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BOARD OF TRADE.

Committee of Arbitration for month of February.

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Monetary and Commercial Review.

BALTIMORE, February 17, 1862.

The transactions at the Stock Board to-day were light. The only sales reported were $1,000 Baltimore and Ohio bonds 1885 at 80⅝; $2,500 Northern Central Railway bonds 1885 at 75; $250 City stock 1886 at 91⅜; 6 shares Northern Central Railway at $21⅜, and 5 shares Union Bank at $54—for the latter $53 was bid, and $54¾ asked. For Maryland 6's, coupons, 1870, 92 was bid, but no sales effected. For Missouri 6's, coupons, 44⅜ was bid, and 45 asked. There were offers to buy Georgia 6's at 67, Tennessee at 47, and Louisiana at 61, but there were no buyers. There were no transactions in Baltimore City stock—6's of 1875 were held at 91⅜, new 6's of 1890 at 92, and old do. at 92. Bank stocks were inactive. Bank of Baltimore was held at $80, but holders asked $87; Chesapeake was offered at $24; for Citizens' $8¾ was bid. The market for the various Railroad bonds was dull. For Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, inscribed, 1862, 53 was bid, coupons 1875 80 bid, do. 1885 83 asked. 500 shares Guilford Mining Company sold at 40, and 500 shares Silver Valley were sold at 20. For Maryland Fire Insurance stock $8¾ was bid, and $10 asked.

At the second board in New York to-day Missouri bonds advanced 2¾, Erie Railroad ¼, New York Central Railroad ¼, and Reading Railroad ⅜. Rock Island declined ¼. The market closed firm.

SALES AT THE BALTIMORE STOCK BOARD.

MONDAY, February 17, 1862

$236 Baltimore 6's '86	91⅜
1,000 B. & O. R. R. bonds '85	80⅝
2,000 Northern Central Railroad bonds '85	75
500 do. do. do. '85	75
5 shares Union Bank of Maryland	54
6 shares Northern Central Railroad	21¾
500 shares Guilford Mining Company	40
500 shares Silver Valley Mining Company	20

The following are the rates at which the Baltimore Brokers are buying and selling Gold and Treasury notes:

	BUYING.		SELLING.
Gold	3⅜ per ct. prem.	4	per ct. prem.
Treasury notes	⅛ " " dis.	⅛	" " dis.

PRICES AND SALES OF STOCKS IN NEW YORK.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Through WILLIAM FISHER & Son, Stock and Bill Brokers, No. 22 South street.

	1st Board	2d Board.
Virginia 6's	54	00
Missouri 6's	45⅜	47
Tennessee bonds	50⅜	00
North Carolina bonds	64	00
Canton Company	14⅜	00
Erie Railroad	35	35⅜
New York Central Railroad	82⅜	82⅜
Reading Railroad	42	42⅜
Rock Island	54⅜	55
Treasury notes 2 years 6 per cents	99⅜	00
	firm.	firm.

The New York *Herald* of yesterday says:

Money is extremely abundant. On call the brokers can generally obtain loans on approved collateral at 5 per cent; many loans, however, still pay 6 per cent. First class short paper sells at 5@5½ per cent. The best names, at longer dates, are negotiable at 6@7@8, and names less generally known at 8 and upwards. As the Sub-Treasurer receives all the money that is offered at 5 per cent. on call after ten days' notice, it is not likely that money will fall below five in open market. The commerce of the country is in so stagnant a condition that it requires very little money; the supply, under ordinary circumstances, would prove considerably in excess of the demand.

The following are the Custom-House tables of the trade of the port of New York for the week and since Jan. 1:

IMPORTS.

For the week.	1860.	1861.	1862.
Dry goods	$2,314,692	$1,083,229	$959,261
General merchandise	1,891,609	1,685,201	1,532,317
Total for the week	$4,209,301	2,768,440	2,491,578
Previously reported	26,186,787	23,817,142	16,692,058
Since January 1	$30,396,088	26,585,582	19,183,636

EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE AND PRODUCE.

	1860.	1861.	1862.
For the week	$1,404,754	2,664,873	2,144,476
Previously reported	7,378,490	13,432,094	13,199,800
Since January 1	$8,783,244	16,096,967	15,344,276

EXPORTS OF SPECIE.

	1860.	1861.	1862.
For the week	$92,350	25,403	1,147,795
Previously reported	942,219	428,222	4,126,164
Since January 1	$1,034,569	453,715	5,273,959

BALTIMORE MARKETS.

MONDAY, February 17.

COFFEE.—The market continues extremely dull, with no transactions to report. Rates are altogether nominal, but we still quote as follows, viz: Rio at 18⅜@19 cts. for fair, 20@21 cts. for good to strictly prime; Laguayra at 23@24 cts. and Ceylon and Java at 24@25 cts. per lb. The stock of Rio here is about 27,000 bags.

