



## FROM THE STATES.

Railroad, May 23.

An attempted arrest of several fugitive slaves among the ranks of a New York regiment passing through the District of Columbia, was defeated by the soldiers.

A Washington despatch says that the rumor of European intervention is wholly the creation of secessionists, and is without foundation.

A Key West letter says that the British steamer *Circassian*, with a cargo of silk, tea, and munitions of war, valued at a million dollars, has been seized by blockading fleet, and sent to New York.

Farragut's fleet, it is reported, has left Virginia for Memphis.

The President accepts 50,000 volunteers, to make good the depletion of the army by sickness and casualties.

Disorders report Beauregard's army on half rations; they are suffering greatly from sickness.

Considerable skirmishing along line on Wednesday.

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It is stated that Gen. Beauregard arrived at Richmond on Tuesday.

Gen. McClellan's advance force is about five miles from there.

President Davis, and he is also supported by the military authorities, state that they are determined to fight to the last in defense of Richmond.

The North entertain a lively hope that they will abandon Richmond after a few skirmishes.

It is said that there are upwards of 200,000 men at Richmond, but they are not armed.

Government states they received this intelligence from gentlemen from Richmond.

Suffering to a great extent in Richmond and the neighboring counties, the soldiers leaving on every thing, the inhabitants must starve.

They say the army is demoralized and dispirited (2) they are held there by the vigilance of Martial Law.

The soldiers of the Gulf States declare they will lay Richmond in ashes sooner than have it fall in the Yankees' hands.

Flour remains at last quotations.

An official despatch received by the War Department at Washington, at 11 p. m., on the 17th inst., states that the gunboats *Gaucha*, *Monitor*, *Anson*, *Naugatuck*, and *Port Royal* were repulsed from Fort Mifflin, after an action of four hours, the fleet, finding it impracticable to silence the battery, withdrew.

The loss on board the fleet was thirteen killed and 11 wounded; and among the latter was Lieut. Morris, who was hit in the leg by a minnie ball. Neither the *Monitor* nor *Gaucha* could elevate their guns sufficiently to injure the fort. The 100-pound gun of the *Naugatuck* exploded at the first fire.

It appears that there is truth in the rumor that the Mayor and Aldermen of New Orleans have been thrown into prison for refusing to take the oath of allegiance.

A military occupation has been established over the press; the telegraph offices are closed; railway stopped, and the Post Office taken possession of by a guard of Marines. The famous St. Charles Hotel is occupied by Gen. Butler as his headquarters.

A correspondent of the  *Tribune* writes as follows concerning the remains of the rebel iron-clad steamer *Merrimack*:

"About in a direct line from Tanner's Point to Craney Island, and as near as I could guess, a third of the whole distance off Tanner's Point, we met a pile of iron work and charred and broken timbers, sticking out of the water, these remnants of a fearfully destructive catastrophe strangely contrasting with the placid sheet of water on which lay the soft, broad sunshine. The pieces of heavy timber fast in the bottom with their lower ends, as if driven in by a powerful pile-driver; the wood partially charred, and possessing that peculiar smell of wood not long since burnt; the end of a steam pipe, and other portions of heavy machinery and wreckage, and a piece of a hawser—this is all that remains of the *Merrimack*, or the Virginia, as the rebels very inappropriately called that anything but feminine monster."

The latest telegraphic advices state that Gen. McClellan's advance is within five miles of Richmond; and that Gen. Beauregard arrived there on Tuesday. It is supposed there are 200,000 armed and unarmed men at Richmond. President Lincoln accepts 50,000 volunteers to make good the depletion of the army by sickness and casualties. The contending armies before both Richmond and Corinth appear to be making preparations for a fearful struggle. Though the Northern press understate the strength and prowess of the Confederate armies and generally, the Northern Generals are compelled to respect the strength and endurance of the former, and acknowledge and even admire the ability of the latter. Has the telegraph and anon asserts the Confederates are demoralized, dispirited, and inferior in numbers, who difficulty is there in the way of the Federal troops securing an easy triumph? Why expend so much time, money and blood in preparing for an attack? The very conduct of the Federal gives the lie to the absurd rumors which the secession allow to be scattered broadcast over the country, while the truth as to their own operations is studiously withheld.

