NEWS FROM THE SOUTH.

GEN. SHERMAN'S MARCH.

Probable Capture of Augusta, Macon and Millen.

North Carolina Drained of Troops.

The Peace Men Getting Bold.

Movement.

SHERMAN IN LINE OF BATTLE. within the fort.

He is Within Five Miles of the City of Savannah.

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Official Bulletin. Dec. 13, 8 P. M.—Major Gen. John A. Dir, mand was formed at the battle of Stone | Thereupon several of the enemy's bat-New York :- The Richmond papers of yes- River.

is near Savannah, probably not five miles two hundred and seven prisoners, inclu- main demonstration will probably be next distant. He has not yet made an attack. ding eighteen commissioned officers. Two made against Coosahatchie, while by flank-It is still doubtful whether he will do ro, guns and twelve-pounder Napoleons were ers at Pocotaligo and Grahamsville he will or make for the coast southeast of the city. captured, and one is now in position on endeavor to divide our forces and distract It is very certain he has not yet opened | the fort. communication with the coast, though he may do so very soen."

ed from below Charleston, states that the town, shelling it fiercely and destroy-Sherman was in line of battle-"We will ing many houses. not say where"-confronted by a strong Confederate force.

"Another paper states there has been no direct communication with Savannal, for several days, but we apprehend the wires bave been cut between that place and ! Charleston.

"U. S. GRANT." - The severity of the weather has prevent ed any important movements by either side at Nashvillo

Nothing of importance is reported to-day from the armies of the Potomac or of the Shenandoal. EDWIN M. STANTON.

Secretary of War. Important from North Carolina.

NEWBERN, N. C., Dec. & -Refugees from the enemy's lines state that some o the Opposition papers intimate that Sherman's infantry captured Augusta, Milledgeville and Maron, while the rebel papers, which claim to speak officially, deny that he had made any such progress. The departure of the rebel troops to

Georgia leaves North Carolina nearly troops here. destitute of an armed force. The Opposition papers speak of Shersweep everything before him, and plant | kets. his victorious standard on the coast. The the opposition papers, which are now Brown. fearlessly advocating immediate steps for a consution of hostilities and the acceptance of such terms as the Federal Govern.

ment may feel disposed to grant. The recent bold steps taken to this end by the delegation in the rebel Congress) are austained by a large majority of the people, who are sending their letters o approval to these representatives, who are urged to withdraw in a body from Richmond and to return to North Carolina and assist in the movement of separate

State action for peace The North Carolina papers say Sherstill greater importance.

Morganzia.

has arrived here.

of cotton, valued at \$160,000 mores en route for Richmond. confirmed by the Southwest correspondent |

of the New Orleans papers, who say he has a crippled left hand from his engage. that he will have a difficulty in forming a ment with the Kearsarge. He goes to Richmond to stand his trial for the loss of SOUTHERN JOKING ON SHERHMAN'S armored the steamer Alabama The steamer Ike Davis has been sold

for over \$35,000 in gold

The steamer Orizaba, which left the Southwest months since for Matamoras and put into Matagorda in distress, was follows seized by the Confederates, and sold. Gen. Mejia is represented as being very ble druggist, that Gen. Sherman has been severe to his soldiers. The punishment for almost any misdemeanor is five hundred lashes and death

The City of Cayace had been quiet since the departure of Cortinas No change had taken place in the New Oriouns markets.

Gen. Canby Lad sufficiently recovered to move about with the aid of his crutches. JUDGE U. 4. COURT. Washington, Dec. 12.—The President

to-day nominated to the Senate David Mc. Donald for United States Judge of the District of Indiana, in the place of Hon. Albert J. White, deceased. West last week.

Repulse and Route of the Enemy.

Rebels Suffering from Cold Weather

tle. The railroad south of Murfreesboro road between Murfreesbore and Orville ! Creek. Five miles north from there to Orville, the rail is destroyed.

Block Louses Nos. 5 and 6 were abandoned by Col. Morrison's forces, the enemy surrounding them; but they bravely fought their way out, and reached Mur freesbore without loss.

On Sunday the 4th, Blockhouse at Or. Tille Creek, was attacked by Gen. Bates' rebol division, with a battery of artillery. | Seventy-four shots were fired at it, doing, | ' however, no damage. The same afternoon three regiments, with a section of artillery, went from Murfreesboro under Gen. Milroy. The enemy's force was unknown. Our troops attacked and routed the enemy The Federal loss was four killed and forty wounded. The enemy's loss is unknown. Night coming on, our forces returned

forced by two brigades of infantry and Under this arrangement there was no 2,500 cavalry under Ferrest in person.— shelling yesterday. We understand that During Tuesday and Wednesday the ene- the truce was also to apply to the various my demonstrated against the fort at Mur- bostile batteries in the harbor, but by some freesboro' and the town, coming up within mistake, the cause of which we have not one mile of the fort, and skirmishing learned, the terms of the truce were not heavily. On Wednesday the enemy's in- fully known at Fort Sumter, and one of fantry moved around to Wilkinson's pike, of our sharpshooters at that port shot and about one mile and a quarter northwest of killed a "Yankee," who showed himself WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, the fortress, near where Nagley's com- at Battery Gregg.

