at work on the Atlantic.

Capt. Hanser of the brig Susan, reports the destruction of his vessel; also barks "Ellena" and "E. G. Godfrey" and the schooner "Charter Oak." The ship "Kate Prince" was captured and bonded. She conveyed the officers and men captured to Bahia, Brazil. The Sheandeah carries four sixty-eight pounder smooth bore guns, two thirty-two pounder rifls, and two twelve pounder smooth bore.

Governor Fenton was inaugurated, and issued a proclamation urging the people of New York State, to fill the last call for troops with volunteers.

Refugees from Charleston, state great scarcity and suffering prevails in that city, and all are leaving who have means to get away. Several blockade runners are in port desirous of getting out.

A force of 300 rebels on Saturday made a dash upon Grant's picket line, drove them within the entrenchments, killing and wounding several and capturing 35. They then retired.

A resolution of thanks to Ex-Governor Seymour, introduced in Legislature 3rd inst., was tabled.

Advices from Richmond have been received, indicating that the rebel Congress has secretly given power to the Commanders-in-Chief to detail 50,000 slaves for service in their army as soldiers.

The result of an explosion at the bulk head of Dutch Gap Canal, on Sunday, was the filling up of the work, thus temporarily defeating its object and compelling a resort to dredging, should the projector persevere in its completion.

Provost Marshal General Fry has issued an order that none but Infantry Volunteers are now to be raised by the United States Officers.

Correspondence from Savannah shows a strong Union feeling among the citizens. The Mayor had called a public meeting largely attended, in which pacific resolutions were adopted among them—one requesting the Governor to call a convention of the people of Georgia to say whether they want the war continued. Savannah River is being cleared of obstructions.

Sherman was preparing for an advance on Charleston. The Richmond Sentinel of the 21st says, if we are overcome give us political alliance and association with England, France, Spain, or any other nation, rather than subjugation to the Yankees.

The storm through which Admiral Porter's fleet rode in safety is said to have been the most severe that has occurred on the coast for many years.

A Federal transport arrived at New York from Charleston Bar 30th., reports that the fleet of iron-clads had returned to Charleston Harbor, and were to co-operate with General Sherman in an attack on that city.

It is reported that Hardee had been brought to a stand, and would probably be obliged to surrender.

Despatches from Nashville state that news from General Thomas will hereafter be received from another direction. His whole army is under marching orders, all the sick and wounded have been sent to Nashville.

The Richmond Sentinel, Jeff. Davis' organ urges the abolition of slavery in exchange for foreign recognition.

The blockade running steamer Julia, from Charleston for Nassau, with four hundred bales of cotton has been captured.

A new English steamer, in the same business, was destroyed. A new loyal paper, called the Republican, has been started in Savannah.

There was a grand review of Federal troops there, on the 30th., and a great enthusiasm for the old flag was manifested.

Newspaper correspondents state that Sherman will take Augusta, and then march into South Carolina, concentrating his army in rear of Charleston.

The iron-clad fleet, now in the harbour, will make a naval attack in conjunction with Sherman.

The rebel newspapers confirm this supposition, and speak gloomily about the prospect. Lee is being strongly urged for Dictator.

NOTICE.

We should feel obliged to subscribers, town and country, if they would forward us the amount of their subscriptions to the end of the past year. Our Agents in the country would also oblige us by settling with us up to the same date.

Shipping Intelligence.

PORT OF HALIFAX.

ARRIVED.