A Railroad Monitor.—Gen. Burnside has invented a new engine of war, termed

the Railroad Monitor. It is a locomotive completely covered with railroad iron, and so constructed as to carry two guns—one on each end. It is designed for service on the railroad from Newbern to Beaufort, to prevent the rebels from destroying the track.

Col. Dickson and Maj. Brownrigg, senior officers of the Fourth Dragon Guards, stationed in Ireland, having conceived a hatred of Capt. Robinson, some time since commenced a series of petty persecutions against him for the purpose of driving him from the regiment.

It failed, however, and then charges were preferred against him, arising from his resistance under the peace flag, and a court-martial was held, which sat for thirty days. The accused was declared guilty and sentenced to be cashiered. But the commander-in-chief, the Duke of Cambridge, at the instigation of the Queen, reversed the sentence, and Capt. Robinson was restored to his former position. Although dwelling in the army is prohibited by act of Parliament, in order to maintain a good standing with his superiors, it is generally, they matter of policy, considered wise for a disaffected officer to challenge the aggressor.

The Army and Navy Gazette contains the following important intelligence to a large class in our midst:

"We understand that a modification of the system of half-pay retirement is likely to take place, which will tend to convince of those who may be eligible for that means of relinquishing active service. At present, if a lieutenant-colonel is anxious to go upon half-pay, he must find an officer or captain to take his place, and exchange with him, and the regiment which is benefited by the step must make up a substantial sum—first amounting to £1,200 or £1,500, in order to induce an officer from the 1st pay list to be brought in, well. In future an officer with the prescribed term of 25 years' service may retire on half-pay without any such arrangement. The price of his step, paid by the regimental fund, goes to the reserve fund, and the transaction is completed, without the complication and delay which now invariably occurs. Such a change was almost a logical consequence of the rule allowing half-pay officers to sell their commissions direct without the formality of being brought for a day or two as full pay for temporary duty."

The death, in his 71st year, of Sir Thomas Wyke, a distinguished citizen of Waterford and English Minister at Athens is announced. He was an active collaborator with Mr. O'Connell in the work of emancipation, and was a lifelong friend of education, and for several years occupied a seat in Parliament. When a young man he married a daughter of Lucien Bonaparte, niece of the first Napoleon and cousin of the present Emperor, but his marriage was not happy, and he separated from his wife some years ago.

The Cork town council have unanimously voted in favor of petitioning Parliament for a charter to the Catholic University.

Murphy, the Irish giant, recently died of small pox, at Marseilles.

This Fakesheet.—The *Ararat* Times of the 16th says they have fished on the upper at John. At Fort Kent, on the breaking up of the ice in the river, the ice jammed at Savage's Island, six miles from Fort Kent, where Messrs. Savage had twenty head of cattle, eighteen of which were drowned two only of the head escaping to a little eminence, and thus saving themselves. The water rose ten feet in three hours.

Railway Accident.—The accident which occurred on the Halifax Railway near Lunenburg, on Thursday last week, was not so serious as currently rumored. Though the train came in collision with a locomotive on the track, very little damage was done. The conductor has been reprimanded and fined, for his neglect of the precautions ordered to be observed when approaching the station.

On Thursday Mrs. Horsey an elderly woman was instantly killed on the railroad at Falmouth falls. It appears that she was on her way to Milltown St. Stephen's, an errand. As the train came along there was a car standing on a side track, and thinking it a safe place she stepped before the car to wait for the train to pass. But it proved that the car was not entirely out of the way and was struck by the engine, forcing it against Mrs. Horsey and throwing her down upon the track causing her instant death. Her head and face were shockingly mutilated.

The Steam Tugboat "Calamus," 22 guns, 400 horse-power, Capt. Butler, as one of the fleet now assembled in Halifax Harbour under Admiral Milne, is expected to leave that harbor at the end of the present week, to come to St. John. There is some defect about the stern-post which causes her to leak, and she will be laid on one of the griddons in this harbor, with the view of having the defect made good. The "Calamus" will discharge her guns and heavy stores at Halifax before coming round here.