FLOUR.—There has been a fair demand for Flour to-day. The sales reported amount to about 1,200 bbls. Ohio Extra at $6 20, 500 bbls Howard Street Super at $5.62⅜, and 1,000 bbls. do. on terms not made public, but believed to be at a slight decline on the above figure. Howard Street and Ohio Super may be quoted at $5 62⅜@5 75, and City Mills at $5.50 per bbl. Shipping brands of Howard Street and Ohio Extra are selling at $6 25, and City Mills do. at $6.50 per bbl. for standard brands.

Rye Flour.—There is still little doing. Sales of the day load to the trade at $3.25 for the best brands. Baltimore, and $6.75@7.25 per bbl. for Ohio and Howard Street. Baltimore high grade Extra is bringing $7.75 per bbl by the dray load.

RYE FLOUR AND CORN MEAL.—Rye Flour is still quoted at $4@4.12⅜, and Corn Meal at $3.15@3.20 per bbl. for both Baltimore and Brandywine, the market for the latter being very dull.

GRAIN.—There was but little business transacted at either of the Exchanges this morning, the extremely disagreeable weather causing a slim attendance of both buyers and sellers. The receipts were quite light. At the Baltimore, the offerings were 7,850 bushels, viz:—2,750 bushels Wheat 4,100 bushels Corn, and 1,000 bushels Oats. At the Maryland the receipts were 8,250 bushels, viz:—700 bushels Wheat, 3,750 bushels Corn and 3,800 bushels Oats. Of Wheat, some 600 bushels good white sold at 150@152 cts.; and 500 bushels red at 135 cts. per bushel. Common to medium white may be quoted at 135@145 cts., fair to good do. at 148@153 cts., and prime to strictly choice do. at 158@160 cts. per bushel; medium to fair red at 133@134 cts., and good to prime do. at 135@136 cts per bushel. The demand for Corn was very light, the only sales of white reported being 1,600 bushels prime dry new at 70 cts, and 1,100 bushels fair to good do. at 65@67 cts. per bushel. The only sale of yellow Corn was some 700 bushels fair and good at 56@57 cts. per bushel. Good to fair new white may be quoted at 65@67 cts., and prime lots, fit for European markets, at 69@70 cts. per bushel; fair and good yellow at 56@57 cts., and prime at 58 cts. The demand for Oats is light—the only sale to day was a lot of 3 000 bushels good Pennsylvania at 40 cts. per bushel; Maryland, good to prime, is worth 38@39 cts., and Pennsylvania do. 40@41 cts. Rye was dull and no sales reported—fair to prime Maryland may be quoted at 68@70 cts., and Pennsylvania at 73@75 cts. per bushel.

MOLASSES.—There is but little demand for Molasses, and we hear of no sales. The market is dull at quotations, viz:—Muscovado 24@28 cts.; clayed sweet, 22@24 cts; Porto Rico 30@34 cts., and New Orleans 48@52 cts. The stock of all descriptions in market is extremely light.

PROVISIONS.—There was a fair inquiry for Provisions to-day, but we are unable to hear of any sales of importance having been made. Late on Saturday there was a sale of 600 bbls. Western Mess Pork at $12.75 per bbl Mess Pork is held generally at $13, and we quote Prime Mess do. at $12 75@13; Prime do. at $10.50, and Rump do. at $9 25@9 50 per bbl. Beef is steady and tolerably firm at our former quotations, viz: $12 50 for Baltimore No 1; $15@16 for do. Mess; and $17 per bbl. for Extra Mess. We hear of no sales of Bulk Meat, but we quote Shoulders nominal at 4⅜ cts, and Sides and Hams at 5⅜@5⅝ cts. Bacon is selling in small lots as wanted at 5@5⅜ cts for Shoulders, and 6@6⅜ cts. for Sides. Hams range from 6⅜ to 8⅜ cts per lb. There is still a demand for Lard for export, but we have heard of no sales worth mentioning the last day or two. We quote Western in bbls. and tcs at 8⅜@8⅜ cts., in kegs at 8⅜ cts.; and refined at 10@10⅜ cts. per lb.

RICE.—There is no Rice selling but we quote it at 7⅜@7⅝ cts. for Carolina, and 6@6⅜ cts. for dressed East India.

SALT.—Liverpool Salt is still selling at the following rates, viz: 115@120 cts. for Ground Alum; 175@180 cts. for Marshall's, Jeffrey & Darcy's, and Worthington's fine; and 200 cts. per sack for Ashton's; and we hear of no sales at these figures Turks Island Salt is held at 35 cts. per bushel.

