

AFFAIRS NEAR RICHMOND.

Unusual movements and activity had been observed in the rebel lines round Richmond during the past few days...

CERTAINLY.

The South Carolinian of February 9th, printed at Columbia, holds forth in this strain:

We see no real, tangible cause for secedency. The great heart of the nation, the bone and sinew of the country, the veterans in the field—all, all are hopeful; yes, sanguine of ultimate success.

Wonder how they feel on the subject about now.

No QUESTIONING.—It frequently happens, especially under military rule, that orders are necessarily issued affecting the business pursuits and personal habits of those in no wise connected with the army...

NOT BAD FOR BULL RUN RUSSELL.—It is the opinion of Bull Run Russell, says the New York Herald, that with the Federal occupation of Charleston and Wilmington the rebellion will be shut up in a receiver.

MORE BLUNDERING IN CONGRESS.—Every day or two we have some new evidence of blundering in Congress. It has just committed a stupid act which throws some of its previous doings in the shade.

NEW MARKETS FOR IRON AND COPPER.—A Paris letter says:

A great many workshops in the centre of Paris are at present busy in manufacturing suit copper ornaments in imitation of gold—earrings, chains and rings of the same—

A lighthouse of sheet iron, for lighting one of the most dangerous points on the coast of Africa, has been commenced in one of the great iron works of Paris.

SHERMAN'S MARCH TO THE SEA.

[The following cheering verses were written by Adjutant Byers, of the 5th Iowa, while confined in the rebel prison camp at Columbia, S. C.; and being set to music were frequently sung by the prisoners as a relief to the monotony of their situation.]

Our camp fires shone bright on the mountain That frowned on the river below, While we stood by our guns in the morning, And eagerly watched for the foe;

When cheer upon cheer for bold Sherman Went up from each valley and glen, And the bugles re-echoed the music That came from the lips of the men,

Then forward, boys! forward to battle, We marched on our wearisome way, And we stormed the wild hills of Resaca, God bless those who fell on that day!

Still onward we pressed till our banners Swept out from Atlanta's grim walls, And the blood of the patriot dampened The soil where the traitor's flag falls;

Proud, proud was our army that morning That stood by the cypress and pine, Then Sherman said, "boys, you are weary, This day fair Savannah is mine!"

THE DESTINATION OF OUR RELIEVED PRISONERS.

The inhumanity and wickedness of this rebellion can find no better illustration than the prisoners now being brought within our lines.

The authorities are doing all that can be done for these suffering men. The Sanitary Commission has its agents who are devoting day and night in their work of mercy.

The French-Mexican Cession.

The Times says: "The question of the cession of Lower California to France is not considered to have been settled even by the unqualified assertion telegraphed from Paris, that the news on the subject is wholly unfounded."

MAXIMILIAN AND THE POPE.—The Paris Memorial Diplomatique announces that the Emperor Maximilian has addressed an autograph letter to the Pope, in which he lays before Pius IX, the imperative necessity which compelled him to adopt the measure alluded to in his communication to his Minister of Justice as to the conversion of church property into crown lands.

ing without loss of time, the opposite factions over whom he had been called to reign, demanded the measure he had adopted, and which he had not the slightest intention of retracting.

The War in the Southwest.

CAIRO, Feb. 24. The steamer Robert Burns, from Memphis, had three hundred and forty-six bales of cotton for Cincinnati and thirty-nine for Evansville.

A scouting party under Captain Newell, of the Eighth New Hampshire, left Vidalia early in the month to patrol along the Black river. They have returned in a terrible state of dilapidation, having subsisted four days on horse and mule meat alone, in a swamp surrounded by rebels.

Brig. Gen. Meredith has been relieved from the command of Western Kentucky. His successor is unannounced.

Colonel McArthur, late commander of the post of Columbus, Ky., and Captain Goss, a provost marshal, arrested by Gen. Meredith, recently, have been fully exonerated and have returned to Columbus.

The trial of General Paine is progressing. Thus far not a single charge against him has been sustained.

MEMPHIS, Friday, Feb. 24, 1865.

The Bulletin of this morning says that the Rebel leaders have lately issued orders to have all the detachments of their troops in West Tennessee, together with such conscripts as they have gathered, sent South without delay.

The raid into Arkansas develops the fact that much suffering exists from the scarcity of food.

CAIRO, Feb. 26, 1865.

