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FROM SOUTH CAROLINA.

THE CAPTURE OF COLUMBIA

INTERESTING PARTICULARS.

LATEST FROM SHERMAN.

Sherman Flanks the Rebels out of Florence.

It is Far on his Way to Fayetteville, N. C.

WHAT GEN. LEE INTENDS TO DO.

Janin, Lynchburg and Germantown to be Held.

Official Report of the Capture of Georgetown, S. C.

&c. &c. &c.

From the Washington Republicans, 6th.

Officers of General Sherman's army

arrived here this morning from Wil-

son, state that when they left that

place on the 1st inst., rebel deserters and

spies came into our lines on the 2d,

and reported that Sherman, by a flank

movement, had compelled the rebels to

evacuate Florence, and was moving in

direction of Fayetteville, which is in

direct route to either Goldsboro' or

leigh.

PLANS OF THE REBEL CAMPAIGN.

An intelligent staff officer, who enjoys

the best opportunities for observation near

the headquarters of the army operating

against Richmond, gives the following

in a letter: He believes Richmond will not be evacu-

ated until after a decisive battle. The

forces of the rebels north of the Appo-

tomata are being strengthened. Seventeen

gun batteries have been mounted there

ready.

Petersburg will, doubtless, be evacuated

to shorten the rebel lines and en-

able Lee to hold Richmond against the

attack.

Danville will be held, if possible, in or-

der to secure the supplies of powder.

Lynchburg is to be held to secure sup-

plies of food and forage.

Gordonville is to be held for the sake

of the salt works and lead mines beyond

the mountains.

Lee is bound to organize colored troops

and expects to have 150,000 before the

spring campaign is fully opened. His

white troops will form his Mobile force,

the blacks to be held behind fortifications,

etc.

Johnston is expected to get enough

troops together to delay Sherman's ad-

vance, but he will fall back continually

when pressed by Sherman, until he unites

his forces with Lee's somewhere near the

"last ditch."

Later from South Carolina.

New York, March 7.—The steamer

Savannah, from Hilton Head on the 1th,

has arrived. She brings important de-

partments from General Gillmore to the

War Department.

The Charleston Courier, of the 23d, says

that an officer of General Sherman's army

was in Charleston taking the initiative

steps towards raising a regiment of white

troops there.

A number of families who had removed

beyond the city limits during the bombard-

ment, had returned with their house-

hold goods.

The Savannah Republican also contains

an account of Sherman's occupation of

Columbia, derived from a citizen of

Columbia. It reports that the rebels took

left on the 17th, in the direction of

Charleston. (Gov. Magrath left on the 15th,

and Gen. Beauregard left the same day

for Charleston, N. C.)

Major O'Connell surrendered the city at

Soldado bridge, three miles out. The

public stores were thrown open and every

body helped themselves. No stores were

burnt.

General Sherman's army entered Colum-

bia in the afternoon, and soon after-

wards the depots and arsenals were

turned up, and the buildings in the sub-

urbs containing public stores were fired.

Late in the afternoon a pile of cotton on

the street, near the Congaree House, took

fire from the sparks, and the flames spread

rapidly. A strong wind drove them fur-

iously down both sides of the street, and

nothing of any account was saved.

Both the fire and the burning of the

stores were also burnt. Only three

churches escaped the flames, the Roman

Catholic, Episcopal and Presbyterian.

The Female College was uninjured, and

is now occupied by the housewife women

and children.

The old State House was blown up, but

the new State House was not touched, it

containing a statue of Washington.

Walt Hampton's house was saved by

Federal officers.

Gen. Preston's house was also saved

and given to the occupants of the Roman

Catholic Seminary, whose property was

accidentally destroyed.

THE CASE OF CAPTAIN LOPEZ.

WASHINGTON, March 7th.—Two years

ago a select committee of the Senate,

charged with investigating the business

of furnishing transports to the Govern-

ment, reported Captain Lopez as being a

defaulter to the amount of \$1,000,000.

His name was widely published in

that discreditable connection; but recently

Solicitor Whiting, of the War Depart-

ment, examined into the case, and says,

from all the facts, he was brought to the

unpleasant conclusion that Captain Lo-

pez was innocent, in his transactions with

the Government, had been honest, honor-

able and patriotic, and he was entitled to

the respect and confidence of the Govern-

ment and country. Senator Grimes, who

was chairman of the select committee,

expresses his gratification that Solicitor

Whiting exonerated Captain Lopez from

all fault in his transactions with the Gov-

ernment.

LECTION IN TENNESSEE.—Later from As-

sumption.—The Expedition Against Mem-

PHILADELPHIA, March 7.—The election of

Members for Governor and members of the

Legislature, resulted in Brownlow receiv-

ing, for Governor, 115,000, and 100 accept-

ing.

Advices from Arkansas state that Gov.

Murphy had called an extra session of the

Legislature to meet on the 1st Monday in

April, to consider the constitutional

amendment abolishing slavery.

It is reported that many boats of the

fleet which recently went down the river,

have gone to Mobile, via Gulf.

Gen. Canby has ordered the reorganiza-

tion of the 13th and 15th Corps. General

Gordon Granger will command the 13th,

and Gen. J. Smith the 15th.

HON. HUGH McCLURE APPOINTED

SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—The unani-

mous confirmation of Hon. Hugh McClu-

re today as Secretary of the Treasury

Department, has created a sensation, in

as he is held as a financial and political

gentleman of courteous and refined man-

ners. It is generally believed that Hon.

Freeman Clark, of New York, late a mem-

ber of Congress, will be his successor as

Comptroller of the Currency, although

the nomination has not yet been made.

ARREST OF A MAN CHARGED WITH

SEDITIONARY TALKS.—PHILADELPHIA,

March 7th.—A special

Washington dispatch to the Bulletin says

that a man named Clements has been

turned over to the civil authorities by the

military, against whom evidences are

positive that he had all his plans arranged

for the assassination of the President on

the day of his inauguration. He is now

in custody.

TRAVEL ACROSS THE PLAINS.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Gov. Evans,

of Colorado Territory, now here, has been

authorized by Major General Pope to give

orders to emigrants and freighters across

the Plains that full and ample arrange-

ments have been made for the protection

of all overland travel. Orders have been

issued designating points for trains to be

stopped, and the routes to be followed.

THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—The Supreme

Court met to-morrow to deliver

opinions, and will soon adjourn the term.

SPICY INTERVIEW BETWEEN GEN.

SHERMAN AND THE BRITISH CON-

SUL AT SAVANNAH.

A correspondent of the New York Her-

ald says:

The extraordinary success with which

General Sherman has conducted his cam-

paign during the last six months has

secured for him the affections of the Amer-

ican people beyond that of any other mil-

itary officer. He has become as popular

as a military officer as Vice Admiral Par-

rott has as a naval commander. Any

relation relating to him is therefore in-

teresting. Through an officer in his com-

mand, recently arrived, I have obtained

the circumstances of an amusing occur-

rence which took place in Savannah.

General Sherman and the British Consul

at Savannah, which, as you are aware,

is a matter of some interest.

On the arrival of General Sherman at

Savannah he saw a large number of Brit-

ish flags displayed from buildings, and

had a curiosity to know how many British

consults there were there. He soon ascer-

ained that there were only two, and that

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