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EAST TENNESSEE. theless unlawfully brought into the cus.

Pursuit of Hood's Retreating Army ~~~~~~

Stoneman's Great Raid in East Tennessee and Virginia.

AN AWFUL DISASTER.

THE NORTH AMERICAN

One Hundred and Ninety-Seven Lives Lost.

Latest from Tonnessee.

Dec. 29th, says the statement that Hood necessary. large force on the 21th, and was also the bark. threatening Hood. There is a rumor this The eighth and last boat, with the cape non and eight exissons. Major Harrison, rapidly and well, and the noise of our fire confirmation.

train through from Chattanooga arrived her lights being all in sight, distant about this evening and communication will be six miles. About 1 A. M. the lights disregularly kept up. Thomas' headquarters appeared suddenly and the steamer is sup-great iron works near Marion. were at Pulaski last night, our advance posed to have sunk. At daylight nothing closely following Hood, who is believed was in sight except a water cask. The ten miles above Wytheville, when the ex- nowder. to be trying to cross the Tennessee river. bark made sail and cruised all around un-Generals Granger and Stedman are on his til noon when she proceeded on her course. right flank, and the gunboats are shelling Sixty-two persons were saved and 197 lost. his pontoons which he has as yet been un- Among the lost were Col. Saunders and able to cross upon.

THE SEIZURE OF THE PLURIDA-OUR RELATIONS WITH BRAZIL WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.-It appears, from official correspondence, that on the 11th of November, Secretary Seward wrote to Minister Webb that this Government had just heard of the capture of the Florida consequent hostilities adopted by the can. Brazilian forces in that port, and that in thought it proper that Mr. Webb should inform the Minister for Foreign Affairs from City Point is to the effect that heavy that we are not indisposed to examine the cannonading was kept up during Wedsubject upon its merits carefully, and to needay and Thursday night, as well as consider whatever questions may arise severe picket skirmishing along our line out of it, in a becoming and friendly spirit, in the immediate front of Petersburg .if that spirit should be adopted by his Several casualties are reported. There Imperial Majesty's Government. On the was considerable firing in front of Rich-12th of December, Mr. Burlin, Charge mond on Wednesday afternoon, along the d'Affaires ad interim, addressed Secretary line of the rear picket-guard. Recent Seward a letter in reference to the seizure manœuvres in the rebel lines indicate unof the Florida, calling it an act of the usual commotion among them, but nothmost transcendant gravity which involved ing is known respecting its cause .risdiction of the Empire, and an offence reinforcements both towards Lynchburg, into the particulars of the seizure, and mington, to prevent the landing of any concludes by saying: "On this occasion, expedition against that place. remembering the United States, whose antecedents are well known and noted in history by the energetic defence of, and . respect for neutral rights. Of these unshaken principles, the undersigned cannot consider the event which occurred at Bahai, otherwise than as the individual act of the commander of the Wachusett, not authorized or approved by his Government, and that it will consequently give to the Government of His Majesty. the Emperor, the explanation and reparation which, in conformity with international law, are due to a power which maintains friendly and pacific relations

with the United States. Government of the United States. He has remain unsubscribed. not, even for a moment, doubted but that Among those who have misteriously to it may require."

Secretary Seward in his reply says that neer H. R. Stevens. jealousy of foreign Intervention in every. The statement published in some newsform and absolute non-intervention in the papers that Col. L. C. Baker, agent of the were very small, not exceeding 2.000 domestic affairs of foreign nations are car. War Department, has been convicted and killed, wounded and missing. The rebel dinal principles in the policy of the United sentenced to three years in the penitenti- prisoners taken were 21 officers and ~45" States. You have, therefore, justly ex- ary is untrue. pected that the President would disavow and regret the proceedings at Bahai. He will suspend Capt. Collins and direct him GENERAL GRANGER ADVANCING to appear before a Court Martial.

The Consulate of Bahai admits that he advised and instructed the Captain and Dec. 30 .- The news of the capture of Sa- all their plans and movements. therefore, be dismissed. The flag of Brazil all true American people, and a correswill receive from the United States Navy ponding depression among the rebels. the henor customary in the intercourse of An expedition under Major Gen. Gran-

friendly maratime powers. admits or gives credit to the charges of curred on the 15th near Franklin Crock. falsebood, treachery and deception which. The rebels were quickly rented, and then attacked the saltworks which were

this Government disallows the assumption river, a distance of 30 miles, and every line are destroyed. that the insurgents of this country are a thing is progressing favorably. A refugee lawful naval belligerent, and on the con- reported that there were but 5,000 militia. trary it maintains that the ascription of in Mobils and that a strong Union sentithat character by the Government of Bra-, ment prevails there. still are destitute of naval forces, ports and caused by the burning of cotton. country, is an act of intervention in dero- THE ATTACK ON WILMINGTON gation of the law of nations, and unfriend.

After inither remarks le says: tains of ships of war of the United States, croment. or to the commanders of their armies, or AHLIVALUF THE REMAINS OF MIN- . The steamer Sierra Novada, from Ore- on Saturday evening. The natural of . The Louisiana draw seven feet of water, to their Consula residing in foreign ports, | acting without the authority of Congress, Lafayette, from Havre on the 14th has ar-large amount in the hands of passengers. Wilmington on Seturday.

casion, to assert the rights and redress the BURBSIDGE'S GREAT wrongs of the country. This power can be lawfully exercised only by the Government of the United States. Although the crew are enemies of the United States, and, as they contended, enemies of the Creat human race, yet the offenders were never-

tody of this Government, and therefore The they could not lawfully be subjected here to the punishment which they have de served; nor could they, being enemies, be ANOTHER VICTORY BY GEN. THOMAS United States: they will therefore be set at liberty to seek a refuga wheresoever they may find it, with the hazard of recapture when beyond the jurisdiction of the Government.