SEEDS.—There was a sale to-day of 50 bushels prime Timothy Seed at $2 50 per bushel. Nothing was done in Cloverseed. Prime to good may be quoted at $4 37⅜@4.62⅜. Timothy at $2 25@2 50, and Flaxseed at $1.9 @2.

SUGARS.—The market exhibits no new features, and we still quote as follows, viz: Cuba at $7@7.50 for refining, and $8@8.50 for grocery grades; English Island at $7.48; Porto Rico at $7@7.25 for common; $8.25@9 for fair to prime; and New Orleans at $8.25@9 for fair to prime.

REFINED SUGARS.—Refined Sugars are selling at the following rates, viz: 11⅜@11⅝ cts. for loaf; 10⅜@11⅜ cts. for crushed, powdered and granulated; 10⅜@10⅝ cts. for soft crushed white; and 10@10⅜ cts. for C yellow. Yellow Sugars of lower grade at prices according to quality.

WHISKEY.—In consequence of a sudden advance in the New York market, Whiskey has been quite unsettled to day, holders showing no disposition to operate. The stock in market is light. We quote Ohio at 27⅜ cts. per gallon; City at 27 cts., and Country at 26⅜ cts. There was a sale this morning of 50 bbls. Ohio at 27 cts., but this price was afterwards refused for a lot of 100 bbls.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Cotton is dull. Flour is dull with sales of 11,400 bbls. Wheat is dull—sales of 23,000 bushels; Iowa $1 40; red Michigan $1.45. Corn is heavy—sales of 33,000 bushels; mixed 63⅜@65 cts. Beef is quiet. Pork is firm—sales of 1,400 bbls; mess $12.75@13 50. Lard is firm—sales of 800 bbls at 7⅜@8⅜ cts. Whiskey closed firm—sales of 1,400 bbls. at 28 cts. Sugar is dull. Coffee is firm. Naval stores are dull. Freights are steady.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

PHILADELPHIA HAY MARKET, Feb. 15.—There is an increased demand for Hay at the present time, owing to the fact that large quantities are being bought, daily, by Government contractors. Last week's sales at the Farmers' Hay Market, amounted to over 700 loads, at from 70 to 85 cents per cwt. 50 loads of Straw were disposed of at from 60 to 65 cents per cwt.

IMPORTS INTO BALTIMORE.

FOREIGN.

SAN BLAS AND SAN ANDREAS—*Brig Ella.*—105,000 cocoanuts, 6 bags cocoa, 1 pkg. tortoise shell, 500 boxes oranges. Friend, Ricketts & Co

Shipping Intelligence.

PORT OF BALTIMORE, FEB. 16.

Arrived.

Steamer Adelaide, Cannon, from Old Point Comfort, —M N Falls.

Steamer Wm Woodward, Cundiff, New York—mdse to J A Shriver.

Schr Nathan Clifford, Shute, from Belfast, Me—hay and potatoes to A Warthman

Cleared.

Steamer Adelaide, Cannon, Old Point Comfort, Va—M N Falls.

Steamer Elizabeth, Fowler, Philadelphia—mdse to J A Shriver.

Brig John R Rhoads, Amidon, Philadelphia—C M Jackson & Co.

Schr D C Higgins, Matthews, New York, via a port in the Chesapeake—W Rhoads & Son

Schr Mary C Town, Cranmer, do

Schr T M Somers, Crockett, Pongoteague, Va

Schr Chesapeake, Miles, Annamessex river, Md

Schr Eliza B Jones, Brown, Vienna

Arrivals from Baltimore.

Ship Ernestine, (Brem) Frerichs, Bremerhaven, 21 ult

Ship John M Mayo, Classon, Bordeaux, 29th ult

Bark Cricket, Wingate, Rio de Janeiro, Dec 29th

Schr H Martin, Slaight, New York, 14th inst

Schr Golden Eagle, Kelly, New York, 15th inst

Schr Israel H Day, Chase, New York, 15th inst

Schr Sea Gull, Howland, New York, 15th inst

Schr R S Warren, Warren, Winterport, 8th inst

Schr Fischer, Huttinson, Winterport, 9th inst

Schr F King, McFarland, Philadelphia, 14th inst

Clearances for Baltimore.

Schr Eclipse, Cook, New York, 15th inst

Schr J Crockford, Smith, New York, 16th inst

Schr J VanSant, Bridge, New York, 15th inst

Schr Mary Ann, Haley, New York, 14th inst

Schr W H White, Dayton, New York, 14th inst

Memoranda.

