

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE FREEMAN 7 O'CLOCK, A. M.

FROM MISSOURI. A prisoner who escaped from the rebel camp at Hermansville last Saturday reports at Otterville that when the news that Gen. Pope's cavalry had driven in Gen. Rains' pickets at Johnston, was received by Price's army the greatest consternation prevailed in the rebel camp.

The retreat of the whole army commenced as soon afterward as possible, and so fearful were they of pursuit that they burned bridges and placed every obstruction in the way of the fancied pursuit. Even the celebrated bridge built by Gen. Fremont across the Osage at Warsaw was not spared by the flying rebels.

It is reported that one regiment was left on the Osage as a rear guard, and that several small bodies are scattered through the country about Warresburgh, collecting supplies. A cavalry force has been out in pursuit of them, but our forces are so worn and weary by other long forced marches, that there is little prospect of capturing these rebel bands.

The following resume of the recent military operations in Missouri is obtained from a reliable source: Within the last two weeks the Union army has captured 2500 rebels, including about 70 commissioned officers, 1200 horses and mules, 1100 stand of arms, 2 tons of powder, 100 wagons, and an immense amount of commissary stores and camp equipage.

A large foundry at Lexington used by the rebels for casting cannon, shot and shell, and most of the rebel craft on the Missouri, including ferry boats have been destroyed or captured. A pretty clean sweep has been made of the whole country between the Missouri, and Gen. Price cut off from all supplies and recruits from North Missouri, and he is in full retreat for Arkansas with his army, having passed through Springfield on Monday last.

Our loss in accomplishing these important results did not exceed 100 killed and wounded. These are the points of brilliant strategical combinations of Gen. Halleck, which have been so ably executed by Gens. Pope, Prentiss and Nixon, and Col. Jeff. C. Davis, of Fort Sumter fame, and Fred Steele of the 10th regular infantry and the brave officers and soldiers of our army, regulars and volunteers.

Gen. Price's designs to stir up rebellion in North Missouri, and simultaneously burn all railroad bridges, stations and rolling stock, on the 20th of this month, in accordance with a plan promulgated from the rebel camp, have been foiled to a great extent by the energy of Gen. Halleck, and the activity of our forces which are kept in constant motion, notwithstanding the severity of the weather.

The damage done to the North Mo., Hannibal and St. Joseph railroad, has been greatly exaggerated, and repairs are being rapidly made, and both the North Missouri railroad and telegraph wires were to be in working order to Wellsville Friday night. Ten bridge-burners have already been shot and fifty are in close confinement to be summarily dealt with under Gen. Halleck's stringent orders.

It is confidently expected that our moving columns will as effectually, in a few days break up bridge-burning in North Missouri as the rebellion has been crushed South of the river. No mercy will be shown the scoundrels. Gen. Halleck's emphatic orders with reference to all bridge burners, are to shoot down every one making the attempt.

FROM KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE. A letter to the Louisville Ky. Democrat from London, says that there are only 1500 rebels at Cumberland Gap under Col. Rains. They have sent their sick to Knoxville, and their pickets extend to five miles this side of the Gap.

A Mr. Duff, who has just arrived at Louisville, reports that there was a fight on Tuesday night at Joseph Carson's house in Perry county, between 118 rebels and 47 Union men. The rebels were completely routed with sixteen wounded, while the rebels lost none. The rebels were passing through Perry, Mettenger and Bellwell Counties, frothing and swearing Union men to support the Southern Confederacy.

CHASED BY A PRIVATEER. New York, Dec. 27. The Olive Branch from Boston, arrived at Aux Cayes Nov. 29, reports having been chased by a supposed privateer brig.

FROM FORT MONROE. Fortress Monroe, Dec. 26.—A flag of truce took an immense quantity of clothing to Norfolk this afternoon, destined for prisoners at Richmond, New Orleans and elsewhere. The gunboat Keystone State arrived this afternoon from Bermuda. She has two cases of small pox on board, and remains at quarantine. She has been in pursuit of the Sumter, but did not see her. She brings no news.

The brig Empire, from Boston via Newport, has arrived. She has a cargo of apples, preserved meats, &c., for Port Royal.

GENERAL SCOTT. New York, Dec. 27. Gen. Scott remains here. He sent letters to Secretary Seward last night. The peculations of commissariat officers have been stopped by an order from Gen. McClellan, forbidding the sale of any articles issued as government rations, but authorizing the subsistence department to give the cash value of all rations or parts of rations returned as saved by companies, bakeries, hospitals or posts. This will prevent the frauds heretofore so generally practiced.

One rebel account of the fight at Drainesville gives their casualties as 44 killed, 143 wounded and 14 missing.

Gen. Rosecranz's Address.

Before going into winter quarters at Wheeling Gen. Rosecranz issued a spirited address to the soldiers of the Federal army in Western Virginia, in which he said: "You have closed an arduous campaign with honor to yourselves and satisfaction to the country. None but those who have been with you, as I have, can fully appreciate your trials and privations. Your triumph has been threefold—over your own inexperience, the obstacles of nature and the rebel forces."