efficially promulgated. Awful Shipwreck.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The steamer Arago arrived here last night. She fell in with, oil Egg Harbor, the bark Mary E. Libby, of Portland, and took from her to Bristol; attacked the place at Bo'clock Captain Marshman, of the steamer North in the morning, capturing the town. America, foundered at sea, and forty-seven

of his officers, passengers and crew. the 16th of December with 203 sick soldiers and twelve cabin passengers and crew of 44 men. She sprang aleak on the him off at Abingdon, which place I cap. left by the Whitworth projectile is smooth 23d at 2 o'clock, P. M., and spoke the fured on the night of December 14, taking and clear, hence the damage to the Min-Philadelphia, Dec. 30. -A special bark Mary E. Libby which promised to one gun, a large amount of stores, an despatch to the Bulletin, dated Nashville, istay and receive every one on board if engine, with some rolling stock. Gen.

had crossed the Tennessee river is doubt- At 2:30 the water put the fires out, and him from a strong position, and capturing less untrue. The very latest news from the boats were got ready. At 3:30 the fifty prisoners. the front is that, on yesterday, while Gen. first boat started from the ship with the "I rent Col. Brown's brigade to the would ressibly permit, and their firing Thomas was pursuing Hood on the river | Chief Engineer and all the lady passenbank, he was trying to lay his poutcon, gers. Six boat loads were got aboard.—: but could not make any progress, as our The seventh boat left the ship at dark seven pieces of cannon, and a large wagon gunboats were shelling his working par- with Purser Pellit and eight men, and are train. ties. Steadman reached Decatur with a supposed to be lost, as they never reached

morning that Thomas has attacked and tain and first and second officers and eight of the 12th Kentucky, who had been deagain routed and captured the most of men left the North American at 7:30 P. Hood's fragmentary army, but it needs M., and were hoisted on board the bark at 9 o'clock. It being impossible to return NASHVILLE, December 30, 1864. to the steamer that night, the bark made turing two trains of cars. He then got Rebels never once replied; it was doubt Thirteen railroad trains with the first sail and preceded toward the steamer, Lieut.-Col. Horn.

The following are saved: Mrs. E. Rawson, of the Sanitary Commission; Miss confusion towards North Carolina. Millie Fowler, Miss Mary Geary, Mr. J. . S. Smith, Jano Welsh, stewardess; Capt. J. W. Migeath, U. S. Colored Infantry; united foces captured the salt works, with companies and regiments. The 1121 New . J. M. Nalsen, hospital steward, U. S. A.; eight pieces of eannon. tock. U. S. N., and fourteen privates and cessful, and will be more felt by the en- soldiers cheered veciferously, and the by the Wachusett, at Bahai, and of the 42 officers, and crew of the North Ameri- emy than the loss of Richmond. The salt troops still on board the transports

this stage of the matter the President From the Army of the Potomac. WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.-Information

> A rebel deserter, who came in a few days ago, declares that the state of affairs in the rebel army indicates early offensive operations in some direction, the natura of which is, however, unknown, and the men are told that General Lee is about to attempt the initiation of a project which

will astonish the world. General Butler returned to his headquarters on the James river, on Wednesday. He left the land forces in the expedition against Wilmington, under command of Gen. Weitzell.

WASHINGTON ITEMS.

Washington, December 30.-The sub-The just reclamation of the Imperial scriptions to the 7-30 lean for the last Government being thus presented, the three days as reported to the Treasury undersigned awaits the reply of the Hon. Department amount to \$3,709,000, and to pack saddles, and a large amount of har-Mr. Seward, and fully confides in his ex- the 10 40 loan for the same period, \$1,500,alted wisdom and in the justice of the (960). Of the latter loan about \$40,000,000. Two thousand herses and 1.000 mules

it will be as satisfactory as the incontesti- disappeared of late, and about whom much ble right which aids the Empire, and the solicitude is expressed by the Navy Devast gravity of the offence which was done 'partment, are acting master's mate N. H. Retchings, and acting 3d assistant ongi-,

Later from New Orleans.

AGAINST MOBILE. New Orleans, Dec. 22-Via Cairo, hours, during which time he discovered not known. was active in the proceedings. He will, 'vanub caused a general rejeicing among ger with a considerable force, landed at frontier of Kentucky, waiting to co-operate.

The Secretary says it is not to be nur Pascagouls on the 15th, and pushed raper with the cavalry. derstood, however, that this Government lidly toward Mebile. A brisk skirmish ocare brought against the Captain and the many people rejoice at the sight of the defended by about seven bundred men, Consul. These charges are dialed on the Union forces. The navy rendered valuaauthority of the officers accused.

| Ide assistance to the troops on landing. - immense. All the railroad bridges from The Secretary takes occasion to say that Two tin clad gunboats have gone up Pas New river. Virginia, to the Tennessee

ril to the insurgent citizens of the United. The light of a large fire was observed served and business suspended. States who have hitherto been, and who near Mobile on the 11th, supposed to be announce the death of many thousand, with our shet. The garrison kept close launch.

NOT DISCONTINUED. ly and wrongful, as it is manifestly inju. Washington, D. c. 30.-There is no charged with complicity in Hayes' pirate bardment of the 24th, the fort was silvneed, repes and buoys as far as possible from the Savannah, would have been, and always of spirit; and that, however much here. Admiral Pertar discontinuing their home It does not however belong to the cap | hardment, unless so directed by the Gov-

ISTER DAYTON. NEW YORK, Dec'r 30th.—The steamer She brings \$272,000 in gold, besides a fertifications, prevented the capture of Wild.

engaged to allow the protection of the bridge's operations has been received by

the War Department: "CATLETSBURG, KY., Dec. 28.—I have the honor to report that my mounted force, four thousand strong, in conjunction with General Gillem's brigade, the whole under the command of Blajor General George The entire correspondence will soon be Stoneman, marched from Bean's Station on the 12th of December, at daylight. They met Duke's brigade at Kingsport, where he was drawn up to oppose the crossing of the Holston.