sollowing telegram from Gen. Grant, to be logs and rails. We attacked and utterly of the truce. The harbor then resume In line of battle not five miles from Sa- routed the rebels, who were drawn off in its former quiet. great confusion, Forrest's cavalry making FROM THE SAVANNALI RAILROAD. "HITT POINT, Va., Dec. 13 .- To Hon. a race against time in their hurry to es- [From the Charleston Mercury of the 6th.] E. V. Starton, Secretary of War :- Rich- cape. Our loss in this engagement was We have received no definite intellimond papers of to-day contain the follow- thirty killed and one hundred and seventy gence of any further fighting on the five wounded. The enemy's loss largely coast. We hear, however, that the ene-"The Richmond Dispatch says Sherman exceeds ours. In this fight we captured my is quite active in that quarter. His than elighteen miles. His men were reprecount of the strength of the works, and the

Just previous to Gen. Milroy's attack on the rebels, Buford's division of car-Later .- A telegraphic dispatch receiv. alry attacked Murfreesboro' and entered

Gou Rosseau, with one regiment of infantry and artillery, drove them out In these encounters, the rebels were;

levery instance badly whipped, and have not made their appearance since. Our troops are highly complimented t

General Rousseau for their unflinching bravery and courage. Gen R. S. Granger is reported all right at Stevenson, Ala

General Strapols, Brigadier General Ad-General Branberry Three others were

The Artizan, of Murfreesbore, says :-General Bates was killed on the 7th inst. and the report is generally believed here. The weather is exceedingly cold, and no movement has taken place among the

Persons from the rebel lines report intense suffering among the rebel troops .-man's undertaking as unparalleled in his. All the carpets have been torn up in the ory, and intimate that he will doubtless | whole neighborhood, and made into blan. | He then went ashore, drove away the Oa Muzday last a fight took place at Walk.

ed at Franklin, on account of a lack of | der artillery and ammunition.

Notwithstanding the cold weather, our soldiers do not suffer much. They are i well clothed, and have a good supply of blankets and tents

The river is rising, with six feet of water on the shoals. LOUISVLLE, Dec. 12 -Tho rebel Gen. man's cavalry had captured Millen, and Lyon crossed the Cumberland river with doubtless had liberated the Yankee priso- his command on Saturday, at Yellow oners, and were moving on to a place of Creek, about twenty miles below Clarks. ville. His force is reported at about 12500. When last heard from he was Captain Semmes en route for Rich-| moving towards Hopkinsville, Ky., and mond-Mexican Affairs--- From threatening that place If he attacks that point, the garrison being small, will

CAIRO, Dec'r 9 .- The steamer Missis- be compelled to fall back to a stronger sippi, from New Orleans the fth instant, position. Breckinridge's position seems to be in doubt. A loyal gentlemen says A cotton press at Matamoros was de- | he is at Sparta, Tenn., with about 10,000 stroyed early in November with 800 bales | men This gentleman speaks of what he knows, and the fact indicates that Breck Captain Semmes had arrived in Mata- inridge intends to reinforce Hood, and if bossible reach the main relel army. the movements of a portion of our troops under Stoneman and Enrichtedge indicate a

MOVEMENTS.

WASHINGTON, December 13 --- A letter from City Point says: - The only pretended account from Gen. Sherman found in the Southern papers of Saturday, is as ?

"We are informed by a perfectly reliainduced to march into Okeparoko swami where Gen. Bragg has him surrounded, and it was deemed certain he would surrander as soon as he discovered his inter

esting predicament for by several other reliable pentlemen from New Hampshire. 1.417 from Massa. who are conversant with the situation chusetts, 50 from Rhode Island, I from } down South, and who will swear to it if necessary. Now let the Northern papers, Pennsylvania, and 32 from Florida say that we are withholding the news if

Borthast in Banger, Me, paid the raiders have been discharged by the Court Datch Gap Canel. freight on fleur and grain, received from the bern for want of jurisdiction. There is

From Fortress Monroe. FORTRESS MONROE, Dee'r 12th.—The expedition which left Norfolk on the 3d gunboat Chicopee and the 85th New York Volunteers, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Wm. Clark, for the purpose of breaking up the contraband trade suspected for a long time as taking place between the rebels of Norfolk and the rebel agents NASHVILLE, Dec. 12.-Official reports on Roanoke Island, has met with encourare just received from Gen. Rousseau, at | aging success. Colonel Clark, with a portion of his regiment, marched for soveral miles into the interior of Stafford and is believed to be uninjured, as also the Bertes counties, surprising at one point a company of rebel soldiers guarding a lot of goods in transitu for their army, captured country, and are a source of considerable ed, in part, by the unfavorableness of the anxiety to the peaceful farmers and resident dents of that locality. The whole force!

rebel cavalry at Tar Landing. EXCUANCE OF PRISONERS [From the Charleston Mercury, of the sch and which will probably last for two weeks road. or thereabouts, the bombardment of the On Monday last the enemy was rein city by the enemy is to be suspended.

the 6th instant, having met with no loss

ed in a slight skirmish with a company

terday report Gen. Sherman at Blooming. Seven regiments and a battery were however, by the activity of Capt. Hatch, dale, fifteen miles from Savannah, on Sat- sent out on the Salam pike where they the enemy were apprised by flag of truce urday. He is reported by this morning's encountered the enemy near Wilkinson's of the nature of the mistake, and an apol-Richmond papers, as will be seen by the pike, entrenched behind breastworks of ogyrendered for the unintentional violation

the attention of our officers.