Ship Carrier Dove, Montell, for Liverpool, sailed from San Francisco, 15th ult

Entered outward at Liverpool, 30th ult, ships Carl, Vonllarten; Ferdinand, Bullerdieck, and Bremen, Meyer, all for Baltimore

Bark Andrew Manderson, Thompson, from Troon, arrived at Havana, 29th ult, and was discharging on the 8th inst

Bark Industrie, (Brem) Hilcken, hence for Amsterdam, was off Dungeness, 31st ult

Bark Mandomin, Ferrill, of Baltimore, from Rio de Janeiro, Jan 1, arrived at New York on Saturday

Brig Lightning, Daniels, from Rio de Janeiro, arr at New York, 15th inst

Schr Justina Bandel, Peters, from Cape de Verde, arr at Rio Grande, Dec 16th

Schr R W Tull, Townsend, from Aspinwall, was at Cienfuegos, 18th ult

Schr Wm H Turner, Grant, for Baltimore, sailed from Winterport, 7th inst

Schr Allen Middleton, Jr, Sipple, from Matanzas, arr at Ndw York, 15th inst

Schr R W Troth, Johnson, from Baltimore, was disch g at St Thomas, 28th ult

Schr Ocean Bird, Hull, for New York, to load for Baltimore, sailed from Providence, 13th inst

Eastern Ports.

NEW YORK, February 15—Noon—Arr steamships Cleator, Kingston, Ja; United Kingdom, Glasgow; bark Lamplighter, Salt Cay; brigs Olive, Black River, Jam; Boston Lady, Moutego Bay; Mary E Milliken, Matanzas. —Cl'd ships Rapid, Melbourne; Dreadnought and Caroline, Liverpool

PHILADELPHIA, February 14.—Noon—Cl'd ship R Cushman, Liverpool; schrs S A Boice, Port Royal; J R Fox, Chalcedonia

BOSTON, February 13.—Arr ship Kingfisher, Ship Island; brig Pico, Gonaives.—Cl'd brigs Elbe, Port au Prince; Vesta, Havana

PORTLAND, February 12—Arr steamship United Kingdom, Glasgow.—Cl'd brig Josio Gilkey, Havana; schr Leonessa, Matanzas

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMERS.

FOR EUROPE.

Names	Leaves	For	Days
America	New York	Liverpool	Feb. 19
Cleator	New York	Kingston, Ja	Feb. 20
Jura	Portland	Liverpool	Feb. 22
Etna	New York	Liverpool	Feb. 22
United Kingdom	New York	Glasgow	Feb. 25
Asia	New York	Liverpool	Feb. 26
Kangaroo	New York	Liverpool	M'ch 1
Norwegian	Portland	Liverpool	M'ch 1
Karnak	New York	Nassau	M'ch 3
Canada	Boston	Liverpool	M'ch 5
City of New York	New York	Liverpool	M'ch 8
Bohemian	Portland	Liverpool	M'ch 8
Bremen	New York	Bremen	M'ch 15
Niagara	Boston	Liverpool	M'ch 19
Caledonia	New York	Glasgow	M'ch 25

FOR THE UNITED STATES

Names	Leave	For	Days
Kangaroo	Liverpool	New York	Feb. 5
Norwegian	Liverpool	Portland	Feb. 6
Canada	Liverpool	Boston	Feb. 8
City of New York	Liverpool	New York	Feb. 12
Borussia	South'pton	New York	Feb. 12
Arabia	Liverpool	Boston	Feb. 15
Bremen	South'pton	New York	Feb. 19
Caledonia	Glasgow	New York	Feb. 22
Niagara	Liverpool	Boston	Feb. 22
Hammonia	South'pton	New York	Feb 26
Saxonia	South'pton	New York	M'ch 12

LATEST NEWS.

TELEGRAMS.

IMPORTANT FROM TENNESSEE.

SURRENDER OF FORT DONELSON CONFIRMED.

FIFTEEN THOUSAND PRISONERS TAKEN.

CAPTURE OF GENERALS BUCKNER, PILLOW AND JOHNSTON.

OFFICIAL DESPATCH FROM GEN. GRANT.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—A special despatch to the *Tribune*, dated "Camp in the Field, Feb. 15, 6 P. M." says:—"The right wing commenced storming the fort about noon to-day, and have taken the right wing of the enemy's fortifications, over which the stars and stripes are now floating." The opposing forces are now breast to breast, ready to open the work of death upon each other at any moment.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 17, A. M.—Fort Donelson was taken yesterday with fifteen thousand prisoners, including Buckner and Johnston.

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ST. LOUIS, Feb. 17.—Despatches from General Grant to Gen. Halleck announce the surrender of Fort Donelson, with fifteen thousand prisoners, including Generals Albert Sydney Johnston, Buckner and Pillow.

Details of the Great Battle---Terrible Slaughter.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 17—Noon.—Further official advices from Fort Donelson to-day fully confirm the signal victory of the Union arms in the great battle just concluded there.

