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WAR NEWS.—The most important war intelligence since our last, is received through Southern sources. A dispatch from Vicksburg, dated Wednesday last, states that two of the Federal gunboats attempted to pass down the river on that day, and the batteries opening on them, sunk one, with all on board, and badly damaged the other. A Mobile dispatch reports an engagement at the confluence of Deep Creek and Sunflower river, thirty miles above the point where the latter empties into the Yazoo, in which the Federal forces were repulsed with a loss of three gunboats and a number of barges. The fight took place on Saturday, the 21st instant. A Chattanooga dispatch says that the Federal troops are foraging over the whole country, and that five thousand of them occupy Gallatin. The Federal forces are said to have abandoned Pensacola, and after placing sufficient guards in the forts, the remainder have been sent to Gen. Banks. A battle is expected at Jacksonville.

Press dispatches from the Mississippi, above Vicksburg, report an arrival from above Greenwood, bringing dispatches from Gen. Ross, urging the widening of the gap in the levee at the head of Yazoo Pass, with the object of flooding the country, and thereby forcing the Confederates to evacuate Fort Pemberton and their position at Greenwood.

Information was received in Louisville, yesterday, that the Confederate infantry crossed the Cumberland river on Saturday, near Wailsburg, Pulaski county. Frankfort and Lexington have both been placed under martial law. Gen. Gilmore crossed the Kentucky river in force on Saturday, and recaptured the town of Danville, the Confederates falling back towards Crab Orchard.

Parson Brownlow reports that the Confederates are concentrating all the infantry formerly in East Tennessee at Tullahoma, while their cavalry make diversions into Kentucky, with the design of drawing off a portion of General Rosecrans's army.

A dispatch received at Washington, from Admiral Farragut, dated below Warrenton, the 19th inst., states that he saw the wreck of the Indianola about ten miles below Grand Gulf.—This disposes of the story that she had been recaptured in a condition nearly ready for service. Another dispatch received in Washington states that the only vessel of Admiral Farragut's fleet, which has been heard from by the Federal forces opposite Vicksburg, is the Hartford, the flag-ship.

It is reported that a considerable body of Confederates are now at Front Royal, Va., under Gen. Jackson, who intends another movement towards Washington. The report lacks confirmation.

A steamer was attacked by Confederate guerrillas on the Missouri river, on Saturday, and five soldiers killed, and a large amount of government property destroyed.

The Confederates made an attack on the Federal forces at Williamsburg, Va., yesterday, but were repulsed. The losses are not reported.

It appears that the Confederates, after their recent attack on the Federal garrison at Winfield, N. C., divided, a portion crossing the Chowan, and the others falling back to Eden-

ton, where they were attacked and dispersed. An official dispatch, received at the War Department, confirms the heretofore reported success of the negro brigade in Florida.

FOREIGN ITEMS.—Gen. Langiewiez has been proclaimed Dictator of Poland, and has issued a call to his countrymen to take up arms.

The London Times says the irritation that may be traced in nearly an equal degree in both divisions—North and South—is of itself a proof that England has not unduly inclined to either side.

The suspension is announced of Messrs. Pilkington Bros., of London and Liverpool—American merchants and ship brokers. The liabilities are about £40,000, and the liquidation will depend upon remittances from America.

The Confederate loan of £3,000,000 was expected to be introduced in London and Paris in the week following the Asia's departure.

A serious accident had occurred at Paris to one of the daughters of Mr. Slidell. The young lady was riding on horseback in the Bois de Boulogne with her father, when the horse took fright and threw her violently to the ground.

The Emancipation Society of Manchester has sent a protest to Earl Russell against the fitting out of vessels for the Confederates in England. Russell replied that evidence on oath was required to enable proceedings to be taken. And so no official action at all is probable.

Messrs. Guion & Co. were inaugurating a line of steamers to convey emigrants from Liverpool to New York. The steamer Louisiana was to sail on the 21st of March. The City of Cork would also sail on the same day, as an extra vessel in the Inman line.

The Bank of France, on the 12th inst., reduced its rate of discount from 5 to 4½ per cent.

Sir James Outram, the distinguished British general, whose brilliant career in India is so well known, died recently in England.

A bill has been introduced into the British Parliament, reviving the punishment of whipping at the post—to be applied to the crime of garroting.

The death of Brig. Gen. James Cooper, U. S. Volunteers, at Columbus, Ohio, is announced. General Cooper was formerly of Pennsylvania, and at one time represented that State in the United States Senate. For some years past he has resided in Frederick, Maryland.

One of the New York sensation journals has a dispatch stating that a fleet of six iron-clads had passed through the canal opposite Vicksburg, carrying fifteen thousand men, intended, it is believed, to operate against Port Hudson. The same paper has another dispatch reporting the complete success of the Yazoo expedition, and that Greenwood, with all the Confederate forces there, had been captured. There was nothing to confirm these reports received up to the time of going to press.

A delegation of planters from Arkansas, claiming to be loyal, waited upon the President on Friday, with the request that the operation of the emancipation proclamation be suspended in a portion of that State. This request was courteously but firmly declined.

The new board of visitors of the public schools of New Orleans have decided to require the scholars to unite in singing the National airs.

One firm in Troy has issued fifty thousand brass penny tokens, and it is said that the demand for local circulation is immense.

There are, it is said, 50,000 barrels of crude oil up the Alleghany, Penn., awaiting the first rise to come down.

The city of London's gift to the Princess Alexandra is a diamond necklace worth \$50,000.

Kansas has a dozen regiments of white men, five regiments of Indians, and two regiments of negroes.

The price of quinine has fallen fifteen per cent., which proves that it was held merely for speculation purposes. Since the war it has risen from \$2 per ounce to \$4.

The steamships City of Manchester and Edinburg sailed on Saturday for Europe, with an aggregate of two hundred passengers, and \$870,000 in specie.

General Veile has issued a very stringent order, closing the theaters in Norfolk, and prohibiting persons from being out on the streets after nine o'clock. An attempt on the part of incendiaries to burn the quartermaster storehouse led to the issuing of this order.

The mysterious disappearance of considerable numbers of horses belonging to the Government has led to inquiry, which establishes the fact that a regular organization of horse thieves exists following the army.

The Nashville Union says that rag pickers are now following the army in great numbers, picking up every stray rag that is seen, which they bring in baskets to Nashville, and send North to make into paper.

In one of the recent guerrilla raid upon the Nashville and Louisville railroad, a "strong box," containing \$20,000, and belonging to the Adams Express Company, was captured.

The Washington Star says, It is reported that the workmen tearing down an old house on Bridge street, Georgetown, above High street a few days since, came across an iron box between the flooring near the chimneys, which was at once removed by the purchaser of the property, Mr. Peter Dill, who on taking it to his home and opening it, discovered it to be filled with gold coin of very old date, amounting to eighteen thousand dollars. The premises in question were occupied years ago, it is said, by a miserly merchant, at whose death little property was found, although he was reputed to have been rich. We give the story for what it is worth, and as a clue for Sylvanus Cobb or the New York Mercury man to follow out.

Two prisoners in the Washington city jail, on Saturday morning last, before day, made their escape. One was subsequently caught—the other is still at large.

The Union Meeting, under the auspices of the Washington City Councils is to be held in the Hall of the House of Representatives, tomorrow afternoon and night.