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PRICE TWO CENTS.

TO THE BAIFIMORE CLIPPER.

Gen. Beauregard Ivacuates It Without a Vig

SHERMAN IN FELL POSSESSION

Destruction of Medical Stores

BYACEATION OF CHARLESTON NECESSARI

It Has Probably Taken Place.

____ His Destination Charlotte, N. U. or Florence, S. C.

Suspension of the Charleston Mercury and Removal to Another Point.

Official Bulletin.

WAR DEPARTMENT WASHINGTON, Feb. 13-10.20 P. M. To Major General Diz, New York : - The announcement of the occupation of Columbia, South Carolina, by General Sherman, and the probable evacuation of Charleston, has been communicated this Department in the following telegrams just received from Lieutenan General Grant.

EDWIN M. STANTON. Becretary of War.

CITY POIKT, Feb. 18-4 45 P. M. Hon. E. M. Stanton, War Doyartment: The Richmond Dispatch of this morn- rabels. ing says that General Sherman entered Charleston, which it thinks likely is al. Terry. ready being evacuated.

U. S. GRANT, Lieut. General. CITY POINT, Va., Feb. 18. Hon. B. M. Stonton, War Department. The fellowing is taken from to-day Richmond Dispatch:

THE FALL OF COLUMBIA. "Columbia has fallen! Sherman marched into and took possession of the city yesterday morning. This intelligence was communicated yesterday by Gen. Beaure gard in an official dispatch. Columbia is situated on the north bank of the Congaree river, just below the confluence of the

Saluda and Broad rivers. "From Gen. Beauregard's dispatch it appears that on Thursday evening the enemy approached the south bank of the Arrival of the Baxonia-Opening of Par-Congaree, and threw a number of shells into the city. During the night they marched up the river, and yesterday mornthey were crossing these rivers, our troops | has arrived. bia. The enemy soon after took posses. mission on the 7th.

attempt the defence of Columbia, a large | rejoice at a friendly reconstruction. thought impossible to remove, were de- loan closed at 55 a 57. miles north of Columbia. We presume | are pure fabrications. have no positive information.

"The fall of Columbia, we presume, ne- above New York prices. consitutes the evacuation of Charleston. The Phare de la Loire confirms the re- operating against Sherman. The very best coss of evacuation.

will next direct his columns. The gener- | iron clad ram constructed at Bordeaux for | thusiasm. al impression is that he will go to Charles- Denmark. A large number of cases and | "Col. Isaac M. St. John, at present chief ton and establish his base, but we confess barrels were transferred to her from an of the Nitre and Mining Bureau, has been we de not see what need he has of a base. English steamer. It is to be presumed he is subsisting on ! the country, and he has had no battle to exhaust his ammunition.

intention to march to Columbia, thence to Augusta, and thence to Charleston. This was uttered as a boast and to hide his designs. We are disposed to believe that ment abolishing slavery be rejected. he will next strike at Charlotte, which is bis and Wilmington and the Charleston one for unconditional ratification. and Wilmington Railroads, some ninety miles from Columbia.

"There was a report yesterday that Augusta had also been taken by the enemy. This we do not believe. We have reason to feel assured that nearly the whole of a Washington, Feb. 18 .- During four Sherman's army is altegether at Columbia, days of the present week over two hun-!" vancing on Augusta was untrue."

The Richmond Whig says: "It was rumored that the Charleston of whom deserted from the rebel picket ninth. Mercury of Saturday announces a brief posts on the night of the 14th instant. suspension of that paper, with a view to Twenty of this number belonged to Virits temporary removal to another point. ginia regiments, and the remainder to This is rendered necessary by the pro- Georgia, North and South Carolina regigress of military events cutting it off ments. from the mail facilities for distributing its paper to a large portion of its subscribers, while the lack of transportation renders its supply of paper precarious.

and will take command of the James River Squadron." U. S. GRANT, Lieutenant General.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 18.—Jay Cooke, trasports under flags of truce. a half millions.

Unsuccessful Attempt of the Bebels to Advance their Line. WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—A letter re- Wilmington Reported Evacuated

ceived from the Army of the James, dated 17th inst. says: Several deserters from the rebel army (0)(1)[1][1][0] OF TROOFS AT NIMB! who arrived at headquarters, stated that this morning between 12 and 1 e'clock, a company from each regiment of Steuart's brigade of picket division, were sent out to advance their picket line about 150 yards in order to strongthen as well as straighten | Estement their lines on the Bermuda Hundred front, opposite the position held by the 2d Pennsylvania heavy artillery. On being discovered they were fired upon by our pickets, and after about twenty shots they retired to their own lines. The party

making the attempt are reported as having been supplied with entrenching tools to throw up works for their defence, and on Wednesday merning. With this ex nent. when fired on retreated in the utmost disorder, not waiting to return our fire. Their loss, if any, is unknown.

Nine hundred and eighty-three Union prisoners, including ten officers, mostly days. from Danville, came down from Richmond ! to-day on the steamboat Allison to Cox's Landing, where they were received and cared for by Lieut. H. S. Merrill, A.

