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THE SITUATION.

Our intelligence from Washington to-day is of a most important and interesting character.

Gen. Scott has resigned his position as Commander-in-Chief of the army, and General McClellan has been placed at the head of the entire armies of the United States.

We give a graphic account in another column of the scene which occurred yesterday when President Lincoln announced in person to General Scott, at the General's residence, the acceptance of his resignation, and expressed the sorrow which he and his Cabinet experienced at the necessity which compelled the veteran soldier to withdraw from active service in consequence of age and ill health.

The scene was intensely affecting. Gen. Scott wept, and with difficulty tendered his thanks to the President for the kind manner in which he spoke of him and his services.

Gen. Scott will at once proceed to New York, and upon his arrival will issue an address to the American people.

Gen. McClellan was the recipient of a splendid ovation yesterday, upon his elevation to the high post of Commander-in-Chief of the armies of the republic.

He has promulgated an address to the army, which we give to-day, characterized by all the modesty and tenderness which belong to him.

He accepts the heavy responsibility with diffidence yet with firmness, and pays a just tribute to the gallant veteran whose place he is appointed to fill.

He relies upon the courage and discipline of the men under his command to restore the country to its integrity as a united nation, and crown the career of the American army, which it was the pride and glory of his predecessor to maintain with honor upon so many battle fields.

Intelligence was received at Washington yesterday from a fugitive that the rebels had erected strong fortifications at Centreville, and that their camps, numbering 50,000 men, extended from Manassas to within two miles of Fairfax Court House, having 10,000 at Manassas.

A new rebel battery, consisting of three rifled cannon, has been discovered on the Virginia shore, a little below Evansport, and a mile and a half farther down on the Potomac than any batteries which have heretofore shown themselves.

With this exception there is no appearance of activity among the rebels in that region. The George Page still remains in Quantico creek.

From Fortress Monroe we have an account of the return of the United States bark Amanda from a cruise, in which she captured four prizes attempting to run the blockade—three of them being English vessels and one an American.

From the Upper Potomac we learn, by way of Parnestown, Md., that the rebels had picketed upon Harrison's Island yesterday. At last accounts the main body of the rebels was at Goose creek, seven miles south from Leesburg, which place it is said they abandoned the day after the battle of Ball's Bluff, upon hearing that General Banks' forces had crossed the river.

Eight hundred rebel prisoners from Fort Lafayette arrived in Boston yesterday, and were received at Fort Warren by Colonel Dimmick, who commands at that station.

The Borussia, off Cape Race, has news from Europe to the 23d of October, three days later. The London Times again denounces the blockade of the Southern ports as inefficient, and asserts that foreign nations can recognize a "real blockade" only.

In the opinion of the writer the Northern and the rebel States are equally to blame in interrupting the foreign trade in cotton; the Confederate government hoping, by retaining the staple to force foreign nations, "especially England," to "take side in the American quarrel." The Attorney General of England, with other members of Parliament, had spoken very earnestly at public meetings on the industrial consequences likely to ensue all over Europe from the want of cotton in England.

Captain Jervis, M. P., insisted that the blockade should be broken by England; giving the extraordinary reason that there was no blockade to break. Quite a number of the cotton mill operatives of Stockport had come already on the poor relief funds for support.

France and Spain are to land an allied army in Mexico, while England is to enforce naval reprisals—even to the length of bombarding Vera Cruz—against the republic, if repairs are not made to her government and people by its rulers.

General Dix, commanding the military district of Baltimore, has issued a proclamation, calling upon the Marshals to arrest all parties offering themselves at the polls who have been participants directly or indirectly, in the rebellion against the government, many of whom, he understands, intend to use their influence at the coming election for the purpose of furthering the interests of the rebels.

THE NEWS.

The Borussia, from Hamburg, via Southampton, on the 23d of October, was off Cape Race yesterday (Friday) morning, on her way to New York.

Her news is three days later than that by the Europa. A telegraphic summary of it, from St. Johns, Newfoundland, is published in the Herald this morning.

The Liverpool cotton market was very animated, not to say excited. The sales for the two days (21st and 22d of October) footed up 45,000 bales.

Prices had again advanced from one-fourth to one-half of a penny per pound. Middling Orleans was quoted at eleven and a half pence. Flour was dull and had fallen six pence per barrel.

Wheat and corn were also tending downward. Consols closed in London on the 23d at 92 1/2 a 92 3/4 for money, and at 92 1/2 for account.

The general news report, which is interesting, will be found in the letters of our correspondents in London, Paris and Berlin, and the latest telegraphic despatches.

