

THE LATEST NEWS.

THE NEWS. From Charleston we learn that the enemy are strengthening their Morris Island batteries and the iron-clads receiving ammunition. No new demonstration has yet been made.

An election took place in Alabama last week for Governor and Congressmen. The returns indicate the election of Hon. Thos. H. Watts for Governor over the present incumbent, Hon. J. G. Shorter. A Mr. Cruikshank beats Mr. Curry for Congress in the first district.

Mayor Monroe and family recently arrived at Mobile under flag of truce, having been released from Fort Pickens by the Yankees. He was not permitted to visit New Orleans.

FROM GEN. LEES' ARMY. There was a small cavalry fight between a body of our cavalry and three brigades of the Yankees near Brandy Station on Tuesday last, in which the enemy were driven for a mile, when they were heavily reinforced, and our cavalry fell back. Our loss 6 killed and 18 wounded.

The Richmond "Dispatch" says that all its information points to the concentration of the contending forces in the neighborhood of Fredericksburg, and from present indications it is not improbable that the next trial of strength between the two armies will take place on the old battlefield of December last.

The Richmond "Enquirer" of Thursday last says:

We are in possession of a copy of the New York "Herald" of the 31st inst. From the situation article we clip the following:

Less an army is undoubtedly in force between the Rappahannock and Rapidan rivers. He is said to have been largely reinforced, and is preparing to move to his old position near Fredericksburg.

Everything is quiet at Vicksburg and vicinity. The expedition which left there a few days ago has arrived at Port Hudson. Its destination is of course unknown.

The disaffection of North Carolina to the Richmond government, so long indicated, has now become a fact in the recent declarations of the "Standard," the leading paper of Raleigh, the capital, in which it denounces Jeff. Davis as a traitor, and in whom no confidence can be placed, and whose efforts to establish a Southern Confederacy will be a failure.

In reply to the Richmond "Enquirer," which calls upon Jeff. Davis to suppress the "Standard" and wipe out the "Standard," says that "North Carolina will stand by the Supreme Court and that if Jeff. Davis attempts to use physical force, and a revolution in the State will be the result."

The "Standard" also says that North Carolina has furnished fifteen thousand soldiers for the Federal army, forty thousand of whom are killed and wounded, and that she should send a delegation to Washington at once, and see what terms can be obtained, and not wait for Jeff. Davis.

LATEST FROM THE UNITED STATES. A true boat to City Point, has brought home...

We are indebted to the Exchange Bureau for a copy of the New York World, of the 31st inst., from which we take the following:

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON—WAR BULLETIN—OFFICIAL. WAR DEPT., ADJ. GENERAL'S OFFICE. WASHINGTON, July 31.

General Order No. 252.—The following order of the President is published for the information and guidance of all concerned: EXECUTIVE MANSION. WASHINGTON, July 30.

It is the duty of every Government to give protection to its citizens, and especially to those who are engaged in the public service. The Government of the United States will give the same protection to all its soldiers, and if the enemy shall aid or ensnare any one of its soldiers, the offense shall be punished by retaliation upon the enemy's prisoners in our possession. It is, therefore, ordered, that every soldier of the United States killed in violation of the rules of war, a rebel soldier shall be executed, and for every one enslaved by the enemy or sold into slavery, a rebel soldier shall be placed at hard labor on the public works, and continue at such labor until the other shall be released, or until he is otherwise ordered by a prisoner of war. ABRAHAM LINCOLN. By Order of the Secretary of War. F. D. TOWNSEND, Assistant Adj. Genl.

THE DRAFT TO COMMENCE THIS WEEK. It may be stated on excellent authority that the draft will commence in New York during the latter part of next week, and will be carried out from that time forward as it will be in Washington, where it will go on at the same time.

THE WAR. A report from Charleston to the 24th ult., by Gen. Beauregard, states that Gen. Gilmore had succeeded in projecting a long line of fortifications two hundred and fifty yards from Fort Wagner. He also mounted three heavy siege guns within a mile and a quarter of Fort Wagner, and had been firing on Sumter on Wednesday last.

Mr. Gen. Burnside has issued an order declaring that every man who is involved by an abolitionist with the avowed intention of carrying out his wicked and unchristianlike designs, and who is not a citizen of the United States, shall be treated as an enemy, and his property shall be confiscated.

GENERAL ORDERS. Orders for damages to the extent of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, to be paid to the owners of the property in this city, have already been presented.

It has been decided that it will be safe and expedient to send the Washington and New York arrangements to the Mississippi river, and once a week from Vicksburg to New Orleans, and conveyance can be more frequent when permitted by the necessities of trade or public interest.

By news from San Francisco we learn that the latest news from Japan stated that war with France and England was certain, and that the

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THORNBURY PLANTATION, Near Garysburg, N. C. August 4th, 1863.

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