"I sent two regiments to support Gen. Gillem, who flanked the enemy, routing him; killed, wounded, and captured one hundred, and a wagon train, and pursue prisoners, two trains of cars, five engines, and immense quantities of stores. learned that Vaughn was at Zollicoffer, The North America left New Orleans twelve miles below, and marched to atfog, and made for the salt works.

> Gillem continued the pursuit of Vaughn, ceming up with him at Marion, driving support of Gen. Gillem, who again came renewed with increased vigor. Nine o upon the enemy at Mount Airy, drove him the third division gunboats, which opera-

> "Col. Brown, with his brigade, later in the day, charged the home guard of twenty shots per minute were now poured Wytheville, capturing five pieces of cantached by order of Gen. Stoneman, with (200) picked men and horses, struck the the slope, and the bomb-proofs. And the Virginia railroad on the 15th of December, palisade, behind the most were being shivnear Glade's Spring, cutting it and cap- evered to pieces. During the hot fire the in Vaughn's front, and continued along less too hot for them to serve their guns, the line of the road, destroying all the and they betook themselves to their bombbridges and depots as far as Wytheville, a proofs. A range of frame buildings in large amount of rolling stock, and the the rear of lisher were fired by our shells

> pedition started on its return, the men and horses being entirely wern out. who was following, and an engagement of thirty-six hours ensued, at the close of which Breckinridge retreated towards was as smooth as a mill pond, and the Saltville, but Col. Buckley, with a bri- landing effected with perfect case and gade, having got in his roar, forced him in lead mines near Wytheville, on the night of the 20th. After some resistance, our beach they formed into their respective "The expedition has been entirely suc- the shore, and as it unfurled its colors the

cannot be repaired during the war. "My forces are now at this place and "I will send you a detailed report by

Stonoman's Raid. NASHVILLE, Dec. 30,-Gen. Stoneman ived here last night from his great raid in East Tennessee and West Virginia,

S. T. Burrender,

"Brevet Maj-Gen."

and furnishes the following account: troops and Gillem's East Tennessoe troops, all under command of Major Gen. Stoneman. They left Knoxville, Tenn., the 12th instant. The movement was a manifest violation of the territorial ju- It is thought that Lee has been sending unknown to the rebels and they were not discovered until three days. At Kingsto its honor and sovereignty. He enters to oppose Sheridan's advance, and to Wil. port, Jones' rebel command were attacked, beach, the guns of l'isher were trained on consisting of about 500 of Mergan's old them.

This force was all killed, scattered or whilst trying to effect a junction with troops. As the darkness increased, and Breckinridge at Saltville. Our forces pursued him to Marion, where an engagement occurred, resulting in a loss to the rebels tivity. The Flag Pond flotilla sent sacila of all their force and artillery except about into the woods at intervals during the Lynchburg, Virginia. 'A locomotive, sev eral trains and extra cars with engines were captured and destroyed. All depots

depots, all foundries, mills, factories, storehouses, wagons and ambulance trains and turnpike bridges were destroyed. In addition to this, we captured 2,500 rounds of artillery ammunition, 2,000 , ness, and a great quantity of small arms. editors and four secession printing presses. Thronderign and Quaker City. were among the captures. The latter

were sent to Parson Brownlow as a Christ- than cover all our losses in the fleet during there filled to prevent a downward effect promises his countrymen to leave as broad mas gift. The most sore less to the rebels the two first days. The following partied , to the explosion. The house on the spar- a tract of desolation through South Carowas the destruction of the salt works at list was obtained by your correspondent deck was boarded up closely and covered lina. Even in this midwinter, also, there Saltville, and the lead works at Leadville. Visiting the hospital ships and copying with canvass, and extended from the boil. is no relaxation whatever in their milita-. Both were rendered valueless. Our losses men. Last Tennesseo is now tree from ni d the fleet under fire any body of rebels, and Kentucky is not !

infested by the rebels. General Stoneman had possession of a rebel telegraph line, and held it for 15

Breckinridge's command followed Gen.

Stoueman, with the forces of Gultner, Horton killed, and three sesmen, whose ethers, and wherever they crossed they plished without loss of men, artillery or nonneed. Crosby and Withers, and the balance of names were not known. Duke's command, who had been on the General Storoman attack. I this force at Marien and drove them over the mountsins into North Carolina His command who were either expture I or dispersed

TROM SAN FRANCISCO heavy rain made Christman pass rather, the guns of Port Fisher, wounded six of the party with their steam launch would dull, though the day was generally ob- the garrison, burned the barracks with the probably be five miles away. A provision Reports from the interior of the State every fact of exposed ground in the fort should occur—some accident befull the tien. Its loss does not render more diffi- tatorial style, baring called upon the most at Frank! registed by the bot Jasuary next,

Another person has been pricested, works. After the first two hours being they were to sump overboard, go with Arrived, mail steamer Constitution, was depth of water aufficient to float an cotton in their cars, await the shock. Befrom Pausing, with the pussengers and armed resselover the bar that stretches side the launch-best there was a reserve mails that left New York on the 31 of across the inlet. our fluct would have tug, in case of accident, and the surf boat | when the whole garrison is saved. The she has always sacredly fulfilled, but also

Lies \$20,000,000. The Federal Casualties.

The following report of General Bur- WHAT WAS ACCOMPLISHED. ~~~~~

> The Wilmington Expedition. We have already given the official reports concerning military and naval cooration around Fort Fisher, and we now I some further interesting details furnished by the correspondent of the Philadelphia Inquirer describing the closing

CLOSING IN.