[Special to the New York Times] OFF FORT SUMTER, CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 7, 1864.—The steamer Victor The said he would not tick an ergage. Troops were seen moving into position at leased soldiers from the prison-pen at Flor- ammunition to spare, but would make als way this point, although they had just arrived, ence, S. C. They were delivered to Col. to the rescout at the nearest practicable and the fire from the batteries of the enc-Mulford yesterday, and the aggregate point Tho anemy had three or four hundred number thus far received by us foot un acgives with them. They had no arms, but 6.500. The remainder of the ten thousand are promised just as fast as they can be brought to Charleston, and Col. Mal- to the general order of Sherman, issued at the ford hopes to close up the business here beginning of the march, and the whole counby the end of the present week, provided try has been filinged by mobe of soldiers morning started on their return, reaching that the weather is favorable for the tran shipment of the men in the open road. stead, near the ruins of Fort Sumter .--Many of the released men are in the most deplorable condition, from sickness and

Of Sherman's movement I can send his probably been looght before this time, Rebel prisoners report the following you no news. The latest Charleston jour- | apprisonate Particulars or Elepatricular's loss of their generals in the late battle at | nais way that on a rivery take no use process po (from the Augusta Constitutionalist, Dec. t.) hals say that on Friday last he had passed longer room to doubt that Savannah was burne, Brigadier General Gist, Brigadier his destination. I forward the latest files Charleston and Savannah journals

ams, Brigadier General Carter, Brigadier OUTRAGE AT MARACAIBO-BHIT- Dur troops, alter excellengeling, ratired. ISH ASSISTANCE. NEW YORK, Dec. 13 .- The Larkentine Teresa from Maracaibo Nov. 20, reports ledgo us by fire and counter charges, but. Chief may deem most effectual that General Poulza, a revolutionary exile, | Vaully being flauked, were compelled to retire. visited the port November 14th, in a British schooner with a crew of twelve men. He made prisoners of the officers and crews of two Government boats sent to: board his vessel, and having thus weak- curatde, Cel. Gaines, acting Brigacter, was

ened the force aboard of the Government schooner he easily captured her and then proceeded to sea with the pris-

great state of alarm, fearing that the place | Senators. Rebel sympathizers say Hood got worst- would be bembarded and have to surren The Teresa was detained for three days, no pilot being willing to go to sea. until all fears were allayed. A TERRIFIC GALE AT USWEGO Oawrgo, Dec. 12 .- A terrific gale of

wind and snow has prevailed here sing six o'clock last night and continues to-day | without abstement. The togs Tornade and Lady Franklir with two canal boats and shovelers le here yesterday morning to secure a porti-

of the cargo of the brig J S ashore near Texas When the gale set in the tugs starte for port, but the lighters broke loose an were cither awamped or went autore

Reports are in circulation that men we on board of them A number of sailors started a bontire on the shore, by the aid of which the Tornado these Ballarat companies have already paid found the harbor and arrived safely The Lady Franklin was run ashere

ow Rine Mile Point. Crew savoil Mobile Bay-Rebel Rams an Blockade Runners NEW YORK, Dec. 13.-A letter from

the now robel ram at Selma, Ala , is being It is reported that seven rams and gunaboats are inside the obstructions in the rush this spring." harbor, besides four blockade runners, with cargoes of cotton awaiting an oppor-

tunity to excaps from Mobile Bay REGISTER OF SEAMEN. WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 - The Secretary State communicates to the House today the returns made by the Collectors of of Customs, pursuant to the act of 1796, for the relief and protection of American Albart P. Melt. n or Meileu chopped off ble scamen registered in the United States tight Land revently, rather than do any with prorts in 1864. Of the whole number-"The truth of this statement is vouched [2,760-1,619 are returned from Maine, 13] Connecticut. 40 from New York, 97 from

> ST. ALBANS' RAIDERS DISCHARGED. TORONTO, Dec. 13.-The St. Albana much excitement in the city. has been sold for \$150,000.

WHIPT BY KILPATRICK

The Pight at Walker's Bridge.

CREMMUM MOAIRS DOMN INS OCCIONS SILES-(From the Richmona Dispatch, Dec. 10.] The news from Georgia yesterday was of a somewhat exciting sharacter. The enemy, who had been marching down the Ogoschee and destroyed a large camp in which were and two on the south side—sudeavered to of the Second Corps, were detailed to effound large quantities of commissary stores unite their forces nearly opposite ____, but foctually put a stop to it by destroying dripping water incessantly, were not All this had given to Nashville an application and avoided and all kinds of ammunition, destined for met with considerable resistance from the Con- the railroad as far south as Hicksford, and the use of the prowling bands of guerillas federate feroes; and at last accounts had not if possible that station also who continually infest this section of the effected their object, which was also prevent-

firer approaches. returned in safety to Roanoke Island on and with only five out of the party wound- were well prepared, and our artillerists did | reported that the exemy had effected a land.

SEERMAN'S ADVANCE TWENTY-PITE MILES PROM SAVANNAM ON DECEMBER C. [From the Richmond Whig, Dec. 10.] Through the courtesy of a gentleman, to skirmisking Tuesday, Documber &, at station Two and a Half, twenty five miles from Sa-

taken place—the result of which we may be boots. enabled to announce this afternoon. The same paper states, on the authority of a gentleman who was a prisoner for a day in the midst of the Yankee army, that the cin. bridge across the Nottoway, and continued and desisting from a further advance, re- abandoned their homes and their property company of horsemen were stationed in a ters speke freely of their plans, and said on to Jarrett's Station, bivonacking at turned. Bherman did not intend to tisk an engage-

There is no news later than the 7th of De- both sides of the Metherrin river. comber. At that time the entire force of : Blarman was combined on the east side of the Ogsecher. On the 6th it advanced to less an attack was deemed incompatible on accountry in his rear was awarming with strag. glers and describers, who are begging or piltalked with the officers concur in the declara- cossfully done. During this charge Coltion that they are mairereally disgueted with spoke very freely of Sherman's plans, were merrly camp followers, alloping off, and reinforced. making their way home at every stopping, to without titiers. Whoeler is operating on the

