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The Steamship of the North German Lloyd will run as follows:

BERKEN. From Bremen. From New Orleans. HANNOVER. September 15. October 17. FRANKFURT. November 19. December 21.

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The Battle of Baton Rouge.

The Baton Rouge *Advocate* refers to a bloody day in that city in 1862 in the following language:

This (August 5) thirteen years ago the battle of Baton Rouge was fought. The federals were commanded by General Williams and the Confederates were under the command of General T. B. R. In the morning the Confederates left their camp at Comite bridge before day on the morning of the fifth, and at about daylight attacked the federal lines. General Williams was killed early in the action. On the side of the Confederates General W. H. Allen and General Clarke were wounded. Major Todd, a gallant Confederate officer and a brother of Mrs. President Lincoln, was killed in the fight. In the absence of official data we are at this moment unable to give full details concerning the affair.

In absence of the details of the affair which the *Advocate* is unable to give, the following general order may be read with interest at this time:

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE GULF, NEW ORLEANS, AUGUST 12, 1862.

General Order No. 27.

Soldiers of the Army of the Gulf—Your successes have heretofore been substantial and brilliant.

Taking and holding the most important strategic and tactical positions with the gallant navy, by the wisdom of your combinations and the moral power of your arms, it has been left for the past few days to rest on your laurels.

The Spanish conqueror of Mexico was imperishably renowned by landing in that country and burning his transport ships to show his hope of conquering more wisely and economically, but with equal providence against retreat, sent your home.

Organized to operate on the sea-coast, and to capture the city of Baton Rouge, the capital of the State of Louisiana, more than 200 miles to the interior.

Attacked there by a division of our rebel forces, under command of Major General Leavenworth, to land in Kentucky, whom some of us would have honored before his apostasy, of doubly superior numbers, you have repulsed in the open field his myriads, who look with admiration on the battle of the marines of Vicksburg, to make a cowardly attack.

The brigade at Baton Rouge has routed the rebels, and has captured 3,000 muskets, 100,000 rounds of ammunition, and many killed, wounded and prisoners; many colored and field officers. He has more than 1,000 prisoners, and has captured 3,000 muskets, 100,000 rounds of ammunition, and many killed, wounded and prisoners.

You have captured three pieces of artillery, six caissons, two stand of colors and a large number of prisoners.

You have buried his dead on the field of battle and you have nursed his wounded. You have convinced him that you are never so sick as not to fight your enemy if he desires the contest.

It is reported that he has not taken an outpost after weeks of preparation, which would be his fate with the main body. If your General should say he was proud of you, it is not because he is proud of you, but he will say he is proud to be one of you.

In this battle the Northeast and the Northwest mingled their blood on the field, and the privileges of joining their hearts, in support of the Union.

Michigan stood by Maine, Massachusetts supported Indiana, Wisconsin aided Vermont, while the brave soldiers of the sons of the ever-green State, fought as our fathers did at Boyne Water.

While we all mourn the loss of many brave comrades, we, who were absent, envy them the privilege of dying upon the battle field for our country, under the starry folds of her victorious flag.

The colors and guidons of the several corps engaged in this contest will have inscribed on them "Baton Rouge."

To complete the victory, the iron-clad steamer *Arkansas*, the last naval hero of the rebellion, having awaited the gallant attack of the *Essex*, followed the example of her sisters, the *Merrimack*, the *Manassas*, the *Mississippi*, and the *Louisiana*, by her own destruction.

By command of Major General Butler, R. S. DAVIS, Captain and Acting Assistant Adjutant General.

General Butler's order regarding the death of the gallant Williams, is one of the most graphic and simply eloquent tributes ever penned by a general officer in honor of a fallen subordinate. This order is given to the adjutant in the General's handwriting, and it is a model for composition of its kind, brief and elegant.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE GULF, NEW ORLEANS, AUGUST 12, 1862.

General Order No. 28.

The Commanding General announces to the Army of the Gulf, the sad event of the death of Brigadier General Thomas Williams, who fell in the battle of Baton Rouge, in camp, at Baton Rouge.

The victorious achievement—the repulse of the division of Major General Breckinridge, by the troops led on by General Williams, and the destruction of the mail-clad *Arkansas*, by Captain Porter, of the navy—made sorrowful by the fall of our brave, gallant and successful fellow-soldier.

General Williams was a brave soldier, a man of letters, a graduate at West Point in 1837; at once joined the Fourth Artillery in Florida, where he served with distinction; was thrice brevetted for gallant and meritorious services in Mexico, at a member of General Scott's staff. His life was that of a soldier devoted to his country's service. His country mourns in sympathy with the brave and noble man, now that his country's care and precious charge.

We, his companions in arms, who have learned to love him, weep the true friend, the gallant soldier, the brave and noble man, the accomplished officer, the pure patriot and victorious hero, and the devoted Christian. All, and more, went out when Williams died. By a singular felicity of manner he has illustrated each of these generous qualities.

