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## Latest News by Telegraph TO THE BALTIMORE CLIPPER.

### FROM EAST TENNESSEE.

#### Pursuit of Hood's Retreating Army

#### ANOTHER VICTORY BY GEN. THOMAS

#### Stoneman's Great Raid in East Tennessee and Virginia.

#### AN AWFUL DISASTER.

#### LOSS OF THE NORTH AMERICAN.

#### Oms Hundred and Ninety-Seven Lives Lost.

#### Latest from Tennessee.

#### PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30.—A special

#### dispatch to the Bulletin, dated Nashville,

#### Dec. 29th, says the statement that Hood

#### has crossed the Tennessee river is doubt-

#### less untrue. The very latest news from

#### the front is that, on yesterday, while Gen.

#### Thomas was pursuing Hood on the river

#### bank, he was trying to lay his pontoon,

#### but could not make any progress, as our

#### gunboats were shelling his working par-

#### ties. Stoneman reached Decatur with a

#### large force on the 29th, and was also

#### threatening Hood. There is a rumor this

#### morning that Thomas has attacked and

#### again routed and captured the most of

#### Hood's fragmentary army, but it needs

#### confirmation.

#### NASHVILLE, December 30, 1864.

#### Thirteen railroad trains with the first

#### train from Chattanooga arrived this

#### evening, and communication will be

#### regularly kept up. Thomas' headquarters

#### are at Pulaski last night, our advance

#### being at Paducah, and Hood is believed

#### to be trying to cross the Tennessee river.

#### Generals Granger and Stedman are on his

#### right flank, and the gunboats are shelling

#### his pontoon which he has as yet been un-

#### able to cross upon.

#### THE SEIZURE OF THE FLORIDA—

#### OUR RELATIONS WITH BRAZIL.

#### WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—It appears

#### from official correspondence that on

#### the 11th of November, Secretary Seward

#### wrote to Minister Webb that this Govern-

#### ment had just heard of the capture of the

#### Florida by the Wachusett, at Bahai, and of

#### the consequent hostilities adopted by the

#### Brazilian forces in that port, and that in

#### the light of the matter the President

#### thought proper to address a circular let-

#### ter to the Minister for Foreign Affairs

#### in which he informed him of the fact

#### that we are not indisposed to examine

#### the subject upon its merits carefully, and

#### to consider whatever questions may arise

#### out of it, in a becoming and friendly

#### spirit, if that spirit should be adopted by

#### the Imperial Government. On the

#### 15th of December, Mr. Berlin, Charge

#### d'Affaires of Brazil, addressed Secretary

#### Seward a letter in reference to the seizure

#### of the Florida, calling it an act of the

#### most transcendent gravity which involved

#### a manifest violation of the territorial

#### jurisdiction of the Empire, and an offense

#### to its honor and sovereignty. He enters

#### into the particulars of the seizure, and

#### concludes by saying: "On this occasion,

#### remembering the United States, whose an-

#### tagonists we are, and whose flag we are

#### defending, I beg to express to you our

#### regret and our protest against this vio-

#### lating act, and to assure you that we

#### will not fail to avail ourselves of every

#### means which may be placed in our

#### power to bring you to a sense of your

#### responsibility, and to induce you to

#### return to a course of conduct which

#### will be more in conformity with the

#### principles of justice and equity which

#### are the basis of our relations with you."

#### Secretary Seward in his reply says that

#### he is not disposed to entertain any

#### objection to the seizure of the Florida,

#### and that he will consequently

#### reply to the Minister for Foreign Affairs

#### in a friendly and respectful manner,

#### and that he will be glad to receive

#### from him any information which may

#### be of service to this Government.

#### It is not, however, to be understood

#### that the Imperial Government is to be

#### convinced that the seizure of the Flor-

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