

The Alexandria Gazette

MONDAY EVENING, JAN. 23.

NEWS BY TO-DAY'S MAIL.

In reply to the question, whether or not the brevets recently conferred by the President on officers of the regular army will be confirmed by the Senate, Mr. Wilson, Chairman of the Military Committee, responds as follows: "The brevets in question are not being confirmed by the Senate, nor are such brevets likely to be confirmed at present."

General Butler, says the Washington correspondent of the New York Times, had a long interview with the President on Wednesday, who received him very pleasantly. A delegation will see the President within a week, and ask that he may be assigned to some command "commensurate with his executive and administrative ability."

A working force of eight hundred men will be shipped speedily from Annapolis to Savannah under the direction of Col. Robinson, to repair the railroads destroyed during the siege of that place. Quite a number of carpenters have been engaged in Washington and at other points to go to Savannah to do Government work.

A letter has been received in Philadelphia, says the Evening Bulletin, from a prominent gentleman in Washington, who says that Francis P. Blair, Sr., returns to Richmond with full authority from President Lincoln to give safe conduct to Washington for peace commissioners.

Bishop Hopkins, of Vermont, is now the presiding bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this country. It is said that he has been invited to make an Episcopal visitation to that part of Louisiana now in the Federal lines.

The Toronto Leader says the British Government has ordered thirty gunboats, carrying three thousand five hundred trained men, to be sent out from England to the Lakes; and they will probably be here as soon as navigation opens.

The expedition recently fitted out by the Government of Nicaragua for the survey of the river and harbor of San Juan del Norte (to the importance of which allusion was made in the President's last annual message) sailed from New York, on the 20th.

Admiral Porter's official report of the capture of Fort Fisher does not confirm the published rumor of the destruction of Fort Caswell, and the war steamers in Cape Fear river, by the Confederates.

Gov. Connelly, of New Mexico, urges in his annual address, that "the Sierra Madre and our mountain regions must be swept, as with a broom, of the savage Indians that inhabit them."

A telegram on Saturday from San Francisco, announces the total loss of the ship Sir John Franklin, of Baltimore, from Rio de Janeiro for San Francisco.

Brevet Brigadier General Charles Wheelock died on Saturday in Washington of inflammation of the bowels, superinduced by diseases contracted in camp.

The sales of gold and stock at the New York Evening Exchange on Saturday reached four millions of dollars in currency.

LATE FOREIGN NEWS.

The Canada has arrived, bringing London dates to the 8th. The news is said to be not important.

The City of Baltimore brings dates to the 5th inst.

The New Year's speech of the Emperor Napoleon, after thanking the Diplomatic corps for the tender of their good wishes and felicitations, closes with the vague declaration that in his relations with foreign Governments, he—the Emperor—will always be guided by respect for right and a love of peace and justice.

The relations between Austria and Prussia, on the question of the Duchies, are said to have become less satisfactory.

The French government and clergy manifest continued hostility to the Pope's encyclical letter.

Capt. Corbett, who commanded the steamer Sea King, now the Shenandoah, from London to Madeira, has been arrested for violating the enlistment act in enlisting men for the Confederate navy.

Mr. Cardwell, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in a speech at Oxford, asserted that the Canadian government would maintain inviolate neutrality of the British territory, and if the existing laws prove insufficient they will not long remain so.

LEGISLATIVE.—In the Senate, on Friday, Mr. Brown, from the Committee on General Laws, reported House bill, entitled "A bill for staying the collection of certain debts," with an amendment, which was to insert in the 28th line of the 6th section between the word "is" and "so" the words "or has been;" the amendment being agreed to, the bill was passed. In the House of Delegates, Mr. Johnston, from the Committee on Courts of Justice, reported a bill (H. B. No. 29) entitled "An act to amend the 100th section of the 35th Chapter, and the 4th, 10th, 11th, 13th, 15th, 31st, 32d, 33d, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th 38th and 39th sections of Chapter 18 of the Code of Virginia."

Secretary Fessenden has submitted to the Chairman of the House Committee on finance the draft of a bill to prevent smuggling on the northern and northeastern frontiers. Mr. Fessenden states that the numerous expedients resorted to for the purpose of evading the custom laws and defrauding the revenue, render this additional legislation desirable.

A process has been discovered in New York by which gas of superior quality, and high illuminating powers can be generated from naphtha, a residuum of coal oil or petroleum, at a cost not to exceed sixty ct. per thousand cubic feet.

It is asserted by the Washington correspondent of New York Herald that the Military Committee are investigating the cases of the thirteen hundred prisoners who are now confined in the Old Capitol and Carrol prisons at Washington.

The negroes at Washington and of the District are about to present a testimonial to Gen. Butler, expressive of their gratitude for his services.

Gold, at one time on Saturday, was at 197, in New York.

Gold, in New York, on Saturday, 204.

GENERAL NEWS.

Fifteen thousand dollars worth of the new three cent currency will be issued from the Treasury Department to day and for some days thereafter, about half that amount will be put in circulation.

Provost Marshal General Baker, of the department of Missouri, orders that all orders and regulations from his office imposing restrictions upon colored persons, as such, are revoked.

The U. S. House of Representatives committee on military affairs has accumulated and is still gathering a large amount of testimony and facts relative to frauds and abuses under the law for the collection and purchase of cotton and other products, and will report a bill for the correction of the illegal practices of speculators.

A letter from New Orleans, dated on the 8th instant, says: "The small pox has come to alarm the people to an extent only second to the worst ravages of the yellow fever. There are not less than fifteen hundred cases in the city and vicinity at this time, and it is by no means on the decrease."

Chas. Green, Esq., of Savannah, who has been residing in Prince William County, Va., for several years, is now in Savannah, Ga.

Gold in New York, to day, 201.

The referees in the case between the late Hon. Edward Everett and the city of Charlestown, Mass., made up their award on Saturday, giving Mr. Everett \$11,900 damages to his property in Medford, by the construction of the Charlestown water works.

The Canadians evidently regret the proposed abrogation of the reciprocity treaty regarding the action which has been taken by the United States Government as intended for a punishment of the British Provinces for their want of sympathy with the Northern States.

BEWARE!! TAKE GOOD NOTICE!

As I am now in New York to buy up all the bargains, I have succeeded thus far that I can sell you the following goods:

- Good Calico, at 30 cts. per yard;
- Very best Merimack Print, at 35 cts. per yd.
- The best Pacific Delaines, at 45 cts. per yd.
- Cotton, 2 wide, for 32 cts. per yard.
- Cotton, 4-4 wide, for 37 cts. per yard.
- All Wool Flannels, at cost price, and all goods in proportion.

I am now determined to sell goods without regard of cost. This is no humbug, and I will ask my customers and the public in general to give me a call and convince themselves. For your own pocket's sake call early and take your choice.

I have marked the goods out in plain figures for everybody to see them, so there is no deception at HENRY SCHWARZ'S, Jan 23—tf 132, King street.

FOR RENT.

THE THREE STORY BRICK DWELLING, No. 19, west side of Fairfax between King and Prince sts. Immediate possession given. For further particulars apply at No. 90, King street. Jan 23—3t*

NEW BACON.

JUST received a lot of superior new HAMS, SHOULDERS and BREAKFAST PIECES. For sale low by F. G. SWAINE, No. 26 Royal Street. Jan 3—tf

NOTICE.—TO THE PUBLIC.—I will close out all of my stock of Fall and Winter Boots and Shoes at reduced prices. Call and examine at No. 80 King street before you buy. JOHN T. EVANS. Jan 12—1m