After the results of the soundings an disgging were reported to the Admiral, Le steamed to the line of large ships, and ordered them close in, he remaining under fire and superintending the movements from his cockle-shell of a flagship the Malvern. The Rebs distinguished the blue pennant, and sent it their compliments in the shape of Whitworth projectiles. tack him, but he slipped away in a dense Minnesota was struck twice at this time, one shot taking effect in the mainmast, the "I discovered his flight in time to head other below the water line. The crifice nesota was readily repaired without withdrawing ber from action. Several Whitworth's balls whizzed close by the Malvern, none, however, taking effect. All the heavy frigates were now closed in as near the fort as the depth of water in confusion, capturing some prisoners, ted against the Mound on Saturday, now thundered against Fort l'isher. The ironclad division, as well as the heavy frigates were now in full blaze. One hundred and was a blended and incessant roar. Clouds of dust continually arose from the glacis,

and burst into flames, giving a lurid back "Col. B.own destroyed the bridges for ground to the smoke of the exploding At this time, too, the disembarkation of the troops fairly commenced. The surf-"Near Marion I came upon Breckinnidge boats were loaded in order, and whenever five hundred men were loaded the boats pulled together for the shore. The sea safety. The soldiers moved from the transports to the surf-boats, and from the "Col. Buckley effectually destroyed the heats to the beach in the most admirable order. As soon as the men touched the · York was the first regiment that reached

works and lead mines are in ruius, and sponded with a will to the vivas of their comtades on shore. As soon as the 1421 was formed, it doploved a company of skirmishers and bushed down the beach in the direction of Fort Fisher, the gunboats shelling the wools the while. Regiment after regiment was disembarked, formed immediately after landing and marched off. The beach where the troops were landed was of hard sand, but at the distance of a few hundred yards inland the sand was loose and in hillocks. Immediately back of this ocean sand-horder is a forest of pines,-The ferce consisted of Gen. Burbridge's. The troops that were landed soon passed from the sight of the flast. At to clock, however, the sharp rattle of masketry

told the sailors that the soldiers were at it The musketry continued till nightfell. So i our terrific bombardment, and yet the did not reply, but late in the atternoon, when our troops were marching down the The wooden gun-boats withdrew from before Fort Fisherat sundown. The iren division hurled its thunder till night tell, ' captured. Next the rebel forces of Vaughn declining to retire while the guns of the was dispersed at Papertown, near Briscol, fort were playing against our advancing

it was very cloudy, neither iron ships nor Rebel fort could longer see to direct their guns, and night put a period to the race two hundred men, who retreated towards | night, as the Rebels attempted to annoy our troops on the shore.

of supplies in southwest Virginia, railroad ed by the Rebel fire. A shot pierced the engine-room to the forecastle. She was track of desolation." The burning of out." And ho did. It is sad to record empty, as the powder, at the explosion, the utterly fiendish system of warfure explosion of our own guns. Six lost water. were among the captures. Two rebel quehanns, Mackinsw, Junista, Zantic, deck, and extending nearly to the boilers country wherever our fell fuvaders plant assisted by delegates from the Savitary mainder was in bags.

On Loard the Yantic, explosion of a points. In addition to this, any one of Parr it gum -- Acting Ensign James Win - the foscs ignited would fire all the others, , nemore, killed; Poutswain's Mate Janus, Lecture exch one crossed each of the eye: E. R. Bowman, scamun, leg: Chas. ale runner.

Brown, seaman, leg: Wm Aches, scamme, arm; J. Williams, seaman, leg: P. Sny. the shore in the vicinity of Pert Fisher, been Yankees; but in all the South there clined to accept it. Her Majesty rum, leg: C. Cellins, seaman, leg. Killed-S. Wietz, seaman; Whi, Smith, enground. When her bettem first grated , scaman; James McCermick, seaman; Jas., the sand, her furnace doors were to M. Duffy, seamen: C. Hiele, scaman; J. thrown open, the engines left running, the Ward, seaman: J. McMillen, seaman; Jno. cars placed upon fuses, the clocks set, and WHAT THE PLEET DID.

Issiled tri imphantly up. Cabe. Fear River, was only to be used as a last resort. gon and Van Couver's Island has arrived, structions of the situation, not the robel two feet more aft than forward -N. Fork

garrison, was too thick for our shot to RE-EMBARK, pierce. we maus accuration obtained a perfect idea of the rebel defences.

WHAT THE TROOPS DID. The brigades of Generals Curtis and Bell advanced down the beach, and one mile from Flag Pend they discovered an carthwork of considerable extent in course [From the Richmond Examiner, Det's 27th.] of construction. Our appearance put an end to their labor. A large number c wheel-barrows and intrenching tools were on the ground. Huge timbers, foundations for bomb-proofs, were in position, and a counterpart to Fort Fisher was doubtless in contemplation here.

Just beyond, and to the southward this embryo fortification, a body of rebe nfantry was discovered. The two brigades deployed to the right and left, thus surrounding the "Johnnies," and closing in, captured them. They proved to be s battalion of the Junior North Carolina Reserves, two hundred strong. them was a Major and seven line officers. Few of these priseners are over 14 years if age, but many of them under that fig-

Major General Godfrey Weitzel was rowed down along the beach, and was landed at an eligible position to examine fort Fisher. After the examination Gen. Weitzel pronounced against the fessibility of taking the fort by assault. Gener Curtis gave it as his impression that the fort could be carried by storm. Permis sion was granted him to make the attemp Forward went the gallant General, lowed by his brave and eager boys. They neared the fort. A fire of shell was rained upon it by the fleet.

