

From the Memphis Appeal. HOW LONG, O LORD!

How long, O Lord! shall vengeance sleep, How long will Thou thy wrath restrain...

Behold, O Lord! the Vandal's torch Hath laid our border barren, waste, And with a fiend's delight they search...

THE DARK DAYS OF OUR FATHERS. The Mobile Tribune, referring to the anniversary of the Cowpens...

In February, 1780, of the preceding year, a British naval and land force, under Arbuthnot and Clinton...

But all this neither dispirited our forefathers nor led to the ultimate loss of the cause for which they fought...

RECEPTION OF GEN. JOHN H. MORGAN IN ATLANTA. The Atlanta Register of the 7th instant gives the following account...

Gen. Morgan deserves all the respect that has been shown him. He is now a representative man, not only of a large class of soldiers...

A NEW METHOD OF DIVORCE. In Berlin, there is a novel method of dealing with matrimonial disputes. Divorces are freely granted...

A small room was prepared in which husband and wife were put, the door being then closed, to remain so for six weeks...

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THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS TO THE ARMY.

The Richmond papers publish an order from Adjutant General Cooper communicating the following address of President Davis to the Army of the Confederate States...

In the long and bloody war in which your country is engaged, you have achieved many noble triumphs. You have won glorious victories over vastly more numerous hosts...

I would in vain attempt adequately to express the emotions with which I received the testimonial of confidence and regard which you have recently addressed to me. To some of those first received separate acknowledgments were returned...

Already the pulse of the whole people beats in unison with yours. Already they compare your spontaneous and unselfish offer of your lives for the defense of your country...

Soldiers! The coming spring campaign will open under auspices well calculated to sustain your hopes. With ranks replenished under the influence of your example...

Soldiers! Assured success awaits us in our holy struggle for liberty and independence, and for the preservation of all that renders life desirable to honorable men...

Citizen-soldiers of the home, the liberties and the altars of the Confederacy! That God whom we all humbly worship may shield you with His Fatherly care...

THE DEMONSTRATION ON THE PENINSULA—WIDROWAL OF THE YANKEES FROM NEW KENT, O. H. The Richmond Dispatch of yesterday says that late developments tend to show that the recent demonstration of the enemy...

A gentleman who resides in New Kent county, who arrived in Richmond on Tuesday, estimates their numbers at about 6,000, of which there were three regiments of cavalry...

On their return from Bottom's Bridge on Sunday, they stated that the expedition had been undertaken on account of information furnished by refugees from Richmond...

The latest information we have with reference to these raiders is, that they have left New Kent, and gone back to Williamsburg.

CONFEDERATE NAVAL OPERATIONS.

The list news from Europe represents the gallant Confederate States steamer Alabama on the other side of the world, carrying correspondence among the Federal merchantmen...

The United States steamer Wyoming is in the vicinity, searching for the Alabama. Both steamers passed through the Straits on the same day, the former twenty-five miles apart...

Great excitement was occasioned yesterday forenoon, by the intelligence that the crews of two American vessels, captured by the celebrated Alabama, had arrived in an almost destitute condition from the coast, at the American Consulate...

We are able to give our readers the following information regarding the capture of these vessels, which we obtained from some of the crews of one of them. The account, therefore, undoubtedly true in the main, if not altogether, must not be taken as official.

On Thursday last, the Amanda, Captain Larabee, 600 tons burden, towards Crossby, of Bangor, Me., owners, bound from Manila to Corcoran, was overtaken by the Alabama...

The Lieutenant, on coming aboard the Amanda, ordered the master and mate to accompany him to the cruiser, and to bring with him the ship's papers and other documents...

The Amanda was valued by Captain Semmes at \$140,000, and the Winged Racer at \$300,000. The Alabama had six guns and two pivots. When the Alabama was last seen she was steering to the northward. This is the fifty-eighth prize she has captured.

The great topic of the East India press by this mail, is, of course, the Alabama, her late maneuvers and probable future tactics occupying much of their space. The American flag, however, is fast disappearing, ships taking shelter under that of Peru, Prussia and Portugal...

THE FLORIDA—PAMPERO—THE ALEXANDRA. The following relates to the vessels above named. An exciting chase took place a few days since of the port of Brest in consequence of the capture of the Federal corvette Kearsage...

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The Polish question and the Schleswig-Holstein are both abated, and but pregnant with mischief. Either may bring on a general war on the Rhine, the Elbe or the Vistula...

The Port Admiral of Brest has, consequently, given orders that the steamship of the line, the Wagram shall watch the movements of the French ships, and prevent them from engaging in French waters...

THE ALEXANDRAS—A NEW TRIAL DESIRED. The Court of Exchequer had refused to grant a new trial in the case of the bankrupt Alexander, and owing to the judge being equally divided upon the question, the Crown would appeal from the decision...

Where opinions are thus equally divided in a court of law, it is customary in the absence of a casting vote, to avoid a dead lock by a nominal concession on the part of the youngest member. Accordingly, Mr. Baron Pigott withdrew his judgment, and the rule is refused...

For our own part, we cannot lament the division of opinion which postpones for many months the condemnation or release of the Alexandria. Such equipments as hers may or may not be legal. That depends on whether the Legislature in the year 1819 fortunately provided against evils which the event has shown to be real...

A gentleman of Raleigh has favored the Confederate with the following extract of a letter from a gentleman in Paris, whose opportunities for information are believed to be of such a character as that his statements may be relied on implicitly:

Nothing is to be expected from Europe. Neither France nor England will recognize the Confederate States until the Yankees themselves have partially given up the contest. On this point there ought to be no delusion in the South...

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Never was there a greater mistake than for the Federals to imagine that the South is even beginning to be depressed, and to despair of success. On the contrary, there has been a visible improvement in the temper of the people...

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CONFEDERATE STATES CONGRESS.

In the Senate, on Tuesday, Mr. Johnson, of Ark., introduced a bill to authorize the President to appoint one General in the Provisional Army for the command of the Trans-Mississippi Department...

Mr. Orr, of S. C., presented the memorial of the ladies employed in the treasury note division of Columbia, S. C., praying for an increase of salary...

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Ark., the bill to limit and define the time of office of the officers of the Departments of State, Treasury, War, Navy, Postoffice, and of the Department of Justice, reported back from the Judiciary Committee with amendment...

The House was opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Minnecqua. The Chair laid before the House two Senate bills, which were appropriately referred to the Committee on Claims...

The bill to amend the act of April 1st, 1861, and September, 23d, 1862, to repeal an act entitled "An act to authorize the President to confer temporary rank and command for service with volunteer troops on officers of the Confederate Army," and the House bill to authorize the President to establish additional military courts...

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