Gen. Floyd, the notorious traitor, made his escape during the night of Saturday. The Confederates in the fort denounced him as a black-hearted traitor and a coward.

The enemy are known to have had 30,000 troops in their fortifications and intrenchments, fifteen thousand of whom are our prisoners. Five thousand escaped, *and the balance are reported killed or otherwise disabled.*

Our loss is not stated, but the slaughter in our ranks is mentioned as having been terribly severe.

Despatch from Com. Foote---He is About to Proceed Against Clarksville.

CAIRO, February 17, 1862.

Hon. Gideon Welles, Secretary of the Navy:

The gunboat Carondelet has just arrived from Fort Donelson, and brings information of the capture of that fort by the land forces, yesterday morning, with fifteen thousand prisoners. Generals Johnston and Buckner are taken prisoners. The loss is heavy on both sides.

Floyd escaped with five thousand men during the night.

I go up with the gunboats, and as soon as possible will proceed up to Clarksville. Eight mortar-boats are on their way, with which I hope to attack Clarksville. My foot is painful, but not dangerous. The army has behaved gloriously. I shall be able to take but two iron-clad gunboats with me, as the others are disabled.

The trophies of war are immense. The particulars will soon be given. A. H. FOOTE,

Flag Officer.

The Surrender---Reception of the News at St. Louis---Great Rejoicing.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 17.—Fort Donelson surrendered at 9 o'clock yesterday morning, to our land forces. Several gunboats were present at the time.

An immense amount of war material is among the trophies of the victory.

Floyd skulked away during the night before the surrender.

The gunboat Carondolet, Captain Walker, which arrived at Cairo this morning, with the news, brought a large number of our wounded to the Paducah and Cairo hospitals.

This city is wild with excitement and joy. The cheering news was read at the Union Merchants' Exchange, creating the most intense enthusiasm. The "Star Spangled Banner," "Flag of our Union" and "Red, White and Blue" were sung by all present with enthusiasm, after which they marched to headquarters, some 1,200 or 1,500 strong, where three rousing cheers were given for General Halleck and Commodore Foote.

General Halleck appeared at a window and thanked the people for their hearty demonstrations, and said:

"I promised, when I came here, with your aid, to drive the enemies of our flag from your State. This has been done, and the enemy is now virtually out of Kentucky, and soon will be out of Tennessee."

More cheers for the Union were given and the Star Spangled Banner was repeated, and then the crowd dispersed.

Judge Hoit wept for joy when he heard the news.

Many stores were closed, the people being eager to participate in the rejoicings. The city is being decorated with flags, and the evidences of great joy are everywhere manifested.

Gen. Yates, Secretary Hatch and Auditor Dubois of Illinois left for Fort Donelson this morning to look after the wounded of the Illinois troops.

A requisition has been made for all the steamboats in this vicinity to be held in readiness for the transportation of troops and government stores.

More Official Despatches.

CAIRO, Feb. 17, 1862.

To Major-General McClellan:

The Union flag floats over Fort Donelson. The Carondolet, Capt. Walker, brings the glorious intelligence. The fort surrendered at 9 o'clock yesterday (Sunday) morning, Generals Johnston (A. Sidney) and Buckner and fifteen thousand prisoners and a large amount of material of war are the trophies of the victory. The loss is heavy on both sides.

Floyd, the thief, stole away during the night previous, with five thousand men, and is denounced by the Confederates as a traitor.

I am happy to inform you that Flag-Officer Foote, (though suffering with his foot,) with the noble spirit characteristic of our navy, notwithstanding his disability, will take up immediately two gunboats, and with the eight mortar-boats which he will overtake will make an immediate attack on Clarksville, if the stage of water will permit.

We are now firing a national salute from Fort Cairo, General Grant's late post, in honor of the glorious achievment.

[Signed] GEO. W. CULLUM,
Brig. General Vol. and U. S. A.,
And Chief of Staff of Engineers.

The Latest.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—A special despatch to the *Times*, dated Fort Donelson, February 16, 1862, says:

Fort Donelson surrendered at daylight this morning, unconditionally. We have taken Generals Buckner, Johnson, Bushrod and fifteen thousand prisoners. Also 3,000 horses.

Generals Pillow and Floyd, with their brigades, ran away on steamers during the night, without letting Buckner know their intentions.

General Smith led the charge on the lower end of the works, and was first inside the fortifications. The Fort Henry runaways were all here bagged.

The prisoners are going on board the steamers for Cairo.

Our loss is heavy, probably 100 killed and 800 wounded. We lose a large per centage of officers. Among them Lieutenant-Colonel Erwin, of the 20th Illinois; White, of the 31st, and Smith, of the 48 h.

Colonels John A. Logan, Sawyer and Ransom are wounded.