M. at these beadquarters. was on her return trip to Richmond, and Grant was transferring a heavy body of when a short distance above Fig. Brady, troops to the north side. This may simply she struck a torpedo, which expedded and be the return of the troops sent over to lotte and destroyed much rebel property completely wrecked her. She had on Petersburg to participate in the Hatcher's board 213 packages of blankets and number of other articles intended for our prisoners, mostly those belonging to the State of Indiana. The loss of life by the destruction of the boat is unknown. There is no change as yet in the weather. The roads are very bad, owing to the

continued rains. From Fortress Monroe.

Arrival from Bevannah and Hilton Head-A Battle Beported in Bouth PORT MORROE, Feb. 17 .- The steamer anticipated.

Adriadne arrived to-day from Fort Fisher. Just before leaving Fort Fisher, he saw a repairing the railread from Newbern to bright light in the direction of Fort An- Kingston.

Columbia yesterday morning, and its fall Terry, sailed from here this atternoon for rived there, making the number of troops necessitates, it presumes, the fall of Fort Fisher, with colored troops for Gen. at the post about 5,000.

from Savannah and Hilton Head, was road iron at Morebead City. It is not loaded with cotton from Savannah. She apprehended in Kingston that the enemy sailed this morning for New York. The design an early movement in that direct granted the time, but said to the Mayo eaptain of the Blackstone says that a bat. tion. known by him.

afternoon for Fort Fisher, with dispatches. mails and passengers.

Later from Europe. liament-The Queen Reamems Neutraitty in American Affairs-A Rebel Ram at Sea. NEW YORK, Feb. 19 .- The steamer

under Gen. Beauregard evacuated Colum- | Parliament was opened by Royal Cem-, General Wheeler. Blocum has with him

quantity of medicine stores, which it was | Consols closed at 89} a 89}. The rebel left at Savannah. stroyed. The female employees of the The Moniteur says that all the reports kee papers, we learn that Sherman was treasury department, had been previously in reference to a cession of Sonora and still at his headquarters, at Beaufort.

sent off to Charlotte, N. C., a hundred other provinces to France from Mexico, "Gen. S. D. Lee and Wade Hampton, the treasury lithographic establishment. The peace rumors from America gained have been confirmed by the Confederate

States bonds had advanced to 5 per cent. | makes him rank Gan. Wheeler, and puts | he was sorely tempted to endeavor to cut which we think is likely already in pro- ports that the steam ram Olinda recently effects may be expected to result from this seen off the coast of France, is a confede- appointment. Gen. Hampton's presence

PROM KENTUCKY--REPORTS OF THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

NEW YORK, February 17 .- A special Kentucky, says a majority of the Committee on the Judiciary in the Senate, have reported that the constitutional amend-

The minority report insists upon cona hundred miles north of Columbia, on the pensation as a condition precedent to the Charlotte and Columbia Railroad, or at ratification. Four of the committee are Florence, S. C., the junction of the Colum- for rejection, one for compensation, and

mittee to investigate arbitrary arrests.

THE REBEL DESERTIONS.

THE EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS. WASHIKUTON, Feb. 13 .- Our authorities are rapidly sending forward a large -The rebel flag of truce boat, William corporal. "Three dozen," was the rep "Semmes has been made Rear-Admiral, number of rebel prisoners from Camp Allison, whilst on her upward trip from moating broke an basiles also need to Chase, Ohio, and the camp at Elmira, New | Cox Landing this afternoon, was blown; York, for exchange. These prisoners are up by a torpedo. The boat went down sent to Fortress Monroe, from whence almost immediately. There were no prist lowed by a discharge of grape and can ster they are conveyed up the James river in oners aboard at the time. This catastro-

the andscription agent, reports the sub- THE CASE OF THE PIRATE BEALscriptions to the 7 30 loan to-day at \$5,- A RESPITE FROM THE PRESIDENT. ter for a long time. three thousand five hundred individual tain Beal, which was to have been carried Wallace, formerly of Philadelphia, and released from Fort Warren on parole.—

THE REBEL CONGRESS—EMPLOYMENT OF make details and exemptions, excepting ment to the Constitution of the United Beaton Suspense may be induced to take a mental centrate Use and the United Beaton Suspense ment to the Constitution of the United Beaton Suspense ment to the Constitution Suspense subscriptions of \$50 and \$100 each. The into effect to-morrow, has been counter. lately connected with the editorial department; to revoke all extensions in the employ.

MEGROES IN THE ARMY.

Mr. Barksdale, from the Epecial Comment of the Government; to revoke all extensions in the employ.

Was cast in each house in the negative—
total sales for the week are twenty-six and manded for the present, and his case is ment of the Louisville Journal, died this Formey, editor of the Chronicle in this mittes to whom was referred the bill in
total sales for the week are twenty-six and manded for the present, and his case is ment of the Louisville Journal, died this Formey, editor of the Chronicle in this mittes to whom was referred the bill innow entirely in the hands of the President, morning from paralysis.

Their Strength and Designs.

f Treeps in General Grant's Army.

papers of the 16th, have been received advance of Sherman's forces had reac bere. The Dispatch contains the fol- the south bank of the Congares river,

"The enemy are quiet in their entrenchments en Hatcher's Ruo.

"Throughout Tuesday night the rumbling of wagons and artillery was beard on Grant's line, and in the neighborhood mington papers of the 9th inst. About 5 o'clock, as the steamer Allison of Deep Bottom. It was supposed that Run affair last Monday.

