

We notice by late news from the Central American States that Guatemala protests against the colonization of American negroes within her borders, and the Congress of Costa Rica has passed a bill prohibiting the colonization of such persons.

In the debate in the U. S. Senate, yesterday, upon military arrests and imprisonments, Mr. Wilson expressed the opinion that the cause of the country would have been better subserved if there had been fifty arrests where there was one in reality. Mr. Doolittle laid stress on the point that many persons had thought that some who had been arrested and imprisoned ought to have been hung or shot. Subsequently he explained that a trial was probably in the thought of those who were for dealing so summarily with citizens.

Mr. B. R. Spaulding an old and highly esteemed merchant of Baltimore, died in that city yesterday.

Rev. Henry Smith, aged 94, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died in Baltimore county, yesterday.

**Gen. Burnside Reinforced.**

I am told that 30,000 troops are coming forward to reinforce the army, but it comes from a source not entitled to the highest credit. A wharf is being built upon the opposite side of the Potomac, and it is reported that troops are to be sent down from Annapolis, and transported across the river. A train of seven large siege guns are at this place, to be sent to the army. They are large 4½ inch pieces, larger than at present with the army. The enemy have some of the same size in the fortifications at Fredericksburg. The pontoon boats for two bridges have been sent down the river for two miles, and one still remains in the vicinity of Aquia Creek. It is thought that they will be thrown over the river at once. The pickets up the river are cultivating the most friendly relations with each other, and conducting a small traffic in tobacco and coffee. Confederates come across the river freely, sit down upon the rocks, and talk kindly with our men, and our pickets do the same.—*Wash. Letter.*

The National Intelligencer says:—"It remains to be seen whether the statement that Gen. McClellan "disobeyed a peremptory order" will continue to be made, now that, on the production of the testimony, nothing but a discretionary order is cited to sustain the case supposed to have been made against him on this point. His friends can only hope that other charges and insinuations, in the presence of which he has maintained a dignified silence, may be capable of an equally satisfactory refutation when all the facts come to be known.—And in this view we could wish that it may soon be deemed by the Secretary of War compatible with the public interests to lay before Congress all the official papers and reports connected with the Peninsula campaign."

Private advices from Mexico state that the French army cannot leave its present position for the want of transportation, and that orders have been sent here for the purchase in the United States of one thousand mules, with the requisite harness, and five hundred wagons.

The draft in Massachusetts, which was to have occurred to-day, has been postponed until Thursday, December 18th.

The Fincastr Express learns from a gentleman from Lewisburg that one day last week, through the carelessness of the Confederate scouts, the Federals captured one hundred and five of the Confederate cavalry and as many horses and destroyed the camp equipage of the forces."

We learn that the case of the recent execution of a Turk for the murder of an American missionary—news of which arrived by the last steamer—is the first on record in which the death penalty has been inflicted on a Mussulman for killing a Christian.

The "Brother Jonathan," a well known weekly paper published in New York, charges upon the paper manufacturers that they have combined to raise the price of paper beyond what is demanded by the increase in price of material.

McClellan's expedition will not fairly get off before Christmas.

The statement that the original will of Gen. Washington is in the British Museum is not credited. It is said to be in Richmond, among the State archives placed there by the late clerk of the County Court of Fairfax.

In Maryland, it is alleged, that of eight thousand men drafted there are not fifteen hundred realized in the ranks, as yet.

On Saturday morning a detachment of the Washington Provost Guard visited Centre Market space and paid especial attention to the colored individuals in military clothing.—The guard halted each one of the colored men so clad, and trimmed off all military buttons worn by them.

General McClellan has purchased a house in New York (Thirty-first street, near Fifth avenue) and expects to make it his permanent home.

A letter from Richmond in the Grenada Appeal, says that the Southern army is being supplied with shoes.

**DIED.**

On Sunday morning, December 7th, 1862, after a short, but severe illness, EDWARD F., youngest son of Thomas and Margaret C. Whittington, in the 17th year of his age.