Saturday Dec. 31.
R. M. S. Alpha, Hunter, Bermuda, mails etc.—to S. Cunard & Co.; Bary, M. B. Almon, ———, Sydney, coal—to S. Cunard & Co.; Bright, Oder, McKinnon, Pictou, coal—to order; Mackland, Harkling, London, government Stores and coal, cargo—to W. Starrs Son & Morrow; Brig, Chanticleer, Matson, Porto Rico, ballast—to G. H. Starr & Co.; Barque, Union, Sparks, Cape Breton, coal bound to New York; Brig, Express, Frith, Inagua, —to W. Pryor & Sons; Brig, Italia, Hayes, Ponce, —to W. B. Hamilton;

Sunday, Jan. 1.
R. M. S. Delta, Gullford, St. Johns Nfld. mails etc.—to S. Cunard & Co.; Barque, Penelope, returned from sea having encountered boisterous weather; Brig, Boston Lady, Tillmunt, Glouce Bay—to Master; Schr. John Byers, Pyc, Sydney, bound to New York.

Monday, Jan. 2.
Brig, Hannah, Cannaughton, Anguilla, —to J. H. Tobin; Haidee, Davidson, Porto Rico—to T. C. Kinnear & Co.; Humming Bird, Stevens, New York—to Young & Hart; Schrs, Galaxy, Liverpool, N. S.—to Stannyer & Herbert; Friend, Weather, Nassau via Lunenburg—to J. M. Watson & Co.

Tuesday, Jan. 3.
Brigs, Annette, Newell, Havana, 13 days—to Salter & Twining; Nancy, Taylor, New York, 5 days—to R. J. & W. Hart; Spree, New York—to Jno. D. Cummins; R. M. Steamship Asia, Moodie, Liverpool via Queenstown 10 days, mails etc.—to S. Cunard & Co.

Wednesday, Jan. 4.
Brig, Princess Dagmar, Bruce, Cape Breton, coal—to B. Wier & Co; Schr, Eliza Cathrine, Martell, coal—to Master; British Pearl Hadley, Canso—to B. Wier & Co; Anna, McDonald, Yarmouth, bound—to Newfoundland; Spiry, Kennedy, Cape Breton, —to Master; Frank, McKenzie, Cape Breton—to Master.

Thursday, Jan. 5.
Schrs, British Pearl, Hadley, Guysboro, fish—to B. Wier & Co; May Queen, Peclman, Molasses Harbor, fish—to R. Noble & Son; British Pride, Fongere, Molasses Harbor, fish—to R. Noble & Son; Sea Star, Perlme, Molasses Harbor, fish—to R. Noble & Sons; Vision, Tremain, L'Ardoise, fish—to Black Bros. and Co; Alma, Proctor, P. E. Island, bound—to New York.

PORT OF HALIFAX.

CLEARED

Saturday, Dec. 31.
Barque, Halifax, (pkt) O'Brien, Boston, sugar, fish and molasses—by Lawson Harrington & Co; Schr, Herald, Griffin, Ragged Islands, gent. cargo—by Jennett & Taylor and others; Steamer, Franconia, Nickerson, Boston—by J. F. Phelan; Brigs, Cassie Gray, Cunningham, Barbados—by J. A. Morin; Mary, Murphy, B. W. Indies—by J. Cronan; Schr, Horn, Hopkins, Jamaica—by G. H. Starr & Co; E. Hodgson, Stewart, P. E. Island—by W. Remels; Condar, Bonkoy, La Have; Lucknow, Selis, Digby; Albemarle, McKay, Annapolis;

Monday, Jan. 2.
No clearances, public Holiday, Custom House closed.
Tuesday, Jan. 3.
Brigs, Mathilde, (Dan) Pieper, Bermuda, gent. cargo—by James Scott, J. N. Harvey and others; Schr, Susan, Land, Boston, pkd. fish—by I. L. & W. Hart; Schrs, Sea Slipper, Amberg, Lunenburg, sundries—by Lordly & Stimpson.

Wednesday Jan. 4.
R. M. Steamer Asia, Moodie, Boston, mails etc.—by S. Cunard & Co; Brig, Golden Rule, Patterson, Porto Rico, fish—by N. L. & J. T. West.

Thursday, Jan. 5.
Brig, Kingston, H. Enderson, B. W. Indies, fish etc.—by B. Wier and Co; Schr, Racer, Brown, St. Thomas—by Salter and Twining.