The United States Marshal at Baltimore seized yesterday, a large amount of contraband material.

The Union Convention of Tennessee recommends resistance, if 70,000 votes are given against Secession; but if a less number are given, then submission.

Senator Bell's speech counsels war to the death against the North.

Secession is at a discount in Kentucky.—*Telegram to Col. Empire.*

BOSTON, June 8th.—Major General Fremont writes from Europe, that the Rebel Commissioners have purchased two Steamers in England, which will soon sail from thence under the British flag.

On the establishment of the manuscripts of telegraphic despatches that have been recently seized, it has been discovered that Mr Harvey, the Minister of the Federal Government to Portugal was the person who notified the people of Charleston, that a fleet had been sent to reinforce Fort Sumter. He will be recalled.

The manuscript despatches seized, implicate many other prominent men.

Thirty-six more slaves arrived at Fort Monroe yesterday.

It is stated, and believed, that the institution of Slavery is drawing to a close in Virginia.

Numerous captures of rebels and scouts have been made, it is said.

It is affirmed that Gen. Scott has announced to President Lincoln, that he will be in possession of Richmond, (Virginia) and Memphis, (Tennessee) by the 15th of July.

Ex-Governor Banks, of Massachusetts, has been appointed to the command at Baltimore, vice Gen. Cadwallader, relieved.

Forward movement daily expected on Harpers Ferry, where Rebels are said to be in strong force.

Col. Fremont has purchased in England 10,000 Enfield Rifles and several batteries of Rifled cannon for the Federal Government. He writes home that the Rebels have purchased two steamers in England for $300,000.

Western Virginia remains firm for the Union, and it is said will declare the eastern portion of the State in rebellion. A member of Gen. Butler's staff from Fortress Monroe states that the institution of slavery is drawing to a speedy close in Virginia.

Authentic advices from France state that Napoleon declares himself emphatically the friend of the American Government.

BOSTON, June 11.—A large body of troops advanced from Fort Monroe last night, with the view of dislodging a body of rebels who were forming an entrenched camp near Hampton. They were divided into two parties, and took different routes, all under General Pierce. They mistook the preconcerted signals, and fired into each other, killing 50, and wounding 100. After the mistake was discovered, they formed in one body to take a masked battery, but the effort proved unsuccessful. The Regiment from Troy, N. Y., stood an hour exposed to a galling fire, when a retreat was ordered. The Federal troops brought off their killed and wounded, and recaptured their cannon.

Lieut. Greble of the regular U.S. Army, who commanded the Artillery, was killed.

General Pierce blamed; he lost his presence of mind.

LATEST AND IMPORTANT.—BOSTON, June 12.—Accounts have just reached here of a sanguinary engagement at Great Bethel.

The Government troops, under the command of General Butler, took rebel battery yesterday at Great Bethel, capturing 1000 prisoners and 21 guns. Further particulars have not yet been received, but are awaited for anxiously.

General Scott is quite confident of success of Federal troops; most of them being recruits, he is determined not to be too sudden in his movements. The principal part of his forces require to be disciplined before engaging with rebel troops.

Floating batteries of large size being constructed, intended for operations at Memphis, and other places.

Canada.

The Citadel of Quebec is being rapidly placed in an efficient condition for defence. During last week 7000 barrels of Gunpowder were landed at the Ordnance Wharf, a number of furnaces for heating shot, and furnaces for supplying shells with molten iron. New works are also in process of construction.—Among the purchases made here recently for this purpose were two thousand chest lengths of chain, probably for gun carriages.—*Montreal Witness.*

Canada is in a bad condition. The *Montreal Witness* says:—

"Canada is rapidly approaching ruin in her finances. Grievous taxes are being laid on the people that must be borne for many generations, and these not the result of fair or necessary or profitable expenditures, but of sheer fraud or robbery. We doubt very much if Mr Secretary Floyd, of Buchanan's Government, did anything more nefarious in the way of robbing the Treasury than has been done over and over again in Canada; and our people, especially the French Canadians, seem to love to have it so. Their vote goes almost solid for any job, however gross, and to screen any fraud or swindle however enormous. There was also a number of Upper Canadian members whose votes were perfectly reliable on the same side.

"It is time that electors in Canada turned over a new leaf entirely, and made a stand, not for local or sectional interests, for which a speculating Administration will always be ready to do most, but for public principles. Oh, that next election might prove that such a change has at last been inaugurated! Nothing else can save Canada from ruin; and if ever we have an honest Administration, the Court of Chancery will force some of our speculators to disgorge their ill-got gains, and the Court of Queen's Bench will send others of them to similar fate as visited Sir John Dean Paul. They will doubtless fight hard to avert this."

Nova Scotia.

KINGS ELECTION.—The Opposition candidate, Mr Moore, has been elected by the respectable majority of 56. This comes in good time to cheer them after the disastrous defeat sustained in Victoria. The life political is full of ups and downs. The man is happy who is out of it. The Government party were too confident as to the result, and hence this good beating. We hope they will bear their defeat gracefully.—*Ex. Witness.*

FAILURES.—We regret to observe that the troubles in the United States are causing trouble here, in our little mercantile world. Some merchants of the oldest standing in the community have succumbed to the storm; and we cannot tell where it will cease. We must expect our share of distress and trouble here as well as in all other commercial countries.—*Ibid.*

A Fenian Story Revived.—Some months ago, during the excitement attendant on the sentence and rescue of a condemned Fenian, a story was put afloat that the Prisoner's Sweetheart was had up before the public prosecutor, charged with the crime of having, on the occasion, concealed in her apartment, a pistol, which she had given to the child present in attendance, and the prosecutor proposed to accept the following terms, namely, the lady was to give the child a good whipping, the child was to be given the pistol, and the lady was to be discharged. Something have the Fenians been about lately, that the story has been revived, and the little fellow seems to have grown into a full-grown man, and the little fellow seems to have grown into a full-grown man, and the little fellow seems to have grown into a full-grown man