When our gallant young commander was called from us, after the disaster of Bull Run, this department was left with less than fifteen thousand men to guard three hundred miles of railroad and three hundred miles of frontier, exposed to bushwhackers and the forces of Generals Floyd, Wise and Jackson. The northwestern pass into it was fortified and held, Cheat Mountain secured, the rebel assaults there victoriously repelled and the Kanawha Valley occupied.

A march of one hundred and twelve miles over bad roads brought you upon Floyd's entrenched position, whence the rebels were dislodged and chased to Sewall. Finally, your patience and watchings put the traitor Floyd within your reach, and, though by a precipitate retreat he escaped your grasp, you have the substantial fruits of victory. Western Virginia belongs to herself, and the invader is expelled from her soil. In the name of our commander-in-chief, and in my own, I thank you.

But the country will expect, your commanding general expects, still more from you. A campaign without a defeat, without even a check, must be eclipsed by deeds of greater lustre. To this end I now call upon you for your own future honor to devote yourselves with energy and zeal to perfect yourselves in all that pertains to drill, instruction and discipline. Let every officer and every soldier be emulous to teach and learn the drill, light infantry drill, guard duty, company discipline and police.

Your Commanding General proposes to procure for you everything necessary to prepare you for your coming work, and will soon organize a Board of Examiners, who will aid the service of the disgrace of soldiers of the incubus of incompetent and worthless officers, who held the position and receive the pay without having the will or capacity to perform the duties of their positions.

Remember, you are fighting for your country, for your flag, for your homes! There are now more heavy guns in position in New York harbor than there were at Sebastopol when attacked, or than are now in the world-renowned fortifications of Cronstadt. The fire of two hundred and fifty guns can be simultaneously concentrated at one point upon a fleet attempting the passage of the Narrows.

Very Latest by Telegraph! 4 O'CLOCK P. M. ENGLAND DEMANDS MASON AND SLIDELL—TIME GIVEN FOR A REPLY. NEW YORK, Dec. 28. The Tribune's Washington dispatch says Lord Lyons has sent in the British demand for the surrender of Mason and Slidell. Time was given Secretary Seward to reply.

BRAZILIAN SYMPATHY. The Minister from Brazil represents that the sympathy of that country is strongly in favor of the Federal Government.

GEN. SCOTT'S COMMUNICATION—FRANCE SYMPATHIZES WITH ENGLAND. The World's dispatch says that Gen. Scott has sent a communication to Secretary Seward, but the contents are unknown. It also states that it is now settled beyond a doubt that if there is a war between England and the United States that France would remain neutral, with a bearing toward England. Both Lord Lyons and Secretary Seward received dispatches by the steamship Arago.

SECRETARY SEWARD A PARTY MAN. The Times dispatch states that Secretary Seward gave another party Friday evening, at which were present Lord Lyons and the House and Senate. The Times says that the relations between the two countries are not what they were.

FROM MEXICO. Minister Corwin has made no treaty with Mexico. Miramon is now on his way from New York to Mexico to gather the fragments of the old Church party to operate with the Spanish invaders, to establish a provisional government with Miramon at the head, and subsequently erect a Spanish Monarchy.

A HUMBUG. The Times' dispatch states that Lieut. Hurd of the 2d Maine regiment, who reported the escape of himself and Col. Corcoran from Charleston, is believed to be a big humbug.

ELY SAYS THERE IS A UNION FEELING IN RICHMOND. Ex-Congressman Ely brings a list of 2700 prisoners. He states that there is no doubt of an extended and deep Union feeling in Richmond, and if the national army were within ten miles of Richmond our old flag would be hung out from hundreds of windows there, but at present there is a perfect reign of terror.

THE TRENT AFFAIR! MASON AND SLIDELL TO BE SURRENDERED! PHILADELPHIA Dec. 28. The National Intelligencer of this morning contains the official correspondence between Secretary Seward and Lord Lyons, by which it appears that Mason and Slidell are to be surrendered.

FROM FORTRESS MONROE. Fortress Monroe, Dec. 27. A flag of truce this morning took to Craney Island Rev. Mr. Brown a rebel chaplain and a lady. Gen. Burnside is expected to arrive here tomorrow to consult with Gen. Wool and Com.

The Markets.

CAMBRIDGE MARKET, Dec. 26. At Market 464 Cattle, about 400 Heeves and 62 stores consisting of Working Oxen, Cows and one, two and three years old. Prices—Market Beef—Extra \$2.25, 7.00; first quality \$1.60; 2d, \$1.75, 3d \$1.60. Working Oxen—None. Cows and Calves—\$30, 37 to 47. Calves—\$4.00 to 6.00. Yearlings—None. Two years old—\$16 to 17. Three years old—\$18 to 20. Sheep and Lambs—2100 at market—Prices in lots, \$2.62 3.00 Extra, \$3.00 to 6.50. Hides, 9 to 7. Pelts, \$1.00 a \$1.50. Calf Skins, 7 to 8c Tallow, 6 1/2 to 7c.