A BATTLE PROBABLY FOUGET SEPONE SAVANNAM. [From the Richmond Sentinel, Dec. 10] was woring b wards maranab, and a taille

At midnight on Saturday, Gen. W beoler fell farrocaly upon the energy's rear. The Yanhee hersenen who covered the test water driven beek upon their infantry support, and la our tight of Sanday with Kilpatrick's envalry, assisted by the Fourteenth enps, wo repaled the enemy in every attempt to dir. which was done in most excellent order. Us; loss was between secuty and cishty men. That of the federals is reported efficially as flects honor not only on the originator, "rery basys." One of the Yankee officers was captured in a hand to hand encounter. and Kilpetrick bimself was wounded Os entrusted.

A FIGHT ON THE STEE INST., BRAN ADSUSTA. From the Augusta Constitutionalist, Dec c.) they were using extensively—some one election of McClellan to the Presidency ry point; that Gen. Wood has assumed SHAKSPEARE'S PRAYER BOOK er's bridge, on Bise creek, twenty-two miles garrison of a battery, spiked the guns, and from Angusta, in which the federals were Among those who are entertaining rebel | thence proceeding aboard of the captured | worsted. A batch of one hundred and turn re-election of Lincoln, with Sherman's general officers, either by force or pleas. vessel fired into the Government steamer, ty-two Yankes primate Lad arrived in An-

prospects of success, is a new incentive to ure, are Gen Harding and Mrs A. V. killing one man and wounding the Captain, STATE GOVERNMENT OF NEVADA. A report accuse to be gaining ground oners. The vessel in which he entered State Government was inaugurated on the San Francisco, Dec'r 10.-Nevada's that the Tennessceans in Hood's army the port was unarmed, except that the 5th inst. The Legislature meets on the are willing to fight here, but will not crew had revolvers. Maracaibo was in 13th inst, and will elect United States

> ADMIRAL FARRAGUT AT N. YORK, NEW YORK, Dec'r 13 .- The sloop of war Hartford, with Rear Admiral Farra-'gut on board, arrived here this afternoon

THE GOLD FIELDS OF AUSTRALIA-The Melbourre correspondent of the London Times besides a few stragglers who were capwitter Our gold fields are now attracting tured. more general attention than they have received for some years past. So many of the "deep sinking companies" have lately been principal difficulty the men had to encounpaying beyond the expectations even of their sezguine projectors that a "deep sinking" mania bes fer a time selzed the public mind. more especially in Melbourne and Ballarat. thom to do, they managed to keep them-It is not very entprising when we encounter such facts as the following: In Ballarat at the present time, there are eighty-lour companies count with a paid up capital of £775,000 Upwards of a third of these are parios dividence, and most of the others are sanguine of 'hitting the gutter'-the name given to the opera to night has changed, and a cold winddistantistica emok andu guimos to doit. auriferous river bed - a feat sometimes occurring a hundred feet below the surface. sometimes four burdred feet Thirteen or between Ballarat and Garlong-an interesting fact which induces many experienced miners down to the above of Port Philip Bay. In the Gipps land direction also many new reefs have lately been discovered between the now celebrated Woods paint and the Omen, a wild proper effect on that class of men who en end Litherts almost unexplored solitude, to which there are already symptoms of a great

All Brauste of Lowers, cut with a jut kalacutof carrots, turnips and bests, ar-Among the latest movelties. A rose, cat in . light tinted beet, and a debila cut to a turning are mentioned.

ACT The anfortantele city of Vicksburg to begiablice to tier ferm theaches of its ling riege. Businges in briek, tenemante in greet con containing aginterior on the feature !

A rebel prischer at Vickiburg Bein. ! Every town in hankak. o cont. le. for .. gave a Menuelican majority in the late cloction. Beinemhat enveided. ATT Buow is exid to be full three 'cet lee,

oleighieg, etc. the county, ill, was destroyed by fire, with roads we had and have, slushy, miry, all the books, records, &c., no the 25th alt.

MAC, Dec. 11.—The movements in this more impassable for wagone and artillery, Department which have been in course of than the rebels, have brought our General than the rebels, have brought our General than the stand-still. Adding only that much interesting PARTICULARS. been developed, and now the objects in rain fell during last night, and that this tended to be accomplished may be given morning appearances promise much more. to the public, as well as the results at-

At daylight on Wednesday morning the 'column started south on the Jersnalem Federals on the ferries, on the Savannah On arriving at a point nineteen miles from return. managed to get some of their islantry seroes Petersburg, they diverged from the road the flets within eight of the river. Here we about a mile to the right, where they ployed his time in good work. It was supposed that they would reached the Nottaway river, and the comhe compelled to aheadon the attempt. From mand at once commenced crossing, and some cause, either lack of ammunition or ina. bivouncked on the nouth side for the night. Yankses made very little use of artillery, and At half-past seven o'clock on Thursday this added confidence to car troops. It was morning the pontoons were taken up and During the progress of the exchange of ing on the Cossawhatchie, below Posotaligo; the column started, leaving a cavalry deprisoners now going on in the harbor, but they had not been able to reach the rail- tachment to pick up stragglers and return