The rebel garrison discovered our boys in the rear, and opened on them with grape and musketry. But in the face of grate and bullets our boys pressed on; they reached the parapets; a few clambered up. A soldier of the 142d New Yorl tere down the rebel flag from its staff and tere it off. A rebel orderly was shot as he rode out of the sally-port, and his desnatches and horse taken possession of But the fire increased. Our assaulting column was too weak, and our brave so diers were forced to retire. It was now quite dark, our fleet slackened its fire and

slowly withdrew. The rebel garrison took advantage the slackening fire, and trained their guns on the beach to harrass our retiring troops, but their fire did us no harm. From the rebal dispatches our commanding officers learned that there was a garrison of one thousand men in the forti tications, and four thousand more encamped in the vicinity. As we had no artillery all whatever, and no appliances for a siege. was determined to re-embark the troops To affect this promptly, Admiral Porter erdered the boats from all his fleet, crews of rowers, to assist in taking soldiers from the shore to the transports. Netwithstanding the two days of lighting and the many days of laborious preparation, the navel officers and sailors per formed their task cheerfully and alacrity. The wind soon arose, and commenced raining very hard, thus renderng the re embarkation a most uncomforta-

ble duty. The retels, too, annoyed our men with occasional musketry, to which our boys almost vigorously responded. The gunboats, guided by the flashes of he rebel musketry, shelled the woods to drive them back. The shells and bullets had the effect of keeping tho rebels at bay. The wind, too, veered to eastward, soon lar heart will beat higher and sit more rendering it impossible to row boats lightly on its throne. through the surf; several boats were

of the transports. practicable, they will be re-embarked. he surf ran too high to attempt it to-day. THE GREAT POWDER BOAT-DETAILS OF |

HER CONSTRUCTION. from the sea by the explosion of immense

as possible, so as to give her the appear-! points. Destruction and ravage are the ance of a blockade-runner. Her masta settled war policy of the Yankees; and During the bombardment of the 24th were taken out, the wheel-house removed, each march or movement is held to be a and With we had but very few men injure and a deck-house built, extending from the i grand success if it leaves behind a "broad boiler of the Mackinaw, scalding some also painted white, and thus her general houses which might afford shelter few of her men but she did not retire from appearance was very greatly altered. Afterebels," the destruction of food, which the action. Captain Beaumont received triall the required changes had been made, might feed "rebels," and thus feed the repermission to retire, but to use his own the Louisiana was towed to Come Island, bellion: the starvation of children, wh diract. "he would rather stay and see it, where she was loaded. The hold was left, might else grow up into "rebels"—this is

that we lost so many valuable lives by the 'was desired to be as much as possible above 'which has been deliberately adopted, di pounder Parrotts burst during the two. The pawder was contained in a bulk- narrated in bulletins, and which is now days on beard the following vess-is:—Sus- 'head occupying a portion of the berth- in actual course of application to our 11en, just forward of that, and nearer the | Weir foot. It is impossible at this time to obtain a boilers, a section of the berth deck and. Sherman, after turning a wide region of full list of our casualdes, sixty will more hold were both loaded, the hold being Georgia into a naked and howling desert,

the names affixed to the bodies of the dead, era forward. This was filled completely, ry enterprises against us by sea and land. and the cots of the wounded. The wound- The first tier of powder was placed in bar. No winter quarters for them. On the coned were well cared for by the surgeous, rels with the heads taken out, and the re- trary, they are campaigning at a larger and Christian Commissions. Many of the: For the purpose of exploding the powel monsactivity than at at any former mogentlemen of both commissions accompas der, there were three clock fuses placed ment of the struggle. We also, on our "in the vessel, one in each gangway, and bide, must brace every nerve and sinew, On board the Juniota, by the explosion 'one aft, near the boilers. From each of 'and collect all our force to Lurl back and of a Parrott gun, there was hitled Lieut, these a patent Gemez fuse led completely | destroy these foul invaders, and as one

trem each clock to each of these two Lee.

to the picket launch, the tug and the boats.

to them having been shorn a second time worked guns under the terrible fire that take the surf best and Port the violation of good taste by the Times are named by their respective partles as canenr ships poured into the fert and a liacent within the time for the explosion, when Royal, which the Yankees have long held and by asserting that the Queen is happi-True, it had not surren bred, but if there bost, and submerge to the head, and with

fire of our ships out and tore the homb- million of c. pies.

AROUND FORT FISHER proof mounds in every direction. But the NEWS FROM THE SOUTH.

Gen, Lee to be Made Commanderin-Obicf or Dictator

If the armies of the Confederate States makes no secret of his destination. are indeed about to be presented, by way Bichmond. Nor of his route. That lies the company's premises. (late Glass, Elliof Christmas gift, with General Lee for from wouth and North Carolina. their Commander-in-Chief, it will not only be a most appropriate and agreeable present to them, but to the country will be such a relief as will enable us al to breathe more freely, and to the enemy a terror and a warning. Both Confederates and Federals will feel at once that a hard both strong and steady is laid upon the wheel, that it means business and battle, and will make their arrangements accordingly.

This is on the supposition that Mr. Davis is capable of an act so sane and wise, Madison turnrike, two and a half miles which may be greatly doubted. It is also from Gordonsville. based on the supposition that the order appointing Gen. Lee to the full command and control of all military operations real, complete, unconditional, that he to plan campaigns and appoint generals conduct them; that he is to decide what places are to be evacuated and what held. It is not probable that he would accept an appointment of the kind on any other kind of terms; that would be charging himself with a responsibility and perhaps an odium without the means and authority needful to achieve success. He would scarcely consent to be set up as a stalking horse.

or to be used as a "general's cloak." The first and most obvious of the wholesome effects of this measure would be the firm assurance which would grow up the minds of our own people that the strength and resources of the land wi now be applied in the wisest and mos efficient manuer: and that each separate command will be placed in the hands best able to wield it. without favor or affection. We shall know then, at least, that our independence will not be trifled away; that the cause will not be treated as a secondary affair—the primary business being the gratification of some personal pique. or jealousy, or spite. Many good citizens who have sustained their part in this strugg gle from the first have yet, of late, had moments of misgiving and despondency not that they doubted of the justice and

that hold within them the life and destiny | Rebel prisoners on Johnson's Island. 'a great general and conqueror, whether nature will or not, and so all be ruined and undone! We say only what many a reader will feel to be sadly true, in aftirming that dark doubts and surmises like these have sometimes brooded over enterprises of great pith and moment. caused man to shiver with a premonitory the leading staff of command into his bands, and to charge himself with the duty of seeing to it that the republic! suffer no detriment, there will be an end corded as follows:-Yeas 31, pays 41. of those painful forebodings, and the popu-

