

The Daily Freeman.

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BERLIN.—The War Meeting at Clark's Hall, Saturday evening, was, despite the stormy weather, very fairly attended. Lt. Albert Clarke, gave an eloquent and intensely patriotic address, and O. H. Smith Esq. spoke with his accustomed vigor and fervidness. Two young men came forward and volunteered for the war, and pledges were given for two more, who were unavoidably prevented from being present that evening.

Thus the good work goes slowly yet surely on. The town authorities and several of the citizens are laboring with a determined will in this matter, and we confidently hope to see the quota of Berlin filled ere many more days pass away.

Another meeting will be held at Berlin Corners on Tuesday eve. the 22nd inst. Distinguished speakers from abroad will positively be present, to address the people.

BY TELEGRAPH
TO THE FREEMAN.

7 O'CLOCK A. M.

New York, Dec. 20. The *Herald's* Army of the Potomac dispatch says, almost simultaneously with the recent raid through our lines near Fairfax Station, an attack was made upon the picket lines of the first cavalry in front of Calhoun Court House. One of our pickets was captured, and there the raid ended.

The recent rains have made the roads almost impassable for artillery.

FORTRESS MONROE, Dec. 18. A train of cars, under a flag of truce, left Norfolk for Suffolk yesterday, with fourteen women and eleven children, to remain south during the war.

Major General Butler has issued an order for the enrollment of all able-bodied male citizens, colored and white, between 18 and 45 years of age, in this department, to be completed Jan. 1.

The magazine explosion in Yorktown destroyed nearly all the buildings in the town.

On Wednesday last our pickets were driven in at Gloucester Point by the rebels. Two companies were immediately sent out and dispersed the enemy.

CAIRO, Dec. 19. The steamer Belle, from Memphis, arrived this forenoon under guard. She was seized at Memphis by the military authorities, charged with landing a passenger and captured with a carpet sack filled with caps for rebels.

Little Rock advises of the 5th state that the fear of an attack on Little Rock was no longer entertained.

The rebel Gen. McCroar was attacked some time since at Jacksonport by Col. Brack of the 23d Missouri, and beaten. Brack captured three pieces of artillery.

HALIFAX, Dec. 19. The Chesapeake and prisoners were delivered to the authorities to day. Upon landing the prisoners were rescued by the citizens and escaped. There was great excitement.

The following dispatch has been received by Hon. Gideon Welles, Secretary of the Navy, Washington:

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 18. The Chesapeake has been transferred to the British authorities. I will return home at once.

A. G. CLARY, Commander.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19, 1863. The probable result of the caucuses of the Administration Senators, will be the appointment of special committees on emancipation and reconstruction. The Joint Committee on the Conduct of the War will be reorganized.

The President has been three nights to hear Hackett, and was at Bayard Taylor's lecture last evening.

There are doubts expressed as to whether Congress can amend the conscription act in season to avoid a postponement of the draft from January 5.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 19. A dispatch to the Baltimore American, dated Harper's Ferry last evening, says: "Just as the mail is about to close, a detachment of the 22d Pennsylvania cavalry has brought in Col. Carter of the 1st Virginia cavalry and six other prisoners, captured yesterday at Upperville, Fauquier county.

Messages from Gen. Sullivan's cavalry beyond Winchester, report that Gen. Averill and his cavalry were in Staunton yesterday, and tore up the railroad for six miles between that place and Gordonsville. This is very important, if true, but it lacks confirmation.

CHARLESTON, Va., Dec. 17. Notwithstanding the terrible inclemency of the weather in these mountainous regions, Gen. Sullivan's cavalry are doing good service in the Shenandoah valley. Yesterday a squad of thirty rebel prisoners were brought from the front, and the cry is: "Still they come."

NEW YORK, Dec. 19. The *Herald's* Morris Island correspondent thus explains the washing away of the rebel obstructions: "The famous floating battery in Charleston harbor, which was used against Sumter when Anderson held the works, broke adrift in the last gale, smashed through and carried away the obstructions, and now lies ashore on the north end of Folly Island. She was fortidly plated with railroad iron, but that had been removed for other purposes.

FORTRESS MONROE, Dec. 18. To Major Eckert, Assistant Superintendent of U. S. Marine Transport on:

I have just arrived from Beaufort in the S. R. Spaulding. It is reported there that the U. S. gunboat Daylight had been blown up by the rebels. Another gunboat had chased a blockade runner ashore, and the Daylight went in to take possession of the shore, when a rebel battery, concealed on the bars, threw a shell into the

Daylight's magazine, completely destroying her and killing most of her officer and crew. There is no positive confirmation of this affair but it is believed by the naval officers at Beaufort.

I. F. SHELTON,
Capt. and Ass't. Supt.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 9. The United States gunboat Knawha has arrived here with the prize schooner Wenona, captured while bound for Havana to Mobile.

One hundred guns were fired here in honor of Gen. Grant's victory.

Gen. Banks has recovered from his illness.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 11. Three thousand or four thousand troops under Wm. Adams, Crosby and Logan, appeared in the vicinity of Natchez early this week and attacked our force under Gen. Bresham, and were repulsed and pursued. It is said we took 800 prisoners.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20. The excitement occasioned here by the report of a meeting at Fort Jackson has barely subsided yet. The most wild and improbable rumors prevail, but the truth was known at Headquarters early on the morning of the 10th. The negroes had taken offence at one of the officers in command, and swore vengeance.

In trying to get possession of his person they encountered more opposition than they anticipated, and fired some shots in the air. Not a person was injured, and the whole affair did not last half an hour.

The steamer Phal, which left here for St. Louis on Monday was badly damaged by a rebel battery just above Bayou Sara.

The reports which have been current of a conspiracy between the colored troops and rebel prisoners at Fort Jackson are base.

There is no news from Africa, except the capture of Fort Esperanza, at Sawanada Bay, by our troops.

The news from Havana, in regard to the French steamer *Albatros* and her crew, is that she has been captured by the rebels near Havana with twelve hundred troops for Vera Cruz.

Advices from Vera Cruz state that the French are slowly advancing towards the interior. Gen. Diaz and made a great raid through the States and captured 270 prisoners.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19. A Washington letter says, passengers from the army, on Friday night report that the bridge at Rappahannock Station was carried away by the freshet, the pontoon bridge near the station will however afford facilities to cross.

The bridge over Broad Run was damaged, but the injury soon repaired.

Several heavy trains went out on Friday to the army with supplies.

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Assessment	1st of one per cent
August 17, 1864	1.00
September 17, 1864	1.00
October 17, 1864	1.00
November 17, 1864	1.00
December 17, 1864	1.00
January 17, 1865	1.00
February 17, 1865	1.00
March 17, 1865	1.00
April 17, 1865	1.00
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