> "It was reported yesterday morning that a reconneisance. our troops were evacuating Wilmington. The report is not confirmed by official despatches received yesterday. The Yankee papers state that General Terry is still the vicinity of Fort Fisher, and waiting for General Hoke to attack him. Hitherto the Yankee press have represen Terry as about to march towards Wilmington with the confident expectation of Point taking the place. Fort Anderson proves FURTHER PARTICULARS OF LIEUTENAN a more effectual obstruction than they had

"General Baker, in command of our for- gallant exploits of recent date, equal The captain reports that our forces had ces at Goldsbore, reports to the War Deexpected to have made an attack upon partment that he has reason to believe the Fort Anderson on the 13th instant, but enemy are concentrating at Newbern, and failed to do so for some cause unknown. - that they have with them materials for

derson, and the supposition was, that it | "Scouts who came into Kingston on the had been abandoned and burnt by the night of the 11th, report that Gen. Foster is in command at Newbern and that two: The steamers Northerner and Ellen S. thousand of the 18th Army Corps have ar-

"It is reported and believed in Kings-FORT MONROE, Feb. 18.—The steamer | ton that the enemy had landed two loco-Blackstone, which arrived here yesterday motives and two transport loads of rail-

the had been fought just provious to his "No official dispatches were received sailing from Hilton Head, by Gen. Sher- from any part of South Carolina yester man's forces, but the result was not day. At last accounts, as we stated in I yesterday's paper, the enemy held Or-! The steamer General Meigs sailed this angeburg and Columbia Branch Railroad, and our forces were falling back towards Columbia. There was a flying report yes- | occupation of the town, and was entirely The weather is quite spring-like here terday, which we could trace to no relia- consumed, with its contents. The peop ble source, that there had been skirmish ing on Tuesday morning within a few

miles of Columbia. day, state that at that time Slocum was at vegetables-all has been gathered in for Windsor, ten miles east of Aiken, andvancing on Augusta, his right tlank being , protected by the South Edisto river, and ing forded the Saluda and Broad. Whilst | Saxonia from Southampton on the Sth his left by Kilpetrick's cavalry. Two party during their stay in that place. days after this Kilpatrick was defeated by the 15th and 16th Corps. The 14th and ing or his staff, or his command, appear to Her Majesty announced that she re- 20th Corps composed the force operating partake of the sumptuous breakfast pre-"Through private sources we learn that, | mains steadfastly neutral between the against Columbia and Charleston. This pared for them by the Mayor and town autwo days ago, when it was decided not to contending parties in America and would leaves one Corps in Sherman's army un-

By the latest advices through the Yan-

recently appointed Lieutenant Generals, was also removed, though as to this we such credit at Frankfort that the United Sanate. The promotion of Gen. Hampton extent, being a valuable prize, and which him in command of all our cavalry now out and bring away; but, remembering "It is impossible to say where Sherman rate cruiser. Ble was reorganized as an will not fail to inspire confidence and en-

profession an engineer."

Proclamation by the President.

it on the part of the executive. sidered it to be my duty to issue my proc- ling frequent applause. The speaker was lamation, declaring that an extraordinary supposed to be General Bragg, who was session requires the Fenate of the United known to be at the fort that evening, after

By the President:

Wm. H. Seward, Secretary of State.

CITY POINT, Va., Feb. 17-8 30 P. M. in the river." "How many!" asked the phe probably arose from one of the enemy's half an hour, but, singular to relate, Cushlown torpedoes, which has been in the wa- ing and his entire party got off safely.

Latest News by Telegraph From the Army of the James. FROM NORTH CAROLINA, ARMAL OF A CHURIR PM SHRIMAL NEWS FROM THE SOUTH the employment of negroes as soldiers, by the President and Secretary of War, LOSE OF THE STEAMER MERRIMAN PROPERTY OF THE STEAMER MERRIMAN NEWS FROM THE SOUTH reported back said bill without among and to revoke all examptions of mail con-

THE CAPTURE OF BRANCHYILLE.

LATER PROM SOUTH CAROLINA-SHERMAN STILL ADVANCING Washington despatch says that the mond papers of the 16th, state that few miles east of Columbia, and that the "There was a canonade of several hours rebel ferces had fallen back to the north duration on our left, near the Appomattox, bank. A battle was thought to be immi-

ception nothing of moment has occurred! NEW YORK, Feb. 13.-The Herald's on the Petersburg lines. The picket fir- | Fort Fisher correspondent under date of ing has, by tacit consent of both parties, the 13th, says that a courier from General a country paper in North Carolina, and very much slackened within the past few Sherman to Admiral Porter arrived at Smithville yesterday, having ridden across the country at great peril, and announced the capture of Branchville, after three days hard fighting, on the 8th inst. This news is be says confirmed by Wil-

of another gallant exploit of Lieut Cushing. He captured the town of and on Friday night, the same daring officer was sent up the Cape Fear river on

He proceeded in small boats to the obstructions opposite Fort Anderson, which he carefully examined, and then copied them and passed on up to Wilmington.-Here be made a complete examination the wharves and shipping, and gaine much valuable information. On his te turn Lieutenant Cushing found the famous rebel cruiser, Chickamauga, suni across the channel opposite Drum Tree

