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THE SOUTH DIVIDED. MALCONTENTS ABUNDANT. Disloyalty to the Rebel Cause Decried.

The Governor of South Carolina Preparing for Sherman's Visit. THE RAILROADS TO BE DISMANTLED.

Comments on the Blair Mission. &c. &c. &c.

From the Army of the Potomac. HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, Jan. 7.—There is nothing new to report on the lines of Petersburg.

Four deserters were executed yesterday, one hung and three shot. The first was W. S. Thornton, of the 17th New York volunteers.

A party of poor white people, numbering about twenty-five, said to have been lately inmates of a poor-house in Prince George's county, came into the lines yesterday and were sent North to-day.

Some fifteen deserters from the enemy came in this morning—four of them being cavalrymen, with their horses and equipments.

THE QUESTION OF EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS. WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The President today, in answer to a resolution of the House of Representatives, communicated the report of Colonel Thomas H. Key, giving an account of the interview between himself and Gen. Howell Cobb, on the 14th of June, 1862, on the banks of the Chickahominy.

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FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The bill introduced by Representative Elijah Ward to-day, and which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, provides for the repeal of so much of the act to increase the internal revenue, passed March 7th, 1864, as imposes a tax of 40 cents on gallons upon spirits distilled from grain or other material imported from the foreign countries.

It has been a frequent remark of our most experienced navy officers who are in correspondence with foreign officers that Europe would be the first to recognize the extraordinary increase of our navy, as well as the efficient and economical administration of its affairs.

England having obtained and maintained her power by her navy, recognizes the superiority of the United States Navy Department, and which the people of this country now acknowledge.

THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES pronounced an opinion in the case of Stoneham vs. the United States, arising from the latter the title to the Southern part of the Fort Leavenworth reservation.

The Senate in Executive session to-day confirmed the nomination of Alexander S. Johnson, of New York, as commissioner for the settlement of the claims of the Indian War and Treaty and Agricultural Commissioner, vice Daniel S. Dickinson, declined.

The President has sent a message to Congress asking that an appropriation be made for the portion of the money to be paid by the United States, under the treaty with Belgium, for the capitalization of the loan.

The appropriations to the 10-40 loan for the 6th and 7th inst., as reported to the Treasury, amount to \$25,075,550, and of the 7-30 loan, nearly \$4,500,000.

The item in the legislative, executive, and judicial appropriation bill, as reported, are as follows: For the 10-40 loan, \$25,075,550; for the 7-30 loan, \$4,500,000.

FROM PORTSMOUTH. PORTSMOUTH, N.H., Jan. 8.—Hon. Secretary Stanton, accompanied by Major General Meigs and others, arrived here at a late hour on Friday night, from Washington, and left yesterday for the city of Portsmouth, N.H., to see the Hon. John H. Bates, U.S. Senator, and Savannah, Ga.

The iron-clad monitor "Diatra" came down from Norfolk, and proceeded to Hampton Roads on Friday.

The small steamer Diatira from Washington, did not reach here on Saturday till 9 P.M., in consequence of the stormy weather, and being compelled to anchor during a dense fog which prevailed during the entire day.

Capt. Blakeman reports having seen, one mile and a half this side of Smith's Point light, an unknown steamer, sunk.

THE RETRIEVAL OF HOOD. CINCINNATI, Jan. 9.—The correspondent of the Commercial Intimater that Hood took across the Tennessee River from two boats, and about 120 men, on the 10th inst., and passed through the river, and crossed the Chattanooga railroad below Tallahassee, and tore up a few miles of the track.

DETROIT, Jan. 9.—Little Rock (Ark.) advices of the 1st say that the military situation remains unchanged. Hon. W. L. Stewart has been elected United States Senator from Arkansas for six years from the 4th of March next. He received a large majority of the votes in the election.

REPUBLICANS FROM ALABAMA. CAIRO, Jan. 8.—The steamer Lockwood, from Little Rock, has arrived with 500 refugees and 60 orphans in a destitute condition, many of them sick. Several died on the way up. Three more boats loaded are coming.

ROLLING HILL BURNED. CINCINNATI, Jan. 9.—Hayden's extensive Rolling Hill, in Portsmouth, Ohio, was destroyed by fire on Thursday, with a large stock of manufactured iron. Loss \$150,000. No insurance.

GOLD MARKET. NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—At Gallagher's evening exchange the market was very dull. Gold closed steady at 20 1/2.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS ITEMS. Mr. Hoos, one of the victims in the Desford, Ohio, tragedy, is improving, and it is now thought he will recover. The little girl who still lingers is not yet so sanguine a condition.

A French engineer professes to have discovered a new method of exploding powder, with nitro-glycerine, in explosive power is established, and the explosion is much less than ordinary powder.

Dear has become unusually thick this winter on the slope of the Alleghany mountains in Pennsylvania. Hunters believe that they are not as numerous as in other States.

The report that the Mexican General Cortes had been defeated, captured, and summarily executed by Canals turns out to be untrue. Canals himself was defeated in the battle.

Mr. Noble is reported to have said, "that America pursued, and England goes to demonstrate her power by the capture of the Gulf of Mexico and every English lord and countess."

There are rumors in Italy that Victor Emmanuel will abdicate in favor of his son, King Humbert, by the name of the Italian King.

The last India Company paid \$100,000 for the purchase of the ship "The Enterprise," for the purpose of making the expedition to the North Pole.

The Georgia Central Railroad is located at Savannah, and is to be built by the Georgia Central Railroad Company.

During the past year, the enormous sum of one-hundred million dollars was lost by fire in the United States.

It is said that the deserters from the rebel army, who are being sent to the States, are being sent to the States, and are being sent to the States.

The Legislature of Illinois has elected Governor Yates, and the Legislature of Ohio has elected Governor Allen.

THE LONDON TIMES UPON THE U.S. NAVY DEPARTMENT.

Acknowledgment of the Eminent of the Administration and the Extraordinary Economy with which such an immense fleet has been constructed, and put into successful operation—assistance which the United States has rendered to Army Operations.

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THE REPORT OF SECRETARY OF NAVY WELLES.

The same journal has the following long and interesting report of our Secretary of the Navy: Mr. Gideon Welles, the Secretary of the Navy, is undoubtedly entitled to a claim credit for the exertions of his department during the great civil war.

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CIRCULAR OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE COLORED RACE IN MARYLAND.

These are the objects of the Association:—To secure the moral and educational improvement of the colored people.

The address of the Association to the public is hereby appended, and your aid and countenance in furtherance of its charitable object is earnestly requested.

Any amount of money you feel able to contribute may be headed to any member of the finance committee, and will aid the Association in their effort to educate the colored people.

Roots of the Baltimore Association for the Moral and Educational Improvement of the Colored People, Room No. 3 Bible House, No. 100 North Howard Street, Baltimore, Md.

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THE REBEL OPPOSITION PARTY.

J. C. Davis' Organ Calling the Opposition Party Hard Names.

The Richmond Sentinel, of January 5, has a leader headed "The Government and the Opposition," thus inadvertently admitting that the South is not a unit in its attitude towards the Federal Government.

The article is as follows:—The administration includes not only the President and his Cabinet, but also the officers, civil and military, appointed by the President, and who hold their offices under the Confederate government.

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