Needless to say that the armies, not Canal, for which the world has been waitswamped, though, fortunately, no one was | merely this army of Northern Virginia, | ing for some months, approaches complelast. At three o'clock this morning the which has so long known and followed its tion. The diggers have shown themselves cheap as mackerel. re embarkation ceased perforce. One trusty chief, but all the forces of the Con- on the dyks or wall left at the upper end l thousand men were left on the beach federacy everywhere, will eagerly hail of the cut to keep out the river. This they gor-General Butler's tlag ship, the Ren such an appointment. The way he bids are reducing to the water's edge. DeFord, left to-day, followed by several them go they will tread it with assured personne the same is being done at the For. Warren, and bid fair to have a long faith; the leader he tells them to follow, lower dyke. This done, the remaining ! The troops left on shore are under the they will follow through blood and tiame, portious are to be blown out with guncover of our punhoats, and, as soon as Armies are infallible judges of their com powder. | manders, and feel when they are under | the right man by a sure inst nct. Perhaps the most marked effect of all, much, we think. It is the opinion of many has left the Bank for foreign parts. Behowever, would be the effect upon our that the enemy designs the removal of the Isides the usual shipment to Egypt and

They will understand from it that there tions are concerned, further south. quantities of gunpowder is entirely new, is to be no child's play-that this experiand has now been tried for the first time, cored and invincible soldier does not take was proposed by Admiral Porter to the our affairs in hand without full power and Navy Department Very careful atten- stern determination to bring out all the rebs were not subdued. For hours they tion was given to the matter by Colonel fighting force of the country, and make Rodman, Jeffers, H. A. Wise, and the the ruffian foe dearly rue the day when principal men of the Ordnance Depart. They made this struggle a war of extermiment. They all agreed as to its feasibili- nation. General Leo's name is specially ty, not one dissenting. The idea was sug- | connected with one measure of inilitary gested by the effect of the recent explo- necessity, now before Congress, which he sion of about thirty tons of powder in has strongly urged should be passed: we 'England, when every house within a half trust it will be passed, after being first enmile radius was knocked down. The ef. : larged and amended to his mind. The very fect upon masonry is therefore recognized | conception of that measure implies a grim beyond doubt, though its efficacy upon resolve. When he demands negro soldiers but not mortally wounded, and was in the land robbery, and a total inevitable loss of The United States steam gunboat Lou. Therefore upon every ground we sha isiana was taken to the Norfolk Navy Yard, rejoice, and the whole confederacy with about a month ago, and such changes made | us, if General Lee should be sharged with in her as would a lapt her to receive the this high duty. The enemy is now corpowder. She was also disguised as much tainly pressing us hard, and at many

rected in general orders, complacently

inumber of points, and with more veno James Pile, Marine Corps: Lieut Davil round the vessel, and terminated, one in vigorous step in that direction, it would D. Wemple, U. S. Navy: and three seas the hold, and the other in the centre of be satisfactory to see the government of min and a powder boy, whose names were the berth deck. A fuse also led directly the army entrusted altegether to General

LOSS OF SAVANNAH OF NO ACCOUNT.

[From the Examiner, Dec. 27.]

smeke-stack was placed upon her to give occuried any new piece of territory, any of about four millions of francs. i has not been a port for years. on Charleston when that is trule.

do. In his usual halderdash, vain-glori- dressed a letter to Mrs. Dayton, expresous and bombastic Yankeo style, Sher-man tells his friends that when the sun which the death of the late Minister of commences to move northward, he, Sher- the United States has left in the hearts of

as there is every reason to believe that he much she herself has been affected by the will keep his word, and no conceivable lamentable loss, and how sincerely she hindrance to the commencement, at least, sympathizes with the widow under her of his proposed march, we suppose that sad bereavement.

From the Rishmond Sentinel, Dec. 2. FROM GORDONSVILLE. The following official telegram was received at the War Department, on Satur-

Hon. James A. Seddon:-Gen. Pitz Lee five hundred hands on board, with a reports that the force which attacked Lo- weight of fifteen thousand tons, including max yesterday, consisted of two divisions four thousand five hundred tons of cable of the enemy's cavalry, under General Gen. Lomax was posted across the

The enemy was handsomely repulsed. and retired about 3 P. M., leaving some of his dead on the field. .He travelled too rapidly last night to engage his rear, having passed Jack's shop, twelve miles from Gordonsville, one

honr after dark. Thirty-two prisoners, captured at Liberty Mills on the 22d, being unable to keep no one to comfort them. They are going up their retreat, were liberated. Gen. Lomax's loss was light.

THE RAID ON POLLARD. From the Richmond Whig. Decr 27. Mobile, Dec. 19.—The Yankee raiders a "sell" of another description. They will from Pensacola destroyed all public and do no such thing. Jeff. Davis' governsome private buildings, damaged the read ment has made a rule that one-half of all inconsiderably, and the bridge over the the cargoes shall to on government ac-Escambia was partly destroyed. Captain count, or they will not be permitted to Henry Pope, Quartermaster, was cape trade. Knowing the foundation of credit tured. A few negroes were stelen. Yes- | is to pay debts, "the confederacy" wish to terday our forces pursued them. A portion negotiate another loan-"a big thing"of his supplies and transportation were res magna est-and are raising heaven and captured. The road was strewn with their earth to put their friends in good humor

There was an infantry force of another dation for a new loan. raiding party near Good's Mills and Pensacola. Sunday, its advance was met by rebel bonds are held that the finances of our cavalry, and driven back several miles. | the begus confederacy are so hopelessly Captain Semmes arrived here yesterday prestrate that they cannot raise enough from Europe via Matamoras.