CUSHING'S EXPLOIT. Lieutehant Commander Cushing, of t navy, is the hero of several daring and meritorious character to the destruction o the ram Albemarie. On the 8th inst.. act ing under instructions from Admiral Porter, he entered Felly Inlet a few miles southward of the western bar, and, as my was massing a heavy force on our left, in New York. A "public meeting" was cending a small stream that enters the sea | in the vicinity of Taylor's, is discredited. at that point, he proceeded in launches The Petersburg Express says that our about ten miles into the interior, to the works are so strong east of that city that town of Shallotte. At this place be land- the combined Yankee army could not suced with less than a score of men, surprise cossfully storm them, though defended by a meeting in Savannah. They might in the ed and put to flight the garrison of the comparatively small force. town, numbering one hundred men; cap- THE TIRGISIA DELECATION AND PRESI- of London. tured fifteen of them, then called together the Mayor and Town Council, told them that he had a large force in the immedi

tate vicinity, who would enter the place in the morning, and demanded an uncon-The town authorities agreed to surrender, but asked time until morning draw up the papers. Lieut. that he should require a breakfast himself and staff the following day, which was promised. Cushing then, with small force of tars, proceeded to explore the town. They found in their perambu lations a large warehouse filled with com missary stores for the garrison and For Anderson. This warehouse accidentally or otherwise, took fire during the federa

complained bitterly of the arbitrary and oppressive nature of the rebel conscription and impressment laws. Everything eat able in the country had been taken by the "The Augusta papers of last Wednes-, soldiers-chickens, ducks, pigs, cattle, the support of the garrison at Fort Ander son, which is wholly subsisted from the visions was destroyed by Cushing and his About eighty bales of cotton were also found stored there, which were not visible in the morning; neither did Lient. Cush-

On Friday night the same daring officer accounted for. We presume it has been was sent up the Cape Fear river on a reconnoissance. He proceeded in small boats to the obstructions opposite Fort Anderson, which he carefully examined and crossed, and then passed on up Wilmington. Here he made a complete examination of the wharves and shipping, and gained much valuable information. : Among other things he found a valuable steamer, which excited his envy to a great that he had no orders to attempt such ; bazardous undertaking, and remembering also the difficulty that would occur in the effort to get her by the obstruction oppoisite Fort Anderson, he wisely concluded to let her alone. It was well he did so, as it turned out that the steamer was loaded with troops, who could more than

epposite Drum Tree Point.

Before leaving Savannah he declared his despatch to the World from Frankfort, AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF sent on another scout up the river with in his high sense of duty, his discretion in city. four small boats. He found no difficulty public affairs, and his activity of execu-Whereas, objects of interest to the in progressing as far as the obstructions tion; and the public will be disappointed United States require that the Senate at Anderson. Hearing some cheering in if there is not a revision of the exempshould be convened at 12 o'clock on the the fort, he made his vessels fast on the tiens and details in the old administration 3th of March next, to receive and act upon obstructions, and himself made his way of the War Office, and an overhauling of such communications as may be made to along the piles and cribs to a point close the effete protection papers on which hununder the walls of the fort. Here dreds of men who are properly liable Now, therefore, I. ABRAHAM LILCOLN, he was able to hear the voice of a speaker military duty are travelling through and President of the United States, have con- | who was haranguing the garrison, elicit- around Richmond.

I they neglected to see them for a full half hour that they laid there. At last a senti-FROM CITY POINT .- THE REBEL nel chanced to turn around and discovered FLAG-OF-TRUCE BOAT BLOWN UP | them. Instantly he sang out "Corporal BYONE OF THEIR OWN TORPE- of the guard!" The corporal responded. when the sentinel sang out "Yankee boats meeting broke up hastily; the garrison to arms, and before Cushing could get back to his boats a velley of musketry for

> HON, ROOKR A PRIOR RELEASED. be necessary to enable him to carry out WASHINGTON, Feb. 18th -The Presis these orders, and restore civil and militas negro" clause and to take from the Presis

him. The bring was continued for nearly

THE WAR BEWS. [From the Richmond Examiner, Feb. 15. Rumors are numerous at a time when there is little real information of the movements and designs of the enemy. Within the past fortnight, Thomas' army has been reported moving in almost as many directions at there are points to the compass. There has been persistent rumor that a portion of his army designs to co-operate movement in Northern Virginia. All that : fenders of the Stars and Stripes.

is officially or positively known of such a design is that a portion of Thomas' army has undoubtedly been transported Washington, or the lines of the Potomac and that General Early reports that one of his scouts had captured papers showing an arrangement with the Ballimore and Ohio Railroad Company for the transpor tation over their road of "twelve thousand

The report of a movement of Yankees, | 20,000 strong, upon Raleigh, comes from obtained no confirmation from other

SOCTH CAROLINA. Among the multitude of reports attaching to Sherman's movement in South railroad to Columbia porth of its junction with the South Carolina Railroad; and as, days ago, there has been no news of any

since the date of these advices several interruption of this movement, it is concluded that Gen. Beauregard has fallen back from Branchville to take up a new line to cover Columbia, and one bette calculated for defeasive purposes. opinion appears to obtain in official quarters that a battle is imminent; that Bean regard will fight it out on ground of his own selection, and with a force adequate offensive or defensive purposes. either may become necessary; and the general situation is encouraging for the It was currently reported yesterday that a column of the enemy was mor on Augusta. But the War Departmen has no confirmation of this, further than despatch received some days ago referring to the appearance of some force of the

tenemy near Aiken, which is eighteen THE PETERSBURG LINES. A report from Petersburg that the ene-

