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From the Daily South Carolinian.

A French Vessel Fired Into by the Federals.

Montgomery, January 10.—On Monday last, a French man-of-war approached Ship Island under a neutral flag, for the purpose of attending to some business with the French Consul at New Orleans, and was fired into and somewhat crippled by the Federal fleet. The Frenchman did not return fire. The Yankees apologized, but the French Captain refused to accept the apology. He came to Bay St. Louis with his boat, and telegraphed at once to New Orleans. On Monday, there were nearly thirty Federal vessels at Ship Island; but, after this affair, all but five left. They are very quiet.

LATEST NORTHERN AND EUROPEAN INTELLIGENCE.

BIRMINGHAM, January 11.—Mr. Zacharie, of New Orleans, who was arrested on board a British vessel by the Federal steamer Santiago de Cuba, has been released by the Yankee Government, and arrived at Mobile yesterday.

Passengers report three gun boats and three large transports as having arrived at Fortress Monroe yesterday from Annapolis. There is great activity at Fortress Monroe.

The Norfolk Day Book has received a copy of the New York Herald, of the 9th, from which it makes the following extracts: The Federal House of Representatives has appointed a committee to report a bill increasing four hundred millions dollars by contribution. There is an upward move in gold. Exchange is quoted in New York at 119. The Herald says that Wall Street has conspired to defeat the plans of the Government, and the Treasury will be about a cent in another week. The Philadelphia banks refuse Treasury Notes, and the public begins to cry, "down with me banks!" and to call for a national currency.

The steamer Canada reached Halifax on the 8th, with more troops, and 900 tons provisions of war. The Hibernia is to follow up with more troops.

The London Times stands aghast in contemplation of the tremendous and magnitudinous proportions of the Yankee debt. Prussia has addressed a note to her Minister at Washington, condemning the arrest of Mason and Sidell.

WASHINGTON, January 8.—There is great activity at headquarters. Gen. Simon of Missouri, has tendered his resignation.

THE N.C. SALT COMMISSIONERS.

A gentleman informs the Fayetteville Observer that travelled on the cars early last week with Dr. Worth, who was on his way to the coast for the second time. He had been to the Virginia Salt Works to familiarize himself with the whole process of extracting salt for what purpose the proprietors there had kindly given him every facility and information. He thinks he can make some improvements of the works—the difficulty is in getting the necessary raw material for which he has applied in every accessible quarter in and out of the state. As he could not be in Virginia and in the founders and on the coast all at one and the same time, he had prevailed upon another energetic gentleman to proceed him to the coast to make the necessary arrangements to his second arrival there.—*The Express.*

THE PHILADELPHIANS AFRAID OF AN ATTACK—THEY APPEAR FOR AID.—The Mayor of the city of Philadelphia has recently written a letter to the Attorney-General of Pennsylvania, desiring aid for the protection of that place from invasion by the "rebels." The following is the concluding paragraph of the Mayor's appeal:

Although there may be any well founded apprehension that our city will be invaded by a rebel army, or by foreign aggression, such has always been and is still my individual conviction, it is none the less incumbent upon those charged with its interests, to see that every prudent preparation against such events should be timely and fully made. This subject now engages the attention of the national authorities, and it is to be earnestly hoped that the system of defence which Pennsylvania shall adopt for the protection of its frontier and its chief city, shall be harmoniously and vigorously promoted by the Federal Government. I am, with great respect, &c., ALEXANDER HENRY.

A GOOD PILOT.—A gentleman informs us that the solitary prisoner taken aboard the sloop Sherwood last Sunday morning, by Captain Lynch, proved to be a pilot, and one of the best, probably, in the Yankee service. He is said to know more about Virginia waters than any other man outside of Norfolk, and in depriving the Yankees of his services, we have accomplished much. Of course he is the last man the Confederate Government will allow to be exchanged. We ought by all means to hold on to that pilot.—*Post Express.*

Hon. Alfred Ely, the late Confederate prisoner, seems delighted at his release, and acknowledges that his treatment while in Richmond was kind and agreeable.

SPECIE.—At various points in the Southern Confederacy specie is selling at an enormous premium. Fifty per cent, is charged in some places. The Richmond anxiety of specie is owing to the purpose of sending it to obtain goods from the Yankees, which to obtain goods from the South in large quantities are sought by the government aware of the existence of such smuggling? Does it concern part of some men to risk the navigation of the river of Styx to make money? They abuse the Yankees, were warm advocates for bringing on the war, no doubt, and yet will not pay a dollar on risk a man to promote it, but will risk everything to make money out of it. Who are they? These same people will be strong advocates for allowing Yankees equal privileges for trade, &c., with our own citizens, when the war is over. Men who thus give "aid and comfort" to the enemy, ought to be known.—*Post Express.*

DROWNED.—This morning about 9 o'clock Mr. A. B. Utley, whilst on the wharf in the lower part of the town, fell over into the river, and was drowned. His body was recovered in a short time, and every effort was made to resuscitate life, but without effect. Mr. Utley, we believe, was a native of Chatham county in this State but for several years past had been a resident of this town. He was about 60 years old and leaves a family and a large circle of acquaintances to mourn his death.—*Post Express.*

RUN THE BLOCKADE.—We had the pleasure of a visit yesterday from Dr. Hugh Martin, of Delaware, into U. S. Consul at Matanzas, but who resigned that post in April last when that Government declared war upon the South and its institutions—Dr. Martin came passenger in one of the recent arrivals through the gap in Dr. Lincoln's blockade, from Havana. He is heart and soul with the South in her struggle, and goes to New Orleans to make that his home.—*Mobile Register.*

NEW ORLEANS.—The name of the vessel which ran the blockade was the Vanderbilt. She was not from England, as first reported, but from a Cuban port—She brings some munitions of war, but not in large quantity as first reports authorized.

CAPTURE OF A CITIZEN OF SAVANNAH.—It is believed that Captain A. P. Weller, of this city, has fallen into the hands of the enemy, as he was among the passengers of the British schooner Venturia, which sailed from Mombasa for Hayessa, and was taken by the U. S. Steamship Santiago de Cuba, and subsequently carried into Key West.—*Savannah Republican.*

CANNON.—Cannon can be heard at a great distance. The guns at Pensacola were heard by negroes 130 miles distant, who called the attention of their masters to the sound. The firing of muskets at Port Royal was heard at Jacksonville, Florida, a distance of 200 miles on an air rifle.

EXECUTORS SALE.—Whilst we are awaiting the arrival of Dr. DUNLAP, we notice the following notice in Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 17, 1861:

"THIS BANK has noticed a number of debts of £1000 each for cash to the highest bidder, at the sale of Dr. DUNLAP, per auctioneer, on the 25th and 26th December, in the following parcels of land, &c., &c."

W. P. PERGRAM, Trustee.

December 24, 1861.

NOTICE.—I WILL bid out to the highest bidder on the 27th of this month (14 or 15 Negroes belonging to the minor master) Jos. M. Alexander deceased who left:

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