

FROM NORFOLK AND SUFFOLK.—It is understood that a very small vote was polled at the election for Congressman, on the 22d, notwithstanding that General Dix's proclamation had declared that a declension to vote would be deemed evidence of disloyalty. W. W. Wing editor of the Norfolk Union, was the candidate in that district. A letter from Suffolk, the 23d, to the Baltimore American says: "As I anticipated, but few votes were cast in Suffolk, and I think no returns will be received from Isle of Wight, Windsor or Smithfield. The Rebels on the other side of Blackwater came over in force to put a quietus upon any Union men who might try to vote.—But a detachment of the New York Mounted Rifles, under Lieut. Colonel B. F. Onderdonk, was sent with a detachment of about one hundred and fifty of the Rifles to carry the ballot boxes out to the rebellious sections above named. He had sent the precious "ark of freedom" as far as Smithfield, and was about visiting the other places, when he found a force of the enemy, reported by the prisoners to be two full regiments of infantry and five hundred of Claiborne's cavalry, with a battery of artillery, making a rapid movement to cut off his return to Suffolk. The officer in command dashed for the only road by which he could return, and only by a very short distance succeeded in outreaching the enemy and gaining it.—He had only one howitzer along, under the command of Lieut. Kavanagh. He gave the enemy's battery a few dozen spherical case shot from the howitzer, which checked their sudden advance, and then limbered up in time to save his piece from a desperate charge of their overwhelming force, and the troops commenced a slow and deliberate retreat, fighting as they fell back. The narrow roads favored the manoeuvres of Col. Onderdonk, and he succeeded in bringing in every man, horse and gun safe, though followed to within seven or eight miles of Suffolk, and almost to the picket force. In the retreat he captured two of the enemy's cavalrymen and six guns which they dropped when the rear guard—Troop A, Capt. Terwilliger's squadron—turned to charge and check their audacity. Some eighteen or twenty of the enemy were known to be killed, probably more were wounded."

Ex-Gov. Randall has been confirmed by the Senate as First Assistant Adjutant General. It is said that Gov. Hicks will probably be sent to the Senate, as he successor of Senator Pearce from Maryland. He will, if he is not appointed, to be a candidate for the House of Representatives—Henry Winter Davis, is to be a candidate from Baltimore. They are both in favor of President's proclamation. The reported bringing away of the pontoon bridges from Falmouth, is now contradicted. General McClellan is expected to testify in a few days, on the trial of Gen. Porter. The Fortress Monroe correspondent who chronicles the arrival of Gen. Foster and a portion of his staff at that post, states, notwithstanding the presence of these officials, that it is difficult to obtain authentic information from North Carolina; but the correspondent learns, nevertheless, that the Federal force which went up to Kinston and advanced upon Goldsboro' shortly afterward returned to Newbern in safety. The celebrated Girard House, in Philadelphia, which not long ago was regarded as the house of the country, has, after being closed for some time, owing to the exigencies of the times, been opened again under the superintendence of Messrs. Kanaga, Fowler & Co., gentlemen whose ability in this particular line of business is unquestioned.

We are advised (says the N. Y. World) of the movement of a large fleet of river steamers down the Mississippi, conveying a considerable force of troops to some point below Memphis which is not yet made known. From the number of transports engaged we should suppose it comprised more than twenty-five thousand men. The expedition is understood to be led by General W. T. Sherman, late commanding at Memphis, and more recently at the head of the right wing of Gen. Grant's army in northern Mississippi. It is in fact the expedition down the Mississippi so long talked of as descending that stream under Gen. McClelland.

By telegraph from San Francisco we have late advices from China and Japan. It was rumored that Russia had sent a large body of troops to aid in suppressing the revolution in China. The revolution in Japan is complete, and the Tycoon has been stripped of nearly all his special privileges.

A Board, consisting of civil engineers, legal gentlemen, and others, will soon convene in Washington to determine the amount of damage sustained by the Great Falls Manufacturing Company by diverting the water at that point to supply the Potomac Aqueduct.

The New York Times learns that Governor Seymour has tendered to Major Sprague, of the U. S. Army, the position of Adjutant General of that State. The Times adds, that in the letter inviting him to assume the duties of that office, Gov. S. expresses his desire to have some one to fill it who will act in harmony with the Federal Government. The tone of the letter indicates anything but the purpose of obstructing the war, which has been attributed to Gov. Seymour by some of his political friends as well as by many of his opponents.

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On the night of the 1st instant, when passing the Island of Guadaloupe, Capt. Hallett says he saw the Alabama making signals to the shore, and the next day he saw her anchored close in to the land, apparently taking in provisions.

Ex-Gov. Wise is spoken of as a prominent candidate for Governor of Virginia.

It was rumored, upon the appearance of the proclamation, that Mr. Seward would thereupon resign. But subsequently, it appeared that Mr. Seward, and all other members of the Cabinet, acquiesced in the measure. Mr. Seward, indeed, adopted it "in letter and spirit." There can no longer, therefore, be any doubt as to the position of the administration on this subject. The Cabinet is a unit.

John S. Rarey, who was sent by Gen. Halleck to examine into the condition of the horses of the Army of the Potomac, has made his report. He says that the cavalry horses suffer most; that the artillery horses are somewhat better, and that the mule teams are in good condition. He thinks the great cause of deterioration is the want of skill, judgment and care in the rider who attends to the horse.

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