Sussex Court House, some rebel cavalry ture thrown over the stream. That done peat their bloody experience at Franklin. and sturdy blows of our boys, who needed whom we have been indebted heretofore for were encountered and were driven back to there appeared nothing more to do, and elmilar favors, we received, last night, copies where the Weldon Railroad crosses the of the Augusta papers of Wednesday, the 7th Nottoway. About noon a small force of waiting. reference to Sherman's movements are very the enemy made a dash in between our While these things were doing and not marches over into Kentucky, is hardly up; long deep trenches and isolated rifle meagre. The advance was reported to be cavalry and the advance of the infantry, doing, but were soon routed, with a slight loss Were scouting the country beyond, but is fighting the rheumatism at Florence, in whatever else happened to come in their sensed. They were pressing vigorously toward on both sides. Here a cavalryman was nowhere in our immediate vicinity did which case Forrest is probably in com- way; where in the morning the young la-

struction of the railroad by burning the half a mile they came upon infantry posts Nashville is full of refugees, who have pike, and saw nearly the same sight. A found to be in some force, and having a [From the Richmand Examiner, Dec'r to.], battery in position, with strong works on

After the position had been examined flagging is numbers there were 20,000 mus. difficulty of approaching them, particukets, and a most exormens wegon train The larly with artillery, therefore it was determined to carry the line of works on this laging at every house. Citizens who have side and destroy the depot, which was sucthe expedition and the war. The efficers onel or Major Surgeant, of the first Masmy soon after showed that they had been

It now got dark and began raining, cure peace. We are waiting anxiously! Numbers of citizens who started out packing up her valuables to fly to town be replaced by citara. No stuntion is paid snowing and freezing. The troops camped in the vicinity for the night and in the Sussex Court House and halting there on Saturday night. The enemy's cavalry and a small body of infantry followed and It seems to be the impression that Sherman endeavored to annoy the rear guard, but each time were driven back with loss. reached, and the entire command crossed

in safety, where they found a part of the Ninth Corps, who had started to their aid in case of an emergency. To morrow they will all be back in their old positions in front of Petersburg, ready

whatever direction the Commander in-The move may be considered one of the most successful of the campaign, and rebut on those to whom its execution was A most effective blow has been dealt the enemy by the destruction of some fifteen miles of railroad, which loaded with supplies. The track was : torn up, the ties piled in heaps with dry !

with the rails on top, the heat bending and twisting them in every shapo. All the depots along the route were burned, as well as numerous mills, barns and dwellings, from which the occupants had fled or from the cover of which guerillas kad fired on our troops. One was caught with a gun near where a shot had !

just been fired. It is said the troops hung him near the Nottaway siver. Our loss during the entire trip will not exceed forty or fifty in killed or wounded,

The severity of the weather was the ter, but as there was much wood on the line of march, and plenty of work for North American. selves from suffering severely on that ac

Nothing has transpired in front of Potersburg to day of interest. The weather

in dividence £1,140,000, some of them, of New York Volunt ers. 2d Division of the course, pleiding a much blaber rate than Oth Corps, were executed yesterday, for others, but most of them high. The Dayles, the crime of desertion. They were hard-Golden Rivers Company have struck gold at encil criminals, not seeming to care for their claim at Meredith, a town about midway themselves or any one else. One of them the scaffold smoking a cigar. to believe that gold will yet be true of tight and taking hold of the rope gave it a jerk to see if it was strong enough to hold hir Such a lesson, it is hoped, will have its list for the mere purpose of getting the bounty, with the idea that they can desert to the enemy with impunity

> W. D. McGreggor. TOMAC, Sunday, Dec. 11, F. A. M .- Special Correspondence of the Inquirer.7 it possible to write from this army without mention of the weather' Evidently no, for the weather is always an element of the military situation, and it is has been they will swe flad out that they are catting quarters to ask if aid could be sent to sanguine expectations of those who have so mutable of late as to force itself every of their nose to spite their face, and must them. Every five minutes the heavy, been engaged in this experiment are re day on public attention; one day hosanna, sooner or later yield to the spirit of improve- dull throb of a cannon told how the devo. alized, New England will at no distant the next anathems, we still must speak of ment and throw their lands into the market. Writing in the later hours of night be

fore last I spoke of a hall storm then pre-Daylight yesterday revealed old mother Erie, l'a, and the people are expresse curth robed in white, but it was ice more The Court flouse at Builtran, M ul- this ice turned into water, and then what The "last diteh" is said to be lietter e . conduite for a horrible mixture of water. and and ice. A raw wind prevailing, and near Petersburg, has been appointed Brevet and The Globs Bank building in Boston a constant drizzle falling, made out-doors Major General, for guitant service on the feld intensely disagreeable, even to the mount- of battle.

From the Army of the Potomac. | ed; what the foot suffered it is hard to tell. And there is something worse yet in this HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTO- unfortunate change. The roads are once I quit the subject.

that seemed as though it would never end, therefore, things had generally fallen the forts are built, regiments were drawn

DESTROYING THE REBEL DAM AT HATCH- Lized the day before. ER'S RUN, WHERE THE VAUGHN ROAD

deeper water than others.

tion to space. They seemed contest to make morning an early start was made, and in Hatcher's Run, we must wonder why the taking all males between 15 and 60. As were near by, and I role up to learn his their way practably to the cost, at the most the afternoon the advance reached a point enemy are not there, and why, in their rapidly as these conscripts are collected, opinion. But before I reached the door, BEFORE PETERSBURG. On the Kinth Corps front in the mean.

one of the guns of Fort Hell sends the try clean as they advance. Forage and this time there had been very little firing, enemy a challenge, but it is replied to in provisions, horses, mules and cattle, are only one patriot, hidden somewhere in the the same listless manner in which it is remorselessly appropriated, while here and woods, kept banging away at the Rebel sent. and thus nothing comes of it. Wait and watch is our programme .---Scanning all the points of the compass for a lot of mules, about six miles out on the their conversion from cavalry to corpse -