DEST DAVIS. former, having been considered as conveying a reflection on the action of the Virvinia delegation in the premises, that body of gentlemen, through their chairman, Mr. Bocock, have made public a full . anation of their motives in taking the [com] action which they did, and of the manner and spirit of their conference with the

tendered the President was that a general reconstruction of his Cabinet was demanded by public sentiment, and was necessary for the restoration of public centi- sick man with a double handful of dried deuce. They say that this advice was apples! "Will you be good enough," he communicated in the most friendly, respectful and confidential manner to the "when you write North to say that May President; and that it was supposed that he received it in the same spirit of patriotism, candor and friendship which had compted the action of the delegation. With reference to the letter of the Prest on the subject, the delegation express surprise at the positions assumed in

and say that it had never eccurred to . them, before the publication of the correspondence under consideration, that practically a body so eminent in our political system as the cabinet, could, through dohigh places, would contribute no independent advice, information or influence to curred." the policy of the Administration, or that they would long continue to hold office | quiet within the enemy's lines. ither in complete subserviency to a sinrie mind or in defiance of the general sense of their countrymen.

with a sentiment of regret at the manner to Sherman's last movement. He was at 'Kirby Smith's headquarters are still at n which their advice has been repulsed. of Congress, should be repelled in such a falling back before him towards Colum- whom are effective. manner, with such claims and at such a time, bia. Where he is now, we do not know. Immense droves of beef cattle, numberis a circumstance which we deploye for the sake. It was said on Wednesday that a dispatch; ing some 100,000 head, are coaming the EXEMPTIONS AND DETAILS TO BE REVI-

The public is looking for some longhave overpowered him had he made the needed reforms from the present adminisappointed Commissary General. He is by attempt to cut her out. On his return tration of the War Department, and especing it. Sherman may be at Kingsville, is said to have made \$1,000,000 in gold. Cushing found the famous rebel cruiser cially for a more honest and severe rule the junction of the Wilmington and Co. The Spanish journal published at Mata Chickamauga sunk across the channel, with reference to exemptions and details than that formerly practiced. General On Saturday night the same officer was : Breckinridge has the confidence of all men THE REGROES ARMING.

the military service, to be used in such impressed with the difficulties and re- | The story is probably a canard. A rebeliated that is, probably, see best test to try A resolution has passed the Kentucky States to convene for the transaction of our advance on this side the river the employments as the Commander-in-Chief sponsibility of the position, and humbly force of 199 attacked 25 men of the 31st them by.

States to convene for the transaction of our advance on this side the river the employments as the Commander-in-Chief sponsibility of the position, and humbly force of 199 attacked 25 men of the 31st them by. Senate, saking the appointment of a com- business, at the Capital, in the city of same day. He was very enthusiastic in may determine, will be taken up in the invoking the guidance of Almighty God, Masachusetts Regiment, near Plaque- formerly in commerce of Fort Fisher, was Washington, on the 4th day of March his praise of the gallantry of the rebel House of Representatives this morning. I rely for success upon the courage and mine, on the 4th. Captain Rice and his permitted to enter our lines and priceed to next, at noon on that day, of who shall at troops, told them that the time had come that time be entitled to act as members of when they were to strike the final them in this measure since it was known yes. fortitude of the next to act as members of when they were to strike the final them in this measure since it was known yes. that body, are hereby required to take for Southern independence, assured them terday that quite a military feeling had patriotism and firmness of the people, off, the enemy leaving some of their dead had torn, leaving tim now in a datgering that he would be with them in the great broken out among the negroes at the va- confident that their united efforts under and wounded in our hands. Our loss was endution. Given under my hand and the seal of atruggle, and urged them to stand stead rious hospitals here, and that they are the blessing of Heaven, will secure peace only one killed and two wounded. and that the seport that Schofield was ad- dred rebel deserters came within the lines the United States, at Washington, this fast and firm, and a great deal more to the already organizing volunteer companies of the Armies of the Potomac and James. 17th day of February, in the year of Our same effect, to all of which the soldiers to take the field against the Yankees.— and independence. Several bundred of them have professed. The beadquarters of the army, to which \ This morning forty six arrived here, all the United States of America the eighty. So intent was the attention said to the an anxiety to volunteer; and at one of the all special reports and communications speaker that even the sentinels turned hospitals, yesterday, fifty two out of seven the moon was shining full upon our boats. to enlist "for the war," and organized with the Army of Northern Virginia.— ABRAHAM LINCOLN. | their backs on the river, and, although enty-four negroes employed there agreed themselves into a military company, view of legislation now pending.

From the Richmond Whig, Feby 15.

