

WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3, 1866.

Acquittal of Major Geo. Commandant of the Salisbury Military Prison.

The findings of the military commission, of which Colonel W. W. Washburn, of the Twenty-eighth Michigan Infantry, was President, and before whom Major John H. Geo. late commandant of the Salisbury rebel military prison, was tried, have just been promulgated in general orders from headquarters military command of North Carolina. There were two charges against Geo.—the first, for violating the laws and customs of war, and the second, for neglecting the laws of war. Of both charges he is fully acquitted. Specifications under the first charge set out that while Geo. was in command of the prison the prisoners were in a constant state of distress and suffering, as well as many of them ill and dying by reason of the stater and continued insufficiency of the rations, clothing, shelter and medical attendance, and of the cold and exposure to which they were constantly subjected, and of the small and narrow limits to which they were confined, and that the said Geo. did fail to provide or cause to be provided for said prisoners proper or sufficient rations, clothing, fuel, shelter, water or hospital attendance; that by reason of such failure the prisoners were never supplied, &c. The findings proceed, and the commission, attaching no responsibility to the said John H. Geo. other than for weakness in retaining position when unable to carry out the dictates of humanity, and believing that higher authorities of the rebel government were fully responsible for all the alleged violations of the laws and customs of war, finds of the specification and grants of the other specifications, and accordingly acquits Major Geo. Major Geo. Robinson, in reviewing the case, approves of the findings of the commission, but says that he cannot agree with the commission that the only responsibility of the accused was weakness in retaining position as commandant of the prison, while evidence clearly establishes the fact that higher authorities of the rebel government were fully responsible for these violations of the laws and customs of war, and that the accused was constantly calling their attention to the condition of the prison and asking for supplies, it is believed that he had it in his power to relieve much of the suffering of the prisoners under his charge. There was an abundant supply of running water and wood enough for fuel and shelter within a quarter of a mile from the prison. Men who had served in the field would not do so. Not only were the prisoners starved, but they suffered from want of water and fuel which they might have secured themselves, but because it was feared they might effect their escape, prisoners were shot down in cold blood, and the perpetrators of these murders were allowed to go unpunished. There seems to have been more anxiety to prevent the escape of prisoners of war than to preserve their lives.

The Charge Against Judge Advocate General Holt of Prosecuting Perjured Evidence Against Jeff Davis.

The "Charge," of ten days, prints a third column editorial reference to the charges against Jeff Davis in the response of the HERALD, dated August 26, and printed in the issue of the 26th. These charges were that the evidence adduced by the Judge Advocate General, tending to implicate Jeff Davis in the assassination plot, was all of a perjured character, procured by the Judge Advocate General through one Sanford Conover. The "Charge" in its entirety is an admission of the truth of these charges, which is substantiated by affidavits of the Judge Advocate General, incorporated in the article. The attempt, however, is made to show that Conover imposed on the Bureau of military justice and deceived them by his statement as to their guilt; that they procured the endorsement of Conover by the New York Tribune, in the service of which journal he had formerly been engaged as special correspondent. This attempted defence amounts simply to a withdrawal of all charges against Davis for complicity in the assassination plot, and leaves the Judge Advocate General's Committee of the House of Representatives without a standing place.

Delay in the Public Debt Statement.

The August statement of the public debt will not be ready until to-morrow, owing to an unavoidable delay, chiefly caused by the repayment of the temporary loan. The statement will show a material reduction in the total of the debt, a large increase of gold in the Treasury, and a considerable decrease of the currency.

Very Like an Earthquake.

A gentleman from Ontario's station, on the Baltimore and Annapolis Railroad, states that a shock of something like an earthquake was felt in that vicinity and at Hagerstown, and elsewhere between here and Baltimore, about 11 o'clock this morning. The shock was accompanied by a low rumbling sound, and was sufficiently violent to cause people to leave their houses in terror.

Personal.

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Charles D. Conover, is expected to return on Saturday from his tour of duty in the West, and will resume the duties of his position to-day.

MAILS FOR EUROPE.

The Guard mail Steamship Persa, on the 10th, returns to New York on Wednesday for Liverpool. The mail for Europe will close in this city at half past nine o'clock to-morrow morning. The New York Express steamer for Europe will depart at half past eight o'clock in the evening. Single copies, in wrappers, ready for mailing, daily.

THE TEXAS DELEGATION TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION.

The Texas delegation to the National Convention, which is to meet in Philadelphia, has just arrived in this city.

THE BOSTON COLLECTION.

The Boston collection for the relief of the sufferers from the late war, is now being collected in this city.

HANNIBAL HAMILIN ON THE STUMP.

Hannibal Hamlin, Collector of the Port of Boston, is expected to return on Saturday from his tour of duty in the West, and will resume the duties of his position to-day.

THE TURK.

The Turkish fleet, under the command of Admiral Pasha, is expected to arrive in this city in a few days.

PARADE IN THE TREKERS.

A parade of the Trekers, a military organization, is to be held in this city on the 10th inst.

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