

answered that it would be impossible to find a man in New Brunswick who could punish a prisoner for such an offence. The Lieutenant-Governor said he could not believe it, but if what the Mayor said were true, the people of his Province must be eminently disloyal. The innocent phrase of Mr. Gordon has been distorted by the St. John Press into a general assertion on the part of the Lieutenant-Governor, that New Brunswickers were, as a rule disloyal.

The Rev. Mr. Patterson, a parish priest, lately appointed to the mission at Petite Rocher, Gloucester Co., N. B. has been missing since Sunday, 27th ultimo. For the last eight days 200 to 300 men have been engaged searching in the woods for him, but thus far without success.—*Chronicle*

The recent gales have probably proved destructive to shipping on both the eastern and western coasts of this Province. Already we have intelligence by telegraph of the total loss, at Cape Canso, of the *Young Nova Scotian* and *Faugh a Ballagh*. The former barque cleared at this port a few days since for an outporto load. She sails from Annapolis.—*Reporter*

It is said that John Leech worked very hard and although he made a large income—perhaps as much as £2500 a year, Punch alone paying him £1500—he spent it nearly all, not on personal extravagancies, but upon those of his friends and relation who needed help.—*Reporter*

Summary of the Telegraphic News of the Week.

Richmond papers continue to predict a speedy attack on that City by Grant. They report that the latter has been largely reinforced.

Nothing definite has been heard from General Foster's command, since the late affair near Grahamsville, S. C. He lost from 600 to 1000 men, in attacking the rebel lines, and was then reported to have moved in another direction.

A large steam blockade runner was driven ashore, off Wilmington, and destroyed by Federal gun-boats.

A heavy snow storm and gale on Lake Erie, yesterday, (9th inst.) caused considerable damage.

The Rebel Senate, on the 6th, defeated the resolution introduced on the recommendation of Jeff. Davis, that certain officers, exempt under State Laws, shall be forced into the rebel army.

A Resolution was passed by the South Carolina House of Representatives, fiercely denouncing the proposition to make soldiers of Slaves and free them.

Richmond papers of the 9th state, that a force from Grant's army had struck the Petersburg and Weldon Railroad at Jarrrets, 22 miles south of Petersburg, and were proceeding towards Weldon. Also that a heavy column of Artillery Infantry, and Cavalry left the front of Petersburg on Tuesday last, and were reported on Wednesday morning at Proctor's Mills, 20 miles south of Petersburg.

Young Nova Scotian and Faugh a Ballagh are ashore at Cape Canso—wrecks.

Two of the new Monitors were under fire yesterday on the James River, from the rebel battery at Howletts. The "Mahapac" stood a severe test and was uninjured. The "Sangus" with a turret of different construction, received considerable damage.

Despatches from Virginia state that General Warren had reached the Weldon Railroad, and defeated a rebel force at Larets.

An arrival from Port Royal, 7th., reports that General Foster's scouts had communicated with Sherman, who was marching for Savannah and expected to reach there on the 14th. Foster had burned the Pocotalico bridge and otherwise destroyed Railroad communication between Charleston and Savannah.

Portions of a vessel, also barrels of Mackerel and chest with register of the Pearl, of Granville, found ashore near the entrance of Yarmouth Harbor this morning, 13th Dec.) Nothing seen of the crew; doubtless perished last night, during gale.

Despatch from Nashville reports severe fighting, but no general battle has yet taken place.

A force of Rebel cavalry made a dash into Murfreesboro, but were driven out by General Milroy. Many buildings in the town were burned.

The rebel General Forrest with 2500 Cavalry, supported by a force of Infantry, was repulsed on Wednesday last, losing two guns, many killed and wounded, nearly three hundred prisoners.

So far Hood has made little progress in his attempted invasion of Tennessee and Kentucky.

General Thomas the Federal Commander is reported as perfectly satisfied with the situation.

Rebel papers acknowledge that Grant has gained an important lodgement on the north side James River, near to Richmond. Also that Warren is rapidly marching on Walden.

The Confederate force that recently made a raid into St. Alban's, Vermont, and subsequently captured on Canadian territory, have been on trial in Montreal, and discharged on the ground of want of jurisdiction.

General Warren (Federal) has returned from his expedition to the Weldon Railroad. He destroyed 16 miles of the road with bridges, depots, and other property.