BRIGHTON MARKET, Dec. 26. At Market 800 beef cattle, 300 stores, 1000 sheep and Lambs, 700 swine. Prices—Beef Cattle—Extra \$2.50; first quality, \$2.25; 2d quality, \$2.00 a 2.50; 3d \$1.75 a 2.00. Working Oxen—\$27, 30, 100, 150. Milch Cows—\$41 to 45, common do., \$18 to 19. Calves—\$3 to 4.50. Yearlings—\$5 to 9. Two years old—\$15 to 17. Three years old—\$17 to 19. Sheep and Lambs—\$1.75 to 2.00; extra \$2.00 to 3.50 Swine—4 to 5c. Hides—6 1/2 to 7c per lb. Tallow—6 1/2 to 7c Calf Skins—7c.

Remarks—Prices of extra beef remain much the same as last week; nothing sold higher than \$7 per cwt. and only a very extra pair at that; the quality of Beef not as good as last week. Sheep and Lambs sell about the same as last week. Swine are lower and dull.

"How great a matter a little fire kindleth." Who would have thought a few years since that the little medicated sugar pills was to play so conspicuous a part in the great drama of life, but such it is, and to it the actors of the drama are looking for a continuance of that vitality that will enable him to act. Homeopathy has now grown to such proportions that it overshadows all other systems of medical practice, and since the introduction of Doct. Gifford's Homeopathic Curative as a family medicine which, by its simplicity of arrangement, saving of money, and curative properties, has won the hearts of all. A complete assortment of all the medicines sold by Sold by F. E. Smith, Montpelier, Vt., Agent, or sent any where on receipt of price, 25 cts. per box, by M. S. Burr & Co., wholesale, Boston, Mass., or Philip Lee, 136 William street, New York. Manual furnished free on application. dw&mlw

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ASTHMA CURED. MOUNTAIN, Aug. 30, 1857. Dr. Baxter—Dear Sir:—I have been severely afflicted with Asthma for more than twenty-five years, and for months in succession have not been able to lie in bed not be able to walk from the house to the barn, a distance of five or six rods. About a year ago I purchased two bottles of Dr. White's Elixir, prepared by you, and commenced taking it according to directions, and am happy to say I found immediate relief—and, with very few exceptions, have had my regular night's sleep ever since. Yours truly, ARAD BAKER.

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I have opened an Office in Northfield, Roxbury, and Montpelier, and would invite all ABLE-BODIED MEN, between the respective ages of 18 and 45, to enroll their names forthwith, in their Country's service. Now is a good time to enlist, as Government needs more men. TO CRUSH OUT REBELLION and bring back the Nation to its original splendor and glory. Rally, then, Ours! More to the Rescue!

Show by your patriotism that you are willing to lend a helping hand in making "Dixie" ground the weapons of her warfare, and become good loyal citizens. The Government will pay \$13 per month, and the State \$7. A Bounty of One Hundred Dollars will be paid at the expiration of service. Pay and Rations to commence at the time of enlistment. DAVID P. HARBUR, Recruiting Officer. Northfield, Nov. 25, 1861. dwk2w\*

EIGHTH REGIMENT! STAND BY THE FLAG! 20 DOLLARS per month to each Volunteer! \$100 in money at the close of the War. PAY and BOARD to commence at the time of Enlistment. A company is now being recruited at Worcester, to be attached to the famous "BUTLER BRIGADE." The company and Regiment need soon to be filled, as they are wanted on the field. Able-bodied, steady, noble men wanted. EDWARD HALL, Recruiting Officer. Worcester, Nov. 20, 1861.

Attention Artillery! ABLE-BODIED YOUNG MEN wanted for the 150th Battery of Light Artillery, to be attached to the celebrated Butler Regiment. \$20 per month, and a bounty of \$100 when discharged. Pay and subsistence from time of enlistment. Recruiting Office at Barnham's Hotel. GEO. T. HUBBARD, Recruiting Officer. A. L. Paige is authorized to recruit for this Company in Montpelier and vicinity. Montpelier Nov. 18, 1861.

SPUNKY LAMOILE. STILL AT THE HEAD! COL. SAMUEL MORGAN having been authorized by the Government to enlist a Company of 101 ABLE-BODIED MEN to lead the Seventh Regiment Vermont Volunteers! now is the time for the young men of Vermont to respond to their Country's call, and in a position to be desired most of all. Pay, \$20 per month. \$100 bounty at the close of the term of service. Time of enlistment three years, unless sooner discharged. Pay to commence at the date of enlistment. Recruiting offices will be opened immediately at Cambridge, Morrisstown and Stowe. Headquarters at Johnson. Immediately on enlisting this company will be put on drill, under the instruction of Lieut. Sheldon, of 27 years experience in the regular army. Lamoile has done nobly; but let the work still go on. And not until the last traces of rebellion have been erased, let us think of anything but war—"War to the Knife, and the Knife to the Hilt!" Johnson, Nov. 23, 1861.

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