

THE LATEST NEWS.

LATENT, Feb. 12.—Elizabeth City, N.C., Feb. 11.—The Federal gun-boat, "Lancaster," under Capt. J. W. Gilmore, has been captured by the Confederates. The "Lancaster" had been sent from New York to reinforce the Federal garrison at Fort Donelson. The "Lancaster" was captured by the Confederates after a short engagement. The "Lancaster" was sent to the Federal garrison at Fort Donelson.

Memphis, Feb. 12.—Nothing of importance from North Carolina. The Confederate steamer "Reliance" arrived this afternoon, with the sick, and experienced Captain, who lost an arm in the battle of Beaufort Island.

General, transport, steamer, left Port Royal, yesterday, and in due time expected to be at Roanoke Island.

No flag of truce was received from Forts Monroe and Woolsey.

IMPORTANT FROM THE WEST.
New Orleans, Feb. 12.—Despatches from Memphis say that the reinforcements from the Tennessee River report that Gen. Pillow has got the Federal force hemmed in near Fort Donelson. The rebels still strong. Fort Henry has been strengthened and abandoned by the Federals. One Federal gun-boat returned to the Tennessee River bridge from Florence. The bridge is guarded by the hundred Federals. A large Confederate cavalry force is between them and Paris.

The Unionists in Weekly county are cheering for Lincoln. The people of Paris are preparing to leave.

The latest advices from Paducah say that boats are constantly arriving with forces on the Tennessee River. Federals have already gone towards Fort Donelson, with troops, heavy guns, and stores, that direction on Tuesday.

The Confederates at Fort Henry were defeated and taken prisoner. Gen. Johnson and forty-four men were captured. The Federal gun-boat "Ezra" was captured and thirty-two men killed or drowned. The aggregate Federal loss was one hundred.

LATE NOTICES IN TELEGRAPHY.

Kinston, Feb. 11.—The New York Herald, of the 11th, says that the gun-boats of the Merrimac expedition had nine-inch guns and one hundred pounds.

A despatch to the Cincinnati Commercial, states that Gen. Thomas is about to invade East Tennessee in three different directions, namely: He will march on Knobville, and if successful, will take possession of the railroad.

A letter from St. Domingo, dated January 13, says the Republic is virtually dead. The island is only a Spanish province. Gen. Santa Anna ruled as Captain-General in the name of the Queen of Spain.

Despatches from Louisville and Northampton, Virginia, had arrived in Welling.

Bennet says that the railway contractors have deducted \$7 million of the public funds in nine months.

The position and official capacity of Gen. McClellan is in no way modified since the advent of Secretary Stanton.

The etiquette question at the French Court as viewed in Washington an anomaly of etiquette consideration, and no political significance attached to it.

Lincoln is laboring hard to facilitate measures for an instant attack at all points of any moment.

The Herald says that the object of taking Roanoke Island is to seize other positions on the railroads running to Richmond, to cut off supplies and stop the inland coast navigation of North Carolina. Also, to threaten and render it difficult, flank the rebel city of Norfolk—contemplating the capture of Norfolk and the cutting off of Norfolk from all connection by water or rail with other parts of the country.

ROLLA, Mo., Feb. 8.—Preparations of a decided blow against the enemy are hourly completed.

The Federal gun-boat "Kearsarge" sailed from Portsmouth, New Hampshire, on the 7th, en route, to look after the Sumter.

HALIFAX, Feb. 9.—There are no signs of the steamer America, over due.

Foreign exchange is quoted at from 114 to 115.

The New York Herald says that the paper money exchange will not relieve the Treasury of its financial difficulties.

In New York, middling-sized cotton quoted at 30 cents.

Monday Morning's News.

The main thing in much interesting news this morning, and we will attempt to condense it in as small space as possible.

One killed at Roanoke Island, down to eight wounded, thirty. The Federals sustained a heavy loss; one statement gives it at over 1000. Colored, thirty-five other commandants officers, one hundred and seventy-five privates, killed; and four hundred wounded. Another account states that the Federal garrison bridge across the river, which communication can be had and transportation continued.

Gen. Grant, of the present North Carolina Battalion, reached Roanoke Island on Saturday at 10 o'clock, during the night. After reporting his arrival to the Commandant, he dismounted himself, and entered the fort—the men made a splendid service at the very time the Island was surrendered, and continued fighting until a messenger arrived and announced to them that the Island had been surrendered. They then broke their guns and threw them into the water.

Capt. William Wharren, a native of Salisbury, is commandant of the camp, was in this battalion. His brother, Hiram, was a private in the same company.

There has been a terrible fight at Fort Donelson, in Tennessee, and the Confederates have come out victors. The fight was renewed day after day, but the Federals were beaten every time: they lost two batteries, which were captured by the Confederates, who at least 4000 were driving them back with cold steel.

Federal loss 5000.

Gen. Pillow commanded at the Fort. Floyd and Beckner the field forces. It was a terrible contest.

McLain's cavalry fought the Lincolns in Roanoke county on the 11th, killing 17 and capturing 19, with many horses. Three Confederates

wounded. The Lincolns fled to the mountains in disorder.

The Second Edition of the Bulletin to be this morning, brings important news. The Fort Donelson fight has been terminated, but was suspended on Sunday. Confederates 500, killed, wounded and missing. Eight were captured yesterday morning, as prisoners, unopposed until 4. Confederates retreated; but the enemy was largely surprised, and another attack was expected.

Bethel Reg't has been reorganized by the Confederates.

Federal transports in motion at Fort Royal intended to land and change to Charleston. Sixty Number of regiments are mustered at Fort Royal.

Elizabeth City, N.C., was retaken by the Confederates yesterday when the Federals took to their fort boats. Lincoln says the rebellion is on the decline, and has released a number of political prisoners.

The Foreign Office has the same news we have had for some time past—the same old story about the early recognition of confederacy, the intervention of France and England, in American affairs, the breaking of the blockade, etc., all of which amounts to this: England and France are suffering terribly in their commercial interests by the war in America; would like to interfere and stop it, if they were not afraid of the expense and trouble it might cost them. And yet the South goes on there for help.

We have reports from Richmond, amounting to speedy exchange of prisoners.

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