Major Post, of the Eighth Illinois, with two hundred privates are prisoners, and have gone to Nashville, having been taken on the night before the surrender, in a skirmish. The enemy's loss is very heavy, but not so great as ours, as they fought behind entrenchments, whilst our brave fellows had nothing to shelter them from the iron storm.

We should have taken them by storming on Saturday, if our ammunition had not given out in the night.

McClernand's Division, composed of Generals Oglesbie's, Wallace's and McArthur's Brigades, suffered terribly. They were composed of the 8th, 9th, 11th, 18th, 20th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 35th, 38th and 49th Illinois. Gen. Lew. Wallace, with the 11th Indiana, 8th Missouri, and some Ohio regiments, participated in the assault.

Taylor's, Willard's, McAllister's, Schwartz's and De Casse's batteries were in the fight from the commencement.

The enemy turned our right for half an hour, but our lost ground was more than regained.

General Lanmon's Brigade, of General Smith's division, was the first in the lower end of the enemy's works, which was done by a charge of bayonets.

As nine-tenths of the Confederates were pitted against our right, our forces on the right were ready all night to recommence the attack on Sunday morning. They were met on their approach by a white flag, General Buckner having sent early in the morning a despatch to General Grant surrendering the works.

The outposts of the fort extended some five miles.

The Confederates lost 48 field pieces, 17 heavy guns, 20,000 stand of arms, besides a large quantity of commissionary stores, etc, etc.

The Confederate troops are completely demoralized, and have no confidence in their leaders as they charge Pillow and Floyd with deserting them.

Our troops from the moment of the investment of the fort on Wednesday last, lay on their arms night and day, half the time without provisions. All the time without tents, and a portion of the time in a heavy rain storm.

Rejoicings Over the Great Victory.

BOSTON, Feb. 17.—The news of the capture of Fort Donelson creates an immense patriotic and jubilant *furore* in this city. There has not been so much joy manifested in Boston since the old Revolutionary victories.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—The city is jubilant over the good news. Flags are out in every direction in token of the public joy.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 17.—The news of the greatest victory of the war operates like sunshine, of which we are entirely destitute. Crowds are gathering under umbrellas in the vicinity of Third and Chestnut, and "extras" find a ready demand. The arrangements for the grand celebration of our victories appointed for the 22d of February, will be made on a much more extensive scale in view of this almost overwhelming disaster to the Confederate cause. Flags are everywhere thrown out, regardless of the storm, and the occasion is one of the greatest public rejoicing.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 17.—Despatches from all parts of the country evidence the greatest excitement and rejoicing over the result of the siege of Fort Donelson. Guns are being fired in every city, town and village. Bonfires are blazing, and in several cases there are general illuminations.

CHICAGO, February 17.—A private message this evening to the Sanitary Commission, from Cairo, says our loss at Fort Donelson is estimated at 300 killed, 600 wounded, and 100 missing.

Aid for the Wounded Soldiers.

INDIANAPOLIS, February 17.—A special train left here to-day with physicians and twenty-five volunteer nurses, and large quantities of hospital stores, to relieve the wounded at Fort Donelson.

A citizens meeting has been called to make arrangements for taking care of the wounded that will be sent here. Governor Morton leaves tonight for Fort Donelson.

FROM BOWLING GREEN.

Further Particulars of the Retreat of the Confederates from Bowling Green.

CINCINNATI, February 16.—The *Commercial* has received the following relative to the evacuation of Bowling Green by the Confederates.

On learning that the Confederates were retreating, forced marches were ordered by Mitchell to save, if possible, the railroad and turnpike bridges on Big Barren river. They had, however, been destroyed when General Mitchell reached the banks of the river.

The brigades of Breckinridge and Hindman were, until Thursday evening, at Woodland station.—The Confederates left nothing at Bowling Green except a few old wagons, and part of the town is reported to have been burnt.

[illegible] in Kentucky west of the direct road from Bowling Green via Franklin to Nashville.

Crittenden is trying to organize another army at Carthage, (on the South bank of Cumberland, east of Nashville.) This is the only Confederate force on the line from Bowling Green to Nashville.

Breckinridge and Hindman's brigades have fallen back on Russellville (about thirty miles southwest of Bowling Green on the road from that point to Clarksville), where Buckner's and Floyd's brigades have been stationed for some time. Hardee and Johnston were also believed to be at this point on Friday.

It is presumed, with the exception of the above brigades, the whole Confederate army lately at Bowling Green, has been moved to Fort Donelson and Clarksville. What movement may have been made by the Confederate forces since Thursday can only be conjectured, but the probabilities are they have concentrated their whole force on the Cumberland. If, however, they have not done so, the divisions of Nelson and Mitchell will be ample to cope with all they may have between Bowling Green and Nashville.