A PROCLAMATION BY JEFF, DAVIS. Jeff. Davis has issued a proclamation? vitality of the cause, or of the energy and stating that Bennett (). Burley, now unself sacrifice of the people, but they have | der arrest in Canada for the piracy on said to themselves. What is the use of it Lake Michigan, is Acting Master of the Navy of the Confederate States; that he advance and Thomas's success look more May not these very armies that we have was authorized to capture the United toiled to raise and equip-these armies. States steamer Michigan and release the of the country—be sent on some foel's ere that the Confederate States assumes the rand, and, placed under command of some responsibility of answering for his acts. fourth rate officer, who must be made into CONFEDERATE CONGRESS. DEC'R 24-

HABEAS CORPUS. Mr. J. M. Leach offered a resolution de scrip enga get their pay, and then see claring that the writ of habeus corpus | whether the resents have will be transmuought not to be suspended, except in ex- ited into solid gold. treme cases, where the public interest! The blockade runners say that with the imperatively demand it; that the people | half of the cargo on government account are in the midst of a great struggle for they cannot get a steamer to pay for herchill. Now, if Gen. Lee consents to take liberty, and that no exigencies exists just self under four trips, and that is more tifying its suspension. The year and nave were demanded

The roll was called and the vote DUTCH GAP CANAL. [From the Richmond Sentinel, Dec. 27

Before many days we may expect to hear the explosion; and then, what next!

COL. MOSEY REPORTED KILLED. that the caring and distinguished guerilla | there is not less than seven hundred and chief, Colonel John S Mosby, had been lifty to eight hundred millions of dollars killed by the enemy. The story was that | of American securities of different descriphe had been surrounded while dining a tions now in Europe. Such has been the the house of a friend in Culpepper, and hostile course of the London Times and

tol and fired upon the enemy, when he was ! his death, stating that he had been shot, ! * ascertained -Rich. Div., Dic. 27.

WOUNDING OF MOSBY. It was reported last evening that Col. Mosby had been very seriously wounded | wonder, that Seward showed himself a in an encounter with the enemy in Prince | man of sense in suubbing the Mr. Joseph William county. He is said to have been Parker, alias Barker, who had carried the affair; but as a raiding party of the enemy, | ca to insult the American people with. composed of whites and negroes, were in merely asked your rulers to allow their Dumfries on Wednesday, it is probable country to be disrupted, so that slaveholdthat Mesby encountered them on their ers might run rict, and holders of rebel-

At Dumfries the raiders captured pri- money.

Foreign News.

The Cunard steamer Australasian, Capt. Cook, which left Liverpool at eleven o'clock on the morning of the 17th, and : Queenstown on the evening of the 1 of December, arrived at New York carly . Thurrsday morning. The steamship Saxonia, Captain Trautmann, from Southampton on the 14th of December, reached New York Thursday The news by the Australasian is two days later than the advices by the Peru-

The law for the transfer of the Italian capital to Florence, countersigned by all the ministers, is promulgated in the official gazette, as also is a royal decree sanctioning the convention of the 15th of Sep-A terrific hurricane had been experienced at Lisbou. Numerous small vessols were damaged and sunk. The extent The evacuation of Savannah, accome of the disaster on shore is not yet an-

stores, will do the Confederacy no harm. The weekly returns of the Bank On board the Ticon leroga, by explosion Before the Louisians went out, an extra, It is painful to learn that the enemy has France show a decrease in the cash in hand Wounded-Lieutemant L. G. Vassallo, her all the appearance possible of a block- willage or fown; and Savannah is a con- The Sarvacz Ministry having resigned, siderable city, full of rich people, some of a new Cabinet was formed in Madrid by There were no absolute soundings of whom, we are sorry to hear, have always the Marquis of Pavia, but the Queen deder, seaman, thigh; Wm. Militlen, seas and it was culy a matter of conjecture how is not, perhaps, another town which we summored Sener Lersandi to the palace, near the Louisiana could go before she ran equid afford to surrender with so little and subsequently Senor Isturitz and the diminution of tighting power. Savannah Marquis of Miradores, with whom long conferences were held. The crisis contin-The Yankees hold the forts in perma- not on the 16th. Secor Isturitz was ennent possession, which close the mouth of desvering to form a cabinet. but his suceverybody was to be hurriedly transferred the river. Savannah is not a manufactu- cess was considered dothtful. [Marshall ring town. Its cotton stores have been Narvae designed the Premiership sooner From the prisoners captured we learn. The explosion was expected to take place long since removed inland. It has never than undertake the heavy responsibility BAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27 .- Another that on Satur ay we dismounted two of inthirty or forty minutes, and at that time been a military depot. It is the gate of and cost which he assured the Queen would no interior. It rests on no line of rail be incurred by a continuance of the war roads. Its loss does not interfere with against at. Domingo -- ED. HERALD fice of our shells, and ploughed and tore was made, however, in case something any part of the Confederate transports. The London Times, in a semewhat diccult the defence of Charleston or Augus. Queen to emerge from her seclusion, the factor in the to the the design of the design o where from the cold weather, chiefly owing in their bomb-proofs; no men cold have Under such circumstances they were to ta. as many suppose; for between Savan London Post responds by condemning cred Mr. Poscil. The Closing gentlemen | will be, the point d'oppui for a land attack great sorrow is always present to her, she is nevertheless now more able to attent. Jerbus F. Beil and Judge J. R. Underwood. The loss of Savannah is no hurt to us, not only to those absolute duties which

loss of Vicksburg would not have been to the genteel coartesies of royal life. irremediable. if Davis had not thrown. The arguments in the appeal of Bishop. laway an army in it; and the loss of Sa- Colenzo against the action of the Bishop vanuah is a real gain when the garrison of Capetown, in depriving him of his See. and without even Executive direction, and rived. She brings home the remains of The gold was nearly all from Oregon and Christmas day), the of Muller's execution, so'd three quarters of a field, if the enemy diminishes his army to mittee of the Privy Council. | furnish a Federal garrison to Savannah. | Mme. Dronyn de L'huys, wife of the spired profound regreta."

