

IMPORTANT FROM ALBANY.

The Constitutional Amendment to Prohibit Slavery.

Speeches of Messrs. Bryant and Alvord, and Substitute Resolution of the latter.

The Union Trust Company and the Taxes and Assessments Bill.

PUNISHMENT OF BOUNTY BROKERS.

ALBANY, March 28, 1864. PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE.

The wheels of legislation started this morning with their usual speed on Monday morning. Both houses were in session, but somewhat slim in numbers, a large number of members not having returned who left for home on Saturday.

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Whereas, in the present crisis of the country, a speedy and successful conclusion of the war should be the chief and controlling purpose of the government, and that such territorial acquisitions as may be necessary for the maintenance of the rebellion can best be achieved by a final and constitutional prohibition of the slave trade...

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THE FIGHT AT PADUCAH, KENTUCKY.

Official Despatches from Fleet Captain Pennock.

WASHINGTON, March 28, 1864. The following despatches have been received by the Secretary of the Navy:—

At three P. M. yesterday the rebels made an attack upon Paducah, and the steamers Poesta, Pawpaw and Fort Hindman at once opened fire. Captain Hicks holds the fort.

The front part of the city is destroyed, our shells are falling on the houses on the levee. A brisk cannonading was continued until about ten P. M., when the rebel force ceased.

The attack may have been renewed this morning. Our despatches are received by boat, telegraphic communication having been destroyed.

The fort made a desperate resistance. A. M. PENNOCK, Fleet Captain. SECOND DISPATCH. MARCH 28, 1864.

I have just received information that the enemy is still in force in front of Paducah.

A flag of truce was sent in by them to negotiate an exchange of prisoners, which was refused. They twice demanded a surrender, saying they would give no quarter if refused.

General Forrest has five hundred prisoners from Union City. Reinforcements are going forward. There is no danger of a surrender. MARCH 28, 1864.

Paducah is safe. The rebels left at midnight. FOURTH DISPATCH. MARCH 28, 1864.

Information has been received that the rebels have retreated from Paducah.

The rebel loss is three hundred killed. Their number wounded is unknown.

Forrest's force is said to be 6,500 men, with four cannon. The rebel General A. P. Thompson is reported killed. A. M. PENNOCK, Fleet Captain.

Additional Details of the Battle. Cairo, March 28, 1864.

Gen. Forrest had about 7,000 men in the attack on Paducah. His line of battle was two and a half miles long. The fight lasted all the afternoon. Four assaults were made on the fort in succession, each of which was repulsed with great slaughter to the enemy.

A large portion of the town is in ruins. The rebels burned the stores and carried off horses for the flint. Forty convalescents in the hospital were captured.

Forrest sent a flag of truce to exchange prisoners, but it was refused. Three hundred rebel dead lie in front of our fort. Gen. Harris and Burbridge were with the rebels.

Boats from Paducah at noon yesterday report all quiet. The citizens are returning to the town. Several women were killed during the fight. Our loss was fourteen killed and forty-five wounded.

The Poesta and Pawpaw, tin-clads, were the gunboats which participated in the battle, opening fire simultaneously with the fort on the enemy's advance into the city, and rendering invaluable service throughout the engagement.

After being once repulsed in the assault on the fort, Forrest sent a communication to Colonel Hicks, demanding the surrender of the fort, troops, and public stores, promising that if the demand was complied with our troops should be treated as prisoners of war; but if he was compelled to storm the fort, they might expect no quarter.

Colonel Hicks replied that he was placed there to defend the fort, which he should do, and promptly declined to surrender.

The enemy then made a second and third assault upon the works; but were repulsed each time with heavy losses. The rebels then broke lines, formed in squads, occupied the houses, and kept up a fire until late in the evening, when they were driven away, our artillery making the buildings too hot for them.

On their way into the city the enemy fired the railroad depot, which was consumed, and, for a moment, the quartermaster's building and the stamer Doughty (not the Arizona), on the Marine railway. They plundered the stores of an immense amount of goods and took all the horses they could find. Some merchants have lost from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

Early this morning, the rebels again appearing, Colonel Hicks burned all the houses within musket range of the fort. The enemy, however, made no advance, and, after asking for an exchange of prisoners, which was declined, retired in the direction of Columbus.

