

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA.

WILMINGTON, N. C., SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 1863.

THE ambition to say smart things, and the anxiety to say something every day upon every subject, are the two chief characteristics of the press of this city.

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From the United States. YANKEE NAVAL PREPARATIONS.

From a late issue of the New York Herald we clip the following interesting account of some of the naval preparations now going on at the North.

A visit to the Government Arsenal in this vicinity enables one to form some idea of the magnitude of its naval operations. The tremendous iron frigates Parian and Decatur; the huge ram Dunderberg; the iron clads Miantonomah and Onondaga; the wooden vessels Metacomb, Mendota, Shamrock, Cleopatra, Mackinac, Florida, Nyack, Mahopac and Tecumseh are all in various stages of progress.

The Parian and Decatur are the two Ericsson ocean iron clads, each being over 340 feet long, and having the largest cylinders ever made in this country. They are built for a most rapid, thus rendering it probable that they will be the fastest vessels of their kind in the world.

Both are now in about the same state, the rigging of the hulls being all up, and a portion of the inner skin of armor going on. The cross inside beams on the bottom are being put in their places. Every part is fastening the interior, after the completion of the hull is put on and hammered home in the same manner.

The present appearance of the vessels is little different from that of the skeleton of an ordinary first rate iron frigate, except the beams are iron instead of wood.

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From the North Carolina Presbyterian. The Death of Jackson.

TOLOA.

A short obituary notice and eulogy.

From a field camp exultant ran. Was echoed back from Mary's heights, And long the banks of Ripidan.

Shrill clarion's blast and bugle's notes And trumpet's peal at set of sun, Told the Republic's heroes 'twas they yet another victory won!

Ab! so exultant was that shout, It seemed as though it could not die; But with glad o'er the mountain heights, Soared onward—meantime to the sky.

But hark! what means this sudden halt? This stillness on the gathering air? Ah! some mighty power had caught That shouting and held it there.

Ask not the soldier on the field, Or sentinel upon his beat, Ask not the chieftain of the host, Their lips could not the tale repeat.

With throbbing heart and down cast eye We would in vain the story tell; To weep the price for victory paid, The cost of this triumphant day.

But read it in a nation's tears, And in our drooping laurels spread, Jackson—the good, the pure, the brave, The Hero of the South is dead!

That mighty intellect is stilled, That noble heart no longer throbs, That soul's heart no longer throbs, That noble heart no longer throbs!

Alas! it is as though some star In heaven which burned with glorious light When every eye was turned to it, Had that instant dropped in shades of night.

Love, such as once Napoleon shared, Ten thousand heroes would have bared, That noble heart from death to shield!

Few are the chiefs who have climbed The rugged, dreary heights of fame, Exalted to the heights of glory, Have it some not upon their name.

Put here in one—our Jackson brave! With Havelock's he is his name entwined, And in each Christian's heart, its heart, Its deathless light is enshrined.

No taint is on their garments left, No weeping on their faces, No taint is on their garments left, No weeping on their faces.

Come, crown your Hero's tomb with fame; Come, Garland's wreath of laurel leaves; His brow no longer may ye deck, He wears a nobler crown than these!

His name down e'er eventide, Shall be of olden days and fame, To rise upon the Land of Peace, And shine upon the stream of Life.

Then let his name a watchword be, His life a model for the brave, And in our hearts his name be warm, His name be warm in our hearts!

Europe and our Struggles.

The London Times published a letter dated Richmond, March 23rd, in which the following paragraph occurs:

"There is a seriousness and earnestness, as we tremble upon the brink of what promises to be the bloodiest campaign of the bloodiest war of modern history, which is generally noticeable, and which I have never before observed."

Let us not suppose that they betoken want of confidence in the ability of the South to meet the emergency; it has been manifested by twenty-three months of bitter strife to be the wildst of chimeras.

But it is in them, in spite of the heat of blood and the heat of battle, when a cry for rivers of fresh blood—when throughout the length and breadth of the land there is scarcely a house where there is not one dead—when the living are so few that they are counted by the hand, that the nation has fallen to its knees in prayer, and that the nation has fallen to its knees in prayer.

Confederate Operations in England.

The Liverpool correspondent of the New York Post, writing on the 13th, announces the completion of the Virginia, a new ship to be built for the Confederacy under the conduct of the British Government.

He says Wm. C. Miller, the Chief Surveyor of British shipping, does not hesitate to avow his sympathies with the Confederates. We make an extract from the letter:

"On the corner of the elegant open square formed by the Town Hall and the Exchange building is a long and narrow building which is to be the workshop of the Confederacy. It is in the upper story are the rooms of the Southern Club. A door covered with green baize, and bearing on ground glass the name of the association, gives ingress, but only to the favored members, or those recommended by them. To all other an inflexible Cerberus, who sits on the deck inside the door, refuses admission on any terms. It is a room of the most comfortable appearance, furnished with leather covered sofas, easy chairs, with tables and newspaper files, and ornamented with a portrait of Jeff. Davis and two little Confederate flags. Other rooms are used for cooking and dining, and present little worthy of notice."

An effort is making in Manchester to establish a Southern Club, and W. E. Stutter, the "Honorable Secretary," informs gentlemen desirous of enrolling themselves as members, "that they can obtain their cards on application at this office, 71 Market street, from nine to six in the evening."

This Stutter is a man of little influence, and Manchester is not nearly so good soil for secession and pro-secession weeds as Liverpool.

The detention by the British Government of the alleged Confederate privateer Alexandra (whose name is a very unwise compliment to the Princess of Wales) has drawn considerable attention to that vessel as she lies at Torbay. Lock, the last westward of the many docks which front the bay, is a long and narrow pier, not large, but is intended for speed; and though to all appearance wooden, is cased within with iron. The masts are raised and the deck is laid. But the work has been stopped, and instead of noisy shipwrights, only a saddest custom-house officer sits on board and prevents the customs from intruding; yet many come to the dock to see the Alexandra lying gracefully in the water.

The workmen lately employed on the vessel are naturally indignant at the Government injunction, which by interfering with the progress of the ship, has thrown two hundred men out of work. They declare that the South only needs two or three such strong, swift little steamers, to destroy the whole Federal navy. Yet these same men would be entirely on the other side if employed on a Federal vessel. The fact is, the Liverpool shipbuilders and workmen will—very much like people all over the world—be on the side of him who pays them best.

Laird's celebrated dock at Birkenhead, two Confederate iron-clads are approaching completion, and are ready to sea from the ferry boats which cross the Mersey to Tranmere. They are building under the superintendence of Capt. Bullock. The famous pirate Sumter—now the Gibraltar—has been lying for some time past at Birkenhead, undergoing repairs. The Alexandra, by the way, was detained through the instance of Consul Dudley, who furnished Mr. Adams with necessary evidence to make out a strong case to the British Government.

By the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church. Tribute to Gen. Jackson.

MINUTE OF THE DEATH OF GEN. JACKSON.

The dispatches announcing the severe illness of this beloved servant of God, and invoking the prayers of his people, before the death of his death fell with crushing weight upon our hearts and turned these prayers for him into weeping supplications for ourselves and for our bereaved country.

Seldom in history has one been able, in so short a time, to write his name so deeply upon the hearts of his countrymen, and to win the admiration of the world at large. Uniting to himself the beautiful simplicity with which the apostle Paul concentrated to duty as the relative principle of his life, he was a true man in all the relations in which he moved.

The additional endowment of a military genius, quick to perceive and quick to improve the advantage and opportunity, made him what he was, the true soldier and the consummate General. It was this which made him what he was, the true soldier and the consummate General.

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