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WEDNESDAY MORNING, JAN. 29, 1862.

Items from the Norfolk Bay Book of Monday.

AFFAIRS AT HATTERAS.

The rumor so freely circulated here yesterday, we find, is entirely unfounded. It is well known to the Federal garrison at Hatteras, having been for some time abandoned their position during the late gale and gone over to the mainland for security, where they delivered themselves up to the Confederate authorities as prisoners of war.

THE STORM AT THE NORTH.

We understand that the storm we have had for days past extended to the North, and that its effect was to fill the minds of the Federals with a feverish anxiety with regard to the Burnside Expedition. They have apprehensions, and not without reason, that it has met with disaster, and as their brightest hopes for the subjugation of the South clustered about it, this fear of its failure fills them with gloom.

MILITARY MOVEMENTS AT THE NORTH.

No military movements have been made by the Confederates since the capture of McClellan's army at Antietam. The Federal army is now in a forward march, and has declined making the same until the Burnside Expedition.

NORTHERN FINANCE.

Information received this city, Saturday, from the North, to the effect that financial matters there were still all chaos. No arrangement had been made between the banks and the government, and everything bid fair for a speedy bankruptcy.

THE KING OF PRUSSIA IS ILL.

The United States gunboat Tuscarora had arrived at Southampton to watch the Nashville, which was there and ready for sea.

THE BATTLE OF SOMERSET.

The Somerset correspondent of the Cincinnati Times says, that at 7 o'clock, on Sunday morning, the enemy drove in the pickets of the Tenth Indiana, stationed at the forks of the road, 8 miles from Somerset.

GEN. CAMERON'S RESIGNATION.

The President desires it to be understood that no circumstances connected with the recent change in the Cabinet has in any way impaired his confidence in Gen. Cameron, or disturbed the harmony existing between him and the Administration.

LATEST NEWS FROM YANKEE LAND.

Through the Norfolk Bay Book we get the following late news from the North and from Europe:

FURTHER BY THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

Pending the arrival of the Europa there was a feeling of great suspense in England, but the funds were temporarily depressed.

THE LONDON MORNING HERALD.

The London Morning Herald says that if the Mason and Sideliff affair is settled, England and France have an indictment on commercial grounds, to recognize the well earned independence of the Confederate States, and that unless the step is manfully taken by the Ministers at once, it is certain to be taken by Parliament on its assembling.

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FROM MISSOURI.

SEDALE, Mo., Jan. 23. Two companies of cavalry, under Major, L. Haldeman, of the 1st Kansas Regiment, left Lexington on a reconnoitering expedition on the night of the 19th, which resulted in the arrest of Captain Whiting, Joe Shelly and several other notorious Rebel desperadoes, and the capture of a large lot of horses, mules, wagons, commissary stores, &c., taken from Col. Morgan's command, and a considerable quantity of boots and shoes and other articles taken from the steamer Sunshine by the Confederates, some time since, all of which were turned over to the Federal troops at Lexington.

FROM MISSOURI.

CAIRO, Jan. 23. Capt. Willard, of the Chicago Light Artillery, arrived today from Calloway, a miles from Fort Henry. He reports that place is garrisoned by 6,000 or 7,000 Confederates, with several heavy guns.

NAVAL INTELLIGENCE.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24. The U. S. gunboat Frolics, was at St. Thomas on the 4th inst., sailing. The steamer Quaker City sailed on the 4th inst., on a cruise.

FINANCIAL PLANS OF THE GOVERNMENT.

The telegraphic correspondent of the Herald writing under date of the 23d, says: The plan of action decided upon by the Secretary of the Treasury and the representatives from the Boards of Trade and Banks of New York, Boston and Philadelphia is so far as it contemplated the fee, receipt and payment of United States notes is considered as defeated by the refusal of the banks of Boston and some of the New York banks to carry it out.

THE NEW ASSISTANT SECRETARIES OF WAR.

Today the President sent the names of Jno. Tucker, of Philadelphia, and Peter H. Watson, of this city, assistant secretaries of war. The names were referred to the military committee.

FORCING A 'CONTROBAND' TO SWEAR ALLEGIANCE TO THE RUMP.

An amusing incident lately took place in Washington which we have not seen in print, and as it throws some light on the deplorable currency of the 'rump,' we propose to give it, as near as we can from memory as it was related

to us at a time when not convenient to take notes. It appears a 'contraband,' as the negroes are termed North kept a shop in Washington and a customer from Yankee land visited it to make some purchases which amounted to \$175.

Our advance arrived within sight of the rebel entrenchments an hour before dark, and fired upon them with shot and shell. Night closing in put a stop to further demonstrations. At daylight the next morning a steamboat was observed transporting troops across the Cumberland. Whitmore's battery of Parrott guns were brought to bear on the boat, which, in a few minutes afterwards, was in flames.

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