Seldom have the shafts of death been aimed with a more certain and fatal effect, than in the family circle of which the deceased was an idolized member, for only a few short months have elapsed since Monroe, an older brother, (than whom a nobler spirit never breathed,) met his death upon the battle field, and was by strangers hands consigned to a distant grave; and memory recalls another, who, a few years ago, found his last resting place amid the billows of the ocean; and now, "Eddie," the Benjamin of the household, has gone to join them in that last long sleep that knows no waking.

The deceased was a youth of much promise, and by his sprightliness of manner, and amiability of disposition, had won the affection of a large number of friends who now lament his sudden and early death. To his agonized parents we have no consolation to offer save that which is found in the religion of the Bible, for God alone can assuage such severe and bitter anguish.

In Washington, December 7th, Gen. SYLVESTER CHURCHILL, U. S. A., late Inspector General, in the 80th year of his age.

In Washington, on the 6th inst., Mrs. BARBARA S. A. YOUNG, relict of Ignatius F. Young, in the 60th year of her age.

In Washington, on the 7th inst., of disease of the heart, Mrs. SUSANNA MAYFIELD, aged sixty years.

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**LOSS OF A FEDERAL BRIGADE IN TENNESSEE.**

A despatch dated at Nashville on the 7th, gives some additional particulars relative to the above, as follows:

"The brigade of Dumont's division, consisting of the 104th Illinois, Col. Moore, (commanding the brigade;) the 108th Ohio, Col. Limberg; Wicklin's battery, and a small detachment of the 2d Indiana cavalry, were surprised at daylight this morning at Hoitsville by Morgan, commanding three regiments of cavalry and two of infantry.

"After fighting an hour and a quarter, our forces surrendered, and the enemy entered our camp, capturing nearly all the brigade trains and teams, and burning all they could not carry away. Two guns of Wicklin's battery were also captured.

"Our loss between fifty and sixty killed and wounded, who were left on the field. The rebel loss is not reported.

"Lieut. Col. Stewart, of the Second Indiana cavalry, and Col. Moore were among the captives. Major Hill of the Second Indiana cavalry, is wounded, but not dangerously. He says that half of our infantry fought well, but the other half soon broke. Col. Harlin's and Col. Miller's brigades were sent in pursuit, but the enemy had forded the Cumberland river and were out of reach. A few shells sent after them caused a rapid retreat. Major Hill denies that the camp was surprised; if so, the affair was more disgraceful as Hartsville was a strong position.

On Thursday a lieutenant colonel of Davis's division was captured while skirmishing.

Two regimental quartermasters were also captured while foraging.

Thirteen wagons with mules, on a foraging expedition, were captured on Saturday.

A deserter from Murfresboro' reports Cheat-ham and Breckinridge there with fifteen thousand men. Buckner is at Shelbyville.—Smith is sick at Manchester Gen. Joe Johnson was certainly at Murfresboro' on Saturday."

THE CIRCUS was crowded last night, and the performance was excellent, and gave great satisfaction. The building is heated delightfully.

A negro tried to rob a contraband in Washington, and caught a tartar. The contraband turned on him and cut him open, so that his intestines protruded. The would-be robber will probably die.

The city authorities of Washington have bestirred themselves about the filthy condition of the streets and sewers.

Gold, yesterday, in New York, 131½.

The regular winter course of lectures at the Smithsonian Institution will commence this evening. The opening series will be delivered by Prof. Wilson, of Toronto, on "Unwritten History.

Some of the clergymen of Boston, part of the New England "three thousand," have formed what they call an "Emancipation Commission," for the purpose of backing up the emancipation proclamation of the President.—They have issued an address to Mr. Lincoln.

NOTICE.—Came to the residence of Mrs. Mortimer, on Pitt, between Princess and Oronoko streets, about a week since, a MARE, which the owner can have by proving property and paying charges. dec 8—3t\*