This, however, he is not much likely to Foreign Minister of France, has adman, will follow the sun's example; and all who knew him. She declares how

On December 16th the new Atlantic ott & Co.) Morton Wharf, Greenwich on board the Amethyst, Admiralty vessel for conveyance to the Great Eastern, at The cable will be laid across the Atlan-

tic by Messrs. Canning & Clifford, in Readquarters Army N. Va., Dec. 24 _ June next. The Great Eastern will have and eight thousand tons of coal. It was stated at the meeting of the Mersey Docks and Harbor Board that the warehouse accommodation for tobacco in Liverpool is very inefficient, and that three thousand hogsheads have recently

been sent to continental ports. It is intended to obtain permission to use the transit shods for temporary storage. [London Correspondence N. Y. Herald.] THE BLOCKADE RUNNER SPECULATORS GOING TO "SELL OFF."

The blockade runners are in grief, with to sell off their ships, throw up the businees, turn virtuous, and take no more cakes and ale to the ungrateful Confederates. That is, they say so; but, the seliing off, like other tradesmen's dodges, is on this side, and by so doing lay the foun-

I hear from certain quarters where to buy percussion caps, arms, or even soap to keep their hides clean, saying nothing of a dress for the wife, or wages to their swindled, ill-starred soldiers. The loan vibrates, like Mahomet's cof fin, between had and worse, as Sherman's or less emphatic. Probably two or three millions out of the fifteen millions of dollars that Slidell sold his daughter for have been paid, and now, if they can pay the balance in much needed cotton, they are promised a large sum-some say as high as ten millions sterling-from the same parties. Let the present holders of the

than the average life of a blockade runner. They threaten to leave Jeff, and his victims in the lurch, without any good stuff from John Bull's land, unless he talks more liberally. It is very easy to talk of selling off a large fleet of steamers, but the We learn that the famous Dutch Gap | inordinate demand for these craft was cretated by blockade running, and that once

I played out, you can buy steamers as But the blockade runners have another grievance. Some of their skippers, after We being captured, have been shut up in residence at that now fashionable boarding house. The ungrateful fellows look

on this as a griovance. Considerable gold has lately arrived Not here from America, but quite as much The plan of destroying fortifications enemies, of this new power vested in Lee, sont of war, so far as its principal opera. India, large quantities have gone to the Continent—to Paris, Hamburg, Frankfort, Amsterdam, &c., to meet the interest on American scrip, falling due Janu-It was reported on the streets yesterday ary 1. I am told by bankers here that ordered to surrender; that he drew his pis other tory journals here in persisting in every species of misrepresentation and calumny that poor, innocent, noce-But a telegram from Fredericksburg, led, bamboozled John Bull-and his dated the 25th, was received yesterday | wife-have been made to believe that utmorning, which contradicts the report of ter disregard of national obligations and hands of his friends. The question of his all investments in American national condition is, however, not yet definitely | bonds, had been the past history and would be the future of your financial transactions

through all time. The London Times has admitted, for a piece of impertinence from the three hun-We could obtain no particulars of the dred thousand secessionists over to Ameri-I scrip could get back their ill invested

vates Jeff. Harding, Wm. Gray and Wm. | Great interest is still felt in Sherman's Brawner, of the 49th Virginia Infantry .- march, and much anxiety to hear of his arrival on the scaboard. No one doubts his I safety, but they want to see the details of

A HIP AT LINGUISTS.-I assert, and I repeat my assertion, that these talkers of many tongues are poor creatures.-There is no initiative-in them, they suggest nothing, they are venders of secondhand wares, and are not always even good selectors of what they sell. It is only in parrative that they are at all endurable. They can recenter certainly; and so long as they go from salon to salan repeating in set phrase some little misalventure or accident of the day, they are amusing: but this is not converzation, and they do "Ilvery time a man acquires a new Isuguage, is he a new man? I is suppored to have been a saying of Charles V., a sentiment, that, if he uttered it, means more of sarcas in than praise, for it is the very patting off a man's identity that es-

togrity in his mature that rejects this plas-It is a very common habit, particularly with newspaper writers, to ascribe skill in languages, and occasionally in games. to distinguish people. It was but the other day we were to'! that Garibaldi spoke ten languages inently. Now Gariballi is not really master of two. He speaks French tolerably; and his native language is not Italian, but a pato's Gemoose. Carour was calle I a linguist with almost as little truth; but people repeat the story just as they repeat that Napoleon I was a great chess player. If his statecrait and his strategy had been on a war with his chess, we stould never have heard of Tileit and Wagram .- Black of.

tablishes his weakness. All real force of

character excuses dualism. Every emi-

ment, every able man has a certain in-

Tar The Kentucky Legistance, which will - Gid stee in mith sighter (-- はったい けっぽ weeklantidges H in Ruffen King Wilneste, of the Supreme Chart of Kentucky, Hos. C. F. Burnem, and Gen. R unenan. The Dentierets mill present the games of H v. James Guthrie, Hon. The Courter to hints Uris speaks of

the late William I. Dayt'n in it in termeror the consillatory character of this dislomat. his perfectly distinguished manners had soquired for him, at l'aris, the sympathics of all who were brought into contact with him .increases the Confederate army in the were progressing before the Judicial Com- We doubt not that in the French governmental circles his unexpected death has in-