There are now eleven steam Men-of-War in Halifax, four of which are line-of-battle ships. A French fleet of equal number and armament is expected to arrive at Halifax very shortly.

Brigadier General Dunlop who commands the Royal Artillery in these Lower Provinces,

arrived here on Wednesday from Halifax, via Windsor, for the purpose of inspecting the Royal Artillery at present stationed in New Brunswick.—*Empire*.

PERSONAL.—The Hon. J. W. Johnston, late Attorney General of Nova Scotia, arrived here on Wednesday in the Steamer "New York" from Windsor, and left yesterday morning for the "New Brunswick" for Portland, en route to Canada.—*Ibid*.

Fire at Moncton.—A fire occurred in Moncton on Friday night or Saturday morning which was rather destructive for that place.

There were, we understand, about half a dozen buildings burnt, among them Mr. H. Steves' store; and houses or other erections owned by Mr. Thomas K. Jones of St. John and Mr. Peter MacDonnell of Moncton. The fire spread to the house of Mr. Jones, and the loss will probably amount to several thousands of dollars.

We have learned that in addition to the above Mrs. Martin Dowling's house was damaged. The buildings were all situated on Duke street, and were insured.—*News*.

We understand that Capt. B. H. Peters' Artillery Company received a few nights since to volunteer under the new Militia Act; and that last night Capt. MacDonnell's Company the St. John Rifles, at a meeting held to take the subject under consideration, also resolved to volunteer.—*Freemason*.

Seaboard Company.—New York, May 23. Steamship Company from Southampton to St. John, N. B., via Liverpool, has been established. The ship is a schooner with a rebel flag and an American flag over it.

The City of Baltimore, from Liverpool 8th inst., arrived last night.

With two hundred emigrants was a vessel from the Clyde, for St. John, N. B., on the 17th inst.—*Col. Presley*.

The Standard.

ST. ANDREWS, MAY 23, 1862.

The thirst for "Gold" is on the increase. Hundreds of our population are leaving the homes of their childhood, where they have enjoyed that choicest of blessings good health and in many cases a competence—for British Columbia, Vancouver Island, and California, in search of gold. The interested and highly colored accounts received from British Columbia, have lured away many of our young men where the country can ill spare, and we fear from late accounts, that they will be doomed to disappointment. The price of passage to Columbia would be sufficient to purchase a good farm, which would yield them a sure and better return, than many obtain after expending their money, losing their time, and wasting their energies in search of the precious metal in those far away El Dorados. But while men are so ready to risk their all for the sake of gold and will listen to the glowing accounts received from those distant countries, Gold is known to exist in Nova Scotia, in large quantities, and new diggings are being daily discovered. In our own Province, which is well known to be rich in mineral resources—it is an undoubted fact that the auriferous deposit has been found, and it is very probable that ere the lapse of the present season, those enterprising men who are "prospecting" will be amply rewarded. Were those persons who are so fond of "digging" in the Province, instead of hunting up political offices, and when they are disappointed, losing the money they made in it, and having for these far away gold fields, to put their hands to the plough or some other useful employment, they would not only benefit themselves but enrich their Country. Several who are now away would come back if they could—this we know from their letters.

AMERICAN AFFAIRS.—We are unable to form an idea of what is "up turn" next with our friends over the border. The telegrams received are so meagre, and very often so highly colored to suit northern proclivities, and prepared expressly for the "Herald" mail, that little dependence can be placed upon the reports. Now that the Northern army is beyond the assistance of the "Gibraltar galleys" they will be most determinedly by the Southern troops. From latest accounts it appears that Gen. Banks was most soundly whipped at Winchester, and the north is again apprehensive of an attack on Washington; fresh troops have been ordered towards Richmond, but as the telegraph lines are under Government control, it is not likely that should his army be defeated the news will be published. We will report as they are received, without vouching for their correctness.

From the attentive agent, Mr. Finley, we have received parts 24 and 25 of that valuable work, "The Altar of the Household." We have so frequently directed attention to this excellent book, that we now only add, that no family library should be without it. The London Printing & Publishing Company, furnish the work elegantly bound in one volume.

The weather for some weeks has been very favorable to the agriculturists, who have improved the time—many having completed their sowing and planting. The refreshing rain of yesterday and last night will do much good.