PEACE MEN IN HOOD'S ARMY. The Columbus (Ga.) Sun publishes ious for peace as is this army. I some crate General on Thursday appropriated she was Union, she said, and yet she was times think they would sacrifice almost and occupied as his beadquarters, Edmond- a Tennessean. "And yat?" What a everything short of honor in order to se- son's house, a few miles from Nashville.

darkness warns me to close." the general longing of the South for peace

for the next move against the enemy, in

wood from adjacent forces, and set on fire rebel cause is seen to be lost. avowing their determination to tight on, ing on the river.

the North may not in every particular find

LYING ON OUR OARS. Yesterday at Hatcher's Run, in such ment prevalent in Nashville during in plain view, a mile off, coming over s

The earth was torn away and the water Hood is watched by vigilant eyes, and can- going to town, some coming from it,

ment if he could help it, as he had so ammu. that place on Thursday night. On Friday not knowing precisely why we are at rebel conscription, which is said to be and I fence. A General's headquarters

time everything is quiet. Occasionally neveronmede. The rebels sweep the counter to form a line of battle. During all

with the following significant paragraph:

for the election in the United States next sight-seeing in the morning and afternoon Her daughter, looking pale and frightweek, which all hope will result in some suddenly found themselves attached to the ened, was hurriedly and tremblingly help sort of a settlement. This subject would Pick and Bhoval Brigade, where they unrevealed by this writer, and the unabated fires and sleeping accommodations for the This afternoon the Nottaway river was energy with which the men fight, illus. soldiers.

creeps into the Southern heart, and the session of the capital of Tennessee will Mr. Toulmin Smith, a distinguished an

of the Democratic party for future mischief | part of it only, remains uncertain. free principles enlarged -Philadelphia here this morning; but what fleet and how hand cover. In a different hand, in a

WHAT A FREE CONSTITUTION IS DOING FOR enemy." It may be that this reason con- the left hand cover is some writing, al THE EASTERN BRORE - Ever stace the ad ption templates the possibility of the Louisville most illegible, but of which the words of the new Constitution, people from North. arn States and the Western part of Mary and, in large number, have been victing this and other countles on the Eastern Bhore for the purpose of buying land, and in many instances farms bave already changed hands -. those a Learty welcome who are not afraid to work, and by their Industry, cause to be do.

number of large land owners no doubt still stouting it against the ago of progress esther did against the abilition of slavery, the very starting reint of this award movement, but congenial to their icelings, but such a state of I affaire sanzot much longer exist, and all that miserable, God-foreaken party will acon be come ashamed of their course and feel disgraced if they should be sharged as being in

Brig. Gen. Thomas Egan, wounded the horse and his rider returning

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It was known the enemy were procur- weather as I have noted, was the reverse Thursday, had, yesterday, generally abe- field. A long line of infantry was pointed ing large supplies for their troops by way of comfortable; but circumstances com- ted. The near approach of the rebels; the out a few hundred yards behind them. of the Weldon Railroad to Stony Creek, had, and we could do that, but nothing pouring into this city, for protection from military opinion, and supposing the batwhence they were wagoned to Petersburg. more. The troops, building huge fires the enemy; and the extreme eagernees of the was about to open, I rope rapidly The cavalry force sent there some ten and gathering closely around them, man- all to be posted in the events of the hour, across the fields, in order to get a comdays ago not being able to effectually stop aged to lament with more philosophy the had each contributed to swell the numer- manding view near General Stedman's their operations, the Fifth Corps, with alike in that respect; general officers had streets, or collected about the places of the greatest activity prevailing. Fences river with three corps on the north Gregg's Cavalry and the Third Division no tents, and the officers of Adjutant-Gen- public resort, engaged in discussing the were disappearing as fast as the snow pearance of greater confusion and excite- every hollow, on the parapets of the forts, Thus, all through the comfortiess might ment than really existed. By yesterday, along the slopes of the eminence on which

through the tedious hours of the equally back into their old channels; business men up in line of battle; everywhere flags were dreary morning, Gen. Miles held his lines were to be found at their old haunts, en- gying; every road was alive with trains On Wednesday the demonstrations of the plank road, the cavalry taking the advance, pose of securing the fords for Warren's moved along steadily at its wented pace; stragglers going rapidly to the rear; colwhile a feeling of security from rebel in- umns of cavalry, four abreast, tramped During the morning (ien. Macy em- terruptions appeared to have taken the steadily and slowly to the front; batteries place of the feverishness which character- of artillery rumbled heavily into position; The military situation is all that could sight-seems rode furiously along, while be reasonably desired by our authorities. here and there a carriage with ladies, some

run out; we found that the rebels had not mancruvre in any direction without showed that of the fair sex a few were as done the thing artistically. They had disclosing his movements to commanders anxious to see the conflict as the rest were dug deep pits in the bed of the run, which who will not fail to take advantage of any to fly before it. accounts for some of our boys finding false step. That we should enter into any particulars relative to the disposition of spirit of destruction in full blast. Groves After letting off the water Gen. Macy's the Union forces, is hardly to be expected. of shade trees and fruit trees, but yester-Brigade set to work at a bridge, and in a Suffice it to say that the Confederates can day the pride of a substantial villa, were On reaching a point two miles beyond short time had a very substantial struc- have, if they wish, an opportunity to re- falling on every hand beneath the quick Whether Hood really designs to attack them to form lines of breastworks; fearces so gathering again around the fires our Nashville, or wishes to delude our Gen- that but an hour ago enclosed fine lawns treops resumed the uncomfortable task of erals into the idea that he does so intend, and gardens were being bettered down re-