FROM SOUTH CAROLINA. We learn upon good authority that our alvancing columns, in the direction of NEGRO SOLDIERS-EXEMPTIONS AND DEforces are falling back before Sherman's Columbia, South Carolina, and will prob-War Department to take command of that an amendment and the recommendation Rice and his men stood the Rebel charges pampilet to prove that Sukipeans must, at ably make a stand on the Santee. np all unauthorized military organizates. It was transferred to the secret caltions, arresting hushwackers and desert ender, and is now being considered in loss was one killed and two wounded. ers, returning the latter to the army, conscribing and organizing such force as may .

ment, with the recommendation that pass. It was made the special order for Thursday, after the morning hour. Mr. Miles maked and obtained leave

THE TANKER SOLDIERS NOT PAID. In our Congress the payment of our brave seldiers is receiving the carnest consideration of members. It seems, law. however, that our Government has not been alone in its delinguency on this score, but that the great Yankse nation with Grant around Richmond, either by with all of its recources and greenbacks. NEW YORK, Feb. 16 -The Herald's direct reinforcement of his lines or by a has failed to pay promptly the hired de-

print a minority report from the same com-

ESCAPE OF MAJOR VENABLE. The Charlottesville Chronicle announces the arrival there, on Friday last, of the gallant Major Venable, of Prince Edward, attached to General Wade Hamp way through the lines, having escaped of the enemy. from the cars seen after his capture. remained in the North several months.

He was on a railroad train with a number of prisoners, about six miles from Philadelphia, going some twelve miles an bour, when he effected his escape by loop ing (feet foremost) through the window. fell on his head, his evereest having caugh in the frame-work of the window; but was itry to the other to defend some seaport. Carolina, we are as yet certain of only a not seriously hurt. He walked to Philafew general facts. According to official delphia, his grey uniform concealed by his from Tennessee, Mr. Henry, that the haradvices last received at the War Depart- overcoat. He proceeded to the Walnut ment, Sherman was moving on the upper Street Theatre to reconneitre, where he vest in the valley had been lost to us by branches of the Edisto, evidently intend- found that grey was the prevailing fashion ing to flank Branckville, and strike the for gentlemen, and subsequently felt little apprehension of being discovered.

> (From the Richmond Whiz, Feb. 12) In the Virginia House of Delegates, Mr. Hunter (Berkely) presented the following preamble and resolution, which being objected to, lies over under

Whereas the time has arrived when every man capable of bearing arms should be the military service: Resolved. That all members of the Gen eral Assembly whose physical condition will enable them to perform active mil tary duty, will enter the service immediately after the adjournment of this body and continue therein except when engaged in the performance of other public duties incompatible with such service.

TIVE NUMBUG. (From the Richmond Sentinel, Feb. 15. Among the meet absurd exhibitions an absurd people was the Yankee glorid cation in Savannah on the arrival there some provisions estentationaly contribute held, in which Yankee speakers told Yankee hearers what excessively good people the Yankees were, and the listening kees applanded. This farce they called a

Indeed, Yankee charity is always at once estentations and mean. A citizen don, Secretary of War, and the President, of New Orleans informs us of a veritable they had been without meat for two into Yankee hands. Boston took that as another and efficient officer put at her treat, and forthwith Mayor Smith was sent, and soon be appeared in the hospitals of New Orleans to distribute dain- hoped matters in this respect would imties among the sick and wounded. Ac-, prove spanied by a servant bearing his preeious gifts Mayor Smith passed up and down the avenues between the rows cots, and addressing himself to each pa- i-The advice which they unanimously tient he passed, with all the dignity belonging to his office, he would say, "Al- Department.

llow me, sir, to cheer you with some deli-(cacles," whereupon he would present the would then add, with a gracious smile, or Smith, of Boston, presented you | your sick bed with some delicacies?" thereupon he turned to some fresh obj of his charming attentions. Long Mayor Smith! long live Boston! long h

the orators of Savannab! armies, and is deemed reliable. SOUTHERN INTELLIGENCE. WASHINGTON, Pab. 19th.-Richmond

papers of the 17th are received. The Dispatch of that date says: endence on the pleasure of the President, Wednesday morning there was some mor- | caping North into Arkansas and Missouri. become so insignificant that a change of tar firing in the Petersburg lines near the Price's headquarters are at Bonham, the heads of departments "could not alter Appointtox River. This was somewhat Texas, south of Red river, in a fine the administrative policy of the Government in any degree." "It could not be of a novelty, as for months past mortar foraging region. presumed," they say, "that a body of firing has been discontinued. With this! Magrader is at Camden, Atkansas, with statesmen in our country, filling those exception, nothing of interest has oc- a part of his command, but the main body, "Scouts from Grant's army report all expedition into Texas.

"No dispatches were received at the exhausted condition. Magruder had 24,-War O'Doe yesterday from South Caroli- 000 on his muster rolls, two-thirds of The letter of the delegation concludes ha. We are consequently uninformed as | whom are effective.

your country, and, let us add, for the sake of had been received, saying that skirmish prairies in Western Texas. morning as on dit, and as yet have not the still continue. lumbia Railroads, thirty miles southeast | moras says Maximilian has created an or of Augusta, or he may be even nearer the entitled the "Mexican Agle," of which

suming the commane of the land forces of unlimited number of knights. the Contederate States :

Headquarters, Army Canjelerate Etates, George Cromwell, from New Orleans on Feb. 9, 1865.-General Order No. 1.-In the 11th Inst, arrived last night. obedience to general order No. 3, Adjutant : The New Orleans Times makes light of and Inspector Generals office, dated Feb. the report that rebel refugees had I 6th, I assume command of the military sent back from Matamoras to Texas, and The bill to put a number of negroes in forces of the Confederate States. Deeply that Gen. Caulby is to retaliate.