The chivalric American gentleman, he gave up the advantage of the cover of the open field—lest the women and children of his enemies should be hurt in the fight!

A good general, he made his dispositions wisely, and he fell at the break of day, when he met his foe!

A brave soldier, he received his death shot leading his men!

A patriot hero, he was fighting the battle of his country, and died as went up the cheer of victory!

A Christian, he sleeps in the hope of a blessed Redeemer!

His virtues we can not exceed—his example we may emulate—and, mourning his death, we pray, "may our last end be like his."

The customary tribute of mourning will be worn by the officers in the department.

By command of Major General Butler, R. S. DAVIS, Captain and Acting Assistant Adjutant General.

The Levees.

General M. Jeff Thompson, chief Staff Engineer, says there is no danger to be apprehended at present from the breaking of any levee. The upper Hard Times levee is open, and has been since the break in it is 1874. So also is Buck Bridge levee from the same cause. The water from these breaks escaped through Clarke bayou and Bayou de Rosset into Lake St. Joseph, and continues to do so, doing no damage. There is no high water either in the Onatchita or Red river.

General Thompson left last evening by rail, intending to visit the levees of Raleigh, in Carroll; Milliken's bend, in Madison; and Diahorou, in Tensas.

Foreign Insurance in New York.

The Kansas Insurance Company, of Leavenworth, under the sanction of the insurance department, at Albany, as provided by the statute, has been doing a large business in the State of New York. In different portions it had about twenty-five agencies, and they did a general business. The laws relative to insurance companies in all the Eastern States are very stringent, and a strict compliance with them is insisted on. They are especially minute in their directions relative to agencies of other companies, even prescribing in some cases the size of the letters on their signs. The design of all these laws is not only to protect the insured, but also to prevent foreign companies from taking advantage of the native for want of domicile.

It appears that the Kansas company has either violated some special statute of New York, or has come to grief by a too powerful combination of native companies, for Superintendent Chapman has revoked the authority. He does not charge fraud, nor intentional dishonesty in the management, nor severely reprehensible conduct. All cases are specified in the statutes as causes of revocation. But he concludes the method of business is not such as he cares to sanction. The matter, unless pressed in the courts, resting entirely within his discretion, the Kansas company has nothing to do but to submit, stop business and pay its losses at Leavenworth. It seems a rather harsh and perhaps unconstitutional method of keeping business in New York companies, but it is plain the whole case is not, and until it is, company and superintendent should have the usual benefit of a suspension of judgment.

It will be observed that this voucher lacks the signature of the deputy surveyor, the auditor of customs, and the owner of the claim. Furthermore, the duplicate is lacking, existence of which is expressly stipulated in the receipt.

The fact of the matter is, that this voucher was made, as all such documents usually are, by a clerk. It was approved by the head weigher in the *pro forma* manner, and before the instrument could be properly completed it was abstracted by a designing individual, who thought, doubtless, that much capital could be made of it. The piece of paper was in itself worthless; it was worse than incomplete, for immediately afterward complete vouchers were issued to supply the place of the theft.

Here is a copy of the proper voucher, as issued and paid by the department. The amount claimed by Mr. Comesty was \$16. This was the sum of money due him, and this amount he received:

James F. Casey, Esq., collector of customs for the district of New Orleans, Louisiana, on the twenty-third day of March, 1875, the sum of sixteen dollars in full of the above account, having signed duplicate receipts.

To Mr. Comesty, \$16

Approved: FREDERICK W. EICHLIZ, Deputy Surveyor.

Received from _____, Collector of the Customs, for the district of _____, on the _____ day of _____, in full of the above account, having signed duplicate receipts. (Signed) _____

Auditor.

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A Customhouse Voucher.

The following is a verbatim copy of a voucher for drayage, that, being in an unfinished state, was abstracted from the weigher's office in the United States Customhouse at this port, and has caused some newspaper accounts—No. 3. James F. Casey, Esq., Collector of the Customs for the District of New Orleans, Louisiana, March 23, 1875. To Mr. Comesty, \$16. Approved: FREDERICK W. EICHLIZ, Deputy Surveyor.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

WASHINGTON.

The Treasury Robbers.

WASHINGTON, August 11.—Halleck and Brown waived examination, and were sent to jail. Bail was fixed at \$10,000 each.

General Brannan telegraphs from the Pensacola navy yard that there have been no new cases of, or deaths from yellow fever. Every patient is convalescent.

The Secretary of the Interior recently addressed the following letter to the President, and it has been returned to him with the recommendations appended.

On the seventh of April, 1874, so much of the Texas and Pacific railroad as lies between Marshall and Dallas, Texas, was accepted, on the report of Mr. Isaac H. Sturgeon, commissioner, who had examined and found it constructed in substantial compliance with the requirements of the printed instructions of the department. In addition to the portion thus accepted by you, Mr. Sturgeon also made favorable report on said road constructed from Marshall eastward to the line bounding the States of Texas and Louisiana, from Marshall northward to Texarkana, and from Sherman eastward to Brookston. These portions were not then accepted because they did