The steamers Liberty and Belle St. Louis from Memphis, have passed up with 313 bales of cotton for Evansville. The latter had 71 bales for St. Louis.

A Vicksburg correspondent says: Deserters from Dick Taylor's army declare there is no intention on the part of the Rebel authorities to abandon Mobile. That city always has been the depot of arms and military material of all kinds, and that the cannon and supplies recently taken to Selma formed no part of the armament and stores intended for the use of Mobile.

The same correspondent says: The report that Forrest has 25,000 men under him is untrue. He has not over 2,000. Dick Taylor and Forrest together cannot number 25,000. It is conjectured that one of two corps, which recently left Columbus, Miss., has gone to Mobile.

Three iron-clads have been stationed at the mouth of the Red River to frustrate any raid on that stream.

It is rumored that Brig. Gen. Meredith has been reinstated.

The steamer Luminary from New Orleans, 19th, has arrived, en route to St. Louis. Much excitement exists at New Orleans in consequence of publicity given to the exposure made of a secret society opposed to the Union, but recent developments prove that it is ruled by Confederate sympathisers, whose object is to get political power, and through that power protect the secessionists of that city from their just deserts.

The Occupation of Columbia, S. C.

[From the Richmond (Va.) Sentinel, Feb. 24.] "Official intelligence was received at the War Office last night that Sherman was, on yesterday morning, advancing toward the city of Winnsboro, a point on the railroad leading to Charlotte, and thirty miles north of Columbia.

Charlotte is thronged with refugees from Columbia, who report that some of Wheeler's cavalry plundered the city before the evacuation. Up to Tuesday last it was uncertain whether Columbia would come within the immediate range of Sherman's purposes, and consequently the public mind was not prepared for such an early solution of the question.

The enemy being in possession of Branchville, Orangeburg and Kingsville, proclamaed movements on the roads leading to Charleston, and an unfortunate accident upon the Charlotte road cutting off nearly all the rolling stock of the road from Columbia, prevented the authorities from making use of that avenue to save other valuable materials in the city.

The enemy's force operating west of Columbia reached the banks of the Congaree, opposite the city, on Thursday evening, and threw in a number of shells, to which our batteries responded. A portion of this column moved up the river during the night and crossed the Saluda and Broad rivers, the main tributaries of the Congaree, which meet near Columbia, a few miles above the city.

withdrawn to a position some twenty miles from Columbia, where they remained on yesterday.

The enemy's force entering Columbia consisted of General Sherman's main army, a large portion of which immediately moved up the Charlotte Railroad, while another portion has moved down in the direction of Charleston. The latter city has doubtless ere this been evacuated.

The will of the late James W. Wallack, proprietor of Wallack's theatre, Broadway, has been admitted to probate in the Surrogate's Court. It divides his estate between his two sons, John Lester Wallack, the actor, and Capt. Henry Wallack, of the British army, the theatre being included in the portion of the former.

A bill is pending in the Indiana Legislature disqualifying any person in that State from holding office who, since March 4th, 1861, has aided in any way the enemies of the United States, or who has been a member of a disloyal organization.

Eleven persons were killed and several injured on the St. Louis and Chicago Railroad on the 16th instant, by the breaking of a rail.

COMMERCIAL.

STOCKS.

CLOSING PRICES AT GALLAGHER'S NEW YORK EVENING STOCK EXCHANGE. NEW YORK, February 25th.

Table with 2 columns: Stock Name and Price. Includes Gold, New York Central, Erie, Hudson, Michigan Southern, Illinois Central, and Stocks steady & gold firm.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS

THEATRE.

FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 3, 1865.

Will be presented the Laughable Play of THE SERIOUS FAMILY.

After which, Miss Selma Warner Mr. R. L. Van Osten

To conclude with the Protean Farce of

OUR GAL.

Table with 2 columns: Admission and Price. Includes Dress Circle, Parquette, and Centre Gallery.

Doors open at 7: Curtain rise at 7 1/2 o'clock. March 3rd, 1865. 4-1t

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TO SUTLERS AND OTHERS!

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\$10 REWARD.

LOST, on the evening of March 1st, at the Theatre building, in the crowd, an OPERA GLASS, Black Morocco Case, and marked under the slide with point of knife "Gilly." The above reward will be paid if left at the Headquarters of Major General Couch. Wilmington, N. C., March 2nd, 1865. 4-3t

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