Towards the end of the battle it was discovered that our ammunition was nearly exhausted, when Col. Hicks ordered that when it gave out the fort would be defended with the bayonet as long as a man remained alive, which determination was received with hearty cheers by all the troops. The negroes in the fort, two hundred and twenty in all, fought with great gallantry.

All was quiet at Paducah yesterday, our forces being engaged in burying the dead.

The enemy had six small cannon.

About fifty buildings were burned, including the hospital, gun works, and some of the best residences in the city. The Custom House, Post office and Continental were not injured.

Our troops consisted of the Fortieth Illinois Infantry, Colonel Hicks; a battalion of negroes, and one regiment (name not yet known).

News from the Mississippi. Cairo, March 28, 1864.

One hundred and twenty recruits from Minnesota arrived in night on route for Hilo Rock. The thirty-fourth since the outbreak of the war have arrived on their way home from Memphis.

Memphis papers of the 26th say that cotton was still in the market at a low price. Prices were still declining, ordinary 40c, 50c, middling 50c, 54c; receipts about 150 bales; shipments 400 bales.

The Brooklyn Navy Yard.

INAUGURATION OF BATTERY HEADS AND PARADE GROUND—WHAT COMMANDER HEADS HAS ACCOMPLISHED—INTERESTING CEREMONY—FLAG RAISING, ETC.

The crew of the receiving ship North Carolina were dressed in an inaugural entertainment and flag raising ceremony—what was formerly known as the Cobb dock, lying to the northward and adjacent to the receiving ship, but now known as Battery Head, as he has relinquished it from a mud hole, and made a beautiful parade and exercise ground of nearly three acres in extent.

This was designed by Commander Richard W. Meade, and the labor performed by the men which from time to time has passed through his hands, and upon their heads he has, through the aid of the "slush fund," erected a number of buildings, consisting of a laundry, broom closet, carpenter shop, blacksmith shop, target ground, brick and brick wall—in fact, a little village.

Commander Meade has been in command of the North Carolina, has worked much good for the government and for the sailor, and that, too, without any expense to the country. The receiving ship is in a beautiful position, and the flag raising ceremony was very interesting. Everything now is neat and clean as a brand new tooth.

A great revolution has come over the whole vessel and its surroundings. This new ground has been laid out, and we are sure Captain Meade cannot but be proud to show it to visitors. It is equal to any Sanitary Fair, we have seen in modern times, and the flag raising ceremony there cannot be excelled by any men in that line of feats. They are remarkable men in their performances.

Our admiralty, which may be properly held by the North Carolina were assembled upon the parade ground, when Captain Meade made an address to them full of interest and fact. He opened his remarks by saying: "The new ground has been laid out, and we are sure Captain Meade cannot but be proud to show it to visitors. It is equal to any Sanitary Fair, we have seen in modern times, and the flag raising ceremony there cannot be excelled by any men in that line of feats. They are remarkable men in their performances."

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The Captain then went into very interesting remarks in relation to the ground, which has been laid out, and we are sure Captain Meade cannot but be proud to show it to visitors. It is equal to any Sanitary Fair, we have seen in modern times, and the flag raising ceremony there cannot be excelled by any men in that line of feats. They are remarkable men in their performances.

In conclusion the Captain said:—To him who is pennant I am floating from my masthead; to him who has long commanded this station, the faithful and true tried officer, Admiral Paulding, I am indebted for the opportunity of my labor, and the faithful performance of my duty. I can equally refer to his predecessor, Admiral Abner Dorr, who has been in command of this station, with a heart more strengthened in love for my country, through the assistance of the thousands of men passing from this station.

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Corporation Sale of Dock Privileges.

The vicinity of the Governor's room presented a lively appearance yesterday morning, the lobby and hall being crowded with gentlemen attracted thither by the announcement that the Corporation would sell, at public auction, the right to use the various docks, piers, etc., of the city for the period of five years.

George Law, and a number of other prominent steamboat and ship owners were present, and the competition was of the most spirited kind. The auctioneer, Mr. Charles E. Loew, stated, before the sale commenced, that the sale of ferry lines had been postponed till the 11th of April, and that the Corporation would sell, at public auction, the right to use the various docks, piers, etc., of the city for the period of five years.

The following is a list of the various docks and piers disposed of, with the names and annual rent to be paid by the successful bidder:—

THE SMALL BOAT DOCK, at pier No. 1, John L. Co. \$110

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