An alarm of fire was given on Saturday last; upon smoke issuing from the chimney of the large building owned by Mr. Donald Clark, in the Church block, Water Street, owing to the timely application of water the fire was extinguished before much damage was done.

Chipman and Burton's new bridge on the St. John's and Seaboard road in New Brunswick, and will be ready for launching soon.—*Freemason*.

We learn that the builders of this vessel, Messrs. John & Charles Shaw, intend launching her on Saturday next, at high water. She is said to be as thoroughly finished and used a vessel, as has been built on the St. John's for many years.

Dr. Morton, Member of the Royal College of Surgeons & Physicians of London, Paris and New York, has arrived in town, and is staying at Messrs. Hesse's. The Doctor's treatment of the most difficult diseases, and the success which has attended his practice, has deservedly excited him to the many handsome testimonials from the Press and the public generally, which he possesses. At his stay is limited to a few days. Patients should make an early call at his rooms.

LECTURE.—We understand that the Rev. Thos. Quin late chaplain to the President of the U. S. Army, will deliver a lecture in the Town Hall, on Friday evening next. Subject—Scripture and incidents of the late campaign in Virginia.

"The Nazarene, from Liverpool 11th inst. and Queenstown 14th, has arrived. News unimportant."

The Frederick Reporter says that Capt. Jas. A. Drake, formerly of Frederick, died at Acacia, California, from wounds received in a skirmish with the Indians.

THE REVIEW.—To Messrs. L. Scott & Co., New York, we are indebted for the Westminster Review for April. The contents are—

The Mythology of Polynesia.—Endowed School.—German Life during the last Two Centuries.—Mrs. Delany.—Chas. A. Calverley in Gait.—The Life of J. M. W. Turner.—The Fathers of Greek Philosophy.—Portraits of my Acquaintances.—France and Napoleon III.—Lord Stanley.—Contemporary Literature.

The London Quarterly Review has just been received. The contents are—

Dorset.—Hymnology.—State and Prospects of Turkey.—Franchising of the Clergy.—Life of Turner.—The Eastern Archipelago.—Stanhope's Life of Pitt.—The Maritime and a Monitor.

IRISH NEWS.—Most of the Irish papers contain obituary notices of officers and soldiers killed in the American war, whose parents and relatives still reside in Ireland.

On Sunday last Mr. Wm. McHenry died suddenly at 1 P. M. He had been ill a few days previous, but not considered seriously so. The deceased was 75 years of age. He had had an eventful life, having been at one time a soldier in the Peninsula War, where under Wellington he rendered service to his country during the campaign. He fought in several battles, among them those of Salamanca, Vittoria, Peninsular, Toulouse, and others, in which he earned testimonials for the service rendered by him.—*St. Croix Herald*.

DIFFICULTIES IN ENGLISH MANUFACTURING DISTRICTS.—From a return of the state of employment in the cotton trade at Manchester it appears that of 1,678 mills, usually employing 430,000 operatives, 497 are working full time, 593 are working short time, varying from two to five days a week and 278 are stopped altogether. The employment of operatives is to this extent—92,000 are on full time, 200,000 on short time while 55,000 are out of work altogether.

The Dundee Reporter argues that the fact that there is little other employment than cotton, manufacturing, and where the main resources are not wealthy and generous. In Birmingham more than 100,000 are now receiving relief as paupers, and at Liverpool there are 22,000 persons receiving relief, against 14,000 last year. In all the United Kingdom are said to be more than 50,000 more persons receiving relief than there were this time last year.

when manufactures were already reducing their produce, and keeping their mills open more for kindness than profit.

The St. John Globe says:—

Sole Only Son, from Nova Scotia bound for this port, was run into 20 miles S. E. of Partridge Island on Thursday night.

NOTICES.

On Thursday, by the bride's father assisted by the Rev. H. J. McLeary, B. A., Francis Rankin, of Greenock, Northampton County, to Catherine Jane Reid, eldest daughter of the Rev. Wm. Donald, D. D.

On Saturday evening the 21st inst. 17 children and 37 great grandchildren, 101 in all, were sold at a sale of all savings, the great loss, but sadly true, it is eternal gain.

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