

The Alexandria Gazette

WEDNESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 5.

BRIEF PARAGRAPHS.—"*Multum in Parvo.*"—The draft in Philadelphia has been completed.—Several persons died in Washington on Monday, from sun stroke.—The Western Virginia Legislature have elected W. T. Willey and F. G. Van Winkle, U. S. Senators.—The Richmond Enquirer of August 1, says, "it is reported that a force of Federal cavalry has appeared at Stafford's store, in Stafford county, fifteen miles east of Fredericksburg."—Hon. W. L. Yancey died at Montgomery, Ala., on the 19th ult.—Brig. Gen. Griffin, who has commanded the first division of the fifth U. S. army corps (formerly commander of Griffin's battery) has resigned.—Radsky, convicted in King's county, N. Y., of the murder of Fellner, the diamond merchant, has been sentenced to hang; there is to be an appeal in his case.—Dr. Snyder, of Georgetown whose death was announced yesterday, fell from a tree which he was pruning, and broke his neck.—The Union citizens of the U. S. in Paris celebrated the recent Federal victories, and the capture of Vicksburg.—Ex-Governor Wickliffe of Ky., recently captured on his plantation, is now a prisoner in New Orleans.—The new President of Liberia, Daniel B. Warner, is of unadulterated African blood, and was born free in Maryland.—The town of Canton in Mississippi was recently destroyed by the Federal expedition under Col. Bussey.—The Crown Prince of Prussia has taken decided ground against his father the King, and the Ministry, in the present disputes in Prussia.—Capt. Amasa Paine, an old officer of the U. S. Navy, died at Providence, R. I., on the 27th ult.—Gold, in New York, yesterday, 128½.—Gen. McClelland has resigned.—Several of the letter writers in the Northern papers predict the fall of Charleston in ten days.—The Northern cattle yards are crowded, and beef has declined in price in New York.—Seventy eight Confederate prisoners, civilians mostly, were brought to Washington, yesterday, from Warrenton Junction.—The steamer Pacific went ashore near Trepassy, (N. F.) yesterday—no particulars yet.

D. B. Nichols, "Superintendent of Freedmen," in an official report concerning the contrabands now in encampments in Fairfax county, says:—"The number of the several encampments on June 30 is as follows: Camp Springdale, 300; Camp Todd, 23; Camp Rucker, 105; Camp Wadsworth, 178; Camp Beckwith, 72; total, 885." Camp Rucker on Major Nutt's farm, and the others on neighboring farms.

Daniel Collins, Mayor of Portsmouth, Va., accompanied by Mr. Brummell, member elect to the Legislature, arrived in Washington yesterday. He seeks an interview with the President on the subject of the recent conflict of authority between the military and civil powers of the city of Portsmouth. Lieut. Governor Cowper, is, also, in the city.

Religious services are to be held to-morrow at Christ Church, and at the Methodist Episcopal and Methodist Protestant Churches.

The weather still continues very warm.

The correspondent of the Baltimore American writing from Port Royal, S. C., concerning the siege of Charleston says:—"I find that, although there is considerable confidence entertained as to the ultimate result of the undertaking, that no very rapid progress is looked for. Like all sieges, it is a work of time, and it has been undertaken by General Gilmore and Admiral Dalgren with no anticipation of progressing with any great rapidity.—The defences of Charleston, by both land and sea, were greatly strengthened since the first attack under Admiral Dupont, which did nothing but demonstrate their weak points, and enable them to strengthen them."

It is cruel, at this season of the year, to ride horses furiously—and, besides, racing through the streets is positively prohibited. Some of those engaged will be "brought up with a round turn" if the practice is persisted in.

The decree of condemnation in the case of the Peterhoff, rendered by Judge Betts, attracts, just now, much attention. An appeal lies from the decision to the Supreme Court of the U. S.

According to the last advices from England, Cotton, Flour and Wheat were advancing in price.

The Boston Daily Advertiser comments upon the remarkable number of cases of physical disability, and disease, to which flesh is heir, developed and made known in that city, since the enrollment for drafting commenced in Boston.

There was a heavy rain, yesterday, in Maryland, extending some distance beyond Westminster.

All business is to be suspended in Baltimore, and Washington, to-morrow.