> will be addressed, will be for the present in The stated and regular returns and reports of each army and Department will be forwarded as heretofore to the office of the Adjutant and Inspector General. (Signed) R. E. LEE, General.

In the Confederate Senate yesterday. 1 The bill of the House to abolish the "15)

troduced by him the other day relative to emptions and details heretofore granted both Democrats.

reserve untouched the present exemption

THE SCARCITY OF FOUD. During the debate in the rebel Senate on the 16th, on the question of diminish. ing the number of examptions, a discus sion took place in regard to the scarcity

Mr. Henry said that the difficulty was not as to the production but the prevent ing of its falling into the hands of the ene my. There was food enough produced in of October last, near Monk's Neck Bridge, | the valley of Virginia last year, but when Dinwiddie county. He has just found his the harvest was ripe it fell into the hands

Mr. Oldham, of Texas, criticized plan on which the war had been conductled. It had been attempted to defend too much territory. Instead of our armies being combined, they were scattered about and run from one end of the coun

Mr. Caperton would say to the Senator the fact that those who would have gathered t, were called into the army by the revo cation of all details just at the time when their services were required for securing

Mr. Burnett said he believed that there was pleaty of food in the country, and there were not, he did not believe the quantity would be increased by exemp ing the large farmers. They owned large brother, who was a soldier in the Union troops of slaves and made very little surplus-not as much surplus as did the small farmers. He believed that the apparent scarcity of supplies was due to the ineff. ciency in the departments of the Gov

Mr. Orr replied to Mr. Burnett:-"The Senator had said there was planty of food in the country. He would inform h that he knew of hundreds-yes, thousand soldiers' families who had not ving on bread alone, and a scanty sur Mr. Graham said this was also the can

same way get up a meeting of the people | anxious to fill up the army. If the Senator should chance to meet with any se on the occasion of the resignation of the display of it in that city, soon after it fell three days. However, as there was to be head of the Commissary Department, he

Mr. Burnett said it could not be deni-

From New Orlcans. Hews of Price's and Megruder's Armi--- Friquency of Rebel Desertions-Rabel Officers Spreulating in Cotton. &c .- New Order Instituted in Me NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 10, via CAIRO 17.-The following has been ceived through a refugee from Texas, regarding Price and Magrader's

Price's command is about nine thousan strong, mostly cavalry from Texas. A large number of descriers are con-"Between two and three o'cleck on stantly arriving at Rio Grande, and es-

> which is chiefly cavalry, is on a stealing The horses of both commands are in an i feel the diptheria in her throat and orund see

Orangeburg, sixty miles south of Colum- Shreveport, La. His entire strength is They say: "That the friendly advice of a bia, last Tuesday, and our troops were estimated at 33,000, only about 20,000 of it, and now, at the end of nine years, be is

> ing was going on within a few miles of Reports of Kirby Smith, Magruder, and Columbia. We stated this yesterday other rebel officers' cotton speculations better to day." He answered, "No, I am means of either confirming or contradict- Major Hart, the rebel agent at Cairo.

wife, knocked her down, and stamped on her Grand Marshal Almonte is appointed The following is Gen. Lee's order as Grand Bachelor. The order comprises an NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—The steamer

lamination. The paper is a membat thinner.

PROM NEW ORLEANS-A FIGHT; NEARPLAQUEMINE-REPUISE OF THE REBELS. NEW YORK, Feb. 14.-The steamer cake. What is the mushing of this curious George Cromwell, from New Orleans on

the 11th, has arrived here. The New Orleans Times makes light of unimportant cities at the insurrectionary the report that the Rebel refugees were States. What town is there in an Dirig that sent back from Matamoras, and that Gen. , soon salt has been captured? Ganby is to retaliate. The story is pro- The tallest man in the British army is bably a canard.

men of the 21st Massachusetts regiment, in cur army. near Plaquemine, on the 11th inst. Capt.

ERY AMENDMENT. dent and Secretary of War the power to Legislature has just ratified the amend, charatt Casette says it is not unlikely that of mechanics and artisons in the employ. States abolishing slavery. Only one vote succeed him in the Strate.

and to revoke all exemptions of mail con- New York, Feb'y 19.-The steamer tractors not permenently engaged in per- Uniding Star from New Orleans on the forming the contracts, was recommitted to | 11th, has arrived, and reports that on the the military committee, with instructions | 15th, she saw the steamship Merrimac in to inquire into the expediency of bringing a sinking condition. with fires all out, in a more liberal bill. There is a strong boilers damaged, and everything scrift, disposition on the part of the Senate to and leaking badly. She lay by ber all night, and received all ber crew amounting to 140 officers and men, and took them

into Pert Royal

MISCRILLANEOUS NEWS ITEMS. Para bounty jumper forced his way into Wood's Theatre, at Cincipnati, a few evenings ago, thinking that he was sa'e from dotection. While the performance was in progrees, however, he observed that he was watched by now of his rid concers, who had then up a facking positive, so as to cut o li retreak. The bounty jumper was accompanké by two girls. Dut he no sooner percolved the critical situation in which he was piscod, than he leaved over the front seasi into the orchestra, upon the stage, through the bevy of fair maidens who were performing in the "Seven Bisters," and became lost in the intriescise of the scenery. He was purreed, coptured, irraed, and taken to the guard bears for trial. The occurrence created the