It is believed that the divisions of McCook and Thomas embarked at the mouth of the Salt river on steamers for the Cumberland, on Saturday night and yesterday. The troops that have been in the camp of instruction at Bardstown were at Louisville yesterday embarking for the Cumberland river.

Three Indiana regiments with a battery of artillery leave New Albany to-day. The aggregate of these reinforcements is probably 40,000men.

General Buell, we understand, goes with General McCook's division to take command in person on the Cumberland, where our forces will by to-morrow night number 80,000 men. While he presses the enemy on the Cumberland with his tremendous force, their flank and rear are pressed by the heavy division under General Mitchell and General Nelson.

Since writing the above we learn that the regiments now in the Ohio camps are ordered at once to the Cumberland.

The Latest from Bowling Green.

LOUISVILLE, February 17.—Bowling Green advices say that General Mitchell captured five locomotives at the depot, and scattered the last of the retreating Confederates, killing some fifteen.

Telegraphic Council of War.

WASHINGTON, February 17.—Yesterday the military telegraph lines of the American Telegraph Company and those of the Western Union Company were connected with the headquarters of Major General McClellan, and put in direct communication with General Buell at Louisville, General Halleck at St. Louis, and Commodore Foote at Cairo. By arrangement, the messages of the General-in-Chief to each commander were repeated at the same time to the others. The distance traversed by the electric fluid at one writing was over 1300 miles. The communication was maintained from eleven o'clock in the morning till six o'clock in the evening, with the promptness of a personal interview, and not only gave entire satisfaction, but called forth the warmly expressed admiration of the distinguished correspondents.

FREDERICK, Feb. 17.—The Unionists of Upper Maryland, and the officers and men of General Banks' Division, participate warmly in the general joy over the victory at Fort Donelson, as well as the victories in Kentucky, Missouri, and North Carolina.

The weather is stormy with a sleeting rain all day.

The President's Thanks to Genl. Lander.

WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., February 17, 1861.

To Brigadier-General F. W. Lander:

The President directs me to say that he has observed, with pleasure, the activity and enterprise manifested by yourself and the officers and soldiers of your command; you have shown how much may be done in the worst weather, and worst roads, by a spirited officer at the head of a small force of brave men unwilling to waste life in camp when the enemies of their country are within reach.—Your brilliant success is a happy presage of what may be expected when the army of the Potomac shall be led to the field by their gallant generals.

[Signed] EDWIN M. STANTON,
Secretary of War.

The Committee on Contracts.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The House Committee on Contracts have been discharged from the further consideration of Quartermaster Van Vliet's advertisement for horses. The committee say that the shortness of the notice for bids was owing to a pressing necessity. They are perfectly satisfied with his integrity, and his action in the premises was with a view only to the public interests.

Promotion of General Grant.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Honors follow swift on the heels of victory. Immediately on the receipt of the telegraphic news announcing the capture of Fort Donalson, the Secretary of War sent the name of General Grant to the President for nomination to the Senate as Major-General, as a reward for his gallant services.

The News at Cincinnati—Rise in Pork.

CINCINNATI, February 16.—There is most intense anxiety manifested everywhere to hear the particulars of the Fort Donelson victory.

Crowds of people surrounded the newspaper offices last night.

Yesterday the whole stock of pork here—worth over six millions of dollars—was taken out of market, and an advance of a dollar and a half per barrel, or eleven dollars, freely offered, but refused.

Orders have been telegraphed here, to commission men, to purchase at any price.

The Army Moving.

CINCINNATI, February 17.—Troops have been passing through the city all day, for the Cumberland river.

Interruption of the Western Telegraph Lines by the Storm.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 17—P. M.—The storm has so affected the Western telegraph lines that they have ceased to work. This prevents the transmission of the particulars and details of the battle which have doubtless ere this reached Cairo and St. Louis. Some hope has been entertained of receiving the news via the Lake lines to Buffalo, and thence to this point.

From New Mexico.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 17.—Santa Fe advices to January 31. General Sibley's command of 3,000 Texans with 8 field pieces, advanced as far as Santa Barbara, but returned in the direction of El Paso. Colonel Canby was after him. General Hovey and his column left Santa Fe on the 1st for the scene of action.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR IMPROVING THE CONDITION OF THE POOR.—The regular monthly meeting of the Poor Association took place last night. From the report of the agents we make the following abstract: Number of families relieved 2,483; of which 1,234 were American, 861 foreign, and 388 negro. The total number of persons relieved was 9,082, at an expense of $3,906 98. Besides the money 465¾ cords of wood and 180 tons of coal. There were 8 boys and 5 girls sent to the public schools, and 2 each to Sunday schools.—Employment was found for 5 men and 10 women. Of those relieved 31 were Baptists, 93 Episcopalians, 38 Presbyterians, 598 Catholics, 202 Methodists, and 95 Lutherans; 1,423 did not belong to any church.

