

THE HERALD OF THE UNION.

WILMINGTON, MARCH 23.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

THEATRE.—Mr. and Mrs. Watkins appeared last night in two new plays. The "Peasant Peeres" is one of the best dramas we have witnessed for a long time.

FUNERAL OF MR. TAYLOR.—The funeral of Mr. Alfred Taylor took place yesterday noon, from his late residence on Front street, and was attended by a numerous delegation of the Masonic fraternity and fire department, together with many other mourning friends.

THE REBEL PRIVATEERS.—A PRATICAL STEAMER OF THE 14th INSTANT.

Private intelligence received from Nassau, N. P., to the 14th instant, is to the effect that on that day a rebel pirate lay off the harbor, having been refused admission by the authorities.

THE REBEL TALLAHASSEE.—Boston, March 20, 1865.

Immense damage was caused in the north by freshets which set in with the rain storm of Thursday, the 16th inst. All the winter accumulations of snow and ice in the higher regions were let loose, and rushed seaward, sweeping every obstacle before them and overflowing the lowlands for miles.

THE DAMAGE TO THE ORANGE AND ALEXANDRIA RAILROAD.—[From the Richmond Sentinel, March 21.]

We learn from the Lynchburg Virginian that a reconnaissance was made over the Orange and Alexandria Railroad on Tuesday last, and it was found that the road was not injured as much as anticipated.

THE REBEL COMMODORE HOLLIS NOT DEAD.—[From the Richmond Sentinel, March 21.]

The friends of Commodore Hollis will be pleased to learn that the report of his death is not correct. Despatches received in the city contradict the report emphatically.

FROM WASHINGTON.

THE POLICY OF SECRETARY McCULLOCH.

The Finances of the Government to be Placed on a Specie Basis.

WASHINGTON, March 20, 1865. The report that the Secretary of the Treasury had decided to anticipate immediately the May interest on gold bonds, is premature.

While Secretary McCulloch is determined so to administer the finances of the government as to gradually bring them to the specie basis, yet he will not do this so abruptly as to produce a commercial panic.

Mr. McCulloch's policy will be such as is indicated by a due regard to the interests of the people and the government, and of a conservative character, equally opposed to undue inflation or a too speedy and disastrous contraction.

PAYMENT OF GEN. SHERMAN'S TROOPS.—It has been decided to pay General Sherman's army in full to the end of February, as soon as it arrives at a point where it can rest long enough for payment to be made.

EUROPE.

THE NEWS OF THE CAPTURE OF WILMINGTON IN ENGLAND.

Its Fall not Unexpected.

By the arrival of the Australasian at New York on the 23d inst., with Liverpool dates of the 11th and Queenstown of the 12th we have very interesting news.

THE EFFECT OF THE RECENT NUMEROUS UNION VICTORIES.

England and France Discontinue Hostility to the Confederates.

REBEL SYMPATHIZERS SECEDED.

The London Army and Navy Officers give the news by the Etina of a character generally to tax the faith of those who believe that the Confederates will maintain their cause in the field.

WAR BETWEEN ENGLAND AND AMERICA DENIED.

The London News denounces those who entertain a policy of distrust in regard to America, and says: It is time to introduce a little reason into the discussion of American affairs.

is probably in some cases assiduously fostered for business purposes; but any genuine alarm appears to be confined to those who were the most scrupulous Confederate partisans.

SHERMAN'S FAME IN FRANCE.

The wild despair which induced the Carolinaians to desert to their metropolis will not win them the sympathies of the civilized portion of the world, for they have never been anything but mere rebels against a just government.

NO MORE SHIPMENTS OF REBEL WAR MUNITIONS.

It is asserted that a remonstrance has been sent to the French government by the United States Minister in Paris, as to the clandestine shipment of Confederate recruits, on board the Hapshamock, stationed at Calais.

REBEL NEGRO SOLDIERS.

Parade of the First Company of Slave Troops. [From the Richmond Whig, March 21.]

FROM NEW ORLEANS.

Position of the Rebel Forces in Louisiana.—Rebel Corpses Sent to the Gulf on the Mississippi. New-Orleans, Friday, March 17, 1865.

Movements of the Rebels in the Southwest.

Memphis advices of the 20th inst. state that a number of Rebel deserters and refugees had arrived there.

THE SEVEN-THIRTIES.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, March 23. JAY COOKE reports the sales of Seven-Thirties to-day at \$3,054,750, including one of \$214,000 from Cincinnati, and one of \$150,600 from Philadelphia.

MOBILE.

THE RECONNOISSANCE OF THE HARBOR AND OBSTRUCTIONS.

Gen. Canby Moving on the City.

NEW ORLEANS, March 17, 1865. General Canby is now near Mobile, and the grand attack by the land and naval forces upon the city will be made within five days.

A daring reconnoissance of the obstructions in front of the city of Mobile was made to-day by General Granger's despatch boat Laura.

The Laura was drifting quietly along, while those on board were reconnoitring, when suddenly a wreath of smoke was seen to rise from Battery Gladden, and the next instant a Brock's rifle seven inch shell hissed and whirred directly over head, clearing the Laura's abrick twenty feet, and disappearing in the water about one hundred yards beyond.

The Laura was the next to fire, and her shot was early as good as the other, as it struck the water a few feet abreast of the Laura, and ricocheted over her, clearing her but a very short distance.

Another shot from Battery Gladden, far inferior to either of the preceding, appeared to be the signal for the batteries on each shore to open.

The distinguished officers on board the Laura not caring to remain a target for rebel practice, gave orders that she should return.

There is no doubt but that the Laura was recognized as the headquarters' despatch boat, as every effort was made on the part of the enemy to disable her.

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