the greatest excitement in the theatre, and temporarily surpended the play. ATA New York letter says:-"The hows rom Prance that two iron clade, in the rebal interests, have recently left Bordesuz, with e view of making a bestile demonstration on New York, is important, if true; but there are not many persons who will schauwiedge a belief in its truth, though it comes to wa from different sources, and on authority that I to menally loyal. If the strangers do come however, It is not probable that they will be able to shell us as easily as they thick At i say rate, I cannot ascertain that anybody M clarmed. And if any of the rick men are getting ready to hand no er their propertion of the contribution. Leich these "rame" are

to impose whom The it is impossible to escer-A young lady, an orphan, living and tenching school in Huntingdon eventy, a year tgo received a letter from Virginia, that her ermy, had been killed in battle. Hhe hastened to the Bouth, severed his remains, bad them brought home and buried. Ever since, slone in the world and in sadness, she has mouthed bet deat bibinab. A week ago the received a letter from Andersonville, from her brother, who is alive and a prisoner. Such is the remarce and the reality of war.— Harrisburg Telegraph.

The fishing reason on the Potomac will probably commence about the 10th of | March, and aiready those who intend to enesgo in the fighing basiness in its verious departments are making preparations in repairing their seizer, looking after their boats secaring their hands, &c. We naderstand that more landings will be fished this year than were the last, especially on the Maryland side of the river. On the Virginia side we hear of only two or three of the thoras that will be cecupied. - Auxandria Gasette. 20 The largest trade sale of dry goods

ever beld to Boston will take placenest week, commencing Tacaday. Four thousand pack. ages of foreign and domestic cotton, woolled and lines goods, representing several million actions in value, here already been entered by the leading manufacturers and dealers of New England. The sale is looked upon as specially important, so it will tend to cetablish a settled scale of value for dry goods. The Ugdenstary Journal states that the dwelling of Robert Foresthe, in the town

of Macumb, was entirely consumed by fire, on

Monday night or Tue:day morning last, and all of the inmates, entaining of six persons, Mr. and Mrs. Foreythe, Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson, father and mother of Mrs. Foreythe, and a daughter of Mr. Forsythe, aged about eighteen years, and grand daughter, aged two years, periabed in the fiames BETA curious esse occurred in London 'ast menth. A Mile Marsh was married in the morning to a Mr Croft, and thus became Mrs. U-cft. That same evening her husband's 'atter died saddenly, and the bridegroom neceeded to the birinetry, so that within the space of twelve hours, or ess, the bride i here three distinct designations, vist mus Marsh, Mrs. Crost, and brally Lady Urott. The faw years ago, a retired Lieutenant

Colonel of the British army, a bechelor,

settled in Batavia. Objo. twenty miles from

Cincinnati, and adopted the life of a recluse

to a certain extent. One day last week, the story goes, to received a foreign letter appraised the Coath of a brother in Ireland, leaving him heir to a handenme estate in Ga'way, and the title of Lord Velten. 28 The following caps the climax of bets: A young lady in List Vircent, Pa. bad an offer of marripge from a young gentleman, as follows: That if General McC'elian was electd, he would marry her, to which she acceded: and If he was not elected, she was to remain i single four years longer. Four years is a long

ment domestic in Springueld, Mass, startled the family in which she was employed, by declaring that the had the diptheria, and the priest must be sent for at once, because she was going to die without delay. Bhe could It turned out that the girl had just discovered her painte. ge-When Benat'r Wilson, of Massachu-

sette, was first elected, he closed up his shoe

buriness at Natick, and found bimeelf worth

a modest dweilleg house and \$2,500 in cash.

period in the life of a marriageable young

During the first year he lost \$2,400 by loaning worth his residence at Natick and \$700 in During the rage of the yellow fever at Newbern, a man who had become convinced of the fatality of the disease was taken sick himself. A friend called on him one day, and said to him, "You are a good deal not I will bet you twenty d. liars I will die before to merrow merring." He won his bet-Aman named Riley, In Buffalo, murdered his wife on Bathrday morning last. He came beme in the evening intrainmed, and not

hading supper ready, quarrelled with his

I face and stomach until he killed her, his little children locking on in horror. The strength of a city or nation, is in Ita benest, indastrious wereing men, who perform manual laber under the ingritation of Tanintelligent mind. Any policy which ignores this class, or which even undervature them, eappor be the policy that will build up a braitby, vigorous commonwealth. ATTA very dangerous Sity cent conuterfeit acte to in circulation. The Wastington Chronicle sare that gold judges are unable to detect the difference without very close ex-

The ladie of Philadelphia have introduced a new custom, likely to be page at --

They are sending anonym nety to their gentiemen acquaintances amail nice and tarts, enveloped in white time paper, has wedding innovation is yet a mystery. According to their college, no country tia the world contains so large a proportion of

Corporal Moffit, was stande six feet teren land a talf leebes. That is ece inch eberter A Rebel force of 125 men attacked 25 than Lieut Holmes of T. pidad, who has been An Englieb antignerien bes weltten &

Admiral Perter bas made erer the prize money due him for the capture of the RATIFICATION OF THE ANTI-SLAV- Ism Albemarie by a force under tim, to Lieut. Casting, in recognition of the hereism of the brave young officer mb) effected the copture.