General Grant in a despatch to the War Department, communicates the announcement contained in Richmond papers of yesterday, that Gen. Sherman was within five miles of Savannah, in line of battle, opposed by a heavy Confederate force of Veterans and Militia.

The Federal gun-boat "Otsego," has been sunk in Roanoke River, by a Torpedo. No lives lost.

The blockade steamer "Enma Hardy," has been captured with 700 bales of cotton on board.

The Washington correspondent of the World describes a severe battle in front of Savannah, alleged to have taken place on Saturday the 10th inst. The Federals numbered twenty thousand under Sherman, in person, who made the attack early in the day, the battle continuing until night. The Confederates were protected by earthworks, and were in strong force, including the Garrison of Savannah, consisting of twelve thousand Veterans. The Confederates were finally compelled to retire within the defences of Savannah. The loss was severe on both sides, 2500 Federal and 3000 or 4000 Confederates; among the latter are fully 1200 prisoners, including many Officers of rank. Colors, cannon, small arms, waggons and caissons were also captured.

Swift, Harlee, and Cobb, were in command of the Confederates.

In consequence of the discharge of the St. Alban's raiders, Gen. Dix in a general order issued yesterday, instructed the Military Commanders on the Canadian frontier in case of further depredation to pursue the marauders if necessary, across the boundary, between the United States and that Province, and that the fugitives if captured, are under no circumstances to be surrendered, but must be sent to headquarters for trial and punishment by Martial Law.

The subject also was taken up in Congress, resolutions were reported, but were held over, looking to the formation of an Army Corps to protect the frontier, also to demand of Great Britain full pay, principal and interest, for all American property destroyed on the high seas by rebel pirates, armed, manned or fitted out in British ports.

The newspapers generally comment quite indignantly on the release of the St. Alban's raiders with their plunder. The New York Herald thinks the decision will cause as much astonishment to the British, as it has to the Federal Government.

Major-General Howard, commanding the right wing of Sherman's army, reports to the War Department, Dec. 9, 10 miles from Savannah. "We have met with perfect success thus far. The army is in fine spirits and close by." It is confirmed that Railroad communication between Savannah via Charleston, has been cut. There is a great panic in both cities. Philadelphia papers of to-day, noon, state that Savannah is now in possession of the Federals.

The Attorney General of Canada had decided that the decision liberating the St. Alban's raiders was wrong, and has ordered their re-arrest and the delivery of the stolen money.

A special despatch of the cabinet at Quebec denounced the act of Judge Coursal, and it is believed that he will be dismissed by Parliament.

A despatch to the War Department from Nashville reports a great battle between the Federals under Gen. Thomas and the entire Confederate army under Hood. The battle commenced yesterday morning by Thomas attacking Hood's lines in front of Nashville, and had not ended when the Courier left the field of battle.

The despatch says our line advanced on the right, five miles; the Confederates were driven from the river, from their entrenchments, from the range of hills on which their left rested, and forced back upon his right and centre; and his centre was pushed back from one to three miles, with the loss of 17 guns and 1500 prisoners, and the loss of his whole line of earthworks except about a mile of his extreme right, where no serious attempts to dislodge him was made. Our casualties are reported light. Nothing from Sherman.

THE DOUBLE HOUSE.

"God forbid," she said, with a shiver.

I took an early opportunity of sending baby away, and talking of everyday things. I have great pity for a childless wife, unless, as rarely happens in this world, her marriage is so supremely happy that the brimming cup leaves not another drop to be desired. Yet even then its sweetness is apt to cloy, or become a sort of dual egotism, which feels no love sympathizes with no sorrow, and shares no joy, that is not strictly its own. Forgetting, perhaps, that perfect wedded union is not meant for the satisfaction of the two only, but also that from their oneness of bliss they may radiate a wide light of goodness and blessedness out upon the world.

I rather wondered, knowing from report and from my own experience what good people the Merchistons were, that they did not both try more to live this life, which would certainly have made them happier than she, at least, appeared. Yet, as I said I pitied her. No one can see the skeleton in his neighbour's house, or the worm in his friend's heart; yet we know, as our experience of life grows wider, that both must as surely be there.

Mrs. Merchiston and I had a very pleasant chat; the baby had opened our hearts. We were growing better than acquaintances—friends

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