Letters from Hon. Gideon Welles, Secretary of the Navy, to Hon. Charles Sumner, are published in the English journals. They refer to Mr. Laird's statement in Parliament that his firm had been approached in 1861 by the agents of the Federal Government relative to the building of war vessels for the North.—rectly, that application was made by his Mr. Welles asserts that neither directly nor indirectly (Mr. Welles') authority to the Messrs. Laird, or any other foreign shipbuilders, for the construction of vessels for the U. S. Government. Advances had been made to him, however, on behalf of numerous English and other foreign shipbuilders, but in every instance the proposition to build, or procure to be built, vessels for the Federal navy abroad was declined. Mr. Laird asserts that he is prepared to maintain the truth of his former statement, and offers to place the proof in Lord Palmerston's hands.

Over five hundred refugees have arrived at Piney Point during the last ten days, and they are daily arriving.

The latest news from Charleston states that the Confederates had built an entire line of batteries from Fort Johnson to Secessionville.

The N. Y. Tribune sends in a bill to the City Comptroller for \$1,871,89, for losses by the late riots, the most of which is for defence.

General Forey, in his dispatch to the Emperor of the French from the City of Mexico, says: "The consuls (among them the U. S. Consul) represented, in the name of the inhabitants, that he (Forey) should occupy the city with French troops," etc.

COL. SPEAR'S CAVALRY EXPEDITION.

The Norfolk Virginian says:

SAVILL'S HILL, August 3.—News has just been received here from the cavalry expedition under Col. Spear, which left this place some days since. The cavalry and artillery crossed the Chowan river at Winston, North Carolina, and proceeded to Jackson, twelve miles from Weldon, near the Roanoke river, where the enemy was discovered in strong force. Our advance made a splendid charge on the Confederate advance, and drove them back, capturing seventy prisoners. Our loss was two killed and three wounded. We captured sixty bales of cotton and one hundred horses. It has rained incessantly since the expedition started, rendering the roads nearly impassable, and the men have suffered great hardships. Had the weather been fair much more would have been accomplished. The return of Col. Spear and his command is hourly expected." Letters say the expedition was a failure.

The new Catholic cathedral, in Philadelphia, will be formally opened on Thursday next. This cathedral has been in course of construction for several years past, and for size and architectural beauty is unsurpassed by any in the U. S. It is not yet quite finished.

It is now known that the delay in the removal of Gen. Hooker from the command of the Army of the Potomac was occasioned by the desire that Gen. Banks should take his place. With this view Gen. Franklin was sent to Louisiana to relieve Gen. Banks; but the movement of the army into Maryland was too sudden for the consummation of the project previous to the affair at Gettysburg, since which it is understood that the idea of placing Gen. Banks in command of the Army of the Potomac has been abandoned.

The report by way of Port Royal that Gen. Rosecrans was within thirty miles of Savannah is improbable. The latest official accounts left his army at Tullahoma, with an advance of a small division of cavalry to Huntsville, Alabama, but without any indication that the army was to take that route. There are no indications at present that Rosecrans' Army intends to change its quarters.

It is reported in Washington that Gov. Seward, is apprehensive of serious difficulty between the U. S., and Great Britain, before the expiration of the next six months, unless the government of the latter country shall change its present policy in regard to the Confederate States.

DIED.

In Baltimore, July 30th, JOHN W. MCCOBB, aged 56 years, a native of this place, and son of the late Capt. Jno. McCobb.

At Honesty, Montgomery county, Maryland, on Saturday, 1st instant, Mrs. ELIZABETH BOHRER, consort of the late Jacob Borler, in the 82d year of her age.

NEW BOOKS.—Surgeon General Hammond's Treatise on Hygiene, with special reference to the Military Service, \$5; De Hart on Military Law and Court Martials, \$5; Pharmacopoeia of the United States, \$1; Fanny Kemble's Diary of a Residence in Georgia, \$1.25; Bishop Colenso on Romans, \$1.25; Lost and Saved, in German, \$1.50; Instructions for Field Artillery, \$2.50.

NEW MUSIC.—General Meade's Grand March; My Love is on the Battle Field; Kingdom Coming; Beautiful Daisies; The Songs of Other Years; Kind Friends are Near Her; Answer to "Who Cares for Mother Now?" Who Cares for Mother Now? Keep My Secret; Nellie Dearest; Cruel War; Answers to Cruel War.

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