Dr. H. S. Hunt presented the report of the Fuel Committee. The supply of wood in the First district has been exhausted, and arrangements have been made with Caleb B. Hynes to furnish what may be wanted at an advance on the former price of 51 cents per cord. It is expected that a supply from other sources will soon be received, in which case the arrangements with Mr. Hynes will cease. Mr. Samuel Cottingham, who contracted to furnish 400 cords of wood, has only furnished 231½ cords. He has failed to fulfill his contract, and the committee refuse to pay him for what he has furnished. The total amount due for wood is $2,246 91.

The Treasurer presented his report as follows:

Balance in hand at last meeting, $2,334; cash per Messrs. Creighton and Whitridge, $1,000; money paid to Secretary, $448 99; from the President *pro tem.*, $20; from 1st ward, $45.75; 2d ward, $83 29; 3d ward, $67.82; 4th ward, $62; 5th ward, $212 49; 6th ward, $20; 7th ward, $27; 8th ward, $71; 9th ward, $1,149 56; 10th ward, $1,110 14; 11th ward, $215 25; 12th ward, $173.56; 13 h ward, $222 91; 14th ward, $2; 15th ward, $113 57; 16th, 17th and 18th wards, nothing; 19th ward, $62 50; 20th ward, $68 06;—making a total of $7,500 19.

The payments since the last meeting were office expenses and sundries, $202.87; 1st district, $898.17; 2d district, $524,87; 3d district, $345 61; 4th district, $480 17; for wood, $443.83; advertising and stationery, $42 35—total, $2,937 87. Leaving a balance in the treasury of $4,562 32.

The sum of $800 was appropriated to each district for the month of March.

RAILROAD ON HOWARD STREET.—Yesterday evening, in the First Branch of the City Council, Mr. Hoopes introduced an ordinance authorizing the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company to reconstruct the railroad through Howard and other streets, from the Bolton to the Camden depot. The ordinance provides for running locomotives on the track at all hours, provided they do not move at a speed above four miles an hour, and, while in motion, to constantly ring a bell. The ordinance was referred to the Committee on Highways, of which Mr. Mules is chairman.

CHARGE OF ROBBERY.—David Paul Jones, colored, was taken into custody yesterday morning upon the charge of breaking open the oyster-packing establishment of E. C. Thomas & Sons, corner of Lexington and Arch streets, and robbing it of a number of articles. Several of the stolen articles were found upon his person. He was committed to jail by Justice Logan to answer the charge before the Grand Jury.

PAYING THE POLICE.—Yesterday afternoon, in the First Branch of the City Council, Mr. Sauerwein presented an ordinance appropriating $33,890.53 to pay the police up to the eighth day of this month. The money is to be taken out of the funds which are in the hands of the City Register, and which were to the credit of the Board of Police Commissioners. The ordinance was unanimously passed.

DISMISSED FROM THE SERVICE.—Col. J. C. McConnell, of the Third Maryland regiment, has been dismissed from the service, by order of the Secretary of War.

Amusements.

HOLLIDAY STREET THEATRE.—Last night J. Wilkes Booth made his first appearance in his native city, on the Holliday Street stage. To say that his effort was a success, would be paying but a lukewarm tribute to that genius which has placed him in the first rank of his profession. Great [illegible] were more than fulfilled the expectations, by an impressive piece of acting, and elicited the approbation of the audience to the utmost. When the curtain fell on the last scene, the enthusiasm was unbounded, and the youthful actor was compelled, exhausted as he was, to present himself before the lights to receive the admiration of his audience. Mr. Tilton's *Richmond* was an admirable piece of acting, and proved a great assistance to the principal character. To-night, the play of *Richard* will be repeated, with the same admirable cast.

FRONT STREET THEATRE.—Even the bad weather cannot thin the houses at Front Street. Mr. and Mrs. Barney Williams have taken the hearts of the people, and, always favorites, they are now more popular than ever. For genuine mirth, void of either slang or vulgarity, the Williamses have no superiors on the stage. The bill for to-night is excellent, and those who have not seen them, should drop into Front Street.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

(Regular Session.)

FIRST BRANCH.—The Branch met at 5 o'clock. Present WM. S. CROWLEY, Esq., President *pro tem.*, and all the members.

Mr. YOUNG presented a communication from the City Surveyor relative to the fees of his office. Referred.

Mr. EVANS presented a communication from Jas. E. Warford, offering a tract of land of 50 acres as a site for a new Almshouse. Referred.

Mr. STREETER presented a claim from