thus holding our army here, while he morselessly, and even their stakes pulled yet anveiled, but must be developed by pits were being dug right through the found, who had evidently been murdered they find traces of the enemy. One party mand, as Beauregard some time ago and dies of the upper class were secure from We have no doubt that a decisive battle be- and stripped of everything, even to his proceeded far down in the direction of nounced to the Georgians that he would every intrasion, our troops now tred and the maintain and the mai Dinwiddie, and three miles from that point soon be with them to assist in repulsing worked, and tore and swore unquestioned The advance then commenced the descende enemy. Driving them before them for Every available nook and cranny in I went to the outpost on this second

to the ruthless invader, and have fled to field at half a mile distant. Again the they are placed in the ranks, each man be- the Generals (for there were two of them of tween two Confederate veterans, who are the Brigadier grade) and their staffs rode or the decepa sharp lookout on their off. The ranking general ordered an off there the torch does its work.

Warren's return, we are forced to think Lebanon pike, at nine o'clock on Friday The other shots heard in different direc that then we will find the clue to the night, distinctly heard almost centinuous tions were the discharge of old cartridsemi-mysterics by which we have been musket firing, mingled with occasional ges.
surrounded.

artillery discharges, some two miles off—

I went up to one fine brick mausion to judged to be at Stone river. Before this ask permission to go on the roof to soldier left, he saw over a hundred citizen reconneiter. The lady of the house wagons dash by filled with panic-stricken readily granted my request. But letter from Hood's army, which winds up occupants, fleeing before the rebel advance. what a tale her face did tell' Frightened A negro who saw and recognized Frank and fluttered and nervous, she asked if I "You never saw a body of men as anx. Cheatham, reports that this moted Confed- thought her house would be torn down.

afford me thought to write more than I willingly, but faithfully, served their said, opening a door, "you will find it." have time or space, and the approach of country, but did not get back home until late at night. These are the men who are now light. On Friday night the outhouses in Edge- house at will, while she ran back to her ing against Thomas' army in Tennessee. field universally went up-or down, if you trunks at packing. The contrast between their sentiments, as please, under a military necessity for

trates the fact that no argument against GRAPHIC PICTURE OF PREPARATIONS FOR and a half beyond the pickets to get a can be drawn from the persistence with Nashville, Tenn., Friday Night, Decem- set that morning. which the rebellion is continued. The | ber 2, 1864.—To the Editor of The Boston Southern people have put themselves in Journal: I have just telegraphed that ling, "the enemy is out there." the hands of a military despotism, and Hood is within three miles of Nashville, cannot escape therefrom, however ardent that there has been slight skirmishing all in the assumption so often made by the has crossed the river at the Hermitage, the and his whole army are out there. He has copperheads, that because the rebellion home of Andrew Jackson, and that our taken the trouble out of your hands, sir: continues, and the rebel confederacy is able | mounted forces have crossed at this point | he has issued your hard tack ''' to wage war the same as over, therefore to attend to him, that Col. Johnson who The captain halted the southern people are not weary of it, commanded the negro regiment which. Notwithstanding the decisions of the nor propared for peaceful submission to was captured at Dalton, Ga., is surrounded two squads of soldiers, "high" and "gen Southern people had been taught by their | that the exemy is concentrating on our | the enemy this afternoon. BERWICK | leaders to look forward to the probable | right; that our army confronts him at evehundred cars passing over it every day, of the United States as a period sure to command of Gen. Stanley's (4th) Corps...

> probably be fought to morrow. So soon as the rebel armies shall be dis. I have been riding through the camps gives as his opinion that it is the veritable posed of, and the rebel Government do sallday. Our army covers Nashville in "own prayer book" of the poet. He destroyed, the southern people will submit the form of a semi-circle or three-fourths scribes it thus: with a good grace, and cheerfully make of a circle-the river in the rear; or, in | "I found that the book is a very small

> express their conviction that we must in General Smith holds the left; General black letter, with several leaves lost at the end succeed, and that if we do they Stedmen the left center; General Scotield the beginning. The date of the prayer the right centre, and General Wood the book is 1506; that of the psalms, which The existence of the Democratic party, right. I saw very few cavalry—perhaps form part of the volume, is 1594. is, it is true, an element of danger to us; half a dozen regiments in all; a circum. "At the end of the prayer book itself is for it is evident that even when crushed stance which has been explained since my the signature 'William Shakspeare.'by the arbitrament of war, the rebels will return to town by the statement that Gen. After 'The Confession of the Christian seek the aid of this party to accomplish by Forrest is not perfectly trustworthy; it is Fayth, which is at the end of the volume, political means in the elections that they only certain that a cavalry force has is the signature, 'W. Shakspeare,' and have failed to reach by violenco. But crossed as indicated, but whether it is the under this signature is the date, 'IGO.' with the extirpation of slavery the power entire command of the rebel General, or By the aid of the glass I found plain traces will be extinguished, and the influence of . Meanwhile a fleet of gunboats arrived same hand, on the inside of the right