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Retirement of General Scott—General McClellan Commander-in-Chief of the Entire Army.

General Scott has retired from the command of the army. Having arrived at an age allotted to few men who have passed through the same labors and vicissitudes of a soldier's life—having served his country faithfully, bravely and suffered for her in the hour of her darkest danger, and leaving a military record to the world almost without a parallel—the veteran Commander-in-Chief yesterday tendered his resignation to the President. It was accepted with sorrow for the infirmities which compelled him to tender it, with deep sympathy for the wounds and failing health of the valiant general, and with a dignity which well became the occasion.

Speaking in the name of the whole people over whom he presides, Mr. Lincoln personally expressed the keenest regret at the retirement from active service of a man to whom the country owes so much. General Scott wept upon hearing the words of the President, and the whole scene, we are told, was most affecting. The matter was made the subject of a special Cabinet council, and upon deciding to accept the resignation of the veteran General the President and Cabinet proceeded to the residence of Gen. Scott, where the order placing him upon the retired list, with all the pay, subsistence and allowances of his office reduced, was read to him by Mr. Lincoln himself.

The Cabinet were unanimous alike in their opinion that Gen. Scott should, under the circumstances, be relieved from active duty, and in their regret that his health should render such a loss a necessity. Gen. McClellan has been appointed, by the common consent of the Cabinet, Commander-in-Chief of the entire army of the United States; and it is due to the sagacity of Gen. Scott to say that he selected Gen. McClellan from the list of young officers for the important post which he has occupied at the head of the army of the Potomac.

With a patriotism which has marked his entire career, from the day on which he won his first laurels in the field to the present hour, General Scott has magnanimously resigned a position the moment he felt the least doubt of his physical capacity to conduct the military affairs of the country in an emergency in which the destinies of the republic were so perilously involved. How few public men have exhibited like patriotism, wisdom, sagacity or self-sacrifice!

In retiring, covered with honor as he is, and bearing with him the respect and gratitude of the entire people, he leaves the command of the army to the control of a younger and fresher man, on whom the administration has full reliance, and whose acts up to this time have entitled him to the confidence of the army he commands, and the public he is now to serve in so high a capacity. It remains now with General McClellan to show himself worthy to wear the mantle which has fallen upon his shoulders.

The American War and English and French Political Affairs.

It is evident, from the present aspect of the political horizon in England, that the conservative or Tory party are working to get the Palmerston administration into a tight place on the subject of the cotton supply and the recognition of the Southern confederacy. It is evident, from the speeches of members of both parties—and of these we have lately had no small number—that this is the design of the opposition. The London Daily News may be accepted as the leading organ of the Tories, and it is full of fine promises and overflowing with sympathy for the people of the North. But will this continue if the liberals are defeated, and will the tone of the new government be equal to what it would now make believe? We think not. The Tories would pursue just the same policy towards the United States that the Palmerston government is pursuing, and the end would be equally uncertain.

Mr. Lindsay, a member of the British Parliament, urged upon England and France, in a recent speech, the expediency of endeavoring to effect a peaceful separation between the Northern and Southern States. Mr. Lindsay evidently wishes to make himself popular at home; for there is nothing that either the British or French government would like better than such a separation. They would, in such an event, witness the overthrow of democracy, and at the same time preserve their own trade—the two great objects dear to them both. As it is, if they recognize the Southern confederacy, they will lose their trade, while, if we are allowed to fight our quarrel out, they will preserve their trade, but democracy, by force of the federal arms, will triumph. In our relations with foreign countries, therefore, this war gives rise to a struggle between democracy and the principles of trade. A peaceful separation would be all that England and France could desire. They would in that case not only get rid of a hated maritime and commercial rival, under the broad banner of republicanism, but restore immediately their own falling fortunes produced by this war. Already the exports to the United States from England and France have fallen of several millions of dollars in money value since the outbreak of the war, in comparison with the same period last year, and so long as the rebellion remains unextinguished not only will its disastrous effects upon European trade with America continue, but increase. As yet only the beginning of the troubles resulting from this war is being felt abroad. Thousands of operatives both in England and France, have been disbanded and manufacturing closed, solely on account of the diminished exports to the United States. In France the producers are just now uttering a prolonged wail against the operation of the Anglo-French treaty, and crying out for protection; but this is only an artificial cause, invented to hide the real one. Had it not been for events on this continent the treaty would have gone into operation without any material objection being advanced against it, even by those who are now the loudest in their protestations. That the partial introduction