> > numerous, it is forbidden to say, as "it different part of the book, is the signa

would convey valuable intelligence to the 'ture 'M. Shakapeare.' On the inside of

and Nashville Railroad being cut and the 'Stratford on-Avon,' are clearly traceable mail captured by the murderer of the Fort. There is no erasure on any of the leaves Pillow garrison. on which any of these signatures occur.-Gen. Stedman brought up nine trains There is an erasure on another leaf: but from the South Inden inside and outside; this cannot affect the question." In Unrollae and the I wer countles, we learn with veteran troops. Seven of these that there is scarcely a steamer or stage or strains came in safely last night. The PEAT AS FUEL .- Experiments have rerives that does not bring laid buyers. They eighth was thrown off the track, which cently been made under the uspices of bare not been so numerous in this countries compelled the ninth to return to Mur- some enterprising merchants of Boston, they have been in Caroline. This may be freesbore'. What became of the eighth for utilizing peat as a fuel New Engfrom the fact that the land in general la this train, (whether it was aband: ned, or was land contains inexhaustible supplies ct county is in a better state of cultivation than replaced and got in safely,) I have not this substance, which is used to some ex the adjoining counties, which causes it to run reproced and got in salery,, a more tent by farmers, but it is objectionable on the allege his bear and had also incilarge alare holding county, the proble of the it came in. But the ninth, which con-account of the smoke and had odor inci-North may be afraid that its lababitacts would tained 250 soldiers, part of the 44th U. S. I dent to its combustion. These do not act show that sociability which is an desira-colored troops-the new organization come from the peat itself, but from the un ble to one's family when cettling is a new which takes the place of the regiment cap converted vegetable fibre with which it is section of country. While this may be the tured at Dalton-was fired into this morn-intermingled. The economical separation case in cartain localities, thes will also find and of course abandoned. The regi- of these fibres has been made a study both s plenty of firm Union men ready to give ment fought its way to block house No. 2, in this country and in Europe. The exabout five miles from Nashville, but they periments made here have been complete veloped the beauty and prosperity which could not get into it, as it was already full, by successful. We are not at liberty to our soil and natural surroundings have over. So the livelong day they have been fight, go into particulars, but it has been demon been ready to yield to the hand of progress ing desperately. Cannonading has been strated that peat can be freed of exheard all this afternoon in that direction, transons matter, made into cakes et a The resources for improvement in this o, no. About four o'clock a colored sergeant suitable size for burning, and sold for not HEAD QUARTERS ARMS OF THE Posty are in abundance, and no form within the managed to make his escape and came exceeding \$3 per ton. The peat thus prelimits of the county is further from assign, within our lines, wounded and bleeding, pared gives an intense heat and is free ble water than about the miles. There are a to tell how his comrades were situated. from smoke or unpleasant odor, and for A brigade was ordered to be got ready making iron or for locomotive use it is to move at a moment's warning, and a said that a ton of it will go as far as a ton horseman galloped at full speed to head and a half of authracite coal. If the

forth their deadly missiles against them. Ito manufacture this fuel Unlion, good horse, gallop! for on your speed may depend the lives of a gallant band of heroes! Glad to get beyond the entred at Placerville, O. lifernia, on the meradeadly sounds that were probably, each than snow. The atmosphere modifying, sympathy with the Jeff Davis despotism. — one of them, the death-knell of a personal They are already constantly trying to make friend. I hastened to the duty to learn It appear that they are loyal to the Govern- they could be rescued. Covered with slippery, every one of them impromptu | ment of the United States - Easten Gasette. | lather, aplashed all over with mad, I saw

> "Can help be sent to them?" "No—it is impossible: they must be left who recently created a reasontion in Paris, is

It was dark when I listened to this andancholy sentence. I could only pray that the night with its clock of daranees might give them the protection which the

stern necessities of our army could not ex-Between two and three o'clock I was at the outposts, in two nearly parallel roads, one of which leads from Nashville to Columbia. At one of them the rebels were The over-wrought anxiety and excite- seen advancing. The skirmishers were

> melta under a warm Spring san. On every knell, on every hill-top, in in every direction officers and scouts and

It was a speciacle worth seeing-tho

company, who at length fired a few shots A soldier who was located, in charge of by way of recognition of his zeal for

rolume in these two words! She was ling bet. "There's the way, sir," she And she left me, a stranger, whom she had hardly looked at to roam through her As the Generals rode along, a captain on foot, with a company behind him, saluted them and asked if he could go out a mile

wagon load of hard-tack that had been up "No. sir. said the senior General ami "But can I not drive them away!" The staff laughed heartily as they look ly they may desire to do so, unless re- around the lines to-day, that our army is ed at the few but undismayed. "No, sir." leased by the arms and valor of our troops. | nearly doubled in numbers since the fierce | said the General facetiously, "I do not It is thus clear that there is no justice light at Franklin; that Forrest's cavalry think you can drive them away. Mr. Hood

the authority of the republic, and of the within five miles of the city, has fought eral," it would seem that it was a fence national Constitution and laws. The all day long, and it is feated is captured; after all, for there has been no advance of bring them peace and recognition. Now Stauley having been wounded on Thurs- prayer book, supposed to have belonged that such a hope is destroyed, despair day; and that the great battle for the pos- to Shakspeare, had been found in England

tiquarian, has examined the volume, and

the best of their lot. Many of them have other words, our forces are spread out like one, nearly square, about three inches said so in plain terms, and even while an open fan: the right and left wings rest. and a half in its greatest length, and an inch and three quarters thick, printed in of another signature, in what seemed the

> ted blacks still held their ground, and how | period supply her own fuel | It is probathe merciless insurgents still belched ble that companies will soon be organized

FF A very destructive inocudiary fre cclag of Navember 6. Over one hundred houses were destroyed, two thirds of which were occupied by Chinese and Spanisrds. ATThe maritime force of Boats is at a tery low .bb. There are only 27 steam respie owsed in the country, and most ci them are of small transfe.

giring poetical readings in Boston.